### COMMENCEMENT AT STATE COLLEGE

One of the Most Successful Events Known in Its History.

### INAUGURAL OF DR. SPARKS

Large Attendance of Alumni-Class Graduated.

The Forty-eighth Annual Commencement of Pennsylvania State College took place this week under the most favorable and auspicious circumstances. The weather was favorable and the attendance far surpassed any commencement in the history of the institution. The personell of the vast crowd was equal to the meeting was again called to order, the celebrities of the most distinguished about 2 p. m. when address was made college of the land. It is estimated that by Lewis Shaeffer, of Illinois, he being college of the land. It is estimated that several thousand strangers were present among which were four or five hundred prettiest girls to be found in Pennsylvania or any other state. To make room for these fair daughters of Eve the students vacated the fraternity houses and took up their nightly abode in tents on the campus. To entertain that he called for a vote of thanks and these young ladies dances were given at the fraternities so that there was nothing but one round of pleasure. The be with you until we meet again' the ing but one round of pleasure. The attendance of the alumni was also greater than ever before, many of them Park, Centre Hall, a year hence. All coming in Pullman cars in which they are invited to meet us again. lived while at the College.

The commencement exercises practically began with a game of ball on Sat- should be made of the historical feature But, as the conditions are studied, the urday afternoon between State and the Western University of Pennsylvania. devoted much time and research upon It was exciting and close from the first the subject of the Pennsylvania Germans to the finish. Finally State led off and and their ancestry. He gave a brief to the public, the government from the succeeded in winning out by a score of I sketch of the causes which lead them to start has pursued the policy of granting

John Knox McClurkin of the United Presbyterian church, of Pittsburg. In his excellent discourse he reviewed the progress of civilization in the past seventy years and then said: "God is actually new. He also dwelt with much has the effect of making chear to make the mails. In the county, where published, there even is no charge except where there is a Special Delivery office. Outside the county we must pay a second class rate, two cents per pound. This has the effect of making chearer newspectation. progress of civilization in the past seventy years and then said: "God is calling America higher. This call is heard in the great movements for political righteousness, for the cleaner personal integrity of our political servants."

Was to lowed out, and gave those present much that was intensely interesting and class rate, two cents per pound. This has the effect of making cheaper newspapers, and of putting them in the homes of political servants.

All but six gave bond while six went to jail. The new postal law makes it papers, and of putting them in the homes of promiment. There has been a big wrangle over the adoption of the platform. Taft of pay for it.

Somal integrity of our political servants. sonal integrity of our political servants, pation for the cleansing of our municipal life.

Sparks as president of the College. He was heartily welcomed by the student body, alumni, faculty and the board of trustees, the last speech being by General James A. Beaver; were heartily responded to by Dr. Sparks who after-wards delivered the inaugural and commencement address, taking for his subject, "The Economic Obligation of Public Education." The address showed marked ability. He is not only fitted for the position from a literary standpresident of Stevens Institute of Tech-nolgy, of Hoboken, N. J., and Dr. Paul Shorey, head of the department of Greek, in the University of Chicago, in which Dr. Sparks was a member of the faculty. From 5 to 6 o'clock an informal reception took place at the President's

of people watching the men at work, Mr.
Haupt spied an object which attracted
his attention and when he picked it up
he found it to be a strange shaped
earthen cup. When the dirt had been he found it to be a strange shaped earthen cup. When the dirt had been cleaned from it paint stains were found kicked by a horse on Tuesday afteron the inside. Several parties versed in noon, the result of which he is suffering the knowledge of Indian relics pronounc- from a fractured skull. The boy was ed the relic an Indian paint cup which driving the horse to water when he some Indian or Indians had used in mak-struck him with a switch to urge the ing their war paint to decorate their beast along. Instead of hastening its faces. History tells us that over 140 gait the animal kicked the boy on the years ago the great Chief Shickalemy had his wigwam located near the spot where the relic was found and it is more than likely that the cup was the proper-ty of the old chief.

