



### THE PATRONS' PICNIC.

#### BAD WEATHER PREVENTS A BIG ATTENDANCE.

A Better Line of Attractions than Ever Before.—Acres of Canvas, Bunting and Flying Flags.—Tuesday's Rain and Wet Weather This Morning Keep Thousands at Home.—Lamentable End of the Balloon Ascension.

The 28th annual Exhibition and Encampment of the Patrons of Husbandry of Central Pennsylvania opened at Grange Park on Friday last, and the event has been a marked success in the line of attractions to entertain the visiting public, but the weather has done great harm in preventing the large attendance on the usual big days when many thousands are on the park. Had the weather been favorable the success of the picnic would have exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the management.

The camp opened on Friday last, when the families began moving on the grounds to enjoy a week's outing under canvas and take in all the lines of attractions and sights to be seen on all parts of the spacious park. About one hundred and fifty large tents have been erected, all of which were occupied, along with the exhibitors and shop-keepers, gave the camp a permanent population of about one thousand people.

Several days before Friday there was a hurrying to and fro moving on the grounds, setting up exhibits, erecting stands and shops, and getting the park into shape for the big crowds that were sure to come on the following days. Out of this confusion rose acres of canvas, topped with flags and bunting, making a picturesque little city where frivolity and gaiety should prevail, tempered only with the solid discussions to be heard in the auditorium from speakers prominent in public and official life.

Several marked changes were made in the arrangement of the grounds, which appear far more satisfactory than the arrangement of former years. Several of the large exhibition buildings were moved to better locations where the crowds all congregated, and this has met with the approval of shopkeepers who do not now hesitate to exhibit in them for want of a crowd.

The attractions in the line of shows, stands, shops and stores, is better than for several years. A stroll through the grounds is never out of hearing distance of the shrill whistle of the peanut roaster, the clever argument of the pink lemonade and orange cider vendor, or the alluring and tempting aroma of the candy and popcorn kitchens. Their cries are heard everywhere, not even drowning out the barkers for the shooting galleries, the cane ringers, the fish ponds where tempting prizes are seen which are for not such as these. Should these not tempt the nickles and dimes from the pockets of the public, it is sure to come when the wheezy organ of the carousel sends forth its same old tunes as it has done year after year, or you come across some mechanical wonder, and freaks of nature in all phases of life. Amusement is plenty and you will always find something new turning up at some point not seen before. Pretty souvenirs are to be had everywhere from a suit of clothes down to some dainty trinket. Even the most penurious is beguiled into losing his purse strings and enjoy the pleasure of his coin which he seldom parts with. It is a week off for every body in the part of the state and all are taking advantage of this opportunity.

The list of exhibitors of farm machinery is not quite as large and extravagant as that of last year, yet it comprises many lines and is of interest. The stock exhibit is great and the stables are among the places to draw the lovers of blooded stock, swine and poultry.

The committee in charge with Hon. Leonard Rhoads at the head, labored hard to have the exhibition exceed that of former years, and well they have succeeded.

Saturday was given over to the picnic of the veteran association of Centre county and there were several thousand people in the crowd.

Sunday was a pleasant day, bright over-head, with a cool breeze to temper the rays of Old Sol. The attendance was very large, and hundreds of bicyclers and fellows with their best girls came to the park from all parts to spend the day sight-seeing.

The Y. M. C. A., of Bellefonte held services in the auditorium in the morning, which was attended by large crowds. The music was excellent, the audience being assisted in the singing by an orchestra of three pieces and piano.

The Y. M. C. A. also held a song service in the afternoon and a large crowd was in attendance. In the evening Rev. W. W. Rhoads, of the United Evangelical church, occupied

the platform, and delivered a masterful sermon, which was listened to by a great many.

Although no special trains were run on Monday, yet the crowd was of good proportions and the park presented a lively, animated appearance. Some exhibitors and shows late in arriving set up ready for business. In the evening the Troubadour Jubilee Singers occupied the auditorium. It was a public concert and they performed to a crowded house. It is an excellent vaudeville show, the singing of the four colored artists being very fine, and their encores were numerous. Paddy Murphy, the Irish comedian, kept the house in a constant uproar with his Irish witticisms, while "Fabian," the magician stupefied his audience with his amazing skill in legerdemain. This troupe has been furnished by the generosity of Thornton Barnes, proprietor of a large Philadelphia grocery house, who has a large exhibit on the grounds. The show is an excellent one, and has crowded houses every night.

