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HAILSTORM'S DESTRUCTION

Visited this Place on Monday at 12:30 O'clock

THE STREETS WERE FLOODED

Pellets of Ice as Large as Chestnuts Fell in Some Sections—Injured Fruit and Vegetables—Hail on Curtin Street 4 Inches Deep

The hail that accompanied the fierce thunder gust Monday noon, was damaging to vegetation in many localities. It was only a narrow strip but at places the ground was white with the icy pellets. In town there was heavy hail only in some parts while in other parts it was light. Down towards McCalmonts and Milesburg there were hollows where the hail had gathered in spots two feet in depth. Corn fields surrounding Bellefonte were severely shredded on some farms. On Tuesday morning, a party informs us, hail was found to inches in depth at the foot of embankments, and gardens and corn badly riddled at many places.

Curtin street received a full dose of the hail storm throughout its entire length. In some places a depth of three inches of hail had collected, and the gardens suffered greatly.

At Centre Hall there was much hail and harm done the plants and shrubbery. On the Brockerhoff farms one mile beyond Old Fort, tenanted by Col. Vonada, the hail shredded a large corn field.

Merchant Wieland, of Linden Hall, while in our sanctum said a tremendous thunder gust with hail passed over that section Monday noon. He informs us there was not enough of the storm there to interfere with the masons putting up a foundation.

On Gen. Beaver's farm adjoining Bellefonte on the east, Monday noon's hail did the business of a shredder in the corn fields. Down in Marion township, as Mr. Frain reports, there was no hail.

Business Change and Transfer Made.

An important transfer of Bellefonte property was effected the other day, the purchasers being capitalists of Jersey Shore, well known here; and the former owners long established business men of means. Our town loses nothing by the change as the new parties are men of large business experience and enterprise. The parties first alluded to are W. E. Gheen, Schem Spigelmyer, and G. M. Gamble purchasers of the power, flour mill, lumber yard and other buildings belonging to P. B. Crider & Son. The consideration is \$35,000, which takes in all the water right of the Hale estate. The new parties will take possession of the mill, lumber and planing mill, July 1, 1904. Mr. Crider continuing in the skaver and novelty department of mill and the wholesale department in lumber business after July 1, 1904. Mr. Gerberick will operate the grist mill until same date, after which Mr. Gamble will be the manager of the new firm, both in the flour mill and retail lumber business.

800 Snakes Let Loose in Small Town.

Eight hundred rattlesnakes, measuring upwards from three feet each, were, by accident, let loose at the village of Highland Fling, on the top of the Alleghenies. J. C. Albright, of that place, had collected them for an Eastern agency. While feeding them, the cage door became unfastened in some way and before being closed the reptiles escaped.

Albright was badly bitten and went to the hospital for treatment. On the way he was stopped twice for fast driving, but when he showed his snake bites and told the story of the rattlers swarming about the town he was allowed to continue his journey. Albright spent the greater part of the summer gathering the snakes, and valued his collection at \$1,000.

Fierce Battle With a Rattler.

The champion battle of the year with a rattler occurred on the farm of W. H. Walker, in Buffalo Run valley. John Grove was in the field mowing, when his horses became unmanageable. Mr. Grove found the cause to be an immense rattler lying between the animals and on the point of coiling. There was nothing at hand with which to kill the snake, so Grove caught the rattler by the tail, jerked it out at arm's length, and then held it out at arm's length, while he called for his hired man, Grant Dagleberger, who with a shovel cut off the reptile's head. When the rattler was killed Mr. Grove fainted from nervous reaction. The snake measured 5 feet and had 11 rattles.

The committee of the Juniata County Reunion association to arrange for the annual reunion have decided to hold the reunion on Saturday, August 8, at Glasgow's grove, near Bellwood.

FISH HATCHERY TO BELLEFONTE.

