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A Few Events For Thoughtful Voters To Carefully Consider

REBUKE THE GANG'S METHODS

Some of the Benefits that Followed Berry's Election—A Minority Party man Needed in the State Treasury—Sheatz is one of the Gang.

Before the election of Mr. Berry as State Treasurer in 1905, the "Gang" was bold, arrogant, and defiant of the wishes of the people. This was made plain in the action of the Legislature at the session of 1905. Nothing was passed or even allowed to be reported, with a favorable recommendation, without the stamp of the "Gang" whose headquarters was at the Boas mansion in Harrisburg.

At the election in 1901 the people had adopted an amendment to the constitution of the state providing that "election laws regulating and requiring the registration of electors may be enacted to apply to cities only, provided that such laws be uniform for cities of the same class." It was understood, when this amendment was adopted, the legislature at its next session would pass laws providing for personal registration in the cities of the state. The legislative session of 1903, was the first after the adoption of this constitutional amendment, but no effort was made to carry the amendment into effect by an Act of Assembly.

The legislature again met in 1905 and adjourned without any effort whatever being made to carry the provisions of the amendment adopted into effect. The people demanded that something should be done that would stop the polling of 70,000 to 90,000 fraudulent votes at each election in Philadelphia, and to prevent the stuffing of ballot boxes in all of the first and second class cities in the state. But what did the demand of the people amount to in the face of the "Boas Mansion Gang?" Mr. Sheatz went for his orders during the 1905 session to the "Gang's" headquarters, and what was ordered he did. The doing of anything for the people or to compel fair elections in the great cities was not even attempted. Mr. Sheatz was the obedient and servile tool of the "Gang" at the mansion.

The people became disgusted, and they determined to have a treasurer of their own choosing. They elected Mr. Berry in 1905. The "Gang" received a terrific blow. They were staggered, knocked down but not destroyed, as they recovered a ray of real light, and honesty seemed to penetrate the thick cloud of rottenness with which they were covered. A special session of the legislature was called for January 15, 1906. At this session ample provision for the personal registration of voters in the cities was made. The state was reapportioned into senatorial and representative districts; the laws relating to primary elections were passed; fees were abolished in the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth and Insurance Commissioner. There were several other acts passed at this extra session which are beneficial to the public. All these acts should have been passed by the legislature at its sessions of 1903 and 1905 and all the cost of the extra session saved to the people. They were not passed because the "Boas Mansion Gang" ordered otherwise.

It was the voice of the people in the election of Mr. Berry that gave us all these reform measures, and it was at the special session of 1906 that Mr. Sheatz first tried to play the reformer. But for the election of Mr. Berry, Sheatz as a reformer would have remained forever unknown. The people owe all the good that has or may come to them from these laws to their rebuking the "Gang" by the defeat of Lee Plumber for State Treasurer.

Mr. Berry's election resulted in many other things that were not only good, but worked relief and benefit to the people. His prompt payment of the state appropriation to the several school districts was not only a relief to school boards but a help to all the people. In most districts, before Mr. Berry became treasurer, this appropriation was not paid until October and from that on to January. The funds which belonged to the school districts were farmed out to political banks which were favored by the ring with deposits of state funds. This accumulation of these funds, which belonged to the people, all went to the support of the corrupt and rotten system which controls and rules the politics of the state.

It would have been as easy for any State Treasurer, within the last twelve or fifteen years, to have paid the school districts as promptly as Mr. Berry has done. The people have no promise or assurance from Mr. Sheatz that the policy in this behalf will be continued. Still other and great benefits have

come to people through the election of Mr. Berry in 1905. But for him the tremendous steal in the building and furnishing of the new capitol would never have been known. Even when Mr. Berry had laid it bare in all its hideousness it was denied by the whole "Gang," including Pennypacker. Since then a legislative committee (mostly republican) compelled by public opinion, have shown that Mr. Berry has more than made good and the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Altoona Tribune and the Keystone Gazette, and even Pennypacker, now admit that all the charges made by Mr. Berry were true; while they do this they nevertheless hate him because he exposed the rottenness of the republican politics of the state.

If the people would cognize these good results to themselves it is imperative that Mr. Harman should be the next State Treasurer. There should be a minority party representative there, same as among our local county commissioners or auditors.

