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Editorial.

DAMAGING RUMORS.

If all the rumors are true that have been afloat on our streets the past few days a number of our best industries would be closed up or in the hands of a receiver by this time.

The report was current on the streets that the Penn'a. R. R. had seized the cars and stock of the Bellefonte Nail Company and had run the same on a siding and were holding it for freight due. Next report went about on Wednesday that executions had been entered against the company for large sums.

During the past week it was rumored that the Buffalo Run Railroad company had passed into receiver's hands; also that all trains on the road would be discontinued after next week. Along with that came the report that the Bellefonte Furnace Co. was about to close up its affairs and make an assignment.

Another report was that the Milesburg Iron Works had closed down indefinitely. With all these reports at hand we started out on Wednesday afternoon to investigate, and, to our gratification, found that each was incorrect.

THE NAIL WORKS.

The Bellefonte Nail Works are on a good financial footing and the P. R. R. did not find it necessary to attach any of its property to collect freight. The puddling furnaces are in operation every day and the company will not think of making an assignment as long as it contains capitalists of the standing of Gen. Beaver and J. W. and J. P. Gephart and others. While the nail market is dead, at present, there is no use in any one listening to the wild rumors afloat concerning that establishment. It is all right.

THE BUFFALO RUN R. R.

Superintendent Shoemaker was seen in regard to the Buffalo Run R. R. rumors and gave a significant smile. He said he usually was informed in regard to any changes that were to be made in the management of that road, but in this case, if the reports were correct, the public in general had the road in charge and that the regularly authorized officials had been discharged without due notice. In other words, he meant that he, as superintendent, knew that such was not the case, and that trains would continue the same as ever to travel through the Buffalo Run valley.

THE BELLEFONTE FURNACE CO.

In regard to this industry he said most of the stock holders were the most responsible capitalists in Philadelphia and represented many millions, and it was not at all likely that they would ever find it necessary to make an assignment. He pronounced the rumor likewise false. This company has the very best financial standing.

MILESBUURG FURNACE.

This furnace, operated by McCoy & Linn, was idle for a time but started up this year and has been in operation since and has no intention of closing down. Their chain factory is also in constant operation, and the firm has the best financial rating.

This should have the effect of silencing these rumors, as we saw the managers of each establishment. Such rumors as have been afloat do a great injury to the business interests of a town. It makes people afraid to invest; they cling to their purse strings closer than ever and that will do more to create hard times and bring on a panic than any thing else.

Destroy all confidence in business, then you undermine the very foundations of trade.

Persons who have been so busily engaged in circulating any of the above rumors will confer a benefit upon the community by keeping their mouths closed.

John Bardsley, the defaulting city Treasurer of Philadelphia, is the man who twenty years ago obtained an appropriation of \$1000 for the purpose of introducing the troublesome English sparrows in Philadelphia and from there they spread over the entire country.

It is said that no foreigners are employed at Morris' limestone quarries in Armor's Gap. They claim that American labor is more satisfactory and cheaper in the end.

SPECIAL COURT.

AN EXTRA SESSION TO BE HELD.

A Large List of Cases to be Disposed of—The Increase of Litigation and Unfinished Work on Hand—List of Cases Tried.

For some time the court calendar has been encumbered with a large list of cases awaiting trial. Owing to the large number of cases on hand persons who had cases awaiting trial were put off from one session to another and often from year to year. This causes much dissatisfaction and inconvenience to attorneys and the litigants. In order to clear up the present trial list it has been ordered that a special term of court be held, beginning Monday, June 22nd, and continue for one week. The following cases have been put down for trial:

TRIAL LIST.

H. D. Yerger, use of, vs. Rev. P. McArdle.
 Philip Keller, vs. G. W. Ford & Jas. A. Beaver.
 Clinton Loyd, vs. Lehigh Valley Coal Co.
 C. A. Mayer, use of, vs. E. W. Sturdivant.
 Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs. G. W. Hoover, et al.
 Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs. Hoover, Hughes & Co.
 Bird Coal & Iron Co., vs. Berwin White Coal Mining Co.
 Mosses Thompson, vs. John I. Thompson.
 Lehigh Valley Coal Co., vs. Henry Crasky, et al.

