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TRICKY CHINA.

Chinamen Try to Trick the Ministers.

Bryan's Chances Good in the Western States.

Russia dickered with China independently; England landing troops at Shanghai, where there had been no serious trouble; Germany naming the Commander-in-Chief of the foreign troops in China, and the government of China trying to trick the foreign ministers at Pekin, including the American Minister, into going out of Pekin to be killed by Chinese soldiers; These are a few of the important items of news which have come to Washington during the last few days, and have had to be handled by the subordinates in charge during the continued absence of Mr. McKinley and Secretary Hay. One message was sent to Minister Conger that was made public, and one that was not. The first left him free to act in his discretion, which leaves the administration free to make an official scapegoat of him if he should be so unfortunate as to make a mistake. That is also the sort of order that General Chaffee, who is in command of the handful of Americans who are with the so-called allied army, which has fought its way about one-fourth of the distance between Tien Tsin and Pekin is acting under. They are so convenient you know. If everything goes right, they can be claimed as implying the perfect confidence felt by this government etc.; while if anything goes wrong it can be charged to lack of judgment or brains on the part of the agent.

Every disinterested man who goes into any portion of the middle west reports the existence of conditions which are calculated to increase the confidence of Democrats in the election of Bryan and Stevenson. Mr. J. H. Raiston, a well-known Washington lawyer, has just returned from a visit to Quincy, Ill., his old home. Speaking of his trip he said: "I did not go west to observe political conditions, but in the course of my journey I had numerous opportunities to learn how things were going. At Quincy I had many intimate friends, and I talked politics with a large number of them without indicating which side I was disposed to favor. The character of my information was very favorable to the Democrats. I can give you two instances which I know to be reliable. They are of men who used to practice law with me in Quincy. One of them is Capt. Michael Piggott, an Irishman of much more than local fame, who was postmaster of Quincy for eight years, and four years ago an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. McKinley and the Republican ticket. This year he is square for Mr. Bryan. He is a man of influence in those parts and highly respected. The other man I have in mind is W. A. Richardson, the son of a former U. S. Senator, and an ex-member of the Legislature. In 1896 he was a gold Democrat and wrote many articles supporting Mr. McKinley. Now he is advocating Mr. Bryan's election. There are many Germans in that vicinity, and the German vote this year will be with the Democrats. The German farmers are against the administration of Mr. McKinley and will not support him again. I took some pains to secure accurate information on that point."

Mr. J. T. Bailey, who is a drummer with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark., is visiting Washington friends. He said of the political attitude of the drummers: "The drummers realize that their only hope is in the election of the Democratic ticket. The Democrats are pledged to enact legislation to control trusts, and unless something is soon done to correct the evils of trusts it will be but a very little while before the drummer will find his occupation gone. The drummers see the drift of the Republican party, which is controlled by the trusts, and therefore it is to our interests to do all we can to insure the election of Bryan and Stevenson. I have failed to meet any man who believes in changing the Republic into an Empire, as the Republicans seem bent on doing. I have recently met a number of gold Democrats who supported McKinley in 1896, and they told me they were for Bryan and would work day and night to secure his election, because he represents the people in this fight against imperialism. It is my opinion, based on what I know of the situation, that Mr. Bryan will sweep the country as Mr. Cleveland did in 1892."

A peculiar wreck occurred on the Western New York and Pennsylvania road. When the flyer was coming down Kane hill the baggage car left the track and was broken in twain. The rest of the train kept the track and closed up to the engine, running some distance before it was discovered that a car was missing. There were seventy-five passengers aboard, but no one was hurt.—Newton Hamilton Watchman.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE.

Nearly Every Graduate Had Secured a Position before Commencement Day.

The last Catalogue of The Pennsylvania State College shows not only the largest attendance in the history of the College, but many improvements in other respects. The steady and substantial growth of the College is due to the fact that, with an exceptionally able Faculty, it insists upon maintaining a high standard of scholarship and conduct, and the unusually fine record of its graduates is becoming known and appreciated, not only throughout Pennsylvania, but in the whole country.

A large proportion of the students follow technical courses, such as Civil, Electrical, Mechanical or Mining Engineering, Chemistry, Agriculture, Biology, and the like; but with changes going into effect this year, increased provision is made for the general courses in Languages and Literature, History, Political Science, Philosophy, and similar subjects.

