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ACCIDENT AT CENTRE HILL

Roof Collapses and Five Workmen Drop With It

SERIOUS INJURIES SUSTAINED

Were Tearing Down the Old Presbyterian Church—A Decayed Timber Gave Away—Dropped Over Thirty Feet to the Cellar.

Some time ago the building at Centre Hill, for a number of years used by the members of the Presbyterian congregation for a house of worship, was sold on account of the congregation growing too small and portions attending services at more convenient points in the valley. Messrs Booser and Brisbin purchased the old church and decided to tear it down and use the material for building purposes. Last Monday the work commenced under the direction of some skilled carpenters. A portion of the roof had been taken off and the men were at work on the girders of the roof when one of the timbers, which had evidently become rotted with age and was not noticed, gave away and the greater portion of the roof, girders and rafters collapsed and dropped to the cellar carrying the workmen down a distance of thirty feet.

Among those who were injured are Aaron Thomas who had several ribs fractured and his face badly cut. John Burkholder had his teeth knocked out and his jaw broken. Wm. Meyer had several ribs fractured. The others who received slight injuries were: Wm. Goodhart, injuries on the foot and head; Sam. Snyder, back and leg; Ed. Rover, hand; Fred Christine, bruised about the head. Most of the men live at Centre Hill. Aaron Burkholder sustained the most serious injuries and is in a critical condition.

SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Last Thursday an attempt was made upon the life of merchant John Haugh and his son at Scotia. Mr. Haugh has a store across on the hill and several times in the past year it has been entered and looted but never secured any money. On Thursday evening Mr. Haugh and his son closed the store at about 9 o'clock and started for home. On the way they were startled by the click of a revolver that must have missed fire. Next came two shots in succession, one of which pierced Mr. Haugh's coat and the other struck his son in the back. They saw the form of a man in the darkness alongside of the road who evidently fired the shot, but it was too dark to identify him. The young man was taken to a physician who removed the ball that was lodged against the shoulder blade and was flattened out. Mr. Haugh was in Bellefonte the next day and informed the proper authorities of the matter, and some move may be made to apprehend the parties. There are quite a number of tough citizens in and about the ore operations in that vicinity and some of them are suspected of being in this attempt of waylaving Mr. Haugh to secure his money.

Hurt on the Railroad.

James Sandoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sandoe, of Centre Hill was badly injured on the railroad two weeks ago. Jim is a fireman in the employ of the Penna. Railroad. While in the cab of his engine returning from Conemaugh to Allegheny, he was struck by either a box car or switch arm alongside the track and thrown from the engine cab. Jim's collar bone was broken and he had some bruises and cuts on the head. As soon as his condition permits him to leave the hospital he will come home.

A Boom for Linden Hall.

The large Beecher and Sober tract in the seven mountains, containing thousands of acres, was purchased recently by a lumbering syndicate, which will begin operations in a short time. This will be another boom for Linden Hall, as a railroad will be run from the mountain to that place, where a wharf and shipping place will be built. Linden Hall now claims to be the largest shipping point along the railroad.

Sold Onions for Lilly Bulbs.

A swindler has been making a barrel of money in Tioga county this spring selling Bermuda onions for lily bulbs. His customers were mostly ladies who did not know the difference until the onions began to sprout after they had been planted.

They Ate the Cabbage Plants.

Fourteen hundred early cabbage plants were eaten Friday night on the truck farm of Thomas Humphrey, in Pike township, Clearfield county, by rabbits, which are unusually plentiful in that section.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Memorial Committee Working Hard for Funds—The Committee.

The Centre county soldiers monument and Curtin memorial committee held a meeting Saturday and General James A. Beaver reported that since the last meeting in April soliciting committees have been placed in every election precinct in the county to raise the funds. At present there is a fund of close to \$12,000 with promises and pledges for an additional large amount.

