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## ARMOR TRUST WINS.

How much the Administration's talk about a square deal for everybody amounts to, and how much in earnest it is in fighting the Trusts, may be gathered from the treatment of the Midvale Steel Company. Three times the Midvale has broken into the Armor Trust with low bids, and on the last occasion before the present one it had great difficulty in getting any of the contract. The expressions of the public and the threatened action of Congress admonished the Administration not to take the whole contract away from the lowest bidder, and a part of the work was given to the Midvale. On this, the third occasion when the Midvale underbid its rival, it gets half the work, and the other half is given to the Trust which year after year had submitted identical bids—a fact that of itself proved collusion—and has been repeatedly convicted by the Midvale bids of using its position to extort unreasonable prices from the Government.

Secretary Bonaparte's excuse is that it would not be to the advantage of the Government to be limited to a single manufacturer for a supply of armor. Very true. But the Carnegie and Bethlehem armor mills would not evaporate or disintegrate if they were unused for a time. The plants, which have been paid for two or three times over out of the profits on armor, would remain available for use at the earliest opportunity, and the next time a Navy Department offered a contract the Bethlehem and Carnegie Companies would put in bids low enough to get the work, and they would not be many weeks in getting together the men needed to operate the plants.

The Administration has not given the Midvale concern a square deal, and instead of fighting the Armor Trust it has allowed that combination, which prevents competition and exacts high prices from the Government, to dictate the action of the Navy Department.

## THOSE DOORS WON'T DO.

As an honest citizen and a taxpayer, how do you like those State Capitol doors? Doesn't it grate a little upon your pride as a man to have the members of the Capitol Commission put their heads in bronze with all the small minions, and make you look at them for the rest of time? Had the immortal fathers, like Washington, Adams, Jefferson or Franklin, done the same thing posterity would regard it as a piece of self-conceit and inexcusable vanity. But these? What can justify their appearance here?

Those doors won't do. They may be handsome and expensive, but they must not remain as now, a permanent reminder of the State's helplessness under the old political Machine. Evidence multiplies to show that the people of Pennsylvania mean to rule themselves in the future. These heads are a reminder of a former condition of servitude. It was gross presumption to place them on the Capitol doors and would be insolent to keep them there. They cannot stay and might as well come off at once.

Speaker Cannon's Presidential boom is extremely interesting. He has just celebrated his 70th birthday and would be seventy-two when nominated and close to seventy-seven at the end of his first term. He would be entitled to a second term and would retire to private and the simple life at the age of about eighty-one. For his nomination a precedent might be found in that of William Henry Harrison, but that occurred sixty-five years ago, and the young men of the present day have had their heads filed with a lot of foolish notions by Dr. Osler. James K. Polk found that the Speakership led to the White House, but Henry Clay and James G. Blaine and Thomas Brackett Reed did not.

In declining the Prohibition nomination for Governor and appealing for a generous support of Mr. Emery, State Treasurer Berry has done exactly what was expected of him. This is the time for all honest men to unite, and with a long pull and a strong pull and a pull all together the stronghold of the Machine, already seriously undermined, can be dragged down into merited ruin and disgrace.

Ex-Governor Stone indignantly demands that his face shall be removed from the bronze door of the State Capitol. Almost any one possessing a modicum of self-respect would be ashamed of so brazen an association.

A more than usually abundant harvest is in sight, which, of course, is to be attributed solely to the superior wisdom of the Republican party. Nit.

Off on a trot—the automobile born. A true artist is one who would love art for its own sake if he could afford it.

## THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

A Snyder county farmer has 12,000 full-grown ducks and 8000 ducklings. McKean county has twenty-three wood alcohol factories, representing an investment of \$1,500,000.

A block of six shares of the Wayne County Savings Bank recently brought \$3000. The par value of each share is \$100.

Commissioner Warren has collected \$72,000 in fines for selling adulterated meats. Over \$1390 was paid into the State treasury last week.

A plant to be operated by water power from a stream with a 20-foot fall will supply electric lights to the towns of Mill Hall, Flemington and Salona, Clinton county.

P. Gallagher, Esq., of Oceola, is laid up with a broken rib or two. A boy pushing a wheelbarrow ran into him, pushed him over and caused the injury in question.

Two little girls, Nellie and Jane Bednar, of near Mahanoy, were struck by lightning while in a field. Their clothing was ripped open, and when found they were half naked and unconscious. Grave doubts are expressed for their recovery.

