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LOCAL ITEMS.

—Mrs. Sallie Harpster is visiting at Petersburg.

—Millheim is to have a new Reformed church.

—All vegetation in our county looks promising.

—Mrs. Wm. Kurtz is visiting her old home in Schermers county.

—Mrs. D. J. Meyer and Mrs. H. Booser, are visiting in Lancaster city.

—Weather has been warm this week and every body sighing for a shower of rain.

—Phillipsburg thinks it will have Dan Dougherty to orate there on the 4th of July.

—Henry Krumrine, of Spring Mills, has recovered sufficiently to go from home again.

—Williamsport, Lock Haven and Phillipsburg have made preparations for a big time on the 4th.

—Why don't that boom go on, that was to be? It would seem some folks are made up of gab and babble.

—Miss Annie Keller, of this place, has been giving music lessons in Lewis town, during the past spring.

—Jacob Bortoff, of College township has erected a new barn. Howard Ho man, of this town, did the work.

—A large bear was seen in Miles township a few days ago, wandering about, viewing the corn crop, no doubt.

—Emanuel Smith, lately of this place, now living with a son at Farmers Mills, has been quite ill for a number of weeks.

—We don't mind the oppressive heat so much as the abominable bore who is always inquiring if it is hot enough for us.

—Snavey's sawmill, near the cave, took fire on Saturday evening and but for the early discovery of it, would have been burned down.

—Logansville, in Sugar valley, has a change of name, by authority of court, and that ancient will hereafter be known as Loganton.

—George Weaver's fine team of dapple grays—the finest in Miles township, was in town Monday. He had refused \$600 for the span.

—Yony Deiningner is improving the front of his houses near the station very much by a general ridding up, and the addition of a new fence.

—There is complaint in Union county that the wheat fields are not up to the usual standard at this time of the year, and a short crop is feared.

—Watermelons are coming around already—get your belly-ache medicine ready. New peaches are also in market, so are new potatoes and cucumbers.

—Ulrich's last week's *Times* seems to think we stirred up a snarl, referring to the *Republic's* libel suit. Guess he learned to know the sneaks, too.

—The railroad company is having walks put down over its grounds on both sides of the station. Glad if it will put an end to mud tramping in wet weather.

—Horse thieving has become quite prevalent in Millia county. The thieves if caught, should be treated in true Western style by hanging them to the nearest telegraph pole or tree.

—It's too bad—not a single cent paid on that "sympathy fund," after parading the names in the papers to get notoriety for liberality. Pay over—pony up, don't be a miserable fraud, for a dollar.

—Mr. Jacob Spook has returned to Millheim from the west, and we are informed is getting his financial matters in proper shape. We are told that advantage was taken of his absence to disturb his relations with his creditors.

—Another old and respected citizen has departed. Wm. Stover, of Spring Mills, a few years ago a resident of this place, died on Tuesday. He will be interred at Centre Hall, Thursday, 21.

—It is said that a party has selected a site for a paper mill, on the banks of Penns creek, just east of Beaver Dam tunnel. Wood suited for making paper is said to be abundant in that section. Still another industry.

—Ex-Senator James Kelley, now judge in Portland, Oregon, is in Venango county, this state, visiting his sister, Mrs. Crawford. Mr. Kelley is a Penns valley man, and well-known to some of the older readers of the Reporter. Some ten years ago he represented Oregon in the U. S. Senate.

—Messrs. Alf Wieselund, C. F. Deiningner, and Wit McCormick left on Tuesday morning for Philadelphia, and other eastern points of interest. The Funeral Director's Association meets in Philadelphia this week of which Wit McCormick is a member and expects to attend its sessions.

—It is surprising at what low figures wagons, buggies and carriages can be purchased at now, compared with prices ten years ago. A dealer informs us he can sell a first-class top-buggy warranted for \$85, such as formerly sold for \$160. He showed us a large two-horse farm wagon, put up in first class style, heavily ironed, and of the latest improved pattern, for which his price was \$85. Wagons like it formerly sold for \$175 to \$225.

