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## BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC

Will be Held at Hecla Park, Thursday, August 30th.

## WILLIAMSPORT IS COMING

A General Gathering of People From Centre, Clinton and Lycoming Counties—An Address from the Executive Committee.

To the merchants, artisans, laborers, professional men and business people of all classes in the counties of Centre and Clinton. Greeting:—

At a meeting of the officers and executive committee of the Business Men's Picnic Association of Centre and Clinton counties, held at Hecla Park Tuesday, August 14, 1900, it was decided to hold the fifth annual picnic on Thursday, August 30, 1900. In case of rain on that day the picnic will be postponed to the day following.

This year's observance of the "Day in the Woods" gives assurance of eclipsing all former occasions. So famous has this movement become that the Merchants' Association of Williamsport have become interested and have requested permission to join the association in its annual holiday. The privilege has been cordially extended to our Williamsport friends and they will be with us in large numbers. The project is safely beyond the experimental stage and what was at first a very novel idea has come to be looked upon as a fixed occasion. Your clerks and employes will appreciate your consideration of their comfort. You will experience personal advantage, and you will meet your associates in business in mutual, social and inexpensive pleasure. Entirely new amusements are being arranged for; splendid music has been engaged; meals can be had on the ground. The usual low excursion rates over all railroads will prevail. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is the happy statement of a truth worth remembering.

Very truly yours,  
J. C. MEYER, Secretary.  
GEORGE LODER, President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—W. F. Elliott, G. L. Morelock, Geo. W. Mason, Torrence Shearer, P. P. Rittman, Lock Haven; T. A. Shoemaker, Jno. I. Olewine, H. Sechler, J. Will Conley, J. D. Sourbeck, Bellefonte; T. L. Emmerson, F. K. White, Philipsburg; S. H. Bennett, Abdera; W. H. Noll, Pleasant Gap; O. E. Miles, Milesburg; T. J. Small, Mackeyville; C. S. Whitman, Loganton; Phil. Foster, State College; Budd Thompson, Martha, H. A. Moore, Howard; Frank Crawford, Centre Hall; C. P. Long, Spring Mills; Chas. Smith, Pine Grove Mills; C. H. Bressler, Mill Hill; Carson Quiggle, Pine Station; R. H. Stewart, Island; Chas. Sigmond, Salona; R. N. Roberts, Renovo; J. W. Gleason, Gleasonton; W. T. Young, Farrisandsville; J. W. Murray, Beech Creek.

## Got all the Booze he Wanted.

One day last week one of our prominent young colored gentlemen threw back his shoulders and swell ed up his chest with the boast that he could take ten drinks of whisky in succession, which another gentleman promptly agreed to buy. He got only to the sixth glass when he gagged, got stalled. In ten minutes he was boozed, corked, tangled, twisted, balled up and looked like a corpse. The policeman found him in a critical condition, Dr. Locke was summoned and with the aid of a stomach pump Mr. Coloredman was relieved of part of his burden. He drank much water, the next day.

## The Kettle Lumber Operation.

The Kettle lumber operation, by the Richley Bros., in the mountains on the south side of Potter township, mentioned more in detail in the Democrat, some weeks ago, is now under way. The mill will be on the grounds in a few weeks, and hands are at work on building the tramroad, from the Kettle to pass by Pat Garrity's down to the mouth of the run, where it will connect with the Gotshall tramroad leading to Paddy Mountain. This job, comprising 6200 acres, is the last of the large lumber tracts in Centre county.

THE result of the republican primary elections held in various parts of the state this year show decided losses for the Quay people. That means that he will have less chance than ever to regain his seat.

THE Republican thinks it would be a good idea for W. E. Gray and Phil Womelsdorf to try their luck as Quay candidates for the legislature. Wouldn't there be fun—well!

Do you know that the average American is getting tired of endless wars of conquest, immense taxes and the increase of our National debt.

CHAMP CLARK has another good letter in this issue.

## A LONG SLEEPER.

A Young Man Unconscious for Over Five Weeks.

Austin Dubbs, 37 years old, of Duncausville, Blair county, has entered upon his fifth week of continuous sleep at the Altoona hospital. Dubbs was struck three times on the head June 22 with a brass beer spigot by George Kneeb, Jr., a bartender, during an altercation in a Duncausville hotel bar room. He immediately became unconscious. On July 5 he was taken to the hospital, where his skull was trepanned, in the supposition that a brain clot had formed. Consciousness returned, but lasted only a few minutes. During this brief period he recognized his mother and uttered a few sentences. Then he fell asleep again and has so remained since. The hospital physicians are puzzled and are unable to diagnose the case. Kneeb's assault, is under \$2000 bail.

