



THE END OF THE PICNIC.

A HEAVY STORM THURSDAY NIGHT DOES DAMAGE.

Huntings' Circus Blown Down During a Performance.—Exciting Experience with Reptiles which Escaped from a Museum.

The heat was almost intolerable and a cloud of dust, like a Pittsburg smoke, hung over the camp and such portions of our town where the streets were not sprinkled. This made things generally uncomfortable and caused many to shorten their stay.

Thursday night the proverbial storm visited the Park. While it raged considerable activity was shown by the elements and the business end was not to be trifled with. The storm came up about eight o'clock. For an overture a heavy wind picked up all the dust on the ground and every one who was out in the open was completely blinded by the clouds of real estate that were swept over the Park.

The wind blew a regular gale and the full force of it struck the large show tent of Huntings' circus, which was giving a performance. Several hundred people were under the canvas and the first intimation these people had of the trouble that was coming was all the lights going out. The canvas was blown down and there was a wild stampede to get out. People trampled over each other in the rush, and amid the falling of the tent poles and breaking of the sea; it seems nothing short of a miracle that none were maimed. Hats, pocket books, coats, etc., were lost in the wild scramble. A lady trapeze performer was thrown from the top of the tent and sustained severe injuries. When she fell she struck a broken bottle with her head, and Dr. Jacobs was obliged to place eight or ten stitches in the wound. Many sustained severe sprains and bruises. The large tent poles when they fell lodged on the seats or some one would have been killed. The ground was in utter darkness. All the lamps had been blown out, and there was groping of the way through the darkness for shelter. The canvas of the big show tent was torn and cut so badly that the show could not exhibit next day at Bellefonte.

On the ground the photo tent of Bektresser was torn to pieces and completely ruined. Further up the avenue the large tent of the American Museum furnished considerable excitement for the time. This show had three large snakes. One of the largest of these, a box over ten feet long got out of its box and proceeded to take in the sights on the ground before its escape was discovered. The snake was on the main thoroughfare and was making its way leisurely down the avenue when a lady stepped right over it before discovering her position. It is needless to say that there was a hysterical shriek, a raising of skirts and a wild run out of those wilds. Several other persons almost stepped on the box. Four men from the Museum quickly came on the scene and for a few minutes had a tussle with the reptile before he was put back in the box. Aside from these several tents being blown down, little damage was done. The rain fell in torrents afterward and the dust was thoroughly settled.

The canvas over the merry-go-round also received the full force of the wind and was badly ripped, so much so that the covering had to be taken down, and Friday the children's nickle-enticer was operated under bare poles. Even the wind was blown out of the wheezy organ which had faithfully ground out "Annie Rooney" and "Comrades" all the week. The picnic is supposed to be an occasion when everything goes, and when the organ grinds out any old thing, if the people can stand it, the elements certainly would not be expected to have a kick coming.

Friday was bright and cool and the dust settled by the rain during the night. Many had left for their homes yet there was a fair crowd on the ground all day.

There were a good many drunks but no very serious disturbances. From all accounts the fakirs and gamblers had a harvest in fleecing the innocents, many a poor fellow being relieved of a large amount, some as high as \$60. Instead of the swindling games having been less it is said there were more on the ground than ever. This is in strange contrast with the religious part of the program fixed for Sundays of picnic. Why is this tolerated?

These fakirs do not only fleece their victims on the ground, but there has been complaint every year that they victimize needy families with whom they board by skipping out without paying their bills. We think here is a theme our town pulpits might take up with good effect, before as well as after the sinfulness has been done.

Thursday afternoon when one of the gamblers was arrested, there was a sudden suspension in that line of trade and five minutes later you couldn't have lost a red on the bagatelle, ten pins, jewelry wheel or sweat boards to have saved the park from the oncoming storm. The cappers and manipulators had important business in other parts. They left the district by way of the corn field routes, not even stopping to thank the public for the kind attention shown them in contributing about \$800 to their support.

A man from up the valley was led into one of the games and when he dropped twenty dollars into the treasury of the gamblers, the loss of his hard earned dollars affected him so much that he fell prone across the table in a dead faint. The gambler and his six cappers closed their machine and got out of that territory.