—Among the cherished acquaintances whom it is our pleasure to meet frequently, is our aged friend, Hon. S. Gilliland. He is still well preserved mentally and physically, an honored link between the past and present generations, approaching the line of the octogenarians. Mr. Gilliland has been a useful citizen in his life, identifying himself with all that tended to the general good. He along with Mr. Dan'l Hess, were the mainstays in the upper section of our valley to the movement that finally secured the completion of our railroad. Mr. Gilliland was expecting a visit from his brother, Col. Jos. Gilliland, of Maryland, who is now over 80 years of age, and is still hale.

SPORTSMEN IN THEIR GLORY.

SHOOTING TOURNAMENT AT SOBER.—SMASHING DEERCOCKS.

Tuesday was a grand day for the marksmen of Central Pennsylvania. Mr. Sober, the champion marksman of America, having invited his shootist friends to a trial of skill at his mountain home, 2 miles east of Spring Mills. The day was bright and a pleasant breeze prevailed.

The morning train brought the following gentlemen, with their equipments: B. F. Troxel, Northumberland; Dr. M. Cleary, P. J. Christie, J. F. Gauger, T. C. Cleary, A. White, W. R. Kramer, Ed. M'Carey, F. M. Kelley, Milton; Dr. Leiser, C. A. Sturgis, Dan, Gearhart, F. Donohower, Lewisburg; G. R. Hanley, A. G. Marr, Shamokin; Clint Sober, Lewis Sober, Bart Sober, Irish Valley, L. A. Troxel.

A goodly crowd of lookers on from the neighborhood were present, including many ladies.

The shooting began at 9 a. m., on a ground specially prepared, and continued to dinner time, the score being as follows:

FORENOON SCORE table with columns for name, score, and total.

At no time in the crowd repaired to Mr. Sober's residence, where a royal dinner greeted his guests. The table groaned with all the good things of the season and all made a good score in that part of the program.

Dinner over, the guests spent an hour in smoking, chatting and inspecting the dogs and kennels, hen coops, chicks and incubators of Mr. Sober.

The treat of the day was the wonderful feat of marksmanship performed by Mr. C. K. Sober—using his gun overhead, from between his legs, with gun stuck thro kegs of all sizes; and finally with an ice cream stand on his gun—and breaking the "birds" at every shot.

Mr. Sober is beyond question the most skilled marksman in the country. He can lay his gun on the ground, run to it a distance of 18 feet, pick it up, and hit the blue rocks with rarely a miss. The trained marksmen present were simply amazed at Mr. Sober's skill with the gun.

At the conclusion of Mr. Sober's exhibition of his skill as a marksman, the regu ar shooting, by rounds was begun, and was participated in by those on the forenoon score, with the following result:

AFTERNOON SCORE table with columns for name, score, and total.

The train west being nigh due, we were obliged to leave before the shooting closed, well satisfied and pleased with what we had seen; we made a good score at the dinner table, coming up to the mark every round.

All present were pleased, returned feeling that the day was an enjoyable one, and that the Centre county marksmen fully matched his shooting by his hospitality.

DUBOIS DESTROYED.

The most destructive conflagration in the history of Western Pennsylvania occurred at Dubois on the 18th. Shortly after 4 o'clock in the afternoon fire was seen issuing from windows in the Baker House, near the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad depot.

A late report from the destroyed town states that the losses will aggregate more than two million five hundred thousand dollars. John E. Dubois, the young millionaire, has donated half a million dollars for the relief of the sufferers. The number of dead is now reported to be thirty and the wounded six. Over fifteen hundred buildings were destroyed. No wind is stirring at this time and the fire has partially spent its fury. Only two stores are left in the town. They are the property of J. E. Dubois and Bell, Lewis & Tate. Three hotels remain out of seventeen and one drug store out of nine. Four thousand people are homeless.

It is now estimated that the loss will be between one and two million dollars, with very little insurance, as the buildings were considered bad risks.

FIRE.

Our borough authorities should follow the example of all well regulated towns in the United States and make provision for extinguishing fires. Our water works have all the head required to throw a stream over any two-story house, and the needed pumps, hose, etc., would be a trifle compared with the importance of guarding against a conflagration.

