

DIRECTORY.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY OFFICERS
Congress, Hon. J. W. PATTON.
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Belleville Lodge No. 288, A. Y. M., meets on Tuesday night or before every full moon.
Belleville Chapter No. 211, meets on the first Friday night of every month.

CHURCHES.

Presbyterian, Howard street, Rev. Wm. Laurie Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 10:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting (Chapel) Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Blooming Millheim.

Oh was some power the giftie to give us,
To see ourselves as others see us.
The foregoing quotation from Burns' poems came rushing into my mind as I was meandering here and there through the ancient borough of Millheim, which now ranks in the list of the Centennial towns of our State, and believing that the citizens of Millheim and vicinity especially, and your readers in general, would be interested in a pen picture of Millheim, and its people, in order that they may see themselves as "others see them."

Millheim like all other places has its "booms" and depressions in a business and at this season of the year especially the town is comparatively quiet, and business somewhat lagging, but Millheim was not a "Dead duck" by any means as your readers will learn if they will keep their eyes on this picture until it is finished.

This town contains over seven hundred inhabitants, and almost every branch of trade and industry that is common to our more pretentious towns, is carried on here. The general appearance of the town as one enters it from the South and sees the large number of new and handsome edifices that have been erected and others in process of erection, at once suggests the thought that Millheim is rapidly coming to the front and that it will not be long until it will rank among the most enterprising towns of the State. There are in it, a number of large and costly churches mostly built of pressed brick and after the most modern and tasteful architectural designs, which indicates that its inhabitants generally are a church going and God-fearing people. The school house which is fairly in the Centre of the town is a commodious wooden structure, but it having been built a number of years ago it is hardly up to the standard, nevertheless the educational interests of their children are zealously cared for and the schools under the principalship of Prof. F. Foreman are well patronized and in a highly prosperous condition.

The leading industry of the town is the knitting factory, which, if running at its fullest capacity would give employment to several hundred hands, but at present there are only forty machines in place, while the building is capable of holding three hundred and with the expectation of placing that number, a forty horse power engine was planted in connection with the building, and is the motive power by which the half dozen machines in operation are run. The mammoth structure

was built, the of ground furnished and the forty horse power engine purchased and planted by the citizens of Millheim (much of the money being freely donated) and the tax is paid on the property and fuel furnished in order that the enterprise might prove a success, and it is believed it will prove a success eventually. At present Mr. J. S. Crawford the Superintendent and general manager is in New York City taking orders for woolen stock, and I have been informed that he is meeting with success. He has disposed of their immense stock of cotton hosiery they had on hand. A new enterprise lately introduced is the cigar manufactory of J. L. Stine employing a number of hands.

We called on the Journal man to whom we are indebted for a number of "pointers" which proved very useful to us while on our mission of "love and charity." We found his office a model of neatness and cleanliness, his press and type in order and his job work of the best style. The Journal is one of the best local papers in the county and ought to be well patronized.

Mr. D. A. Musser whose bump of go-acheditiveness is largely developed is making extensive repairs on his large brick mill in the rear of the town. The interior is being remodeled, the old burrs being taken out and patent rollers put in. So that in a week or ten days he will be able to manufacture as fine flour under the new roller 'Patent Roller Process' as any other in the state. The extreasurer is bound to keep pace with the times. A cold day when he gets left.

Time and space prevent my giving a detail of all the industries and places of business. Suffice to say there is a large machine shop, planing mill, two foundries, coach manufactory and the marble works of Musser & Alexander and a large number of others of minor import. Among the leading business places might be mentioned the large and well arranged general merchandise store of D. S. Kaufman adjoining the Musser House. He has one of the finest, largest, neatest and best regulated stores in the county, and sells goods at bottom prices. The extensive hardware store of that popular Post Master Mr. James C. Smith strikes us as being one of the most prosperous business places in town.

Youngman & Howell successors to J. W. Snook, also have a large general merchandise store.