A CENTRE CO. REUNION.

For a number of years family reunions have been held in Stephenson county, Ill. but, in all probability, the largest "family" reunion that has ever been held in this county, will take place some time next summer when the native born of Centre county will hold a reunion for the purpose of getting together for one day at some central point like Highland or Forest park.

The matter of holding a reunion of the former residents of Centre county has been broached lately, and the idea has met with general favor among the former residents of that county. There are between two and three hundred former residents living in this county who were born and raised in the Pennsylvania county. The majority came to Illinois years ago, and not a few have followed after them. When it is taken into consideration that most of the Centre countians have families the proposed reunion will be the largest as well as the most unique that has ever been held in this county.

Within a short time a call will be sent out to all the Centre countians in Stephenson county, and they will be expected to meet in this city for the purpose of effecting an organization. Officers will be elected at this meeting, and the various committees will be appointed for arranging for the reunion.—Bulletin, Freeport, Ill.

Fair Dots.

The big horn in the Repasz band weighed 17 pounds.

On Thursday of fair day, over 500 admissions was taken to the fair grounds.

The Repasz band, of Williamsport, delighted all visitors to the fair, last week, and its free concerts on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday in front of the Brockerhoff House and Bush House respectively, and the rendition of most charming music, delighted thousands for hours. The pay of the band, by the Fair Association, was \$400 and expenses.

The best of order was maintained throughout the entire fair and in town. Mr. Hazel, a member of the Repasz band, is said to be one of the best cornet players in the United States. He was born up Buffalo Run in this county. The weather for the fair was very fine Wednesday and Thursday, but slightly cool. Friday was more raw, cloudy and chilly.

This year's fair is admitted as one of the largest and best yet held in this county. Everybody was pleased—it was a clean, good and orderly affair. We congratulate the management upon their success. It will stimulate them to still better things hereafter.

Champion Middle Weight.

John W. Peck, son of Dairyman P. L. Peck, of Tyrone, who is a freshman at State College, and now champion middle weight of his class, last Friday evening took two successful falls out of his opponents, thus winning the middle weight match for the Freshies; as he should be credited with the college championship having repeatedly thrown his coaches, and all the heavy weight contestants of his class. The remarkable feature of Peck's victory was, that after eighteen minutes' hard work, he threw his opponent with such force as to put him out of business. In the second round a new man was put in against him. Though Peck was tired from his first hard battle, he went right after his fresh opponent, and after some quick and clever work, secured his favorite hold, and brought his victim over his shoulder, and threw him on his back in just 37½ seconds, the record time of a wrestling match at State College. Mr. Peck is a promising candidate on the varsity foot ball squad.

Getting Ahead of The Combine.

The final mass meeting of the people, of Newberry, to consider the matter of bringing doctors to Williamsport from other places to practice at the old rates is called for Wednesday evening, October 16. The committee wishes to make its report and conclude its work, having accomplished its mission in a manner that the members believe will be satisfactory. One doctor has already established himself in Newberry and a second will arrive as soon as his residence is ready for him.

Shot For Claiming a Rabbit. With the opening of the rabbit hunting season comes a story of a hunter being shot, but not accidentally. Murry Bretz, of Harrisburg, was hunting near Enola, Cumberland county, and shot a rabbit. It fell dead on the property of George Livingston, a farmer, who pulled a revolver when Bretz went after the game, and shot him in the back. Bretz is in the hospital, paralyzed.

FAMILY REUNIONS HELD THIS WEEK

Two Notable Gatherings which Were Largely Attended.

THERE'S NO RACE SUICIDE HERE

David Allen's Home near Milesburg, the Object of a Social Event—The Jacobs Family as Assembled at the Resides Home in Bellefonte.

An unusual social event was enjoyed at the home of David Allen, and his wife, Jennie, Saturday the 12, near Milesburg, when all their children now living, with one exception, assembled under the family tree in a happy reunion. Mr. Allen and his wife are not old people, yet they have lived long enough to see ten children grown to manhood and womanhood. It was an interesting and beautiful scene when father and mother sat down surrounded by their children, all of mature age, together with a host of grandchildren, around the family board.