In all towns this service is paid for extra in Phillipsburg the borough pays the water company \$15 per year for each plug, and other towns as high as \$30. But we have no doubt that the water company would give the water privilege free of charge. The water company heretofore was generous and found hose and plugs free of charge; the borough should take steps to continue the precaution against fires. Few towns have advantages equal to Centre Hall for guarding against the spread of fires at so moderate a cost, and to neglect the opportunity is certainly a most unwise policy.

CENTENARY OF DREISBACH CHURCH.

The Dreisbach Church, in the heart of Buffalo Valley, celebrated its centennial anniversary on Friday 15th. The address of welcome to visiting ex-pastors was delivered by Rev. T. R. Dietz, and the historical address by Rev. J. A. Earnest. Memorial addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Scholl, of Baltimore; Rev. L. B. Strecker, of Millinburg; and Rev. J. A. Clutz, of Baltimore. The visiting members present were: Rev. J. E. De Long, of Lewisburg; Rev. W. L. Helmer, of Dillsburg; Rev. E. Lenhart, of Rebersburg; and Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, of West Milton.

CHEAP SUITS.

Suits made to order at \$15, \$16, \$17, \$18, \$19, \$20.

MONTGOMERY & CO., TAILORS, BELLEFONTE, PA.

TUSSEYVILLE.

Messrs G. W. Spangler and Adam Krumrine, brought home a fine lot of coons on Monday, which they bought last week up in the Barrens.

J. B. Fortney and W. A. Wagner were examined for provisional certificates, at Centre Hall, last Thursday. They are two of the best teachers in Potter township, and will teach in this vicinity the coming winter.

The Reformed congregation of this place will hold an election of officers on Sunday, July 7th, as follows: one elder, two deacons and one trustee. The candidates for elder are John H. Wagner and Felix Burkholder; for deacons John Runkle, Jacob Wagner, John H. Moyer and Levi Stump; and for trustee James and John Moyer.

W. F. Rockey's new house is about ready for the plasterers, and the old land mark, the old Luckenbach house, will soon be a thing of the past, as Mr. Rockey will build his barn on the old foundation.

Potato bugs and teachers very plenty in this section. Some of the teachers are going away to teach, but it seems the bugs have come to stay and the only way to get rid of them is by picking them or giving them a dose of poison.

Wm. Stover is having a new roof put on his barn, Dave Young is the contractor.

The serenade last Thursday evening was a tame affair.

Young Stoner whose horse had its leg broken last Friday near the Old Fort, and had the horse shot, went home last Saturday. His home is in Millheim.

Miss Maggie J. Spangler, who is going to school at Boalsburg, was home on Sunday. Miss Maggie expects to become a "school marm" the coming winter, some place in the northern part of the county. Maggie is a bright and vivacious young lady.

S. H. Ditzel, a student in Franklin and Marshall college, is home on his summer vacation. Mr. Ditzel will teach a select school at the close of his harvest and the writer wishes him success.

Emma J. Love, of this place, and Henry Shney, of Lemont, were joined in the bonds of holy wedlock, last Thursday afternoon. May you live to enjoy many anniversaries of your marriage is the wish of the Reporter correspondent.

COMMENCEMENT AT STATE COLLEGE.

Commencement exercises at Pennsylvania state college in Centre county will begin June 24, with a baccalaureate sermon by Rev. B. L. Agnew, D. D., of Philadelphia. On June 25, Rev. J. T. McCroly, of Pittsburg, will deliver the annual address before the Young Men's Christian Association. On the 26th candidates for admission will be examined. There will be a junior oratorical contest and a reception by the Washington society. June 27, artillery salute, annual meeting of trustees, alumni dinner, meeting of delegates and alumni to elect trustees, laying the corner stone of the experiment station building, exhibition drill of State College cadets, annual address before the alumni, by Prof. A. S. Bolles, of Philadelphia. June 28, graduating exercises of the class of 1888, commencement address by Hon. William A. Wallace, of Clearfield and president's reception.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