Correspondence has been held with prominent Pennsylvania reserve soldiers, department grand army authorities, and with a number of the Soldiers' Orphans' Sixteeners, and the responses indicate that all the organizations will co-operate. The executive committee considered the work now so far advanced that a further organization was made by the appointment of committees on design and location. These are as follows: Committee on design—Dr. Geo. W. Atherton, Mrs. Andrew G. Curtin, Judge John G. Love, Colonel George A. Fairlamb, James Harris, Captain A. V. Miller, Col. J. L. Spangler, Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, Captain C. T. Fryberger, Captain S. H. Benson, John Hamilton, Charles M. McCurdy, John M. Dale, Ellis L. Orvis, Dr. R. C. H. Hayes, Robert E. Hunter, Geo. M. Beal, George R. Meek, Miss Redifer; Committee on Location—Ex-Gov. D. H. Hastings, chairman; General John I. Curtin, ex-Judge A. O. Furst, Colonel W. Fred Reynolds, Daniel Heckman, Dr. George F. Harris, Col. D. F. Fortney, Captain S. H. Williams, Henry R. Brockert, C. M. Bower, Wm. P. Humes, W. R. Jenkins, John P. Harris, C. T. Gerberich, W. H. Fry, and Harry Keller. It was decided that the committee on location at once select a site so that the monument can be dedicated at the time of the Centre county centennial July 25 and 26.

Injured at Tyrone.

On Sunday morning the news reached here of James Barry being injured at Tyrone. The Tyrone Herald gives the following particulars of the accident: At eight o'clock Sunday morning, James E. Barry, of Bellefonte, attempted to board a freight train in East Tyrone yard, and missing his hold was thrown to the ground. The cars passed over his right foot crushing it badly. He was given medical attention by Dr. W. F. Musser and Dr. G. W. Moorehouse, and sent to Altoona hospital on way passenger, where the amputation of the foot was made. We understand the young man was just returning from Harrisburg where he had been in a hospital for several weeks on account of injuries received at some of the iron works at that point.

Sons of Veterans at New Castle.

The twentieth annual encampment of the Pennsylvania division, Sons of Veterans, met at New Castle, Monday, with about 300 delegates present.

The reports showed that the Pennsylvania division is free from debt, and that there are 7,000 members in good standing.

Routine business occupied the attention of the camp the greater part of the day. The per capita tax was fixed at ten cents.

Rev. McCurdy, of Jeannette, a member of Cannonsburg camp, was given the unanimous endorsement in his candidacy for division commander, and as the nominations have closed he will be elected without opposition.

Good Snake Story.

It is a little early for snake stories, but here is a cracker-jack: R. E. Davis is digging a well on his farm at Sunderlinville, near Galeton. A few days ago his sons, Guy and Arthur, found at a depth of nine feet a large stone, which they had broken in two while removing it. Their surprise was great when out of a cavity in the centre there emerged a snake of the same color as the stone. It was sixteen inches in length, and started to crawl rapidly away. When killed it was seen the reptile was without eyes. This curiosity is exciting much attention. People are at a loss to know how it came to be in the centre of the stone, and how it survived without air.

Serious Accident.

One of the most horrible accidents ever recorded occurred a day or two ago in a saw mill near Belmont, Clinton county. Philip Evingham, an employe of the mill, fell across a circular saw and his body was severed just below the heart. Only thin sections of tissue held the body together. The saw was making over a thousand revolutions a minute.

Big Order for Cars.

The car works at Milton has booked an order for building street gondola cars for export, the contract price being \$50,000. The company is figuring on another order from the same road which will involve about \$2,000,000.

CONGRESS

REVIEWED

Republican Pledges and how They Have Been Kept.

PARTY RECORD THAT FAILS.

How the Administration Failed to Keep its Pledges—The Public Generally Suffered for the Favored Classes—Severe Censure.

Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee recently gave out the following interesting views:

Every move made by Congress and the administration has served to emphasize how completely the Republican party is dominated by interests and influences inimical to the people of the country. The Republican party is entering upon the campaign with a record which ought to damn it in the eyes of all the patriotic people of this country, and I devoutly believe, if anything like a free and fair expression of the will of the people can be secured at the polls, the result will be an unqualified condemnation of President McKinley and his party.

The first step taken by the present Congress, under the direction of the President and at the dictation of the moneyed interests, was the passage of the currency act designed to fasten upon this country for all time the single gold standard and to complete the domination and control of the country's currency by the national banks. Mr. McKinley's election was made possible by the promise of bimetalism in the Republican platform in 1896, and if the Republicans had otherwise shown themselves worthy of confidence, I believe that act alone would be sufficient to condemn them in the eyes of the country.