There is no race suicide here, and when our great president is handing out his chronicles, he should not miss comrade Allen. The following is the family, registered as I understand it, in the order of seniority: Mollie, married to Geo. Wasson, Lock Haven, with five children, all present; Minnie, married to Dorsey Calhoun, Unionville, six children, all present; Hattie, married to Wm. H. Holt, Howard, eight children, all present; William H. Allen, married to Mabel C. Wian, Bellefonte, two children, all present; Susan, married to Thomas Lucas, Mt. Eagle, four children, none present; Edward R. Allen, married to Lida Viehdoerfer, Irwin, two children, all present; May (deceased) married to Wm. Knarr, Howard, one daughter, Rosetta, present; David A. Allen, married to Loretta Roberts, Irwin, Pa., two children, all present; Rebecca, married to Wm. Rhoads, Bellefonte, four children, all present; Nora E., married to Jacob Welsh, Romola, three children, all present; Lula Kate, married to Fred Shope, Milesburg, one child, all present, making a family of 54, including the father and mother.

At high noon all sat down to a well laden table, which had been set in the yard, and you should have seen those people enjoy the good things which had been prepared and brought from the various households.

To enjoy this unusual occasion, in addition to the persons mentioned above, were Mrs. J. M. Cartwright, John Knarr and wife, of Howard; Rev. M. C. Piper, of Milesburg; and Chas. Glenn, of Bellefonte, who, after dinner, posed the entire company for pictures, and also the relatives separately, which we hope to see later.

Mr. Allen was a soldier in the Civil War, and served his country well. But who can estimate the service he and his good wife have rendered the world in raising such a family, which, in view of his circumstances, was no trivial task, in order to bring them up he says: "He scratched where it was not itchy," which we don't doubt. May he and his estimable wife live long and have continued pleasure in his children, and may they all live long to cheer and bless their parents by living industrious, sober and pure christian lives, and so shall the world be blessed by them.

JACOBS REUNION.

A reunion of the Jacobs connection was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Resides at Bellefonte on Thursday to the venerable Armstrong Jacobs of Howard, being the guest of honor. Mr. Jacobs is hale and hearty at the advanced age of 84 years. The youngest direct descendant was Elizabeth Bateman, of Tyrone. The reunion was the first of the family. It will not be the last for the family will reunite at the home of Mrs. John Leach next summer. Plans are on foot to make this affair a much larger gathering. There were about thirty seated around the sumptuously laden table. All voted this gathering a huge success. Relatives from Philadelphia, Altoona, Tyrone, Howard, Centre Hall, Boalsburg and State College were present. Among these were Mrs. Charles Goben, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sauer and son, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hastings, Charles Bateman and family, of Tyrone; Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong Jacobs, of Howard; Dr. L. Jacobs, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs, of Boalsburg; Mrs. John Leach and family, of State College.

Fined \$60 For Acid Fruit.

In the suit brought against Charles Kephart, an Altoona grocer, for selling California peaches containing sulphurous acid, Kephart was fined \$60 by Magistrate J. J. Irwin after Dr. Frear, of State College, president of the Food Standard Commission, testified that he found five grains of the acid in two pounds of peaches he examined, and Drs. Horace Smith and Albert Nason testified that the acid would impair digestion, destroy red corpuscles and cause inflammation of the kidneys.

Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust was present at the trial, looking and prepared for a fight; but the fruit interests were not even represented by counsel.

Italians Sentenced.

Twenty-three Italians, recently arrested in connection with numerous Black Hand outrages, and who had either been convicted or pleaded guilty, were sentenced by Judge William E. Porter at New Castle. The foreigners received a total of seventy-one years. The highest sentence was ten years. Seven men were given five years apiece, eight others received three years, and one man two years. Sheriff Waddington and a squad of the Pennsylvania state constabulary took the foreigners to the western Pennsylvania penitentiary at Pittsburg.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