A LOCAL daily recently came out with an account of a wedding, giving many details of the affair two hours before it actually occurred, and the next day it further displayed its lack of good breeding by boasting of the feat and calling it journalistic enterprise. In order to get the information they had, a breach of confidence was resorted to and further a solemn promise was violated in publishing it at the time they did. They evidently pride themselves upon this dishonorable feat and imagine it to be journalistic enterprise—it was a case of violated honor—instead.

In another column will be found an account of another recent financial crash in Philadelphia by which the state will lose heavily. It seems that every time a bank collapses a portion of the state's funds are swallowed up. The practice of giving out the public money to favorites and political heelers is clearly forbidden by the constitution yet it is done the same as though nothing was enacted on that point.

By dividing up the state funds and depositing it among favorite political banks throughout the state, the republican party always had a strong hold upon the public. It gave them resources for collecting campaign funds and also to enrich the leaders of the party. Republican State Treasurers are known to have paid many times more than the entire salary to become State Treasurer. That department is in bad standing and a renovation is needed.

—Samuel B. Haupt, a native of Centre county, where he is well and favorably known, and a brother of Conductor Allison Haupt, of the Tyrone division, has resigned the superintendence of the motive department of the Norfolk and Western railroad shafts at Roanoke, Va., a position he has held since 1883. With his family he will shortly make a trip to Europe, and on his return will settle in Philadelphia, where, with several of his brothers, he will engage in the lumber and paper mill business.

—Lewin keeps things a moving; they never rehandle or repack goods. They sell off their stock before the close of the season and replace it again and again. They sell cheap and do a big business.

—Mrs. Sam. Condo, died on last Thursday at her home in Rebersburg, of consumption, age about 70 years. She was a member of the Lutheran church. A husband and four grown children survive.

STEALING state funds is becoming quite a popular pastime among the political favorites of the grand old party.

Teachers' Association.

The State Teacher's association will meet in their annual convention this year at Bedford Springs, on July 7th, the convention to last three days.

The Centre Democrat and the Philad. Weekly Times one year for \$1.45.

A BRIDGE GIVES AWAY.

A Telegraph Operator Makes a Narrow Escape from Death.

During the parade of Wallace's circus at Tyrone on last Friday, the wooden foot-bridge which crosses the Bald Eagle creek at Hill street, gave away and seven men were precipitated to the creek, a distance of ten feet. O. A. Sanders, night operator at Tipton tower on the Pennsylvania railroad, three miles west of that place was badly hurt. Besides having his face cut he was badly bruised about the body, and had to be conveyed to his home in Huntingdon. A man from Spruce Creek was also badly hurt, and there were several narrow escapes from drowning.

THE GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.

Statistics are said to be dull and stupid. That may be so as a general thing, but when you take an inventory of your property and find that you are worth just three times as much as you were ten years ago then figures become more fascinating than poetry and more thrilling than oratory.

The South will back us up in these statements. When it pulled itself together after the war it found that it had nothing but bankruptcy and pluck as capital in trade. Its motto was, "The past is nowhere; the future is everywhere," and it drew its belt one hole tighter and started in the race.

The statistics which represent its progress are as exhilarating and cheering as old wine. Its coal output twenty years ago was about two million tons; now it is nearly eighteen million tons. In 1880 it thought it was rushing along at a break-neck speed because it had erected mills on its streams and manufactured one hundred and eighty thousand bales of the cotton it had raised, but in 1890, only ten years later, it manufactured five hundred thousand bales and made contracts for more mills.

Before the war the sleepy negro lay in the sun on top of iron mines whose value was only suspected. Agriculture absorbed the people's attention and they let the negro sleep on. Now the mines are worked, the bonanza has been uncovered, dreams of wealth have become an inspiration; the roar of the forge, the hum of machinery are heard everywhere, and old Pennsylvania is beginning to tremble in her boots as she surveys her vigorous and daring rival.

The South has rolled up its sleeves and proposes to be rich again—richer than ever. It has all the natural resources which attract capital and enterprise. Young men from the North on the lookout for a career are making investments there, helping to develop the country, and they always receive a warm welcome. The tides of population, kept apart so long, are mingling their waters, and unless the politicians raise a row, there won't be any North or any South twenty years from now, and in their stead we shall have a united, contented and prosperous country.

