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A FRIGHTFUL R. R. WRECK

On the Pa. R. R. Near Howard, Sunday

THE KILLED AND INJURED

Engine and Twelve Cars Smashed—Engine Struck a Cow and Was Derailed—Traffic Was Delayed—Contained Perishable Freight.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the Bald Eagle Valley road, Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock, and resulted in the death of two men and the serious injury of another.

The fast through freight train makes a daily run from Tyrone to Lock Haven and return and hauled perishable freight, and was coming westward, loaded with cabbage, apples, cider and other truck, and had just passed through Howard about a mile and a half when two cows attempted to cross the track ahead of the engine.

One animal went under the locomotive, the other was thrown to one side, and the engine toppled over and finally landed alongside the track with the driving wheels in the air. The turning of its back, of course, piled up 12 cars of the train of 30, telescoping them into the space of two, and the road was completely blocked. Wreck crews were summoned from Tyrone and went to work on the debris but the track was not cleared until 6 o'clock Monday morning.

Engineer John W. Foster, of Tyrone, and fireman David W. Snider, also of Tyrone, were caught under the wreckage and were instantly killed, although Snyder jumped. Brakeman Wm. Weiser was on the engine and was badly scalded, but managed to get out with his life by jumping on the opposite side from which Snyder jumped.

The dead and injured are all well known residents of Tyrone. Mr. Foster resided at 2248 Adams avenue with his wife and three children. He was about 45 years old. Mr. Snider's home was on Sixteenth street near Adams avenue, and he is survived by his wife and four children. He was a young man about 28 years old. The unfortunate brakeman's home is on Nineteenth street near Columbia avenue, where his wife and three children also reside. Messrs. Foster and Snyder were prominent residents of the town, having lived there the greater part of their lives. Foster at the time of his death was a member of the Tyrone school board.

The body of Snyder was 4 hours under the wreck, the trucks of the engine tender holding him down. Both bodies were finally gotten out. An engine and car were sent out from Tyrone after the bodies, and they passed through Bellefonte Sunday evening about 9:30 reaching Tyrone at 10:30. The bodies were taken to an undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial.

Dr. McEntire was promptly on hand and on examination of the engineer found that his injuries were of such character that he had but a short time to live. He expired in twenty minutes or half an hour. Brakeman Weiser had both limbs and one arm severely scalded; his injuries received prompt attention. The body of David Snyder, fireman, was under the wreck about 7 hours and when recovered was minus the right arm. It was reported that two tramps had been killed in the wreck but nothing was seen of their bodies up to this writing.

WARD FAMILY REUNION.

On Friday, Oct. 19, 1900, a family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, of Stormstown. It was the first assemblage of the kind held by the household. The following were present: The parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and children—David Cupp, of Warriors Mark; Mrs. Fred Meyers, of Butler county, Pa.; Mrs. James Doty, McKeesport, Pa.; Ira T. Ward, Pittsburg; Mrs. David Behrens, Tyrone; J. M. Ward, Stormstown; Mrs. Samuel Dunmire, McVeytown; Guyer Ward, Pittsburg; Amos Ward, Bellefonte. In addition there were present many grandchildren, neighbors and friends. It was a happy event and the day spent under the family roof proved interesting. A royal repast was served for the occasion and a complete family group was taken to commemorate the gathering. Mr. Ward is an old soldier, now close to the three-score and ten mark and one of the respected citizens of that community. It was the parting wish of one and all that he and his good wife might be spared for many future happy family reunions.

Large Hotel Burned.

The Spring Hotel, located at the famous Sizerville Springs, near Emporium, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss \$4,000.

TWO MEN DRUGGED.

One Dead, and the Other in a Serious Condition.

Thursday morning Howard Pepperman, a farmer living between Jersey Shore and Salladaysburg, saw Thomas Boatman, a farmer, in a state of wild delirium, and along the road close by was the almost lifeless body of William Ergott, a young man residing in Salladaysburg. The pockets of both men had been emptied. Ergott died within a few hours, but Boatman, after receiving medical aid, improved sufficiently to tell the following story: He and Ergott were riding their wheels when they were accosted by two men driving in a buggy, one of whom was Edward Shaffer, brother-in-law of Boatman. The men in the buggy offered the wheelmen a drink from a jug which they carried, and both were shortly overcome. While the coroner was investigating the case the men supposed to have administered the drug appeared and claimed that they had relieved the cyclists of their valuables because they thought they were intoxicated and unable to take care of their belongings.—Clearfield Democrat.

