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LEGISLATORS AT STATE COLLEGE

Highly Pleased With the Institution.

STUDENTS HAVE SOME SPORT

Manage to get in the Private Cars and Help Themselves to Sarsaparilla and Soft Drinks—Difference of Opinion as to what they secured—A practical joke too good to keep quiet.

Last Friday about sixty members of the State Legislature visited Pa. State College for the purpose of inspecting the institution. They arrived there in the evening and were shown all the leading and interesting features about the institution, and a banquet was served at the University Inn. Representatives Schofield and Foster accompanied the delegation and looked after their comfort and entertainment while there. The committee was highly pleased with the showing made by the college and went away with a better impression, than when they came.

It would be incomplete not to mention a bit of a joke played upon them by the students. The committee had three Pullman cars which they left at the depot in charge of two porters. College boys always are curious fellows, and legislative committees are always supplied with that which makes a man feel glad all over. A crowd of daring students slipped over to the train and sized up the situation. Next they resorted to a bit of stratagem. Part of the boys caused a commotion at the front of the train to attract the attention of the porters, in which they were successful. While this was going on several chaps went to the rear car and gained an entrance.

They succeeded in carrying away, it is said, several cases of bottled beer, cigars, and other legislative luxuries before they were discovered. That the boys had a good time later, goes without saying, while the poor committee had to journey all the way to Bellefonte the next day before they alleviated their sufferings, or could quench their parched throats.

Representative Foster assured the writer that only a few bottles of "soft drinks," such as sarsaparilla, lemon soda and such like in the car were taken.

We have great respect for our friend's veracity, but the legislative committee that leaves Harrisburg with a load of that kind of stuff on board would be a wonder. No, Robert, no member of the legislature is expected to insult his stomach with soft stuff. And they don't, either.

The Hon. James Schofield was seen on Monday. He declares that there was no spirits, red-eye, bug-juice or anything of the kind on the train for the supply had exhausted before they reached Tyrone. That is a very plausible explanation and more reasonable than Brother Foster's sweeping denial. The boys had considerable fun at somebody's expense and the stuff was quite bracing.

An Old Railroad Surveyor.

Clearfield Spirit: "Samuel Brugger, of Fleming, Centre county, was a prominent lay delegate to the Methodist conference, which closed its business at Clearfield last Tuesday after a week's hard work. Mr. Brugger figured more perhaps than any other man in central Pennsylvania in the construction of the Beech Creek and C. M. railways, which have contributed so much to our development.

It would seem that the Beech Creek railroad was a long time reaching perfection, for away back in 1865 Mr. Brugger surveyed the same route from Snow Shoe to Beech Creek for private parties in Lock Haven. Then in 1874 he surveyed on the line which the Beech Creek follows as far as Clearfield bridge, and in 1881, '82, '83 pushed to Cherry Tree and Carrolltown. In 1890 he traced the route from Patton to Westover. His records in building railroads dates back 44 years, when in 1853 he assisted in building the Bald Eagle valley road.

A Big Contract.

The Philadelphia Times of yesterday says that the Berwind-White Coal Mining company have recently closed a contract with the Mexican Central railroad for 100,000 tons of coal. This quantity of coal is to be moved within a year, beginning from April 1. The Munson Steamship company, it is understood, have arranged with the coal company to freight the above contract from Philadelphia to Tampico. Parties competent to judge value place this contract at upwards of \$300,000.

Secured a Position.

Clarence Daly, of Marsh Creek, who has been a student at the Bellefonte academy all winter, bade farewell to the school and students and left for Washington, D. C., where he has secured a position.

HIS GHOSTSHIP SOLVED.

Bellefonte's Bugaboo Proves to be a Natural Production.

The Grit on Saturday says: The ghost that has been displaying itself near Ardell's lumber yard for some months past, keeping the women home in the evenings and the young men from visiting their best girls after dark, has been discovered. It is perfectly harmless. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Jamison of New York, having heard of Bellefonte's ghost, and disbelieving in ghosts, goblins, and long-webbed things, came here this week to investigate the matter. In the daytime they viewed the locality and at night took their position on the railroad track back of the lumber yard. It was not long until they saw a luminous, misty light arise out of the swampy ground near the creek and float towards and pass them and then disappear. It was a body of inflammable gas which arises from swamps. It is commonly known as Will-o-the-wisp, or Jack-with lantern and its being in the shape of a person is entirely imaginary by those who believe in ghosts.