Tuesday there was an attendance below that expected on account of the threatening weather. The regular trains in the morning came in with five and six coaches crowded with sight seers. The morning was cloudy and damp, portending rain, which finally began to come down in a drizzle about ten o'clock, and the spirits of fakirs and everybody went down with the rain. There was no let up, and all day the rain continued. Public exercises were held in the auditorium during the morning and afternoon, which were well attended. The balloon ascension scheduled for 4.00 o'clock was postponed on account of the rain until Wednesday afternoon. The Troubadour Jubilee Singers had a larger house than ever in the evening, in spite of the down pour, and the auditorium was packed. The special trains scheduled were not annulled, but they were not well patronized.

Wednesday was Democratic day, the principal event billed was the address of Hon. Wm. T. Cressy, in the afternoon. The day opened cloudy and damp, fortunately the rain having ceased during the night. Every one hoped for clear weather to bring tremendous crowds. There were indications for a clear day and the early morning trains came in with coaches crowded. The mail train east came in in two sections. About ten o'clock there was an opening rift in the clouds and the bright rays of sunshine sifted through, raising the spirits of all. The specials from Bellefonte were heavily loaded, and thousands came in by vehicle. Yet there would have been several thousand more had the cloudy morning not frightened them away.

The balloon ascension postponed from Tuesday until Wednesday afternoon did not go off according to the schedule, owing to an accident, but the thousands of spectators were treated to the unusual and rare spectacle of a monster balloon going up in smoke instead. Prof. Darwin was to make the ascent about one o'clock, and about twelve o'clock work was started to inflate the canvas bag. When the work was partly under way a spark from the furnace set fire to the balloon near the top, and in an instant the bag was a mass of flames. The work of destruction took but a few seconds when all that remained of the balloon was a few charred fragments of canvas and pieces of ropes. The parachute was saved but it was burned full of holes. It is needless to say that there was a disappointed mass of people. There was general regret for the unfortunate accident. An effort was made to secure another balloon from Buffalo, N. Y., for an ascent on Friday, that this part of the program could be carried out. But none could be secured. The aeronaut, Prof. Darwin valued the balloon and parachute at \$1200, which is a total loss to him, besides compelling him to cancel several dates in other parts of the country.

A crowded house greeted Hon. W. T. Cressy, and Representative Dixon, of Ridgway, Elk county, in the auditorium, to hear these gentlemen discuss the affairs of state. Both gentlemen have been on the ground at Harrisburg, and are familiar with the corruption of the Quayites, and the squandering of the people's money, and jobbery in state affairs. Col. Jas. Weaver presided at the meeting, and in a few remarks introduced Mr. Cressy, who spoke for twenty minutes and gave the robbers a severe arraignment which allows no answering. He was followed by Mr. Dixon, who severely scathed the administration and put forth facts which cannot be disputed. The addresses were frequently interspersed with uproarious applause, and the large audience listened attentively throughout.

During the evening the crowd was large that remained in the park, and the auditorium was jammed to its utmost capacity to witness the vaudeville performance.

A rain came on again during the

night and continued until the early hours this morning. Thursday is always considered the big day of the week, but today promises to be an exception. The indications that it will clear off are good, but a large attendance cannot be expected in gum boot and overcoat weather.

With favorable weather conditions the picnic would have been the greatest success since its inception over a quarter century ago.

#### Picnic Notes.

Very few drunks are seen, which is a good thing.

The Weaver Organ Co., from York, has a fine display of musical instruments.

McCalmont & Co., Bellefonte, display an exceptionally fine line of buggies and carriages.

Soup and lunch houses are plenty, along with the big boarding house managed by D. C. Keller.

Pictures of the popular sheriff candidate, Brungart, are plenty, and almost every one bears a portrait of this gentleman.

Supt. E. B. Westfall, of Williamsport, is tenting on the park, and is giving his personal attention to handling the crowds.

H. G. Long, of Spring Mills, occupies one-half of one of the large exhibition buildings and has a fine display of merchandise.

The park is well policed day and night, and the order is of the best. Capt. Amos Mullen, of Bellefonte, has charge of this department, and is keeping things straight.

The Millheim band and the Coleville band were on the park yesterday furnishing music, which was in plenty in all parts of the park. Both organizations play finely.