Jasper W. Stover has one of the finest grocery stores in the County well arranged and "Jam" full of salable stock. Then there are Musser & Spigelmeyer's General Merchandise, Stamm & Gingery Do., Musser & Son Boots & Shoes. 'Squire Eisenhuth, Drugs & Medicines; Miss Mary Mauk and Miss Bramgart, Millinery; J. W. Zeigler, Bakery; and the extensive and prosperous Meat Market of Gettig & Alexander. We were informed by Mr. D. L. Zerby their able and gentlemanly book keeper that they have dressed and sold over Eight tons of beef, besides a large amount of veal and mutton since last February. On Wednesday afternoon we went to the farm of the Hon W. K. Alexander, about a half mile south of town to help raise a large bank barn, and a jolly good time we had, for Sam Weiser keeps the whole crowd in a constant good humor with his innocent jokes, and the barn went up "whooping." We wish to state right here that we never saw a barn so neatly framed and everything so nicely fitted together and to go up with so little trouble as this one did, not a mortice or tenon hair's breadth out of place. Mr. H. W. Bollinger is the name of the boss carpenter who framed it. He is a comparatively young man and we were told that it was his first attempt at barn framing. His assistants were Wm. Keen, J. H. Maize, and Jesse Creamer, all good solid reliable Democrats, as were ninety one per cent of all that were at the raising. Another remarkable feature was the fact that not one word of profane or obscene language, was uttered during the whole afternoon. Ascribable we think to the large Democratic preponderance, eh?

Last but not least came the supper which was prepared by Mrs. W. K. Alexander and which was one of those great big affairs that makes us scratch our head for sufficient language to describe, only to "get left," suffice to say the supper was a grand affair and all did ample justice to it. It was conceded by all present that as a feeder Sam Weiser "took the cake" the amount of roast beef, bread, pie and cake he stowed away under his shirt front was a caution to hardened sinners.

We would not have your readers believe that Millheim is "not without its drawbacks." It has a baseball club. It has its share of dudes and dudines, and seeing a man with his left eye beautifully frescoed, we were led to believe that it has its advocates of the "manly art," nevertheless we were favorably impressed with the town and its people.

Millheim has two good, well regulated, cold water hotels. The National hotel kept by Mr. Bibby formerly of

Spring Mills, whose reputation as a hotelier is first class, and the Musser House of which Wm. S. Musser is Proprietor. To the Musser house we owe our competency; we boarded there during our stay in Millheim, and we speak whereof we know when we say it is second to none outside of the cities, so far as the table, the bed, and general comfort are concerned. His table is furnished with everything reasonable and prepared in the highest degree of culinary art; his bed rooms and parlors fitted with the most tasteful designs, and his beds so soft and downy that one feels when lying on them, as if he were floating in the air. Mr. Musser is one of the best hoteliers in the state and just why he should be deprived of license, when we know a number of others who are less deserving, we cannot understand. There is a general complaint among the farmers in the vicinity that Millheim is not fairly treated in this respect but we will skip our board bill and bid us to

This is a beautiful little town, and might be properly termed a village of churches. It is one mile east of Millheim and the first indication of its nearness one has in going over the first hill from the latter place is the sight of its towering church steeples pointing heavenward of which there are no less than four in number. Belonging to the following denominations: The German Reformed, Evangelical, Lutheran and Methodist, they are all of modern and tasteful architectural design and costly structures.

Its citizens generally are a church going, God-fearing, generous, hospitable people. We found the Hon. J. G. Meyer busily at work in his garden. The ex-commissioner H. A. Mingle, with his ever smiling countenance, at his bench taking care of men's Soles, and the venerable Dr. Deshler in his corn patch in the rear of his residence making war against grass and weeds. The Doctor is a very entertaining conversationalist and we were sorry afterward that we did not borrow a hoe and help him hoe corn all the afternoon but then the mercury was up to ninety in the shade?

