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LOCAL ITEMS.

—Prof. Bitner is visiting at his father-in-law's, J. D. Murray, accompanied by his family.

—Gertie, a daughter of D. C. Runkle, we hear is quite ill with fever at her home in Philadelphia.

—Miss Dooly, of Bellefonte, spent a few days visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. Krumbine, the last week.

—Mrs. Barcroft has sold the mill and farm, formerly Duncan's, at Spring Mills, to Wm. Allison, for \$14,000.

—Mow your Canada thistle! before they go to seed—they are one of the things that shouldn't have a chance.

—A school house near Zion was destroyed by fire, one night last week. The supposition is it was set on fire.

—The tall form of Cyrus Brumgard, one of the leading citizens of Miles, was seen on our streets, Sunday and Monday.

—Farmers had remarkably favorable weather for making hay, and are feeling good over a large crop housed in excellent condition.

—Eel catchers are meeting with good success in Penna creek—so says Frank Bradford, agent at the tunnel. Guess we'll have to give the wrigglers a trial too.

—Trout season ends on July 15th, next Sunday, rather next Saturday, as the law forbids angling on that day. We mention this so that none of our readers will go a fishing on the 15th, which would be awful.

—Miss Marie Kilpatrick, of Erie, Pa. is the guest of her friend, Miss Laura Strohm, of Centre Hill. Miss Kilpatrick is quite a pleasant and interesting young lady, and is a favorite among the young folks in this section.

—Alex. Kerr, of Centre Hill, James Gilliland, of Maryland, Col. Henry Boyer, of Miles, and Adam Winkelblech, of Haines, are among the living Democratic veterans of Centre county who can boast of having voted for General Jackson.

—The shipments from the Centre Hall roller flouring mills, in the last four weeks, have exceeded those of any previous month—running from one to two car loads per day. Calla Lily and Cream brands of flour are finding an increased demand, and equal in quality to the best made elsewhere.

—A Mr. Luckenbach of Philadelphia, expects to open a photographers gallery at this place in the near future. He is anxious to locate in this section, but is unable to find a suitable room for his work. A good photographer will find Centre Hall a first class location with a large territory to patronize first class work.

—A new fence is being erected about our school yard, which was needed long ago. Some misunderstanding existed in regard as to how much space the yard should have; a survey was made to settle the matter and it was found that the yard lacked almost a fourth of an acre which is being added to the school grounds.

—Cyrus Gordon, Esq., of Clearfield, has purchased from the Gordon estate 2900 acres of land, in Greensvalley, across from Centre Hall, for \$1100. This is the tract upon which Graham, Brown & Co. have been lumbering for two years. Mr. Gordon intends to have 200 acres of this land cleared for farming purposes and raising stock.

—John Rishel who has been at West Chester, for some time past arrived here on Friday last to spend a few days at his home in this place. We are told that John and his brother Willis, of Spring Mills, have rented the "house at Lancaster, one of the largest hotels in that city and took possession of same the first of this month. Success to you.

—Michael Swartz writes us from Stephenson county, Ill., June 30, "that the crops in that county are in good condition, and the weather favorable. Haying will commence next week; I have timothy that will stand 3 to 5 feet high, and I think will make three to four tons to the acre. Rye is very heavy, and will yield from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre."

—Rev. John Harpster, of Canton, O., a brother of our townsman, Jacob H., and formerly of this place, met with a painful accident at his home last week. He was out driving when the horse took fright at some object and ran away. Mr. Harpster was thrown from the vehicle and received a broken leg and other injuries, from which we hope he will soon recover.

—At the Potters Mills centennial boards on poles, designated the sites of the first buildings. One showed the site of the first mill, another the site of first store, another first tavern, and another the site of the first house. All of these buildings have disappeared, and were about 1/2 mile west of what is now the Potters Mills hotel, and on the road leading past the residence of John McCoy.

—Mr. Geo. Flory is nursing a very painful wound received while working in a hay mow for Mr. Moore above town. At the time of the accident Mr. Flory was up in the mow of the barn throwing back hay when a large harpoon hay fork dropped from the roof and struck him on the wrist and cut a deep gash. They had finished unloading and it seems that the tackling broke or was loosened and the heavy fork fell upon Mr. Flory, who under the circumstances had a miraculous escape from what might have been instant death.

