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## AN OBJECT LESSON.

The farmers produce the raw material from which grain alcohol is made. Increased demand for the raw material is to the manifest advantage of the tiller of the soil.

The farmers would be among the largest users of denatured alcohol as a cheap substitute for gasoline in driving agricultural machinery.

By the treatment of the Free Alcohol bill in the Senate of the United States, where it is now under consideration, the farmers may be able to reach a right conclusion whether their interest or the interest of the Standard Oil Trust (the chief maker and vender of gasoline) is the more important factor in controlling the Senate's action.

Attorney General Carson has done well to institute proceedings for the purpose of depriving the railroads of the State of the graft they have been receiving in the shape of the extra mileage book fee. For no valid reason whatever they have for years exacted vast sums of money from the traveling public, of which they have had the use and for which they have made no return. Not content with pocketing or rather keeping control of this money for their own use, they have compelled the holders of the books to comply with many other annoying and senseless restrictions. The reasons assigned by the attorney general why their practices in this manner are illegal and unconstitutional are voluminous and almost any one of them ought to satisfy the courts. Combined, however, there can be no doubt what the popular verdict will be on the merits of the case, or what the final judgment of the courts should be. The persistence of the railroads in this mileage book abuse makes it very clear that their management needs regulating by the strong hand of the law.

Senator Cullom, who introduced the bill to suspend the collection of duties on building materials for San Francisco, is from Illinois, whose chief city received a like favor thirty-five years ago. Senator David Davis, author of the free quinine law, was also from Illinois. Senator Cullom did all he could to secure favorable action on the reciprocity treaties, but the "stand pat" element was too much for him. He said two or three years ago that most of the Republicans in his State and in the Northwest were favorable to Governor Cummins' idea of immediate tariff reduction, but he and they are not quite enough interested in tariff reform to break with the G. O. P. on the issue.

The president of a Georgia railroad says he had to pay \$35,000 more for the rails for an extension of his line than a foreigner would have had to, and the president of the Mexican National says that he got rails for use in Mexico at \$24 a ton delivered in Tampico, when he had to pay \$28 a ton at the mills for rails to be laid in the United States. Allowing for the cost of transportation, the foreign price was about \$8 less than the domestic. Yet the Steel Trust puts itself on the back for its extreme moderation in not taking advantage of the present demand for rails to put the domestic price still higher.

One of the interesting incidents of our export trade is a rush order for ten tons of three-eighths-inch steel rings for India. These rings are to be woven into chain armor, for which there is constant demand among the Orientals. As a garment of this sort weighs on an average about eighteen pounds, this order covers material for more than a thousand suits that will turn a knife point, resist a sword blow and perhaps flatten a pistol bullet at a little distance.

Naval officers who are to arrange for the participation of the Atlantic fleet in the Jamestown Exposition in 1907 have been determined upon. The commission will consist of Rear Admiral P. F. Harrington, chairman, commandant of the Norfolk yard. The second member will be Capt. J. E. Pillsbury, chief of Atlantic fleet.

When the cause of humanity and a spoliation tariff for the gratification of human greed come in conflict, as in the appeal of San Francisco for free building material, it is not hard to predict the triumph of the tariff.

## Blair County Candidates.

The Blair county Republican convention will be held Wednesday, June 6, and the following candidates are before the people: State Senate—Chambers O. Templeton, Tyrone, and William S. Hammond, Altoona. Assembly—Harry A. Thompson, Tyrone. Sheriff—A. L. Hare, Hollidaysburg; C. D. Beagle, Altoona; J. B. Riddle, Hollidaysburg. Director of the Poor—A. Lee Fleck, Tyrone township. Delegate to State Convention—H. B. Soyaster, North Woodberry township.

## THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

News of a Semi-Local Character Gathered from the Exchange Table.

Work has been commenced on a new school building at Osceola Mills, to cost \$50,000.

Farmers at Bendersville, Adams county, have shipped to the east in the last two weeks 2500 bushels of potatoes.

Twelve-year-old Fred Dubler, while on an errand at Farrandville stepped from behind a freight train directly in front of an express and was beheaded.

The Keith theatrical syndicate has secured a lease on the Phoenix block, Tyrone. The building will be remodeled, and put into first class condition.

Union county farmers are greatly hindered in their work this spring by the inability to procure workmen. They are weeks behind their schedule on that account.

