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The faces of the town clock are on, and it will very soon be in operation.

The Shamokin Fair is being held this week.

J. Nevin Hill, a prominent attorney of Sunbury, died on Saturday.

All come to the "Pound Party" at Mr. Peter Harman's Friday night September 18th.

Prof. Bakeless made an excellent address at Y. M. C. A. Hall last Sunday afternoon.

A new post office at the mill of Ash & Bro., in Briar creek, has been established and is now open. The name of the office is Briar creek.

Some local news on a postal card received last week was not inserted because no name was signed to the card.

Will Fleckenstine has recently added a new three seated carriage to his livery. It is easy to get in and out of, and is very comfortable to ride in.

Town Bond No. 134 is due and should be presented by the holder to R. Buckingham, Town Treasurer for payment.

An error in printing the large posters for the Bloomsburg Fair makes them give the time 2:30 for the farmers trot. This should read 3:00.

W. A. Hartzel is doing quite a lively business at the Exchange Hotel stables. He bought a handsome new two seated double carriage last week, to hire out.

E. A. Rawlings has placed a new meat block in his market. It is of Sycamore wood, and is forty five inches in diameter and perfectly round. The tree from which it was cut must have been an immense one.

The theatrical venture of Eva Mann, the alleged widow of Robert Ray Hamilton, has come to grief. An account of her performance was given last week. Her company stranded at Pottsville on Saturday.

The large iron doors for the new vaults in the Court House are in place. They were purchased of E. C. Morris & Co., Boston. The present Prothonotary's office will be changed into a fire-proof vault.

The Pennsylvania State Firemen's convention will be held at Lock Haven September 15th to 18th. The Friendship Fire Company accompanied by the Berwick Band will go there on the 16th, and remain until the 19th.

The classes of Miss Harman and Miss Clark of the Episcopal Sunday School will hold a "Pound Party" at Mr. Peter Harman's residence on Iron street on the evening of September 18th. They will also have refreshments for sale.

Postmaster Cathcart has received orders from the Post Office Department at Washington, to visit all the other offices in the county and report their condition by October 15th. He will receive no extra compensation for this work.

A large black and white dog has been making his home where he is not wanted, for several weeks past. He is of kindly disposition, and has apparently had good treatment. He wears no collar. The owner will confer a favor by calling at this office and removing his property. No charge.

The time for meeting of the North Branch Conference of Susquehanna Synod at Buckhorn changed from October 5th 6th and 7th to September 28th 29th and 30th. Beginning on Monday evening the 28th. Sermon preached by Rev. Barnitz D. D. Western Secretary of Home Mission Board.

The public schools opened Tuesday with an unusually large attendance. The new course of study was begun, with every indication of proving a success. The attendance was very uniform, there being from 50 to 60 in each room except in the High School where the attendance was much larger. The principal has arranged a large class for graduates next year, with a view of entering the Senior Class at the Normal. A class for the Business Course and Scientific Course has also been arranged. There are a great many new scholars in attendance, some who have lately moved into the town, others who will avail themselves of the advantages now offered by a graded course, while in the primary schools nearly one hundred new ones were admitted.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

ROHRSBURG, Sept. 8, 1891. Possibly it would be interesting to some of your readers to know some of the workings of the 58th annual session of the Pennsylvania Christian Conference held at Rohrsburg. In the absence of the President L. S. Brown, C. S. Long was appointed President pro tem and B. A. Bower Secretary pro tem. The first afternoon was devoted to social worship.

In the evening we listened to an able sermon delivered by J. L. Phoenix.

Thursday morning the regular order of business was taken up by appointing committees.

Committee on business, M. S. Blair, G. P. Morse and J. C. Rantz; on Missions, A. W. Conner, G. W. Utt, and C. S. Long; on Resolutions, J. L. Phoenix, E. J. Hart and L. Maxwell; on Obituary, John Ellis, Iram Derr and B. A. Bower; on Auditing, L. Maxwell, G. P. Morse and A. S. Kramer; on Nomination, Hon. Iram Derr, G. P. Morse, Farley Stout; on Enrollment, J. D. Rhone and Jacob Rantz.