There are several first class stores here, Mr. M. M. Musser is proprietor of one and Mr. W. H. Phillips of the other, we were particularly impressed with the immense stock of dry goods and general merchandise kept on hand by Mr. Phillips. His store is jammed almost to overflowing with new, first class, latest style goods. He has on hand a supply of everything usually kept in a well regulated, general merchandise store and we were surprised to learn how remarkably low his goods are marked. The farmers of old Haines need not go outside of Aaronsburg for cheap goods so long as Mr. Phillips is in the business, Miss Annie R. Hoover an accomplished young lady of the town, clerks for him. Another point of attraction to which most of the citizens of the town and surrounding community almost daily gravitate is the drug and confectionery store of that reliable old veteran Democrat, Mr. Thomas Yearick. The cause of the great magnetism in Mr. Yearick may be ascribed to the fact that he keeps the post office. He is a very agreeable, pleasant and chatty old gentleman and time spent in his company passes very rapidly.

Aaronsburg like Millheim sports a cold water hotel, we have forgotten the name of the proprietor but we can never forget the excellent dinner with which we gorged ourselves and the courteous manner in which we were entertained.

Is a railroad town, and, like all other towns that spring up along the line of a newly built railroad is considerably scattered, it contains a number of elegant residences beautifully painted and finished in fine style. Among the finest of which might be mentioned Andrew Stover's Ephraim Bartholomew's Michael Everett's, Squire Garthoff's Mr. Weaver's, Mr. Moyer's, Samsel Ulrich's, and a number of others the owners names we did not learn.

It has several churches, a number of stores, a grain elevator and a few other business places of less note. There are no manufacturing industries here except that of a whiskey distillery of which S. R. Gettig Esq. is government store keeper. There is at present about twenty thousand dollar's worth of whiskey in the "bonded" warehouse. Coburn contains a licensed hotel, R. V. Shaffer, formerly of Howard, is proprietor. What Mr. Shaffer don't know about running a hotel is not worth knowing. He is courteous and obliging to a fault. His tables well spread with everything substantial, his beds clean, soft and downy, his parlor commodious and richly furnished and one is very soon made to feel that he can make himself at home there.

R. F. Vonada one of Uncle Sam's pets, is one of the most obliging who-souled fellows we met in our travels. He keeps a first class general merchandise store in connection with the post office, and we are sure Uncle Sam made

a wise selection in the appointment of Mr. Von-Gas as Postmaster at Coburn. 'Twas jolly good fellow Sam Ard is his assistant but

DuBois Destroyed Thirty People Killed in the Thriving City.

MANY MORE BADLY INJURED—A L THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE TOWN SWAPPT BY FLAMES—THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Young DuBois Contributes Half a Mill on Dollars to the Sufferers—The Total Loss Over \$2,500,000

BRADFORD, June 18.—The most destructive conflagration in the history of Western Pennsylvania occurred at DuBois on Monday. Shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon fire was seen issuing from windows of the Baker House near the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad depot. The Fire Department was called out, but the flames had gained considerable headway before the arrival of the firemen and it was impossible to get it under control. The fire spread rapidly in a westerly direction, its progress being greatly augmented by a stiff breeze and at 9 o'clock to-night it is reported that all that remains of the beautiful and thriving little city of ten thousand inhabitants, containing costly and substantial business blocks and handsome residences, is a mass of smouldering ruins.

The only communication to be had with the ill-fated city was a railroad wire, which has now been cut off. The entire town is in flames and is apparently doomed. The water supply has been exhausted and the city is at the mercy of the flames. Aid has been summoned from all available sources. Reynoldsville, Renovo, Brockwayville and Pannsylvania have sent relief. A terrible phase of the casualty is the horrible deaths of several persons.

The victims are said to be in the neighborhood of thirty, of whom twenty are men, four are women and the rest are children. A sick woman in a house on Courtney street was burned to a crisp before she could be rescued.

The scenes in and around the unfortunate town are beyond description. Terrified wives and mothers, half crazed husbands and fathers and friendless and homeless little ones mingle in heart-broken groups around the spots where the happy homes stood but a few hours ago. Fatherless children clinging to the skirts of their unprotected mothers, wander aimlessly in search of the husband and father who may be buried among the glowing embers that abound on every side. Many people were injured by jumping from burning buildings, which was the only method of escape open to them.