On last Friday while one of the teamsters, hauling for one of lumber firms in the Seven Mountains, who do their shipping from this station, had a very narrow escape from being seriously injured, if not fatally. While going across the railroad below the Old Fort, the front part of the wagon which was heavily loaded with prop timber, became some way detached from the load, and let the logs drop down, which threw the driver from the logs. The logs spread apart and closed on one of the hind legs of a horse, crushing it, and necessitated killing it. The driver being thrown off the wagon, alone saved him from being crushed to death.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Joseph Umbrich of Logan, Millfin Co., was engaged in gathering potato bugs last Friday. He intended to cremate them in kerosine, but when he struck a match the flames came in contact with the oil can and it exploded. The oil and flames covered him and he was burned to death.

Myriads of grasshoppers have appeared in large numbers in Southern Indiana and are devouring all vegetation as they go. They destroy meadows first, then the foliage of trees, and next corn, oats and garden vegetables. Thousands of acres of meadows have been devastated by them.

Our town might as well have been ten miles distant from railroads and telegraphs for all the good these did us last week in the way of obtaining news of the Democratic convention, says the Lewisburg Journal. Well, just move your town to Centre Hall, and you will be up with the times.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

There will be a special examination held in Bellefonte, [High School] Friday, June 29, 1888. D. M. WOLF, Co. Supt.

SAWMILL BURNED.

The sawmill of Louis Geisweitz, in Milestown, was destroyed by fire on Monday night, together with a lot of shingles and lumber.

—Flynets at Booser's.

—Spring suits at the Rochester Clothing House Bellefonte.

—London purple in large and small quantities at Murray's.

—London purple will knock bugs—Murray's Drug Store.

—Trusses and shoulder braces, popular makes and designs, at Murray's Drug Store.

—A full assortment of spectacles and glasses can be found at Bushman's & Kreamer's jewelry store, Centre Hall.

—Call at the Centre Hall Tannery when in want of plastering hair, leather and oil. Hides and bark tanned in exchange, and hides tanned on shares Satisfaction guaranteed.

—A visit to Bushman & Kreamer's jewelry store, Centre Hall, will convince you that they keep as complete a line of goods as can be found in the county. Special attention given to repair work; terms reasonable.

WHEN TO SEE THE TRIPLETS.

A TIRED MOTHER.

Mrs. Della Loneberger, mother of the triplets in our town, has been giving all her time for the last two months, to visitors calling to see the three little girls, and in consequence has been unable to attend to her domestic duties. She therefore kindly asks that strangers postpone further visits until July 4 and 5, when she will be happy to entertain all. Those wishing to see the triplets will have about days set apart for that purpose, and be welcome, and no charge—the mother desiring to devote all other days to the demands of her household duties.

PERSONAL PENCILINGS.

Miss Maggie Rishel has returned from an extended visit to her brother, Rev. C. M. Rishel, at Medora, Pa.

Miss Laura Strohm and her Iowa cousin, are occasionally seen in town.

Chas. Derstine, Lewistown's best photographer, with his brother Michael, are visiting their father and mother in this place.

Cleve Dinges has returned from his visit to Annapolis and we are pleased to learn from him that his brother Will, naval cadet, stands his examinations creditably.

Samuel Campbell, of Millheim, was seen in town, a few days ago.

Miss Sallie McClenahan thinks of spending a few weeks in Tyrone.

Mrs. Wm. Wolf is visiting at Williamsport.

Mrs. Wm. Harter, of Aaronsburg, is visiting at Middleburg, Pa.

The old Miles township farmer, John Sholl, was visiting his son-in-law, dentist Hosterman, a few days ago.

Bun Philson and Fred Kfissinger, after a ten day's visit, have returned to Somerset county, accompanied by Mrs. Wm. L. Kurtz, and Ella, daughter of Rev. Fischer.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Faubie's Bellefonte for cheap clothing.

—Go to D. A. Booser for light and heavy flynets.

—London purple, the new vermin destroyer at Murray's.

—Later reports say that no lives were lost in the Dubois fire.