Bradford physicians are after butchers who slaughter or sell the meat of baby calves—bob veal—which they say was responsible for the death of a boy there recently.

The body of Charles Freer, who jumped from the Market street bridge at Williamsport on the night of April 9, was found on a sand bar in the river near Halls Station.

There are rumors that the town of Clearfield is to have two new daily papers, The Monitor and The Republican, each contemplating, it is said, the publication of a daily.

After seven years' service as inspector of rifle practice in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Senator F. A. Godcharles, of Northumberland, has resigned his inspectorship.

The oldest member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania in continuous service at the time of the division encampment at Gettysburg, July 21-28, will be presented with a gold medal, valued at \$50.

McKean county farmers are elated over the decision of some men with money to establish a cheese factory at Rixford, which will give the grangers a market for their dairy products, many of which now go to waste.

Unable to determine how public sentiment ran on a proposition to establish a township high school, the directors of Madison township, Armstrong county, called a meeting of all the taxpayers and the vote was favorable, by a large majority.

The state committee of the Lincoln party met in Philadelphia and decided to hold its state convention on Thursday, May 31st. The place for holding the convention was not decided upon but it is probable that Philadelphia will be selected.

Robert Pitcairn, resident assistant to President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, announced that he would retire on June 1. Mr. Pitcairn, who is a resident of Pittsburg, has been in the employ of the company for more than fifty years. He started as a messenger, and worked his way gradually to his present position. Mr. Pitcairn is seventy years old.

Physicians are especially interested in a physical peculiarity of John Shearer, an employe of a steel plant at Latrobe. Ordinarily he weighs 180 pounds, but when he is working it varies from 166 to 170 pounds. In case he does not work for a few days his weight goes to 180, and on the first day he resumes his labor he loses from 10 to 14 pounds. After the first day he loses no more weight.

## A Newspaper You Must Have.

These added features make next Sunday's North American the greatest Sunday newspaper ever offered in this territory.

Fiction Section—First instalment of "A Rock in the Baltic," corking romance by Robert Barr. Printed before book publication. Complete during month of May. First of \$150,000 series of twelve novels by great authors. One each month.

Baseball Section—Sixteen pages in color. Contains schedules, records and prospects of national game in big leagues, minor leagues and among the semi-professional and amateur clubs. Articles by experts and players. Scores of pictures.

A Baseball Game—To be cut out and mounted. Scientific and practical. For rainy days and evenings at home. When properly mounted it is as good as any twenty-five-cent game that you can buy.

An Art Supplement—A picture of the Champion Athletics. American League. Fine Printing. Perfect photographic reproduction. Ready for framing.

Regular big Sunday section and newspaper. Orders must come early. Demand never equalled. This will be the biggest and best Sunday issue of a newspaper printed in Philadelphia.

Most men marry into the trouble family.

[As previously announced, "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of Penns., Georges or Brush Valleys, who are making life a success in other sections, will appear in The Centre Reporter from week to week. These contributions are made by a number of writers who have kindly consented to aid in conducting this department.—EDITOR.]



WILLIAM J. HANNA, RENOVO.

Business integrity combined with ceaseless industry are sure to win recognition and respect. Character is the best capital and gives honor without exciting jealousy. A country merchant in selecting a clerk demands qualities which will hold the confidence of his customers; a young man to whom the most menial work about the store, that only remotely serves the purposes of general advancement, is cheerfully entered into; who takes as much pride in general cleanliness and artistic arrangement and display of goods as in serving the wealthiest customer; who makes his employer's interests his own by ceaseless industry, thus discouraging loafers and soliciting trade; who is always cheerful, and in personal appearance as neat and cleanly as his work will possibly allow him to be; who knows how and what to talk, and when to keep his counsel; and whose personality attracts and holds trade.

With this general introduction of requisites for a young man entering a business career, William J. Hanna is presented as one who reflects these qualities in large measure. He is a son of James Hanna and was born on the old Shook farm, about one mile east of Penn Hall, in Gregg township. After laying the foundation of a good education in the public schools, he entered the general store of Mr. William Pealer, in Spring Mills, in 1885. In this position he served as general clerk, assistant postmaster, assistant book-keeper, and janitor. Into this diversified apprenticeship he put energy and conscience, and displayed as much pride in scathing dust, re-arranging goods as in his own personal appearance.

