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### Editorial.

Among the recent enterprises in Bellefonte are a Prohibition paper and a "gold cure" for drunkenness.

An Allentown woman has been shot at three times and in each case the bullet was warded off by her corset. In face of this who will dare to say that corsets are not promotive of health and long life.

Wind instruments were invented in the early years of man's history, which goes to show that legislatures are very ancient institutions and like wind instruments many of them are out of tune while making "notes" is their only purpose.

Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, the President's sister, arrived in New York last week after almost two years spent in European travel. She has gathered much valuable material for literary work, and it is highly probable that she will seek distinction on the lecture platform.

The trial of Prof. Briggs for heresy, which is now going on before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, in session at Washington, D. C., is attracting the greatest public interest. It seems to be generally believed that he will be found guilty, but there is much doubt as to the punishment the assembly will decide to inflict upon him.

The office chair occupied by ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker, although of the ordinary size, has been found so inconveniently small for the Hon. Wilson S. Bissell that he has secured a requisition for a new one, which will be made of heavy, quartered oak, thirty inches across the seat, supported on straight legs, three by four inches, weighing about as much as the heavy mahogany desk before him.

The construction of an electric railway on the Gettysburg battlefield has aroused a great deal of comment throughout the country. The idea of a greedy corporation disfiguring this famous field where the bloodiest battle of the late war was fought, is denounced universally. Gettysburg is a hallowed spot and no mercenary vandals should be allowed to desecrate or alter its appearance by any such enterprise as this one. Gov. Curtin strongly denounces this move, and he voices the sentiment of every soldier who engaged in the memorable struggle. Let the field of Gettysburg remain in its original form.

Some of the applications for postmasterships which reached the new Postmaster-General by mail are very odd. One man sent a bulky petition embracing several thousand signatures, bound most handsomely in leather and lettered in gilt on the outside. Every alternate page of the volume is a photograph of scenery in the West. These pictures are really beautiful, representing all of the most striking features of that part of the world, from the canons of Colorado and the geysers of Yellowstone Park to the salmon fisheries of Alaska. These render the document attractive in a degree, and go so far as to relieve the monotony of the list of names that the appointing authority is expected to regard the appeal with more favor. Another petitioner bases his claim to office on the ground that he has eight children six of whom have typhoid fever and the remaining two some other contagious disease.

Secretary Edge, of the state board of agriculture, is preparing a comprehensive report of fence legislation in Pennsylvania. The first general fence law was passed in 1700 and the next in 1729. Every session of the legislature since, with few exceptions, has passed some general or local law of this character. The session of 1887 repealed the law of 1700 and two years later the law of 1729 was repealed leaving the state without any general fence law. In 1885 there was passed a local option fence law giving counties the right to vote on the fence question. The question of the constitutionality of the act was raised in Venango county and referred to the supreme court, where it was decided it was unconstitutional because the legislature had delegated law making powers to the people which it had no right to do.

### G. A. R. POST EXPELLED.

THEY OPPOSED PENSIONING "COFFEE COOLERS."

"Farnham Post" Wants the Pension List Made a Roll of Honor—An Independent Organization now of Veterans—Trouble Brewing.

Farnham post, No. 58, Grand Army of the republic, of New York, will not retract any thing it said in relation to the granting of pensions to undeserving soldiers whom it referred to as "coffee coolers, bounty jumpers and bummers." The charter of the post was revoked by Commander-in-Chief Weisart, but the manhood of the members is unshaken.

An attempt has been made by the commander-in-chief to belittle the affair and ascribe the revocation of the charter to certain irregularities. Happily it is known that the whole trouble is due to the efforts of the post, who are veterans and not coffee coolers, to prevent the granting of pensions to unworthy Grand Army men. The *Grand Army Gazette* has for some time occupied substantially the same ground as that taken by this post, has denounced in the most severe terms those pensioners whose bloodiest battles were waged in the dissensions of the post room, and has applied to these blood-thirsty veterans terms as severe as those used by the members of the Farnham post.

