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NEXT ATTRACTION CENTRE COUNTY FAIR

It will Far Surpass All Previous Efforts

GRANGER PICNIC A SUCCESS

It is being Largely Attended—The Exhibits Above the Average—Many Prominent Speakers Discuss Important Subjects.

The great Centre County Fair of 1908 will be the most splendid exhibition of farm, garden and household articles that Centre county has ever seen. This will be the ninth year of the fair and each year has witnessed a step forward in its interest something really worth while may be expected.

One would scarcely know that the grounds had been so badly damaged by the floods of last spring, for the fences are all rebuilt, the track in first class condition and new buildings replacing those that were washed away. A corps of artists with the white wash brush are at work now and within two weeks there will be that beautiful green and white effect everywhere that has been so pleasing to the eye in the few years past.

While it is a little early to talk about the racing features enough has been learned already to assure you that there will be a plenty of good horses to make contests of the most exciting nature. Later in the month we will be able to give you more detailed accounts of the horses that will be at the fair.

Provision is being made for a larger and more comprehensive display of fruit and garden products than ever before. This department of the fair has always been wonderful so that this year something extraordinary may be expected. The poultry and stock exhibits will be larger also. Enough entries are recorded now to insure an exhibit surpassing the fine one of last year.

In the amusement way there will be at least half a dozen shows, a merry-go-round, a circling water, something entirely new and novel, two fine bands, a balloon ascension and parachute drop each day and a strong show before the grand stand. These are what are known of now and more may be added; so you see this feature will be great, great indeed, greater than ever.

The fair is the only gathering of the year in which the interest is general and the movement toward the edification of all classes. It costs only 25c to see it all and the time to plan to go is now, for thousands of your friends will be there and expecting to meet you.

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VETERAN CLUB REUNION.

On Saturday the Centre County Veteran Club held its 34th annual reunion on the grounds of the Centre County Fair Association, near Bellefonte, and brought together a much larger crowd than was anticipated. At an early hour the veterans began to make their appearance, and it was not long before they were once more telling thrilling stories, and reviving memories of bygone days.

The State College band was present and filled the air with patriotic and martial music.

About 10 o'clock in the morning an executive session of the club was held, presided over by General James A. Beaver, at which business pertaining to the order was transacted. At the suggestion of a committee appointed for the purpose, the following officers were elected: President, Gen. James A. Beaver; Vice Presidents, W. H. Fry and W. C. Patterson; treasurer, George M. Boal; secretary, W. H. Musser. Upon the recommendation of Col. Austin Curtin, W. H. Fry, Potter Tate, G. M. Boal, W. H. Stiver, James Kreps and S. H. Bension, it was decided to hold the reunion next year at Pine Grove Mills.

The noon hour having arrived part of the fair grounds had the appearance of a restaurant, and around the well filled tables sat the silver headed veterans, eating chicken, cake, etc., instead of beans and hard tack, the army fare during 1860-4. Seated around the tables each veteran told the story of battle and indulged in reminiscences of the war.

In the afternoon the crowd on the fair grounds was increased to several thousand. On the track, in front of the grandstand, was erected the speakers' stand, from which addresses were made by the following gentlemen: W. Harrison Walker of Bellefonte; Capt. C. F. Barclay, of Sinnemahoning; Dr. Edwin Earle Sparks, of State College; Robert Cassidy, of Canton, Ohio; J. Calvin Meyer of Bellefonte, and Gen. James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte. The address of Dr. Sparks deserves special mention because of its adaptiveness to the occasion and the eloquent manner in which it was delivered.

One of the things that was very apparent on this occasion was the decreasing in the ranks of the old soldiers, and many were impressed with the thought that the time is soon coming when only history will be left to tell the story of the losses and triumphs of the Civil War.

LARGE BARN DESTROYED.

