

## REPAIRS FOR THE COURT HOUSE

Proposed Plans that Will Be Submitted.

### SOME NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

An Extension to be Built to the Front—Will Give More Room—Estimated Cost Placed at \$30,000.—The Approval of the Grand Jury Will be Asked.

This week, the writer was shown the drawings being made for the proposed repairs to the Court House. The same will be submitted to the grand jury, at court next week, for consideration. The plans have been prepared by Robt. Cole & Co., architects, of Bellefonte. The proposed repairs consist of an addition of about sixty feet to the front of the present structure, which would bring the same down to within a few feet of the fountains.

This addition would be about five feet wider than the present building, and built of a white sand stone, same as the present county jail. The style of architecture would be in harmony with the jail, so that there would be a uniformity in the appearance of these public buildings. The front of the building would have a large, square, massive tower, with the town clock in the top and a spacious room on second story. The south corner would have a half-round tower, while the north corner would be a square.

This addition would give two large spacious offices on either side of the hall, on first floor, or four in all. The second floor would be more commodious and convenient for holding court. The bar and bench would be moved forward about thirty feet. This would give ample room for larger grand and traverse-jury rooms, with closets. Back of them would be a library, ladies' waiting room and witness room, with necessary conveniences. This is a brief description of changes and repairs proposed. It would necessitate few alterations on the present structure and would give us a building that would meet public requirements and would be an ornament and a credit to our county.

The architects' estimate is for an expenditure of not more than \$30,000, which would be a moderate sum for the purpose. Considering the size of our county, and the large amount of business transacted, the present structure is entirely inadequate. Grand jurors and traverse jurors know the inconvenience of being penned up in small, poorly ventilated rooms for days. Then there is no decent accommodations provided for women in attendance at court, which is a discredit. All of which would be well provided for by the proposed new improvement.

Sooner or later something must be done in this direction. The expense could be gradually paid in ten or twenty years, by a slight increase in the millage, that few would notice the difference. Every juror, every witness, every litigant, every person transacting business about the Court House would realize at once the benefits of the improvements. At this time we believe it would be a wise thing for the grand jury to give this matter serious consideration. A new roof now is absolutely necessary and the court room is in an unsightly condition. The question is whether more patch work should be done, or permanent and needed repairs be made.

If the grand jury thinks improvements, as will be proposed, should be made, they should not hesitate to act according to their best judgment. Some people would never favor any decent improvements, and would allow the public property to deteriorate and rot. On the other hand there are extravagant people with large ideas and small purses, who would plunge the county into a heavy debt. In this matter the grand jury should act with deliberation, and at the same time have a bit of local pride, for condition of our public buildings.

It will not be necessary for the commissioners to have the approval of the grand jury in order to make repairs. They can act on their own authority.

### Three Murderers Wanted.

The Clearfield county commissioners have offered \$600 reward for the apprehension and conviction of three murderers. The men wanted are: "Piggy" Hart, who is charged with murdering Victor Corelli, and for whose conviction \$200 is offered; for the unknown man who killed John O'Grady, \$200 is offered; and for Charles Brown who killed Grant Reeder, \$200 is offered. These murders were committed in around DuBois within the last year and a half, two of them within ten weeks. The latest occurred on the 7th of this month.

—THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT and weekly Pittsburg Post, one year for \$1.50.

### THERE ARE NONE LIKE US.

Though Great Britain boasts that the sun never sets on her dominion, the United States also enjoys that distinction. When it is 6 o'clock p. m. in Alaska it is 9.35 a. m. of the next day in Maine. Our area, including Alaska, is equal to the extent of all Europe, with Italy and Turkey excepted.

Texas is 212 times the size of Rhode Island and might ask every man, woman and child in the world to reside inside its borders, offering each individual a plot of ground forty-nine by one hundred feet—four times the space taken by each person in New York city. Texas could hold England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy and Portugal, and still have room for a promenade around this section of transported Europe.

California is our second largest state, and in two of her counties—San Bernardino and San Diego—could be packed Egypt, Switzerland, Porto Rico, West Indies, Montenegro and forty-eight cities the size of Paris.

Our forests surpass those of any other nation, covering 500,000,000 acres, or one-quarter of our entire territory. The value of the timber cut every year is over \$1,000,000,000—double the value of the output of the mines.

We lead the world in manufactures. The capital invested is \$6,500,000,000. Our coal fields are as large as France in area; we produce every metal and mineral valuable in the arts, and in our domestic trade we surpass the world.

