



IT WAS A BIG DAY

THE EAGLE LET OUT A TERRIFIC SCREAM ON THE FOURTH.

The Largest Day Centre Hall Ever Had— Fine Parade, Good Weather, and Many Attractions, Brought Crowds to Town.

Centre Hall celebrated Independence Day as only true and loyal patriots should and would. The weather was of the kind desired, the town was gaily decorated with bunting and flags and had on a holiday attire, and the crowd was large.

Extensive preparations had been made for a big day and an elaborate programme had been prepared for the entertainment of the visitors.

In the morning every one was on the go, and darting hither and thither were detachments trying to get the parade in shape for moving at eleven o'clock.

Promptly at eleven o'clock the parade formed. It was headed by marshal and aids, followed in order by the Bellefonte Wheelmen's club, about 25 strong.

The parade was large and several hundred men were in line, and was the best ever witnessed in Centre Hall. All the bodies showed to their best and each seemed to vie with the other in making the best impression.

The parade consumed one hour, and it was 12 o'clock when it disbanded. Immediately after dinner an exhibition was given in front of the hotel of a fire department at work, by the Logan fire engine co.

A game of ball was played in the afternoon between the Bellefonte Academy and the State College teams, which resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 6 to 4.

At 6.30 Co. B. gave an exhibition drill in the grove, which was witnessed by a large crowd. The boys were put through the skirmish drill and several hundred rounds were fired at an imaginary enemy.

The Millheim band gave an open air concert in the evening, which was most pleasing. The band is one of the best in the county and we cannot speak too highly of its merits.

flag by a lot of hoodlums, and tearing the stars and stripes into shreds. The flag was suspended across the street and was torn down by a mob passing under it on a tally-ho coach.

In summing up the whole the Reporter cannot pass the Logan Steam Fire Engine Co., of Bellefonte. The boys are deserving of every praise and never yet has Centre Hall had a body of men within its limits who conducted themselves as gentlemanly as did this company.

Fights were a frequent occurrence, but no arrests were made. Several men were badly bruised and cut in fistie encounters, but no serious wounds resulted.

THE COW IN BELLEFONTE.

The Family's Friend is Now in Danger of Arrest Under the Law.

A long mooted and much discussed question has finally been settled in Bellefonte by the passage of an ordinance at the meeting of councils Monday evening, 3d, prohibiting cows and other animals from running at large on the streets.

The cows on the streets has been the only matter of contention in this town of many governors and statesmen for years past. Time and time again it has been agitated and discussed by both press and public, and just as often has the question been before council for consideration, but all, fearful of losing the poor man's vote, always voted for the cow.

On finding this out council on Monday night moved a reconsideration of the cow ordinance, and on a vote it passed five to one, and now, save to a disgruntled few, this action seems to give universal satisfaction.

One Century Old.

The Capitol of the United States will be 100 years old in September. Its corner stone was laid by George Washington, September 18, 1793. The anniversary of its one hundredth birth day will be celebrated at the city of Washington with unusual pomp and ceremony.

A Plucky Girl.

A novel sight was seen on Banker Hill on Saturday. On a bet, Miss Tille Fetterhoff, wheeled Lewis Heller, weighing 280 pounds, up the hill and dumped him head over heels into a mud puddle.—Sugar Valley Journal.

Hastings Forging Ahead.

The town of Hastings is forging to the front educationally. The school board at that place has secured a corps of teachers for a term of ten months, at salaries ranging from \$35 to \$75 per month.

Paralytic Stroke.

For some time Mrs. Wes Whiteman has been ill with an affection of the heart, but to further indispose her, last week she was stricken with paralysis, and since has been confined to her bed.

Cut His Foot.

Harry, a 3 1/2 year old son of Jerry Miller, while playing with an axe a few days ago, let the blade fall upon upon his foot, cutting off one toe and nearly amputating a second.

CAPITOL GOSSIP

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS TO BE CALLED IN AUGUST.

Crisp Will be Elected Speaker.—The Populists Cutting Queer Antics.—500 Pensioners Dropped.

WASHINGTON, JULY 10.—Speaker Crisp has gone home to get as much rest as possible before the extra session which, public opinion here thinks will run into the regular session which promises to be longer than the usual long session, and those of his friends who are in Washington merely smile to see the antics of the Jerry Simpson party, which is so far only sure of one vote, although it may get those of all the populists.

Mr. Kieffer is a young man, and a graduate of Franklin and Marshall college of Lancaster. During his short stay in Centre Hall he made the acquaintance of many of our citizens, and has made a most favorable impression. He is a bright and energetic young gentleman, and we are satisfied he will handle the schools placed under his control to the satisfaction and approval of the citizens and directors.

The school board at a special meeting on Monday evening, July 3rd, elected a principal for the schools for the coming term. The successful applicant is Mr. J. Clark Kieffer, of Hagerstown, Md., who arrived on Monday morning and presented his application in person for the position.

Everybody should look out for a new swindler. He stops at a house and inquires whether the family have lost any children, and if they answer in the affirmative, the age, etc., will be asked. A short time afterwards he puts in appearance with some sort of a framed certificate containing the information and demands \$3 for the same.

Church Appointments.

There will be preaching in the Lutheran church next Sabbath morning at 10 a. m., and at Tusseyville at 2 p. m. Also on July 23d, as follows: Spring Mills, 10 a. m., Georges Valley, 2 p. m., and Farmers Mills at 7.30 p. m.

A Plentiful Crop.