A destructive fire broke out on the farm of William P. Humes, about a mile and a quarter northeast of town, when his large barn was completely destroyed, each wing being destroyed, together with a large collection of expensive farming machinery; wagons, buggies, harness, etc. In addition to the above the milk house and several adjoining buildings were burned. The only buildings saved were the dwelling and the ice house. Mr. Witmer claims that just before the fire was discovered he heard two shots fired from a revolver, which were also heard by William Woods. The supposition is that the shots from the revolver were fired by the incendiaries to apply the match. There had been no fire about the building during the day. The loss will probably reach \$12,000 to \$13,000, with an insurance of \$8,000, in companies represented by Harry Fenlon and W. B. Rankin, Bellefonte insurance agents.

Accident to a Little Girl.

On Wednesday noon Isabella Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward, and Edna Kilpatrick, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Kilpatrick, both aged about four years and a half, started with Dr. J. J. Kilpatrick in his automobile for their homes on Curtin street. Near Parrish's drug store the little Ward girl fell out, and some thought the heavy wheel of the machine ran over her. She was carried into the office of Dr. Locke where it was found the child hadn't suffered any serious effects from the fall, and it is not likely that the wheel passed over her.

Students Return.

This week the trains coming to Bellefonte are more than crowded with students en route to State College, to be prepared for the opening. The unloading of the baggage invariably delays the trains. The freshmen class this year, we learn, will contain over four hundred students and while many of the older students can not return owing to financial difficulties, the whole registration will exceed that of former years.

Preacher Found Dead.

Rev. Jacob Aurand a United Brethren minister aged about 77 years, was found dead in the woods near his home, Beaver Dams, Blair county the other night. He had gone out to hunt a stray cow and the exertion in the chase is supposed to have brought on heart failure.

Democratic Day.

This Thursday is Democratic Day at Grange Park. The speakers in the auditorium are Prof. L. J. Lyberger, of Mifflinburg, and Judge Budd, of Philadelphia. Both are able speakers and something good may be expected.

Boys box calf school shoes \$1.45. At Yeagers.

HISTORICAL NOTES OF BRUSHVALLEY

Compiled from Various Sources by Hon. W. R. Bierly.

REMARKABLE CASE OF HONESTY

Family Starved Before they would Eat Stoked Meat Belonging to Others—Some Interesting Incidents Revived.

A most remarkable case of honesty is related by Reuben Stover, of Livonia. It is not often you hear of people starving to death, rather than to take the meat they have in the house for others. But our pioneer ancestors were such people. The incident here related is beyond their parents' tell the story. In the long and hard winter of 1843, there was a family living along the mountain road between Stover's, now Livonia, and Pettit's Mill, near Logan, consisting of John Herring, his wife, Sarah, and two boys and two girls. They had a clearing and were farmers—the tract now being occupied by George Fiedler. It was in Greene township, Clinton county, not far from the farm of John DeLong, a well known gentleman of a later period. These people had smoked a lot of meat for others and it hung in the garret waiting for the owners, who did not come for it, because of the heavy snow and an unusual amount of sickness. It was the custom of Mr. Herring to come to Stover's about once a week, but when they failed to hear from the family for six weeks, Adam Stover, who kept the hotel at that time, went out to learn the cause. He found the parents almost dead from sickness and starvation. When he asked them why they did not eat the smoked meat the husband sadly replied, "It was not ours!" Mr. Stover lost no time. He notified Joseph Snook and Mr. Schrock, the poor overseers of Greene township at once to relieve them and also wrote to Rebersburg for Dr. Samuel Strohecker. When the latter arrived he shook his head and said the parents were beyond help. They had lived on dandelion, after the snuff disappeared, and the children were too small and too weak to send anywhere. Mr. Herring died on a Tuesday and his wife on the following Friday, and they were buried at Brungart's church, Brush valley. When the mother was buried, the overseers, who were at the grave, bound out the four children and they were then separated. Adam Stover took the two girls, Sallie and Catherine. The latter soon after went to Union county and Sallie, whom Stover brought up, became Mrs. George Kahl, and now resides at Green Barr. John was bound to George Brungart, Sr., and Daniel, who was the oldest of the children, went to Eagleville, where he still resides, it is said.

