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EDITORIAL.

A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT.

The principal event of the past week was W. J. Bryan's formal acceptance of the nomination for the presidency, on the democratic ticket. The exercises took place at Indianapolis, on Wednesday of last week. The speech of Mr. Bryan was a masterly production and sounded the keynote of the campaign by decidedly pronouncing imperialism as the paramount issue.

Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance was "the most logical, eloquent and convincing of all his public efforts." It is a masterly presentation of the paramount issue of the campaign and a splendid evidence of real intellectual power. It combines ardor without intemperance, argument without abuse, and fire without fanaticism.

Beginning at the beginning, Mr. Bryan truly says that— If the Reunion resolution had been adopted by the Senate and carried out by the President, either at the time of the ratification of the treaty or at any time afterward, it would have taken the question of imperialism out of politics and left the American people free to deal with their domestic problems.

The defeat of this resolution by the casting vote of the Vice-President, and the practical abdication of Congress in leaving the entire management of this most important question to the President, was the beginning of the policy of imperialism. It substituted one vacillating man's judgment or caprice for the will of the American people.

Mr. Bryan touches the most vital point of the discussion in saying that— Those who would have this nation enter upon a career of empire must consider not only the effect of imperialism on the Philippines, but they must also calculate its effect upon our own nation. We cannot repudiate the principle of self-government in the Philippines without weakening that principle here.

And he indicates with unerring finger wherein this departure from our basic principle has hurt the Republic. The nation is no longer free to express, as heretofore, "its sympathy." We speak of freedom with bated breath. Not only so, but "if we have an imperial policy we must have a large standing army as its natural and necessary equipment." That is intended by the Republican leaders, say Mr. Bryan, "is not a mere matter of conjecture but a matter of fact."

KEystone HAPPENINGS.

News Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

FOURTEEN KILLED AT A CROSSING

Omnibus Containing Twenty-five Persons Returning From a Funeral Struck on Lehigh and New England Railroad Near Slatington.

Slatington, Pa., Aug. 13.—Fourteen persons were killed in a grade crossing accident three miles east of this city, by a passenger train on the Lehigh and New England railroad crashing into an omnibus containing 25 persons. All the dead and injured were in the omnibus and but three escaped uninjured.

The accident occurred about 5 o'clock. The omnibus driven by a man named Peters was returning to Slatington from a funeral of the occupants had been attending at Cherrysville. The dead and injured were nearly all relatives of Sophia Schoffer, at whose obsequies they had been present. The train was a special and consisted of an engine and one car. At the point at which the collision occurred there is a sharp curve in the road and the omnibus came along at a good rate of speed, the occupants unconscious of any impending danger.

MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD.

Pittsburg, Aug. 13.—Jasper Houston, master mechanic for Elgemann & Hellerback, contractors on the new government dam near Sewickley, was murdered in cold blood yesterday by William Fobbs and another negro called "Rag Time."

HIGHWAYMEN ON BIKES.

Pittsburg, Aug. 15.—A novel and fatal hold up is reported from Greensburg, Pa., late last night. As a party of Slaves were returning to their homes after being paid off at the mines at Pleasant Unity, they were met by three men on bicycles who ordered them to hand over their money.

PENNSYLVANIA TOWN FIRE SWEEP.

Bloomersburg, Pa., Aug. 13.—The village of Turbotville was threatened with total destruction by fire on Saturday afternoon. The blaze started in a barn in the lower end of the town, and swept up the street, taking every building in its path until it reached the Big lumber yard, which was also destroyed.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN HANOVER, PA.

Hanover, Pa., Aug. 13.—Sixteen buildings were destroyed by fire here yesterday, the loss being estimated at from \$40,000 to \$50,000, partly insured. The heaviest losses are the Hotel Obald, the J. C. Tanager Hardware company's warehouse and Shriver's livery stable.

POLICEMAN SHOT QUELLING A ROW.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 15.—While quelling a row at an Italian saloon in Dunmore last night, Policeman James Golden was shot twice through the body by Tony Long and will probably die. After the first shot which it is supposed missed fire the policeman made a dash for Long and dealt him a blow across the face with his baton and closed with him.

WORKS DESTROYED BY A TORNADO.