# The Daddy of Rattlesnakes

John, James and Hugh McLaughlin of Oscoola were out in the woods the fore part of theweek and killed the daddy of all the rattlesnake. It was six feet long, thick as a man's leg. and carried twenty two rattles and a button, indicating that it was twenty-three years old."

Charley Andrews, a well known resident of Johnstown, went fishing the other day and caught sixteen trout. The game warden came along, inspected his basket, found the trout all under size, and when hauled up before a magistrate he was fined \$160.00.

### SHAEFFER-HAZLE REUNION

June 11th, 1908, according to previous arrangements, the families of the above named met at Grange Park, Centre Hall, and on account of the rain in the morning, causing many to be late. The organization was not completed until about 11 o'clock when the chairman called the meeting to order with an appropriate address. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mr. Beiber, Lutheran minister at Centre Hall. While Rev. Beiber was arge Attendance of Alumni—
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Judge Orvis was then called and gave us a very fine address only too short. The meeting then adjourned for lunch, and the tables fairly groaned under the weight of the eatables the good women had prepared for the occasion. Col. Spangler even expressed himself by saying after every person had been bountifully supplied, that there was enough left to give a lunch to all Pennsvalley. Then came a few hours' rest, after which a son of Squire Michael Shaeffer, and a teacher for thirty years. Leonard Rhone, leader and master of the Grange of Centre Hall, was called and responded by giving us a very fine address. The chairman was so elated by the honor every man woman and child responded

In this connection special mention

CHAIRMAN.

and for the reformation of our corporate Col. Spangler has consented to prepare feature, as the children will soon learn and commercial life." He made a strong for publication, in a later issue of the to read readily and thus gain general plea for the graduates to live christian Centre Democrat, a more comprehensive information in many ways. In handling and manly lives. article bearing upon the topics in his

off many of the honors. The Junior oratorical contest in the evening was also an interesting feature.

Tuesday afternoon the alumni parade took place in which were found men who went to school there as early as 1861, some of these had never been back until this year. The radical change that has taken place seems like a dream to many of them, who knew State only in its infancy.

Wednesday's proceedings meant more development manufacturing pressions and no trace of him is had up to this in Centre county, until he learned of this reunion, which he attended on Thursday, It, and to his agreeable surprise in other countries as well, and they are not mistaken in the wisdom of it. Since the time the postal department was established, over a hundred years ago, there has been a wonderful transformation in the manner of manufacturing paper from cheap woodpulp, instead of expensive rags. Still more remarkable has been the development of the printing press by which papers and magazines reunion, which he attended on Thursday, It, and to his agreeable surprise in one operation by the hundred thous-

# SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Thursday afternoon two sons of John Holderman, of Buffalo Run, were burned with powder to the extent that the oldest one is in the Bellefonte hospital, with but little hopes of recovery. From what we were able to gather the painful and distrasting accident took place at some to send it through the mails and are attracting so much retail trade from every town in the country. Their business is founded upon advertising. In order to reach persons with a circular describing goods, they what we were able to gather the painful and distressing accident took place at same to send it through the mails, and the lime kilns at what is known as Morthen they are limited to a rate of one for the position from a literary standpoint but he has shown wonderful executive ability. Besides this he is kind and
openhearted and easily approached.
When once thoroughly in the harness
there is little doubt but what he will
open up greater things for college than
it has witnessed in the past. Following
Dr. Sparks' address the valedictory of
the class of 1908 was made by W. F. H.
Wentzel; Dr. Sparks then conferred the
degrees and awarded the prizes. In istown. An Italian, about thirteen years cent for two ounces. degrees and awarded the prizes. In the afternoon the inaugural exercises were made by Dr. Alexander Crumble Humpheys, is about fifteen years old, took fire and immediately he became a living, flaming torch. He had enough sense to run and jump into the creek thus saving himself tion. It has a nominal rate of subscription. from a horrible death. Some of the tion which is never demanded. From workmen ran to his assistance and finally succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but not before the young man was so badly burned that the flesh pealed from his body, when his clothes were loosened. He was taken to the Bellefonte hospital where he is receiving the best 'possible attention, but there are They are advertising circulars pure and They are advertising circulars pure and the workmen ran to his assistance and flow which is never demanded. From every postoffice in the country they secure fifty or more names of families and to these they mail their publications regularly year after year and never think of asking for the subscription price—all they desire is to have them delivered to the parties addressed Why?

head. He was brought to the hospital where the wound received the proper care and attention. He is getting along as well as can be expected, and will recover if no complications set in.

