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STREET CARNIVAL BOILING

Bellefonte Is Having a High Time This Week

A BIG TIME 4TH OF JULY

Excursion Trains on all Roads—Summer Races at the Fair Ground—The Streets are Crowded and are Lively

This is carnival week in Bellefonte and people who come to our town naturally are impressed with the transformation that has taken place for this purpose. The main streets are filled with large tents, in many instances almost blockading the thoroughfares. The Diamond is in the possession of the showmen, as about a dozen large and small tents, pavilions and booths have been erected with glowing pictures on the fronts portraying the wonders to be seen on the inside for a small price of admission. On the platforms on the outside the professional "barkers" are at work announcing to the eager throngs how a visit to the interior will repay them doubly for the small expenditure.

The speaking tubes carry their stentorian tones to the utmost limit of the crowds who hover about. Then there are the booths where you can try your luck throwing rings at canes and umbrellas; the mystic wheel that revolves and the pointer stops upon some costly piece of jewelry when your money is not up; the man with the armful of wriggling serpents, holds the crowds in terror, who are told of the sights to be seen inside upon paying a small admission fee. The trick donkey, the plantation melodies by a corps of colored musicians, attract others. The merry go-round is in full blast, the bands are playing and other attractions are on hand to interest and amuse. The high diver, down at the Bush House, draws large crowds every afternoon and evening as he makes his leap from a lofty perch to a tank of water. With a full week of this kind of attractions Bellefonte is having a regular holiday. Inhabitants of the town can hardly recognize the place; it is a Midway Plaisance, like at the World's Fair, only on a smaller scale.

The Hatch-Adams people arrived in town last Sunday evening and on Monday began erecting their outfit, but the frequent showers interfered with the work so that by evening they were only in shape to open about half of their attractions and the rain kept many people from the surrounding country from attending. Since then the weather has been more propitious and the attendance is growing daily and the Carnival is in full blast. The latter part of the week will see Bellefonte filled with crowds that will make it interesting.

The 4th of July will bring an immense gathering to the town, which will be augmented by those who will want to witness the mid-summer races at the Centre County Fair Grounds where some of the best horses in Central Pennsylvania will be entered for the various races. On that day there will be special excursion rates over all the railroads leading to Bellefonte, and the crowds will be the largest of the week.

The Fish Hatchery.

Mr. Meehan the state fish commissioner, on the hunt for a desirable location for the establishment for a fish hatchery, was here last Thursday, and accompanied by some of our citizens viewed some of the springs in this vicinity. He pronounced the spring on the Hoy farm (late Christ Dale's) and its grounds, as an ideal location for such a purpose, and in his estimation the most suitable he has inspected. A number of counties are anxious to have the hatchery, but he says the choice will fall to either Centre or Franklin county, (none of the other counties filling the bill), by the fish commission which has control of the selection. Mr. Meehan thinks if the selection is made upon its merits, and there is no "pull," Centre county will get the hatchery, beyond a doubt, and the location above named will be chosen, for the central state hatchery.

Carnival Races.

Remember, when you come to Bellefonte on the 4th, you can attend some fine races at the Centre county fair grounds. Some of the best trotters and pacers in Central Pennsylvania, are entered for the races and all the sports will be on deck. The admission will be only 25 cents. After the races there will be lots of fun on the streets as the carnival will be in full blast. Others are blowing, but Bellefonte will have the greatest 4th of July in years. Special excursion trains will be run on all railroads.

Lewisburg's Daughters of the American Revolution have placed markers on the graves of 20 Revolutionary soldiers in Union county.

JUDGE GORDON WON.

Clearfield Jurist Secures Majority After a Hard Fight.

Information from Clearfield is that Judge Cyrus Gordon secured enough delegates at the Republican primaries of Saturday evening to assure his nomination in the County convention which was held last Tuesday. Both candidates worked personally at the polls and the air was filled with charges of barter and sale of votes, colored citizens, it was asserted, receiving a higher price than ever before in the history of the county. In Clearfield, Mitchell carried three of the four wards and lacked but five votes of defeating Gordon in his own ward. The two candidates came near having a personal encounter about 4 o'clock, when Judge Gordon went into the Second Ward polling place and found Mitchell there soliciting votes. He ordered Mitchell out and claimed he was violating the law by soliciting within the room. Mitchell retorted by saying he was less of a violator of the law than Gordon's son, who was running in negro votes. Leading Democrats say there is not the least doubt of the defeat of Judge Gordon by the Democratic candidate in view of the disgraceful character of his contest for the nomination.

