



UNCLE SAM TO SELL MORE LAND

Next month the United States Government is going to throw another large body of land open to settlement. This is in what is known as the Utah reservation, in Northeastern Utah. The total area of the reservation is 2,445,000 acres, but nearly one-half of this territory is not to be opened to settlement, for 1,000,000 acres have been placed in a permanent forest reserve and 250,000 acres have been reserved for Indian grazing lands. Then about 112,000 acres have been allotted in severalty to the Indians who occupy the reservation. Finally 3,840 acres have been designated for the Fort Du Chesne military reserve. This leaves about 1,069,000 acres open for settlement.

The President has just issued a proclamation stating that those who desire to take up this land may begin to register on August 1, at 9 o'clock a. m., at Vernal, Price and Provo, Utah, and at Grand Junction, Colorado. The time for registration will close August 12 at 5 p. m. To obtain registration each applicant must appear in person at one of these places, as registration by mail will not be permitted. Honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the Civil, Spanish and Philippine wars may, however, register through an agent. In order to stop the scramble which so long distinguished the opening of Indian reservations a drawing will take place at Provo, Utah, on August 17, to determine the order in which these registering may make their homestead entries. These entries cannot be made until August 28, at Vernal, Utah. Persons making entries will be required to pay \$1.25 per acre at the time of making final proof, but no payment other than the usual fees will be required to be made at the time of entry.

GUILITY MUST BE PUNISHED.

Upon second thought the authorities at Washington are said to believe that a way can be found to punish the faithless employes of the agricultural department who have given out information, much of it false, concerning the crop reports. Certainly to the lay mind there would be ample reason for prosecuting such officials for malfeasance in office, for conspiracy to defraud and forgery or the alteration of important public documents, as well as for the dissemination of false reports intended to deceive owners and investors in cotton. Lawyers who have looked into the matter declare that the law provides means of punishing the men guilty of such acts, and if so they should be resorted to without delay.

KING CORN

The reasonable heat is oppressive to humanity, but it is ripening the corn and adding millions to the wealth of the country in the production of a huge crop of this great cereal. The July report of the Department of Agriculture presents an exceedingly promising outlook. The acreage planted is, with one exception, the largest on record. It is predicted that the yield will be over two and one-half billion bushels. In ten years the annual yield has increased by a billion bushels.

In 1902 as much corn was produced in the United States as in the whole world in 1897.

A couple of Republican ward committeemen in Philadelphia who were found guilty of padding the assessment lists were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine. They have secured a stay of proceedings, but this may not save them from punishment unless they should in the meanwhile leave the State. As one result the investigation of the committee of seventy thus far more than 40,000 fraudulent assessments have been discovered.

If President Roosevelt finds a minute's spare time he might explain on what grounds he pardoned the notorious counterfeiters. It is, of course, nobody's business according to the President's way of thinking, but an explanation, nevertheless, would be very acceptable to the people in general.

Having been a sufferer from senile gangrene since last December, Hiram Young, editor in chief of the York "Dispatch" and York "Daily", died at his home Thursday of last week. He was seventy-five years old and is survived by his wife and four sons, who were at his bedside when he died.

If that old postoffice department and interior department anti-graft broom is not worn to a stump, President Roosevelt seems to have abundant occasion for its use in the statistical bureau of the agricultural department.

Russia might do well to appoint an able bunch of peace plenipotentiaries for domestic use.

FREE LIBRARY.

New Addition of 50 Volumes Accessible to Members.

Progress Grange has added a new lot of 50 volumes from the State Library, through the State Free Library Commission, this being the third set the Library Commission has loaned the Grange at Centre Hall.

There are now twenty-nine regular readers on the list, with an almost constant increase.

The State charges the Grange \$2.00 per set of books to pay the cost of transportation. The Grange can hold these books for six months and loan them for two weeks at a time to the reader; the reader signing a card agreeing to comply with the rules of the library.

Besides these books borrowed from the State, the Grange has a library of its own of over 500 volumes.

The library is open to the public every Saturday evening from seven to eight o'clock, and any one can become a member upon the payment of a membership fee of ten cents every six months.