In honor of John Ellis' birthday a collection was taken up amounting to \$5.32, and presented to him. He is the only Charter member of this Conference now living, he helped to organize the Conference 58 years ago.

E. S. Hart, U. A. White, L. Maxwell, G. P. Morse and Farley Stout were received as members of the Conference.

Thursday evening A. W. Conner preached on the power of the Gospel.

Friday morning at 9 a. m. Convention took up the regular order of business: E. J. Hart, W. L. Hayden and M. S. Blair were appointed as committee to attend the ordination exercises of L. Maxwell and G. P. Morse after which an address by E. J. Hart on the practical use of Unity was delivered.

At 2 p. m. a communication from Stillwater was read and referred to the Committee on resolutions.

Address by M. S. Blair, The duty of Christian citizens in the present crisis, followed by discussion.

Report of Committee on resolutions was received and read:

1. That we thank our heavenly Father for the watchful care over us during the past year and for the excellent harmony pervading the session of this Conference.

2. In regard to the drink traffic the resolutions of last year were adopted.

3. That we heartily approve of the work of the State Evangelist in his effort to warn the churches against and protect them from all unworthy preachers of the Gospel.

4. That we would most earnestly and affectionately urge the churches of this conference to the utmost caution in employing preachers as Pastors or Evangelists and that only such as can bring the best of testimonials as to character be employed.

5. That we urge the churches to keep up their Sunday School work.

6. That the work of the Y. P. S. L. E. meets our approval in its undenominational character.

7. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Christian Friends in this community for their entertainments and Christian greeting.

8. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby given to the W. W. R. R. for favors and courtesies received.

The President appointed a committee of three, J. L. Phoenix, M. S. Blair and E. J. Hart to investigate the request of the Stillwater church report at next session of Conference.

The committee on Missions report that they recommend an Evangelist be placed in this district also other recommendations useless to put in secular paper. On Friday evening, E. J. Hart preached for us by request of the church; J. L. Phoenix stayed and preached over Lord's day to the satisfaction of all.

Also the church at Rohrsburg extend their heartiest thanks to the Male Quartette of Bloomsburg, consisting of Colley, Yette, Rent and Yost for their valuable aid in music. We think Bloomsburg should feel proud of such talent.

A. S. KRAMER, Secy.

Pigeon Shooting.

A shooting match took place on Drinker's farm last week Thursday. Each one shot at thirteen birds, with the following result:

W. H. Snyder	11	L. Lowenberg	9
G. M. Quick	12	Low	8
W. F. Bodine	3	G. Hunt	7
W. B. Allen	8	B. Hagenbuch	8
J. H. Mercer	9	C. Hagenbuch	10

The real estate of O. A. Jacoby deceased, was offered at public sale on Saturday. The brick house was struck down to Dr. T. C. Harter for \$3825. The sale was adjourned on most of the other property, as it was a stormy day and there were but few bidders.

Convention at Stillwater.

The County W. C. T. U. met in Convention at Stillwater, September, 2 and 3. Reports show that there are nine local unions and two Y's in the county with a membership of 137 active members, and 61 honorary; four L. T. I.'s, with 150 members. Stillwater has added more active members to their organization than any other Union, and carries the county banner for the next six months.

Nearly all Superintendents gave reports, either in person or by letter.

The committee on Plans of Work gave a report which was accepted and a copy of them ordered sent to all local Unions.

There have been 6540 pages of literature distributed since the February convention.

Several excellent essays were read and a vote of thanks tendered the writers. Mrs. Hughes, of Cambra, delighted the convention with several beautiful solos.

The entertainment given by the Y's and L. T. I.'s on Wednesday evening, was a success in every respect, and highly appreciated by the large audience.

The thanks of the convention are extended to the people of Stillwater for their generous hospitality shown us while among them.

The next convention will be held in Millville.

Sec.

