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 Charles Harder of Catawissa and
Miss Laura Farley of Danville
joined hands at Catawissa last evening.
Rev. U. Myers, performed
the ceremony.

 J. E. Bunting was thrown from
a Bloomsburg & Sullivan R. R. locomotive
on Sunday and was quite
painfully injured on his arm and
face. The accident occurred at the
water tank while he was drawing
water, and was caused by the engine
being started before he had the
feed pipe disconnected.

 The Carpet Mill ball team was
defeated three times last week.
Twice at Mt. Carmel on the Fourth
and again at Sunbury on Saturday.
The scores were 13-5, 9-8 and 4-2.
"Wandering Willie Setley" pitched
the second game for Mt. Carmel
and the boys touched him up for 10
hits. This was a ten inning contest.

 Danny Brewer, colored, was
taken to the asylum at Danville on
Tuesday by Constable Miles Betz.
He had been confined in the jail
for some time past, but became
so violent that it was necessary to
remove him to the Asylum. Excessive
rum drinking appears to be
the cause of his mental derangement.

 The young men of Espy had
quite an elaborate display of fireworks
on the river front Friday
night. A contribution was taken
up early in the evening, with which
a supply of sky rockets, Roman
candles and flower pots were purchased,
and about eight thirty they
were set off, to the delight of the
populace.

 The Catawissa Car Shops will
start work on Monday. Several
good orders have been booked, and
the Company anticipates a prosperous
future. The plant will be
operated with soft coal, a large
supply of which has been purchased.
The working force will be
limited for a week or two, after
which it will be increased and
every department run to its fullest
capacity.

 Owing to the rainy weather in
this section. The farmers have
considerable trouble in harvesting
their wheat. In the low lands it is
almost impossible to use a binder
to cut off the grain as the ground is
so soft from the continued rains.
Where the wheat has been cut and
shocked for a few days it has begun
to grow.

 F. P. Billmeyer and A. J. Williams,
executors of Peter Billmeyer,
deceased, will sell on the premises
in Liberty township, Montour
county on Friday July 25th at two
o'clock in the afternoon, real estate
consisting of a farm of 130 acres,
improved with a large frame dwelling
house, bank barn and other
outbuildings.

 Robbers opened the safe in Daniel
Knittle's office at Catawissa Friday
night, and enriched themselves to
the extent of about \$40. They
secured the booty without the use
of any explosives, and opened the
safe by finding the combination.
The door of the safe was open when
Squire Knittle went to the office
Saturday morning.

 In noting the explosion at Joseph
Schain's store at Berwick last week
we neglected to mention the fact
that Jerry Kunkle was severely injured.
He and a clerk were engaged
repairing the acetylene gas generator
when the explosion occurred, and
he was carried a distance of ten
feet. His injuries are, a badly
burned face and arm. The clerk
also sustained a few burns.

 At the Fourth of July celebration
at Pittsburg Judge Penny-
packer and Robt. E. Pattison rode
side by side in the same carriage.
An exchange says it was an unusual
sight but not one that any
Republican or Democrat will criticize.
They divided the cheers of
the multitude, and neither will
receive a vote more or less next
November on account of this.

 There is a dance for almost every
week in Catawissa. Tuesday night's
was a diversion, gotten up by
an exclusive few who do not wish
to mix with the hoi polloi, who usually
attend the open to all dances.
The occasion was an invitation at-
tended by the smartest of
the young people from Bloomsburg,
Catawissa and one or two other
towns. Music was furnished by
Schwarz's orchestra.

HAVOC WIDESPREAD
**Loss by Flood Unprecedented
In Western New York.**
WATER HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE.
**Many Villages Damaged and Crops
Ruined—Stock and Farm Buildings
Swept Away—Bridges
Wrecked by the Score.**
ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 8.—News
from the flood devastated districts in
this section of the state are coming in
slowly. Reports from Medina have
been received which show that the
cloudburst did thousands of dollars
damage.

 From Churchville come reports that
Black creek is the highest ever known,
even in spring freshets; is out of its
channel and causing great damage to
growing crops along its banks. Hundreds
of acres of peas, corn, beans and
potatoes, sugar beets and the other
crops are under water and ruined. The
dam at Byron is reported broken, and
the creek is still rising at a great rate.