In January, 1892 he became chief clerk and book-keeper in the general store of Lewis Putt, in Renovo, which position he held until 1902 when the business was dissolved on account of the death of Mr. Putt. He is at present employed in a hardware store in the same city.

Mr. Hanna is unmarried, and in politics is equally as independent, bestowing his franchise upon the candidate whom he believes to be the most trustworthy. He is a true friend, and exalts business relations beyond the mere acquiring of wealth.

## LOCALS.

John Spicher celebrates his seventy fifth birthday today (Thursday.)

A small barn is being erected by Benjamin Emerick. Aaron Thomas is doing the carpenter work.

R. C. Palmer, of Linden Hall, will buy wool this season again, and promises to pay all the market will afford.

The newspaper is a law book for the indolent, a sermon for the thoughtless, a library for the poor and an admonisher for the lawless. It may stimulate the most indiffererent, but it cannot be published without cost and sent free to subscribers.

Messrs. William A. Neese, E. E. Smith, E. P. Shook, W. W. Neese and Jacob D. Breen advertise that they will apply for a charter under which to open a union cemetery in Gregg township. The corporation will be known as the Liberty Cemetery Association.

A note from Prof. J. Mitchell Garbrick, of Hummelstown, states that the Hummelstown High School commencement exercises will be held May 31st, and that the class contains seven members. Prof. Garbrick is the principal, and is a native of College township.

State Highway Commissioner Hunter began a general survey of all the roads in Pennsylvania for the purpose of compiling a new map showing their length and location. As there are nearly 100,000 miles of road in the State, it will require several years to complete the survey.

## INCIDENTS OF 1877.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1906 Readers. [Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]

OCTOBER 11—Prof. Phillip landed in his balloon near Centre Hill, and was found almost overcome on account of the cold. He started at Bellefonte and sailed across the mountain.

Lock Haven Markets: butter 25 to 28c; eggs 16 to 18c; potatoes 30 to 40c; chickens 30 to 60c per pair; cabbage 5c per head; lard 11 to 13c per lb, apples \$1.00 per bushel.

OCTOBER 18—Stover's hotel, at Coburn, was opened Thursday. Greninger's new store and dwelling, at the same place, are up.

OCTOBER 25—Dr. Oliver K. Forster has located at Rebersburg.

Henry Witmer, of Hactleton, has been appointed government store-keeper at Stover's distillery, Penn township.

John Boozer is painting the store room in the new bank building.

George Durst will move back to Centre Hall in about two weeks, and J. Henry Keller to his new dwelling on Nittany Mountain.

Cyrus Durst, of Harris township, lost five head of cattle by death, and nine others are sick. The cattle were recently purchased in Pittsburg.

M. Luther Emerick announces that he has located at Stone Mill and is ready to do all kinds of blacksmithing.

Henry Bollinger, of Centre Hill, is about to move to Missouri.

NOVEMBER 1—Markets: Butter, 25 to 28; eggs, 20; potatoes, 30 to 40; lard, 11 to 12½; apples, \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel.

Coal can be bought at the Forks for \$3.90 per ton; a saving of at least \$4 on a ton before the railroad was built.

Yony Kremer thinks he has discovered coal on the farm of John Haines, near Woodward. He and a few others have taken a forty years lease on the land supposed to be underlain with coal.

The Forks House, Perry Stover proprietor, was opened Thursday of last week. A large number of railroad officials took dinner at the hotel on that day.

NOVEMBER 8—Ira T. Cottle will make sale of his household effects and move to Kansas.

D. C. Gingerich traded his farm at Linden Hall to Alexander Brothers for their stock of store goods at Millheim, and then Mr. Gingerich disposed of his goods to Dr. Stamm, of Boalsburg, for the Stamm mill property in Harris township.

Samuel and Isaac Noll, of McBride's Gap, near Pleasant Gap, were thrown from a buggy. The latter was rendered unconscious and died within a few hours. The former died several days thereafter.

NOVEMBER 15—A peculiar accident, resulting in the death of a two year old son of Morris Furey, of near Pleasant Gap, happened a few days ago. A pan containing meat was temporarily set on a chair, when a little sister entered the kitchen, which was dark, carrying the child. She sat the boy into the hot frying pan. Death resulted the next day.

Mrs. Calvin Meyer, of near State College, had her arm broken in two places, caused by a horse running away and throwing her from the buggy.