—Commissioner of Fisheries, S. B. Stilwell, of Scranton, settles one of the disputed questions that has worried the fish wardens in this part of the State. In answer to the inquiry "Is the use of a gig or spear permissible in catching fish?" Commissioner Stilwell quotes two sections of the Act of May, 1889. The first section in clear and positive language, forbids the catching of fish (other than shad, herring and sturgeon) by any means or appliances except rod, hook and line. This excludes every other means, and certainly a gig or spear cannot be considered a rod, hook and line, or either. The 3rd section of that act declares "It shall not be lawful for any person, or persons, to place, build, erect, fasten, or use, any fish baskets, gill nets, pouch nets, or any permanently set means for taking fish in any of the rivers, waters or streams of this Commonwealth." This section must be construed, or interpreted in connection with the first section, and therefore any means or appliances, other than rod, hook and line, falls within the prohibition of the third section. In no case is the use of the gig, spear, set or otherwise allowable. The question that puzzles the wardens and one which fishermen would like to have settled definitely, Commissioner Stilwell is not quite ready to decide. He gives it as his opinion that the right of fishermen to use set lines or outlines under the new fish laws is somewhat difficult to understand, and the privilege should be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. A Carbonale fisherman was arrested four weeks ago by a Wayne county fish warden for using an outline, but the court before whom the fisherman was tried has not yet rendered a decision in the matter, and this opinion of Commissioner Stilwell is likely to delay matters for a much longer period.—Exchange.

The boys in the Sunday School class of Miss Leverett gave an exhibition of relics, Indian utensils, and many other interesting articles, in Hendershot's store room next to Gilmore's, last Saturday afternoon and evening. Many of the articles were loaned by the owners for the occasion. The admission was ten cents, and the boys realized over \$14.00. The money goes toward the purchase of stained glass windows for the new Parish House. Each class of the Sunday school has pledged itself to raise a certain amount.

The insinuation of the *Sentinel* of last week, that the senior editor of this paper is opposing a constitutional convention because he was not accorded an open field as delegate, is in perfect accord with its general style of journalism. Some sinister motive is attributed to every one who comes in contact with the wishes of its editor. The fact is simply that Mr. Elwell declined to be a candidate because he was opposed to a convention as proposed by the Republican party.

Mr. Nicholas Seybert of Luzerne Co. lost his left eye when a boy. The right became almost totally blind in childhood. On Friday last he came to Dr. Brown who performed a successful operation for cataract. His father took the lens home in a vial to show his friends.

J. G. Wells has an elegant assortment of solid silver ware suitable for wedding gifts. His windows attract much attention.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

One of the most enjoyable gatherings it has been our privilege to attend for some time was held at the M. E. parsonage in Jerseytown on Tuesday last in honor of Mrs. Decker's birthday. In order to make the surprise complete, she and her husband, Rev. A. W. Decker, had been purposely invited to spend the day out of town.

When they were just nicely enjoying their visit, they received word they should come home for some one from a distance had come to see them and could not remain long. But imagine if you can, Mrs. Decker's surprise on returning to find not only the expected company but a large number of others present also.

Presently all were invited to partake of the sumptuous repast which had been provided.

Those present from a distance were: Miss Kate Kline, of Sunbury; Miss McWilliams, Mr. Pensyl and daughters of Elysburg, and Miss Nellie Chrisman of Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Davis was the recipient of several handsome presents, which were useful as well as ornamental. When the parting time came we all said good by, feeling the day had been pleasantly and profitably spent and one long to be remembered.

A GUEST.

Shall There Be a Convention?