 Honeoye reports six bridges, including
an iron structure on Mill creek,
washed away and heavy damage to
crops. The total fall of rain at that
point Saturday was 2.82 inches.

 Leroy reports that the water in Oak
creek attained the highest point in
years, but crops escaped much damage.

 Penn Yan says that many thousands
of dollars damage has been done to
residences along the course of the
creek flowing through Hammondsport,
and cattle were rescued from flooded
pasture land with great difficulty.

 Mount Morris reports the Genesee at
that point easily two feet higher than
the best previous record at any time
of the year. It broke through its banks
east of the village and has ruined
thousands of dollars' worth of crops on
the fertile flats below here. Many fine
farms have been entirely ruined by
the swift current washing them into
deep gorges and carrying away the
soil. Barns have been washed away
and cattle drowned. The loss to farmers
is extremely heavy.

 At Williamson lightning struck the
residence of Paul Van Cuyningham,
and the baseboard of a bedstead in
which his two daughters were sleeping
was demolished. Neither of the occupants
of the bed was seriously injured.
Isaac Van De Boegh's evaporator was
struck by lightning and demolished.
Undoubtedly other damage was done
in this section which as yet has not
been reported.

 West Rush reports great damage
from the cloudburst. The Genesee river
and Honeoye creek are out of their
banks, and the entire valley is under
water. The crops of the lowlands are
a total loss.

 Nunda reports the greatest flood in
the history of that section. The state
footbridge over Kishkadee creek has
been washed away, and the town is in
darkness. Large fields of growing
crops have been washed away, ground
and all. Dalton has also suffered greatly.
Portageville, Pike, Lamont, Rose-
berg, Fillmore and many other towns
have been under water since Sunday
morning.

 The tracks of the Pennsylvania are
washed away, and a new roadbed will
have to be laid at many places before
trains can be moved.

 Pike reports the loss of a large iron
bridge, the postoffice building, Powers'
store and opera house, a meat market,
cheese factory, drug store, two dwelling
houses and the village warehouse.

 At Lamont the milldam has gone out,
washing away a bridge. Large numbers
of dead cattle were seen floating
down the river during the day.

 Middleport reports all dams swept
away in Johnson's creek, with damage
of hundreds of thousands of dollars,
and all business is at a standstill. The
crop damage is also considerable. Five
bridges in the town are gone.

Mohawk Valley Under Water.
UTICA, N. Y., July 8.—The Mohawk
river has risen above its banks from
Rome eastward, and water now covers
thousands of acres of heavy grass
ready to harvest and all the bottom
lands devoted to mixed farming. In
some places in the Mohawk valley
farmers have lost nearly all the crops
of this year. They will be covered with
dirt and debris and thus spoiled.

Jessie Morrison Sentenced.
EL DORADO, Kan., July 9.—Jessie
Morrison, convicted June 28 of murder
in the second degree for killing Mrs.
Olin Castle at the latter's home here
in June, 1900, by cutting her throat
with a razor, has been sentenced to
twenty-five years in the penitentiary.
A motion for a new trial was overruled.
Miss Morrison, who has gone
through three trials, took the sentence
with little show of demonstration.
The case will be appealed.

Gold Heels Lowers World's Record.
NEW YORK, July 7.—On a track
that was lightning fast and before a
crowd of 25,000 persons F. C. McLe-
wee & Co.'s Suburban winner, Gold
Heels, favorite in the betting at 13 to
10, galloped home an easy winner in
the Brighton handicap at the Brighton
Beach race track. He not only
lowered Jack Point's record of 2:04 3/5,
made in 1900, but established a new
world's record for a circular track.
The time was 2:03 4/5.

Titus Wins Again.
LONDON, July 9.—C. S. Titus of the
Union Boat club, New York, who won
his preliminary heat with Louis Scholtes
of Toronto in the Diamond Sculls, yesterday
beat W. J. Fields of Exeter,
Oxford, easily by three lengths; time,
9m. 17s. The betting is now even money
on Titus' chance of winning the trophy.

THE PRESIDENT'S VACATION.
**Roosevelt's Stay at Oyster Bay Is For
Rest and Recreation.**
OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 7.—In dis-
missing the president's stay at Oyster
Bay Secretary Cortelyou today said
that there seemed to be considerable
misapprehension as to some features
of it. He stated that there would be
no elaborate office established and that
the only clerical force maintained
would consist of two stenographers.
Arrangements have about been con-
cluded for the use of two rooms in the
bank building for office purposes, and it
will be there that the president will
transact most of his business when he
comes into town.