Pittsburg, Aug. 13.—Word has just been received here that at New Kensington, Pa., yesterday almost the entire plant of the Pittsburg Reduction company's aluminum works was destroyed by a tornado.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS CONDENSED.

M. A. Woolley has been appointed fourth class postmaster at Hope Church. The Ellanogwen colliery, at Shenango, which has been idle two months, has resumed operations. The Columbia and Montour Telephone company has opened their line between Bloomersburg and Milville.

WIDOW'S PENSION.

Mrs. Julia A. Hoffman, of Beech Creek, has been granted a pension of eight dollars a month.

THE DECKER REUNION.

Held at the Old Homestead Near State College August 8.

The Decker family, one of the oldest and most respected families in the county held their reunion at the Decker homestead near State College on August 8. It was largely attended and proved a most enjoyable affair.

It was called to order by the president after which a hymn was sung by the grand children and others. An earnest prayer was then offered by Rev. Leisher, of Boalsburg.

President Ripka asked for voluntary addresses after which Rev. Leisher made an address in which he spoke of the many benefits gained by family re-unions, the friendly relations revived, the old home scenes talked over and many things of pathos recalled.

The best man and lady who officiated at the wedding of Frederick Decker and wife, fifty years ago, Mr. G. Weiland and Maria Stover were present on this occasion; a very infrequent occurrence after so many years.

The enrollment was as follows: Frederick Decker and wife; Mrs. Catherine Krape, sister of Frederick, their children, cousins and neighbors; Mrs. Lydia Hooser and husband John; Edward, Thomas and Jacob Decker; Mrs. Ellen Resides and children; Westley Decker and wife; Mabel, George, Mary and Jacob Decker; Mrs. Annie Reifsnyder and son, Frederick; Charles Decker and wife; Elizabeth Decker and son, Ray; Susan O'Brien and children; Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Neidigh; Lydia Neidigh; M. D. Snyder; Annie, Minnie and Mary Krumrine, Catherine Garret, Renten Glenn, Mary Glenn, Samuel Glenn and wife; Ella, Margaret and Mabel Wasson; Adam Ripka and daughter, Grace; Clara Breon; Harry, Emma and Samuel Ewing; Rebecca Ewing, Miss Fiehorn, Thomas Fiehorn, William Moecklebatt, Wallace Musser and wife, Mrs. Cyrus Hunter and son, James; Harvey Glenn, Henry Seute and wife, Mrs. Tyson and son Jordan, Andy Lytle and wife, Anna Hallenbaugh, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Fulton and son, James; William Gilliland, and daughters; Margaret Weiland, Nora Fry, Margaret Zimmerman, Etta Weibly, Laura McCain, Rebecca Snyder, Clara Castetter, John Duff and wife, Fred Krumrine and wife, Mrs. Boyer, John Glenn, Mrs. Markle, Rev. Leisher and wife, W. C. Patterson and wife, Gideon Weiland, J. Campbell, Jennie and Bodd O'Neil, Aaron Zerby and wife, Mrs. Adeline Fry, Maria Stover, Rebecca Neidigh, H. Yearick and wife, Jonathan Decker, Edward Hooser and wife, Edie Daughenbaugh, Mrs. Zettie, Walter Urblison and wife.

Mrs. Anna Reifsnyder was chosen historian. The balance of the old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

FREE AD COLUMN.

Advertisements in this column, such as Situation or Help Wanted, For Rent, or any Purchase you desire to make, of an acceptable nature not to exceed 25 words, will be inserted for our subscribers one time free. Additional insertions 5 cents.

WANTED—A young man of experience to clerk in general store, must understand the business, and thoroughly reliable, willing to do any part asked of him. For particulars call on or address C. Clyde Lucas, Howard, Pa.

FOR SALE—Stock of General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Hats and Caps, Notions, etc. Will sell on easy terms. Rents cheap. For particulars address W. J. Carlin, Rebersburg, Pa.

FOR SALE—Hemlock, cut according to order. Apply to J. H. Reifsnyder, Millheim, Pa.

WANTED—Young man, 18 years of age, wants position in drug store, 2 years experience, can compound; of reference can be given. O. H. Osman, Lemont, Pa.

COMPOSITOR—Lady compositor wanted at this office. Also one or two girls can secure positions who desire to learn. Apply at once to this office.