In these general courses, students may hereafter drop mathematics at the end of Freshman year, and then devote their time to the subjects named above and to various branches of science. If one wishes to become a teacher of high rank, a lawyer, a physician, a journalist, or a well educated man generally, the new arrangement of studies will afford the best kind of opportunity. The next session opens September 13, 1900.

Perhaps the most interesting announcement made at the last Commencement was that nearly every member of the graduating class (the class numbered forty-four) from the full four years' technical courses had already secured a position in the line of his profession.

Pennsylvania Experiment Station.

The comparison of new and standard varieties of wheat begun by the Experiment Station at Pennsylvania State College in 1887 has been continued through the present season. All the varieties were badly injured by winter killing and the Hessian fly, says Prof. Enos Hess. The yield was therefore very low in comparison with other years. The five varieties giving the highest yield were:—

Reliable.....	22.29 bu.
Dawson's Golden Chaff.....	17.64 "
Dietz Longberry Red.....	16.92 "
Folsom.....	16.91 "
Early Genesee Giant.....	15.44 "

The poorest variety, "Fultz Mediterranean," produced only 5.94 bushels. The average of 11 bearded chaff varieties was 14.41 bu. and of 12 smooth chaff varieties, 12.47 bu., which accords with the general belief that smooth chaff varieties are affected more by the Hessian fly than bearded chaff varieties. The late sown wheat was less affected than the early sown. Four plots sown Aug. 31st and four sown Sept. 22 gave an average yield of 13.96 bu. and 20.13 bu., respectively.

The season was very unfavorable throughout in this locality, the crop upon some fields on adjoining farms not equalling the seed used.

Buckets Not In It.

John S. Dauberman wishes to thank the people of Centre Hall for their kind assistance offered during the recent fire. He says, however, that not a bucket full of water was poured on his building or on the fire near by, but that the hose and the borough water are solely responsible for the good work. While the large hose were playing on the burning building of Mr. White-man, a small hose in the hands of Miss Helen Hosterman were constantly throwing a stream against Mr. Dauberman's house. Before borough water was in existence, any one during a fire would have been glad to see such a stream available, to say nothing of the two streams coming from an inch and a half and a quarter nozzles. The bucket brigade was't in it. This is the truth.

Reduced Rates to Grangers' Picnic at Williams' Grove via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Twenty-seventh Annual Interstate Grange Picnic Exhibition, to be held at Williams' Grove, Pa., August 27 to September 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from August 25 to September 1, inclusive, good to return until September 3, inclusive, at rate of one fare for the round-trip, from principal stations between East Liberty and Bryn Mawr; on the Northern Central Railway, between Stanley and Lutherville, inclusive, and on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division east of and including Waterford.

For information in regard to train service and specific rates, application should be made to ticket agents.

READERS of the REPORTER

Give Your Neighbor the Paper to Examine.

Give the Reporter a Trial Trip at 25 Cents from Now to December.

The subscription rate of the Reporter has been reduced to \$1.00 per year. Old subscribers can pay one dollar any time before December 1st, and secure the benefit of the reduced rate.

The rate to new subscribers is one dollar per year in advance.

Trial subscribers can get the Reporter from now until December 1st for twenty-five cents.

It is the aim of the Reporter to be fair in all things. It has no quarrel to pick with any one, and will not allow its columns to be used to the detriment of individuals or business firms. Correspondents will please bear this fact in mind, and not allow their personal feelings to get the better of them. All communications will be short of all objectionable matter.

W. H. Bartholomew is looking after the interests of the Reporter in Penns Valley, and will accept new subscriptions to this paper.

Picnic Attraction.

Messrs. Porter & Sober, of Lewisburg, will light Grange Park during the coming Encampment with acetylene gas. A plant will be put up for that purpose some time previous to the opening of the camp.

Chambersburg Business College.

Prof. E. S. Ripka, one of the principals of the Chambersburg Business College, placed an advertisement in the Reporter. That institution is prospering under the present management. Prof. Ripka is a son of Adam C. Ripka, of Centre Hill.

The Foundry Busy.

W. O. Rearick's Centre Hall foundry and machine shops are in constant operation. Mr. Rearick has built up a large and extensive trade in his line. The Centre Hall corn planter is known in almost every state in the union, and when it is once introduced it has no competition. He has a force of the best skilled workmen, who rapidly turn out the wares he manufactures.