—The glorious fourth of July did not pass by at this place without due observance. The celebration was grand and unique. Judge James Potter, opened the first store here, and for sixty years this village was widely known throughout our commonwealth as the seat of profuse hospitality, and was as important an account of its business relations as any village in Centre county. Robert McKim and W. H. Patterson were the first clerks.

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BELLEFONTES BIGGEST FIRE.

AN ENTIRE DISTRICT LAID IN ASHES.

This morning, Thursday, Bellefonte was visited by another severe fire, and the flames cut a wider swath than before, and in which a church, dwellings and stables were burned. The fire was originated just about day break, and originated either in Garman's or Dr. Darworth's stable, and was the work of an incendiary. A high wind prevailed at the time, and water being scarce in that section, the flames and the wind played at their leisure. The following are the sufferers and properties burned:

Garman house, old addition and stables; Dr. Darworth's residence and stable; Cal Bower's residence and stable; A. C. Mangle's residence; Lutheran parsonage, occupied by Cal. Mallory; Lutheran church; Misch Graham's residence, occupied by Robt M'Neal; Bunnell & Alken's stables; Mrs. Mile's stable; C. H. Shrock's stable; Cummings house stables; 4 horses of Garman's and one of Dr. Darworth's were burned.

Little was saved from the houses burned. From Cal Bower's house, the goods in first story were mostly saved. The contents of all barns and stables were burned.

This is the third fire Bellefonte has had within a few months. Loss about \$25,000.

POTTERS MILLS BIG DAY.

The Potters Mills Centennial Celebration, July 4, was a success and will long be remembered by the people of that village. The main street was spanned by a number of arches trimmed with evergreens and the stars and stripes. At the square a large flag was suspended from a rope, and the houses of the citizens were tastefully decorated in every part of the town.

The Lemont and Tusseyville bands and Potters Mills drum corps furnished the music.

In M'Coys grove, where the celebration was held, a large stand was erected for the officers and speakers; the stand was trimmed with flags, evergreen, and large bouquets of flowers. In front of the stand seats were provided for the audience. Stands for refreshments lined the edge of the ground, and a floor for dancing was provided in a cool spot of the grove.

Early in the morning, the program opened by a large fantastic parade, on horseback, in which the young men of the vicinity pretty generally took part.

The crowd soon began to gather in from different parts of the valley, in buggies and carriages, among them a large representation from Lewistown, Milroy and Millin county.

The assembly was called to order by Wm. J. Thompson, who announced the program for the afternoon, and an adjournment for dinner. Many had their baskets with good things and spread their cloth in the cool shade of the grove. Others were invited to nearby farm houses, where royal set-outs greeted the eyes of the guests. The honorarium staff were fortunate to be taken to the hospitable home of Alex. M'Coys, with a number of others, where a rich dinner awaited us, and was partaken with a relish by all.

At 2 o'clock all had gathered in the grove, and Mr. Thompson announced Hon. John B. Linn as the first speaker. Mr. Linn had a well-prepared and interesting address replete with historical incidents connected with Potters Mills, our valley and state. Mr. Linn's address received the closest attention throughout. His allusions to the early history of our valley and the village were a real treat to the audience, as the speaker is so well qualified to discourse upon matters of history.

Col. James Gilliland, of near Washington, D. C., was next introduced. He was born and raised in this section, and being 85 years of age, was able to entertain the audience with many incidents, within his recollection, that pertain to the early history of Potter township. He recounted many happenings, from memory, and was attentively listened to.

Mr. Culbertson, of Lewistown, was the last speaker. His address was an eloquent one, suited to the time and occasion, but on account of the lateness of the hour, he only spoke about 20 minutes.

Among the old men present, links between the past and present generation, were Col. James Gilliland, Hon. Sam'l Gilliland, the venerable Alexander Kerr, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. John H. Keller, Mr. John McCoy, Mr. Rash Cadwalader, Mr. Shires, and others whose names we can not recall at the moment.

In the evening beautiful fire works were set off.

Many of the Potter descendants from Bellefonte, and other parts, Mrs. Gov. Curtin, Jennie, a grand-daughter of Gov. Bigler, and representatives of other families, whose names were connected with the early history of this section, were present, and whose acquaintance it afforded us pleasure to make.

Altogether, the Potters Mills Centennial was a success, and a day profitably, pleasantly and well spent.