At a meeting of the Lock Haven school board Prof. S. M. Morrison, of Towanda, was elected city superintendent to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. John A. Robb, who served in that capacity over thirty-five years. Prof. Edward S. Ling, of Emporium, was chosen principal of the city high school.

Pay your church membership dues and remain in good church standing or you can't be buried in the church cemetery. This resolution was adopted at a congregational meeting of the First Lutheran church of Selingsgrove, and was carried, the majority of the members refraining from voting. This move may cost a few dollars, as nearly forty years ago George L. Becker devised a tract of land to be used as a burial ground for members of the congregation. It was always understood that members could select lots free of cost and bury their dead thereon whether they paid their church dues or not.

Judge Telford, of Indiana county, held argument court Monday.

The large barn on the farm owned by the White Milling Company at Clintondale, was totally destroyed by fire.

Miss Maude Sechrist has secured a position as teacher in the public schools of Seaford, Long Island. It is a ten months term, at fifty dollars per month.

The members of the St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte, purpose building a chapel and Sunday school room. Subscriptions to the amount of \$3,668 were made for that purpose last Sabbath.

The little son of John Cornan, who, several weeks ago, was kicked on the jaw by a horse, is improving nicely from the serious injury, and it is thought the damage will be wholly repaired by nature.

Mrs. John King, of Centre Hall, is in Curwensville. Mrs. George O. Benger is at her former home at Martha. Mrs. S. S. Kreamer and Miss Annie Weaver were in Nittany Valley over Sunday.

About one o'clock Monday morning the paint shop, a structure 120x45 feet, owned by the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, at Bellefonte, was totally destroyed by fire. In the shop was one car and a lot of paint, which were also burned.

William D. Strunk & Son, of Centre Hall, purchased a new threshing machine and traction engine, which is expected to be received from the shops any day. Messrs. William H. Homan and Clyde Detrow, of near Centre Hall, also purchased a new threshing outfit, and will be in the field for business.

Rev. A. C. Lathrop, pastor of the Baptist church of Milesburg and secretary of the Centre County Sabbath-school Association, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. During the following week he will canvass the district composed of Potter and Gregg townships in the interest of the Sabbath-school cause.

Mrs. J. W. McCormick, of Columbia, South Carolina, accompanied by Albert Fugle, started for Centre Hall Tuesday morning. Mr. Fugle is in delicate health, and for quite a long time was confined to a hospital. His visit to Centre Hall last summer was such a great pleasure to him that it was thought a change of climate would be of more benefit than further hospital treatment. Before coming to Centre Hall, Mrs. McCormick may stop at Lewistown and Tyrone.

## INCIDENTS OF 1878.

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.]

AUGUST 15—Ten acres of wheat on the Huston farm, east of Centre Hall, tenanted by James McCormick, yielded an average of thirty-three bushels per acre.

The barn of George Bartholomew at Hublersburg was burned recently. Insurance, \$1800.

A committee of ministers here was appointed to install Rev. S. M. Roeder pastor of the Centre Hall Reformed church, on 25th inst.

Rev. Daniel Leitzell, formerly of Penns Valley, pastor of a charge in Clarion county, was nominated for assembly by the Greenback party.

AUGUST 22—The Greenback party in Centre county nominated the following ticket:

Coroner—Dr. W. A. Jacobs, R.  
Commissioners—Dr. Glenn, R.  
J. C. Leathers, D.  
Recorder—J. H. Crissman, D.  
Register—J. W. McCafferty, D.  
Prothonotary—G. G. Tate, R.  
Treasurer—P. Burkert, R.  
Sheriff—Fred Decker, R.  
Assembly—C. L. Gramley, R.  
T. S. Lingle, D.

Messrs. Michael Condo, John and David Boozer, while out for huckleberries, killed five rattlesnakes, one of which had twelve and another nine rattles.

Rev. S. L. Stiver, of Potters Mills, who just graduated from one of the seminaries in New York city, has been extended and accepted a call from a Presbyterian church in St. Louis, Mo.

SEPTEMBER 5—Daniel P. Heckman's residence in Gregg township, was robbed of \$25 in money and some clothing, the other Sunday while the family was at preaching.

Fishers mill dam, at Farmers Mills, was drained Monday, and 2000 suckers captured.

Michael Fiedler, of Haines township, while driving a team of five horses, had a wreck which resulted in one horse being killed.

George D. Tibbens, the brick moulder on Horace Zerby's yards, at Centre Hall, moulded in one week 36,000 bricks.