—Mr. Chas. Klise, of Lewistown, was in this vicinity this week.

—Fresh bread and yeast constantly on hand at Murray's bakery.

—Ice cream every day and evening at Murray's ice cream parlors.

—Bellefonters are trying to work up a 4th of July celebration.

—Thermometer on Monday afternoon marked 94 in the shade.

—Mr. Chas. Rhone, of Bellefonte, is visiting relatives in this section.

—Ice cream every day and evening at Murray's ice cream parlors.

—Mr. Andrew Thomas of Lewistown was visiting James Stahls, this week.

—W. R. Camp, of Bellefonte, formerly of this place, was in town last week.

—Prof. Little left on Wednesday morning for Saxton, Bedford county, his home.

—D. A. Booser has received a stock of light and heavy flynets, which he offers cheap.

—That "sympathy fund" has not got above \$2 and not a cent of that paid over.

—Potters Mills is getting ready for its Centennial, and will have a roaring time.

—London purple and Paris green the great potato bug destroyer, for sale at Murray's Drug Store.

—The freight traffic on our road has become so heavy as to necessitate the putting on an extra.

—John C. Shoop, of Valley Springs, Dak., is visiting his old home and friends in this town and vicinity.

—There is quite a little patch of Canada bisties near the station, which should be cut to prevent their spreading.

—A large and well selected line of trunks of all the latest and most approved designs and finish for sale at Murray's Drug Store.

—Stop in at Fleming's, fashionable tailoring establishment, Bellefonte, and see the new styles in gents clothing for spring and summer.

—Messrs. Ed. Shaffer and Walter Lemby, of Bellefonte, stopped off a short time in this place last week, while on their way down the valley.

—Maude Stoffer, Gertrude Hessel and Julia Ruesner, three young girls of Madera, Clearfield county, were drowned in Clearfield creek on Monday.

—Fleming the tailor, Bellefonte, has opened up his new stock for suitings, for spring and summer wear. New styles will be worn this year and he has them in stock.

—Burgess Spangler, of Bellefonte, has issued his proclamation by which only one fire cracker dare be fired at a ratification meeting of each of the two parties. Happy the boy who touches off that squib—we'd like to be him.

—Governor Beaver yesterday received a telegram from the burgess of Dubois, Clearfield county, asking for relief and tents for the poor, made homeless by the great fire. He asked for further information so that he might act intelligently.

—Harry Cohn, a peddler traveling through this section, while going up the mountain near here last Saturday, had his horse and wagon fall over the bank and roll down until they lodged against some trees. The horse was badly skinned up and the wagon wrecked.

—McFarlane's hardware store was not burned in the great fire that occurred in Bellefonte several weeks ago, as some people seem to think. The McFarlanes moved their store to Crider's building several months ago and so escaped the fire. They are live, active business men, have a large trade, sell cheap and "don't you forget it."

—Our respected townsman, and retired farmer, John H. Keller, shows his interest in the railroad and improvements in the locality of the station, by frequent visits to it. Mr. Keller was one of the liberal helpers in the railroad project, and he is not a bit sorry for what he did and gave, and we are glad that he lived to see the accomplishment of an improvement and its great benefit for which he and many of us labored so earnestly.

THE GERMAN RULER PASSES PEACEFULLY AWAY.

CONSCIOUS UNTIL ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE HE DIED.

Potsdam, June 15.—Some of the details are becoming known in regard to the last hours of the emperor. An hour after midnight the empress dismissed the members of the imperial family to their apartments and prepared herself to pass the night in watching in a room adjoining the sick chamber. At this time the emperor was in full possession of his faculties. Shortly after 1 o'clock he wrote on a slip of paper, the following questions which he handed to Dr. Horell: "How is my pulse? Are you satisfied with it?" He then wrote something more, but retained the piece of paper in his hand after erasing the words. Between two and three o'clock his breathing became terribly labored, and some moments of struggle would occur, alternating with spasms and great distress. As soon as it became evident that the end was near, the empress caused the royal family to be summoned. At 8 o'clock all gathered around the bedside. During the administering of the sacrament by Dr. Persins and even to within fifteen minutes before his death the emperor appeared quite conscious. He showed by the expression of the eyes and his movements of the eyelids that he still recognized all who approached the bedside. The emperor's remains will probably lie in state in the garrison church at Potsdam. By order of the Evangelical church council, the bells will be tolled at specified hours for fourteen days succeeding in all the Protestant churches of the kingdom.