It was the largest and worst gang of swindlers that ever struck this town. They tried to work the flim-flam and other schemes in the town, but fortunately did not succeed. It is said that twenty-six of the gang went to Allentown on Friday morning's train to work their games at the big fair there this week.

Friday afternoon the flit from the park was begun, and by Saturday night everyone had removed but one or two families.

Beginning Saturday the tents were taken down, and by Tuesday evening they had been shipped back to the arsenal at Harrisburg, and those belonging to the picnic association, about eighty, stored away. A gang of men were at work cleaning up the grounds of straw, lumber and refuse of every sort.

Stamm Family Reunion in Illinois.
The Stamm family held a large family reunion on Saturday two weeks ago at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stamm, near McConnell, Ill.

There were present 73 relatives from different parts of the country. The forenoon was spent on the lawn and in the home, chatting of old times and becoming acquainted with each other, for while all were related a great many had never met before.

Long tables were placed on the lawn and here a feast of the good things of life were served in abundance. In the afternoon it was a pleasure, especially for the old persons to listen to the Stamm quartet Misses Mary and Anna and Messrs. Jaret and William Stamm, who were celebrated in their Pennsylvania home and in the west forty years ago for their musical attainment.

The parents of the Stamm's who live in Waddams township, were George and Mary Price Stamm. They were natives of Centre county, Pa. It was March 18, 1856, that they landed at Freeport and soon after went to McConnell, where they lived many years. They had nine children.

The father died April 13, 1871, aged 63 years, and the mother, Feb. 24, 1889 aged 76 years.

Among the relatives present were Jacob Derstine, formerly of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Maria Wagner of Tusseyville.

Holidaysburg Moors in Memory of the Bank Collapse.

Black mourning bands, black crepe flags and other tokens were exhibited in front of the stores and residences in Holidaysburg on last Friday in commemoration of the failure of Gardner, Morrow & Co.'s bank, one year ago. Among the significant inscriptions displayed on the black flags were the following: "Chinese and Mohammedan Missionaries Wanted in the United States." "First Anniversary of the Greatest Robbery in America." "Thieves Who Fare Sumptuously on the Substance of the Poor Shall Not Enter the Kingdom of Heaven." A flame-colored notice posted on the bank's front door reads: "This Institution Will Pay 100 Cents on the Dollar—Nit."

Mifflin County Deaths.

In Allensville, Charles Bordell, aged near 84 years.
In Lewistown, J. M. Gallagher, aged 70 years.
In Bellefonte, Wesley Young, aged 50 years.

"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros', Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased, and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

A Sugar Valley Mystery.

The County Journal published at Loganton gives the following particulars regarding a young lady's death:

On Wednesday afternoon Dr. J. A. Houtz was called to the home of A. L. Bartges, a Pharmacist in this place, where he found the body of a young lady unknown to him, whom he pronounced dead. He informed Justice W. F. Moye, who made an examination and decided an inquest be held over the remains. The following jury was impaneled and sworn: C. S. Whitman, A. L. Heller, F. M. Gramly, J. L. Boone, Samuel Stamm, and John Berry. The jury took charge of the body and Sarah Bartges wife of A. L. Bartges, and son George, aged about twelve years were examined. The information was obtained that the young lady was Miss Annie Hauser, of Jersey Shore, and that she had come here with the intention of staying until after the picnic a few days later. She had complained of feeling unwell as soon as she arrived, and on Wednesday after dinner she went up stairs to lie down. Mrs. Bartges having shown her up, stayed with her, and a few minutes after three o'clock she complained of heart pain, and shortly after died. Her possessions as found by the inquest, were a small hand satchel containing some clothes, a few articles of jewelry, purse with forty-eight cents in money, some visiting cards bearing the name of Miss Annie Hauser, printed in gilt. She also wore gold bracelets, and some rings on her fingers.

County Coroner Hayes and District Attorney Hall were notified, also Chief of Police Jacob Keller, of Lock Haven, and they reached this place at noon the next day and assumed control of the remains. Undertaker Calvert, of Jersey Shore, and Philip Echer, of the Allegheny House, of that place, were here to take the remains as soon as the coroner was through with them. Mr. Echer is the acknowledged fiancé of the deceased woman.