That act, however, was only one of a catalogue of sins which reveal the party in its true colors. When it goes before the people it will have to defend its complete commitment to and advocacy of a policy of imperialism, its complete repudiation of the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

While, in view of the undoubted growth of sentiment against him, President McKinley is now somewhat chary about repeating his advocacy of the permanent retention of the Philippine Islands, every step taken by his party and by himself has demonstrated their determination, if they continue to control the government, to inaugurate a colonial system, not only in the Philippines and Porto Rico, but in seriously fear, in Cuba as well, and the people understand well enough that this means imperialism, greatly increased standing army and of dishonesty and scandal in the administration of the government's affairs at home and abroad. In their unconstitutional, unfair and dishonest treatment of the people of Porto Rico, the Republicans have shown just what they intend to do. They have not dared press for the passage of the Spooner bill, frankly giving to the President dictatorial powers in the Philippines, for they have feared the political result of such a step; but they are absolutely committed to it and are now carrying it into full force and effect without any legislative authority. What the country may expect from this Republican scheme of national plunder and robbery has been demonstrated in a small way in the Cuban scandals.

The Republicans will fool nobody by the cheap political trick they have attempted in their proposed anti-trust amendment to the Constitution. It was never intended to pass. If they had ever thought it possible that such a movement would in the slightest degree lead to the practical restriction of the trusts they would never have brought forward the resolution which they advocated with so much apparent vigor in the House.

It was an interesting coincidence that the very day the Republicans in the House were putting forward their anti-trust bluff the real Republican leaders were showing the party's true position over in the Senate. The spectacle of Senator Hanna and his able lieutenant, Senator Elkins, defending with all the vigor at their command the Armor-plate Trust, whose "hold-up" of the government has been so notorious as to call forth the protest of many honest Republicans, was a highly interesting object lesson, which the people of the country will not forget.

The absolute subservience of this administration in all its foreign relations to the wishes of Great Britain was beautifully illustrated in that "triumph of diplomacy," the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and in the failure of this government to speak even one word in behalf of the sturdy farmers in South Africa struggling for their independence.

It is the first time in the history of this government that the people of the United

States have not been allowed to speak for freedom and independence which Americans have ever held to be the right of all people.

The Republicans will bear in this campaign of their refusal to allow the passage of the bill providing for the construction of an American transisthmian canal. This, however, is in direct line with the position of the administration on all foreign questions. The Republican party seems to be opposed to every principle of American government—to favor trusts as the surest means of raising campaign funds with which they expect to control elections, and to favor a large standing army as a means of compelling the people to submit to their purposes.

The people are conservative. They will suffer great evils without turning upon their oppressors. But there is a limit to their endurance, and that point has, in my opinion, been reached. A great campaign fund, while it may debauch the weak, will utterly fail to control the whole people.

APPROPRIATIONS OF CONGRESS.

Money Carried by Each of the Bills Passed at This Session.

Appropriations made by the first session of the Fifty-sixth Congress aggregate \$709,729,476.89, or about \$92,000,000 more than was appropriated last year. The amounts appropriated by the several bills are:

Agriculture, \$4,023,500.
Army, \$114,220,095.55.
Diplomatic and Consular, \$1,771,168.75.
District of Columbia, \$7,576,869.31.
Fortifications, \$7,383,628.
Indians, \$8,168,089.24.
Legislative, etc., \$24,176,632.53.
Military Academy, \$653,589.67.
Navy, \$95,080,916.67.
Pensions, \$145,245,230.
Post Office, \$113,648,238.75.
River and Harbor, \$561,000.
Sundry Civil, \$65,298,885.95.
Total, \$357,837,744.43.
Urgent Deficiency, \$8,995,292.16.
Additional Urgent Deficiency, \$1,543,724.40.
Additional Urgent Deficiency, \$728,576.15.
Deficiency, 1900, and prior years, \$4,407,959.75.
Total, \$575,517,256.89.
Miscellaneous, \$3,500,000.
Total regular annual appropriations, \$577,712,220.
Permanent annual appropriations, \$132,912,320.60.
Grand total regular and permanent annual appropriations, \$709,729,476.89.

THE COST OF ASSIMILATION.