Henry Hartwick Dead.

Henry Hartwick, of State College, died Saturday evening, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was an honored and respected man in his community. He is survived by his wife, and three sons, John, N. N., and Adam. A very large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral at Pine Hall, which was conducted by Rev. A. A. Black, of the Reformed church, which was the church of the deceased's choice. Mr. Hartwick was prominent in Grange affairs in his community.

Chambers After Them.

E. R. Chambers, in a reply to an attack upon him for aiding in securing the release of a number of pick-pockets during the Centennial, says in part: "When the honest farmer holds his Grange picnic at Centre Hall, a few of the people from Bellefonte go over and complain of him because there are a few fakirs at the picnic; then we get up a big Centennial and hold it in Bellefonte, largely at the expense of the country people; then the Burgess without consulting the Borough Solicitor, grants a license to twenty-one different gamblers to do business publicly on our streets; then he appoints twenty-one extra policemen to protect the gamblers the country people needed no police, they were our guests, then we invite the farmers to come into town and see the "elephant". After they have been fleeced out of their money on the "wheel of fortune", on the "dice board", on the "sweat board" and on a "card game", all of which run openly on the streets, each gambler with a license sticking in his hat, they are at home."

That's just the case, only at the Grange Encampment the fakir is sent off the grounds and out of town as soon as it is discovered that he does unlawful business.

Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad for Mt. Gretna Farmers' Exposition.

On account of the Farmers' Exposition, to be held at Mt. Gretna, Pa., August 20 to 24, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Mt. Gretna and return, at rate of one fare for the round trip, from principal stations between East Liberty and Bryn Mawr; on the Northern Central Railway between Stanley and Lutherville, inclusive, and on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division east of and including Waterford.

For information in regard to train service and specific rates, application should be made to ticket agents.

TOWN SWEEP BY FIRE.

One-fourth the Buildings in Turbotville Destroyed by Fire.

One-fourth of the buildings in the little farming town of Turbotville were destroyed by a destructive fire Friday afternoon of last week. Forty-seven buildings and a lumber yard are in ruins. Of this number twenty-one are dwellings, three are stores and twenty-three are stables. As a result about 150 people are homeless and many of them are camping in the woods near the town.

It is believed that one person was burned to death. Although a search has been made, Mrs. Sarah Brown, an aged lady, is missing. She has not been seen since the flames consumed her home shortly after the conflagration started.

The fire broke out in a large barn occupied jointly by John Moser and Peter Menges. A large quantity of new hay was stored in the loft and it is believed that it was ignited by spontaneous combustion.

After the fire had set several dwellings ablaze, the force of the fire fighters was augmented by scores of women and girls of the town, who carried water to the men engaged in throwing it upon the burning buildings.

The three stores that were destroyed were conducted respectively by Peter Menges, R. Hayman and Lewis Robb. For three hours the wind drove the flames from building to building, destroying everything in its path. Fences and outbuildings were licked up like so much tissue paper.

Messages were sent to Watsonville and Milton for assistance, but before the apparatus started for the scene the appeals were cancelled owing to the scarcity of water.

SCARCITY OF WATER.

Every cistern and well in the town was pumped dry. The further spread of the flames was stopped shortly after 4 o'clock by a row of brick buildings.

Turbotville has a population of about 500 people, with less than 200 buildings. It is a long narrow settlement and was so constructed that it was a suitable prey for such a fire as raged Friday. The people of the town are poor and much suffering will result from the fire.

A conservative estimate of the loss is about \$80,000. All the buildings destroyed were frame and were cheaply constructed as a rule. All the contents of the dwellings were consumed.

LINDEN HALL.

The festival Saturday evening was a decided success in every way, and all seemed to have a good time generally. Quite a number of our people attended the woods meeting held at Egg Hill over Sunday, and report the sermons preached there excellent.

G. E. Gettig took a flying business trip to Penn Hall Tuesday.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. Henry Zeiger is again confined to the house with asthma.

Miss Jennie Syler, of Union county, has been visiting her cousins, Misses Bertha and Edith Gingerich, the past four weeks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gettig returned home Friday last, after an extended visit with friends in Pittsburgh and Altoona.