All honorable members said that the only salvation for the organization lay in the arraignment of the unworthy ones who had been permitted to join the Army, and in denunciation of the methods by which they had secured pensions. Only Farnham post had the audacity to put these in practice and it unhesitatingly did so. It seemed to the officers of the Army that this was in violation of the articles of war, so to speak, and likely to cause grave internal dissension and disintegration if it were not sternly checked, as they knew that all real veterans were becoming disaffected. In furtherance of this idea Farnham post's charter has been revoked as a warning to others.

The revocation will not avail. That post has established an order of its own and enjoys the distinction of having in its ranks real veterans and no coffee coolers, bounty jumpers or bummers. This distinction alone reflects upon the integrity of Grand Army posts and will no doubt tend to greater and more immediate disintegration than if the offending post had not been disturbed. Assuredly the cause of pension reform has not been harmed by the punishment of the post. By the time the next congress meets the honorable veterans will be arrayed against the coffee coolers and the Grand Army will be the custodians of the roll of honor or the veterans will have deserted it in great numbers. A veteran whose pension has been earned by the blood he has shed on the field of battle can no more suffer comradeship with the man whose nerves were shattered by the explosion of a bottle of wine at a Fourth of July picnic than a lion can bring himself to associate on equal terms with a jackal.—*Patriot*.

### Shot by His Brother.

John D. McDonald, Chief of Police of Mapleton, Huntingdon county, was shot and mortally wounded by his elder brother Henry at a late hour Saturday night. The latter with several other companions, had become involved in a noisy street fight over the possession of a keg of beer. Chief McDonald arrested his brother Henry and took him to the lock-up, where he released him on his promise to go home. The Chief then returned to the scene of the disturbance and arrested two of the other offenders.

Henry McDonald, his brother, in the meantime, instead of going home went to a neighbor's and borrowed his 32 calibre revolver on the pretense of wanting to shoot rats. He then followed Chief McDonald and fired three shots at him, one of which took effect, penetrating his right side and coursing through the bowels.

### They are Thoroughly Read.

The advertiser gets more for money now than formerly, because the greater attraction of the newspapers increase the number of newspaper readers, and besides the newspapers are read more thoroughly now than before. The advertising columns are an interesting feature of well conducted newspapers, and are read about as generally as the news columns.

We have a great assortment of children's suits, as low as you want them and as fine as any. Prices \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up. Lyon & Co.

### PENSION DECISION.

Is a man who is able to earn a living at manual labor and who suffers from no wound or disability incurred while in actual service entitled to a pension from the government? Sec. Hoke Smith has decided by repealing a ruling of the last administration as to the construction that the pension office shall put upon the "disability not of service origin" clause of the pension act of 1890, that he is not, and common sense would seem to be on the secretary's side. In the future no man will be granted a pension under that law unless he establishes the fact that he is unable by reason of his disability to earn a support by manual labor. There will, of course, be a concerted howl from the pension sharps over this ruling because it will reduce the pension payments something like \$20,000,000 a year, and their fees in a corresponding ratio; but the taxpayers will not object to this saving, particularly when it is made without depriving any old soldier who is unable to earn a living because of his disability of a pension.

### Lock Haven Normal.

The program of the exercises for the Sixteenth Annual Commencement of the Central State Normal School, at Lock Haven has been prepared. The time for the commencement has been changed from the forenoon to the evening of commencement day. The commencement exercises will begin with the Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. E. A. Woods, D. D., of Williamsport, on Sunday evening, June 25th.

Monday evening, June 26th, the Junior prize contest in elocution.

Tuesday, June 27th, has been set apart as field day and will be devoted to out door sports and games.

Tuesday evening the Alumni Literary Society exercises will be held.

Wednesday evening, June 28th, the Sixteenth Annual Commencement takes place in the Chapel.

EXAMINING BOARD.  
The Board of Examiners this year will consist of Dr. G. M. Phillips, Principal of the West Chester Normal school; Superintendent Gramley, of Centre county, and Prof. John A. Robb superintendent of the city schools. The examinations begin on Tuesday, June 29th.