If Uncle Sam's 4,564,641 farms could be brought together they would form one large farm sixteen times the size of the New England states. This farm would contain more than one-eighth of our population, and with its buildings and fences would be worth over \$13,000,000,000, or one-fifth of our national wealth. First among nations in agriculture is the United States, and the shipments of American farm products to Europe are so great that the people of the continent could not maintain themselves in their present condition if cut off from the product of our fields.

Nearly half of the world's Sunday school scholars are in the United States, the number being 9,718,432, out of the world's total of 20,268, 933. Great Britain and Ireland come second with 6,979,914. If Uncle Sam gathered his Sunday school scholars together for a procession, and had them march at a five-mile gait, four abreast, fifteen inches apart, they would take one hundred and fifteen hours, or day and night for four days and nineteen hours, to pass a given point.

### Death of Mrs. Harry Teats.

Mrs. Harry Teats died at her home, in Curwensville, Pa., on Thursday evening last, of rheumatism of the heart. Interment occurred on Saturday. Her age was 60 years.

Mrs. Catherine Teats, nee Miss Catharine Long was born in Aaronsburg in 1830. She resided at that place with her parents until the time of her marriage, when they departed and lived in Ohio for a period of three years at the expiration of which time they returned to Bellefonte. While in this city Mrs. Teats was a very devoted member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Teats resided in Bellefonte about 20 years after which they moved to Curwensville where Mr. Teats has been engaged in the grocery business for the past eleven years.

### Death of Mrs. Sayers.

Mrs. Sallie K. Sayers, widow of the late David Sayers, of Jacksonville, died Monday morning at 3 o'clock, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Miller, 122 East Church street, Lock Haven, of cancer, aged 30 years. Deceased is survived by four brothers, W. W. Ammon, Claude and Olive Miller, and four sisters, Mrs. George M. Hoy, of Hublersburg, Centre county, and Misses Bertha, Tabitha and Grace Miller, of that city. The remains were taken to Jacksonville, Centre county, Wednesday morning for interment.

### Buried Under a Load of Slabs.

A young man by the name of Calvin Segner, of Harris township, met with quite an accident the other day. He was taking a load of slabs from a saw mill near Shingletown, over a trestle, to where they were being burned. Suddenly the trestle gave way and Segner and his load fell about twenty feet. Segner was buried under the load of slabs and was seriously if not fatally injured.

### Death of Simon Sellers.

Simon Sellers, of Stormstown, was suddenly taken very seriously ill at his home and died soon after on Sunday. The deceased was the father of John Sellers, of Tyrone; William H. Sellers, formerly of Tyrone, but now residing in Philadelphia, and Mrs. Wilson Way, of State College. Mr. Sellers was 74 years old.

—Straw hats at any price, at Lewins.

## LEGISLATIVE

### JUNKETS

How the Pa. Legislature Went to New York.

### WINES AND LIQUOR PLENTY

At the Dedication of the Grant Monument—A Caterers' Bill Itemized—Gov. Hastings Vetoes the Bill for Expenses and Justly So—Members Must Pony Up.

Last April the Pennsylvania Legislature attended the dedication of Grant's tomb, in New York city. They rendered a bill of \$7,000 for expenses of the trip. This was cut down to \$3,000 and Gov. Hastings vetoed the same because it was wrong to use public monies for such purposes. Now the committee in charge are in a stew and must raise the money by assessing each member.

The Harrisburg Patriot tells what expenses were incurred. It is a startling exposure and gives the people an idea how public funds are often spent. Here it is:

The committee leased a boat for the day and agreed to pay \$500. It also procured 500 badges at a cost of several hundred dollars. Neither of these bills has been paid and the parties are clamoring for their money. James Russ, proprietor of the Commonwealth hotel, has put in a bill of \$5,911.16 for catering on the boat. Mr. Russ has presented an itemized bill to Sergeant-at-Arms Eyre, of the senate. It makes interesting reading and follows in detail:

Table supplies..... \$1,678 96  
Wines and liquors..... 3,025 00  
Supper for the committee at Dooner's hotel, Philadelphia..... 60 00  
Cigars furnished by John H. Kiebel, a member of the house from Philadelphia..... 450 00  
Hire of silverware, china ware and breakage..... 187 63  
Service of waiters and employees..... 243 00  
Stoves..... 70 00  
Freight..... 8 27  
Building kitchen and incidentals..... 175 00  
Car fare of employes and waiters..... 2 85

To liquor returned..... \$6,380 16  
To sale of stoves..... 32 00

\$5,911 16

One member of the house who opposed the measure jumped into a basket of glassware and destroyed fifty dollars worth of ball glasses. The committee will probably assess every member of the legislature to pay the cost of the junket, but it is doubtful if more than two score of them will go down in their pockets to pay for their day's pleasure.