Krumrine, Coldren & Burrell have contracted for the abutments of the new county bridge at Spring Mills. Price, \$400.

C. Dinges' new grocery and confectionery store is now open.

The Democratic county convention placed in nomination the following ticket:

President Judge—A. C. Mayer.  
Congress—Andrew G. Curtin.  
Senate—C. T. Alexander.  
Assembly—J. P. Geppart.  
W. A. Murray.  
Sheriff—John Spangler.  
Prothonotary—J. C. Harper.  
Treasurer—Adam Yearick.  
Commissioners—George Swab.  
Jacob Dunkle.  
Register—W. E. Burchfield.  
Recorder—W. A. Tobias.  
Auditors—Thomas Jamison.  
George Williams.  
Coroner—C. Cambridge.  
Other candidates in the field for nomination were:

Congress—P. Gray Meek, D. G. Bush.  
Senate—Adam Hoy.  
Assembly—Dr. P. S. Fisher.  
James F. Weaver.  
Samuel Gilliland.  
John F. Krebs.  
Wm. L. Musser.  
Sheriff—W. H. Noll.  
John B. Leathers.  
Jeremiah Tressler.  
George Hoffer.  
James S. McCormick.  
L. T. Munson.  
John R. Bair.  
Commissioner—Michael J. Decker.  
H. A. Mingle.  
J. B. Heckman.  
J. N. Hall.  
John Grove.  
J. H. Hohn.  
A. J. Greist.  
John Hoy.

Treasurer—John Hoffer.  
Dr. J. W. Stemm.  
Adam Yearick.  
Wm. Erhard.  
John H. Barnhart.  
B. F. Leathers.  
A. S. McQuistian.  
P. W. McDonell.  
Prothonotary—S. T. Shugert.  
Samuel J. Hering.  
B. F. Shaffer.  
R. G. Brett.  
S. M. Swartz.  
G. W. Rumberger.

Married—August 4, Richard H. Solt and Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Snyder, of Potters Mills. . . July 2, Dr. A. S. Weaver, of Potters Mills, and Miss S. Ella Mensch, of Hartleton. . . August 15, E. G. Shaffer, of Looming county, and Miss Clara J. Edmonds, of Aaronsburg. . . August 18, William B. Bitner, of Penn Hall, and Miss Maggie S. Bright, of Aaronsburg.

## Views Penns Valley.

It was to view one of the most fertile and beautiful valleys in Pennsylvania, that Capt. George M. Boal escorted Secretary of Agriculture N. B. Critchfield to the top of Nittany Mountain, above Centre Hall. The view from that point over Penns Valley is a most beautiful one. The many square miles of cultivated fields, the woodlots, towns and hamlets, the isolated church spire and school house present a picture not within the conception of the greatest artists. Secretary Critchfield was greatly impressed with the scene, and expressed his admiration of Central Pennsylvania as an agricultural district.

Death Makes Church Changes.

An effort was made to have Rev. E. M. Stevens, of the Williamsport Pine street M. E. church, take the place of the late George W. Stevens, presiding elder of the Harrisburg district.

The Rev. W. A. Lepley, of the Williamsport Market street church, has been transferred to Coalport, to succeed the Rev. Charles Kerns, who goes to Millburg to succeed the Rev. Vaughn T. Rue, the latter taking the pulpit of his brother, the Rev. John Rue, who died recently at Waynesboro.

Immense Peach Crop.

Something astonishing is reported about the Delaware peach crop. The Pennsylvania railroad employs an expert to estimate the crop, so that it can provide the cars. Now this trained statistician says the production this year will be 2,500,000 baskets, double that of any year for a decade, and four-fold that of last year. This immense output is attributed to the spraying of the trees, which kept the insect pests away.

LOCALS.

Now on: The dog days.

Chestnut trees blossomed in great profusion.

The Yearick-Hoy reunion will be held at Hecla Park, August 15.

Phillipsburg has passed a curfew ordinance, applying to children under sixteen years of age.

The members of the United Evangelical church, at Spring Mills, will hold a festival on the lawn at the church, Saturday evening, July 21st.

Miss Helen Bartholomew has secured a school in Tyrone, and Miss Cora Brungart will teach the Hoy school, on the Boalsburg pike, near Bellefonte.

Mrs. S. R. Camp and daughter, Miss Edna, of Lock Haven, attended the funeral of Mrs. Rhone. While in the valley they visited their old friends and associates.