In this connection, a recollection from another source is appropriate. At the time the Herring took ill, Oswald Dubs, father of Dats Dubs, late of Rebersburg, lived with his wife, Elizabeth,—"Betsey" as she was known—and his daughters Belinda and Louise, at the place called "The Spruce," beyond Levi Snook's farm. He knew of the illness of the Herring and relieved them until he himself became ill and could no longer go out through the deep snow. He always maintained that those people would not have starved if he had not fallen ill himself.

Quite a number of our "old folks" acquired their knowledge of the written German language from the Centre Bericht and Anzeiger, which was almost universally read here a half century ago. It was published by Kurtz, grande pere, at Aaronsburg, and contained all the news. The files of that paper should disclose much interesting local history.

Charlie Bierly has had inquiries from Philadelphia about the old Melchior Bierly family bible which was brought over from Bavaria by the ancestors of all the Bierlys about 1750. It contains a fine wood engraving of Dr. Martin Luther and his family, which is the text of the genuine rare old edition.

Last week a neat marker was set up in the Evangelical cemetery for William Hinsel, known familiarly here and at Millheim, as "Dutch Bill." Deceased was a veteran belonging to Co. D, U. S. Infantry, at one time, and this marker for his grave was obtained from the United States Quartermaster General through the efforts of Squire Carlin and Postmaster Snyder Miller.

The Union Church of the Lutheran and Reformed people in early days was called St. Peter's. The old brick church was built by Uncle John Kramer, of Aaronsburg. The inscription on the tombstone of Johann Christopher Spangler shows the fact that he was the first member of St. Peter's in this community. He was born March 11, 1766, and died February 21, 1851, aged 85 years, 9 months and 10 days. His wife was Margaretta, nee Kreider, who died July 14, 1852, aged 81.

The longevity of the pioneers of this valley is one of the things worthy of remark. In a space of twenty-one feet in the cemetery are entombed seven persons whose average age was 82 years. So noteworthy is this that the record on the tomb is here set down: Michael Erhard—77 years, 8 months, 5 days; Anna Maria Erhard—94 years, 9 months, 25 days; Daniel Walker—79 years, 10 months, 18 days; Hannah Walker—86 years, 8 months, 17 days; Margaret, wife of Henry Moyer—83 years, 7 months, 27 days; Henry Meyer—86 years, 3 months, 26 days; Jacob Meyer—76 years, 3 months, 19 days.

There was a unique character here some years ago, whose home was south of town, on the Winter Mountain road—Rev. Eusebius Hershey, whose daughter still owns the old Mathias Straver plot, now occupied by a Mr. Stover, of Nittany. Rev. Hershey was an itinerant evangelist, always singing and praying for souls. He traveled almost constantly, peddling religious tracts. When he en-

tered a train of cars, he distributed his tracts. Then he sang and prayed for his fellow travelers. The money he collected he devoted to a church. Finally he felt "called" to go to Africa and labor with the heathens, and there he died in the zealous work. He was zealous, but a tolerant one, except when he felt called upon to denounce the fashions and frivolities of the day.

One of the old institutions of Rebersburg, now forgotten, was "The Rebersburg String Band." It was famous before the war, and was not confined in its membership to this burgh. Among its prominent members were Robert Van Valsah, of Spring Mills, Jonathan Kramer and his son George, of Spring Bank, Billy Foster, of Mifflinburg, Lieutenant Simon M. Spangler, now of Newton, Kas., Reuben M. Magee, violin, and Henry Kremer, bass violin. There were about fifteen of them, whose names are all well recollected. Henry Kremer, of Centre Hall, is now probably one of the three survivors and the only one competent to do justice to that rare old musical organization. The music which they rendered to captivate the natives was preserved in a book by the late R. M. Magee and is now in possession of his son, William A. Magee, 3615 Powell avenue, Philadelphia, who is also a fine violinist. Mr. Magee used to exclaim when he heard band music: "Oh, but that's nothing compared with the Rebersburg String Band!"