A distressing accident happened Wednesday morning, October 9, 1907, a short distance from Chestnut Grove school house, in Union township, which resulted in the death of Austin M. Watson, a son of James Watson, who lives on the Innings farm, at Gum Stamp, Boggs township. Young Watson left home early in the morning for a few hours hunt in the woods, taking with him a doublebarrel shotgun and dog, promising to return for dinner. Not returning at noon or in the evening his father and brother started in search of him but they returned late in the evening without any intelligence of the young man's whereabouts. On Thursday morning the neighborhood was aroused and searching parties organized. In the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Orin Poorman came to the dead body lying in the woods. Mr. Poorman at once gave the alarm and upon the examination of the body it was found that the left side of young Watson's face had been torn away by the accidental discharge of both barrels of his gun. Just how the accident occurred will never be fully known, but it is supposed that he was leaning on his gun when it slipped from under him, the hammers striking a stone, discharging both barrels at once. Both loads entered the body just below the chin tearing the neck and face frightfully manner. The body lay in the woods from Wednesday morning at about 7 o'clock until Thursday afternoon at about 3:30 o'clock and during all that time his faithful dog remained at his side and the animal made fierce resistance to any one touching it. The coroner and a young man took place from United Brethren church, at Runville, on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and was more largely attended than any gathering in the neighborhood for years. It was certainly a very sad occurrence and the family have the sympathy of the entire community.

ELK LODGE INSTALLED.

Wednesday was a notable day in the history of some of the citizens of Bellefonte who now know more about the workings of a secret order than they ever did in their lives. The important event was the organizing of the Bellefonte Lodge, No. 1094, B. P. O. E. The ceremony took place in the parlor of the Logan Engine rooms, on Howard street, and was attended by Elk from all over Pennsylvania. The initial event was the banquet held at 11:30 in the dining room of the Brockerhoff House at which there were one hundred over plates laid. It was a jolly, good natured crowd who enthused the spirit of Elkdom in everything that was done. Probably the feast of good things was served at the beginning of the regular ceremony in order to strengthen the new members for the trying ordeal through which they were to pass. It is said several members entered the hall with gum aprons in their pockets so that they might be prepared for any emergency.

At 2 o'clock the regular initiative ceremony took place under the direction of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, A. R. Markus, of Pittston. He is an able and efficient officer and presided with the dignity that always characterizes a true Elk. Before the exercises closed at night the large goat was pretty well tired out, and willing to go and lie down in the corner. The lodge starts with sixty new members, representative citizens from Bellefonte and parts of the county. As has been stated, before their home will be in the Larimer residence, on High street, which will be fitted up in an elegant manner for their convenience and comfort.

Children Kidnapped.

The State College Times says that a warrant was issued Wednesday morning of last week by Mrs. Belle Jackson for apprehension of her recreant husband, Jacob, for the alleged kidnaping of their children, Mary and Harry, Jackson, it is alleged, took the children to Lemont and it is supposed they are prisoners in the home of his brother, John. The warrant was given to Constable Irvin Holmes to serve, but before he arrived at Lemont someone gave Jackson a tip and he skidded.

It appears that Jackson had a talk with his children on Tuesday and requested them to meet him in the woods the next morning as he wished to tell them something of importance. One of the children, the plan agreed upon and that was the last seen of them. Jackson is bound to get into trouble. Some time ago he was arrested on the charge of making threats and personal abuse, and was released by the court on the promise that he would not molest his family and keep away from State College. He evidently had no regard for the court for he has broken his promise and if caught this time and placed in durance vile it will be for a long term.

After Pickpockets.

The Bellefonte police department are actively in search of the pickpockets, who relieved a number of persons of their pocketbooks at the Centre county fair on Thursday. Although no arrests have yet been made, the officers have a clue on which they are working at present, and may succeed in landing the light-fingered individuals. It is thought that several women are connected with some of the robberies.

House Full of Skeletons.

In clearing up the laboratory of the late Dr. John Stolze at Reading the past week, no less than eighteen skeletons were found in closets in various parts of the building, sending the women finders into hysterics. Dr. Stolze gathered the skeletons during his long career as a physician and patent medicine manufacturer. They were carted to the Potter's Field and interred in one grave.

Gift of \$10,000 For a Church.

St. Johns Episcopal church of Williamsport has received a gift of \$10,000 toward the erection of a new church from E. Bedell Moore, of the firm of Litcher & Moore, lumbermen, of Orange, Texas. Some time ago Mr. Moore gave the church the ground on which the new edifice will be erected.

NITTANY VALLEY R. R. WINS IN COURT

An Important Decision Rendered by Judge McClure

GIVES POSSESSION OF SIDING

The Sheriff is Directed to Enforce, if Necessary, the Decree of the Court—Hearing on Wednesday—An Amicable Adjudgement is Anticipated.