The Way He Fixed Him.

A stranger called upon a farmer in Butler county a few days ago and for \$25 painted the roof of his barn with a mixture that he said would make it last longer than the stone foundation. The first rain washed all the paint off. Last week he reappeared and wanted to sell the farmer a patent corn planter. The latter was still hot about the paint and said he would not buy a corn planter but he would do a little painting at the agent's expense. The agent offered all sorts of explanations, but they availed nothing. The farmer called into him in the real Butler county pugilistic style, and in a few moments painted the agent's nose a beautiful carmine tint, and his eyes a genuine blue-black. The colors will last longer than the paint on the barn.

A Remarkable Man.

Hon. John Walls, of Lewisburg, Pa., is one of the remarkable men of the State. He is now 91 years of age, but is active physically and mentally as most men at 60. Some eight years ago, Dr. Agnew, of this city, amputated his hand to relieve him from a malignant cancerous affection. Since then he has been free from the malady until within a few weeks, when it reappeared in his cheek. He at once came to this city to consult Dr. Agnew again and the cancer was removed at the University hospital on Monday. Notwithstanding the advanced years of Mr. Walls, he is doing well and maintains the utmost cheerfulness. Although living in an adverse county and district, he has been chosen senator and judge, and is one of the most beloved citizens of the Interior of Pennsylvania.—Philadelphia Times.

COMMON SENSE.

A Rebuke from Philadelphia to a Bellefonte Crank.

There are individuals in this land whose small intellects are so warped and biased by their little prejudices that when they express themselves they become the laughing stock of the community. Such prejudice is most prominently displayed in politics and religion. And it is in this latter form that another example has forced himself upon the public. Some time ago a number of young people of Bellefonte, members of the leading and most respected families of the town, and among whom were several daughters accompanied by both of their parents, held a little private sociable.

During the course of the evening a certain scribbler happened in and took a survey of the proceedings. The next day an exceedingly ridiculous article appeared in the daily *Gazette* harshly criticising Christians for dancing or indulging in such forms of pleasure or pastimes. He, in his own mind, no doubt decided that dancing was a great sin and, since what he thought was correct (?) regardless of the opinions of others who are endowed with fully as much intelligence, he assumed that it was his duty to administer a stinging rebuke to these Christians who dare to dance.

The days of superstition, religious bigotry, witchcraft and puritanical ideas are gradually disappearing and common sense, reason and intelligence take their places; and for that reason this untimely article only disgusted the intelligence of this community.

The following upon the same subject recently appeared in the *Public News*, of Philadelphia:

"An article in a Bellefonte, Pa., paper, criticising the action of some Christians in attending a high-toned social gathering where dancing was the chief amusement, says if religion will not keep Christians from dancing it is a complete fizzle. The religion of Jesus Christ will do all it claims to do. Will make of men noble characters, elevate humanity, send sunshine into dark places, cheer the broken-hearted, make life worth living and the world better by its influence upon mankind; but the religion of Christ will not keep people from dancing, will not frown upon social enjoyment, will not turn sweetness into gall, will not deny amusement, cheerfulness nor happiness to God's people. It is not intended for that purpose. The religion of Christ teaches that we are placed here for a purpose. That purpose is not accomplished by the people who never smile, who see good in nothing, who make life a burden to everyone; but by the people who carry sunshine, enjoyment, smiles, good words and good works with them wherever they go.

Religion does not antagonize refinement, and one Christian lady in a respectable dance will do more to uphold the principles of religion than a household of people who see no harm in indulging in simple, silly, childish kissing games, but would be horrified at the thought of dancing. Let people dance. Let them laugh, sing or do whatever their own common sense, or conscience tells them to do, as long as they do not conflict with others peace, or violate God's commands. What would they do if Gabriel should summon them with their dancing garments on, asks this critic? They should be able to say "we are ready." A Christian life should be such that when summoned, whether from the dance or any other place, from pleasure or from labor, no matter where, there will be no need of a hasty change of garments. There is no time in the life of a Christian that he should be placed in such a position that the call from Heaven would find him unprepared, and he is no better prepared by an unnecessary self denial of respectable social enjoyments than by enjoying to the fullest extent the short life given him in this world. Give us Christians who, firm in their own convictions, will go ahead, and make the world better for their having been in it.