Berlin, June 15.—An official notification of the accession of William II, has been sent to all the representatives of Germany abroad. The oath of allegiance to the troops will be administered to-morrow. The body reposes on the iron bed on which the emperor expired. The body is enveloped in a white shroud. Only the upper half of the face is visible. On the breast is a wreath of laurel. The hands are joined and rest on a bit of a cavalry sabre. At the foot of the bed stands a table covered with flowers. The feet are wrapped in an extremely peaceful expression.

Potsdam, June 15.—In accordance with the wishes of the late emperor, and of the empress, Emperor William II, has ordered that the funeral be held on Monday morning. The obsequies will be devoid of pomp, and will be of a military character.

THE BATTLEFIELD OF GETTYSBURG.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT BATTLE AND THE REUNION OF THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ARMIES.

The battle of Gettysburg was the largest as well as the momentous contest of the civil war. It was here that the flower of Southern chivalry was checked in its march of invasion and driven back broken within the confines of the Confederacy. Never afterward in the course of the struggle did the two armies meet in deadly conflict on distinctly Northern soil, nor was the ground lost by the reverse at Gettysburg ever regained. The battle itself did not occur in the town, but the general title is given to the mighty struggle, continuing through three days and covering an area of some twenty-five miles, of which the town is the centre. Much of this fighting, however, was confined to cavalry skirmishes and desultory engagements; the battle field proper, where the largest number engaged and the fiercest onsets were made, was that which is now held sacred as such, and so preserved by the Battlefield Memorial Association. The association owns and controls the entire line of battle. Within this territory nearly two hundred thousand soldiers were engaged, forty thousand of whom laid down their lives on the blood soaked ground.

The proceedings of the twenty-fifth anniversary will add another and a prouder title to the field—the Mecca of American Reconciliation.

Some of the attractions are enumerated as follows:—

Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, June 30th to July 6th. Five thousand men in camp.

Reunion of the Society of Army of the Potomac.

Reunion of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Unveiling and dedication of monuments designating the positions of the commands during the battle.

The presence and participation of the prominent general officers of both armies.

Drum parade of veterans every evening followed by a military concert.

The camp to be illuminated by electric light.

Special religious services in National Cemetery on Sunday morning.

A number of special features for Independence Day, concluding with a grand display of fireworks in the evening.

Excursion tickets will be sold June 28, 29th, and 30th, July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, good to return until July 6th, 1888, inclusive, from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad system east of Pittsburgh and Erie, at a single fare for the round trip.

Full wing are the rates.

Lock Haven, Pa., \$5 04; Bellefonte, Pa., \$5 83; Oak Hall, Pa., \$5 05; Rising Spring, Pa., \$4 65; Coburn, Pa., \$4 45; Lewisburg, Pa., \$3 40.

BARGAINS IN GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

Mr. C. F. Montgomery desires us to call attention to the fact that the large stock of clothing and gents' furnishing goods in his store, and also that of Montgomery & Co. are combined, rendering it too large. The goods are not damaged, but in order to reduce stock they will be sold at a bargain. Call at once.

MARRIED.

At the Lutheran parsonage, Boalsburg, on 14th; by Rev. W. A. Trostle, Henry P. Shuey and Miss Emma J. Love, both of Centre co.

GRAIN.

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Prices subject to fluctuations of market.

Wheat, red ..... \$ 35 Oats..... \$ 25

Wheat, white ..... \$ 35 Barley, No. 1..... \$ 25

Wheat, No. 2 ..... \$ 30 Middlings, red..... \$ 20

Fancy Pat. Flour, 1 1/2 Bran per ton..... 30 00

Best Roller Flour, 1 1/2 Bran, retail, cwt. 1 30