The contract for carrying the mails (daily) from Coburn to Millheim, Aaronsburg and Woodward was awarded to Willis Musser for \$230 per year. Constable Klein will carry the mail from Spring Mills to Penn Hall for \$60 per year.

Dentist J. C. McEntire moved to Centre Hall, and occupies the "big house."

Amos Oberdorf sold his house and two lots to Dr. J. F. Alexander for \$1500; also six acres of land at \$114 per acre. D. C. Keller also purchased six acres from Mr. Oberdorf at the same price.

NOVEMBER 22—Amos Tyson and Frank Shutt, of Harris township, each shot and killed a large bear in Underwood's Gap.

J. Frank Reaick is teaching instrumental music at Pleasant Gap.

T. R. Ziegler, of Rebersburg, has his horse under roof. A. J. Gramley, the Rebersburg saddler, sold his house and lot to Jacob Brungart for \$2300.

Married—October 4, Adam Korman and Miss Candace Roush, all of Haines township. . . . October 18, David R. Sweetwood and Miss Virginia Wolf, both of Sprucetown. . . . October 11, J. L. Bricker, of Boalsburg, and Miss Clara E. Wertz, of Lewistown.

Judge Mayer Operated On.

Judge C. A. Mayer, of Lock Haven, who has been ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Coryell, in Germantown, for several weeks, is not improving to the extent that his family and friends had hoped he would. On the advice of the attending physician Mr. Mayer was removed to a hospital where he will undergo an operation.

## Dog Protects Child.

A two and a half year old child of Gus Myers, who resides along Jacks Mountain, in Decatur township, Mifflin county, says the Belleville Times, would now probably be dead had it not been for a faithful shepherd dog. The child being a good walker for one of its years, wandered from the house one evening several days ago without shoes or stockings. On missing the child the parents became alarmed and commenced to investigate, but no trace of the child could be found. Becoming dark, searching parties were organized, and the mountain was searched the whole night long. About dawn the next morning one of the searchers stumbled over a dog near a clump of bushes. To his surprise the faithful animal was nestled completely around the child, which was almost unconscious from cold and exhaustion.

## Walls from Minnesota.

Miss Edna Kirk, of Lewistown, will be tried in the United States Court, at Lewistown, on May 7, charged with having used the mails to fleece men under promise of marriage. Miss Kirk is a niece of Mrs. Lucilla Patterson, of Lewistown, who was arrested one month ago on a similar charge. It is believed they were working together.

Miss Kirk was arrested last week by Deputy United States Marshall Lapp, of Harrisburg. Halvor Starndvold, of Thief Falls, Minnesota, alleges that he answered a matrimonial advertisement of Miss Kirk and that after an exchange of several letters he proposed and she accepted him.

She wrote that she did not have the money to come to him, he says, and he thereupon sent her \$34. He never heard from her again.

## The Heckman Home Burned.

The residence on the Adam Heckman farm, located about one mile east of Lamar, was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday of last week. The home was tenanted by the owner's son, John Heckman, and was one of the best homes in that part of Nittany Valley. The fire was due to an overheated stove-pipe, it is presumed, as the women folks were ironing when the flames were discovered. Nearly all of the contents of the house were destroyed.

It was with the greatest difficulty that the barn was saved from being burned, as on several occasions the straw about the barn was ablaze.

The house will be rebuilt as soon as possible by the owner, who lives in Lamar.

## Hard to Beat.

The following dispatch dated Stroudsburg, Monroe county, this state, sounds as though some of it might have originated with some of the Stroudsburg Normal School trustees. It is hard to beat:

With twelve inches of snow at Mount Pocono, the residents are enjoying sleighing. The Pocono Mountain region resembles mid-winter, much to the disgust of the hotel men, who for the past two weeks have been getting things in order for the summer season. Freezing weather prevails.

Grant Turner, a mail carrier from Cresco to Canadensis, froze his fingers while on his route.

## Bellefonte Plant Sold.

The Howard Creamery Corporation sold the Bellefonte plant—creamery and fancy grocery store—to J. Harris Hoy, who took charge of the same Tuesday.

W. Gross Mingle, who had been in charge of the main office and the Bellefonte branch of the Howard Creamery Corporation for almost five years, will move to Centre Hall in the near future, and give the Centre Hall and Coburn plants his personal attention. The object is to handle, in connection with the creamery business, produce of all kinds.