Dr. and Mrs. Kent, east of town, are entertaining some of their many friends.

Lucian Speicher, who was seriously hurt one day last week, is again able to be around.

Mrs. Ned Sellers, of Oak Hall, and Mrs. A. V. Kline, of State College, were pleasant callers in our community Tuesday last.

REDUCED RATES TO CHICAGO VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Account G. A. R. Encampment.

On account of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Chicago, August 27-31, inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line to Chicago, at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on August 25, 26, and 27, good to return until August 31 inclusive; but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Chicago prior to noon of September 2, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to September 30, inclusive, August 31.

REDUCED RATES TO DETROIT VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Account Knights of Pythias, Biennial Conclave.

For the Biennial Conclave, Knights of Pythias, at Detroit, August 27 to September 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its line to Detroit, at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on August 25, 26, and 27, good to return between August 28 and September 5, inclusive; but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Detroit not later than September 1, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to September 14, inclusive, August 31.

OVER THE STATE.

Semi-Local News Taken from Exchanges.

Peculiar Accidents that Will Excite Sympathy.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Department of Tyrore will erect a handsome building this fall. It will cost about \$4000.

Mrs. Francis Peters, wife of John Peters, of Mill Hall, fell down stairs Tuesday night of last week, and fractured her skull. She was unconscious for some time. She is improving.

Little Helen Crispen, the 6 year old daughter of John Crispen, Mill Hall, had her arm broken in three places last week. The child was riding on a merry go round, which had been rudely constructed by several boys, when she fell off with the result stated.

Fred Huffman, of Windfall, Lycoming county, a few days ago, was riding a heifer, when he slipped off its back. His foot caught on a hook in the harness and the boy was dragged head downward. Finally, the hook was torn from his flesh, when the lad fell to the ground. He was badly bruised.

Eugene Glover, of Waterville, who has been working at Jersey Shore, swallowed strychnine and died next day. This was the third attempt that he had made on his life. He boarded with his uncle, C. M. Glover. No cause is assigned for the act. Glover has a wife and four children. He was 33 years old.

The large boarding house at Muncos Station was demolished by a wreck on the Beech Creek railroad. An east-bound train sideswiped a west-bound freight, which contact threw twenty-six cars off the track. The cars rolled down the embankment at that point and crashed into the building. No one was injured. The wreck occurred at night.

Raymond Gabert, 9 years old, a somnambulist, got out of bed during Saturday night went to a window, and, thinking he was in bathing, took a header from the window sill. The lad landed on a board walk twenty feet below. The fall was heard a block away by two policemen. Young Gabert was unconscious for two hours, and is still in a precarious condition.

The war on China has invaded Cross Fork, near Coudersport, and as a result Lee Wong, a laundryman, came within an ace of being burned to death. His laundry was destroyed by fire, and Lee's escape from incineration was the closest shave of his life. He was carried half suffocated from the burning building. The fire was of incendiary origin, and it is believed was started for the purpose of burning the Chinaman alive.

George Baker, of Bradenville, a man with a wooden leg, was the victim of a murderous assault recently while on his way home from Latrobe. He was overtaken by a carriage containing three men, who asked Baker to have a ride. He accepted the invitation, and when at a lonely point in the road they attacked him, taking his watch and money. They then took off his wooden leg and threw him into the reservoir of the Duquesne coal works. He was rescued almost drowned.

Miss Mary Steely, employed with the J. B. Sellheimer family, was passing the Mifflin County National Bank corner in Lewisburg, says the Democrat and Sentinel, with her pocketbook in her hand, when a strange man took the pocketbook, removed the money from it, between eight and nine dollars, handed the pocketbook back and threatened to shoot the girl if she said anything about it, and then departed. She was so much frightened that she was unable to give even a description of him.

After suffering for ten hours, during which time his throat was gradually swelling and cutting off his breath, 2-year-old William Nagle, of Philadelphia, died at the Presbyterian hospital as result of swallowing a mouthful of hot potato. The child seized a hot potato during the temporary absence of his mother on Saturday, and a portion lodged in his throat and severely burned the membrane. Everything was done to relieve his sufferings, but the burns were of such a peculiar nature that they caused the throat to swell and he choked to death.