"WISE MEN OF THE EAST."

The new order, "Wise Men of the East," is moving along nicely as could be expected. Occasionally a ripple of excitement prevails over their deliberations, but all simmers down again in a short time. At the last business meeting a strong movement was made for the impeachment of the president of the order. The charges preferred were for wearing a Cleveland gold badge. Upon President Gephart making a satisfactory apology, and singing that favorite song "Oh, do not be discouraged," for the benefit of the order, the matter was dropped. The latest recruit was Solomon Peck, Esq., of Nittany, who said he believed that Jonah could swallow the whale providing he had plenty of time. The order at once accorded him an honorary membership.

The Treasurer recently committed a grave offence by engaging in work for several days at his old occupation, of salesman. This is a serious offence and the penalty is expulsion. Mr. Runkle's case will be disposed at next meeting and he naturally feels that his usefulness in the order has drawn to a close.

It is the general wish of the order to go out on a star-gazing expedition the first night, providing they can find anything worth following. Studying the heavens, and following stars, you know was the original occupation of this ancient order and they propose to remain true to these sacred traditions.

The order still continues to hold forth in the Recorder's office.

State Deposits.

The recommendations made regarding the payment of interest on state deposits are embodied in a bill soon to be presented, and which differs from Representative Stewart's bill now before the house in one important point. Stewart's bill provides for three banks which shall not be compelled to pay interest, and the act recommended by the committee increases these to six, one in Dauphin county, two in Allegheny and three in Philadelphia. These recommendations were not received with favor by those who favor the payment of interest on all state deposits. They say it allows a system of favored banks, which will continue the pernicious manner of raising political contributions from institutions which hope to receive the state deposits.

Advertising Did It.

A man must be pretty well covered with moss not to be a regular advertiser. A family down in Florida lost their child and, failing to find it after two days, put a twenty-four cent notice in the paper and the next morning they were surprised to see an alligator on the steps where he had disgorged the child alive and then died himself. They sold the alligator hide for six dollars, and the parents are exhibiting the child for fifty dollars a week. This story illustrates the value of advertising.

Ward House Changes Proprietor.

Liveryman J. McC. Davis took charge as sole proprietor of the Ward House on Tuesday, at Tyrone, J. T. Rowley, former proprietor, retiring. Mr. Davis has had considerable experience in this line of business and under its present management there is no doubt that the Ward House will continue to maintain its reputation as one of the best hotels in this section of the state.

Colored Talent.

The colored talent of Bellefonte will give a grand concert in Garman's Opera house Thursday evening, April 8. Instrumental duets, drills, solos, quartets, and elocution will be on the program. About 14 persons will take a part in the exercises.

To cure a cough or cold in one day take Krumrine's Compound Syrup of Tar. If it fails to cure, money refunded.

DR. SWALLOW WRITES AGAIN

Gives Governor Hastings More Healthy Advice.

MUST CHECK WRONG DOING.

How Public Property has been Scattered over the State—"Revolutions Never Move Backwards"—Not alarmed by those libel suits—The Minister fires hot shot again.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow on last Friday evening addressed an open letter to Governor Hastings. In brief the letter, which is defiant in its language, says that the governor is cognizant that men in the employ of the state are wrongdoers, and says: "No one knows better than do you that you have wrongdoers, your creatures filling important places in the service of the state." Dr. Swallow calls attention to the fact that suits were not brought on all of the allegations of the Pennsylvania Methodists. "One of our witnesses," the letter continues, "who was positive at the outset that he knew of fraud in bidding and of an attempt to bribe him for \$300 was shortly after we were sued given a know-nothing. Another was given additional state work. Another was labored with by one of the prosecutors till a late hour of night and went over to the other side."

In conclusion the letter says: "We suggest to you the following:

First. Dimiss, prosecute and punish the ringleaders.

Second. Appoint a committee of three citizens, tried and true, to receive and act as custodian for any conscience money, furniture or other state property that may be returned during the period of restitution, that should immediately follow such an announcement.

Third. Devise some plan for preventing the possibility of such wrong-doing in the future.