The post-mortem examination disclosed the fact that the young lady was enciente of about four months. Her heart was in good condition showing no disease. Further than this the medical examiners would not disclose.

Will Have to Pay Bills.
The Reporter, a few weeks ago, announced the fact that the Reading railroad company had adopted a resolution requiring all their employes to pay their debts. The post-office department has decided that it will be for the good of the service to change the policy it has heretofore pursued of taking no notice of complaints lodged with it against employes who fail to pay their just debts.

As a starter under the new policy, First Assistant Postmaster General Heath instructed the postmaster at Youngstown, O., to dismiss a clerk in the post office there who is charged with persistently disregarding the requests of his creditors for a settlement of their bills.

Similar action will be taken in the cases of other postal employes who fail to pay their bills.

That's right—make all pay their honest debts.

Strike News.

Sheriff Martin and 70 of his deputies were arrested on Tuesday and had a hearing before the judges at Wilkes-barre, charged with murder in shooting into strikers at Lattimer. The total amount of bail entered was \$290,000.

To-day 4000 of the Hazleton strikers were expected to go to work again and others soon to follow.

The strike trouble at Hazleton looks somewhat worse again; a valuable breaker was set on fire the other day and burned. The Governor says the soldiers will have to remain a while yet.

The wives of miners are taking a lively hand in the Hazleton strike and in intimidating those at work, often they appear in large numbers.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: John T. Anderson, Bellefonte, and Amelia H. Bigelman, Frenchville, Clearfield co.
John O. Eisenhuth and Emma J. Hoover, both of Penn township.
Henry M. Fye, Burnside township, and Martha Nerhood, of Keating, Pa.
John Kesigle, Howard, and Hanna A. Royer, of Howard.
Henry Leister, Rush township, and Flora Hefkech, Phillipsburg.
Frank T. Royer and Mary Kleckner, both of Millheim.

Lewins, Bellefonte, is making the greatest cut sale of all lines of summer clothing in the country, and every article offered is a genuine bargain. The prices have been cut in half and the goods are going rapidly. His counters must be cleared for new stock and price cuts little figure when a clearance sale is on.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

PENSION PAYMENTS MAY BE CURTAILED AT THE END OF YEAR.

The Dingley Tariff a Disappointment in Providing Sufficient Revenue for Government Expenses.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—In view of the officially estimated deficit in the payment of pensions for the current fiscal year there may be some emphatic talk on this subject at the coming session of Congress. Lest some of your Republican readers should say that this idea of a pension deficit was concocted by the opponents of the administration, the following language used by H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, is given: "I estimate that the total payment for the year will not exceed \$147,500,000, and the appropriation for the year is \$141,263,880." Mr. Evans speaks of this probable deficit of six and a quarter millions of dollars as indifferently as though he were talking of purchasing a pint of peanuts, and when his attention was called to the probability that the failure of the new tariff to produce the estimated amount of revenue might cause Congress to object to passing a deficiency pension appropriation bill for this year, he gave away the Republican plan for meeting such a contingency by saying: "If there should be an unexpected falling off in the revenue, the pension payments might be curtailed towards the end of the year."

The Home Rule Plank of the Republican National Platform cuts no ice when it comes to providing for a cousin of Mr. McKinley, as was shown by the announcement that Frederick E. McKinley, of New Mexico, had been appointed receiver of Public Moneys at Guthrie, Oklahoma. A cousin of the Vice President was also provided with an office, but not quite so big an office as he applied for. This was Edward F. Hobart, who aspired to be Governor of New Mexico, and who was appointed receiver of Public Moneys at Santa Fe.

Indian Commissioner Jones has not resigned, and is not likely to do so voluntarily, although Boss Hanna's man has been appointed Assistant Commissioner over the protest of Jones. This is another straw showing the uselessness of Republican objections to the carrying out of any of Hanna's wishes.

Ex-Secretary Hoke Smith passed through Washington a day or two ago, and he was fairly bubbling over with satisfaction at the bright prospects ahead of the United Democratic party, which always wins. He thinks the success of the Democrats in Greater New York is certain, and that it will set a wave of party harmony that will result in the election of a Democratic House next year and of a Democratic President in 1900.