Gov. Hastings' veto of this bill was a good act. It not only prevents the loss of that sum at this time, but should serve as a precedent for future Executives to follow.

### Death of Adam Vonada.

Adam Vonada, born in Haines township, February 17th, 1819, and the only surviving son of Henry Vonada, died August 15th, 1897, at the age of 78 years, 5 months, 28 days, at his home near Zion. In 1845 he married Lucy Ann, a daughter of Solomon Ribinold. The next year (1846) he moved to Zion, Walker township, where he lived until his death. He was a prominent citizen of the township and an active member of the German Reformed church. The funeral took place Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. His children are: Mrs. Mary C. Garbrick, of Zion; Adam H. Vonada, Benj. F., Jacksonville; Harvey D., Hublersburg; William C., Zion; Philip J. V., died.

He leaves to survive him, in addition to the children mentioned, twenty-eight grandchildren and one great grandchild, Mary Ann Corman, a granddaughter of Mrs. Mary C. Garbrick, of Zion.

### Pennsylvania's New Game Law.

The new game law provides for many improvements over the old statute. The measure is as follows: Woodcock, July 1 to 31, and from Oct. 15 to December 15; quail, October 15 to December 15; pheasants, October 15 to December 15; turkeys, October 15 to December 15; rabbits, November 1 to December 15; squirrels, October 15 to December 15; deer, month of November.

Another section provides that no one man can kill more than 15 quails, 10 woodcock, 10 pheasants or 2 turkeys in one day, or more than 2 deer in one season. The sale of game is prohibited, as is also shipment out of the state.

### The Calf Took a Tumble.

A few days ago a calf jumped over a precipice that overhangs the Philadelphia and Reading railway around the mountain, upon which is built the Shick-elymy hotel, opposite Northumberland, to the river below, a distance of 475 feet, and still lives. The only injury sustained by the animal was a dislocated shoulder.

### Death of a Child.

Esther Meyers, the six-year-old daughter of Wm. Meyers, of Coleville, died Saturday morning. She died from membranous croup and had been ill about eight days.

### BOUND FOR ALASKA.

Phillipsburg Sends a Party of Three to the Klondike.

The following is from the Phillipsburg Ledger:

A good many of our people have been inoculated with the gold craze and it "took" so thoroughly with Messrs. O. T. Stitzer, Dr. H. L. Carlisle and C. B. French that they with due deliberation made preparations for the venture and set out Wednesday evening of last week for Seattle from where they will, at the earliest possible opportunity push on to the heart of the gold regions.

The party left on the 7.50 p. m. train over the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad amid an ovation that was characteristic of our town. Hundreds of people of both sexes gathered to give the departing ones a hearty hand clasp and bid them God speed in their undertaking and wish them a safe return.

Doctor Carlisle intends to practice his profession, and as medical men are few in the Klondike region his chance for reaping a golden harvest without the use of a pick is a good one; Mr. Switzer is a business man from the word go and proposes to sell mine explosives for the Dupont Powder company in the northwest as he has done here, so he takes his claim in his hand, so to speak; Mr. French is the bona fide gold hunter of the trio and as far as one can judge from his capacity for hard work and his business ability he will be apt to strike it rich. The party went to Seattle.

### UNEASY IN CLEARFIELD.

Miners There Oppose a Strike, But Are Fearful of Results if Agitators Appear.

The following dispatch, relative to the coal miners strike was sent out from Bellefonte on Monday: According to the authority of A. J. Cook, general superintendent of the Berwind-White coal mining company, there is a feeling of considerable uneasiness among the miners in the Clearfield and the Snow Shoe districts, because there is a fear that they may be ordered to go out, and this they are much adverse to doing. So far the men in these extreme eastern parts have not been approached, but local organizers and agitators of the union are gradually working eastward, and it has just been announced that they will soon visit these fields. Mr. Cook says a strike now would be one of the worst blows that could befall both the miners and operators, as they are all doing better now than for some time.

The general manager of the Lehigh Valley coal company says that the strike now would mean the worst kind of disaster. This company has sufficient orders to keep them working steadily for months, if cars can be obtained for shipment, and the strike would mean a loss of these orders. The miners themselves are doing everything possible to discourage interference among them by agitators. The settlement of the strike at Lilly is one point in favor of the Clearfield region.