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INFORMATION WANTED. Certain patrons, through negligence, or for peculiar reasons known to themselves, removed from one locality to another without notifying this office. We are anxious to locate them so that they may receive their paper regularly and for other reasons, important to us. Any one who can furnish the present address of the following will confer a special favor. We give the former address: SAMUEL BRESSLER, Gatesburg, Pa. O. H. WALTERS, Colyer, Pa. JOHN M. CLARK, Loraio, O. Mrs. J. C. STOVER, Rosecrans, Pa.

REAL ESTATE & LOAN COMPANY.

Appealed to the Highest Court. An appeal has been taken to the United States Supreme court to test the constitutionality of the oleomargarine act, passed by the state legislature May 5, 1899, and upheld by the common pleas and supreme court.

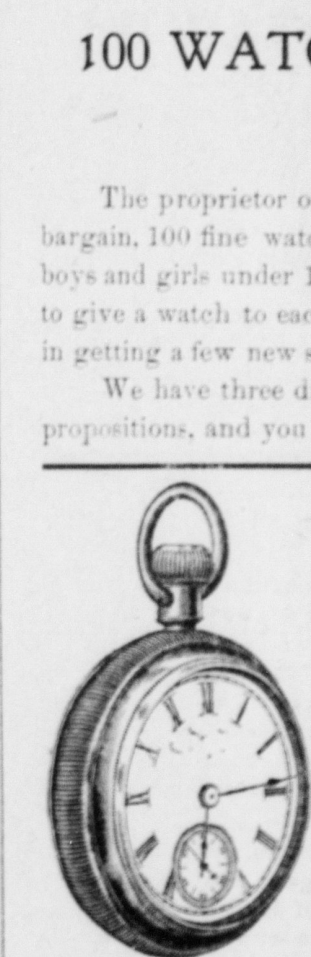
Real Estate conveyancing, and the placing of loans made a speciality. Town and country properties for sale. Town and country properties for rent. Loans negotiated in large and small amounts. Rents promptly collected and property cared for.

If you have a farm or town property for sale, place it in their hands. If you wish to rent a farm or a house, consult them. If you wish to lend or borrow money, call on them.

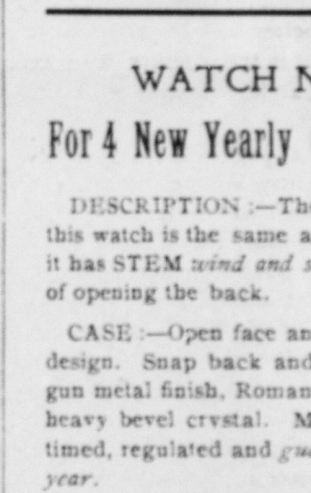
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100 WATCHES GIVEN AWAY.

The proprietor of this paper recently purchased, at a great bargain, 100 fine watches which he has concluded to distribute to boys and girls under 18 years of age in this county. The plan is to give a watch to each boy or girl who will take a bit of interest in getting a few new subscribers for this paper in their locality. We have three different styles of watches and three different propositions, and you can take your choice:



WATCH NO. 1: For 3 NEW YEARLY CASH NAMES: DESCRIPTION—Plain, nickel finish, open face case, Roman or Arabic dial; winds, sets and regulates in back without the use of key. MOVEMENT—Lantern pinions; American lever escapement; 240 beats per minute. Polished spring, enclosed in barrel, quick train. Short wind and long run; runs 30 hours, weighs, with case, 3 ounces. Timed, tested, regulated and guaranteed for one year.



WATCH No. 2: For 4 New Yearly Cash Names: DESCRIPTION—The movement in this watch is the same as No. 1, except it has STEM wind and stem set, instead of opening the back. CASE—Open face and is also finer in design. Snap back and front, silver or gun metal finish. Roman or Arabic dial, heavy bevel crystal. Movement tested, timed, regulated and guaranteed for one year.



WATCH No. 3: For 6 NEW YEARLY CASH NAMES: DESCRIPTION—This is a small, Ladies Open Face, Nickel-Silver watch. Stem wind and stem set, nickel movements, escapement full jeweled, porcelain dials, highly finished throughout. Cases are solid nickel (not plated on brass.) This is a fine timekeeper, and handsomely made.

The above are not pocket clocks, but snug, accurate and durable watches, from the best factories, and having substantial guarantees.

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