 Both the president and his secretary
have planned to make their brief
holidays as restful as possible and to that
end will transact in Oyster Bay only
the most immediate public business.
Everything else will be transmitted to
Washington for attention there, either
by the regular White House force or, in
cases where other action is required, by
the various departments.

 The people of Oyster Bay seem to
resent the presence of secret service
men, as they believe that the president
is perfectly safe from bodily harm.
The strictest surveillance is main-
tained, however, despite these protesta-
tions.

President at Pittsburg.
PITTSBURG, July 5.—Half a mil-
lion persons greeted President Theo-
dore Roosevelt in Pittsburg yesterday.
They came not only from Pittsburg
and Allegheny, but from the scores of
industrial towns within 100 miles of
the city. It was the distinguished
guest's first visit to Pittsburg as president,
and his welcome was most enthu-
siastic. From the Union station to
the speakers' stand in Schenley park,
nearly four miles away, it was one
continuous cheer.

A WEDDING AT LENOX.
**Sloane-Field Nuptials of Regal Mag-
nificence.**
LENOX, Mass., July 9.—In picture-
esque Trinity Episcopal church, sur-
rounded with lavish floral decorations
and under sunny skies, Miss Lella
Vanderbilt Sloane, third daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane
of New York and Lenox, and Mr.
William Bradhurst Osgood Field of
New York were married here yesterday.

 The assembly of guests, the accom-
paniment of the ceremony, the value of
the wedding gifts and the wealth and
social prominence of all interested parties
made the event the most magnifi-
cent of its kind that ever took place in
the Berkshire country. More than 200
guests, including representatives of the
most wealthy New York families, were
present. The church was most elab-
orately decorated.

 Rev. Dr. David H. Greer of St. Bar-
tholomew's church, New York, officiated,
assisted by Rev. Harold Arrow-
smith, rector of Trinity church.

Pope's Jubilee Kept.
ROME, July 7.—All the members of
the American college at Rome, includ-
ing Rev. Dr. Thomas Kennedy, rector
of the college, and Fathers McCate,
McCourt and Mullin of Philadelphia,
were present last evening at the fetes
held at the Vatican in celebration of
the pope's jubilee in honor of the twenty-
fourth anniversary of his coronation.

Chamberlain Hurt.
LONDON, July 8.—While Colonial
Secretary Chamberlain was driving in
a hansom along Whitehall yesterday
the vehicle collided with a post at the
foot of the Canadian coronation arch.
Mr. Chamberlain was thrown forward,
and his forehead was knocked against
a window of the cab. The window
was shattered.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.
Closing Stock Quotations.

 Money on call firm at 4 1/2 per cent.
Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 per cent.
Sterling exchange barely steady, with ac-
tual business in bankers' bills \$4,874,000
4.88 for demand and at 4.85 1/2 for 60
days. Posted rates, \$4,869,885 1/2 and \$4,884,
044.80. Commercial bills, \$4,844,948.85. Bar
silver, 52 1/2 c. Mexican dollars, 24 1/2 c. Gov-
ernment bonds steady. State bonds in-
active. Railroad bonds irregular. Closing
prices:
Atchafalpa..... 57 1/2 Ontario & West. 37 1/2
C. C. & St. L. 105 1/2 Pacific Mail..... 41 1/2
Ches. & Ohio..... 49 1/2 Reading..... 66 1/2
People's Gas..... 10 1/2 Rock Island..... 31
Del. & Hudson..... 17 1/2 St. Paul..... 177 1/2
Erie..... 35 1/2 Sugar Refinery..... 128
Lead..... 2 1/2 Texas Pacific..... 43 1/2
Louis. & Neb..... 31 1/2 Union Pacific..... 106
Manhattan Consol..... 106 1/2 Nabors pref..... 46
Missouri Pac..... 110 1/2 West. Union..... 87 1/2
N. Y. Central..... 155 1/2