Pennsylvania has, with the exception of those portions that affect the ballot, a rare good Constitution. The difficulty is, that like the old lady's doctrine of total depravity "it isn't half lived up to." The Legislature of the State, has failed in its enactments, to come up to the spirit of this excellent document and what is needed, to-day, is enactments, instead of a new Constitution. There is a much easier way provided for the amendment of the Constitution, than the calling of a Convention and all that is necessary, might be accomplished in other ways, to bring the State into proper relations with the spirit of ballot reform. In the first place, one potent objection to the Convention, is the cost. The Constitutional Convention that made the present Constitution of the State cost upward of \$750,000; and it is not at all likely that the proposed Convention would cost less than a million dollars, might greatly exceed that. Secondly, once called, there is no limit to the action of the Convention but its own sweet will, and the present Constitution might be completely changed. Thirdly such a Convention disturbs more or less the actions of the law and judicial proceeding. Litigants and clashing interests, will desire to wait, instead of promptly settling disputes, hoping some changes advantageous to their side may be made. And lastly, our greatest objection, it is as far as corporations is concerned, the most dangerous time to make any change in our Constitution that we have ever known. Never before was the spirit of trusts, gigantic corporations and big individual operators, more persistent, unscrupulous, and more disposed to combine secretly to carry out nefarious schemes of plunder, than the present. It is an ominous time in which to change the Constitution, and if attempted the pressure by consolidated interests would be almost irresistible. The city press, which dominates the thought of the people to-day, was never so thoroughly in the hands of these corporations, as at present. Witness the scandal involving the leading newspapers, the *Press, Inquirer, North American*, etc., in Philadelphia in connection with the publication of the Mercantile appraisement lists. We trust when it comes to the election, that the people will promptly vote down the project of a Constitutional Convention.—*Troy Gazette*.

The action of the Democratic convention must commend itself to all men who are opposed to the corrupt administration of public affairs. The Republican treasurer of Philadelphia is a convicted thief serving out a sentence in the penitentiary. If reports be true the cashier of the state treasury is a fugitive from the subpoena of the legislative committee which is investigating the financial condition of the commonwealth, and it is believed that he is keeping out of the way because his revelations would involve the reputations of men high up in the councils of the Republican party. The present condition of things is the natural and logical result of the long practiced principle of the Republican party, that public office is a private snap.

Ent Post and the Bloom band went to Mt. Carmel on Wednesday by rail. The Sons of Veterans went over in Buckalew's Band wagon with four horses, and Gilmore's Band was drawn in a band wagon with six horses, W. H. Gilmore holding the reins. They left here at five o'clock in the morning.

WALLER.

Miss Jennie Parker and brother, of Williamsport, are visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. B. M. Stiles expects to start for Kansas this week.

The farmers are becoming uneasy about their fall work. It has been raining so much that but very little plowing has been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne and her cousin of Crawford county expects to spend a few weeks in this vicinity with their relatives, the Messrs. Kitchens.

Buckwheat is getting ripe, and if we may judge by the straw, there will be an unusually large crop.

A great deal of cider is being made this year on account of the abundance of apples.

Messrs. H. J. Hirliman, M. Hartman and J. Fritz, have each been remembered by Uncle Sam and have lately received tokens of esteem and gratitude.

The potatoes are rotting; some are digging them to prevent it; while others claim it is best to leave them in the ground. If the wet weather continues long there will be few to dig after while.

AN AOT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROTECTION AND PROPAGATION OF FISH.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted &c.*, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby specifically appropriated to be paid upon the warrant or warrants of the State Fishery Commission, or a majority of them, for expenditures during the two fiscal years beginning June first, one thousand eight hundred and ninety one, for the purpose of hatching and propagating useful food and game fishes, and to stock and supply all the streams, lakes and waters of the Commonwealth with the same, by distributing the impregnated spawn fry to all parts of the State, and for the dissemination of any varieties of fish in the waters of the State, and to employ the necessary labor, service, material and implements therefor, and to pay the necessary and reasonable expenses of the said Fishery Commissioners, and to pay for any improvements and repairs necessary in the State hatcheries; and that the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated for the salaries and expenses of the water bailiffs the Commissioners may appoint or may have appointed, the said sum to cover the salaries for the two years aforesaid; and that the sum of five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby specifically appropriated for the purchase of a fish car, for the purpose of better and more safely transporting fish and fry from the hatcheries to different portions of the State; and the sum of two thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby specifically appropriated for the erection and furnishing a sub-hatchery in Lackawanna or Monroe county, as the commissioners may see fit to locate it.

The said appropriations to be paid on the warrant of the Auditor General on a settlement made by him and the State Treasurer, but no warrant shall be drawn on settlement made until the officers of said commission shall have made, under oath, to the Auditor General a report containing an itemized statement of the expense of said commission during the previous quarter and the same is approved by him and the State Treasurer, nor until the Treasurer shall have sufficient money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the quarterly instalment due said commission.