One of these modest little head stones in the old cemetery at Rebersburg, which was a burying ground for two valleys, is almost certainly a forgotten-forget-me-not. It bears the simple inscription: "Elizabeth Guise, Died Sept. 1852, aged 95 years and 5 months" and was erected by the late Elizabeth (Eliza) Mallory, her granddaughter and namesake. "Grandmother Guise," as she was known in these valleys, was the widow of Jacob Guise, who died in middle life leaving a family for his widow to arise, which duty she undertook with an honest purpose and a stalwart frame. Those who remember her say that she was physically as powerful as any of the strong men of that day, and could and did perform the manual labor of men.

The Guises who first settled in Pennsylvania came there from Plum Creek, Berks county, and at that time the settlement was very sparse and disputed by panthers and Indians, which glared in the coves, and rattlesnakes, which crawled under the floors of their roughly built houses. The annals of Buffalo valley, by John Blair Linn, contains a list of these pioneers. It was a family tradition of the Guises that their ancestors came to Pennsylvania from the Rhinisch Pfalz (Palatinate), and that they left there as Huguenots. They were of the nobility once in France, but having joined the Reformed faith, their lands and goods were forfeited, and the government being Roman Catholic, and they brought with them only a few relics of their former grand estate. Of these Guises there was at least one son in Pennsylvania. The daughters now remembered were "Aunt Peggy Kramer," of Haines township; "Aunt Polly Hartzell," of Rebersburg, and Catharine Barbara Reed, who married James Reed and moved to Cogan Station, Lycoming county, where she died at the age of 89 years.

OVER THE COUNTY.

There will be a festival held at Julian on Saturday evening by the young men's club.

Mrs. J. I. Packer, of Juniata, has returned home after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. J. R. Brickley, in Howard.

Andrew Corman's cider press at Tusseyville will be in operation every Tuesday and Thursday during the cider season.

Dr. Wm. Krape and wife, of Freeport, Ill., called on friends in Rebersburg, on Sunday, stopping at Tom, Brungart, and Noah Corman's. The doctor is one of the prominent men of that city; they are pleasant people to meet with and were warmly greeted by their friends.—come again.

Harry Rumberger, of Philipsburg, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, is slowly improving which is cheering news to his hosts of friends the kind of a citizen who is always needed in any community and the fact that he is recovering means his further usefulness to the thriving borough over the mountain.

John Yarger of Aaronsburg, is now one of the most aged citizens of that ancient town, being in his 88 year. He was a bricklayer at the erection of the Lutheran church in that town in 1852, having come from Union county, and thereafter made Aaronsburg his home, doing bricklaying and mason work in various parts of the county. He is still able to do light jobs, and keeps amoving.

C. E. Convention.

The 16th Annual Convention of the Centre Co. Christian Endeavor Union was held at Buffalo Run, September 9th and 10th. All the sessions convened in Hunters Park as the church edifice was undergoing repairs. The beautiful grove, the hospitable community and the weather all conspired to give a perfect setting to the memorable convention, where a fine body of representative Christians exchanged greetings and cheer in the work of their societies. All were instructed and encouraged by the state secretary, Mr. J. A. Shurtle of Reading, and the state president, the Rev. R. G. Bannen, D. D., of Williamsport.

Two thoughts pervaded the convention: (a) "Be strong in God, trust Him, do not worry;" (b) "Win souls to God, extending His Kingdom."

The officers for the ensuing year are J. A. Platt, President; H. G. Ebbes, Vice Pres.; Rev. Rhoades, Treas.; Cornelia Dale, Rec. Sec.; Nannie Fisher, Cor. Sec.; The next meeting will be held at Blanchard.

Editor Drowned.

Frederick L. Cox, recent editor of the Altoona Mirror, and for several years a resident of that city, was drowned in the Big Muddy river in Kentucky, while crossing the stream in a wagon.

A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IN MAINE

Other Political Pointers Indicate a Bryan Victory this year.

LABOR UNIONS FOR BRYAN

Large Democratic Gains in Maine and Arkansas—Roosevelt Becomes Alarmed and Pleads for Taft.