Following is a list of the new books:

- Henry Ward Beecher, Abbott
- Around the world with a king, Armstrong
- Judgment, Brown
- Colonel's opera cloak, Brush
- Prospector, Connor
- Mario's crucifix, Crawford
- Clausman, Dixon
- Strength of Gideon, Dunbar
- China and the Chinese, Giles
- At sunnich port, Jacobs
- Singular Miss Smith, Kingsley
- Jack Hilton, Lever
- Warwick of the Knobs, Lloyd
- Call of the Wild, London
- Reveries of a Bachelor, Mitchell
- Constance Trescott, Mitchell
- Sesame and Lilies, Ruskin
- The Deluge, vol. 1, Sienkiewicz
- The Deluge, vol. 2, Sienkiewicz
- Under dog, Smith
- New Arabian Nights, Stevenson
- Redhead Wilson, Twaen
- Fortress to one, Ward
- Long Night, Weyman
- Lion's Skin, Wise
- Home Influences, Agular
- Kilmeny, Black
- Conquest of the Southwest, Brady
- Frank in the Forecastle, Castleman
- Where the battle was fought, Craddock
- Rat sinister, Davis
- She that hesitates, Dickson
- Hugh Gwyeth, a Roundhead Cavalier, Dix
- Doctor Luke of the Labrador, Dunson
- Captain Sam, Eggleston
- Little Miss Dee, Field
- How our Grandfathers Lived, Hart
- With Lee in Virginia, Hanly
- Hazard of New Fortunes, Howells
- Geoffrey Hamlyn, Kingsley
- Many Inventions, Kipling
- Singular Stories, Moulton
- Visions of Elijah Beer, Nason
- Two Prisoners, Page
- Book of Joyous Children, Riley
- Watcher in the Woods, Sharp
- Lynx Hunting, Stephens
- George Washington Jones, Stuart
- In the Hands of the Redcoats, Tomlinson
- Half a dozen Housekeepers, Wiggin

KEITH'S THEATRE.

Few visitors to the Quaker City return before having inspected the Betsy Rees House and Independence Hall, two famous and historical edifices, but as truly as the above-mentioned buildings are among the sights of Philadelphia, so is Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre. A stranger cannot be shown anything which will give him a pleasanter impression of the city than this temple devoted to entertainment. To one not accustomed to attending this theatre regularly, each new view of it is a source of positive and striking delight from the very entrance. On the proscenium arch there is not a discordant note. The decorations, the appointments, the attendants, each and all are of an exceptionally high class. It is the finest vaudeville theatre in the world, where all "that's new and best in vaudeville" can always be found. It is, above all others, the place to spend an afternoon or evening with your wife and children when in Philadelphia. The performance is amusing and elevating; there is nothing low or suggestive.

It is a place at which you could leave a 15-year old daughter for two hours during a rainstorm for instance, or if one has any business to transact, and come back and find her all right, at the same time being assured that during your absence she has neither heard nor seen anything suggestive or offensive. The beautiful paintings that adorn the lobby and the dome of the auditorium were designed and executed by a master hand. Art critics have visited the theatre for the sole purpose of seeing these masterpieces, and have pronounced them not only excellent in design and conception, but of exceptional quality.

Visitors to Keith's will also find at their disposal in the writing rooms beautiful souvenir post cards of different designs and views of the theatre, note paper, envelopes, and souvenir pictorial booklets of Philadelphia. The pictorial booklet will be sent to any address on request.

LANCASTER WHEAT 40 BUSHELS TO ACRE.

Samuel N. Mumma, of near Mt. Joy, raised 800 bushels of wheat on a twenty-acre tract this year. This average yield of forty bushels to the acre is one of the largest in the history of Lancaster county.

THE GAME COMMISSION

Decided to Expedite Creation of Game Preserves and Game Propagation.

The Board of Game Commissioners met at Harrisburg recently and decided to expedite the creation of state game preserves with the \$6,000 which was appropriated for game propagation by the last legislature.

The matter of securing wild turkey eggs from other states, hatching them in incubators and turning them loose when sufficiently old to care for themselves, was also discussed but no definite decision was reached. It will not be long, however, before work along this line will be started.

Ex-State Treasurer Frank G. Harris, of Clearfield; W. Heyard Myers, of Williamsport, and Secretary Joseph Kaibfus, of Harrisburg, were appointed a committee to select sites for the game preserves. They will be established upon state land already controlled by the Forestry Commission, after consultation with that commission.