## BATTLES OF 1900.

Not so many years ago, when Grover Cleveland was president of these United States, Great Britain had a dispute with Venezuela about a boundary line between that South American state and British Guiana. By arbitration the dispute was settled.

Then the cry went up that war should no more occupy the minds of nations. The time had at last arrived when all disputes between the powers would be settled without bloodshed.

Civilization would be immured against shot and shell, against fire and sword. Arbitration was the thing; it would accomplish wonders for the betterment of the human race.

Nearer the close of the Nineteenth century a peace conference was held at the Hague, Holland. Representatives of many nations, nearly all men who had fought in war and were versed in the ul forms of the attacks of the nations' military corps presented a beautiful sight in the eyes of the world.

But the world moved on and has again accustomed itself to the sound of the bugle call and the sight of the flying war banner. No one now hears a call for arbitration. It has given place to the "shouts of civilization". The onward course of this messenger of learning is opposed. The opponents must be civilized by the sword.

In China the Bible has been thrown aside for the musket. The parchment upon which is written the word "civilization" is handed abroad by the bayonet. The wars of 1900 have written that word in blood.

In South Africa the British are fighting men every bit as white as they themselves are. In the Philippines the Americans are murdering brown men. In China the nations of the world, who have taught the almond-eyed Mongolian the use of the weapons of war, are reaping the reward of their labors.

Race wars are going on everywhere. No matter what the motive, whether it be greed for gold, or vengeance, or civilization, it is all one. Mars looks on the earth in surprise at the chaos of war coming from every quarter.

Truly arbitration must be resurrected, if the sound of cannon and the roar of musketry is to be banished from the earth.

## An Apology Needed.

A farmer near Clearfield has a son George who is very hard to get out of bed mornings. When called the boy has a habit of answering "Yes, Sir," and go to sleep again. A few mornings ago he called the boy, got the usual "Yes Sir," then quietly slid upstairs, turned down the covers and gave him a lively spanking. It happened that on that night the hired girl had been given the boy's room. When the tumult was over the farmer sat down behind the barn and drafted an apology to the hired girl.

## Lots of Snakes.

One day last week while James Hoiter, son of M. P. Hoiter, was walking along the old towpath near town he discovered a large copperhead snake. He at once secured a club and pounded the snake until he killed it, yet it seemed that he was not done with his job as he soon saw another and another coming from a hole. The boy stood there and used his club until the snakes stopped coming. When through he counted them and to his surprise found that he had killed thirty-six copperhead snakes. He is aged about 16 years.—Howard Hustler.

## New Church.

John A. Confer, of Milesburg, has purchased from the congregation of the old Methodist church building at Milesburg and is engaged in tearing it down. The building is quite large and has much valuable timber in it, and it is being carefully taken apart to be used in the erection of a Methodist church at Clarence this county, for the building of which Mr. Confer has the contract.

## WHY AND HOW WAR IS WAGED

Freebooters of Commerce Encourage it For Gain

## THE FLAG FOLLOWS TRADE

Commerce is not Restrained by Moral Law—What a Republican Newspaper Thinks of the situation—"Hell Upon Earth".

"Trade follows the flag," is an aphorism of commerce, but it does not fit all phases of mercantile enterprise, and is a reversal of the sequence in at least one branch of commercial activity. Trade in arms and munitions of war with uncivilized peoples precedes the flag. The flag, when it follows such trade, is carried by soldiers whose presence and services are made necessary by the mischievous greed of the trader. The American flag is flying on the road to Peking, and being bathed in the blood of America's best manhood, because commerce is not restrained by moral law or right reason, and sordid self-interest is accepted as sufficient justification of conduct that would be deemed infamous if inspired by unselfish motives.

It is the testimony of the officers of the Seymour expedition that the arsenal captured by the allies contained more war material than exists in the whole United States, nearly all of it from American, British and German factories. The Chinese have been accumulating this material for several years for the purpose of making war upon foreigners, and the traders who supplied it knew perfectly well that it would be used eventually against their own nations. He has merely sold, not given, aid and comfort to the potential enemies of his country, and the money that he diverts from the pocket of the enemy to his own being a factor in the "balance of trade," which is a sacred thing, outweighs even in the scales of the law of nations the blood and the lives of the soldiers who are sent to carry the flag in wars of conquest or protection promoted and incited by his mercenary enterprise.