All the talk about Gen. Fitz Lee remaining at home and taking part in the Virginia campaign, was settled for good and all, when General Lee, in deference to a request of Mr. McKinley, made during a long conference between the two men at the White House, agreed to resume his duties as U. S. Consul General to Cuba as soon as the leave of absence upon which he came home expired, which will be early in October. General Lee is mum about the situation in Cuba, but his opinions as well as the drift of his sympathy are pretty well known, and it is not believed that he would have agreed to return to Cuba had he not been given to understand that some action was soon to be taken by this Government that will put an end to the present deplorable condition there.

Boss Platt is using all his wiles to get Mr. McKinley to take sides against the candidacy of Seth Low for Mayor of Greater New York, and he is very sly about it, too. He is trying to convince Mr. McKinley, and has almost succeeded, that if he doesn't help to kill the aspirations of Low, he will have him to fight as a candidate for the Presidential nomination at the next Republican National Convention. Mr. McKinley is somewhat of a politician himself, and will not do all that Platt wants him to do, without exacting loyalty from Platt in 1900, but present indications are that he will join Platt in fighting Low, which will make it all the easier for a Democrat to be elected Mayor of Greater New York.

At last a man has been found who is willing to acknowledge having had a hand in the putting of Section 22 into the tariff bill, while that measure was in conference. It is Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, who says that the discriminating duties prescribed are intended to shut out freight now brought into the U. S. by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. But it will also shut out much stuff brought by other transportation lines, both by rail and sea.

Fierce Pic-nic Storms.

The grange pic-nic was frequently visited by rain storms, but four of them were of unusual violence. The one last held in the woods beyond the station, was so heavily deluged by rain on Thursday of that week as to break up the pic-nic. After that there was more or less rain every day for over a year.

The next violent thunder storm hit the pic-nic at midnight on Sunday beginning of the pic-nic. There were considerably more than the usual number of tenters at that stage of the affair, many being ladies from Bellefonte. The storm raged with great violence, the rain came down in torrents and thunder and lightning were terrific, tents by the score were blown down, and lights extinguished by the rain and wind. The ladies, in their sleeping garbs were soaked to the skin, beds, clothing, all in and outside the tents was wringing wet, the darkness was so intense as to bewilder the denizens of the ground not knowing whither to flee. The tenters presented a pitiable sight from the night's experience.

The third storm struck the pic-nic on Thursday two years ago. It was a cyclone, came up suddenly, and hit the grounds with terrific fury; so sudden was its approach that few were prepared for pulling out. The clouds were of inky blackness; panic stricken hundreds made a dash for town; teams four abreast rushed through our streets; rain came down in torrents, lightning fearful and thunder terrific, one discharge stunned scores of persons and prostrated many horses on and at a distance of a quarter of a mile from the ground. Nearhood's house near the pic-nic was struck and burned to the ground.

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Water Items.

The items from boro expenses allowed last month on new water plant account shows how much wiser folks are now on water than years ago, (see items in another column), viz: Engineering expenses, drawing specifications, pleasure junkets to Bellefonte, etc. The old water company wasn't up to that kind of snits, simply too stupid in not wasting money for engineering, specifications, junkets, etc. "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise," and the boro debt and tax are crawling up!

This recalls the scriptural lesson in which the youths were so much wiser, &c. How smoothly it comes when can draw other people's money.

State Sabbath School Association.

The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association will hold its Annual Convention at Harrisburg, October 12-14. It will be an occasion of unusual interest, for which careful and thorough preparation has been made. A leading feature will be the annual address on Tuesday evening, October 12, by the Hon. John Wapamaker, President of the Association. The people of Harrisburg extend a very hearty welcome to Sunday school workers throughout the entire state. Full particulars can be obtained by addressing C. J. Kephart, D. D., Annville, Pa.

Valuable Horse Dies.

John Bare, farmer, near Tusseyville, lost one of his best horses on Saturday evening from some unknown ailment. The animal reared and cut other wild antics until death relieved him. Adam Krumrine, veterinary doctor, was called, but too late to do any good.

WESTERN HORSE DEALERS ATTENTION!

A good location for public and private sales of western horses, is at the Centre Hall House, in the heart of Penns valley. For further information, address, W. H. RUNKLE, Jr., Manager.

The New Law Enforced.

