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PICNIC ECHOES

A LARGE CROWD PRESENT ON THURSDAY.

A Tremendous Storm Drives About Ten Thousand People from the Grounds. —A Jam and a Rush.

The Granger's picnic had a tremendous crowd last Thursday, and the attendance was larger than that of any day previous. Early in the morning vehicles began arriving from all parts of the county, and during the forenoon it was a constant stream passing through town into the grounds.

The trains were heavily loaded, and for the first time the special excursion trains were run in sections to accommodate the immense crowds along the line. One train of ten coaches left Sunbury in the morning, and by the time it had left Millmont the train was so crowded that it was compelled to run by the stations west to Centre Hall, and another train followed to accommodate the delayed passengers. From Bellefonte and intermediate stations tremendous crowds lined up at the stations, and traffic was pushed to its utmost. Sidings were lined with passenger coaches, and it was the biggest day in the history of the railroad.

Visitors continued coming until about two o'clock, when the sky became overcast, and dark black clouds overhung the valley, threatening a heavy downpour of rain. The thunder and lightning was something terrible, and a rush ensued to get off the grounds. Every available place about the park was used for tying horses, and a jam resulted in the many vehicles trying to get out of the path of the approaching storm. Through the streets of the town it was an endless line of buggies, wagons, etc., sometimes three abreast in a hurry to avoid the drenching to follow. Trees and everything available were used for shelter in the town, and the diamond was crowded with buggies and wagons. Many were drenched to the skin, and presented a ludicrous sight. When the storm had abated every body who could started from the grounds. Big lakes of water covered the lower parts of the park, and the ground was churned into mud. The rest of the day was a fizzle, and every one had all the picnic they wanted for that day at least, and to get away as quickly and easily as possible was the all-absorbing theme. Trains were run in sections to accommodate the people who wanted to get away, and by evening the crowd had dwindled down and very few remained.

Friday opened bright and clear, and the grounds had nearly dried up, but very few visitors arrived, and the crowd only numbered about 2,000 or 3,000. It was the last day and few cared to take it in. Tenters began preparations for flitting home, and many left.

The shop keepers this year complain of doing a poor business, and say there was very little money in the crowd. If there was they were not spending it. Some say that even last year more money was taken in spite of the rainy week. Many were at big expense in setting up stands and their profits are a minus quantity.

The tenters only numbered about one hundred and twenty-five, with about one-half of the tents unoccupied. When this feature was started with the picnic it was a big card and scarcely enough tents could be provided, but it seems to be losing its hold and people do not care as much for camp life as formerly. The nights are cold and prevalence of storms are features which do not make the life a pleasant one.

A rumor is going to the effect that the management will quit bucking against the gods and will change the date of holding their picnic. Year after year bad weather has interfered, and the rainy weather got in its work. The third week in August rumor says, has been decided upon, but the report can be given little credence, as the committee in charge have not held a meeting since. If they wish to cater to the public's approval, they will change the date, and get out of the way of the equinoctial storms.

The train service was good and specials were run at convenient and proper intervals from both ends of the road. Supt. Westfall, of Williamsport, was on the ground, and under his guiding eye everything moved smoothly.

The shows under tents, Welsh Bros., and Parks horse show, did about the best business on the ground, and had good crowds three times a day.

The water supply was sufficient to meet all demands and enough was on hand all week for emergencies. There was some apprehension felt concerning this, owing to the springs in the mountains being very low, but they were equal to the occasion.

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Centre School Matters.

County Superintendent of Public Schools C. L. Gramley has compiled his report for the past year and the same shows the following: Number of taxables, 13,680; amount of school tax, \$61,545; state appropriation, \$48,963; number of schools, 273; number of pupils, 10,708; per cent. of attendance, .83; tax mill rate, 5.4; the wages paid average from \$24 per month, as the lowest, to \$133 as the highest.

In seventeen districts the state appropriation exceeds the amount of taxes raised, and the most of these districts have the minimum length of term, and pay the lowest wages. Of the 275 teachers employed, 197 hold professional certificates; twenty-eight have professional; thirty-three hold permanent certificates and seventeen have state normal diplomas.