During the beginning of July, the residence of Thomas McCartney, at Snow Shoe was destroyed by fire. The greatest loss was the death of his little four-year-old daughter, who perished in the flames.

While assisting in hauling hay, Miss Fern, daughter of Lewis E. Rossman, of near Millheim, was struck by the tine of a fork which made a painful wound. The point penetrated was close to the nose, near the right eye.

The public school teachers elected in Patton township are: H. B. Baisor, Scotia grammar; Clarence E. Furst, Scotia primary; Roy Farber, Stony Point; John Blair, Waddle's; Frank Steel, Sellers'; Clara Meyers, Pleasant Hill.

Misses Adella Grove, of Maytown, and Myrtle Henderson, of Harrisburg, are the guests of the Misses Verna and Virgie Durst, in Centre Hall. This is their first visit to Penns Valley, but it is needless to say that they are pleased with the trip.

While operating a harpoon hay fork, Perry Confer, of Millheim, was knocked from a load of hay onto the barn floor and was picked up in an unconscious condition. The accident was caused by the breaking of a pulley, the taut rope striking the man. Considering all, the injuries were very slight.

William Blaine Snyder is bringing Liberty township into prominence on account of the scholarship he has won. Mr. Snyder is a resident of Blanchard, and has just secured Louise Carnegie Scholarship at Pennsylvania State College. This is the third scholarship won by him since entering that institution.

The value of free alcohol to the public can be better appreciated when the many uses of this product are known to the farmers of the country. Uncle Sam being desirous of giving the public the full benefit of the opportunities in store, purposes having an exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition showing the development and uses of denatured alcohol which is made from the products of the farm and garden. This exhibit will be in charge of competent government officials of the Experiment Stations of the Department of Agriculture.

## LEWISBURG BABY IN INCUBATOR.

Has Thrived for Several Weeks in a Wooden Box.

After living seven weeks in a homemade incubator, the infant daughter of Professor and Mrs. Joseph Wolf, of Lewisburg, has gained three ounces and bids fair to grow to a healthy child. At first it was thought the babe would not survive, but when it showed signs of life the incubator was hurriedly constructed of a wooden box, lined with paper, cotton batting and flannel. The top is of glass and a temperature of seventy-eight degrees is maintained by means of hot water bottles. When first put into the incubator the child weighed three pounds and six ounces, but since that time three ounces have been gained. Nourishment is given by means of a dropper. The infant is perfectly formed and will no doubt mature as it should. It has large, clear black eyes and a wealth of dark hair. Medical circles in that county are watching the case closely and are anxious to learn whether the experiment with a homemade incubator will be successful.

A Bloomsburg Numskull.

A Bloomsburg councilman, who is evidently one of those narrow types who look upon a position of trust as a private perquisite, introduced a resolution in the council of that borough to exclude newspaper reporters from the meetings. Fortunately for the town's good name the fellow's colleagues did not take him seriously and his proposition was not seconded. No councilman in Bloomsburg, or anywhere else, who is honest and whose motives are all right and who conducts himself decorously has any reason to fear newspaper criticism, but when a man tries to keep his official acts and conduct from his constituents and the public it is prima facie evidence that he is crooked. The public interests are always subserved by the fullest reports of the doings of the local law-making bodies.

Snyder County Duck Farm.

Starting in the business a few years ago, William M. Mease, of Kantz, has made a big success of Snyder county's only duck ranch. He now has in partnership his son, George, and in their pens, along Middle creek, they have 12,000 birds. There are about 8,000 ducklings. When the fallings are prepared for the market all the women of the neighborhood are called in to assist in picking them. Several men are employed at all times to help to care for and feed the stock. This is the only large duck ranch in this section of the state. Mr. Mease purposes to build up the enterprise until there are at least 100,000 ducks on hand. The hatching is done by artificial means, and frequently there are 10,000 eggs in the incubators at one time.

Love Loses Nomination.

The Republican conferees of the Twenty-first Congressional District met in DuBois Thursday afternoon of last week, and nominated Captain Charles F. Barclay on the tenth ballot. Four names were placed before the conference, Captain Barclay, of Cameron county; ex-Judge Love, of Centre; A. L. Cole, of Clearfield, and S. R. Dresser, of McKean, the present Congressman.

Mr. Dresser was present and in a speech opposing Emery stated that he did not wish to be regarded a candidate. As a compliment, however, he received the three votes of the McKean conferees on the first ballot.

On the final ballot the Centre and McKean conferees all voted for Captain Barclay, giving him, with his own conferees, nine votes to three for Cole.