On Tuesday the convention was held and Judge Gordon was nominated for another term over Oscar Mitchell by a vote of 83 to 56. The contest for the sheriff was not settled until the last delegate came in. James P. Staver, of Clearfield, won out over Harry Carlisle by a vote of 71 1/2 to 67 1/2.

W. I. Swope received the District Attorney nomination, unopposed. M. H. Henderson, of Woodward, was named for Jury Commissioner and J. M. Ross, of DuBois, for Coroner. B. F. Chase was re-elected county chairman.

Killed at Renovo.

Another killing affray took place at Renovo on last Thursday evening and a murder trial is in store for the Clinton county courts. Last Thursday night as officer Michael J. Crowley was going his rounds, in Renovo, he came across two boys loafing on the National bank steps. It was about midnight and he ordered them to go home. According to the officer's statement they cursed him and Ryan knocked him down, and struck him again as he was getting up. In self defense, he drew his revolver and fired killing the man.

The officer was charged with the killing and is now confined in the Lock Haven jail. We have very little sympathy for any one who resists an officer of the law, and especially who assaults him. Society demands the highest respect for laws and protection for those who are called upon to enforce them. If Ryan struck an officer as described, he got what he deserved, and his friends should not complain.

Mother Makes Three Suicidal Attempts.

Having been thwarted in two attempts to end her life, Mrs. Mary Ettinger, of Burnham, swallowed a half-saucer of carpet tacks. The last attempt may cause her death. With her husband and five children, Mrs. Ettinger, who is a pretty woman of 40 years, lives at Burnham. She says she has felt insanity coming upon her for some time, and feared that she would, while mentally unbalanced, slay her off-spring. So, she says, she left home last week, came here and drank some laudanum. Physicians saved her life, and she was incarcerated in the county jail to prevent a second attempt.

Gradually she regained her mental balance, and on Friday she was released. Scarcely had she left the jail when she ran to the Juniata river and was about to jump from the county bridge when she was halted by a pedestrian. Then she returned home and, in the presence of her 7-year-old daughter, swallowed the tacks. The sharp points lodged in her throat, causing excruciating pains. She is in a serious condition.

Ankle Sprained.

Sunday evening while walking up street, a man connected with the Carnival that is playing here this week, stepped upon the grate over a coal hole in the pavement in front of the Bush Arcade, causing the grate to drop, resulting in a sprained ankle and bruises. We are informed that Mr. McCarger, one of our citizens, also met with a mishap at the same spot late in the afternoon of the same day, and from the same cause, sustaining some painful bruises on his person. This coal hole has been a dread to many for a long time and the worst fears are now realized. Let property owners take new warning of dangerous traps in their walks and avoid personal injuries liable to result along with possible damages of no small sums for the neglect.

An idea sometimes strikes a man when he is down.

PRISONER IDENTIFIED

The Wounded Man is an Old Burglar

REMOVED TO THE CO. JAIL

Name is James Lewis—Served 5 Years in Western Penitentiary—Admits His Name—Stamps, Revolvers, Clothing, etc., Identified.

Sunday morning an opportunity was afforded to pay the wounded burglar a visit at the Bellefonte Hospital. He was in a much better condition than when seen at Potters Mills, the day after the shooting and the capture. His color was healthy and the eyes were fresh and bright. He could speak in a distinct voice and was more cheerful. He said he had a good appetite, was feeling well and was confident of recovery, while a week prior he believed the "jig was up." He admitted that his right name was Jas. Lewis and was from Mo. He realized that the authorities were on to him, from the description and photo sent from the Western Penitentiary. While there Dr. Hayes dressed the wound. Thus far no complications have arisen and it is commencing to heal up.

Tuesday evening the wounded man was removed from the hospital to the county jail and occupies the women's cell. He was unable to walk and was carried on a cot to the cell and from thence to the jail. The jail physician, Dr. Hayes, pronounces his recovery certain, unless some unexpected complications should arise.

Up to this time there are practically no new developments in the case. Many people who saw their pictures in our last issue, claim to have seen some of the men heretofore in this section.

At Lewisburg, one of the men, several days prior to the Laurelton robberies, called at Dieffenderfer's hardware store to purchase .38 calibre cartridges, but as he was deemed a suspicious character, ammunition was refused.