A Hint to Bicyclists.

An exchange gives the following bit of advice to bicycle riders and if heeded would save trouble. The article says: A bad habit that prevails among bicyclists is that of coming up behind rigs on the road, dashing by like a flash and shooting in ahead of the horse without announcing their coming. There is a general complaint against this practice, and the reputation of the delightful outdoor exercise will suffer greatly if the habit continues longer. A number of accidents have been narrowly averted during the past month as a result of the carelessness. When approaching a rig from the rear, bicyclists should invariably announce their presence by means of a bell or whistle. This will greatly lessen the chances of an accident.

A Famous Tree.

By order of the Borough Council of Plymouth, Pa., the famous elm tree in that town was cut down last week. This elm was voted, March 2, 1774, by the town meeting, as the place of public rendezvous. It was then referred to as "the noble tree upon which our ancestors gazed." Subsequent to 1774 it served as an auction mart, village market and whipping post. A count of the rings showed that the tree was 372 years old. It was feared that the old tree would be blown down and do some damage.

Bury Him Deep.

The following from an exchange is not inappropriate: "Bury the calamity howler out in the woods, in a beautiful hole in the ground and the woodpecker pecks and the straddle bugs straddle around. He is no good to the city of push, too impractical, too stingy and dead; but he wants the whole earth and of the crust, and the stars that shine overhead. Then hustle him off to the bumble bee's roost, and bury him deep in the ground; he's no use to us here, get him out of the way, and make room for a man that is sound."

All Free.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertised druggist and get a trial bottle free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

Fine Timber.

The walnut timber purchased by the Ohio firm in this community, is being hewed and squared near the depot, preparatory to shipping to the seaboard, thence to Europe. Immense timbers have been bought, and the pile of logs represents several thousands of dollars. We understand very little timber has been left standing in the valley, and it now nearly all cut out.

Got Here.

THE cold wave did not miss Centre county, it arrived Monday night, not in freezing quantity, altho direct from the two feet of snow that fell up in Wyoming where people perished in a September snowstorm while in the east here people were sweltering in a September sun hotter than any in 23 years.

Awarded Damages.

A JURY in the Elk county court last week awarded Isaac Hannas \$1000 damages for a broken leg which the gentleman sustained by being thrown over an embankment while driving along a defective road. Another warning for supervisors.

—Clearance Sale.
One Price.
Cash.
MONTGOMERY & Co.,
Merchant Tailors, Bellefonte.

Opening of Bucknell University.

Thursday was opening day at Bucknell University, and it was the liveliest one the town of Lewisburg has ever seen. Students have been pouring in to town for the past three days. The draymen were more than taxed delivering baggage to the various University buildings. The registration on the close of the first day shows seventy-six accessions to the College departments, six of whom are specials, two Sophomores and the rest Freshmen. This makes a College of nearly 200 and a total of over 400 in the entire University. The other schools of the University are crowded. Owing to the increased attendance it was necessary to enlarge the teaching force. L. G. C. Reimer has been appointed instructor in Latin and German in the college. Nelson F. Davis has been made assistant in the Biological department. The football team went into training this afternoon under a coach from the University of Chicago. Thirty men will try for the team. In a few days the advisory board will select twenty men to go to the training table. The prospects for football were never brighter at Bucknell than this year. There is plenty of new material besides the largest part of last year's team on the ground. The season will open with Bloomsburg Normal, September 28, at Lewisburg.—Lewisburg Saturday News.

Shattered His Faith.

Captain David M. Copelin, of Decatur township, is disgusted with lightning rods says the Phillipsburg Ledger. He just got his house completely riddled with the very latest improved lightning arresters, with shining tips on them that looked like electric lights and when the storm came up on Thursday the Capt. sat down and rocked and smoked, feeling calm and serene. The first thing he knew a streak of lightning came along and smashed a hole in the roof of his house and played havoc with things generally, and what aggravates the Capt. is that it never touched a blamed rod. The next lightning rod peddler that tackles the Capt. will get a regular old Mexican war reception.