"I state what I know when I write that such property is scattered over the entire state and is to be found in the houses and offices of politicians, judges, lawyers, state and national officials, otherwise reputable people in all grades of life, and also in the house of her whose feet take hold on hell."

"Prosecutions for libel will not stop the revolution now in progress, and revolutions never move backward." We must be taught by object lessons if we will not be taught by revelation, that it is as much a violation of the eighth commandment to take unlawfully any part of the aggregated contributions for public uses of 3,000,000 people, or 60,000,000, as it is to take it from one individual.

Excursion to Lock Haven.

On Friday evening about one hundred and fifty left Bellefonte over the C. R. R. of Pa. for Lock Haven. Many went down to see the production of the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh." Others went down for a little vacation, to see the sights about that city, for they have some excellent attractions there we hear.

Those who went to the opera house were interested in the play and were satisfied that not as much pains and effort had been given to its production as when rendered here.

The trip home was quite lively. Many of the excursionists were struggling with Lock Haven fire water, and "painting things red." At times it seemed as though everybody wanted to fight, but none would come up and score.

The Lock Haven bars must sell terrible stuff—forty-rod-lightning-bug juice, that sets a fellow's hair on end and turns him wrong side out, until he don't know who he is, or where he is at. It's awful.

Treating Proper.

Those unselfish men who never buy a drink except for other persons and who seldom buy a drink unless some other person buys it for them are doubtless happy since the Legislature has failed to pass the anti-treating bill.

The custom of treating, which is an American institution, should be abated, but it can never be checked by legislation. Popular sentiment is the weapon with which it must be fought, and if those good people who worked so hard for the passage of the bill start an active social crusade against the habit, they can accomplish much more. If this bill would have passed the barroom bum would have lost his job and many a poor devil gone thirsty in the future.

Have Returned.

The Lewisburg Saturday News of last week says: Several weeks ago we reprinted from a Centre county paper an account of an elopement from Linden Hall, of a married man named Harris with the wife of an neighbor named Kline. We are reliably informed that they have returned and are ready to be reconciled to their families. Before that occurs both deserve something else.

MARRIED UP A TREE.

Minister and Bridal Couple Driven Aloft by a Mad Bull.

Miss Lizzie Swanger and Harry Bangler, her accepted suitor, quarrelled at a party held at a neighbor's house, near Montrose, Pa. Shortly before midnight they returned to their homes. They were accompanied by the Rev. W. Hunter.

The party had occasion to pass through a field. Here they were pursued by a furious bull and all three took to a tree. Miss Swanger climbed one tree and Bangler and the minister the adjoining two.

FEAR REUNITED THEM.

The infuriated bull ran around and under the tree, bellowing and throwing the earth in the air. The trio remained on the trees nearly an hour and no relief came. The bull still stood guard.

Thinking this an excellent time to reconcile the couple the minister began. His work was done, however, almost before he had begun. The couple desired to be married then and there, thinking they were about to meet a tragic death, and the minister married them. Bangler had had a license in his pocket for several weeks.

Musical Normal.

The Rebersburg Musical Normal will open Monday, April 5 and continue six weeks. The latest developments and advanced ideas in methods of teaching piano, organ, violin, mandolin, guitar and all stringed instruments, including voice culture, harmony, will be given. In addition to this, there will be a singing class three evenings each week, when instructions will be given by note. The instructors are Prof. F. A. Newcomer, of Milton, Pa., a graduate of the American Normal, Napoleon Ohio, who has had years experience in conducting Normals, conventions and singing classes, and C. E. Zeigler, of Penn Hall, Pa., who is also an experienced teacher of music and thoroughly up-to-date in this work.

The Musical Normal at Rebersburg, already promises to be very largely attended by people from Centre Hall, Spring Mills, Pennsylvania, Sugarvalley, and Nittany Valley. Young and old, single and married, attend. Boarding is cheap. There is a stage going twice to Coburn per day. The people are very social. For additional information, which is very cheerfully given by request, address Cornelius Stover, Rebersburg, Pa.

Centre County Names Before Congress.

Congressman Arnold introduced the following bills in the House: To correct the military records of John B. Miller and Henry McKitchen, of Centre county; also bills to pension W. S. Williams, S. H. Griffiths, Martin Funk and Henry C. Holter, of Centre county, and to increase to \$50 the pension of Mrs. Fannie Lorraine, of Centre county.