The idea of the preserves is to provide a haven of refuge for game, upon which hunting will be allowed at no time. The preserves will be enclosed with a fence of single wire, about three feet from the ground—low enough to be jumped by larger animals and high enough for small animals to run under it. The game men already have their eye upon a couple of desirable spots, one of which is a place in Clinton county which is a natural refuge for deer and other large game.

Potter in Olden Days.

The boundaries of Potter township when first erected will be of interest to the Reporter readers:

Potter township was erected at May session, 1774, of Northumberland county, by the following boundaries: Out of townships of Penn, Buffalo and Bald Eagle; bounded Eastward by a N. N. West line from the top of Jack's Mountain by the 4 mile tree on Reuben Haines' road (4 mile tree near the middle of the Narrows) to the top of Nittany Mountain; thence along the top to the end thereof, at Spring Creek, on the old path; thence S. S. East to the top of Tussey's Mountain; thence along the county line to the end of Jack's Mountain and along the same to the beginning. Tussey's Mountain comes in from the South at Tyrone, and then runs N. E. up towards Boalsburg, or rather Bear Meadows. Potter, therefore, comprehended all of Penns Valley, Georges Valley, etc., up to the end of Nittany, from the middle of the Narrows below Motz's; now subdivided into Haines, Penn and Gregg townships, and also embraced a part of Millin county.

Old Fort Hotel.

The Old Fort Hotel, one mile south of Centre Hall, numbers its guests by the fifties. At no time in the recent past has that hostelry enjoyed such an extensive patronage as it has since Edward Royer, the present landlord, has taken charge. The number of guests during week days is quite large, but it is Sundays that the house has its biggest run. And this is largely due to the elaborateness of the table service—a menu that would set in the shade a seventy-five cent dinner for twenty-five cents. In fact, the service has been so pleasing to many of the guests, that they insist on the proprietor, when settlement is made, taking more cash than the set price.

Squeezed by a Black Snake.

The following is from the Miller township correspondent to the Huntingdon News: Last Thursday Frank Frew, one of Frank Fritchey's hands, in going to dinner went into his cabin and as usual looked to see whether there were any snakes in possession of his abode. Not seeing any he went to feed his horse, leaving the door open; and upon his return to the cabin in sitting down to dinner placed his foot upon a black snake five and one-half feet long. His snakeship commenced to coil around Mr. Frew's leg which action caused him to look, and he knew he had to do something quickly or be bitten. So he grabbed the snake by the neck, tore it loose from his leg, only to have it coil around his arm. He then went to the woodpile and chopped the snake's head off. The man declares the black snake to be a tight squeezer.

Los Angeles to New York in 63 Hours.

The Scott special, last week, made a remarkable record, covering the distance between Los Angeles and New York in sixty-three hours. The run to Chicago was made in forty-five hours. By cutting a few tunnels and improvements in roadbeds, the two extreme points may be reached within less than sixty hours.

A SICKENING STORY.

Another count in the indictment which the people of the United States will find against the republican party at the next national election; another chapter in the story of corruption and graft under the republican rule!

What a long and what a sickening story it has been. The continuation of the republican party in control of the federal government has developed a condition which can be described by no less offensive adjective than "rotten."

Graft in the postoffice department, graft in the interior department, and now graft in the department of agriculture.

That the federal courts should have indicted two republican senators for breaches of the law serves to give some idea of the extent of that dishonesty which seems to be the necessary accompaniment of republican administration of this government. Frauds in the Indian bureau, gigantic theft of public lands by the sharpers who enjoy the protection of republican politicians—now, proof that the statistic bureau of the department of agriculture has been manipulated by Wall street gamblers.

In all probability the same methods that have been used by the department officials and hangers-on with regard to cotton statistics have been used with reference to the great food crops whose prices are also often at the mercy of the gamblers. It is to be hoped the law officers of the government will be able to find some way to

punish these men as criminals. That their methods of operation should have been disclosed is most fortunate, and much of the credit for this undoubtedly belongs to the officers of the Southern Cotton Association who, acting upon information offered them by somebody on the inside, struck at the psychic moment.