The deputy revenue collector, Dr. John Harter, was on the park yesterday and created consternation in many quarters by levying a revenue license of \$10 on all shows. Some shut up shop rather than pay this fee towards buying of a lot of Philippine niggers.

When the balloon caught fire there was a semblance of a panic. Thousands of spectators were massed around the ropes watching the inflation, and there was a rush to get back to a point of safety. Some received slight burns from flying pieces of blazing canvas. The balloon contained over three thousand yards of canvas.

#### The Passing of Reed.

Pittsburg Post: The Republican party ever since Lincoln's death has regularly and invariably driven out of its ranks all the intellect and all the statesmanship which it possessed. Under the direction of the office-grabbing and spoils-seeking political bosses it has gradually come to pass that every man of independent mind or of original ideas has been obliged to get out. The list is a long one. It includes Greeley, Chase and Sumner, even Ben Butler himself, one of the most arrogant of the Reconstruction leaders; Schurz, Curtis, Gresham, and now such men as Sherman, Reed, Hoar, Edmunds; even Foraker and Billy Mason. Newspapers like the "Times," the "Evening Post," the Providence "Journal" and the Springfield "Republican"—all have found it necessary to detach themselves from the G. O. P. They have not all become Democratic, but their independent position is far different from the attitude of party regularity which they all at one time assumed and commended.

#### Congressman Daniel Ernest Trout Dead.

Congressman Daniel Ernest Trout died at his residence, at Reading, on Sunday morning, aged 82 years. Last Thursday while dining at a restaurant a large piece of meat lodged in his throat.

A physician was hastily summoned, who dislodged the meat with difficulty, but not before the Congressman strangled. He became very weak, his throat was badly inflamed and he had not been able to swallow any food since the occurrence.

His death was directly due to paralysis of those parts of his throat affected by the operation to save him from strangulation.

#### Death While on a Visit.

Mrs. John Hoy, of near Madisonburg, died on Sunday night at the home of her father, Jacob Lose, at Snyderstown. Interment at Madisonburg.

#### Good Enough to Take.

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to that of maple syrup, making it very pleasant to take. As a medicine for the cure of coughs, colds, la grippe, croup and whooping cough it is unequalled by any other. It always cures, and cures quickly. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

#### OHIO MUST BE CARRIED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

Boss Hanna Coming Home to Open His Barrel.—The Democrats Contident of Winning the Governor in that State.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—The panic of the administration over the situation in Ohio, daily grows worse, and Mr. McKinley tells the Ohio Republicans who call on him that the state must be carried at all hazards. He sent a trusted personal messenger to New York to meet Boss Hanna when he arrived from Europe and tell him just how blue things look from the administration point of view; also to impress upon him the necessity of taking steps to see that plenty of money was provided for use in Ohio. It is probably the taking of those "steps" which caused Boss Hanna to stop in New York, instead of coming direct to Washington. The matter has been discussed in Cabinet meetings and two members, Postmaster General Smith and Secretary Wilson designated to take the stump. Mr. Wilson will speak mostly in the agricultural section, his powers of persuasion among farmers being supposed to be wonderful, while Mr. Smith will talk mostly to city and town audiences. The ordering of the Civilian Philippine Commissioners home was also influenced to a certain extent, by the Ohio scare. It is hoped to have the next fighting campaign under way, before election day, and the civilian Commissioners are gotten out of the way so that Otis can have no excuse for not pushing the fighting. So much for the Republican view of the Ohio campaign.

Democratic confidence in success in Ohio is even greater than the Republican fright. Mr. McLean, who is now in Ohio to remain until after election, is in constant communication with his Washington friends. He says he feels absolutely certain of being elected Governor, and he is not the sort of man to say so without believing it himself. From other sources comes the same sort of news. The Democrats are united and enthusiastically confident, while the Republicans are divided into factions, some of which would rather humiliate Boss Hanna whom they have never forgiven for the rough shod manner in which he kicked them out of the state machine, to make places for his henchmen, than to accomplish any other one thing. There is also much more Ohio Republican opposition to the imperialistic policy of the administration, and especially to the so far unsuccessful war in the Philippines, than even the Democrats supposed existed until recently. Much of this opposition is silent, and will hardly result in direct votes for the Democratic ticket, but it will increase the stay-at-homes on election day, which will be the next best thing to Democratic votes.