Thomas Beaver Dead.

Thomas Beaver, the millionaire philanthropist, died at his residence, in Danville, on Tuesday evening, 19, in his seventy-seventh year. He was formerly engaged in business in Philadelphia, but for more than thirty years had resided in Danville, where he was largely interested in coal mining and iron manufacture. He had accumulated an immense fortune, which he dispensed liberally in philanthropic work. The Beaver free library and Young Men's Christian association building at Danville, and the Beaver Memorial church at Lewisburg, and numerous other churches have been the recipients of his bounty. The deceased was an uncle of ex-Governor Bever. He was buried at Lewisburg.

The *Gazette* announces to the people that the Bellefonte *Republican* is now a democratic publication. Editor Gates protests and says it is still of the same faith and that Feidler can not read them out of the party. From the manner in which the public printing was awarded last year one would have thought that the *Republican* was not in it.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

PROGRAMME OF EXERCISES FOR 1891.

Commencement Address to be Delivered by Col. A. K. McClure—Special train—Other Information.

Sunday, June 28—10:30 a. m., Baccalaureate address, by the Rev. George W. Chamberlain, of Brazil.

Monday, June 29—8 p. m., annual address before the Young Men's Christian Association.

Tuesday, June 30—10 a. m., examination of candidates for admission to College; 8 p. m., Junior oratorical contest.

Wednesday, July 1—8:30 a. m., annual meeting of the Alumni Association; 9:30 a. m., artillery salute; 10 a. m., annual meeting of Trustees; 12 m., Alumni dinner (in the Armory); 2 p. m., meeting (in the Chapel) of delegates and Alumni to elect trustees; 3 p. m., exhibition drill of State College Cadets; 7:30 p. m., annual address before the Alumni, by the Hon. Marriott Brosius, M. C., of Lancaster, Pa.; 9:11 p. m., reception by the Faculty.

Thursday, July 2—9:30 a. m., graduation exercises of the class of '91. Commencement address, by the Hon. Alex. K. McClure, editor of the *Philadelphia Times*.

A special train will run from Bellefonte to Lemont at 10:30 Wednesday morning, July 1, on the arrival of train from Lock Haven.

Orders for excursion tickets over the Pennsylvania lines can be procured of John I. Thompson, Jr., at the College.

Hobbsburg Mentionings.

The farmers of this vicinity are all pleased to see it rain once again and see their grain and grass set in a fine growing condition.

Mr. John McCauley is having a fine summer house erected. That is right John, have things convenient.

Miss Maria Huber has a fine lot of new millinery goods and has been selling quite a number of fine head dresses. All who call are well suited and go away with the finest and latest styles.

Mrs. John Stover, after a lingering illness of many days, died at her home, May 18th. Mrs. Stover was a good wife, faithful to her vows in the Reformed church at this place until death. She leaves many friends to mourn her death, being always ready to do a good deed, speak a kind word, and aid in any way possible all whom she knew to be in need. We extend the hand of sympathy to the bereaved, also reminding them that God's ways are not our ways, and that their loss is her gain.

Mrs. Lizzie Bartholomew has been ill for a few days but is convalescing nicely at this writing, and nothing preventing, will be about in a few days. Lizzie is a dress-maker and many are anxious to see her with the needle in hand again.

Mr. J. D. Miller has in his possession two fine Hambletonian colts one month old. If any persons wish to see beauties, just call; J. D. always goes in for the best and has the finest. Joe.

Hang Itself.

From the arch of a large window in the second-floor of the opera house, over Parker's book store, dangles a dead sparrow at the end of a long string. The little bird was building a nest and in some way one end of the string got looped around its neck and the other end became fastened to a nail in the window cap. It struggled a long time to free itself, but finally it flutters and struggle exhausted it and it fell suspended in the air and died far out of the reach of sympathizing spectators. Beside the human onlookers, the accident was witnessed by the other members of the sparrow colony that infest the opera house facade, and their screamings and chattering, over the wild effort of their unlucky companion to free itself, were indicative of their astonishment and fear.—*Philipsburg Ledger*.