Months ago the newspapers called for the thorough investigation of the statistics bureau of the department of agriculture. Secretary Wilson was then loath to believe there was the possibility of a leak or of manipulation of the statistics, but the proof brought out in the recent investigation was so strong as to convince him even against his will.

Nothing can be more certain than that the whole system of government reports and government estimates upon the growing crops should be abolished, if it is to be open to manipulation, as has been shown to be the case with reference to the cotton figures. If the system of compiling these statistics is so faulty as to permit gamblers to influence the result in any way, then indeed should the entire system be wiped out. If cotton and wheat, corn and oats reports are to be issued at all, they must be absolutely accurate; and certainly there should be no opportunity for the grafter to secure information which enables him to do business with the gamblers.

Under the republican administration they seem to have a good many such opportunities in all departments.

HAPPENINGS OF 1872.

JULY 26—A telegraph line is being built from Lewisburg to Millburg.

The County Normal School opened at Centre Hall, Monday of this week, under the direction of Superintendent R. M. Magee. The attendance is quite large. During the term lectures will be delivered by A. O. Furst, Esq., D. F. Fortney, Esq., Rev. D. M. Wolf, Rev. J. K. Miller.

Bellefonte finally subscribed the \$35,000 apportioned to them for the branch railroad from Lemont to Bellefonte. The last \$6,000 required great effort to secure.

AUGUST 16—Adam Miller, of Miles township, sold his farm to Malchoir Bierly for \$104.60 per acre.

Daniel Wolf, of Haines township, purchased the farm of Frank Hartley, formerly owned by J. W. Stover, at \$100 per acre.

Rev. S. G. Shannon announces that the Lutheran church at Milroy, of which he is pastor, will be dedicated August 25.

The Democratic convention placed in nomination the following ticket: Assembly—John H. Orvis. Prothonotary—Aaron Williams. Register—John H. Morrison. Recorder—Israel J. Grenoble. Sheriff—Benjamin F. Shaffer.

LOCALS.

Miss Minnie R. Wolfskill, of Lancaster, is spending her vacation at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Gress.

Frederick K. Foster, who until recently was engaged in the insurance business is now located at Radnor, near Philadelphia.

Wilbur Henney, Harry Harper and Charles Wiser, all formerly from Centre Hall, are working for the Westinghouse people, East Pittsburg. They are skilled mechanics, and are getting along splendidly.

Harry Potter came up from the South to spend the summer days in a more pleasant climate. He had been in Alabama looking after a rice farm, but abandoned the work. Later he expects to return to Pittsburg and re-engage in his former work at one of the large steel mills.

Mrs. Leech, widow of John Leech, formerly of Pennsylvania Furnace, made her first trip to Centre Hall in a half dozen years, and while here was the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs. Mrs. Leech now lives on the old Jacobs home, at Shingletown, which she purchased a short time ago.

The Pennsylvania Country Club, composed of a dozen young people of Tyrone, one of whom is Miss Emily Alexander, opened their camp along the Juniata River, at Mt. Union, beginning of this week. The party has a most delightful camp, and looks forward to the outing as one of the chief pleasures of the year.

Will Sandoe is home from Pittsburg where he and Messrs. Will H. Keller, Earl Fleming and I. S. Shultz are clerks in the auditor's office of the freight department of the Pennsylvania railroad west of Pittsburg. He reports his associates in good health and spirits, except Mr. Keller, who is just recovering from a severe and prolonged attack of typhoid fever. Mr. Sandoe will return to his duties beginning of next week.

Peculiar Accident.

A rather peculiar accident happened at the well known watering trough, on Nittany Mountain, along the Centre Hall and Bellefonte turnpike, Monday forenoon. Mrs. David R. Foreman and two little children and Miss Elsie Foreman were driving across the mountain, from Bellefonte, and on reaching the watering place mentioned, Miss Foreman alighted from the buggy to unrein the horse, and when she was in the act of replacing the check, the animal began backing. Mrs. Foreman and children seeing the danger jumped from the buggy, just in time to avoid being precipitated over the side of the bridge. The buggy was turned completely upside down, and the horse landed by the side of it, and in its struggles got completely under the bridge.

Word was sent to Centre Hall by passersby, and a carriage ordered from the livery to transport the ladies and children to their destination. The horse was extricated by deepening the channel of the stream.