The object of a delegation of Washington negroes, including a preacher and several ex-office-holders, in calling at the White House, was a reminder of reconstruction days. They seem possessed of the idea that Mr. McKinley has power to interfere with the proposed election law in North Carolina, and they wish him to put a clause in his annual message to Congress, recommending that the proposed election law be declared illegal because of its violation of the 15th amendment. Mr. McKinley is a strong partisan, but he knows too much to attempt to meet the wishes of these negroes, even if they were citizens of North Carolina, instead of being meddlers with what in no way concerns them. The "nigger" question will never figure prominently again in Presidential messages or in Congressional legislation. If unconstitutional laws are passed in North Carolina, or in any other state, the people can get them passed upon by the proper legal tribunal, without either the help or hindrance of the President or any official connected with executive branch of the government, and the decrees of the courts will be obeyed by the people. The Supreme Court of the U. S. alone possesses the power to declare State laws unconstitutional.

Ex-Senator Joe Blackburn, who has been resting a little in Washington, preparatory to returning to the stump, did not give the story that Col. Bryan would not speak in Kentucky, a chance to get fairly started, before he headed it off by saying: "Mr. Bryan wrote me that he would be glad to speak in Kentucky and would leave the details to me. There was no promise of any number of speeches, nor were any definite arrangements agreed upon. I have written him that he will be ready for him any time after the first of October, and by that time, from present indications, the bolting movement in Kentucky will have dwindled away into nothingness and Mr. Bryan will have a solid Democrat-

ic party in front of him."

The Naval officials responsible for assigning Admiral Schley to the command of the South Atlantic Squadron, the most undesirable flag-command in the Navy, evidently felt a little bit ashamed, as they took the trouble to give out statements about the intention of the Department to increase the number of vessels in the Squadron, the importance of the command in case of war with Central or South America, etc. The real object is probably to get Schley out of reach of inquisitive Congressional Committees.

#### A STRONG ARRAIGNMENT.

Candidate Cressy, in his speech to the Grangers, said:

"The millions of the people's money have been held as the estate of the party machine and administered at the behest of the party boss. They have been deposited with political banks and with political bankers for private gain. They have been loaned out to the political boss, to the members of his family, to his lieutenants and to his mercenaries and his tools. They have been handed over for stock jobbing and stock gambling to corrupt politicians. Their use has been sold by the same agencies for interest paid to the treasurers, to other public officials and to conspicuous managers of the machine. They have been made to pay annual tribute regularly to furnish the machine itself with funds to debauch the elections and elect machine candidates. They have been in steady and systematic corrupt manipulation by political state treasurers during decades of machine rule.

"This is the history of the state treasurership in Pennsylvania. In no respect is it over-rated or exaggerated. It is known to all men. It has been incontestably proven by judicial investigation, by confessions of the guilty, by letters and private records of the conspirators, by books of account and by suicide."

Let every public spirited citizen read these charges. He will look in vain for their refutation. They are true. Yet this same machine asks to be retained in power for another term.

How can there be any difference of opinion among honest men as to how to vote this fall?

#### Mind Your Own Business.

From an exchange: The hardest thing for many people to do is to mind their own business, especially in a social way. They cannot let their neighbors' affairs alone, but gossip about everything and everybody. No character is too good for them to assail by innuendo of doubtful shade of the head. They always know something against everybody and to hear them talk, all the world is filled with liars, thieves, prostitutes and rogues. They see innocence in nothing, and delight in gathering and retailing scandal. Of course they are very good themselves; exceedingly so. They never violate any of the commandments; of course not. They would scorn to steal and will tell you sorrowfully about a boy who stole, yes, actually stole an apple from a fruit stand. But they never imagine that to steal a character is the meanest theft in the wide, wide world. The small boy's crime is innocence compared to their deliberate and incessant attacks upon character far better than their own.

#### The Centre County Ticket.

The Executive Committee of the Centre County Prohibition party at a meeting on Tuesday placed the following candidates in the field for county office: For sheriff, Wesley A. Hartsock, of Huston township; auditors, Christian Buck, Unionville Boro., Wm. T. Irwin, Union Twp.

#### 800 People Homeless.

Advices from the island of Anguilla, one of the British West India islands, say that hurricane during the night of September 8 destroyed 200 houses and rendered 800 people homeless. There was considerable loss of property and similar damage to St. Martin.