Also, bills to pay J. H. Sparks, of Clearfield, \$419 for property taken by the United States troops in Virginia during the rebellion; Susan Swoope, of Clearfield, \$3,050 for property burned at Curwensville, by United States troops in 1864.

New Insurance Company.

An effort is being made to organize a new mutual fire insurance company in Penns valley, with office at Millheim. A considerable amount of insurance has been promised when an organization is effected. There are much uninsured property in this valley which is not taken by other companies on account of contagious risks already taken which may gladly be insured by the owners when opportunity offers. We are informed the new company would be more liberal in its rates to stores than other companies and thereby secure the patronage of that interest.

Using His X-rays.

Dr. Nutt, of Williamsport, is using his new X ray apparatus with good results. A few evenings ago he turned the rays on the fractured arm of Timothy Kennedy and made a close examination of the broken bone. The doctor also took an X-ray picture of the injured ankle of John C. Douthy, the electrician, who was hurt by falling into a cellar on Laurel street, through a defective sidewalk last June and who has a suit for damages pending against the city. The doctor found that the ligaments of the ankle had been badly torn and there is a large growth on the bone.

\$200 Damage.

The viewers appointed by the Court to appraise the damage caused by the erection of the Howard water works reservoir on Mrs. Frank's land made their report, awarding Mrs. Frank \$200 damage. The reservoir is about 50 feet in length by 25 in breadth, and is located 150 feet from the boundary line of her tract of land, which consists of 170 acres. This was sold before the timber was cut off for \$100.

A GUIDE FOR OFFICE-SEEKERS

The President has very few Appointments.

HOW CIVIL SERVICE WORKS.

The Extension of the Classified Service has made a change—Little Consolation for Hungry Office-Seekers now at Washington—Many will get left.

The Government Printing Office has issued a Congressional document designed to answer every question that can be asked about the civil service of the United States. This document is being eagerly sought by the office-seekers now in the city, but it gives them very little consolation, as it shows that the extensions that have been made of the classified service under the Civil Service law leave little patronage at the disposal of the President and the heads of departments.

Exclusive of the diplomatic and consular service, which are not included in the document, there are in the entire civil service of the United States 178,717 appointments, with salaries aggregating \$99,589,827.28. Before the enactment of the civil service practically all these places were at the disposal of each new Administration. By the gradual extensions of the classified service the number of places left open to the office-seekers has been cut down to 91,609.

Many of these are so hedged about by special laws or regulations relating to their appointments as to be practically shut off from the office-seekers.

The Presidential appointments outside of the diplomatic and consular service are limited to 26 which do not require confirmation by the Senate, and 488 requiring confirmation. There are in the departmental service in Washington only 904 Presidential appointments, including the members of the Cabinet, and this includes the revenue cutter officers and Marine Hospital surgeons.

No class of appointments will give the Administration more trouble than the fourth-class postmasters. These places are of little importance, and the average compensation is only \$150 per year. They are invariably the source of neighborhood quarrels, however and do much to make an administration unpopular. Though they are generally decided upon by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, the President will be called upon to decide many of the contests.

To Capture 3,000 Crows.

A correspondent from Haneyville writing to the Jersey Shore Vidette, says: "There was a gentleman here last week looking after crows. He made arrangements with Jack Weir to capture three thousand of the black birds alive and ship them to a sporting club at Philadelphia. They will be captured in a net same as they catch wild pigeons in their nesting quarters. They will be used in a trap in the Quaker city, by a sporting club contest. Jack is to receive ten cents for each bird clear of transportation. The first shipment of fifteen hundred is ordered for May 28th. Jack says he can fill the orders promptly as the woods are full of them. If not badly mistaken shooting crows in this manner is a violation of the law."

Easy to Buy, Easy to Take.

You will find a true friend in Hood's Pills. When you take them you will not be disagreeably reminded of the fact by griping and agonizing pains. They contain none of the drastic drugs formerly so extensively employed. Every ingredient used in Hood's Pills is selected with care. They will break up a cold, prevent the grip and are especially valuable to regulate the liver. They cure sick headache and indigestion.

Provides a Bounty.

Representative Schofield introduced a bill in the house which provides the paying of a bounty on the destruction of wild cats, hawks, owls and weasels. The bill has passed the house and has gone to the senate. The bill authorizes the payment of \$2 for every wild cat, \$1 for every red or gray fox, for a mink 50 cents, and every large weasel or ermine, 25 cents, and for hawks 25 cents.