New York Markets.
FLOUR—Dull, but steady; Minnesota
patents, \$5.94 1/2; winter straight, \$5.75 1/2;
430; winter extra, \$5.65 1/2; winter
patents, \$6.75.
WHEAT—Quiet and easy because of
liquidation and more favorable crop news;
September, 75 1/2 @ 78 1/2; December, 79 1/2 @
82.
RYE—Steady; state, 62 @ 64; c. i. f. New
York car lots; No. 2 western, 65 1/2; c. i. f. o.
b., 66.
CORN—Opened firm with the west, then
eased off with wheat; September, 64 1/2 @
65.
HATS—Dull and weaker owing to liq-
uidation; track, white, state, 52 @ 53; track,
white, western, 51 @ 52.
POPKIN—Firm; mess, \$19.25 @ 20; family,
\$21.
LARD—Firm.
BUTTER—Firm; state dairy, 17 1/2 @ 20 1/2;
creamery, 18 @ 21 1/2.
CHEESE—Irregular; new, state, full
cream, small, colored, fancy, 109 @ 110 1/2;
small, white, 109 @ 110; large, colored, 9 1/2
@ 9 3/4; large, white, 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4.
SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refining,
2 15 @ 16; centrifugal, 90 test, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4;
refined steady; crushed, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4; powdered,
4 1/2 @ 4 3/4.
TURPENTINE—Dull at 47 @ 47 1/2.
RICE—Firm; domestic, 4 1/2 @ 6 1/2; Japan,
6 1/2 @ 6 3/4.
CLOW—Firm; city, 6 1/2; country,
6 3/4 @ 6 1/2.
HAY—Steady; shipping, 60 @ 65; good to
choice, 60 @ 65.

Live Stock Market.
CATTLE—Steady; choice, \$7.15 @ 7.50;
prime, \$6.75 @ 7.15; good, \$6.30 @ 6.75;
veal calves, \$7 @ 7.50.
HOGS—Active; choice heavy, \$8.65 @ 9;
medium, \$7.80 @ 8.25; heavy Yorkers, \$7.75
@ 8.10; light do., \$7.70 @ 8.15; pigs, \$7.70 @ 7.75;
roughs, \$6.75 @ 7.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Slow; best weth-
ers, \$7.50 @ 8; culls and common, \$1.50 @ 2;
choice lambs, \$6.60 @ 7.

THE STATE AT A GLANCE.
**"Frol." Kretz, of Reading, spent
twenty-four hours hypnotized in a
grave, and was dug up smiling, to the
disgust of a mob of sightseers looking
for excitement.**
**A sad home coming was that of
John Moyer, of Shamokin, who re-
turned from three years service in the
Philippines to learn for the first time
that his father had died two years ago.**
**While a Northern Central freight
train was leaving Sunbury for Mt.
Carmel Monday, Peter Rockefeller
fell from the rear end. His head
struck against a sill and was crushed
so badly that he will die.**
**By the premature explosion of a
large cannon Murray Helder, of
Selinsgrove, a ten-year-old boy, was
fearfully burned Friday about his face
and one of his eyes was ruined.**
**Monday afternoon Edward Le-
kicker, aged twenty, of Lewisburg,
and John Gingrich, aged twenty-one,
of Lebanon, both carpenters, fell from
the roof of the new St. Peter's Catho-
lic church, a distance of forty feet,
and both were instantly killed.**
**After a spirited debate Monday
night the Shamokin School Board
resolved to abolish corporal punish-
ment. Professor Joseph Howarth,
Superintendent of Public Schools,
said that punishment made boys
vicious and ugly and that teachers
could reach students better through
the heart.**
**During a thunder storm on Mon-
day lightning played a peculiar prank
on the farm of Walter Earnhart, at
Liberty Square. Five cows, a bull
and a heifer were inclosed in a field
in which there were no trees. The
cattle were widely separated but were
all instantly killed by one bolt of
lightning.**
**Rev. A. W. Lilly, D. D., a re-
tired Lutheran Minister, died Mon-
day at his home in Mechanicsburg,
Pa. He was born at Turbotville,
Northumberland county, December
3, 1822. In 1855 he accepted the
call to Zion's Lutheran Church, of
York, Pa., where he remained for
forty-four years, retiring to Mecha-
nicburg a few years ago.**
Eagles Mere Excursion Thursday July 31st

 To accommodate persons desiring
to visit the beautiful "Lake of the
Eagles" for a day at a moderate cost,
the Philadelphia & Reading Railway
will run special trains Thursday July
31st as follows: Leave Bloomsburg
6.30 A. M., Leave Catawissa 6.30
A. M., Leave Rupert 6.40 A. M.,
Leave Danville 6.57 A. M., and
arrive at Eagles Mere 10.00 A. M.