#### Chronic Diarrhoea Cured.

This is to certify that I have had chronic diarrhoea ever since the war. I got so weak I could hardly walk or do anything. One bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me sound and well.

J. R. GIBBS, Fincastle, Va. I had chronic diarrhoea for twelve years. Three bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me.

S. L. SHAVER, Fincastle, Va. Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Shaver are prominent farmers and reside near Fincastle, Va. They procured the remedy from Mr. W. E. Casper, a druggist of that place, who is well acquainted with them and will vouch for the truth of their statements. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

#### LOCAL ITEMS.

#### Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

##### Golden Rod.

By the roadside, in the woods, Making bright its solitude, In the pasture, by the wall, Standing golden-gray and tall, Lighting every darksome place With the sunshine in her face, Greeting you with cheerful nod, Comes again the Golden-rod.

Quietly the days slip by; Soft the evening shadows lie On her head which bendeth low, As the night-winds whispering go. Scarce a flower that seems so dear To the woodland spirits near; Scarce a child but hails the nod Of the slender Golden-rod.

Grace and glory in her meet, Fit to deck both hall and street, Giving much, she has the more; Naught can dim her golden store. Reaching not for place or power, Loveliest, in the wayside bower, And a nation takes thy nod For its sign, dear Golden-rod.

—Boston Transcript.

The flying jenny, And the fakir, Scooped the penny, Quicker than the baker.

Pigs seem to be plenty. The went up—in smoke. Dying out: Snake stories. Unfavorable weather for picnic. Potatoes by the crop, 30a35c per bu. The fakirs and dupes met each other this week.

On the program: House cleaning and filling coal bins.

Dreyfus has been pardoned by the French Council of Ministers.

Cressy and Dixon made telling addresses to a packed audience.

Windshaken apples bring 30c per 100 pounds at the evaporating house.

There was a little wheat quake last week shaking it up 2c, in Chicago.

State College students played some gay tricks to grace the opening week.

Mrs. William Wolf is having a slate roof put on her residence across the way.

The Morris lime kilns at Salona has been purchased by the Bellefonte Furnace company.

Since Sunday hundreds of bikers, on their wheels, sped through town, taking in the nic-pic.

Some large cornfields up in the section of Lemont have produced nothing but a poor crop of fodder.

One of the best fields, thick with corn shocks, is that of J. J. Arney, adjoining the west side of town.

Rev. Reacker's appointments, Sunday, Sep. 24: Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; St. Johns church, 10 a. m.; Georges Valley, 2 p. m.

Apples are quite plenty up in the section of Shingletown. Michael Hess has an abundance, and many are rotting in his orchard at this time.

Since Sunday many fine rigs have passed through town to and from the picnic grounds. Centre county farmers have some fine turn-outs.

The last two heavy rains brought down into the upper end of town considerable of Nittany mountain's surface, playing smash with the pike.

Byron Garis, our mason, has the job for the masonry of a large stone house at Reedsville, which banker Woods, of Lewistown, is having erected.

Bruce Smith, of Avonmore, Westmoreland county, who traded wives with another man some time ago, committed suicide last week on account of domestic trouble. Don't swap wives.

The Northumberland Presbytery will meet in the Presbyterian church, Lock Haven, Sept. 25. About sixty ministers and laymen are expected to be in attendance and the sessions will continue two days.

Our young friend, farmer Michael, west of town, and Samuel Runkle, of this place, sport enviable teams and seem like dukes in their rigs. There is more about their nags, than some with great clatter-clatter yet no speed.

There are several cases of diptheria at Millheim, and the houses where cases are, are quarantined. In Wallace Kerstetter's family three cases have appeared. In all there have been four deaths from diptheria in that vicinity.

The wife of William Swartwood, of New Jersey, gave birth to her twenty-fifth child. Three pairs were twins. Two children are dead. The mother is 43 and the father 50 years of age. Peaches may fall in Jersey, but the crop of tots is always safe.

The Bellefonte Lime Company has been organized with the following stockholders: J. W. Gephart, John P. Harris, L. T. Munson, Frank Warfield and John Harris, Jr., of Bellefonte, and C. M. Clement, of Reading. The company is capitalized at \$25,000 and will operate the quarries and kilns recently purchased by the Bellefonte Furnace Company from A. G. Morris, at Salona.