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## PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

A Great Show. Well Worth a Trip to Buffalo.

The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, is certainly a great show. The illumination of the buildings at night by electricity is alone worth the trip. It surpasses anything of the kind ever before seen.

On Monday, September 2nd, the editor of this paper and his son went to Buffalo over the Lackawanna Railroad. Leaving here at 10:43 a. m. the train is due at Buffalo at 8 p. m. It is a charming ride through a beautiful country, and over a well equipped road. Vestibule trains with dining cars are run through from New York. We would suggest to any one desiring a chair in a parlor car, that it is advisable to secure it several days in advance.

Statler's Hotel is one of the most desirable places to stop. Trolley cars run from the depot direct to the hotel by getting a transfer at Niagara street. Coming back, a Main street car will land you at the depot without change.

The table and service at Statler's are excellent, and the rooms as comfortable as can be made in a temporary structure. One advantage in stopping there is that no time is lost in riding back and forth on the street cars. The hotel is just outside the Lincoln Park entrance. The rates are from \$2.00 a day up.

It is not our intention to attempt a description of the exposition. What requires at least one week to see cannot be described in a single article. It is a great show, and everybody who can should see it.

It was our privilege to be present while President McKinley and party were there. We saw them arrive on Wednesday afternoon, at which time the salute of 21 guns fired in honor of the President broke some of the windows in his car, and Mrs. McKinley fainted away believing that it was an attempt to blow up the car with dynamite. We heard the President deliver his address on Thursday morning, being only about 25 feet from him, and almost directly in front. We saw the President pass in his carriage, bowing right and left to the applauding thousands, on his way to the Stadium; We saw him at the Stadium where he reviewed the 65th and 74th Regiments of New York Militia, and but for a change of plans we might have been in the Temple of Music when the hand of the dastardly assassin was raised against him.

On Thursday over 116,000 people were on the grounds, a cheering, applauding, good natured crowd of American citizens, willing to endure the scorching rays of the sun, and to be packed together like sardines in a box, for the sake of seeing and doing homage to the executive head of the nation. Everywhere the President was greeted with tumultuous applause, and no one dreamed that there was lurking in the crowd a villainous anarchist with murder in his heart and a pistol in his pocket, seeking an opportunity to strike down the President.

His opportunity came on Friday, when a public reception was held in the Temple of Music. With his right hand covered with a handkerchief under which was concealed a pistol, he approached the President, and as the latter extended a friendly hand, and bestowed upon him a kindly smile, this fiend in human form fired two balls into the abdomen of President McKinley, with intent to kill him. A more outrageous, unjustifiable, villainous, dastardly, contemptible act was never committed. By what would seem to be a direct interposition of Divine Providence, the wounds were not fatal, and the whole country is rejoicing today that the President has been spared, and is rapidly recovering.

A trip to Niagara Falls, of course, is always included when you go to Buffalo. At Prospect Park government carriages carry passengers around Goat Island, with stop-over privileges, for 15 cents. The Gorge Route by trolley to Queenstown and Lewiston costs \$1.00, and is well worth it. The road goes down the Canadian side on the cliff, and comes up the American side along the very edge of the rapids.

A trip around Buffalo on the "Seeing Buffalo Coaches" costs but 50 cents, and gives one an excellent idea of the city. The coaches start from Statler's and make a two hours' trip through the city and along the lake front. They are the same ones used in Chicago during the World's Fair in 1893, and are drawn by six horses.

It has been our privilege to attend four different expositions, and that at Buffalo is the equal of any of them in most respects, while in a few respects it far surpasses them. Go and see it.

## THE PRESIDENT.



President McKinley making his speech at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, on Thursday, September 5th, the day before he was shot. Sitting around him on the stand are Foreign Ministers, Cabinet officers, and other distinguished men. At his left is the United States Marine Band. Mrs. McKinley is behind the President and cannot be seen. This photograph was taken by G. Edward Elwell, Jr., who was about twenty-five feet from the President and could hear his speech distinctly.

## A Prosperous Season.

This has been a prosperous year for this community. With good crops and fair prices for farmers, labor in demand at good wages, and general business profitable. This surely is a season when people generally can lay by something for a RAINY DAY, liable to come some time. Such accumulations should be safely placed where they can be neither lost, stolen or burned. WE OFFER YOU OUR EXCELLENT FACILITIES.

## THE Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT. WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

### PURSEL'S NEW STORE.

Enlarged and Improved, it is an Up to Date Establishment.

One of the oldest business houses in Columbia county stands on the corner of Main and Market streets, Bloomsburg. It was established in 1840 by William McKelvy & Co., and passed successively into the hands of McKelvy, Neal & Co., then to I. W. McKelvy, and in 1894 it was purchased by F. P. Pursel and Samuel H. Harman. After a year Mr. Harman sold his half interest to Mr. Pursel who then became sole owner. For a number of years Mr. Pursel had been the head clerk and buyer in I. W. McKelvy's store, so that he entered upon the undertaking with useful experience and a thorough knowledge of the business. His wide acquaintance, his general popularity, his well-known character as a young man of strict integrity coupled with his experience, gave him a start such as few young men who engage in an enterprise for themselves are favored with. His venture has proven a success from the start. An infusion of young blood and new ideas into the old store brightened it up wonderfully. New lines of goods were gradually added and the business enlarged until the old store room became entirely too small, and the enlargement of the building became imperative. A few months ago this was decided upon and the work began. The old frame storehouse which had long been an unsightly object was torn down, and a brick addition erected to the rear of the store building. This addition is 50 by 60 feet, two stories high, with a cemented basement of same dimensions. This makes three floors each 114 by 50 feet, with storage room besides in the third floor. Each floor has 5700 square feet of floor space, or a total of 17100 square feet besides the third floor.