June 20th, 1891.

I approve all the items of the bill making an appropriation for the protection and propagation of fish, except the following:

"And the sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated for the erection and furnishing of a sub-hatchery in Lackawanna or Monroe county, as the commissioners may see fit to locate it." I am reliably informed by members of the fish commission that there is no immediate or pressing necessity for a few sub-hatchery. The appropriation of two thousand dollars would not in itself be sufficient to provide for such a hatchery and the maintenance thereof, and it would involve and make necessary very much larger appropriations hereafter than are contemplated by this bill. I am of the opinion that the project of establishing another sub-hatchery can with profit be postponed until the necessity for it is more clearly demonstrated, by which time ample appropriation can probably be made for the maintenance as well as the establishment of the same.

ROBT. E. PATTISON.

PERSONAL.

Miss Ella Fox returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Funston spent last week at Eaglesmere.

G. W. Bertsch spent Thursday in Harrisburg.

Miss Beth Runyon will return to Philadelphia on Saturday.

C. W. Runyan is taking a western trip.

Mrs. Col. Jameson and Miss Carrie have returned from Atlantic City.

C. B. Jackson Esq., spent Wednesday in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Dr. G. P. Waller, and sons of Chadron, Nebraska, are visiting their relatives here.

Rev. M. L. Smyser of Bedford, a former pastor of the M. E. Church of Bloomsburg, was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Quigley of Jamison City have been blessed by the arrival of a little daughter.

Miss Dora Niles will organize classes in painting in oil, water colors, and china, also crayoning. She will take pupils on the guitar, violin, banjo and mandolin.

Master Horace Waller, accompanied by his mother, started this week for Bloomsburg, Pa., where he will attend the Pennsylvania State Normal School. He will have there the advantages of a thorough manual training school besides other first class advantages. Horace is a bright boy with a big sprinkling of fun in his constitution and will make things hum back in the Quaker state.—*Chadron, Nebraska, Advocate*.

O'FLYNN IN MEXICO.

On Friday evening in the Opera House will be presented the Great Comedy Drama entitled O'Flynn in Mexico, under the management of W. S. Dibble. The Company carries with them all the scenery for the production of the play. The following from the *New York Herald* shows how well it was received in that city:

We have seen handsome stage settings but never have we beheld such a dazzling picture as that revealed as the curtain rolled up on the second act of "O'Flynn in Mexico" last evening. Silk plush on all sides greeted the eye making one think of a fairy palace in the Arabian Nights.

The other scenes were sumptuous and in keeping with the sentiment and surroundings, but this scene far surpassed the others, and in fact any we have ever seen. The management say that they intend to mount the stage in the same elegant manner wherever the play is produced. It will cost a great deal of labor in the one night stands, but as they know their business, and have a method of fitting all their scenes to the size of any stage, a treat is in store for the cities visited.—*New York Herald*, May 4, '91.

"Pound Party" a new thing, come and see the fun at Mr. Peter Harman's Friday night September 18th.

One of the O. A. Jacoby lots on Market street was purchased by Benjamin Kistler, Mt. Pleasant township, last Saturday.

The cigar makers will hold a dance in Oak Grove Saturday evening, September 12th. Price of tickets 50 cents for all night, or 10 cents a dance, everybody invited.

For the reproduction of our accurate statement of facts, in its issue of last week, concerning its attack on Judge Ikeler, our esteemed cotemporary, the *Sentinel*, has our thanks.

The Berwick fair last week was well attended, though there were some rainy days. Gambling devices of numerous kinds were permitted on the grounds, and one Berwick man parted with \$37.00

The entertainment given at the Opera House last Thursday evening under the direction of J. H. Artope, for the benefit of the A. M. E. Church, was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Their singers were from Danville and Williamsport.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

An open air meeting under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Sept. 13th on the corner of Market and Fifth streets. Rev. D. J. Waller Sr. will address the meeting on a very interesting subject. Everybody invited. A musical treat has been prepared by the male choir. You come.

The platform adopted by the Democratic state convention will be found in full on the second page.