The secretary of war the other day sent a report to Congress of the number of American soldiers killed in the Philippine war or who have died of their wounds. The official figures show that 71 officers have been killed, 1,774 privates. The wounded number 128 officers, 1,836 privates. The total of killed and wounded, taking no account of the numbers in the Philippines and at home who have died of disease or are permanently disabled, has been 3,809. A statement of the losses in the Philippines, unofficial, but made from official reports, is as follows:

Killed.....	513
Died of wounds and accidents.....	307
Died of disease.....	1,235
Total deaths.....	2,055
Wounded.....	2,150

Grand total..... 4,211

There is not a very great difference in these statements. The war department figures make the total killed 1,848, against 820 in the unofficial compilation. Of course the department figures are the more reliable. Possibly they also include those who have died of disease, which would make the totals of dead stand 1,848 in the official report and 2,053 in the unofficial.

Jumped for Their Lives

Mrs. Elias Reamer and Mrs. John Reamer, living about four miles west of Millburg were going to town Monday morning to do some shopping, when their horse was struck by the 8.45 A. M. train on Lewisburg & Tyrone Railroad at the Eighth street crossing. The horse was killed.

The ladies jumped from the buggy. Mrs. Elias Reamer had a shoulder dislocated and Mrs. John Reamer had an ankle sprained. The train was stopped and the ladies taken to the station.

Fire at Lewisburg.

Fire destroyed the saw mill owned by Kulp Bros., at Lewisburg, Saturday. The mill and the lumber piled nearby were destroyed. The flames spread to the Billmeyer estate and destroyed all the buildings except the house. All the live stock, except one horse, on the farm fell prey to the flames. Sixty men are thrown out of employment. The mill will be rebuilt. Loss on the mill \$15,000; fully insured.

ANARCHY

IN CHINA

The Lives of All Foreigners Threatened

SEND APPEAL FOR HELP

Accompanied by a Warning—Uprising of "Boxers" Assumes Alarming Proportions—Missionaries in Great Danger.

There is trouble in China that is attracting the attention of all civilized nations, and each is sending war ships and marines there in great haste. We are reading much about the "Boxers." They are not pugilists like Corbett and Sullivan, but they want to drive all foreigners out of the Celestial Kingdom. They don't want foreign civilization, commerce, religion or progress in that empire. They want to continue their crude barbarous customs.

To accomplish this end the "Boxers" are a secret body who have organizations in all parts of the kingdom, and are alarmingly strong. It is intimated that the present Empress Dowager is encouraging this uprising.

The result is that anarchy prevails in China today. The lives of all foreigners are in danger and especially those of the missionaries, in the remote districts and the interior. In some parts the "Boxers" have congregated in great numbers to resist the troops. They have only the crudest form of weapons and as a result are easily repulsed and mown down by modern guns.

The deposed emperor has addressed an appeal to the nations asking them to intervene and suppress the present uprising as well as depose the present empress and declare her a usurper. He suggests that the foreign powers should declare a joint protectorate and undertake the task of governing the country through his majesty.

The message suggests that the protectorate should abolish certain boards in Peking, appoint new ministers, abolish the existing so-called armies, establish gendarmerie under foreign officers, take control of the customs, posts and telegraphs and work them through Chinese officials, establish a uniform currency readjust taxation and insure the freedom of religion.

Weng Tung Ho, who predicts a peaceful acceptance of such a regime, goes on to say:

"China is ripe for the change of tide which the reactionaries vainly seek to stem. If it should so be, on the other hand, that the foreign powers seriously contemplate the dismemberment of the Chinese empire, they have before them the huge task of facing dense millions, who, although lacking training and who make but contemptible soldiers, possess boundless powers of passive resistance, and would be able to wear out the patience of any European rulers seeking to govern them without regard to their prejudices of the oldest civilization.

"The conquest and division of China would be possible with 100,000 troops, but to retain the government would require 1,000,000 soldiers and centuries of work. The task would end with the most unhappy results for both conquered and conquerors.

During the past week dispatches from our representatives in that country report a critical condition of affairs, owing to the sudden uprising of the Boxers. Troops are being hurried there from the Philippines. Other countries are taking similar action and all are working together. If these difficulties terminate in the over-throw of the Dragon Throne and the parceling out of the kingdom, new complications will certainly follow in the effort of the greedy to grab the most.

The trouble in China promises to lead to some very serious international complications.

BOY'S BIG HEAD.