### Are There Any More of Them?

Great finds of precious metals and other precious minerals, etc., are being reported from many parts of the country. A gold find near Altoona has been announced, which in point of richness fully equals Klondike. In other sections discoveries of silver, copper, gold, etc., are announced, and now comes Arkansas, a state that has hitherto not been specially noted for its mineral or other products, with a lake that abounds in pearls of great value. It is said to be the greatest pearl producer in the United States. It has been released by a Memphis syndicate, is to be fenced in and dredged by steam machinery. We shall no doubt hear of other great pearl finds, and instead of one fresh water lake abounding in the valuable gems, a dozen will soon be discovered, and pearls will become matters of small moment.

### Centre Baptist Association.

The sixty seventh annual meeting of the Centre Baptist association will convene in the First Baptist church, Johnstown, Wednesday, September 1st. The association comprises Baptist churches of Cambria, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon and Centre counties, twenty-nine in all, and about 125 delegates will attend the meeting. Several of the leading Baptists of the state will present and make addresses.

### Must Pay Their Debts.

Hereafter the employes of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway company, on its main line and branches, must pay their debts. The following order has been issued: "All Philadelphia & Reading railroad employes incurring debts and failing to meet them in due time will subject themselves to dismissal. All complaints will be promptly investigated."

### Smoker's Heart-Burn.

Heart-burn from excessive smoking, or from any other cause, is relieved by the first dose of No. 10, Dr. Humphrey's Specific for Dyspepsia—25c. all druggists.

## A BIG DAY AT HECLA PARK

Business Men's Picnic Very Largely Attended.

### A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Was Effected and Officers Selected—Resolutions Adopted—Some of the Leading Events of the Day—Over 10,000 People Were in Attendance from Centre and Clinton Counties.

Last Thursday Bellefonte was deserted, practically dead. Every business place was closed and few people were about the town. The occasion for this was that nearly everybody had put on their good "bib and tucker" and taken "a day off Mary Ann" to attend the Business Men's Picnic at Hecla Park. Same thing was done at Lock Haven, while a large number came from Jersey Shore, Williamsport and other towns. For many miles around people came in large numbers by private conveyances. The estimate of the attendance can safely be made at 10,000, and some place it much higher. It was the largest in the history of the park and there could not have been selected a more pleasant day for the outing.

At 9.45 a. m. Groceryman H. Sechler, of Bellefonte, delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Sechler is one of Centre county's most prominent and substantial business men and a public speaker of far more than average ability. He plainly outlined the social and other objects of the Business Men's association.

### OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

At the business meeting of the association, which took place at 12:30 p. m., the following named officers were elected for ensuing year:

President, Wilson Kistler, Lock Haven; vice president, H. Sechler, Bellefonte; treasurer, G. W. Fredericks, Lock Haven; secretary, J. C. Meyer, Bellefonte; committeemen: P. P. Rittman, W. F. Elliot, G. W. Mason, A. C. Mann, Lock Haven; L. C. Furs, Cedar Springs; T. J. Small, Mackeyville; William Shortidge, Thomas A. Shoemaker, J. William Conley, Bellefonte; W. D. Noll, Pleasant Gap; S. H. Bennison, Abdera, and J. F. Weaver, Milesburg.

All of the above are prominent business men in their respective communities.

### OBJECT OF BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

In order that the reader may thoroughly understand the object of this association, the resolutions passed at the meeting are here published. They are self-explanatory.

Resolved, That a permanent organization of the business interests of Centre and Clinton counties be formed under the following general regulations to be supplemented by such bylaws as may be adopted by the officers and the executive committee herein named.

First. The name of this organization shall be the Business Men's Association of Centre and Clinton counties.

Second. The officers of the association shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer and 12 members of an executive committee, six of whom shall be from each county.

Third. These officers are to be elected annually at the picnic or annual gathering.

Fourth. The object of this association shall be the promotion of good fellowship among the business interests and the members.

Fifth. Membership shall be subject to such regulations as may be adopted by the executive committee.

Sixth. An annual convention or gathering shall be held at such time and of such character as may be determined each year by the executive committee.

In addition to the above the following were submitted and approved:

Resolved, that the Vice President, in the absence of the President, be instructed to invite representatives of the various sections of Centre and Clinton counties to attend the meeting of the Executive committee, to be held in October, to confer with the said committee to look to the general interests of the said association.

Resolved, That the matter of the desire of other sections, outside of the counties of Centre and Clinton, be referred to the Executive committee for action.