The following extracts are from the address of Mr. Linn, and relate to the early history of the village:

One hundred years have come and gone since Gen. James Potter erected the first house in the village of Potters Mills. Its site as located by Mr. Palmer and the William Allison, is in front of Mr. McCoy's house.

The next was a large house built of hewn logs, and was long used as a tavern; it has long since disappeared, but its location may be easily identified in Mr. Allison's field. It was commenced in the spring of 1788. Who the mason was, I am unable to tell you, but John Barber, afterwards well known as Esq. Barber, and one of the first Associate Judges of Centre county in 1800, was the carpenter, and the bill for his work, which I have found is dated August 6, 1788. The amount of it was \$53, or about \$141.

Gen. Potter also commenced the erection of the first grist and saw mills in the same year; these gave the place its name, Jacob Honser was the millwright, and John Barber the carpenter. The mills, however, were not completed until after Gen. Potter's death in 1789.

In November, 1790, his son, afterwards Judge James Potter, opened the first store here, and for sixty years this village was widely known throughout our commonwealth as the seat of profuse hospitality, and was as important an account of its business relations as any village in Centre county. Robert McKim and W. H. Patterson were the first clerks.

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ner, grandfather of John Johnston, of Bellefonte. He was also the miller at Potter's mill. In 1813 Judge Potter built the large stone grist mill which was destroyed by fire some years ago.

In 1824 the brick hotel of the village was built, and John C. Covelery, moved into it and made it a house famous for its good cheer all the way east to Philadelphia, and west to Pittsburg. He marked his first year in the hotel by getting up a Fourth of July celebration, and for want of an orator, made the 4th of July address himself.

The hotel was not completed by the time the 4th of July came around, and the celebration had to be held at the old tavern. Mr. Covelery had prepared his address under the impression the new hotel would be the place of celebration. Mr. James Gilliland's astonishing memory enabled him in his address to repeat the opening or preliminary observation of Mr. Covelery sixty four years after he heard them, as follows:

"At the base of Tussey mountain, whose brave and majestic summit overshadows the stupendous mansion in which we are now assembled to celebrate the 48th anniversary of American Independence—every heart dilates with joy and every eye beams with ecstatic pleasure at once more beholding the light of the sun of another anniversary of our glorious independence."

DEATH OF D. A. MUSSER.

Mr. D. A. Musser, one of the leading business men of Millheim, died suddenly on last Saturday evening, 30 about 10 o'clock. Mr. Musser, on Thursday evening felt some trouble under his tongue, which seemed to be of the nature of a boil and caused him pain and stiffness in the jaw. The trouble, however, did not cause any alarm or that it might lead to fatal results. He took to bed and seemed, on Saturday, to be getting better. In the evening, while his wife was present, he sat up in bed and listened to the music of the band on the street, apparently fast getting better. When the band had ceased playing, as we are told, he laid back on his pillow, and in less than ten minutes was no more. A stroke of apoplexy was the cause of his sudden death.

Mr. Musser was quite largely engaged in lumbering, grist mill and saw mill operations in his life time, and had accumulated quite a fortune in successful business operations. He was one of the mainstays of the M. E. church of his town. He was a son of Philip Musser, dec'd., and had not been sick for near forty years, always up to the last few days of his life, enjoying the best of health, and no thought of being cut off in this period of his life. He was the father of five children—two sons and three daughters. One daughter, Mrs. Sturgis, died some two years ago.

His funeral took place at Millheim, on Thursday morning, 5th, and was very largely attended.

COBURN.

The tub race passed off O. K. There was a large crowd and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The following persons took the prizes: 1st. Al Evert; 2nd. Geo. Vanvalin; 3rd. Thos. B. Evert; 4th. Harry Ulrich; Ulrich, Billinger and Searies had a scalding trowl to race with and they made more fun than all the rest. After the race Val Searies jumped from the top of the iron bridge, a distance of about 25 ft; everybody was surprised to see him undertake such a feat as that, but he came out all O. K. It is surprising to see what a crowd will come to see a little fun—if a few get it up and pay for it. We have some people here that oppose anything like that but will take it in all the same. The festival was well attended and netted about \$75 which I think was very good for this place.

Our business men say they took in over \$200 on Saturday afternoon and evening. Nothing short about that.