CAVE IN AT HECLA.

Last Thursday a peculiar accident happened on the Judge Gordon farm near Hecla Park. Perry Hinds, a farm hand working for Mr. J. C. Snook, the farmer, was driving a double team in the farm wagon loaded with about 50 bushels of corn, when suddenly the earth began to sink away and the horses disappeared gradually, the hind feet going down first. The harness broke and they were easily released from the wagon. The driver stuck bravely to the lines until his horses disappeared before his very eyes, and it is said that for a time he was practically speechless from fright at the suddenness of the incident. Help was quickly summoned. When they looked down they could see the horses about 15 feet under ground, while the hole in the surface was only about four feet in diameter. A pick and shovel gang was soon put to work and in about three hours time they had an opening made and an inclined path and the animals seemed to know that the men were working for their rescue. At the first command for the horses to come they started to crawl out, and they did it quite smartly. No sooner were they on the surface than they began to whinny which, in horses' language, no doubt means that they were glad they were living.

A Large Bear

On Friday E. E. Erhard, of Unionville, was passing through his apple orchard when, under a large tree, he discovered the footprints of what he thought was a huge bear. He secured a trap, which he set for him. The next morning he got up and discovered that the bear had been caught, but made his escape, taking with him the trap. With guns and dogs Erhart started after his prey and followed two miles before they got a shot at him. When cornered up in a fence corner he fought desperately and nearly killed one of the dogs. When dressed he weighed 300 pounds.

Counterfeiters Found Guilty.

In the United States district court at Pittsburg, last week, the jury in the case against James and Laura Wyncoop, C. W. Bigler and Verd Wilson, of Clearfield county, charged with counterfeiting, came into court and announced it had agreed on a verdict. The jury found all the defendants guilty, but recommended Mrs. Laura Wyncoop to the extreme mercy of the court. The case went to the jury Thursday noon and they wrestled with it until 9 o'clock that night before a verdict was rendered. The trouble was as to the verdict against Mrs. Wyncoop.

Got Peppered.

Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel: On Monday forenoon Harry Focht, a brother-in-law of Mr. Eselman, the baker, in Patterson, while out hunting for squirrels on Adams' ridge was shot by another hunter. Several shot lodged in his throat quite a number penetrated the left breast and his limbs were completely peppered with shot. The man who shot him, when he discovered what he had done, took to his heels and threw away his gun. On recovering from the shock Mr. Focht continued to hunt awhile and shot several squirrels before coming home.

Expensive Shooting.

Messrs. Creight, Showalter and Neil Davis, paid dearly for the first day's shooting, having killed nine turkeys belonging to J. A. Way, of Half Moon Valley. It is said they settled matters by paying Mr. Way \$35.00 for the turkeys. Had they been wild turkeys the law would have permitted these gentlemen to have killed two each.—Herald.

A farmer cannot expect to make much if he hasn't a grain of common sense.

SOME TIMELY OBSERVATIONS

Footprints in the March of Imperialism.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

That are Involved in the Present Campaign—Just a few Pointers as a Reminder of your Duty when you Vote This Year.

WHY HE DECLARED FOR BRYAN.

Ohio is the home of Mark Hanna, President McKinley and John Sherman, author of the anti-trust law of the United States. An Ohio legislature—republican, passed a stringent anti-trust law. A republican attorney general, Frank S. Monnett, believing that his oath of office required him to do his duty, proceeded against the Standard Oil trust under the Ohio law. Thus far every thing seems right, but what did the leaders and organs of the republican party do in the premises? They howled treason at Monnett; they blocked his way wherever it was possible; government officials defended the trusts, but Mr. Monnett kept right on. Then the trust tried to bribe him with \$400,000. He declined the bribe and forced the trust to move its offices out of the state. Every honest man would suppose that Monnett would be promoted, or at least renominated. Instead of being promoted, the entire power of the administration was used to defeat his renomination. As a result Mr. Monnett is for Bryan, declaring that only the defeat of McKinley will rescue the country from the grasp of the trusts. Rockefeller, the oil trust magnate has an income of \$50,000,000 or \$164,000 per day. He is for McKinley. Ought to be.

ROOSEVELT'S MEASURE TAKEN.