Two Dutch men-of-war have been sent to Jambai—wherever Jambai may have the misfortune to be—to assist in putting down an outbreak of natives who have been supplied by the freebooters of commerce with Lee-Metford and Winchester rifles in sufficient quantity to encourage them to begin murdering white men. The dispatch conveying this bit of news naively says:

War in Jambai will be hailed with delight by many traders in the Straits, who have lately done little in arms dealing, owing to the increasing difficulties in the Aceh contraband arms traffic.

Hell upon earth, the killing and maiming of men, the most awful agonies of humanity, the rending and mangling of human flesh and the mental suffering and despair of women and children, are "hailed with delight" by the eminently respectable men of trade, whose fetish is "business" and whose god is money. No infamy conceivable to the mind of man is incapable of justification on the plea that it is "business."

Most of the spilling of blood that is going on in the world to-day from the Ashanti, the Congo and the Transvaal to Luzon, China and Jambai, is the direct result of the greed that calls itself "business enterprise." The flags that float over armies of invasion, over fields piled with horrors that once were men, have followed trade.—North American.

## Convention at Philipsburg.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Western District Firemen's convention and parade to be held at Philipsburg, August 22nd and 23rd. Fire companies and bands will be present from points in Clearfield, Centre and Blair counties, including Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Clearfield, DuBois, Union City, Altoona, Tyrone, Patton and other points. The Repas band, of Williamsport, fifty pieces, will give a representation of the Spanish war in the evening of August 23rd. There will be races, drills, baseball games and grand fireworks display.

## Kansas Corn Crop Falls Off.

The Kansas Board of Agriculture issued a quarterly report containing the first official figures on this year's corn and wheat crop in Kansas. The corn yield will be less than half a crop. Hot winds have prevailed and half a crop is better than can reasonably be expected. The wheat crop is a more cheerful story. This is the largest wheat crop ever produced in any year by any American State—78,000,000 bushels.

## An Immense Bass.

James Traveler while fishing in the river near Jersey Shore recently caught a bass 23 inches in length and weighing six pounds. Bass are reported to be plentiful in Pine Creek and many large ones have been caught.

## VARIETIES OF WHEAT.

Notes From the Pennsylvania Experiment Station.

The comparison of new and standard varieties of wheat begun by the Experiment Station in 1887 has been continued through the present season. All the varieties were badly injured by winter killing the Hessian fly. The yield was therefore very low in comparison with other years. The five varieties giving the highest yield were:—

Reliable..... 22.29 bu.  
Dawson's Golden Chaff..... 17.64 "  
Dietz Longberry Red..... 16.92 "  
Fulcaster..... 16.91 "  
Early Genesee Giant..... 16.44 "

The poorest variety, "Fultz Mediterranean," produced only 5.94 bu. The average of 11 bearded chaff varieties was 14.41 bu. and of 12 smooth chaff varieties, 12.47 bu., which accords with the general belief that smooth chaff varieties are affected more by the Hessian fly than bearded chaff varieties. The late sown wheat was less affected by the fly than the early sown. Four plots sown Aug. 31st and four sown Sept. 22nd gave an average yield of 13.96 bu. and 20.13 bu., respectively.

The season was very unfavorable throughout in this locality, the crop upon some fields on adjoining farms not equalling the seed used.

ENOS H. HESS.

The annual reports and quarterly bulletins of this Station will be sent, free of charge, on application, and inquiries on agricultural subjects answered so far as possible.

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Centre Co., Pa.  
Aug. 1, 1900.

## Rev. W. P. Shriner Unfortunate.

Rev. W. P. Shriner, pastor of the Methodist church, was coming down Lamb street on his bicycle about nine o'clock last Thursday evening. He took a header landing on the hard road and sustaining severe bruises. There was a gash across his forehead that took eight stitches to sew up. His right arm and right side were also cut and badly bruised.

Rev. Shriner will not be able to officiate next Sunday, at the Methodist church, but will secure some one to take his place.

## Is This Treason?

We read about the seashore girl down where the breakers play, who listens to proposals six or seven times a day, the summer girl who flirts about the boarders taken farm, the "cycle girl with saw-ed-off skirts, exhibiting her charms. The picnic girl is bold and sweet, the mother girl is wise, the golf girl wins admirers with her feet—and with her eyes. But in the ranks of girly girls there is no fairer pearl in all the whole cadoodle than a fresh young country girl.