On Wednesday morning, the 16th, the Nittany Valley Road, through their attorneys, John G. Love and James A. B. Miller, applied to the Court for a "Writ of Assistance," which, after argument, the Court awarded. This Writ requires the sheriff to summon the necessary force in the way of deputies to put the Furnace Company out, and place the plaintiff in possession and maintain their possession. This proceeding makes the action of the Furnace Company useless to them, but of decided advantage to the Nittany Valley Railroad Company, as by this order the plaintiff is placed in possession of its right of way with all the improvements lately made by the Furnace Co. and Penna. R. R.

Judge McClure, of Lewisburg, who formerly heard the case between the parties, presided at this hearing. It is to be hoped that all parties interested in this dispute will come to a clearer understanding of each others rights, so that nothing may arise in the future to interfere with the successful operation of this industry which contributes so much to the business interests of this community.

Last week we published an account of the Nittany Iron Company in tearing up the tracks of the Nittany Valley Railroad at their furnace, and with the aid of the Penna. Railroad Company replacing it with a siding of their own. Since then work has been progressing on this siding which extends from near Reynolds Mill, on up through the 'furnace yards and along the large cinder heap. It was expected that an attempt would be made to remove this siding, and in consequence the builders guarded it night and day, and it was intimated they were prepared even to resist it by force. Fortunately no such clash occurred, and the merits of this controversy were wisely submitted to our courts for adjudication.

A Novel Experience.

Saturday morning William Bortoff, one of the efficient clerks in Oletwin's hardware store, left for Lemont where he spent a short time with his mother. His brother, Linn Bortoff, of Carlisle, Pa., was there, and in the afternoon they hitched up the old sorrel mare and started for a pleasure drive. They first went to William Bortoff's farm, near Linden Hall, to look over his earthly possessions there. After enjoying themselves for a short time amid the pleasant environments at that place they left for a sawmill, located in the Loop, where Mr. Bortoff was desirous of looking at some lumber. Having gone a short distance they noticed there was something wrong with the horse. William quickly jumped out just in time to keep from falling in the shafts. He must have been given supernatural strength; he pushed a little too hard and the animal began falling on the other side and as quick as a flash Linn ran and kept her from toppling over. They finally succeeded in keeping the animal on its feet until they had her released when she died. Big drops of sweat were standing on the brow of both young men and what they said would not look well in black and white. But there was no time to be lost as the animal had to be buried, and the young men had to seek some other way to get home. The result was Mr. Bortoff did not arrive in Bellefonte until some time early Sunday morning. It was a novel experience which Messrs. Bortoff will remember for some time to come.

A New Device.

One of the displays at the county fair last week was the new double row corn planter, invented by D. F. Luse, of Centre Hall, made by the Luse Manufacturing Company, of that place. There was a desire on the part of farmers to have a planter that the dropping could be seen, and he set to work to meet this wish, and invented a visible drop both of corn and phosphate; the driver from his seat can see both come out of the hopper and travel into the spout and drop to the ground, also invented a force feed to make it a sure drop. These are two strong points in favor of this new planter, so much so that men having other machines are ready to sell them and buy the visible drop.

Commissioner Weaver Sick.

For almost a month County Commissioner C. A. Weaver has not been able to attend to his official duties at the court house owing to serious illness. About a month ago he was taken ill and for the past three weeks has been confined to his home at Coburn, from an attack of typhoid fever. He has been a very sick man naturally from this ailment but at no time was his condition considered critical. At this time there is every hope for his recovery and he is receiving every possible attention, so that we expect to see him back again at his accustomed place in the course of a few weeks.

Grabs Hand in His Pocket.

W. Albert Dugan, superintendent of the Pennsylvania fire brick clay mines at Beech Creek, was robbed of \$600 while getting on the Bald Eagle Valley train at Bellefonte, Friday. He had attended the fair and there was a rush at the station. He felt a hand on his hip pocket as he stepped to the platform, grabbed for it and caught the pickpocket's hand, but the fellow wrenched loose, dived down the steps on the other side of the car and disappeared in the darkness.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

THE USES OF A HAIRPIN. A hairpin: Tell me what its use is? Except to do up hair, that's loose? You will find 'twill never fail To pick a lock, draw out a nail. 'Twill apply, for a cork, to a cork. Take a grate and make a fork. Clean a lamp and cut a pie. Beat an egg, a knot untie. Hang up pictures, fasten doors. Take up carpets, varnish floors. Serve as paper cutter, too. Goodness knows what it won't do!