The number of killed and wounded cannot be obtained tonight but it is thought to be in the neighborhood of one hundred. The loss, which is tremendous, cannot be given yet, nor can the amount of insurance. A possible chance remains that a small part of the residence portion of the town may be saved.

Three houses were blown up by dynamite and several inmates killed. The noise of the explosion was heard for miles. This explosion blew fire into portions of the city before untouched and greatly spread the conflagration.

The firemen are completely exhausted, having battled with the demon uninterruptedly for several hours, and have given way to firemen from neighboring towns.

Had the water supply been adequate it is thought the flames could have been brought under control before the terrible destruction was completed. Hundreds of horses, cows, and other animals were cremated. Further particulars cannot be obtained until tomorrow.

DuBois was a flourishing little city in Clearfield county, which owed all its prosperity to the late John DuBois, the well known lumberman and manufacturer. The first settlement was made in 1873, and it was not incorporated as a borough until 1881. It contained several large hotels, five churches, two banks, two opera houses and a number of mills and factories most of which belong to Mr. DuBois, the heir of the founder of the city. Solicitor General Jenks is trustee of the estate.

A late report from the destroyed town states that the losses will aggregate more than two million five hundred thousand dollars. John E. DuBois, the young millionaire, has donated half a million dollars for the relief of the sufferers. The number of dead reported to be thirty and the wounded six. Over fifteen hundred

buildings were destroyed. No wind is stirring at this time and the fire has partially spent its fury. Only two stores are left in the town. They are the property of J. E. DuBois and Bell, Lewis & Yates. Three hotels remain out of seventeen and one drug store out of nine. Four thousand people are homeless.

Harmony Ten Feet Deep

Enthusiastic is a very mild word for describing the condition of the Democratic members of congress who have just returned from the St. Louis convention and there is good reason why every Democrat in the United States should be as enthusiastic as they, Cleveland and Thurman, and a platform broad enough and strong enough to hold every Democrat in the country are sufficient causes for universal enthusiasm. Never before in the history of the Democratic party has it entered a presidential campaign with such good prospects of victory; never before was the party so thoroughly united. That much credit for this very flattering state of affairs in the party is due to Mr. Cleveland cannot be denied. He has given the country a good, honest, painstaking administration, one that has been conservative and steady; no fireworks; no "bunkum" just plain, every day, good old fashioned, Democratic ideas of business, applied in a business way, and the result is an administration that has pleased the people so well they have concluded to have four years more of it. The voter knows a good thing when he sees it. Every true Democrat will take pleasure in honoring that old wheelhorse of Democracy, Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio. The red bandana is the symbol that will lead us to victory.

The Republicans are in a pitiably condition. Their national convention at Chicago promises to be in marked contrast to the St. Louis convention which was thoroughly harmonious. There is every indication that they will have a bitter and prolonged fight over the nomination, which may result in a deadlock between the leading candidates, and the nomination of Blaine in spite of his positive declination, or the nomination of some entirely new and unknown man. In either case the fight is likely to be of such a matter as to virtually disrupt the party.

Congress continued in session all last week, but owing to the absence of many members at St. Louis very little business of importance was considered. Owing to a trick on the part of the Republicans of the house, by which they tried to get the arrears of pension bill before the house, the tariff bill was again taken up under the five minutes rule, though it had been agreed previously to pass it by until to-day. Unless something is done to expediate this measure, it is difficult to see how it can possibly be finished during the present session of congress.

Mrs. Cleveland is delighted at the re-nomination of her husband, and says she feels sure he will be elected again.

Judge Thurman is expected in Washington this week. He comes to invite the President and Mrs. Cleveland to attend the Ohio centennial to be held at Columbus next September. He will be given a grand reception by the Democrats of this city and congress. The capital will be painted red with bandana handkerchiefs. The Old Roman and the president came to know and love each other well about a year ago, when Mr. Thurman made a visit to Mr. Cleveland and was entertained at Oak View the president's country residence.