Andy Campbell took a week's vacation during the 4th visiting Danville, Epy, Berwick, Sunbury and Shamokin, seeing the boys, and reports a good time. The farmers are about done making hay, and have commenced harvesting. The hay crop was an average one, and the harvest will be No. 1. all that is needed is fair weather to cut it and put it away.

Miss Mamie Royer of Wolfs Store is visiting at P. H. Sovers.

Last night seemed to be a regular night for fishing parties, one from Frog town, one from Aronsburg and one from Madisburg, didn't hear what success they had. Guess Vanvalin's best hat to take it.

O. K.

THE PATRONS' PICNIC.

We are informed that the Patrons' picnic will be held at the usual time, next fall they have secured the large woods near Centre Hall station for the purpose. This will make it convenient for all coming by rail as well as for shipping any thing that is to be placed on exhibition. The woods is very large, clean and even, well shaded, and fronting on the turnpike, makes it convenient for persons attending the picnic in their own conveyances.

The Patrons, we understand, contemplate engaging this woods for a term of years. The Reporter, in the last few years, has frequently called attention to the suitability of this spot for the above or any other large gathering, and we are certain that the selection will not be regretted.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Bairfoot have returned from a four week's visit to Hanover.

Mr. Van Pelt, of N. Y., who has two sons living in this town, is here on his regular semi-annual visit.

Farmers are through with haying and have put up a large crop in good condition.

The wheat crop in our county will be better than expected—a sort of old fashioned one; hope it will bring at least \$1.25 per bushel.

Mrs. Gov. Curtin and sister, Mrs. Moy, strolled through our town the other day, to view its improvements; they were pleased to see the growth of Centre Hall. When these ladies were "girls" over here, there wasn't any Centre Hall.

CROPS.

The wheat crop in this county will be a good one, and the farmer is rejoicing at the prospect.

Corn is in fair condition and with a continued favorable season, will be a good crop.

The rye looks unusually well, and much more has been put out on account of the failure in wheat the past two years.

Oats promise good, also potatoes. Hay crop is large.

Apple crop will not be large.

THE HARD CIDER CAMPAIGN OPENED.

A BOOZY EDITOR GETS INTO THE "RING."

The top of the Republican campaign is to run on hard cider and the foot of it has a temperance and morality squab.

One editor at Bellefonte has already got fiddling drunk by appropriating too much of the hard cider, so drunk, it is said was the Gazette fellow, that the boys got hold of him and turned his case into sport. They pinned the Gazette scribbler and "ring" shrieker all over with bandannas, and then readily got him to hurrah for "who is it," he asked, and Cleveland was given and up he sent a "hurrah for Cleveland and that other fellow who is it, H-har-bon." On his back hung a placard with an inscription. This was capital fun for the boys and the "ring" shrieker was too hard cider boozy to know who he was for, Cleveland or H-har-bon—and for the first time the Gazette saw the "ring" it was a big ring, and going around all the time, and he right in the centre.

We think hereafter the Gazette can talk ring from actual experience having seen it spin around.

The boys afterwards got hold of the fellow's jug and put it out of the way. Really the Gazette man has opened the ball and got his jug and himself pretty full, and has got into the ring where it goes around liveliest.

Just before he dropped into the oblivion, the boozy Fiedler made his last remark: "Wash ish tathis, all going round."

Why, said one of the naughty youngsters, "you are initiated in the ring now."

PENNA. EDITORS AT ERIE.

On Tuesday morning, June 28, a special train containing the Editorial Association of Pennsylvania, with about two hundred and fifty on board, on their Sixteenth Annual Excursion, left Harrisburg en route for Erie. The trip was over the P. & E. division, and is a picturesque one along the West Branch, winding about the hills and through the forests until Kane, the summit is reached. Kane is a thriving town in the heart of the oil and natural gas belt; the city of Erie and Buffalo thro many miles of pipe to this place, secure their natural gas. From Kane for many miles the country is rugged and barren; but every hillside and meadow is dotted over with derricks, immense tanks and a net work of pipes, and the atmosphere is laden with strong odor of benzine, common in every oil district. This part of the trip was of much interest and a treat to many, who for the first time visited the great oil fields of our state.

AT ERIE.