### Kindly Remembered.

One day some eight years ago G. G. Wilson of Luzerne county was standing on the P. R. R. track in Harrisburg. A locomotive was pushing down some cars on the track and Wilson, being very deaf did not hear the danger signal the engineer sounded. In another second he would have been run down by the cars. Herman Carson, of that city, was standing near, and at the risk of his life seized Wilson and threw him out of the way of the impending danger. Carson was struck by one of the cars, but being an experienced railroad man, he caught the bumper and held himself there until the cars were stopped. Wilson was a rich man and gave Carson \$200 on the spot. He died a few days ago and willed Carson \$25,000.

### May Service.

Last Sunday evening St. John's Catholic church at this place was filled by a large attendance as it was the occasion for their annual May service. The front of the church was handsomely decorated with flowers and plants, with the image of the Blessed Virgin as the central figure, and in whose honor the services were conducted, at which a large number of young people participated in their first communion. The girls were dressed in white and wore wreaths upon their heads, and looked very pretty as they marched through the aisles. The recitations by the young ladies were well rendered and appropriate.

### Excursion Tickets.

Commencing June 1st, 1893, the Pennsylvania railroad company will place on sale Two Day Excursion tickets between all stations on Lewisburg & Tyrone branch and at all stations on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad division, between Wilkesbarre, Tomhicken and Renovo inclusive, at greatly reduced rates. These tickets are good for passage on day of issue or the next succeeding day, and when sold on Saturday they are good for return until the following Monday inclusive.

### Lot of Freaks.

Among the many freaks offered for exhibition at the world's fair is a hen that walks backwards, a Shetland pony that is so small that her shoes are made from \$20 gold pieces, a razor that had been used by George Washington, an Indiana prodigy, aged four years, who can recite "Thanatopsis" and a garment 400 years old.

### SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS.

On Thursday evening of last week, when the general appropriation bill came up Representative Taggart offered an amendment to the five million dollar school appropriation which added an additional million. A spirited debate ensued in which the city members took sides against the rural members, but they were outvoted and the amendment carried. This additional million added to the five millions appropriated at the last session, and the five hundred thousand dollars appropriated for the purchase of free school books, makes in round numbers, six and one-half millions of dollars that will go to relieve local taxation and local burdens. This measure will have the effect of placing our public schools upon an advanced basis. It will give the poor man's child all the advantages that could be desired to obtain an education.

### Remarkable Divorce.

Perhaps the most remarkable divorce suit on record is that of Mrs. Pardee, of Warren, this state. She affirms that in the thirty-four years of her married life she was not permitted to attend church or visit a store, and that when her father died she could not go to his funeral, that, briefly, she has been a prisoner in her own house. When she was ill her husband also refused her medical aid. To crown her troubles she was allowed but one bonnet since her marriage. As she could not go out the bonnet point is not well taken. She must have been able to go and see a lawyer to start her suit, and apparently she is in good health. Before passing an opinion it would be well to hear the husband's side. What was he doing all this time?

### About Returning Letters.

The postoffice department has issued order to postmasters, instructing them that no mail matter, except letters, is to be returned to the senders when found to be undeliverable, except when bearing a specific request for such a return. The mere name and address of the sender (which secures the return of undeliverable letters) will not be sufficient to secure the return of packages or printed matter or merchandise. A printed or written request for return must appear on the wrappers of such packages, but special written requests for their return will receive attention if addressed to the postoffice to which the packages were originally directed.

### Will the Big Fair Pay.

Some newspapers are already beginning to figure out that the World's Fair will not pay. The operating expenses per day is estimated at \$45,000. During the first week the paid admissions averaged \$16,000 per day. To pay all expenses the daily receipts from admissions must average \$82,000. This means an attendance of 164,000 people. Whence is this vast and constant army of sight-seers to come from? Here is a rub and unless the affair is better patronized it will be a failure.

