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All articles to insure insertion in this paper should be handed in early on Tuesday morning; as we go to press at 12 o'clock (noon).

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.

We notice our citizens are following up their movement of last spring, in regard to the removal of the Lumbering depot from Lock Haven to some point below that will afford better facilities and a more secure harbor. In view of this action, our town was visited last week by Messrs. Herde, Fisher and Readings of Williamsport, to consult with the appointed committee, and offering to ex. up the shore at that point, in any manner the committee might advise, and thus secure this important trade at that place. The committee consisting of Messrs. Graham, Wright, Weaver and Irvin, on the part of Clearfield county, and Messrs. Billmeyer and Chamberlain, representing the lower interests, have agreed to meet at Williamsport, Tuesday, Aug. 2d, to examine the shore and consider the improvements needed to render it perfectly safe during times of crowds and high water. They will also examine other landings that have been suggested, so as to make their selection with a view to rendering the future depot less hazardous to those engaged in the business.

We would suggest to our neighbors at Lock Haven, that if they are in earnest about retaining the trade at that place, they should mature a plan of fixing the shore, secure the means immediately to put it in a proper condition and invite an interview of the committee before any arrangement is perfected with the citizens at any other locality.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT OSCOLA.

At about nine o'clock on Saturday night last, a fire broke out in the extensive steam saw mill of the Moshannon Land and Lumber Company, at Oscola, and despite all efforts of the citizens who rushed to the scene, the large mill and contents were destroyed, and the fire was communicated to the R.R. Freight house, trestle work, three houses belonging to the company, and the immense piles of sawed lumber, containing many millions of feet, stored upon the vast yard surrounding their mill. At one time, the wind setting toward the town, it was feared that the entire borough would be reduced to ashes, and the greatest excitement prevailed, many families removing their household goods from their homes, so certain did it appear. But by a fortunate change in the course of the wind, that fearful calamity was averted.

Dispatches were sent to this place and to Altoona for assistance. After considerable unavoidable delay in starting, a special train left this place for the scene of destruction with about 300 persons on board, mostly provided with buckets, but the fire had attained such headway by the time of their arrival that they were almost powerless to render aid. The Vigilant Steamer and company arrived from Altoona about 4 o'clock in the morning, on a special train, but as the greater part of the lumber was consumed, they could do little more than play upon the ruins. The train from this place returned at 5 o'clock. The cause of the conflagration was the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the hands of the watchman, Philip Rodgers, in the oil room. He was so thoroughly frightened that he fled to the woods, his absence giving rise to the supposition that he had perished in the flames.

The estimated total loss is about \$200,000 distributed as follows:

Moshannon Land and Lumber Co., \$165,000

A. B. Long & Sons... 15,000

J. H. Ellis & Son... 15,000

Bender & Son... 4,000

H. C. Readings & Son... 2,000

Wright & Helmold... 200

M. Kephart... 100

Others... 100

Total... 200,000

All arrangements having been made, and the introductory salutations having been generally gone through with, the variety of a hop was introduced about nine o'clock, where all those who tipped the light fastastic enjoyed themselves hugely, and by which the pleasures of the evening were much heightened.

lest there might be some one thing left undone, which might have been done to our enjoyment, the Clearfield band favored us with a serenade, discoursing some elegant music, some of which pieces the dancers took advantage of by keeping time to the same, in the most pleasant way possible.

On Saturday morning the citizens renewed their kindness by placing at our disposal their carriages, driving and showing us around the town and neighboring country. In short, every thing was done that could be done by the citizens for our pleasure and enjoyment, not to say the least, we think that they are most justly entitled to the reputation for sociability, hospitality and kindness that they enjoy. We left Clearfield happy, because we had gone there and had so pleasant a time while there, and because we became so agreeably and pleasantly acquainted.