The torchlight procession and ratification meeting will take place in this city on the evening of the 26th inst., the day on which the Democratic national committee meets here for reorganization.

Attorney General Garland, who has been quite ill, is convalescing, but General Sheridan's condition continues precarious. His death may be expected at any time.

Representative Oats, of Alabama, has introduced a bill in the house which imposes a tax of \$25 on every immigrant arriving in this country.

All the ex-soldiers in the employ of the government, both Union and Confederate, will be given leave of absence to attend the reunion at Gettysburg on the anniversary of the battle at that place.

Soldiers Widows May Rejoice.

The President has approved the act of Congress providing that pensions heretofore or hereafter granted to widows of soldiers of the war of the rebellion shall commence at the death of their husbands. The legislation favorably affects all claims of widows of the late war which have been filed in the pension office on and after July 1st, 1880, and which have been allowed to commence from the date of the filing of the claim, but will not favorably affect the cases of such widows as were filed before July 1, 1880, and which have been allowed, pensions having already been allowed in these cases from the date of the husband's death.

The commissioner of pension gives notice that in the settlement under this law of claims already allowed no formal application will be required, and that the services of attorneys will not be necessary. Widows entitled under said law need only a letter giving name and postoffice address and certificate number, and the claims will be allowed with as little delay as practicable.

Three Girls Drowned in Clearfield Creek.

On Monday afternoon at about 5 o'clock Sarah Hensel, aged 14, Maude Stauffer, aged 15, and Jessie Ruffner, aged 11, were found to have been drowned in the upper end of Hager's dam on Clearfield creek, above Madara. At that hour they were missed from the home of their parents and search was immediately made. In a short time their clothing was discovered on the banks of the creek. A party was then organized to drag the dam and this was done, but it was not until 9.30 o'clock that night that the bodies of the unfortunate children were found a short distance below where their clothes had been placed, and where they evidently entered the water.

It is supposed the girls went to the dam to bathe some time during the afternoon and in the absence of their parents. It is stated that neither of them could swim and the supposition is that one got beyond her depth and the others perished in attempting to rescue her. Nothing is positively known, however, of the circumstances attending the triple drowning, as no human eye witnessed their death struggle, and the exact facts will never be learned. It was a dreadful tragedy all the more so that it was unexpected, and it caused a profound sensation in the little community in which it occurred and suddenly plunged three happy families into profound grief — Altoona Tribune.

Railroads in Politics.

CHICAGO, June 18.—The railroad interest is represented here by some of its strongest men. The entire Pacific coast delegation, which came across the continent with a burrah, is made up in the interest of Messrs. Stanford, Huntington and Crocker, the Central Pacific magnates who literally regulate the currents of trade in California, Nevada and the Territories. The chairman of the California delegation is Mr. Creed Haymond of San Francisco, the General Solicitor of the Central Pacific Railroad and associated with him is Col. Fred Crocker one of the Vice Presidents of the Central Pacific Company and a son of one of the original "big four" of the Pacific Coast. The Nebraska contingent is headed by Mr. John M. Thurston, the chief attorney of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, stands for the New York Central Railroad, while ex-Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, and Messrs. Quay, Magee and Cooper, of Pennsylvania, act in harmony with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Candidates John Sherman is one of the Directors of the Pittsburg Fort Wayne and Chicago Company and a trustee of some of its hypotheated stocks.

Altogether the railroad vote is counted at 294, but by combination it may be increased to 450.

In older times the grandmothers used to dose the family every spring with sulphur, saffron tea, and thoroughwort to "purify the blood." Now a health writer in giving directions on spring diet, says that onions are very invigorating, and that during unhealthful seasons, when diphtheria and fevers are lurking aroon, they should be eaten often. He goes on to challenge the medical fraternity or any other to point out a place where children have died of diphtheria, scarlatina, etc., where onions were freely used.