Warning to Hunters.

The young hunters, who have been shooting pheasants, rabbits and insectivorous birds since the season for squirrel shooting began should take notice that they are liable to be heavily fined for their action. The law excuses no one, and the fine is from \$5 to \$10 for every bird or animal shot out of season. Pheasant shooting legally begins October 1; rabbits and quail, November 1. It is unlawful to shoot meadow larks, robins woodpeckers, catbirds, bluebirds, flickers or yellow hammer, kill deer or night hawks, under a penalty of not less than \$10, nor more than \$50.

Smashed the Lamps.

Last Friday evening a gang of smarties, said to be State College students and several others, amused themselves by parading out near the depot and smashing the street lamps. Several were broken before some citize discovered what the would-be-toughs were doing, and pursued them. One or two were recognized and can easily be identified. They will likely be handed over to the district attorney, and may not find it so funny after all.

Sugar Valley Items.

David Geisweit who moved from Sugar valley to Union county, was struck by a train Saturday at a crossing at Millinburg and injured so badly that he died Tuesday. He was aged 76 years and leaves a wife and several children.

The widow of George Eagleheart aged about 84 years died Saturday morning at her home east Loganton. Her funeral took place Monday.

Mrs. Greiger wife of Charles Greiger was buried on Saturday. Mrs. Greiger was aged about 75 years, and lived west of Boonville.

Last Day.

Tuesday, October 1st, the time ends in which the five per cent. abatement can be had on all taxes. Tax collector Frank Arney will be at his home and Bartholomew's store the latter part of this week to receipt for all monies paid him.

Destroyed the Fish Dams.

Sheriff Condo, of this county, made a trip down the Bald Eagle creek Monday as far as the Clinton county line and destroyed a number of fish dams.

—The merchant tailoring establishment at Lewins, Bellefonte, is turning out more and finer work than any in this part of the state. The prices are just right, and once a customer always customers there.

CAPITOL NEWS

SECRETARY CARLISLE VISITS THE PRESIDENT AT GRAY GABLES.

Sensational Papers Find Grounds Therein for Big Stories.—The Sugar Bounty Law Not Disposed of Yet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23rd, 1895. The sensationalists are at it again, and with about as much foundation for their stories as usual. On Saturday Secretary Carlisle went to Marion, Mass., where he spent several weeks early in the summer. He didn't tell the newspapers why he went. Marion is known to be in the vicinity of Gray Gables. That was enough for the vendors of cheap sensations. The wires were kept hot with stories of Secretary Carlisle having been sent for by President Cleveland and all the details of why and what he was wanted for were telegraphed off with no better foundation than a lively imagination. It is altogether probable that Secretary Carlisle went away to escape the heat, which has been terrific in Washington since the middle of last week; also, that he will combine business with comfort and see the President before he returns.

It will be a long time before Secretary Lamont hears the last of his not attending the Chickamauga celebration. He was down for a speech, but instead of going to Tennessee he went to Maine, to bring Mrs. Lamont and the children home, he says. His friends jokingly tell him that he would have attended the celebration if they had not put him down for a speech. The one thing he can't do is to make a speech.

Senator Vest was naturally much irritated at having his position on the silver question misrepresented by the wide publication of what purported to be an interview with him. In order that there may be no possible misunderstanding of the position he occupies he states it over his own signature, as follows: "I have not changed my opinion in the slightest degree as to silver, and must protest against being called upon to explain imaginary statements never made, and for which I am not responsible. I stand upon the platform of the Missouri Democrats made in August last, and have never wavered in my position. When the question of repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman act was before the Senate I reported from the finance committee on behalf of my colleagues on the committee who favored free coinage, and myself, a bill for the coinage of silver dollars at the rate of 20 to 1, and I afterwards voted with the friends of silver in both Houses, first, for the ratio of 16 to 1, then 17 to 1 and finally for the reenactment of the Bland-Allison act. If called upon to vote again upon the question I should endeavor to secure free coinage for silver as standard redemption money at the old ratio, and if that could not be had, then at some other ratio, which would secure the requisite majority."