The fish hatchery will be located at Bellefonte, on the lands of the Hoy farm, (late Chris. Dale's,) a short distance beyond Axeman, of which spring and locality we made mention in the Centre Democrat a few weeks ago when state fish commissioner Meehann was here looking out a location for one of the state hatcheries, and was most favorably impressed with the point aforesaid. The conditions are that the required land, 15 acres, be donated free to the state. The party owning the land and spring ask \$125 per acre for the land and spring, which adjoins the L. & T. railroad. Subscriptions are solicited from citizens of this place and the county to raise the required amount for the purchase of the land and spring, which will be from \$1500 to \$1800 as we are informed. A meeting of citizens was held in the Gazette sanctum last Saturday evening to take the matter in hand and secure the hatchery. Judge Love was called to the chair; T. H. Harter appointed secretary, and John Shugert, treasurer. About \$200 was raised upon the spot and pledges reported to swell the sum. With an additional lift from friends of the movement over the county, the thing will be a success and the county generally be benefited in having its streams stocked right along with fish—fish for all—free for all.

All needed buildings will be erected and some 25 men have employ at the hatchery.

Since writing above about \$1200 have been subscribed including \$300 from Phillipsburg and Snow Shoe.

A committee to promote the subject was appointed at the meeting as follows: Judge John G. Love, John M. Shugert, T. H. Harter, John Kuisely, John J. Bower, Joseph Rightour, Joseph L. Montgomery, B. D. Tate, Earle C. Tutan, Hard P. Harris, Robert P. Hunter, Robert Montgomery, James C. Furst, Horton S. Ray, and George Beezer.

These were directed to solicit subscriptions from citizens of the town and reported on Monday, the lists footing up \$1100, in sums of \$100 by Col. Reynolds to \$10 by others.

The State Fish Commission intend to have men at work on this ground by August 1, and they will begin at once transferring the spawns from the hatchery at Allentown if \$1500 is raised. The land consists of three tracts to wit: Mrs. Sney Hoy, 2 acres; Mrs. Marilla Dawson, 8½ acres, Mrs. Laura Williams 5 acres, making a total of 15½ acres, on which are two springs of water.

WILL SEND THEM TO DEDICATION

At the last session legislation was enacted giving the Governor power to appoint a day for the dedication of a monument erected in the National Cemetery at Andersonville, by the Pennsylvania Military. Commemorative, to the memory of the Pennsylvania soldiers who lie buried there, which monument is now nearing completion. The act further provides for the appropriation of \$2,500 or as much of the sum as will be needed, to cover the expense of the dedication, which will be under the direction of the Andersonville Military Commission.

As there are in Centre county a number of veterans who are survivors of Andersonville prison, they will welcome the information that a bill was also passed providing that transportation to the scene of the dedication shall be furnished to all surviving honorably discharged Pennsylvania soldiers who were at any time confined in the Andersonville Confederate prison. The transportation will cover the distance from the railway station in Pennsylvania nearest to the place of residence of any such soldier by the shortest and most convenient route to America, Georgia, and return, with the privilege of such survivors remaining at Andersonville less than five days to attend the dedication services.

The Trouble at Snow Shoe.

Referring to a despatch appearing in Tuesday's papers, stating that the employees of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., at Snow Shoe, may go on a strike because of an attempt of the company to establish a differential between thick and thin vein mining, and also that the company is trying to induce its employees to sign an agreement not to join a labor organization, the officials of the company at Altoona state that their employees at Snow Shoe, are now on strike and have been since June 6, on account of the refusal of the company to accede to the written demand of the United Mine Workers of America that the company discharge from its employ all miners who decline to permit the collection of the "check off," established by the union to pay for the checkweighman and other expenses of the organization.

The differential between thick and thin vein mining referred to is not the subject of controversy at present and has been established for many years at this point.

THE BURGLARS HAVE GONE

Taken to Williamsport Wednesday Morning for a Hearing.

BECAME SURLY AND SASSY

Searching Cells of Departed Burglars—Had Sawed off Rivets at One End—Were Full of Grumble and Fault Finding.

On Tuesday deputy U. S. Marshall Lapp, of Harrisburg, arrived in town for the purpose of taking the four burglars to Williamsport for a hearing before the U. S. Commissioner, charged with robbing the post offices at Laurelton and Woodward. Wednesday morning the prisoners, without having been previously notified, were marched to the 9:30 train for Williamsport.