 Returning leave Eagles Mere 6.30
P. M. stopping at above named points.
Tickets will be sold at special rates
of \$1.50 for the round trip, good that
day only on special train in each
direction as noted above.

 Sale of tickets will be limited to
seven hundred, for which number
ample accommodations will be pro-
vided.

 The Winona Fire Company boys
intend making their appearance a
feature of the centennial parade.
At a meeting held Tuesday evening
great enthusiasm in the matter was
displayed. Inasmuch as the com-
pany is without uniforms and the
condition of the treasury at the
time will not warrant a purchase,
it was decided to rent uniforms for
the occasion from a costume house
in Philadelphia. They will be of
colonial style, with the typical
white long hair wig and complete
in every way. With forty men
fitted out in this manner, headed
by the justly celebrated Catawissa
Military Band, they are certain to
make a beautiful showing. S. H.
Harman, G. Ed. Lewis and Wil-
liam Morris are the committee on
uniforms.

 Frank Shaffer pitched the after-
noon game of ball on the Fourth for
Steelton. Steelton lost the game 7
to 1, but it was not due to Frank's
pitching, his work was perfectly
satisfactory. Dr. Aldinger played
in both games. That he made a fa-
vorable impression is evident from
the following paragraph which was
included in the report of the games
in the Philadelphia papers. "The
afternoon game was replete with
brilliant plays. Dr. Aldinger, phys-
ical director of the Bloomsburg Nor-
mal, played first base for the Steel-
ton Y. M. C. A., and put up two
great games."

 Expectoration on the sidewalk is
an offensive habit that is prohibited
by ordinance in most well-regulated
towns. The spirit of reform in this
direction has not struck Bloomsburg
yet, though it is not because such
action is not needed. The habit is
not confined to the loafers who in-
fest the street corners. On Sunday
evening a number of very nice young
men sat on a front porch on Main
street and cast their surplus saliva
on the pavement to such an extent
that church goers on their way
home almost had to swim to get
through it.

 If blossoms are any criterion,
chestnuts will be plentiful this fall.

**New Summer Goods
Less Than Regular Prices.**
Parasols

 Have been selling at
\$4.50 and \$5.00 each.
A small lot only one of a
kind, reduced to **\$3.39**
each.

3.95 Parasols

 Reduced to **2.59**
Another small lot of
different kinds and col-
ors. Reduced just when
wanted.

 The Old Liberty Bell.
One of the Dearest Mementos of the Early
Days of American Independence.

 The Louisiana Purchase Ex-
position management have determined to
take it possible, the old "Liberty Bell"
from Philadelphia to St. Louis for ex-
hibition at the World's Fair in 1902.
If the effort is successful it will be the
first visit to the territory west of the
Mississippi river of this sacred memento
of early days of American independ-
ence.

 A psychic influence is in the pro-
phetic inscription of the bell "Pro-
claim Liberty throughout all the land
unto all the inhabitants thereof—
Leviticus XXV 10," cast on it a quar-
ter of a century before it accomplished
its epochal task of calling the colonies
to the first public reading of the Decla-
ration of Independence, six score
and six years ago. There is gratifica-
tion to the morbid and a sentimental
hint at the mutability of things in the
crack which has parted the sounding
lip of Liberty Bell and silenced it for-
ever. Persons who do not know ask
with surpassing interest how the bell
came by the crack, and are disappointed
to learn that it came, not in fire or
battle, but from the impact of its own
clapper on July 8, 1835, while tolling
the funeral of John Marshall. It was
cast in London in 1752, and it was
cracked by a blow of its own clapper
a month after it was hung in the state
house at Philadelphia. Pass & Stow,
Americans, recast it on the same model
and with the same main inscription.
The first recasting was unsatisfactory
and it was re-cast again.

 Contrary to the popular impression,
the bell did not ring at Philadelphia
on July 4, 1776 after the passage of
the Declaration of Independence. Its
service to American Independence
was that it called the colonists to a
public meeting at the state house on
July 8, 1776, at which the Declaration
of Independence was first proclaimed.