Governor Roosevelt's tour through New York state and his attack on the Tammany chieftain was mentioned to Mr. Croker. He replied:

"Roosevelt is off his nut. He is going all over the country looking for fight, and if he keeps on as he is doing now I think he will get all he wants. He was induced to accept the Vice Presidential nomination because he was told that McKinley is sick and likely to die. I believe there is a good deal in this. Anyhow I got my information from a prominent Republican who is on the inside and who assured me that this was the only argument that induced the Governor to become a candidate. So then a man who votes for Roosevelt is not necessarily voting to give an ornamental job to a blowhard. He may be voting to make a dangerous, ambitious braggart a President of the United States. If Roosevelt should become President the people would wake up some fine morning and find the White House burned down or the country at war. Roosevelt stands for a huge permanent army and for using it against those who would fail to agree with him. He has said that his way of treating those with whom he disagreed politically would be to 'stand them up against a wall and shoot them.' This is a nice man to have up for such a great office."

Crocker made a centre shot on that drive. Roosevelt is a political blackguard. He is the man who calls democrats "cowards," "hobos," "traitors," etc. He is the chap who offered to lead an army to Washington, in 1896, if necessary to prevent Bryan, in case of election, from taking his seat. He is an impulsive hothead, unfit for the great office of Vice President.

SHERMAN FOR FREEDOM.

The following letter from ex-Secretary of State John Sherman was written in answer to the question "What ought we to do with the Philippines?" on Sept. 4, 1898:

"I express my well-considered opinion that the United States ought not to accept sovereignty over the Philippines, but should secure the inherent right of the people of those islands to form and maintain a republican government similar to our own.

JOHN SHERMAN.

Washington, Aug. 31, 1898.

The last transport that arrived at San Francisco, Cal., this week contained the following: 51 corpses, 467 sick soldiers, 58 convalescents and 12 insane and with 2,000 physical wrecks left behind.

It is shown by official statistics that the cost of the war with Spain and in the Philippines from 1898 to 1901, inclusive, will amount to \$642,000,000. This is equal to \$8.50 per head of the population of the United States, or \$42.50 per family of five persons during the four years. How do you like it, voter?

Militarism and imperialism have supplied the 5,321 soldiers sacrificed in the Philippines. The victims of this wretched war of criminal aggression have all been brave regular soldiers or thrifty citizens who volunteered. Imperialism everywhere and always plays with the lives of the common people as pawns.

Most of life's shadows result from standing in our own light.

CHAMP CLARK COMING.

County Superintendent C. L. Gramley authorizes the announcement that the Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri, will be one of the evening lecturers during institute week. It is hardly necessary to tell the readers of the Centre Democrat who Champ Clark is, as we have been publishing a three-column letter by him every week for the past three months. Some of our readers declare that it is the best part of the paper, which no doubt is true.

Champ Clark is a brilliant writer and a most forcible speaker, and is a popular platform orator. As a member of congress he is the recognized leader of the democratic side of the House. And many think he will be the next democratic nominee for the presidency.

Champ Clark is a big, brainy, brilliant fellow; he is able, also entertaining, and will be one of the best lecturers that has appeared before the institute in years.

Read his letter in this paper if you want to get an idea of his style.

A Runaway.

A serious accident occurred between Tusseville and Colyer last week to Mrs. Wm. Rockey. The lady with a little babe and two other children, was driving from her home to see her sister, Mrs. George Lee, near Colyer, and when the Zion church was reached the horses she was driving took fright from some unaccountable cause and started pelmed down the hill and on reaching Colyer school house Mrs. Rockey was thrown from the vehicle, sustaining severe injuries. The babe she held in her arms was not injured, which no doubt accounts for the mother's hard fall, as mother-like she only endeavored to shield her little one.—Reporter.

Charged With Violating Food Law.

Pure Food Inspector Foust, of Altoona, made intonations before Justice of Peace D. S. Moore, of Clearfield, against these persons for the offense stated: Fred J. Dyer, Curwensville, for selling adulterated vanilla extract; A. J. Hagg, of DuBois, adulterated lemon extract; E. F. Spencer, of Grampian, adulteration of vanilla and lemon extract; A. J. Kline, of DuBois, watered cider vinegar; W. C. Kuhn, of DuBois, selling oleo colored, two cases; J. H. Slaughenbop, of DuBois, lemon extract adulterated; H. A. Vosburg, two cases, lemon and vanilla extract.

Musician Killed.

John Thomas, originally from Centreville, and a wandering musician, met his death on the Reading railroad in the Slifer cut early Tuesday morning 19th. He was evidently sitting on the end of a tie near Lewisburg when struck by the passing train. He was aged about 54 years.

Second Accident.

Mrs. Mary Remmy, an aged lady of Pine Grove Mills, had the misfortune to fall from a chair and break her right arm while picking grapes last Thursday afternoon. Several years ago Mrs. Remmy broke the same arm in a similar manner.