A. L. Reedy, the clothing merchant, of Laurelton, was here last Thursday and identified an undershirt and overshirt as some of his goods taken from his store. D. R. Parsely, the hotel keeper, identified a revolver, from certain marks on it, and thinks some of the coins correspond with those taken from his safe. Some of the stamps, having the white margins torn off the full sheets, C. D. Moiz, of Woodward, is positive, same came from that office.

Up to this time the postal authorities have not indicated a determination to prosecute the case although they have secured copies of the photos of the men, taken by us.

WOUNDED MAN IDENTIFIED.

A photo and prison description of James Lewis was received from the Western Penitentiary last week. It corresponds with the wounded man in size, age and weight, also in regard to several tattoo marks on his body. He gave his name as Gewalt, and Showalter, but since he has been confronted with this description, he has admitted his identity, realizing that the authorities are on to him. In 1897 James Lewis and Wm. Moore were convicted of robbing the postoffice at Barnesboro, Huntingdon county, and recently completed his term. He says his home is in Missouri, but gives no particular location.

Numerous persons in the county claim to have seen some of these men, at different times in our county. The theory is advanced that another man, carrying a satchel, and pretending to be a mechanic or tinker, was in collusion with the posse and carried the booty captured at times, and disposed of it for them. Of course these are only rumors, without any definite information up to this time.

Owing to an unusual demand for extra copies of The Centre Democrat last week, our supply was exhausted the first day, and for that reason we could not fill many orders received by mail and telephone.

Must Use a Seal.

Justices of the Peace are hereby warned that the U. S. Pension Agency at Pittsburg, Pa., will reject all vouchers executed by them, unless they comply strictly with the provisions of the Act of Assembly approved April 23, 1903, requiring them to use a seal as described in Section 2, and that date of expiration of commission be given. Aldermen, being ex-officio Justices of the peace, will be required to comply with said Act.

Reverse of Prosperity.

Notices have been posted by both the Bellefonte Furnace Company and the Nittany Iron Company of a reduction of 20 cents per day on all their employes, at both furnaces and ore mines. The reduction goes into effect and will affect about 300 men July 21st.

United States Postoffice, BELLEFONTE, PA.

CHAS. R. KURTZ, Pub. "CENTRE DEMOCRAT," Bellefonte, Penn'a.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with your request, herewith is furnished a statement (copied from the official records) of the weights of editions of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT for the first issue of each year, as sent to this office for mailing, since 1893:

Yrs.	Co.	Co.	Pounds mailed.	Or number of copies mailed.
1893	44	48	total 92	900.
1894	42	52	" 94	900.
1895	45	61	" 106	1000.
1896	65	74	" 139	1300.
1897	73	96	" 169	1600.
1898	78	116	" 194	1900.
1899	101	143	" 244	2400.
1900	135	162	" 295	2900.
1901	149	176	" 325	3100.
1902	154	183	" 337	3300.
1903	165	219	" 384	3800.

During past six months of 1903 no issue was less than 384 pounds. Papers sent to Bellefonte and Philipsburg offices are not included in "Inside Centre County" but are in "Outside Centre County" column, as they must pay that rate of postage.

W. W. MONTGOMERY, P. M., Bellefonte, Pa.
W. H. GARMAN, Mailing Clerk.

The above statement, made by the Postmaster of Bellefonte, shows a four-fold increase in circulation from 1893 to 1903. As ten copies of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT weigh one pound, the last column shows the number of copies mailed each year, and does not include about 100 copies distributed from our office each week.

BELLEFONTE HAS A MYSTERY.

All the marriageable men in Centre county, and especially widowers and old bachelors, have been stirred out of their apathy in regard to the fair sex. While the woman in the case is a Centre countian, she is as yet surrounded in mystery and is known only through the following:

"Bellefonte, Pa.—Widow, 25 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 132 pounds, brown curly hair, gray eyes, fair complexion, American Lutheran, sunny nature. Keep house and do fancy work; am dressmaker and musician, will inherit \$40,000. Answer to all who send stamps."

The above circular was secured by the police of Chicago in a raid made on the Star Matrimonial agency a few days ago and will be used as evidence against the proprietor, W. A. Henry, on the complaint that the agency was a fraud.

Editorial Outing.