Life is a joke to the girl with a dimple. Pawnshops are disgorging fall overcoats.

People with poor judgment are those who don't like us.

Many a fellow is keeping company who couldn't keep a wife.

The early bird catches the worm, and that ought to fill the bill.

Even the fellow who neglects to pay his debts will pay a grudge.

It seems as though only the wealthy can afford to have no manners.

The road to success is strewn with the skeletons of other men's failures.

Even the man who is as steady as clock work may feel all run down.

The fellow who tinkers with his own watch doesn't always improve his time.

To call a girl a pearl doesn't necessarily mean that you want to string her.

Some people are so busy helping themselves that they have no time to help others.

Many an old codger who tells a young girl he would die for her is really stronger than he looks.

The politician hasn't so much use for the man who throws mud as the one who comes down with the dust.

A Most Urgent Appeal.

The executive committee of the Young Women's Club appeals to your sympathy, generosity and prayer for its work in this vicinity. For the past six months hundreds of different girls, making thousands of visits, have been invited from their homes, the factories, the streets, and the shops of this town as visitors to the present club rooms in the Reynolds building and the entertaining and uplifting influences of this club. The question of the permanency of this club is bound up with the most serious moral and social problems that have ever confronted the citizens of Bellefonte. The generous contributions of a few friends are now exhausted and the executive committee has been driven to the conclusion that this work, so near their hearts and of such inestimable value to certain of the young women of the town, must be abandoned and the present club rooms closed unless instant relief both in the nature of money contributions and personal work, be assured. The very suggestion of such a possibility has filled with surprise and amazement the young women and girls who have learned to look upon the club room as a home and a refuge. We can assure the public that there is no lack of interest in the hearts of those that are to be helped. They are ready to co-operate even out of their small earnings; yet, under present conditions, the rooms can remain open but a few days longer. Don't let this soul-felt appeal fall upon deaf ears and cold hearts.

Jake From in Trouble Again.

Jacob From, of Centre Hall, who was arrested for the murder of Josiah Dale, is again in the toils of the law. Saturday evening, about 7 o'clock, James Stahl was passing the corn field of William Gfrerer when he saw Mr. From in the field filling a couple bags with corn. Stahl slipped up quietly and slapping him on the shoulder said: "This is a funny time for a man to be husking corn." From was very much surprised, as he was not aware anybody was about. The only excuse From could give for his actions was that his hogs needed something to eat. He was taken before a magistrate, put under \$500 bail for his appearance at the next term of court. Being unable to find bail he went home and secured \$500 from a trunk and returned, putting it up as his own recognizance for his appearance in court. It will very likely go tougher with him the next time, than it did at the murder trial. It is said that he is very much exercised over the circumstance and well he should.

Change at the Theatorium.

Saturday night there was a change at the Theatorium in which Miss Emma Schreck, sister of one of the proprietors, was placed in charge. She has full control and will hereafter manage the business at this place. It is the aim of the managers of the Theatorium to give the people of Bellefonte the very best series of moving picture entertainments to be found anywhere in Pennsylvania. Miss Schreck is a very pleasant, affable young lady and will do all in her power to make it pleasant for all those who patronize these night entertainments. The singer now is J. G. Mengel, of Philadelphia, who sang here several years ago at the opening of this Methodist church. He has a fine tenor voice, and all who have heard of him speak in high terms of his ability.

Town Wiped Out.

With a tremendous roar and a concussion that was felt for 200 miles distant, the seven powder mills, comprising the big plant of the dPoint Powder company, blew up at Fontaine, Ind., Tuesday morning, killing from 26 to 30 persons, injuring more than 600 others, and wrecking every building and practically destroying the town. Two hundred men were employed in the plant, of whom 75 were at work when the first explosion came at 9:15 o'clock in the press mill. In quick succession the blasting mill, two coining mills and powder magazine blew up, followed by the cap mill. Forty thousand kegs of powder were stored in the magazine, and it was the explosion of these that wrecked the town and completed the ruin already wrought by the previous blasts.