Good Act.

Robert V. Woods, a forest fire detective of Perry county, has just had two men summarily convicted for firing the woods in that county in April last. Let the good work continue.

Large Barn Destroyed.

Everet Werts' barn at Cook's Run was destroyed by fire Friday night. Only the horses were saved. The remainder of the live stock and the season's crops were burned.

New Operation.

Anthony Noll has bought the Jacob Sprow timber, known as the Keller tract in Harris twp., and has moved his sawmill and will begin operation in a short time.

An Old Fort.

Children playing about the site of old Fort Augusta, now Sunbury, where many Indian battles occurred previous to the Revolution, unearthed recently an opening to an old powder magazine, the existence of which was not known.

Removing His Saw Mill.

T. M. Harter is removing his saw mill from the Damm farm near Mackeyville to the Lewis Shuler farm. He will cut the oak and hickory timber on the latter place.

A letter from Wm. Runkle, to his father Jacob Runkle, of this place, states that in their regiment there have been 39 deaths from wounds and disease, which includes Lieut. Geo. W. Jackson, deceased. Trying to keep from worrying is what worries some people.

Widowers, like tumbled down houses, should be repaired.

CHANGES IN STAR ROUTES

Old System of Awarding Contracts Has Been Abolished

CHANCE FOR EVERYBODY

Direct Dealing with the Man Who Carries the Mail Inaugurated by the Post Office Department—Information of Special Interest.

A change in the policy of the post office department regarding the letting of mail-carrying contracts, which have just been commenced, is of interest to the people of this county. The changes consist in giving out these contracts only to the persons living in the community in which the mail is to be carried.

This plan, it is hoped, will do away with the sub-letting of contracts by the original grantors.

An official circular received at the Bellefonte post office contains particulars for those who wish to bid for these contracts. No bid will be considered unless the bidder resides on or contiguous to the route on which the service is to be performed, and promises to give his personal supervision to the service.

In addition to carrying the mails to the various post offices the carriers on each route will be also required to deliver mail into all boxes that may be erected along the route, under the following conditions:

Any person living on or near the star route lines described, and not within the corporate limits of any town or within 60 rods of any post office, who desires his mail posted in a box on the line of the route by the carrier, may provide and erect a suitable box on the roadside, to be reached as conveniently as possible by the carrier.

Under the new contract the carrier will be required to deliver mail to the farmers along the route, provided the person files a request with his postmaster.

Bids for carrying of the mails over the different routes must be in the department's hands by Dec. 4th, 1900. The service to begin July 1st, 1901. Following is a list of star routes in Centre Co., with the price paid by the contractor, and also that paid by him to the person, or sub-contractor, carrying the mails.

The foregoing explains itself fully and is a much-needed change. It is sincerely hoped that it may be put into working order as soon as possible:

Star Routes	Present Cost per annum	Sub-Contractor
Loveville to Ft. Matilda	\$147.	\$180.
Stormstown to "	212.	245.
Gatesburg to Guyer	87.	75.
Fairbrook to Ft. Furnace	158.	150.
Shingletown to Roalsburg	78.	74.
Colyer to Centre Hill	23.57	205.32
Fort Cave to Springs Mills	136.	195.
Madisonburg to Millheim	264.	240.
Rebersburg to Coburn	227.	245.
Woodward to Coburn	107.00	192.00
Romola to Howard	142.	115.
Walker to Howard	121.90	
Leganton to Rebersburg	274.	
Yarnell to Milesburg	87.	60.
Housesville to Lemont	72.	60.

Gathering Gold.

The following appeared in the Philadelphia Esquire on Monday and if true is quite interesting:

For years two maiden ladies, Misses Nancy and Margaret Sparr, lived in the old Sparr homestead, near Pine Grove Mills. They lived alone, economically inclined. It was known that they had money, but it was always kept secret where they kept it. Nancy died and the grief of Margaret was so great that the week following Nancy's funeral she died. The house was closed.

Recently appraisers went to the premises, and upon a thorough investigation found \$500 under the carpet. In old stockings concealed in the closets they found several hundred dollars. On going to the attic they made even greater discoveries. Under the floor in tin boxes they found \$1000 in gold. They also found money concealed away in old cushioned chairs. The entire amount of money found in this way is said to be \$2500.

Crushed Under His Train.