During the day there was a splendid list of amusements consisting of foot races, bicycle racing, base ball, pigeon shooting and fire works in the evening. Excellent bands were present from Lock Haven, Salona, Milesburg and Coleville consolidated, State College, Pleasant Gap, Undine of Bellefonte and were constantly discoursing their choicest music.

The bicycle races were good and helped to interest the crowd. In the evening, the fireworks were quite a feature. It was a fine display under the direction of John Sourbeck.

The picnic was truly a great success. The best of order prevailed and everything seemed to favor the occasion.

The committee in charge of the picnic feel highly gratified over the success of the affair and they certainly deserve much credit.

### LIVE BIRD SHOOTING.

The shooting of live birds attracted

considerable attention. The contest was between Lock Haven and Bellefonte wing shots and resulted as follows:

Bellefonte Team:	Lost	Killed
Geo. Jackson	5	5
Wm. Shortidge	6	4
John Trafford	5	5
Wm. Haines, Snow Shoe	3	6
John Bower	7	2
	26	25
Lock Haven Team:		
Keller	7	3
Merrill	6	4
Pardee	5	5
Uzzle	5	3
	29	20

Hon. Jno. G. Love acted as referee. Bellefonte won by a slight margin in number of birds killed. A fine game of base ball was played between Williamsport and Lock Haven in which Williamsport won by a score of 4 to 2.

The following named gentlemen were in charge: Hammond Sechler, of Bellefonte; president; G. Walter Fredericks, of Lock Haven, treasurer; W. F. Elliot, of Lock Haven, secretary; T. J. Small, Mackeyville; S. H. Bennison, Jacksonville; W. H. Noll, Pleasant Gap; A. C. Mann, Mill Hill; Luther Furst, Cedar Springs; S. Z. Martin, W. Kittler, P. P. Rittman, Lock Haven; Thos. Shoemaker, J. Will Conley and Col. Wm. Shortidge, of Bellefonte.

### McKINLEY ON WHEAT.

President McKinley was reported as saying at Canton, O., that "the prospect of a good wheat crop means a return to prosperity very soon."

This sounds very much like flat heresy against the protectionist faith. It is impossible, according to the economic gospel of which Mr. McKinley has been the great evangel, that a good wheat crop should bring prosperity.

Prosperity can only be the child of protection, and any attempt to produce it except by fostering the "home market" and leaving "the markets of the world" to whomsoever cares to take them would be futile. That is the true Republican faith and William McKinley has been its chief prophet.

But a good wheat crop is not and never can be the creation of ad-valorem and specific duties. High tariffs cannot add a single bushel to it nor low tariffs make it a single bushel less.

It is, furthermore, impossible to get any advantage at all out of a good wheat crop by fostering the "home market" for it. The larger the crop the more hopeless it is to sell it in the "home market."

The consumption of wheat by the American people is limited by a law of nature. They consumed 4.5 bushels per capita in 1876 and they consumed just about the same quantity in 1896. But they are producing much more wheat now than twenty years ago and selling the enormous surplus in the foreign markets.

It is passing strange that President McKinley, with a tariff law that outruns his own masterpiece of 1890 and crosses higher Alps of Protection than even Napoleon himself ventured to climb, should turn his eyes wistfully to the waving wheat fields of the west and say, "there is our real hope of prosperity."

### At Houtzdale.

On Tuesday afternoon the Undine Fire company, of this place left on the Central R.R. for Houtzdale to attend the district firemen's convention. They took with them their excellent band also their crack steamer, which entered the contest on Wednesday afternoon.

The Undine company received first prize for the best band at the convention.

In the engine contest a dispute took place as to the regulations. The Tyrone, Dubois and Bellefonte engines refused to enter, as the Hope engine of Phillipsburg had an unfair scheme arranged to capture the prize. The result was no contest. The next convention will be held at Curwensville.

### To The Sandwich Islands.

The Morrison & Cass Paper company of Tyrone, shipped a large order of paper to the Sandwich Islands. It is within the range of probability that paper manufactured in that town will at no distant date receive the first impressions of the Constitution of the state of Hawaii.

### Fine Fruit.

On Friday Mr. Wm. Showers, who lives near Hecla Park, brought a box of apples to our office for inspection. They were at once pronounced a rare quality. Mr. Showers has made a study of fruit growing and has on his property probably the finest collection in the valley.

### Gold Hunters in Culvy's Gap.

The gold fever has struck Mill Hill citizens. Several gentlemen of that borough are now prospecting for the yellow metal in Culvy's gap. It is hoped they will be successful.