## The Wrong Conception.

An exchange tells of a city lad visiting in the country, who looked all over a straw stack for strawberries and was very much disappointed because he did not find them. A close inspection of the old pump did not reveal any pumpkins and he chased the flock of geese all over the farm in a vain endeavor to acquire gooseberries. He finally ascertained how butter is obtained after having half an hour's interview with the barnyard billy goat.

## Campmeetings.

The Sugar Valley campmeeting, near Booneville, will begin next Sunday and will continue until August 30. A campmeeting will be held in Long's grove, one mile northeast of Rebersburg, commencing August 31, to continue ten days. A choir of ten selected voices will furnish the music. Sacred concerts will be held during the meeting. Boarding tent and refreshment stand on the ground. All are invited.

## Scale Works Remain.

The announcement was made this week that the Standard Scale Works have decided to continue at their present location. Conditions have practically changed since they thought of seeking a new location. This is a bit of encouraging news for our people. The scale works are considered one of the best manufacturing institutions in this part of the state.

## Campmeeting at Bigler.

The 17th annual campmeeting of the United Brethren in Christ, will be held on the camp ground, near Bigler station, commencing August 25th, 1900, and continuing in session for ten days. Many prominent ministers will be present. Persons wishing to rent tents will please apply to D. R. Houser, Grahamton, Pa.

## Festival.

The ladies of the M. E. church, at Coleville, will hold a festival on Saturday evening Aug. 18th at the chapel. The usual delicacies will be served.

## MILLIONS CURSE ENGLAND

Famine Scourged India in the Agonies of Death.

## AN EXAMPLE OF IMPERIALISM

They See Grain Shipped by the "Mother Country" From That Stricken Land to Feed the Imperial Soldiers in South Africa.

The following article is an extract of a special correspondence, sent to the Cincinnati Inquirer, from Bombay, Ind. It seems almost incredible, and yet it comes so direct, to a responsible paper, that no one can say it is untrue without some proof. We give only a portion of the article:—

## Special Correspondence to the Inquirer.

BOMBAY, IND., June 28.—At this moment, from the sands of the Godavey to the waters of Sutledj, all India is a desert, crying aloud against England and imperialism, or rather England alone, for England is imperialism. Sixty millions of people are racked with the pangs of hunger. Six millions of them would die to-morrow but for a handful of rice. How many more have passed away beyond the reach of human aid no man can tell.

And here is the monstrous thing? While America, with thousands of places at home needing her charity, is sending ship load after ship load of grain to be swallowed up amid all this misery with no more effect than a single drop of water upon the burning sands of the desert, England is still taking away from this God-scourged land ship load after ship load of grain to feed her soldiers in South Africa and set up more of her beneficent imperialism in that unhappy country. With every ship load commercial England takes away from this port a thousand lives are given up in payment, and a thousand voices, crying in vain for the food that is wrested from India, are still forever. But what matters this? Life is cheap in this country; that is, native life, and people with white blood in their veins do not starve here. They die from fever sometimes, and sometimes, at long intervals, of massacre, the worst and most horrible disease of all.

## A DESOLATE LAND.

In Central India the affliction is the deepest. The fields are void and barren and without people. The cracked, earth, burnt to a mahogany brown, shrieks for rain. Not a patch of green anywhere, not a blade of grass. The leaves of the trees, withered, frizzled, twisted, have fallen off the naked branches. In entire villages not a living creature can be seen, save, perhaps, an emaciated bullock breathing out its life in the company of a starving crow, that watches for its last gasp from an adjacent refuse heap. Half the population, those still able to walk or stand, have gone off to the relief camps; the other half have laid themselves down to die in silence, in hovels and dark places.

The scenes in the camps are grim and tragic. From 1,000 to 5,000 are gathered together in different places—a multitude of skin and bones, and hollow, glassy eyes. The flesh on any of them would not cover the body of an average babe. Their emaciated faces bear an expression of abysmal despair, intensified a hundredfold by contrast with the look of intelligence and even of refinement in those not so far gone in starvation.

There will be a day of reckoning for all this. England and imperialism did not cause the drought and the famine, but they intensified the misery. For, rest assured, that England and imperialism do not send wealth or food into this stricken land. Instead they take it away, as England and imperialism always do to lay conquest to the gold fields of South Africa.

## HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ELECTED.

Albert T. Igen, M. E. Ph. B., a Graduate of Lafayette College the Man.