Great is the office of Comptroller of the Treasury! The department of justice, after investigation, has arrived at the conclusion that the Doekery reorganization act, which went into operation August 1, 1894, makes the Comptroller's authority paramount in all matters involving the payment of money from the U. S. Treasury. The investigation was made at the request of Secretary Morton, because of an opinion rendered by the Acting Comptroller on the power of the Secretary of Agriculture to expend certain money for the distribution of the Farmer's Bulletin, a Department publication.

Nobody seems to know just what is going to be done about the sugar bounty. Secretary Carlisle notified Ex-Senator Manderson, the counsel for the beet sugar men, that he would hear his arguments against certifying the case to the Court of Claims, any time after the twentieth of this month. Since that time nothing has been heard from Mr. Manderson. Regardless of any argument that may be presented it is not thought likely that Secretary Carlisle will send the case to the Court of Claims against the wishes of the claimant. It has been stated that he might overrule or reverse the decision of Comptroller Bowler, but that is something that Secretary Carlisle himself has positively stated that he had no authority to do.

A Democrat who has never been specially friendly towards Senator Hill has just returned from New York, where he was in touch with everything going on in inside Democratic circles. Said he: "Senator Hill has been doing a wonderful work in his efforts to get the Democratic party in such shape that it will have a fighting chance to regain possession of the state of New York. It matters not whether this work be done for one reason or another Senator Hill deserves credit, and I am quite sure that he will get it

too, not only from the Democrats of the state but from those of the entire country." Democrats here are much interested in the New York state Democratic convention, to be held this week. They want to know whether it will declare in favor of any Presidential candidate.

Centre County's Wealth.

By the kindness of Mr. R. F. Hunter, Commissioner's clerk we give the readers the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in the county. By this official statement there are 14,524 persons taxable 195,471 acres of cleared land and 141,471 acres of timber land. The value of real estate taxable is \$11,082,496; value of real estate exempt from taxation is \$1,252,087. There are 7128 horses, mares, mules and geldings over four years old, the value of which is \$292,087. There are 7863 cattle over four years old the value of which is \$115,670. The assessed value of salaries, emoluments of office, professions, trade, etc., is put down at \$474,545. Value of stages, omnibuses, hacks, etc., taxable for state purposes is \$4,527. The value of all property taxable for state purposes, which includes the above \$4,527 monies at interest, judgments and mortgages, is \$2,757,258. The total value of all assessed property in the country is \$15,966,573. In the above figures cents are left out.

Order Good.

The order in the town last week was very good considering the class who follow up affairs of the kind, get outside of a big lot of bug juice, and then proceed to paint the town. Several scraps took place, but they were quickly squashed without any damage being done to the participants. A Bellefonte, however, had been making himself obnoxious all day Thursday, by wanting to scrap a little. He was so good a man, he said, that he could lick any six men in Centre Hall. He kept on in this way, and finally run up against a man who wouldn't stand his talk, and whacked the Bellefonte bruiser over the head with a beer bottle. That knocked all the fight out of the bruiser, and he started on a run down street, and hid in a field back of the Reporter office. He was coaxed out and taken to a physician, who put several stitches into the scalp.

What Farmer Smith Says.

Farmer S. W. Smith, west of town, wants us to tell the Reporter readers that he has a fine five months old Jersey bull calf that is too well bred to slaughter and that he will sell the animal at a reasonable figure. The calf is in excellent condition and shows blood; solid color.

Smith also wants to buy an old styled threshing machine, one of the small patterns, used by most farmers long ago; also, a circular or tread power.

He also wants to know whether any one else knows where his yearling red and white spotted heifer is; she is marked by a white metal band containing his name, address and No. in left ear. She strayed from the Kerlin pasture tract in Seven Mts.

Train Back.

A special train will be run from the Lewisburg fair today, to Centre Hall. The train will leave Brook Park fair grounds at 5.33, in the afternoon after the events of the day are over. A good sized crowd will go down from here to take in the races. The train will arrive about 7.30 o'clock in the evening, and will not be run beyond this place.