The Marshall appointed Philip S. Meyer and George Jodon to accompany him to Williamsport with the prisoners. Besides these he summoned the following witnesses to testify at the hearing: Walter Garrity, Phil Foster, postmaster Ross, of Linden Hall, and a woman from Linden Hall from whom they had stolen some eatables. A large crowd had gathered to see the "procession" following it to the station. After the hearing the burglars will be held for trial in the U. S. court, 3rd week in October, at Scranton. This move of the U. S. authorities will save Centre county a large bill of expense which would have been incurred had they been tried in our court.

The wounded prisoner went on his march from jail to station with a free step, looking a little pale however. Before stepping on the cars, he took a fainting spell.

After the four burglars flitted from their cells on yesterday morning—under guard—for Williamsport, turnkey Jerry Condo made an inspection of the cells they occupied, and was on the look-out for anything strange as "a find" that might not have been put out of the way when the quartet were suddenly summoned for their departure. Jerry says the fellows had become surly and sassy within recent days, and were full of grumble and fault-finding although their treatment from the prison officials had been kind.

After some search in the cell where two of the prisoners were kept, Condo spied a hole in the ceiling, a holdover from the building of the cell. Eying this a moment or two, he investigated. The hole was too small for Jerry's sledge hammer slingers, so he directed a chap with a thinner arm to reach in after getting him to the ceiling. Immediately by the hole there was nothing, but on reaching back a full arm's length, he grabbed a piece of iron and reaching in again got hold of another piece. Both these proved braces which the prisoners had taken from their iron bedsteads by sawing off the rivets at one end when the braces could with some effort be broken off, each piece of brace was about 10 inches in length, over an inch in width and 3/8 inch in thickness.

These they evidently intended to use in an attack upon the turnkey, when a favorable opportunity presented, knock him down, and with a key made from a piece of metal to fit the lock to the slat door of their cell, get out and find it possible to force the out door, make their escape. The false key had broken from the strain, and interfered with their plan. Condo further says that several rivets showed evidence of attempts to saw them off, the instrument used being a hacked table knife which they managed to keep in possession when their meals were served. When he directed the prisoners to vacate their cells, they imagined they were to take their bath, instead of being marched to Williamsport. Mr. Condo thinks the prisoners had a file concealed, which was an aid in their attempt of an escape.

A Cold and Wet Month.

The weather bulletins of the Penn's climate and crop service recently issued by Section Director T. F. Townsend at Philadelphia shows that June gave a lower average temperature than any corresponding period in the history of the service. The means of the daily maximum and minimum temperatures, 73.4° and 53.6°, respectively, gave a monthly mean of 63.5° which is 5.1° below the normal, and is 2.5° below the corresponding month of 1902. The average precipitation for the month, 6.53, is 2.72 above the normal. Average number of rainy days, 15; clear, 7. The total rain at Bellefonte was 7.54 inches.

M. C. Johnson, near Millhall, has planted over 70,000 cabbage plants and in the fall will be ready to supply all with the best kind of cabbage.

Religion is a business that some men play at.

FRY VETERAN REUNION.

Capt. Fry's veteran re-union, unfortunately was drenched by last Saturday's rain, yet a goodly number of vets were on hand with some invited guests, and had the good spread which was abundant and equal to all tastes and desires of the inner man. For hospitality the Captain stands No. 1.

There were about a hundred guests on hand, all of whom had to find quarters indoors on account of the rain. Our townsman W. H. Musser was chosen Master of Ceremonies.

After prayer by Rev. Aiken, Capt. Fry expressed his pleasure of having the boys with him. He was made the recipient of a valuable silk umbrella. Lots of camp life was told and a gorgeous dinner cheered the eyes and gladdened the inner man. The comrades of Co. E, presented Capt. Fry with a silver headed cane.

The day was also the 60th birthday of the host, and he was the recipient of nice presents from the family circle.