The publisher of the Centre Democrat will leave next Monday noon, July 6th, for Omaha, Neb., as a delegate from this state, to attend the National Editorial Association, which will hold its annual convention in that city from July 7th to the 11th. At the conclusion the association will take an outing to Denver or the Black Hills; and part will visit the famous Yellowstone Park where six days will be spent viewing the wonders of nature. The writer expects to visit the park; the trip will be made going by way of Salt Lake City and returning over the Northern Pacific and Burlington routes. We note there are many former Centre countians, and old acquaintances as well as regular readers of the Centre Democrat along our route, whom we would be glad to see, but as the trip will be made with a party and the schedule is fixed, we will have no opportunity to visit friends.

Charles F. Mench, of the Gazette, and his prospective bride, Miss Bessie Musser, whose wedding is announced for July 6th, expect to make the same trip.

Fifteen Churches a Day.

Dr. Erskin N. White, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Church Extension, figures out in the Church Economist, of New York, that fifteen churches are built in this country for every day in the year. Another estimate gives twelve churches a day, and of these the Methodists build three, Baptists two, Lutherans one and a half, Roman Catholics one and a half, Presbyterians one, Episcopalians one, Congregationalists three-quarters, and others, including Reformed, United Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, United Brethren and Southern bodies, one and a half. In average cost the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches rank first. The average cost of churches is estimated at \$7,000, making the average daily expenditure for church buildings in the United States about \$100,000.

Beheaded by Switch Engine.

Mrs. Margaret Ditty, of Lewisburg, met an awful death last Thursday. She had crossed the P. & R. tracks to get a bucket of milk and in getting back to her home she was struck by a switch engine and hurled to the track just in front of the rapidly moving locomotive. The engineer and fireman saw the woman but were unable to stop in the short distance. In a few seconds they were upon her and the unfortunate woman's body was ground beneath the wheels. The engine wheels on the right side passed over her neck, severing her head from her body. The remains were gathered up and taken to her home but a few steps away. She was aged 65 years.

It's the high-flyer who demonstrates that riches have wings.

A WOMAN TORTURED

The Work of a Desperate Fiend Near Philipsburg

BOUND AND FEET ROASTED

Compelled to Reveal Where Money was Hidden—\$1500 Carried Away—In Haste Dropped \$500—Deed of Some Unknown Man

With a lighted candle a man tortured Mrs. O. Rorick, an old woman, whose home is near Philipsburg, until she told him where the family savings were hidden. Having tied her to a chair the man placed the lighted candle under her feet and left the house with \$150 in cash. It is believed that the old woman, who was found unconscious, will not recover.

The man entered the Rorick home all the members of the family, excepting Mrs. Rorick, were away. He told her that she must tell him where the money was kept. She refused. He then tied her in the chair and administered chloroform. When she lost consciousness he searched the house, but failed to find any money. Then he removed the unconscious woman's shoes and stockings and placed a lighted candle under her feet. When she revived she told him where he could find the treasure. He went for the money, but did not remove the candle; nor did he take it away before he left the house. A stranger was arrested, but Mrs. Rorick says he was not the guilty man.

In his hurry to get away from the house the robber dropped a part of the money, which Mrs. O'Rorick picked up and placed in the bosom of her dress. The man missed it and returned, prepared to torture her further. A noise outside of the house frightened him and he left hastily. The authorities have offered a reward of \$500 for information that will lead to the arrest of the thief.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. CAROLINE LONG:—Widow of the late Jacob Long, of Howard, died at that place Friday evening at 8 o'clock of a complication of diseases, aged 70 years.

MRS. CATHERINE SWILER:—Widow of Christian Swiler, died Tuesday morning, 23rd, she had been a sufferer from paralysis and on Tuesday morning had another stroke which ended her earthly career. Three children are left to mourn her death, namely, Edward and Ellen, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Frank Eckle, of Philadelphia.

MRS. NANCY THOMPSON:—Died on Tuesday evening of last week at the home of Christ Holter, north of Howard, aged 89 years and 4 days. She is survived by the following brother, and sister, Christian Holter, at whose home she died, who is well up in years, Mrs. Elizabeth Mahaffey who is nearly 86. The funeral took place on Thursday morning at ten o'clock from the house, and the sermon was preached in the Fairview church by the Rev. D. A. Artman. Interment in the Schenck cemetery.

W. FRED JACKSON:—Son of the late Geo. W. Jackson, banker, died on Tuesday night at the Warren, Pa., hospital for the insane, where he was sent over a year ago for treatment. He is survived by his mother, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Brew, in Maryland, and brother Maurice, of this place. Another brother, Lieutenant Geo. Jackson, died in the Philippine campaign several years ago. His age was about 33 years. The interment will likely take place in Union cemetery where other members of the family are buried.