## Held for Mailing a "Dun."

Charged with having violated the postal laws, in sending a "dun" postal card to Jonathan Barnhill, ex-postmaster Samuel Richards, of Maitland, Mifflin county, was arrested at his home.

The offending card is alleged to have referred to Barnhill as follows: "You are no better than a midnight robber, unless you pay this bill or part of it." Barnhill says the bill is seven years old, and therefore outlawed. Richards was held for trial in the United States Court here on May 7.

It is not an offense to write or print a "dun" on a postal card, but the language must be proper.

## Next Year at Lock Haven.

The Central Pennsylvania Association, I. O. O. F., will hold their anniversary celebration in Lock Haven, April 26, 1907. This year's anniversary was held at Canton.

## Read the Reporter.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bower, of Bellefonte, have welcomed the fourth child—a daughter—to their home.

D. S. Glasgow, of Tusseyville, was a caller Monday. He is a tenant on the M. F. Roeman farm, and is somewhat of a hustler on the farm.

D. J. Nieman, the clothier, purchased the Snook store building in Millheim, for \$4750. The property was sold by the estate of J. P. Gephart.

Ex-Sheriff John Spangler was taken suddenly and violently ill at his home Wednesday afternoon. For several hours he was unconscious, but at present he is about in normal health.

A letter has been found in the library of the Order of Lazarus, at Rome, written by Publius Lentulus, an officer under Pilate, to Caesar, detailing the appearance and actions of Christ at His trial.

The Youngmanstown, Aaronsburg and Old Fort tollgate houses were sold. Mrs. Aaron Weaver bought the one at Aaronsburg and G. C. King the one west of Spring Mills. The house at Woodward was bought by Dr. W. P. Ard.

Morris Breen, who is engaged in the plumbing business in Altoona, was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Breen, at Potters Mills, for two or more weeks. It was Mr. Breen's intention of returning to Altoona the beginning of this week.

J. Spigelmyer has a force of men engaged in razing the old buildings on Main street, Millheim, on the lot he recently purchased from John Stoner. Mr. Spigelmyer will move the building he now occupies on Penn Street onto the new site and remodel it into a first-class store room.

Next year's session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference will again be held in Tyrone, the five presiding elders at a recent sitting having decided unanimously to accept the invitation of the First church of that place which entertained the conference this year.

A telegram from Miss Cora McCormick, received by her brother, William F. McCormick, of Altoona, stated that she was "safe and well; baggage burned." Miss McCormick was among the tourists who were in San Francisco, during the recent disaster. She was stopping at one of the large hotels.

Messrs. Foreman & Smith, last week, received a car load of McCormick Harvest Machinery. This consignment is in addition to a large number of implements sold by them that were shipped locally. The amount of money invested annually by farmers for machinery would greatly surprise everyone if correct figures could be obtained.

The postoffice department has decided that children going to and from school shall not be allowed to get their parent's mail, but the Reporter is not authorized to say that Postmaster Boal will enforce the regulation. To some postmasters this has been a great trial, as some children come to the office twice as often as there are mails during the day.

Dr. George P. Bible, of Philadelphia, will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Bellefonte High School, June 7th. Dr. Bible is connected with a school of oratory in Philadelphia, and laid the foundation of his education in the Centre Hall public schools, as did also the superintendent of the Bellefonte schools, Prof. J. D. Meyer.

Some one gained entrance into A. Kessler's clothing store on Main street, Millheim, and carried away two pairs of shoes, a suit of clothes and several shirts, according to the Journal. The clerks in the store had neglected to properly fasten the front door of the store room and the thief no doubt had taken notice of this and pried the door open with little difficulty.

If you are in search of a new location—a place where church, school and social advantages are given emphasis, and where you can live out your allotted number of years without fear of pestilence or famine, come to Centre Hall. This is just the right size town to settle down in and enjoy life. Everything for the comfort of life can be bought here and \$10 will go as far as \$25 will in large cities.

The Review of Reviews, more than any other monthly magazine published, deals with the news of the month. "California's Catastrophe," "George F. Baer: Master-Spirit of the Anthracite Industry," "Municipal Ownership in Chicago," "Railway Rates and Court Review," "Congress and the Consular Service," "From New York to Paris by Rail," and "The New York Post Office" are among the titles of articles in the May number.