The basement is used for general storage purposes. The first floor contains well-stocked departments for dry goods, notions, coats and suits, groceries, queensware, glassware, tinware, agate ware, jardineres, china ware, cut glass, fancy goods, etc., and a very large department for shoes. The lines handled in ladies' wear are the Radcliff and Patrician in fine goods, and the Bay State in a cheaper grade. In men's wear are the Bostonian, and Keith's Konqueror in fine grade, and the Bay State for less money. Other lines are handled also. This department contains a stock that would make a large shoe store by itself. Rubbers, gum boots and felt boots

are also kept in great variety.

At the rear of the store room is a Warner elevator with a capacity of 1200 pounds.

On the second floor the furniture department occupies a space of 50 by 60 feet. Here are to be found bed room suits, side-boards, chairs, rockers, couches, iron bedsteads, combination book-cases, &c. Oil cloth and carpet chain also have a space on this floor.

The old shoe department is now occupied by blankets, curtains, pillows, window shades, mattresses, bed-spring etc.

Eleven clerks are employed in the several departments, besides the proprietor, cashier, book-keeper, cellar man and delivery man, making sixteen people in all. Extra help is employed during the holidays, or whenever the trade demands it.

Besides the improvements named, others are contemplated, and it will probably not be many years before a new front will be put in the store, and the main building raised another story with a square roof.

These improvements have made Market Square one of the prettiest to be found in the State, and Mr. Pursel's enterprise should be rewarded by a continuance of the very liberal patronage heretofore extended, and which has encouraged him to go to great expense in order to meet the demands of his large and growing business.

Through the efforts of Rev. D. N. Kirkby there have been collected the portraits of nine former rectors of St. Paul's P. E. Church. They are the Revs. May, Marple, Rudderow, Weilly, Russell, Cullen, Hewitt, Zahner and Leverett; and Bartlett, an assistant in 1872. These have been neatly framed and hung in the sacristy of the church. An effort is being made to secure portraits of all the Bishops under whose jurisdiction this parish has been since 1793. They are Bishops White, Onderdonk, Potter, Bowman, Stephens, Howe, Rulison, and the present Bishop Talbot. Portraits of Bishops Potter and Rulison have been procured. The former was presented to the parish recently by Rev. J. McAlpin Harding, the clergyman who for many years was the missionary in charge of St. Gabriel's, at Cole's Creek. A photograph of Bishop Stephens is now being enlarged and will soon be added to the collection.

A setter dog belonging to I. G. Quick was caught beneath the wheels of a trolley car late Sunday night and killed. This is the first fatal accident recorded.

## VIOLATED HEAVEN'S COMMAND.

Peter R. Baldy Takes His Own Life.

By the self-inflicted death of Peter R. Baldy, Catawissa has lost a resident who in earlier life was one of its most potent business factors. The announcement of his suicide was a terrible shock to the people of our neighboring town, and many were loath to place any credence in the report until they viewed the body with their own eyes.

He had gone to the back porch, fastened a rope to a bird cage hook, then about his neck, and to make sure work of it had raised his feet from the floor. He was discovered in this position by a Mrs. Rhawn, who had stopped to make a call. She quickly spread the alarm. Charles E. Randall and Fred Hartman, nearby neighbors were the first to reach the scene. They cut the body down and worked with it for some time in the hope of starting respiration, but it was too late.

Mr. Baldy had taken advantage of his wife's absence. She had gone out a short time previous to spend an hour or so with the family of her pastor Rev. U. Meyers, and was greatly affected when informed of her husband's rash act.

Mr. Baldy was well advanced in years and in a few months would have reached the allotted three score and ten. He was a first class business man and possessed of excellent judgment. Why he took his life is beyond the ken of his relatives and friends. His mind must have been affected. No person with all his faculties will run away from this world's ills, that at the very worst, and particularly in this case, will soon blow over, thinking to mend ourselves by boldly venturing on a world unknown, and plunging headlong in the dark. It's madness. There is no other frenzy half so desperate.

Previous to committing the deed he had written three letters, one to each of his sons Frank and Stephen and one to W. H. Rhawn. Their contents have not been made public.

Beside the two sons above named, a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Derr, survive. Mrs. Matilda Hughes of this town is a sister.

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## THE YOUNG MAN

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At \$10 black Cheviots—stripe effects, very natty. At \$10 double and single-breasted sacks—wide-shouldered coat—black and blue Cheviots, also plaid and stripe effects in mixtures. Lots more besides. Come in, young man—look them over. If you don't know what's going to be worn, it won't cost you anything to learn.



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