Sometime ago, Mrs. Anna M. Jones, of Marcus Hook, Pa., accidentally swallowed a lizard, while drinking water. Frequently the reptile climbed up into her throat, but at all times successfully resisted all attempts at ejection. Mrs. Jones was a prey to the constant fear that in one of the excursions of the lizard she would be choked to death. A few nights ago, after complaining of a choking sensation, she suddenly expired. It is believed that her dread of an imminent violent death had a fatal effect upon her heart, as there was no evidence of strangulation.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Expansion.

Met a feller 't'other mornin'—
Most amusin' sort o' cuss;
Tied a curus style about him—
Cert'n'y couldn't well be wuss.
I says: "Where you hail fm, partner?"
An' he smiles in knowin' way,
An' replies in forein lingo,
"Porto Rico, U. S. A."

Seen a fellow down on Broadway
With a shockin' head o' hair,
An, a lot o' tropic garments,
An' a most outlandish air.

"Where's he from?" a feller shouted,
But before we'd time to say,
This yere heathen turned an' answer'd:
"Hosolun, U. S. A."

Met a fellow down at Olive
With a somber-ero on,
Had a lot o' shaggy whiskers,
Nearly all his clothin' gone.

Stopped and asked me for a quarter,
Says: "My home is far away."
"Where you from?" The varmint answered:
"Santiago, U. S. A."

Seen a fellow at the Southern,
With a heavy iron box;
Overcoat was lined with bearskin;
Wore a dozen pair o' socks.

Sized him up to be a miser,
Judging by his awkward way,
Seen him write in big cha-racters,
"Dawson City, U. S. A."

Seen a saddle-colored heathen,
Wearin' earrings in his nose,
Linen cuffs around his ankles,
Most indecent lack o' clothes.

"Where'd this heathen guy yere spring from?"
I inquired in lofty way,
An' he had the nerve to answer:
"From Manila, U. S. A."

Gee! I says, I never heard of
These yere cannibals before!
Are those heathens yere all voters,
Will we star' for any more?

Next you know you sark a feller
Where he's from an' he'll say,
With a lortly kind o' flourish:
"All creation, U. S. A."

The Juniata valley campmeeting opened on the 14th.

The Lock Haven Democrat is one of the newest exchanges that comes on the Reporter's exchange table.

Mrs. Little, of California, nee Miss Mary Potter, of Milesburg, is visiting her aunts, the Misses Potter, west of town.

The Williamsport fair will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 11 to 14. Reduced rates on all railroads.

Read the insurance advertisement of W. H. Bartholomew. He is actively engaged in the business, and takes a large number of risks.

The Milroy cement works which have been idle for some time, may be leased to other parties and put into operation in the near future.

Read the new advertisement of the Pennsylvania State College. Under Dr. G. A. Atherton State College has been pushing forward and will continue to do so.

The Homan family beyond the Old Fort, is passing out from under the cloud of affliction. But one of the family is sick at present, and his condition is such that there is no doubt of his recovery.

Several new street lamps were added to the already large number that have been in use for several years. The town is very well lighted and is a good example for other towns of even larger size to follow.

Spring Mills had a splendid shower of rain Thursday of last week that did not extend up this far. The rain of Wednesday morning was very local, and did not reach Tusseyville and only a short distance above town.

Miss Ella Decker, of Chicago, came east on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Decker, in Georges valley. Miss Decker has been in Chicago for four years, and expects to return again. At present she is spending the time with her cousin, Mrs. W. O. Rearick, in this place.

Samuel Barger, of Roland, while walking on the Pennsylvania railroad below Milesburg, was struck by a passenger train and injured so badly that he died without recovering consciousness. Barger was about 80 years old and quite deaf, so that he didn't hear the coming train.

While farmers through the county must haul water long distances and many towns are experiencing a scarcity, Centre Hall has an abundance of water and no restrictions have been placed on any one. The hose are freely used to sprinkle the streets, wash off walks, etc., and yet the supply on hand is not lessened.

Centre Hall has two produce companies that are doing an extensive business. One firm goes under the name of Simon Harper & Co., with Walter M. Kerlin, producer; the other is the Penns Valley Produce Company, Arthur E. Kerlin, manager. Both parties ship first-class goods and are prompt in their business. A. S. Kerlin, while able to attend to business, laid the foundation for these two concerns by selecting choice produce and shipping it in good condition.