MRS. MARY CAMPBELL:—Died at the Campbell home at Milesburg on Friday morning. She had been ailing for a number of years. When but a girl twelve years of age she united with the Methodist church. Mrs. Campbell was born in Hartleton, Union county, 79 years ago and was the wife of the late Wm. Campbell. She leaves to mourn her death the following children: Wm. H. Campbell and Geo. W. Campbell, of Williamsport; Mrs. L. D. Thorp, of Yarnell; Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman, of New York city, and Mrs. Linn Adams, of Milesburg. Interment in the Union cemetery at Bellefonte, Monday.

Bottle Caught Husband.

Miss Jessie Kemp, of Sunbury, and two girl ghouls, strolled to the Susquehanna river bridge one day last November and each tossed a small bottle into the water. The bottles contained notes asking that the persons finding them—especially if they should happen to be nice young men—send their names and addresses to the young women.

Nagel, who lives at Aerdon, found the bottle that Miss Kemp had cast upon the waters and he dutifully informed her of the fact.

Letters were exchanged, Nagle came to visit Miss Kemp, and then— Well, they were married.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

TAKE YOUR OWN MEDICINE. The doctor looked his patients over And gravely shook his head, "You mustn't carry so much steam; You need a rest," he said. "To burn the candle at both ends Will wreck your system quite; And now I must be off, you know, I'm driven day and night."

"And fourthly, my beloved friends," The pastor said, "observe The greatest in the gospel band Are they who humbly serve, Accept our creed of faith and love; All else are heretics. The law should give some one the power To bring their craven necks."

"Throw it away!" the editor Exclaimed, in language strong; "All compositions should be brief, And this one is too long. All articles must be condensed. Description, news, opinion." And then he seized a pen and wrote Two thousand words of minion.

And so in every walk of life, Familiarity Doth make each man repudiate His own philosophy. The cobbler's shoes are full of holes, The tailor's coat is torn, Upon the milliner's fair head A last year's hat is worn.

The plumber's house is full of gas, The builder's full of smoke; The barber's classic head is bald, The medium is broke. When I get wealth and time enough I'll found a school to teach The inconsistent sons of men To practice what they preach. —Portland Oregonian.

Mosquitoes are sharpening their bills. One freckle doesn't make a summer girl.

Even an up hill fight may be on the level.

Marriage is too often a life sentence at hard labor.

A shady character doesn't always keep a man cool.

Marriage is too often a life sentence at hard labor.

It takes two banana skins to make a pair of slippers.

A man's crookedness often get him into financial straits.

Singers who pursue the even tenor of their way never get off their bass.

The lawyer seldom works with a will until the doctor clears the way.

It's the good natured man who generally gets it in the Adam's Apple.

When a man thirsts for knowledge he isn't necessarily dry in his remarks.

A woman is generally more successful in concealing her age than her rage.

Some men are locked up for safe-keeping and some for safe-keeping.

Even when a carpenter braces up he is usually as plain a man as ever you saw.

Many a man has paid a board bill who never bought a stick of lumber in his life.

A woman doesn't necessarily keep boarders just because she sometimes boards a train.

The telephone has closely connected many people who heretofore were only distantly related.

That when a man has more money than he knows what to do with it stands to reason that he isn't married. There is a world of difference between the man who knows an opportunity when he sees it and those who seize an opportunity when they know it.

Wedding Superstitions.

To be read during the month of June when brides and June roses are plentiful:

Marry when the year is new, Always loving, kind, and true—

When February birds do mate, You may wed nor dread your fate, If you marry when March winds blow

Joy and sorrow both you'll know, Marry in April when you can, Joy for maiden and for man;

Marry in the month of May, You will surely rue the day, Marry when June roses blow, Over land and sea you'll go, They who in July do wed, Must labor always for their bread, All who wed in August be, Many a change are sure to see, Marry in September's shine, Your living will be rich and fine, If in October you do marry, Love will come but riches tarry, If you wed in bleak November, Only joy will come remember, When December's snow falls fast, If you marry, love will last. —McCall's Magazine.

The Young Man to Admire.

We confess a fondness for the normal young man with red blood in his veins who likes to dance with a girl, to court her, to kiss her and to marry her. He is the sort we want in this country, for he is pretty sure to be manly. We don't want a lot of young prudes with warped intellects and kiln-dried bodies. —Toledo Blade.