A Rapid Increase.

An official enrollment of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor shows the whole number of members to be 2,836,741. There are now over 47,000 societies; 231,000 of the young people connected with these organizations united with different churches during the year 1896. Since 1889 they have received the grand total of 1,048,235 members.

To cure a cough or cold, in one day, take Krumrine's Compound Syrup of Tar. If it fails to cure, money refunded.

MR. MCKINLEY TIRED.

He'd Appreciate It if His Fellow-Citizens Wouldn't Insist on Seeing Him.

President McKinley is showing the effect of the pressure upon him for places. He gives to each visitor a courteous hearing, but the tax on his vitality is very severe. The place seekers are at the White House when the doors are opened in the morning, and they remain in evidence until the President is compelled through sheer fatigue to seek the seclusion of his private apartments. The warm weather of the east a few days has added to his discomfort, and it has been suggested that he spend an occasional day resting at the seashore or in the country near the city. The President, however, insists upon staying at his desk as long as his strength will permit. His friends believe that if he does not take a brief outing he will break down from overwork.

GARMAN IS FULL OF HOPE.

The Democratic State Chairman Talks of the Coming Fight.

Democratic State Chairman John M. Garman is just now actively interested in the coming campaign for State Treasurer and Auditor General, and in a recent interview at Wilkesbarre had this to say on the subject: "The conduct of a Republican Legislature has favored the Democracy. No session in the history of the State has been as full of scandals and investigations, and the fact should be borne in mind that the charges of bribery, of corruption and dishonesty are put forth by Republicans and cannot be called Democratic campaign stories."

"The probabilities are that the State Committee which meets in April will decide that the coming campaign will be conducted on a platform made up of purely State issues. There never was a time when the industrial interests, the rights of both corporations and private citizens were as much endangered as today. The Republican party in this State has convinced the business interests that their safety lies with the State Democracy."

"I have a number of letters from men at the head of great business interests. These men opposed the Democracy last fall. To-day they say that a change is necessary and in such a year, when neither Congressmen nor legislators are to be elected they say that if the Democratic party nominates an honest business man for State Treasurer and an equally honest man for Auditor General, the party will stand an excellent chance of winning. And they will do all they can to aid us. The organization of the party has gone on steadily. We need no campaign literature. That, as I said, has been supplied in abundance by the Republicans."

Mr. Garman said that out in the Western part of the State James M. Guffey is being put forward for State Treasurer, and there are quite a number of others suggested for Auditor General, but that little consideration would be given to the names of candidates until May.

Pure Food for Animals.

From the American Weekly American Agriculturist of Mar. 27, '97.

Farmers do not seem to be aware of the double loss sustained through the grinding of cobs by millers. Corn is taken to the mill at the rate of 70 lbs to the bushel. Fourteen pounds are deducted for cobs and are not paid for, but the miller grinds these with oat hulls, making No. 3 chop, which sells at \$12 to \$14 per ton, thus giving the miller a clear profit. This cheap chop is unhealthy and its sale should not be allowed. A friend of mine recently lost ten shoats and was unable to assign a cause. He called a veterinary surgeon, who found that death had resulted from clogging of the intestines with this cheap chop. The man had paid \$7 for a half ton of chop and had lost \$50 from its use. The manufacture and sale of it should be stopped and then there would be an increased demand for rye, oats and corn. State Grange Master Leonard Rhone is investigating the matter in that State. Why shouldn't we have pure food laws for the animals as well as for human beings?—(A. B. Steele, Centre county, Pa.)

He Didn't Saw.

A Tenth street woman sent a tramp to saw wood for his breakfast and then went into the house to set up the lunch. She returned soon to invite him to the meal, when she found the following on the saw horse: "Just tell them that you saw me, but you didn't see me saw."—Tyrone Herald.

Moves to Centre Hill.

Ex-County Commissioner James B. Strohm will remove to Centre Hill from Bellefonte this spring, and occupy the family homestead with his father. Jim recently purchased a farm near Centre Hill, and will give his attention entirely to his interests in this valley.

FOR RENT—A number of desirable houses for rent. Apply to A. M. Hoover Real Estate Agent. apr 1.