The members of Co. E, present were Capt. H. Stevens, of Centre Line; Lieut. A. W. Harper, Phillipsburg; 1st Sargt. W. H. Musser, Bellefonte; H. S. Thompson, of Juniata county, Sargt. Major, David Love, Bellefonte; James I. Denner, Phillipsburg; D. B. Allen, Milesburg; J. G. Heberling, Pine Grove Mills. A. W. Harper invited Co. E, to hold their next annual re-union at his residence in Phillipsburg. The invitation was accepted.

LADIES IN A RUNAWAY.

Tuesday while Elmer E. Johnson, manager of the Rutherford livery stable at Laurelton, was taking two commercial travelers to Millinburg he found two young ladies lying along the road so badly injured that they were unable to help themselves. They were Miss Jane Church, daughter of John T. Church, of Gen Iron, and Miss Louise McClure, of Danville.

Miss McClure is the guest of Miss Church, and Tuesday afternoon the two young ladies started to drive to Millinburg. When about a mile from the town near the home of Benneville Mensch, the burr came off a spindle and as a result the wheel came off. The horse, becoming frightened, started to run, throwing both occupants of the buggy out. They were so badly hurt that they were unable to help themselves and lay there until found by Mr. Johnson. They were taken to Millinburg and Drs. Kleckner and Dimm attended them. It was found that Miss McClure had her hip dislocated and that Miss Church was badly bruised, although not so badly injured as her companion.—Lewisburg Journal.

Bellefonte's Conflagrations.

Few towns of the size of Bellefonte, have been visited by as destructive conflagrations, as our town in years past. There recurs to us the following large fires:

The Brockerhoff block; the Reynolds's bank block, twice; the Garman hotel, twice; the Conrad house building; the First National bank, now Krider's block, twice; the block from Aikens' to Joseph's stores, including half a square on Bishop street; Jenkin & Lingle's machine shops and foundry, twice; the block where the present Bush Arcade now stands; Buck's foundry and machine shops; nearly a square on North High street, including Lutheran church; the Reynold's mill, twice; the Gerberich mill, and last, but not least, the glass works, on Sunday 12 inst., along with some other buildings.

Besides these there were many smaller fires, of residences and stables of no mean figure for losses. Really, Bellefonte has had its baptism of fire. In every instance, larger, finer and more costly buildings took up the burned sites. May we hope a rebuilding of the glass works?

Annual Meeting of the K. G. E.

The Susquehanna District Association of the K. G. E. will award the following prizes at their sixteenth annual meeting, which will be held at Bellefonte, Pa., on Monday, September 7th, (Labor Day) 1903, viz:

\$25.00 to the best drilled Commandery, having 22 men in line.
\$15.00 to the second best drilled Commandery, having 22 men in line.
\$10.00 to Castle coming the greatest distance.
\$10.00 to Castle having largest per cent. of members, based on last official report, in line.
\$10.00 to castle making the best appearance in line.

The following chairmen of sub-committees will cheerfully give any information desired upon application.
Reception and Hotel—L. H. Wanken.
Horse and Carriage—L. H. Wanken.
Transportation—J. S. McCargar.

Some men make the mistake of thinking they are just as young as they act.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Howard and Walker Townships Erected in 1801.

POPULATION OF COUNTY

Familiar Names—Forges, Mills and Furnaces—Negroes in Bellefonte and County—Taxables and Single Freemen.

Howard township was erected at January court 1810, being the residue of Centre township after Walker was taken from its territory at same time, and contained the territory now comprising the townships of Liberty and Curtin and a strip of the eastern sides of Boggs, Snow Shoe and Burnside townships. The inhabitants of Howard in 1810 are given as follows:

Antes, Frederick	Fulton, Peter.
Antes, John.	Gardner, James.
Antes, Philip, grist and sawmill.	Gardner, John.
Askey, David.	Gardner, William.
Askey, John.	Gunsalus, Richard.
Askey, Samuel.	Helford, Mary.
Baker, Jacob, carpenter.	Hipsher, Daniel.
Baker, Joseph, carpenter.	Hipsher, Matthias.
Bathurst, Lawrence.	Holder, Jacob.
Beightol, Christian, distillery.	Johnston, James, distillery.
Beightol, David.	Kunes, Daniel.
Beightol, Jacob.	Lantz, Christian.
Bitner, George.	Leathers, Daniel.
Bitner, John.	Leathers, Jacob, Sr.
Boggs, Moses.	Lee, Jacob.
Boone, Jacob, sawmill.	Letich, Matthew.
Bowes, Thomas.	Ligget, Absalom, blacksmith.
Bowers, John, distillery.	Ligget, George, Sr.
Bowman, Peter.	Ligget, George, Jr.
Brickley, Michael.	Linn, Andrew.
Byers, Jacob.	Low, Patrick.
Clark, John.	Lucas, Benedict.
Confer, Philip.	Lucas, Baptist.
Crawford, James, Esq. shoemaker.	Lucas, Benjamin.
Donner, Christian.	Lucas, Charles.
Dougherty, Abel.	Lucas, John.
Lucas, John, Jr.	Lucas, Joseph.
Lucas, William.	Pletcher, Samuel.
McCann, Barnabus.	Fulton, David, tailor.
McClure, James.	Reed, Mary.
McClure, Thomas.	Belly, Hugh.
McGee, James, Sr.	Borabough, John.
McGee, James, Jr.	Runner, Jacob, blacksmith.
Malott, John.	Schenck, Daniel.
Marsden, John.	Schenck, Frederick, blacksmith.
Marsden, Jonathan.	Schenck, John.
Marsden, Justice.	Schenck, Michael, Jr.
Martin, John.	Schenck, Michael, Sr.
Mease, Michael.	Shuck, Walter.
Mease, Archibald.	Smith, John.
Miers, John.	Switzer, Joseph.
Miller, John, grist and sawmill.	Thompson, Robert, weaver.
Neily, John.	Tipton, David.
Nesselrode, Christopher, sawmill.	Tipton, William, distillery.
Nesselrode, John.	Times, Absalom.
Neff, John, distillery.	Watkins, Samuel.
Packer, Amos, tan yard.	White, John.
Packer, Eli.	White, Joseph, Sr.
Packer, James, merchant.	White, Joseph, Jr.
	Yarnell, Samuel.

Single Freemen.
Johnston, Geo. carpenter.
Lee, Isaac.
Long, Jacob.
McClure, James.
Patton, John.
Pletcher, Henry.
Lacy, George.
Schenck, Rudolph.
Smith, Abraham.

Boggs & Curtin's forge is first taxed in 1813; James Crawford, Esq., grist and sawmill, 1815, transferred in 1816 to Isaac McKinney, who added carding-machine in 1819; Roland Curtin, furnace, 1819; nail-machine in 1825 he acquired the grist and sawmill of Philip Antes by purchase.

Walker township was named in honor of President Judge, Jonathan Walker. Its territory at its erection included that of Marion township. The inhabitants of Walker and Marion, in 1810 were:

Askey, James.	Beck, Robert.
Barr, William.	Beck, Samuel.
Beauly, Michael.	Bell, James, weaver.
Beck, James.	Blakeney, John.
Beck, John.	Bowman, Peter.
Beck, Nathaniel.	Carson, John.
Clark, James.	McCrea, James.
Cooper, Ann.	McElhenry, John.
Dunkle, Jacob.	McEwen, Francis, sawmill.
Dunkle, John.	McEwen, Wm. Esq.
Dunkle, Henry.	McKee, Thomas.
Dunkle, Melchior.	McKee, William.
Elder, William.	McKinney, Isaac, distillery and store.
Emerick, Jacob.	Means, Sam'l, weaver.
Emerick, Nicholas.	Miller, John, weaver.
Evans, David.	Miliken, Thomas.
Evans, Thomas.	Mitchell, David.
Fulton, Alexander.	Neil, Hugh.
Fulton, John.	Neil, John.
Furey, William.	Rodgers, William.
Graham, Francis.	Ross, Mary.
Hare, Joseph.	Smyth, William.
Harrison, Jane, widow.	Snyder, Henry.
Hoy, Henry, grist and sawmill.	Snyder, John.
Hubler, Jacob sawmill.	Spencer, Thomas.
Hutchinson, James, blacksmith.	Steere, James.
Jamison, John.	Steele, Joseph, Sr. sawmill.
Johnston, David, grist and sawmill.	Stump, Jacob.
Johnston, John.	Swanzy, William.
Johnston, Fred.	Syler, Michael.
Johnston, Jacob.	Taggart, Samuel.
Lamb, David.	Thompson, John.
Lamb, John.	Weaver, John.
Lamb, Samuel.	Wilson, John.
	Wilson, Thomas, Sr.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