# Soaked \$160.00.

# **NEW POSTAL RULING**

Why the Government Objects to Handling Unpaid Papers.

The Law is General and Applies to All Papers—Hard on Dead Beats and Dishonest Men-Good Points of the New Law.

lishers for the first time became aware of the new ruling in the Post Office De. In the last generation business methpartment which makes it necessary for regular subscribers to pay for their papers in advance. At first it seemed continue papers to persons who are in

Many persons can't understand what right the government has to establish such a radical rule for newspapers, say to whom you can send the paper at one rate, and to others at a special rate. reasons for such a course are more apparent. As a matter of public good, for the general dissemination of information start has pursued the policy of granting Sunday morning at 10.30 the bacca- fatherland and seek new homes in papers, for sending the same through the papers, for sending the same through the mails. In the county, where published, such an expenditure. Newspapers in At the solicitation of many present the homes have a decided educational Monday the program of the day was marred by a heavy rain. It finally cleared when the field and track meet was held with the Western University of Pennsylvania. As usual, State carried off many of the honors. The Junior organical contest in the evening was not been supported by the contest of the contest

Wednesday's proceedings meant more to State College than anything that has found that there was quite a large contranspired during the entire week. It was the inauguration of Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks as president of the College. He thing as the mail order houses in the great cities that have become gigantic

home which proved to be a brilliant affair. At 8 o'clock the farewell reception and dance to the Seniors took place in the armory.

An Indian Relic.

Baggagemaster Tom Haupt at the Pennsylvania station, says the Sunbury Item, is the possessor of a valuable Indian relic which was dug up by the men excavating for the Sunbury and Selinsgrove trolley tracks on Market street. While standing with a number of people watching the men at work, Mr. Haupt spied an object which attracted his attention, but there are fonte hospital where he is receiving the font hospital where he is receiving the fonte hospital where he is receiving the font head there are delivered to the parties addressed Why? They are advertising circulars pure and delivered to the parties addressed Why? They are advertising circulars pure and delivered to the parties addressed Why? They are advertising circulars pure and delivered to the parties addressed Why? They are advertising circulars pure and delivered to the parties addressed Why? They are deviting the parties and receiving the simple with some reading, parading time from his head to his waist. He is in u stupor most of the time, and he breathes heavily. The of business in which you see whole pages taken by Sears. Roebick & Co., Montgomery Ward & Co., and similar firms, who pay all the bills. These publications regularly dump in the mails enormalistic of the control of t mous editions, in some cases as large as from one to two million copies, and have

enough to fill a whole train of mail coaches, and are addressed to every part of the United States thus burdening the service and requiring an unlimited amount of labor to handle-all at a loss

AL RULING

IS EXPLAINED

The ruling must be general in its application, therefore it affects the regular country newspapers as well as the fake publications issued for advertising

TAFT NOMINATED

FOR PRE

purposes only.
Since this ruling has gone into effect there has been a whole list of fake publications put out of business because they could not afford to pay the special postal rate. While the government has been following this class of papers in IS AFTER ADVERTISING FAKES the past few months, they have given notice to the publishers of all papers, and especially those known as the country weeklies, that they must readjust their business along the same lines; and all are doing so as rapidly as they possibly can, for the reason that where they carry unpaid subscribers on their list they are liable to have their paper de-On the 1st of January, 1908, most publiclass rate, and that would be the end of