Skull Measured Thirty and One-Half Inches in Circumference.

James McNeely, a thirteen-year-old boy of Avondale, Ohio, died after suffering from enlargement of the skull, his head measuring thirty and one-half inches in circumference.

When the skull was opened at the autopsy the physicians were surprised to find that it enclosed five and one-half quarts of a fluid as clear as crystal. The brain, instead of being solid, was hollow and in the interior was this fluid. The skull was a mere shell of scarcely a sixteenth of an inch.

Young McNeely was unusually bright. In fact, he was further advanced in this respect than most boys of his age.

A. A. Stevens Married.

A. A. Stevens, Esq., one of Tyrone's prominent business men, was on Tuesday morning united in marriage to Miss Sarah Cochran, of that place.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

A pound party—the pugilist.
A spreading evil—oleomargarine.
The popular undertaker makes a living dead easy.

Sportsmen who expire in the contest certainly die game.
The social whirl makes more than one young person giddy.

Even a high hat is not always the height of the fashion.
The exporter sees that goods to be sent abroad are ship shape.

Noah was able to make a quick census of the floating population.
The hired girl of the period has times when she puts the coal-on.

Some children are like their clothes—they shrink from washing.
Even those who always try to keep to the right sometimes get left.

You may look like thirty cents when you are suffering like sixty.
"My name is pride," said the banana skin, "for I go before a fall."

It is the itch for wealth or fame that brings some people to scratch.

INDIAN'S APPETITE.

On Thursday morning of last week five chiefs of the Dakotas passed through Pittsburg en route to Washington to visit the great father. After the train left Pittsburg one of them asked if there was any place where the train stopped that they could get something to eat. The conductor told them there was a dining car on the train, but the Indian replied that would not do. He said that they did not like to eat at hotels or on diners.

There was one Indian in the party that was making his first trip, and the fellow that asked the question about where they could get something to eat said, that as a rule all the Indians are good eaters but eat only one meal a day, and that they gorge themselves so much they cannot take three meals daily like civilized people. "Why that fellow over there (the one making his first trip) did not eat anything from the time we left Dakota until we got to Chicago, which was about forty-eight hours. When we got there we did go to a hotel and that chap ate everything they brought to him, no matter how much or how little, and at last when the fingers bowls were passed around he just took in the whole thing. We thought he would wipe his fingers in the water and use his napkin, but not that with him. He just swallowed it."

MORE KANSAS CORN.

Some time ago an article was published relative to the large corn grown in Kansas. To confirm what was said at that time we published the following from one of our exchanges:

A Pennsylvania man traveling through Kansas recently heard a great many tall corn stories, and thought he would tell some of them in a letter home. This is how he did it: "Most of the streets are paved, the grains of corn being used for cobblestones, while the cobs are bolted out and used for sewer pipe. The husk, when taken off whole and stood on end, make a nice tent for children to play in. It sounds queer to hear the feed man tell the driver to take a dozen grains of horse feed over to Jackson's livery stable. If it were not for soft, deep soil here I don't see how they would ever harvest the corn, as the stalks would grow up in the air as high as a church steeple. However, when the ears get too heavy their weight presses the stalk down in ground on an average of 45 feet, this brings the ear near enough to the ground to be chopped off with an ax."

Dog Killed in Battle With Bees.

An English setter dog, belonging to Benjamin Machamer, was in the yard of the latter's relatives at Shamokin Friday when several bees landed on the dog's head. He barked and the bees flew to several inches close by and returned with over a thousand bees. They stung the dog until he was blinded and unable to retreat. Several people tried to rescue him, but were badly stung. The dog fought until he dropped dead.

An Elopement Monday.

Lester Jacobs, son of the late Dr. Jacobs, of Centre Hall, and Annie Durst, daughter of Hiram Durst of Spring Mills, drove over the mountain to Lewistown and it is supposed departed to get married. For some time an engagement existed between the young couple but friends and relatives interposed serious objections. Mr. Jacobs took at least \$300.00 with him to meet all emergencies.

Caterpillars Stop a Train.

The forest caterpillar is making life miserable for many people in Potter county. The fences, sidewalks and nearly all the trees are covered with fuzzy worms. Friday night so many gathered on the rails that a passenger train running into Wellsville was compelled to come to a standstill on a slight grade.