Case of "Rats."

A letter was dropped in the Clearfield postoffice the other day, addressed to "The Louisiana Lottery." Postmaster Row at once pounced upon the fraudulent missive and tore it open to ascertain who in that peaceful community could be so vile as to violate the law in this audacious manner. When he got the envelope open he pulled out the letter on which was written only "rats."

After the Girls.

The parents of many young girls in South Bethlehem have given the police orders to lock up their daughters if found on the streets after ten p. m. The police say the lock-up will not hold all of them.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Good stock in every pair of shoes sold at Mingle's store.

—Have your business represented in the industrial parade on the 4th of July.

—Rev. Laurie leaves next Tuesday on his trip to Scotland.

—When you want a good shoe make a B line for Mingle's.

—Strawberries have been selling as low as 15 cents a box during the past week.

—If you intend to buy a new suit of clothes don't fail to call at the Philad. Branch.

—We are having an abundance of rain. Let the good weather continue and all the crops will be large.

—Craig Crossmire, of Milesburg, left for Ohio this week, where he has obtained a position at railroad.

—Mingle's shoe store carries a larger stock than ever. Solid goods and fair prices are the inducements.

—A marriage license was granted in Clearfield county recently, in which the bride was a young widow only seventeen years old.

—Mr. H. B. Pontius, who is connected with McFarlanes hardware store has been on the sick list the past week from an attack of the grippe.

—Get a nobby suit made by Lewins. He has the best tailoring department in Central Pennsylvania. You get a good fit every time.

—On Wednesday Rev. J. Zeigler, of Unionville, planted the flower beds at the station with a fine lot of blooming plants. It is quite an improvement.

—Large delegations are expected to be at Bellefonte from all adjoining towns on the 4th of July. At least they are making preparations to come in large numbers.

—The reason the Philad. Branch handles so much clothing is that they sell reliable goods at reasonable prices. If you deal with them once you will become a regular customer.

—Mr. S. H. Weaver died at his home at Oak Hall, on Tuesday evening, of inflammation of the bowels. He was the proprietor of the Oak Hall mill. He leaves a wife and five children.

—Unclaimed letters remaining in the Bellefonte post office: Jos. E. Chambers, Mattie Cooke, Lomaso DeCatto, Clinton H. Lytle, Matthias Paker. When called for please say advertised.

—It is reported that one of the leading instructors of the Bellefonte schools had his measure taken this week for his wedding suit. To give his name would be very unkind and a breach of trust as well.

—Frank Lukenbach, who for the last eight years was employed in Reynolds' Bank, now Jackson, Crider & Hastings, has accepted a position with H. Brockert & Co., wholesale grocers, of this place.

—Mr. George Mallory has opened a blacksmith shop on Water street, in the building formerly occupied by Heiser's marble works. Mr. Mallory was for a number of years employed in the carriage shops of J. S. Waite & Co., across the street.

—The great lake that appeared on the Gentzel farms, near Zion, this last spring, did not injure the grain in the least, but seems to have done it some good. The wheat fields, on which the water remained almost a month, are looking remarkably well.

—The Hon. Chester Munson, of Philipsburg, was a pleasant caller at our sanatorium on Saturday. He is enjoying his usual good health and appears hale and hearty as ever. He says Philipsburg is growing and improving right along.

—This Thursday evening, May 28th, Mr. Frank Morrow, the banjo instructor, of Tyrone, will give a musical concert in the opera house at Philipsburg. He has obtained Mr. Geo. N. Brandon, Bellefonte's young musician, to preside at the piano on this occasion.

—Dr. R. M. Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills, is assisting Dr. Rhone, the dentist, in waiting upon his many patients. Dr. Rhone has not yet fully recovered from his fall of last winter, but manages to attend to some of his work. He wants to be at work.

—Mr. Mitchell Gardner, the insurance agent, has accepted a position in the Valentine Iron company as book keeper and began work this week. He will attend to his insurance work during the evenings and will still be able to furnish good rates on either life or fire insurance.

—Mingle's shoe store is stocked with a fine line of light shoes and gaiters for summer wear.