like a revelation, as nearly all had been to meet these conditions. We believe ticket, adopted the party platform, doing a credit business with many of that it will be better for every community and after the usual "Hurrahs!" for the g. their patrons for years. The public did to have its people hear less, and buy less on p., folded their tents and gone home. For some days the national Republican upon the announcement as merely a and elsewhere, and keep as much as committee was in session there arrang-scheme of publishers to collect bad possible of their money right at home ing the preliminaries and hearing and accounts; and to this day many are of the same opinion. Of course we can bring it back again to the same purse it was evident that Taft would be where it started; and thus again and the nominee, as he had a majority of arrears, but it requires a penny postage for each copy and that makes it entirely too expensive, and it is rather a risky proposition to put that much additional hard-earned cash into delinquent large cities. That will be one of the material benefits of the new ruling. material benefits of the new ruling. Opposition, thus crushing the political The next will be a saving to the postal department. Lastly, the dirty skin-flint, the deadbeat and the cheat, will no piring for the Presidency. Thus they longer be able to get his newspaper disonestly-by not paying for it.

New Postal Laws.

his action Governor Willson says petihis action Governor Willson says petihis action Governor Willson says petihis action gasking him to pardon Powers and
The labor organizations also are dein both the Methodist and Reformed Howard have been pouring in from all manding recognition, and a mean-churches, Revs. Stein and Schmidt parts of the United States. The peti-ingless plank will be the result, as large making short addresses upon the signifi-

Caleb Powers, ex-secretary of state for The convention is described as list held in the Kentucky, had been tried four times less and lifeless, as there is no contest churches.

pardon of Caleb Powers and of the convention. James B. Howard was received with evident joy by William S. Tay-lor, ex-governor, who has been a refugee in Indiana for eight years.

# A Little Boy Killed.

A sad accident took place up along Spring Creek on Tuesday afternoon, which resulted in the death of Harry Lansberry, the 8 year old son of Luther Lansberry. Mr. Lansberry resides near what is known as the old Still house, and between four and five o'clock he let an old mule out on the road to cat grass. It has always been considered perfectly safe, and on this occasion Harry and Dayton Lansberry, with Ferdinand and Charles Beezer, sons of Fred Beezer, got on the mule's back to take a ride. In going down a steep hill, in the direction of Bellefonte, the animal statement of the second mal stumbled, and in falling it fell on Harry Lansberry, crushing out his life almost instantly. Boyton Lansberry, was also slightly injured but by 70'clock was able to be around again as usual. The father was present and did all he could to save his child but his efforts proved of no avail. The deceased was a bright boy, and the sad accident is deeply lamented by the community in general. The Beezer boys were unin-

Before the close of the Academy Friday the athletic association adopted a new constitution and elected officers as follows for the ensuing year of the sensitive respectively. new constitution and elected officers as follows for the ensuing year: Clyde Oberlin, of Johnson City, Tenn., president; John South, of Bridgeport, Ohio, secretary, and J. R. Hughes, treasurer. They also elected Arthur Abrams, of Butler, foot ball manager; William Crooks, of Williamsport, base ball manager; William Crooks, of Williamsport, base ball manager; Merril Walz, of Williamsport, basket ball manager; and Harold Stevens, of Reading, manager of the track team. The athletic advisory committee consists of Prof. J. R. Hughes, ex-efficio, Prof. Arthur Sloop, coach, Prof. Charles Hall, Warren Elsey, of Pittsburg, and Thomas, Thomas, of Scranton.

A Devent Miliamsport of the Ellmore fuel Compound, who resides in Altoona and of whom the newspapers had a great deal to say a year ago last winter about his wonderful composition that would burn ashes, and save a great deal of coal and money to every consumer of coal, was in Lock Haven this week and gave a demonstration of his discovery at the Lock Haven steam laundry of P. P. Ritteman & Son, on Bellefonte avenue, on Monday. The late Dr. Hoy, it will be remembered, was associated with Ellmore in this ashburning scheme.