### Eel Weir Bill Vetoed.

Governor Pattison vetoed the eel weir and fish basket bill. The governor says that the placing of fish baskets in the streams of the state are destructive of the works of the state fish commission, as these devices catch and destroy all kinds of fish and particularly jeopardize the future shad production.

### Closed on Sunday.

Among the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of the World's Fair Board was one by Lieutenant Governor Wates directing the Executive Commissioner to keep the Pennsylvania Building at Chicago closed on Sunday during the continuance of the Fair.

### Oak Ties Destroyed.

At Cato crossing on the Beech Creek railroad, a point near Snow Shoe, between three and four hundred oak ties were destroyed by fire on Tuesday of last week. The fire originated from a spark from a locomotive.

The finest line of young men's suits blue serge chevrot, black serge chevrot, double breasted or single, \$5, \$10, \$12. The finest line of boys chevrot suits in brown, blue, black and mixed \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, and \$10. Lyon & Co.

This week the following Centre county people left for the World's Fair at Chicago: John Olewine and wife, Dr. M. A. Kirk and wife, Gen. Jas. A. Beaver and wife, Robert Valentine, wife and daughter, Miss Mary Linn and brother Henry, all of Bellefonte; Jacob Bortoff and wife of Lemont, and others.

### THAT ROAD ROLLER.

PURCHASED BY OUR TOWN COUNCIL.

A Special Session held—The undue Haste of Councilmen—\$3,650 More Indebtedness Placed on the Borough.

Last Friday afternoon a special meeting of council was held for the purpose of purchasing a road machine, made by O. S. Kelly & Co., of Springfield, Ohio. Mr. L. E. Townsend, agent, was present and explained in detail how our streets could be improved and wherein it was economy for the boro to make such a purchase. The road roller weighs twelve tons and is operated by a thirty-five horse power engine and resembles somewhat in appearance the ordinary traction engine, but of greater weight. In front there is a low heavy roller, instead of wheels. The back wheels are set so as to track outside of the front roller. Large steel spikes can be placed in the rim of the back wheels and, by running over a solid road bed, will tear it up effectually. The loose stone are then gone over with a harrow until the material is scraped or heaped to the centre so that water will easily drain off to either side. The spikes are then taken out of the rims and the heavy machine is run over the loose stone. The material in front of the roller is soaked with water and it is claimed that by running over several times the surface becomes very smooth and hard. By adding finely crushed limestone a perfect macadamized road can be made. The price of the machine was \$3,650. After considerable discussion a vote was taken and the motion to purchase the roller at that price carried. The vote stood: Darr, Miller, Gerberich, Bush, Potter and Williams for; and Garman and Bauer against. The terms of purchase are \$600 cash, and the balance in yearly payments at 5 per cent. Darr and Miller with Solicitor C. M. Dale, were directed to complete the contract, and the roller will be here in a few weeks.

There is considerable discussion among the tax payers of the town upon this action of council. The entire proceeding was of undue haste. We doubt if a single councilman has any personal knowledge of the roller and what it will do. The agent, whose business it was to sell, made great claims and his word was accepted as being correct in every particular. A similar machine is manufactured by a company in Harrisburg, and could have been purchased for less money, but Mr. Townsend said it was not as good as his, like any salesman would talk under the circumstances, and they accepted his word on that point also.

These are the circumstances under which the road roller was bought and an item of \$3,650 more indebtedness was saddled on the property holders.

But that is not all, in order to make the road roller a success a stone crusher and engine are needed; that means an expenditure of several thousand more. And that is not all. To tear up our street crossings, sewers, etc., will mean many thousand more.

Where is there a town in Central Pennsylvania that has solid or better streets than Bellefonte? Why then should they be torn up and more indebtedness placed on the boro?

The whole proceeding of council on Friday was that of undue haste. Since writing the above it has turned out that the action of council will not stand, because the limit of our indebtedness has been reached. This meeting was also irregular. Therefore the road roller will not be purchased.