 If Liberty Bell goes to St. Louis it
will be the sixth journey which the
bell has taken. The bell's first journey
was from Philadelphia to Allentown in
1777, to save it from falling into the
hands of the British, when the Amer-
icans evacuated Philadelphia. The
other four journeys of the bell have
been to American expositions: To
New Orleans, on the east bank of the
Mississippi river, in 1885; to Chicago
in 1893; to Atlanta in 1895; and to
Charleston in 1901.

 For the meeting of the Young
People's Christian Union Society
of the Presbyterian church the
Lackawanna Railroad will sell ex-
cursion tickets to Tacoma, Wash.;
Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash.;
Vancouver or Victoria, B. C. at the
very low rate of \$70.30 for the
round trip. Tickets will be sold
July 10th to 20th, inclusive, and
will be good for continuous passage
to the first Colorado, Wyoming,
Montana or Assiniboia point, west
of which points stopovers will be
allowed at pleasure up to Sept. 10.
The final limit for return will be
September 15th.

 A certain gay young Lothario
of Berwick, is said to have recently
fled from his native heath, to parts
unknown, because he was guilty of
committing the terrible crime of
being found out. He must have
some pride left, or he would have
stayed at home and faced the music.

**Wash Dress
Goods**

 These goods we have
bought at special prices
and are all of this sea-
son styles. 18c. Dimi-
ties and Swisses at 12
1-2 cents a yard.

25 Pieces

 Batiste 6 1/2 c. yd.
wide goods, new pat-
terns and all colors.
Have been selling at 8
and 10c yd. This lot 6
1-2 c. a yard.

Centennial Envelopes.

 The Centennial envelopes are here
and are in great demand. They ar-
rived on Monday and nearly half of
them are sold already. The envelopes
contain half tone cuts of the Town
Hall, High School, Court House,
and Normal School, representing the
town, county and state. The words
"Centennial Celebration of the found-
ing of Bloomsburg, Pa. August 28
and 29, 1902" also appear. At the
upper left corner is a small space for
a business card. This is an excellent
way to advertise the celebration, and
everybody who writes letters can help
the cause along by using them.

 They cost about the same as ordi-
nary envelopes. Any printing office
or dealer who desires to handle them
can procure them at the COLUMBIAN
OFFICE at the wholesale price. They
are now on sale at Bidleman's and J.
W. Moyer's, where they can be
bought by the pack or in smaller
quantities. This office will not sell
less than 250, and a small charge is
made for printing the business card on
the corner, if wanted. The price
without printing is \$2.75 a thousand,
\$1.38 for 500, 70 cents for 250.
Printed, \$3.50 a thousand, 1.80 for
500, 1.00 for 250. Get your order
in now.

Increase in Circulation.

 The large increase of circulation
of the local newspapers goes far to
show that the intelligent farmer is
waking up to the value of the local
periodicals. The farmer can't af-
ford to be without one or two of the
local papers. It is his paper which
points out the condition of affairs in
the business world. It is the paper
that points out to him the swindlers
that are coming to fleece him out of
as much as possible. It is the
newspaper that posts him in regard
to the things which are of the great-
est importance to him financially.
No farmer, no matter where he
lives or what are his circumstances
can afford to go without his local
newspaper. And it is to his inter-
est to boom that paper in every
way, for it is his friend and it's
prosperity is his gain.—Exchange.

A Pitchfork Swindle.

 A gang of swindlers are reported to
be victimizing the farmers of nearby
counties with a scheme that it seems
no sane person would entertain for a
moment. The salesmen as they claim
to be, approach a man with the propo-
sition that he shall become their
agent for a patent pitch fork. He is
presented with a sample for his good
looks and signs an agreement to sell
pitchforks to his neighbors. The
agreement proves to be a judgment
note and the poor man finds himself
impaled on the pitchfork that the other
fellow was using. The slippery
gentlemen have made some good
hauls, their profits ranging from \$75
to \$450 per fork.

 Give the peddlers the cold shake.
They pay no taxes, and have no
interest in your community. They
are ten times more likely to cheat
you than a merchant who is located
and has a reputation to sustain.
And again, merchants should take
their own advice to heart, and buy
at home, instead of sending out
of town for everything they need that
they do not happen to keep in their
own shop.