# A Dam Nuisance.

Shad were so plentiful in the Susquehanna river below McCall's Ferry dam
recently, that they sold for fifteen cents
apiece, and hundreds spoiled because
there were no purchasers at any price.
The big dam at that place prevents the
shad from ascending the river any farther
and the stream below that obstruction
tairly swarms with the fish. Unless an
effective fishway is provided it is evident
that Susquehanna shad will soon be
among the extinct varieties of fish. amount of labor to handle—all at a loss to the postal department, because they are masquerading as legitimate publications simply to get the second-class postal rate. This has been a great drain on the postal service, and in order to stop the abuse the postal department adopted the rule: that there must be a legitimate subscription list to secure the low second class rate; nor can papers be gratuitously distributed; and still further that where papers were not paid for after one year there would have to be a cent postage paid for each copy

# FOR PRESIDENT

The "Re-Actionary Element" Oppose the Administration.

Considerable Difficulty in Shaping the Platform-Much Opposition to Revision of the Tariff-Labor Organizations Slighted.

In this issue of the Centre Democrat we can not give a detailed account of the National Republican Convention ods have materially changed, and quite which is in session in Chicago, this naturally the government finds it neces- week, and by the time the paper reaches sary to adopt new rules and regulations its readers will have nomintaed its ing the preliminaries and hearing and put a quietus on the booms of Gov. Hughes of New York, Senator Knox of Pennsylvania. Speaker Cannon of Illinois, vice President Fairbanks of A newspaper publisher has recently Indiana, Senator Foraker of Ohio and brought suit against 45 men who would not pay their subscriptions, obtaining judgment in each claim. Of those 28 have combined their forces and hope judgment in each claim. Of those 28 made affidavit that they owned no more than the law allowed, thus preventing attachment. Then under the decision of the supreme court they were arrested for petit larceny and bound over in the sum of \$300 each.

Of these 28 have combined their forces and hope to in some measure have some say in the selection of Taft's running mate, for the vice-presidency. In this list are classed Fairbanks who is always with beautiful flowers, ferns, potted plants and flags. Space will not permit in giving a detailed account of these exsum of \$300 each. for petit larceny and bound over in the willing, Senator Dolliver, and Gov. Sum of \$300 each. Cummings of Iowa, with the latter as

the adoption of the platform. Taft in the Presbyterian church a little ininsists on a "tariff revision" plank. This does not suit the stand-patters able amusement. As the little daughter who represent the trusts and corpora- of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sheffer, with other Caleb Powers and James B. Howard, convicted of complicity in the assassination of Governor William Goebel of Kentucky, on January 30, 1900, were pardoned Saturday by Governor Augustus Wilson. They were immediately released—Powers from the Scott countries of the kind like tariff revision in a Republican platform, for the reason that it and timely sermon to the local chapter. released-Powers from the Scott coun- lican platform, for the reason that it and timely sermon to the local chapter to sail at Georgetown and Howard from would destroy all hope of contributions of the Daughters of the American Rev-for this campaign from trests. So obtain, It was in commen eration of strong is this sentiment that a "straddle" what the Daughters have termed Flag

tions were signed, he says, by 500,000 employers of labor are protesting cance of the flag and christian patriot-persons, some 240,000 of them Kentuck- against any such concessions to organizing. The offering for Sunday School persons, some 240,000 of them Kentuck- against any such concessions to organizism. The offering for Sunday School ians a large proportion being demo- ed labor, the result is they will get Missions in the Reformed church was a genuine lemon, as usual.

for complicity in the murder of William left for the head of the ticket. There Goebel on Jaunary 30, 1900. Three is apparent division in the ranks. Op-juries found him guilty. Twice he was sentenced to die and once to life im-pronounced among the "re-actionary" sentenced to die and once to life imprisonment. The fourth jury disagreed, standing ten for acquittal to two for constanding ten for acquittal ten for acquitta

sion of congress "re-actionary" element was able to cripple or kill almost every popular measure intended to curb predatory wealth—the trusts, the railroads and other gignatic corporations—from encroaching on the rights' of the people. They represent the wealthy class who secure special favors from the government and thereby amass the gigan-shell or belly of a land turtle on which

secure special favors from the government and thereby amass the gigantic fortunes of today. The same element is active now in the Chicago convention, with Speaker Cannon as the champion. They hope to shape the platform to their liking, as in the past, and thus far have in a measure succeeded.