Apples, Giants and Dwarf.

Samuel Rowe brought two finely formed sweet apples to this office, a sample of others grown on his trees. The one measures fourteen one-half inches in circumference and the other thirteen and one-fourth. With these, and plucked from the same tree, he had a third and perfectly formed apple, measuring one and three-fourth inches in circumference, giving the two extremes.

Trespassing.

Persons trespassing upon or over any farm or wood lands owned by the undersigned, for the purpose of hunting game or gathering nuts or for any other purpose, will be prosecuted.

B. H. ARNEY.

Water Scarce.

In Altoona, on Tuesday evening, the people did not have water enough to get their suppers. Wilkesbarre is in nearly the same fix, with many other places ditto.

Two Cent Rise.

WHEAT made a two-cent upward jump the other day. Let it jump a five next.

Clay Wosterd Suits worth 12.00 and 15.00, our price, 7.00 and 8.00. Lyon & Co.

COBURN.

The House of Lewis Snavely Destroyed by Fire on Monday Afternoon.

On Monday afternoon the house of Lewis Snavely, situated about one mile east of here, near the Beaver Dam tunnel caught fire and burned to the ground, with nearly all its contents. At the time of the breaking out of the fire no one was at home except the daughter, aged about seventeen years, and another little girl, a grand child, aged about five years. Mrs. Snavely having gone to Coburn on a visit, and Mr. Snavely about an hour before had gone to David Burd to help him in his farm work. No neighbors being near the alarm of fire could not be given, but luckily the local freight west passed near by the house and the crew saw the smoke and flames issuing from the house. They gave the alarm to the men on the section, one of whom was a son of Mr. Snavely, who hurried to the scene of conflagration and began to carry out goods in the lower part of the building, most of which was saved, but the goods in the upper part were nearly all destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown as the fire started in a part of the house where no stove was used. Loss about eight hundred dollars with no insurance.

On Saturday while Mrs. J. M. Weaver and daughter Tammie of Fiedler were on their way to Millheim their horse frightened at a steamer which was standing along the pike near Musser's barn, at Millheim and quick as a flash turned about, throwing Miss Weaver out on the ground, the wheel passing diagonally across her body. Mrs. Weaver had presence of mind to grab for the lines and get the horse stopped after running several rods away, thus averting what might have been a frightful runaway. Miss Weaver was somewhat bruised by her fall but received no serious injuries.

Mrs. Dorman, of Lamar, is spending a few days with her brother, Ephriam Bartholomew of this place.

Mrs. W. C. Shesley, of Moshannon, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Eisenhuth.

Mr. Brady, of Millhall, Pa., has moved his family into the house of Monroe Kremer, and has opened a barber shop in the store room of Wesley Hosterman opposite the depot. We can now boast of two tonsorial establishments in our town.

Mr. A. J. Campbell, of Shamokin came home last week to attend picnic and spend a few days with his family. Emanuel Zettle and wife of Georges Valley spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. John A. Gray.

Miss Tammie A. Stover, of Wolf's Store was circulating among friends at this place several days last week.

A new school bell was placed on the belfry of the new school building one day last week, and hereafter the children will be summoned to the temple of knowledge by the resonant sound of this beautiful toned bell. Surely an era of enlightenment has dawned upon us.

The travel to the Granger picnic from this station was unusually large this year.

The farm belonging to the Evert estate was sold at public sale on the premises last Thursday to Francis Long, for sixty-seven dollars per acre.

A number of our people expect to attend the Union county fair today, Thursday, when there will be a special return train in the evening.

P. H. Stover has repaired his walk along his premises by placing thereon new plank, an example that others should follow, as the walks in some places are not safe for pedestrians to travel on.

Mrs. Bartley, wife of Samuel Bartley, of Green Briar is lying dangerously ill at her home at that place. She is suffering from a complication of diseases incumbent on old age.

Mr. Ed. Robinson has closed his corner grocery store and will dispose of his stock on hand at a good bargain.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by J. D. Murray, Druggist.

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