### A Roadmaker's View.

Mr. Andrew Brockerhoff, now living at Reading, is visiting at his home in this place. Mr. Brockerhoff is engaged entirely in building asphalt pavements in cities and, on the question of road-making has had considerable experience. In speaking of the recent action of our town council said: "Any set of men who have no knowledge of practical road making and know nothing about a road roller who will allow an agent to come into a town in the morning and in the afternoon talk them into purchasing such a machine at a cost of \$3,650, without consulting other manufacturers of similar machines, without investigating and inquiring what satisfaction such machines had given where they have been used in other towns, or even attempting to consult the wishes of the taxpayers in regard to such a large expenditure of money, are the wrong kind of men to be intrusted with a responsible public position—the court should appoint guardians for them at once."

He says a similar road roller was con-

sidered a failure at Williamsport. **At** Reading a like machine was purchased and is known significantly as the "big elephant." In his opinion a stone crusher, operated at the water works, is what is needed. Then the centre of the streets should be filled up with finely crushed limestone which will soon form a solid road bed. In that way our streets could be put in excellent shape and at a reasonable expense.

### New Fee Bill.

Justices of the peace throughout the country will hail with pleasure the new fee bill which went into effect last week. According to the new bill justices can now charge for oath and information 50 cents, docket entry 25 cents, warrants 50 cents, transcript 50 cents, entering discontinuance of assault and battery cases 50 cents, entering action 25 cents, summons or subpoena 25 cents with 10 for each additional name, return of summons 25 cents, entering satisfaction 15 cents, execution 30 cents, return of proceedings on certiorari or appeal \$1, receiving or paying over where the amount is over \$100, \$1 per hundred.

### A Fine Show.

On Saturday morning Main's railroad show arrived in town and gave two exhibitions. It was but a few years ago that Main came through this section with a small wagon circus which was a good one and has prospered. A large crowd was in town. The circus performance was very good and pleased all. There were no fakirs, skimmers or sharpers traveling with them and the men were orderly and decent. As it is the beginning of a season the horses and outfit were in fine order.

### A Large Fish.

According to the *Greensburg Press*, a large trout was caught in the waters of the Loyalhanna that measured 23 1/2 inches and weighed 4 1/2 pounds. A catch like that would certainly be great sport.

We have just received a large number of samples of wall paper from Alfred Peats, the wall paper merchant, Chicago—together with a small pamphlet on Economy in Home Decoration with advice how to hang paper.

These samples are much finer than anything we have ever seen before for the price, some of the gilt papers being as low as 5c per roll, and heavy embossed gold papers as low as 10c per roll, all arranged with wide borders and ceiling papers to match according to the latest style. These samples are sent free to anyone who will write to Alfred Peats, Department D, 136-138 W Madison st., Chicago, or to 30-32 W. 13th st., New York, and will enable anyone desiring to re-decorate their house to buy the latest style papers at about wholesale prices.

Musical instruments of all kinds repaired by Culveyhouse.

Latest novelties in Spring Clothing for Men, Boys and Children.

The best suit in the market for men, at \$10.

Tailoring a specialty.

MONTGOMERY & Co., Bellefonte, Pa.

Lane's Medicine moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary.

### A. C. MINGLE

BROCKERHOFF HOUSE BLOCK.

Handsome, Well Made

Shoes For Everybody.

We give you more style and comfort than you'll expect to get and save you money in buying.

\$1 buys the handsomest and best pair of Oxfords offered anywhere for less than 1.50.

\$1.25 secures a selection from a grand assortment of beautiful Oxfords and Bluchers—really worth 1.75.

\$2 buys a pair of \$3 patent tip button boots—the greatest bargain we have ever offered in Ladies fine shoes.

\$3 gives you a genuine hand-welt button boot—cheap at \$4. Don't miss seeing them.

\$3 buys a pair of elegant patent leather bluchers—style as good as our best.

\$5.50 buys the best the market affords in patent leather bluchers. We almost feel like guaranteeing them, but vis against the rule.

There are people who have a house full of children and it takes a great deal of money each year to keep so many little ones shod. We feel confident we can reduce the expense.

Mingle's Shoe Store.