The striking feature at the opening of the convention was the marked apathy and lack of enthusiasm. The menton of President Roosevelt's name only brought forth perfunctory applause, which indicates that the division in the ranks is growing more marked. The vital contest is the adoption of the platform, the administration has prepared and is strongly urging planks on antising banks, and railroad rate regulation—all of which are bitterly opposed by Speaker Cannon leading the "re-actionary" forces known as the "standpatters."

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# Bat Slipped, Boys Skull Fractured.

Charley, a young son of James White, of Philipsburg, is at the Cottage hospital of that place, with a fractured skull and is in a very serious condition, the result of being hit with a base ball bat, which accidentally slipped out of the hand of James Nixon during an exhibition game between the C. & C. Street Ry. and Chester Hill teams at Athletic park, Friday afternoon.

### FACT, FUN AND FANCY

### Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

The class song and the wedding march The graduate, the bride; The trained athlete, the race so fleet

The jumps both far and wide The picnic in the shady dell, The stroll beneath the moon So many things the poet sings

Are bunched in leafy June. If you would please yourself please

The less a man has to do the less he Even the codfish is apt to get all

A man doesn't have to be rich to have ore money than brains.

balled up.

When a man has toothache he is apt to envy the fellow with false teeth

Its when a fellow thinks he is out of ight that he feels all eyes are upon him. Any man can be thankful for what he gets, but few of us consider that we ought to be thankful, for what we don't

When an old man and a young wo-man take each other for better or worse it is hard to tell which will get the

worst of it. During the recent Mississippi guberna-torial campaign the Hon. Jeff Truly was one of the unsuccessful aspirants for the majority suffrage of his fellow citizens. Prohibition doctrines figured in the struggle and seemed very important to a Methodist minister. "Brother Truly," said the minister, "I want to ask you a question. Do you ever take a drink of whiskey?" "Befo' I answer that," responded the wary Brother Truly, "I want to know whether it is an inquiry or an invitation.

### Children's Day.

The Children's Day exercises in the Reformed, Methodist and Presbyterian ercises, only to say that the children were all well drilled, and rendered their recitations in a pleasing manner,

\$20. Infant baptismal services were The convention is described as list held in the Methodist and Presbyterian

Children's Day exercises in the Lutheran church, on Sabbath last, was especially pretty. The church was hand-Any close observer of current events will readily realize that in the last session of congress the action were at their best for the occasion, and were happy over the event, and a full audience shared in the design of congress the action were at their best for the occasion, and were at their best for the occasion, and were happy over the event, and a full audience shared in the design of congress the action were at their best for the occasion, and were happy over the event, and a full audience shared in the design of the occasion. light. A handsome collection was lifted for the benefit of the Tressler Orphans'

# After 64 Years

man, on his way to the city, saw two deer early Friday morning in Burrel's corn field, in the east end of Nittany, a short distance from the road over which he was driving. One of the deer was a large buck and the other was a doe. On the approach of the milk wagon the fleet-footed deer made for the Sugar valley mountains. Deer are frequently seen in the mountains between Nittany and Sugar valleys, which leads to the conclusion that they will be plentiful in that section during the hunting season next

# Tried To Burn 5000 Cars.

Incendiaries Sunday at midnight at-Incendiaries Sunday at midnight attempted to burn over 5000 freight cars belonging to the Pennsylvania Raiiroad Company and stored in the abandoned yards at Hollidaysburg. Several fires were started at various places, but they were all extinguished. Two of the cars were entirely destroyed and to others damaged. The firebugs took, the oily waste out of the journal boxes, and placing it under the cars, close to the wooding it under the cars, close to the wood-work, set fire to it. The Hollidaysburg Fire Department saved the cars.

# A Warning to Others.

James Nixon during an exhibition game between the C. & C. Street Ry. and Chester Hill teams at Athletic park, Friday afternoon.

Festival will be held at the Disciple church, at Romola, on Saturday, June 20th, music by the band; everybody invited.

An old criminal was once asked what was the first step that led him to ruin and he said: "The first step that led me to my downfall was cheating an editor out of a year's subscription. When I had done that the devil had such a grip on me that I could not shake him off."