On our return, P. G. Mock, S. T. Singlet, W. H. Brauner, Jno. H. Orris, G. M. Yocom and D. H. Haings were who appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the party, who reported as follows:

"Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks to the R.R. Railroad company for furnishing us a neat car, and comfortable accommodations for the excursion.

Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks to the citizens of Clearfield and our hosts and their ladies of the Shaw and the Mansion houses, for the manner of our entertainment, and the pleasure afforded us by the sensible and kind persons of the party.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the papers of both towns.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the party, with one accord, pronounced the excursion a grand success, and most pleasant ever enjoyed.

SCRIE.

The Silver Cornet, for which four bands, whose names have been announced, were contesting, was awarded to the Clearfield Cornet Band on Monday night, they having received the largest number of votes. The drawing of the articles to be disposed of by chance, which was to have taken place the same evening was postponed until Saturday next, the 30th inst.—*Philipsburg Journal*.

BALL-BASEBALL.—A match game will come off at Curwensville on Friday next, at 2 o'clock, between the Hercules, of Lumber City, and the

policy of A. B. Long & Sons expiring on the day previous to the conflagration, at noon.—*Philipsburg Journal*.

Correspondence of the *Republican*:

EXCURSION.—An excursion party composed of about fifty of Beliefonte's best, most happily-disposed and pleasure-loving citizens, joined by a number of the pleasure-loving of our sister town, left this on Friday the 15th instant, for Clearfield as their destination. An elegant new car was furnished the party by Mr. Wilkins the obliging Superintendent of the Bald Eagle Valley and Tyrone & Clearfield railroad, with comfortable accommodations added much to the pleasure of the excursion. At 11:40 a.m., the excursionists appeared at the Beliefonte depot with countenances indicative of their natural vivacity and bearing with very jolly in view of anticipated pleasure, all comfortably seated in the new car, the engine seeming as if she knew she were trasporting a jolly excursion, gave out a lively, shrill whistle, and started off with electric speed, and joined the party in a parting salute to our town. The ride, although partaking a little of the tedious over part of the route, was delightful, the scenery over the mountain being so beautiful and varied in its character, and entirely new to a majority of the party, so interested them as to render oblivious all thoughts of weariness.

The view from the Big Hill, which is about half way up the mountain, is one of the most picturesque and grand the eye ever witnessed.

The first object of interest that strikes the observer at this point, and fills him with admiration, is a small, crystal stream, sparkling like liquid diamonds, as it dances along over its bed in the depth of the ravine, hundreds of feet below him. The eye lingering on the scene for a moment, then naturally follows the course of the stream, and in doing so, beholds the ravine widening, swalloping up lesser ravines intersecting it at various points, and reaching for miles far down the mountains into the valley, the whole blending into one grand and beautiful picture, charming the eye and delighting the beholder.

The various collieries, and recent and extensive improvements, manifesting a spirit of active enterprise, and the flocks of timber along the route were objects of interest.

The party arriving at Philipsburg, lay over there a half hour, during which time they indulged in a promenade through some of the streets, which afforded a pleasant relief, and enabled them to obtain a more intelligent knowledge of the burg.

Our young friend, and former townsman, D. L. Krebs, Esq., and his friend Mr. Bigler, met us at Philipsburg with a cordial welcome to their town, and then joined our party. We had taken pleasure in making an acknowledgment of our obligations to Mr. Krebs for his kindness and earnest effort in our behalf, to which we are certainly indebted for much of our pleasure.

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Markets.

Clearfield Markets.

Conducted weekly by RICHARD MASSON, Wholesale and Retail Druggist, Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions, &c., Market street, Clearfield, Pa.; C. MERRELL, agent, July 26, 1870.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH—CATHOLIC.—Rev. Mr. O'LEARY, pastor, at 100 A. M., on the fourth Sunday of each month.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—EPISCOPAL.—Rev. George Hall—Public Service Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and at 7 P. M.—Sunday School at 7 P. M.—Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7 P. M.

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