Prof. Albert T. Igen, at a meeting of the Centre Hall school board last week, was unanimously elected principal of the Centre Hall High School. He graduate from the Central Pennsylvania State Normal School, Lock Haven, in the class of '94, in the fall of '96 he entered Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and graduated June last. His home is Tylersville, Clinton county.

The school term will begin September 24.

The corps of instructors for the borough schools is as follows:—

Principal of High School, Prof. Albert T. Igen.

Grammar, James B. Strohm.

Secondary, Frank A. Foreman.

Primary, Miss Anna Bartholomew.

## A Costly Dispute.

The taxpayers of Mifflin and Huntingdon counties are counting up the cost of a useless litigation, just ended. Some years ago a dispute arose over the boundary line between the two counties. Commissions were appointed, including lawyers and surveyors. The local courts buffeted with the question for a long time, and now the superior court decides that the boundary line is where it has always been. To learn all this the two counties expended about \$20,000.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

## THE FOOLISH BOY.

Under the spreading apple tree  
The boy with freckles stands  
A hungry little lad is he,  
And gives the limb a shake.  
With scratches on his hands,  
Above him is an apple that  
His appetite demands.

The apples young and small and green,  
A deadly thing to take—  
The agile boy climbs up the tree  
And howling that you hear is from  
A child with stomach-ache.

Man is but of few days, and full  
Of trouble here below;  
He starts with colic and he keeps  
On adding to his woe—  
Green apples and Welsh rabbits and  
That sort of thing, you know.

Chicago Times-Herald.

Low tied—Oxford shoes.  
Beat the Dutch—the English.  
The first snufftaker was a candle.  
It spoils a drum to be weather beaten.  
The toper is usually a thought-full man.

The race of man is now in a close heat.  
Makes his own fortune—the counterfeiter.  
The honey bee loves his "home, sweet home."

Even on water, the ferry-boat goes across lots.  
The mosquito admires the taste of most people.

The proper authorities—Hoyle and Blackstone.  
A stout butcher doesn't always weigh less when he loses flesh.

"You must be struck on me," said the matchsafe to the match.  
Chinese gardeners would do well to mind their peas and ques.

It is, indeed, a long lane that has no turn for the organ grinder.  
Does a woman who orders a corset by mail "write for the press?"

The stylish barber should never cut a swell during working hours.  
It's no sign a man has an iron constitution because he looks rusty.

A pretty telephone girl is preferable, but a homely one will answer.  
When the Queen has a tea party she not only reigns but she pours.

When things cost the Count, it's right for the Count to count the cost.  
The cook may not flirt, but the potatoes find her quite a "masher."

When the farmer goes out to hoe, he doesn't always "Westward ho."  
When a man never has time to have a good time, he will bear watching.

"Stick to me," said the molasses to the fly, "for I am sweet on you."  
The wire walker doesn't always complain when his business is slack.

Even the unsympathetic meat man knows how to touch a tender spot.  
When a vegetarian begs food he does not like to be told to "go to grass."

Of course it is natural for a girl to want her courtship to be well managed.  
The one-legged man has some difficulty in putting his best foot forward.

The whale had Jonah on his stomach, while Jonah had the whale on his mind.  
The umbrella seller likes to see people lay aside something for a rainy day.

## A LOSING INVESTMENT.

The Treasury Department is willing to "own up" to an expenditure of \$186,678,000 on the Philippine war account.

The War Department admits the death of 2,200 soldiers and the wounding of 2,073 more—not to mention the far greater number hopelessly invalidated by the climate and the horrible diseases of the islands.

And for what? Our entire exports to the Philippines last year were only \$2,640,000, and three-fourths of this was of articles for the consumption of our army. The entire imports from the islands for a year will not equal the receipts from Europe at this port in one good steamer day.

For all this expenditure of money and life the islands are no nearer pacified than they were a year ago, as to-day's despatches show. Is it worth while to try and graft imperialism upon the Republic, even on the low plane of "expansion and trade?"

## Sugar Valley Fruit Crop.

The Loganton Journal says: Taken as a whole, the fruit crop of Sugar Valley this year will be the biggest and best grown in many years. The yield of apples, peaches, pears and plums is immense. There will be enough for all and some to spare.

## The Spanish War.

August 23rd the Repas band of Williamsport will attend the fireman's convention at Philipsburg, and in the evening reproduce their scenic concert, the Spanish War, which delighted so many at Hecla Park, July 4th.