When Tom was twenty, people said:
"He is a model youth,
So like him, little children; he
Is industry and truth."
Now Tom is forty.—Yesterday
We heard mother shout:
"That boogie man'll get you
If you Don't Watch Out!"

HOW THEY SUMMERED.
The Joneses went to Newport
And the Hopkinses went to Maine;
The Masons chose the mountains;
While the Bishops went to Spain;
The Thompsons—simple Thompsons—
Said they didn't care to roam,
So they took up the carpets—
Spent the summer days at home.

The Hopkinses picked the suburbs,
And the Williamses took the coast;
While the Perkinses—summer boarders—
Down on the farm did roost.
The Lamsons went to yachting,
And the Smiths went to the bay,
While the Thompsons still kept happy
With the neighbors all away.
The Jacksons all went fishing,
And the Murphys sought the sea.
The Campbells went out camping,
While the Campbells buzzed merrily.
In the fall, all home returning,
Badly broke, and lean and lank,
While the Thompsons all were happy,
And still had cash in bank.
—Baltimore Herald.

Luck is the religion of fools.
To flatter a sailor give him salt-water taffy.

It doesn't require much effort to go down hill.
Some people talk too much to really say anything.

It is necessary to begin at the top in digging a well.

All the world loves a lover—and also loves to laugh at him.
Speaking of race suicide, what's the matter with the toy pistol?

There are fellows who laugh and grow fat over their own jokes.
A fat man must become very sick before he can secure any sympathy.

The average servant girl never feels out of place unless she is in one.
When a man is under a cloud you can't always convince him that it has a silver lining.

When a man makes a fool of himself he generally does it to please some woman.
When a girl reaches 30 without getting married she hates to admit that time flies.

It is possible to read a woman like a book, but you can't always shut her up like one.
The man with a gold brick to sell rejoices in the fact that the fools are not all dead.

A woman doesn't necessarily keep boarders just because she sometimes boards a train.
The church that takes a summer vacation seldom gives Satan much of a run during the winter.

When a mule kicks he generally accomplishes something, which is more than can be said of a lot of men.
Twenty-Eight Fish Cost \$480.

Special Fish Warden Chas. A. Burrell, of Wilkesbarre, last week, on the Spruce Run Game and Fishing Preserve, found John Koiske and F. L. Millard, of Pine Glen, fishing, accompanied by the keeper of the preserve. Burrell asked to see the contents of the fish basket carried by the men and they refused permission. He attempted to look into the basket and they resisted him. Finally Burrell knocked Millard down with his gun and then put handcuffs on both of them and carried them off in their own vehicle to a Justice of the Peace in Snow Shoe, where, on examining the fish basket, Burrell found that 28 out of 35 trout contained therein were less than six inches long. The Justice promptly fined the men \$10 for each trout, making \$280, and then fined each \$100 for resisting a fish warden, or \$480 in all, which they promptly paid, besides signing a statement that they were guilty.

Words With the Bark On.

A leading St. Marys dentist has discovered that his work compares favorably with that done by the leading city dentists and publishes a schedule of higher rates. In this announcement he says: "No one who has been dunned by me for one year without paying me, and no one who has been requested by my attorney to pay for work done, is welcome in my office. This move is adopted by me to defend me from an undesirable element of deadbeats living on their debts, and to protect my patrons from overcharging to make up for bad debts. The statements made in this announcement may appear like egotism, but they are honest. If you think I am the kind of dentist you want, I shall be glad to do your work. If you belong to the undesirable element mentioned, I will not be glad to see you, and I will not work for you."