Drowned in the Mill Race.

The Millheim Journal says: Friday evening John Andrew, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Auman, was found drowned in the mill race back of their home, on Penn street. The child had followed his mother to the race and while she was carrying a bucket of water to the house, the child fell in. The water runs very rapidly at that place and the child was carried some distance down the stream where it was later found. Dr. John Hardenberg made every possible effort to save the boy's life, but resuscitation was impossible.

More Concrete Walks.

Since making mention of the concrete walks built by Messrs. D. A. Boozer and C. D. Bartholomew, similar walks have been constructed by W. B. Mingle, Esq., Lumberman E. M. Huyett, John King, Merchants W. H. Kreamer & Son and W. H. Bartholomew. Mrs. F. O. Bairfoot also laid concrete between the walk line and porch of her residence. Concrete, it appears, is the walk of the future in Centre Hall. So far the work has been done by Al. S. Stover, of Aaronsburg.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Corn has made a wonderful growth during the past ten days. It will take a favorable August to complete the crop.

Miss Jennie K. Reifsnyder, of Millheim, is off to York State on a pleasure trip. Lake Placid is the point of destination.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin J. Schock, of Selingsgrove, gave a social last week commemorative of their fifty-second wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Rearick and sons, Walter and Paul, accompanied Rev. J. M. Rearick on his vacation trip to points in Snyder county, his former home.

One of the most profound legal decisions Attorney General Carson has been permitted to hand down is that a snapping turtle is not a terrapin.

A lad of ten years, son of Charles C. Smull, of Smullton, fell while playing in a barn and broke his arm at the elbow. The member became much inflamed.

Capt. H. S. Taylor was elected Lieutenant Colonel of the Fifth Regiment. He had been Captain of Company B for several years. Colonel H. S. Taylor! Sounds all right.

Capt. Wm. Snyder, who has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Erdley, in Milton, was in Centre Hall for a few days, and Monday returned again. The Captain says he is on the supernumerary list.

Rev. J. R. Sechrist and family this week expect to go to Sea Cliffs, Long Island, where they will spend a short time with their daughter, Mrs. H. W. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher is employed by the Long Island railroad company.

The Bell telephone company, last week, strung two copper wires between Centre Hall and Millheim. Most of the instruments at Spring Mills will be connected with the Centre exchange in order to relieve the Millheim exchange.

The tobacco crop in Clinton county at this time of the year never looked better nor more promising than the present growing crop, and if the favorable conditions continue until it matures, the yield will be one of the best ever grown in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Walker, west of Centre Hall, are in Altoona at present on a visit to friends, and to take a good rest after a very busy season. Among others whom they will visit is their daughter, Mrs. John Easley, and Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. Jefferson Bechtel.

A wealth of suggestions for the newest Summer gowns is to be found in the August Delineator, which is interesting, not only from the standpoint of fashion, but for its reading as well. Among the fashions of the number is the second installment of "The Chauffeur and the Chaperon."

The July "Arena" contains a number of extremely interesting papers, among which are three admirable character-sketches, one dealing with Governor Albert B. Cummins who is described as "a statesman who places the interests of the people above the demands of privileged classes."

John Davis, one of Harris township's most respected citizens, was in town the other day. Mr. Davis is well advanced in years, and in speaking to 'Squire Shaffer, a member of the "83" class, said that if one could keep "from growing old" as well as "feeling old," things would be different. Just so. Keep young in spirit.

John Noll, the Pleasant Gap painter, and his assistants, finished up several jobs of painting in Centre Hall last week, and now are plying the brush at Pleasant Gap and Bellefonte where Mr. Noll has secured a number of dwelling houses to paint. He is an experienced painter, having been employed in the larger cities, and thoroughly understands his business.

While driving along the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, at Nittany, the vehicle occupied by Henry Brown, of Millheim, and Lewis Brown, his grandson, of Madisonburg, was struck by the train. The occupants were thrown out, and the boy's leg was broken. The grandfather was not injured greatly. Both were taken to the Lock Haven Hospital, where the lad will remain until fully recovered of his injury.

The school for orphans, at Loyseville, Perry county, in which many of the citizens of Blair county are interested, has recently been visited by Judge Sadler and Dr. William Trickett, of Carlisle, both of whom speak in the highest terms of the school and its work. Buildings and grounds are beautiful, but commendable as they are, the care and work given to the institution and its small charges is greater, and more praiseworthy. There are now 205 orphan children at Loyseville, of whom fourteen are under six years of age.