An estimate of the coming crop of oranges places the yield in Florida at 4,000,000 boxes, or nearly a million more boxes than has ever been produced in a single year in that state.

Pierce Storm.

Last Saturday afternoon's thunder storm was especially violent near Stone Mill, where many of the largest trees were torn from their roots. The rain came down in torrents.

Fell From a Cherry Tree.

Mrs. Will Curry, of this place, fell from a cherry tree on Wednesday morning, sustaining some injuries, the worst being a badly broken thumb.

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been and further that he is daily attending to his official duties and is in constant communication with Private Secretary Thurber, who remains at White House.

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Be Careful What You Say.

There is a law on the statute book which afflicts serious penalty to the circulation of rumors affecting the business standing of a man. When this is done by a rival in trade or commerce, to get some underhanded advantage over another, it is a contemptible form of libel.

Another Swindle.

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Harvest.

Harvest is on. Ben Arney, adjoining town, cut the first shock of wheat on Monday. The wheat fields, pretty generally, will show a fair yield.

A DEADLY FIRE

18 MEN BURNED TO DEATH AT CHICAGO.

A Flimsy Structure Proves a Death Trap.—Number of Lives Lost Cannot be Ascertained.

WORLD'S FAIR GROUNDS, Chicago, July 11.—A flimsily constructed building, erected by the Hercules Iron Company, of Chicago, used as an old storage warehouse and ice skating rink, and situated near the Sixty-fourth street entrance to the exposition grounds, burned to the ground in a little over an hour this afternoon, sending to death, as far as is known, at midnight, at least eighteen men and injuring nineteen others.

The full extent of the death wrought may never be known, as the building collapsed totally in so short a time after the fire started that many people who entered the building hoping to render aid before the peril, under which they were placing themselves was realized, were caught like rats in a trap, and went unannounced to their doom.

CAST A SHADOW OVER ALL.

Death has never done such swift and ghastly work at a fire in Chicago since the dark days of October, 1871. The horror of the spectacle will forever remain as a hideous nightmare in the minds of many thousand men and women, who gazed upon it. It was intensified by the dizzy height from which the victims were seen to fall into a vast furnace of blazing timber and other inflammable material.

DISCOVERY OF THE FIRE.

The sun was shining its brightest when William Sheppard, son of the guide book publisher, saw a tongue of flame escaping from a cupola observatory tower, which formed the topmost section of the warehouse. From the ground to that first flame there were 300 feet of space.

Captain Harkness, of the Guards, ordered Sergeant Douglass to take eight men up to the blazing tower and aid the firemen. By a strange chance all are alive to night to tell the tale, and mourn the loss of brave comrades. Not so with the firemen. They went out on the roof and hauled up the hose with ropes to the first story of the tower on the east and south sides of the warehouse.

Until this time the fire resembled the flaming mouth of a small blast furnace, and at a distance there seemed to be no danger menacing those brave men at work hundreds of feet in the air. The experienced eye of Chief Murphy, in command of the World's Fair Fire Department, failed to suspect any risk to his men, when he ordered them to go up to the tower below the blaze.

A sixteen foot ladder was placed from the first section of the tower to landing on which the men were, but no one thought of running a big ladder from the main roof to the tower so as to connect with the small ladder. Without a thought of the fate which was soon to overtake them, the thirty odd men outside the tower were at work on the east and south sides.

A WOMAN CAUSED IT.

An Indignant Husband Shoots His Wife's Alleged Paramour.

On Sunday afternoon George Pricketts, aged fifty years, of Mount Union, Huntingdon county, was shot and instantly killed by Alfred Kloss, also a resident of Mount Union. Both are men of families and the cause leading to the murder was the alleged intimacy of Pricketts with Kloss' wife, who is an unusually attractive woman.

A son of Pricketts was carousing at the furnace with a lot of boon companions and the elder Pricketts had gone there to induce him to come home. Kloss, who was in the crowd, renewed his quarrel with the elder Pricketts and accused him of showing too great attention to Mrs. Kloss. Kloss was infuriated with drink and drawing a revolver fired three bullets into Pricketts' left breast.

Hick's Weather Predictions.

Pleasant summer days, for the most part, will prevail at the opening of July. The full moon and the centre of a Mercury equinox falling together on June 29 may prolong cloudiness, with storms in the extreme east into July, but westerly and central regions will have change to fair, cooler, with rising barometer.

About the 22d, 23d, growing warmth, with all the changes that preceded and attend a return for storminess, will appear. These disturbances, also, will in all probability reach their crisis very promptly under electric pressure of the moon's first quarter, on the 20th.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed.

Make War on Them.

Now is the time when every good farmer should attack the Canada thistle. Mow them down—mow them down before they go to seed.

Makes Postal Clerks Sweat.

It is getting to be the fashion to address and stamp envelopes on the back. With the direction written across the folds the letter cannot be opened by an unauthorized person without the fact being detected, and such an opportunity is made difficult.

District Divided.

At the last meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery it was divided into two districts, the eastern, comprising Huntingdon, Bedford, Juniata, and Mifflin counties, and the western, Blair, Clearfield and Centre.

Admitted to the Bar.

At a special sitting of the court of quarter sessions of Centre county, held last Wednesday, Mr. William S. Furst, oldest son of Judge A. O. Furst, was admitted to the practice of law in Centre county.

Read M'Calmont's ad's.

If you want a self binding harvester, binder twine, or the best washing machine, or powder fuse and quarrying machinery, read M'Calmont's ad.