The train arrived at 9 p. m., and an immense throng was on hand. Thousands were about the depot to greet the poor raskings of the state. Several bands, drum corps, military company, city officials, board of trade, and citizens committees formed in line to escort the visitors to their hotel. When the line commenced to move a brilliant sight opened upon the party, and called forth expressions of mingled surprise and admiration. State street, along our line of march, was in holiday attire, lurid flames of natural gas leaped high in the air, bunting and tastefully arranged decorations adorned the buildings on each side of the street, while the play of roman candles, colored fires, mortars, and fountains was kept up as far as the eye could reach producing an effect of bewildering splendor. It was a royal welcome; better than that the President of the U. S. would receive.

The glittering word "Welcome" produced by a combination of electric lights suspended overhead only reassured us of the fact. The city of Erie acquitted itself nobly; they have the grit and pluck to carry through what they undertake, and do it in the best of style. The party remained in Erie until Friday evening.

During their stay they were the recipients of wholesome hospitality. A trip over the lake; a visit to "Bill" Scott's summer resort and stock farms, where the best horse flesh in the country is to be found; a trip to the life saving station; banquets and receptions; ride in carriages over the city, and a visit to Mrs. Gen. Reed's palatial home, where thousands of dollars have been expended upon rare painting, sculpture and fine arts, were the chief points of interest. Our time was in the hands of the committee, whose program of entertainment was complete.

To be brief, the excursion was the most successful for years, which is due to the untiring efforts and good will of the citizens of Erie, who not only were glad to have us come, but did their best to entertain their guests while there. C. K.

PERSONALS.

Miss Sue Neff has returned from Freeport, Ill., to make a visit to her old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Witmer Wolf were at Gettysburg taking in the big display last week.

Rob. and Ed. Wolf are home from Gettysburg, to spend their college vacation.

Simon Spangler, of Newton, Kas., has returned to his western home. He came in to visit his aged father in Miles township, now in his 86th year, and who is quite ill.

S. W. Smith and wife, of Lewistown, were here to their former home on a visit.

Gross Yearick, of Philadelphia, son of T. Yearick, spent a few days visiting his old home and friends in the valley.

AT GETTYSBURG.

The reunion at Gettysburg was largely attended last week. Centre Hall was represented by the following persons: W. A. Sandoe and wife, J. Whitmer Wolf and wife, S. W. Bairfoot and wife, W. E. Fischer, D. F. Luse and Wm. Wolf.

BELLEFONTE, der Drit, 1888.

LEAVER REPORTER:—Ich will der skwint a por worta shriwa wile ich draw denk. Won der ken taiting drooka dut de woch, don ken der my breef de nekest woch ni du.

Ich was witter ons McFarlane's hardware shitors geshter; se hen en gense car lot's fence dirate grickt. De sort ditrote mocht de becht fence us gamscht con warra, un is aw so easy uf ten du.

Won du mol river coomst will see der den grossa hardware shitors wisa. Es is not wennich us epper mit der gate, shunst dastat du dich ditrin ferler. Goot by, bis du witter fun mer harecht.

ISA KIDLER.

An old gentleman in Maryland said he had raised his family on "Molasses, Liver Pills," and considered them almost as essential to a family as bread. That's true.

JULY OFFERING

We are now reducing our immense stock of summer goods, to prepare for our Fall purchases, and having that purpose in view, we have made

O-SWEEPING REDUCTIONS-O IN ALL LINES OF GOODS.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Summer Suits, Seersucker Coats, Cassimere Pants, Ladies Walking Shoes, Ladies Shoes, Yard Wide Embroideries, Black Silk Mitts, Cold Silk Gloves, French Satines, Victoria and India Linen.

The above goods mention only a small portion of the immense stock of goods we have.

You will save money by coming here to buy, and a much more varied and complete stock to buy from than any other store in the county.

LYON & CO., BELLEFONTE.

H. A. McKEE & BRO.,

BELLEFONTE, PENNA.

HARDWARE! HARDWARE!

NOTICE, to the General Public!

We having purchased the entire stock and good will of

H. K. HICKS & BRO.,

are now ready and hope to receive your patronage. Our intentions are to do business fairly and treat everybody alike, and do not intend to be undersold. We carry the

LARGEST STOCK,

and have added largely to the present stock.

Call and see us and we will treat you well,

H. A. McKEE & BRO.,

BELLEFONTE, PENNA.