A Lycoming county boy trapped five squirrels out of season, contrary to the new game laws. A Williamsport Alderman fined the lad \$50, or \$10 for each squirrel, and as the boy did not have the money to pay the fine, he had to go to jail for 50 days.

A Horrible Railroad Accident.

Is a daily chronicle in our papers; also the death of some dear friend, who had died with consumption, whereas, if he or she had taken Otto's Cure for Throat and Lung diseases in time, life would have been rendered happier and perhaps saved. Heed the warning! If you have a cough or any affection of the Throat and Lungs call at G. H. Long's, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial bottle free. Large sizes 50c and 25c.

—When you want a suit to fit, of good quality and at a low figure, there is but one store in Bellefonte that can touch all these points. Lewins, at the Philad. Branch is the place.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

"Mary had a little bust,
It filled her soul with ire,
For she was twenty miles from town
And couldn't mend her tire."
Weather to-day cool with appearance for rain.

The recent rains have given the pasture fields a fresh start.
Wheat keeps wobbling round the nineties in this county.

Thanks to all such as gave us a lift on subscription account.
John W. Stuart has been appointed post master at State College.

The saying, "That the granger picnic brings rain," came true again.
Never be a fool for another's malice. You'll be the sufferer in the end.

Fall weather has been upon us for a week, and room fires set a-going.
Read ad. for the sale of Joseph Rishel farm, Gregg tp., in this issue.

Gov. Hastings yesterday morning left Bellefonte again for Harrisburg.

State College has opened with a freshman class of 111, the largest for years.

For some persons it is already getting too cool. Last week was too hot. Hard to please.

Thursday night's thunder storm put an end to the hot spell and dust, and all are pleased.

Coal bins are hungering for their approaching fill. Coal is higher—tariff on it. See!

Subscribe for the Reporter and be happy by not having to borrow your neighbor's.

The wheat fields are assuming a greener appearance since the showers a few days ago.

Darlington & Himmelreich, Lewisburg, on inside page, adv. a sawmill outfit for sale.

From some sections of the valley we have reports of sharp frosts Tuesday morning, the first this fall.

Persons wishing a good point for having horse sales, read ad. of land-lord Runkle in another column.

Potatoes are likely to be up to a dollar next spring. With many farmers it's a light crop and rotting at that.

Last Thursday's thunder storm was very terrific in some localities while some sections escaped its fury entirely.

Centre Hall's fourth school, the primary, will open in about a month, or soon as the new furniture can be put in place.

Law violating officials in high and low places keep catching it for their disregard of law. Right—let all heed the warning.

Fakirs fleece a new set of victims every year they set up business at the picnic. Why are they allowed on the grounds, people ask.

Prof. L. E. Reber, of State College, has gone to Banning, South Carolina, for a three months' stay for the benefit of his health.

Buffalo Run was dried up in many places and dead fish is the result. A water famine is prevailing in many parts of Centre county.

W. A. Crist, superintendent for the Berwind White Coal company has given \$1,000 towards the erection of the Presbyterian church at Osceola.

Shook's steam cider mill, at the station, as we know from a sample of the apple juice sent us, is in operation. They do quick work and clean.

Our boro' schools having opened on Monday how many parents will allow their boys to howl around the streets at night instead of being at home getting out their lessons?

The grangers having occupied one of boro' school rooms for about 20 years as a hall, will now vacate it and make their new home in the hall over foundry implement store.

Fire in Tyrone Tuesday morning destroyed the fine home of D. T. Caldwell, and the adjoining house occupied by Alfred G. St. Clair, and owned by C. O. Templeton.

Strangers in town last week expressed their opinion to the Reporter that Centre Hall is a very nice town. But that's not all the nicety, we have some mighty nice people too.

The Pennsylvania Photographers Association will hold their next annual convention in Bellefonte. The time will be some week of February 1898, to be determined by the executive committee.

A. C. Toner, of Canton, O., has been appointed assistant commissioner of Indian affairs. He is a son of John Toner, many years ago Register and Recorder of Centre county, afterwards a Methodist minister.

A Warren woman fell from her wheel the other day and bit off an inch of her tongue. The local papers report that the accident caused some of the meanest men in that town to buy wheels for their wives.