William D. McEwen, a Pittsburg division freight brakeman, was fatally injured at Spangler early Friday morning. At Spangler he was thrown under the wheels and four cars passed over him. Both legs were crushed. He was taken to the Altoona hospital, where he lingered until 4:45 o'clock, when death ended his sufferings.

The unfortunate young man was a son of Alonzo and Mary (deceased) McEwen, of Irvona. He was born in Unionville, Centre county, February 17, 1880. He is survived by his father and two sisters: Mrs. W. E. Hoffman, of Tyrone, and Miss Winifred, of Irvona.

Interment took place at Unionville on Monday.

When the up-to-date woman is after a new wrinkle she doesn't want to find it in her mirror.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Respectfully Dedicated to Bellefonte.

My friends have you heard of the town of "no good?"

On the banks of a creek they call "Spring," Where blooms the "wait-a-while" flower fair, Where the "some-time-or-other" scents the air, And the English sparrow sings.

It lies in the valley of "what's the use," In the province of "Letter slide," And "that tired feeling" is native thereto; It's the home of the reckless "I don't care," Where the "give-it-ups" abide.

It stands at the bottom of Halfmoon hill, And is easy to reach, I do declare; You've only to fold up your hands and glide Down the slope of the weak-will's toboggan slide.

The town's just got over her one-hundredth year, Where fakirs were plenty and they did not need to fear;

It is wrapped in the fog of idler's dreams; Its streets are paved with discarded schemes, And sprinkled with useless tears.

DAVID BALDRIDGE,
Central City, Pa.

A girl may be a peach and have a heart of stone.

A tape worm doesn't always kill a person by inches.

The corn doctor always expects to find something on foot.

You can't judge an elephant's wardrobe by the size of his trunk.

Any street or alley suits the fugitive who seeks an avenue of escape.

As one of our organs, the mouth is responsible for lots of chin music.

Every person has a way of his own, but we don't all have our own way.

Palmer-Blair.

Last Wednesday evening 17th, at the Palmer home in Northumberland, Pa., Miss Cora E., daughter of John J. Palmer and A. Fred Blair, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Blair of this place, were married. The bridesmaid was Miss Lena Burk, of Northumberland, and the maid of honor, Miss Hanna, of Lock Haven. The best man was Albert Blair, a brother of the groom and the ushers were Russell Blair, of Bellefonte, and Willie J. Hicks, formerly of this place but now of Kennet Square, Pa. Mr. Blair is now employed at the Atlas Cement Works at Allentown Pa.

What Counts.

He kissed the babe and rubbed the hands of Sam and Bill and Sue. He swore the twins were beautiful and wished that he had two. But that don't count! He asked about the corn bread, which he vainly tried to chew, and forthwith asked for the "receipt"—of course, that tickled maw! But that don't count! But just before he left, he stopped and winked, closed up his jaw, and slipping out behind the barn, he took a drink with paw—and that's what counts!

Net Gain of Over 6,000.

At the Presbyterian synod at Harrisburg last week Moderator McCarell announced the appointment of Rev. J. T. Gibson, of Pittsburg, as vice moderator. The reports of the various presbyteries constituting the synod showed a net gain of 6,784 over last year in church membership. During the year 9,266 communicants were added to the church and the total gifts aggregate \$5,384,894.

Another Sign.

The old weather prognosticators are already predicting a cold and severe winter. Rev. Daniel M. Baker, of Waynesboro, Pa., says on account of the tall weeds the snows will be deep. The birds live on the seeds of weeds when the snow is deep on the ground. The weeds are very tall, consequently the snow will be correspondingly deep.

Surveying for Double Track.

The tremendous increase in business during the last three years is compelling the N. Y. C. railroad to lay a double track and in a short time the whole distance between Clearfield and Jersey Shore will be covered by a double track. Surveyors were at work at this place yesterday and took measurements of the bridges.

Buys 500 Acres of Timber Land.

Leonard Kyler, of Kylertown, has purchased from the Ford heirs, of Philadelphia, five hundred acres of timber land at Birch Island in Clinton county. This tract of land has been owned by the Ford's since 1776. It is a very valuable tract, and inasmuch as many others have been trying to secure it for years.

U. S. Weather Bureau.

Weekly Report—Bellefonte Station.

DATE	TEMPERATURE
1900	Maximum Minimum
Oct. 18, clear	64 31
" 19, "	63 26
" 20, "	60 28
" 21, "	58 23
" 22, "	76 39
" 23, cloudy	72 34
" 24, clear	71 33

Rainfall on the 23rd and night, .03 inch; on the 24th afternoon, .33 inch, at night .10 inch.