Surprise Party.

Saturday evening a surprise party was held at the home of P. A. Auman, in Georges Valley, in honor of Miss Bertha Jamison. Those present are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ertel, Mr. and Mrs. Gobble and family; Mrs. Sweetwood and granddaughter, Emery Sweetwood, W. P. Lingel and family, all of Georges Valley; Mrs. Stewart Decker and family, Altoona; W. H. Lingel and family, Tusseyville; Miss Maud Emerick, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bradford and son Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Luse, Nellie Smith, Centre Hall; N. B. Shaffer and family, N. H. Zwigler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rote, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Poorman, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stump, Jerome Auman and family, V. A. Auman and family, Mrs. Eliza Stump, Bessie Ream, Sarah Keen, George Sharer, Will F. Keller, Boyd Vonada.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Bellefonte has an eight mill school tax.

Lightning struck the spire of the Lutheran church, at Madisonburg, during a recent thunderstorm.

According to the Millheim Journal there will be an abundant crop of peaches in the lower end of Penns Valley.

Charles McClellan, carpenter, while assisting in raising J. W. Musser's new barn, at Millheim, cut an ugly gash in his right foot.

Aside from suffering from a broken arm, Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot is enduring the effects of poisoning, which broke out over the greater part of her body, last week.

Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Deitzell, of Maytown, Lancaster county, are at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Durst, in this place, where they will spend their vacation.

Ex-Prothonotary M. I. Gardner, who already owns a number of dwelling houses in Bellefonte, will erect a home for himself on the old Rankin property, corner of Howard and Spring streets.

If the average human being would drink more water there would be less sickness in the world. Eminent physicians recommend that at least two quarts of water should be drunk by every adult person daily.

Percy Wooster, Andrew Shivery, Misses Bertha Henderson and Anna Tressler, all of Buffalo Run, on their way to Penns Cave, stopped at the Reporter office to make arrangements to play a game of base ball in the near future.

The Centre County Hospital is graduating nurses, the latest product being Misses Nellie Herman, of College township, and Eunice Clarke. The former is now in the Cottage Hospital, Phillipsburg, and the latter is doing private work.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has purchased all the land between a short distance west of Tyrone station and No. 13 bridge, on the north side and between the railroad and the Juniata river, including the improvements, some forty to fifty acres in all.

Mrs. H. F. Bitner and sons, Laurence, Ralph and Linn, arrived at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Murray, for their usual summer vacation. The family had completed a two weeks' outing at Mt. Getz, where Dr. Bitner at that time and at present is one of the instructors at the chautauqua.

Every stranger who comes to Centre Hall expresses his delight at seeing such a beautiful town. The compliments are as varied as is imaginable some see one thing, some another, but the remark is always complimentary. And yet there are many nooks and corners that could be greatly improved in appearance.

J. Frank Ross, son of Mrs. Mary Ross, of Centre Hall, has severed his connections with the Pennsylvania, Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad to accept the position of shipping clerk with Dillworth, Porter & Company, operators of a large steel mill. The position is a very desirable one, and one which Mr. Ross can fill to perfection.

Among the arrivals from the west, last week, was Charles F. Spicher, of Anderson, Indiana, accompanied by his daughter Bernice and son George, who are at present the guests of John Spicher, in this place. Mr. Spicher is here on his first trip east in fourteen years, and was pleased to see his father and sister. He is employed in a large wire mill, but has been unable to work for the past two months or more on account of sickness.

The measurement of a number of trees cut by Adam Finkle, of Spring Mills, on the Evans timber tract recently purchased by him and on which he has just commenced operations, proves that there yet remains an occasional bunch of virgin timber in Penns Valley. Some of the trees on the tract just named are fine specimens, having a girth of almost six feet, and as much as one hundred and fifty feet of logs have been cut from a single tree.

Centre Hall will be represented in New Mexico by Calvin G. Spicher, who went to that point a few days ago. He had been located in Philadelphia, where he took the civil service examination. Among the places to which he applied for a position was the Government Indian School, Navajo Agency, New Mexico, and a short time ago received the appointment. The exact nature of the position is not known, but it is presumed that it is to care for the grounds, etc., including the institution.