During the past week a number of important political events transpired that indicate success in November for Bryan and Kern. The following are extracts from daily papers:

Republican Slump in Maine.
On Monday a state election was held in Maine, and in presidential years the result is always regarded as a barometer that indicates the drift of sentiment in the November election for the balance of the states. The result on Monday is regarded by Democrats as an indication of a Bryan cyclone in November. The Democrats had the satisfaction of seeing the normal Republican plurality cut to 7,700 votes for the first time in a Presidential year for more than a quarter of a century.

The final returns show a Republican loss of 4 per cent, and a Democratic gain of 32 per cent. While little was said of national issues, although the Republicans, through outside speakers, sought at various points to bring such subjects to the attention of the people. Wherein the result is held to be an index of Bryan strength throughout the country, is the fact that important States like New York, Indiana, Wisconsin and others are similarly rent by State issues and party strifes, and Democratic analysts who have considered the figures ask why results in November should not work out as favorably in them for their cause as in Maine. The Democrats gained over four years ago in nearly every county and city.

The feature of the election was the increase in the Democratic vote throughout the State, not only over 1904, but over 1906, when it was a particularly heavy one.

Two weeks ago Mr. Taft treated the Vermont returns as auspicious and Mr. Bryan passed them over in silence. Mr. Bryan in turn regards the Maine election as exceedingly encouraging for the Democrats. As a matter of fact, the majority of 7,700 for Fernald is the smallest received by any Republican candidate for Governor in a Presidential year since 1880, and the Republicans tried to make the Maine election a preliminary test on national issues and they failed.

Democrats Sweep Arkansas.

The largest vote in years was cast in the Arkansas State election on Monday, George W. Donaghey, Democrat, for Governor, will have upward of 50,000 plurality over Worthington, Republican. The Republicans lost the only Representative they had in the State Senate and are also without representation in the House.

Gompers Endorsed.

The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor on Tuesday at Washington unanimously endorsed Samuel Gompers in his opposition to the Republican National ticket. It has been intimated that there would be a split among the members of the committee, but President Gompers explained matters to the full satisfaction of all his fellow committeemen. The meeting of the Council was held in Washington.

It was also said that money is coming in fast from labor organizations in response to the appeal issued by the Federation. This money is to be used to pay the expenses of labor men who will take the stump for Bryan.

Last Saturday E. E. Greenwalt, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, issued a ringing address to the labor organizations of this state, telling them "Why labor will vote for Bryan." The concluding paragraph shows what is going to happen:

"The men of labor may have been somewhat indifferent in the past concerning their political welfare, but they are neither ignorant, selfish, or corrupt, and will be on hand when the vote is taken next November, and will cast their ballots for Wm. J. Bryan, because of all candidates presented he most nearly approaches their political ideals. Judge Taft, (injunction Bill) has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. His political doom is sealed."

During the past week President Roosevelt, broke all precedent by issuing a lengthy and labored appeal to labor to vote for Taft. The effort has generally impressed the public that "Teddy" is alarmed over the progress of the campaign and the evident growth of sentiment in all parts of the country for Bryan.

On Tuesday Gov. Hughes was renominated by the Republicans in New York for Governor. The great opposition to Gov. Hughes in his own party makes New York extremely doubtful this fall.

On the other hand the Democratic leaders in New York have in the last few days dropped their factional feuds and will be united for National and State tickets—that almost insures New York for Bryan.

Meeting of Insurance Board.

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co. was held in their room in Petriken hall, on Monday last; a full board in attendance. Applications for insurance to amount to \$238,550 were passed. Amount of premium notes, \$29,154.52. Cash \$1005.70. There were no losses to adjust.

Misses extra high top shoes \$1.45. At Yeagers.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

That there's a fall opening in oysters. Treading on other people's toes won't get you very far up in the world.

The girls who are always picking quarrels find it difficult to pick husbands.

It doesn't seem to make a man sharper by having his nose to the grindstone.

That the trouble with the easy going fellow is that he doesn't always know when to stop.

WEDDINGS

MORRIS—STOVER

Robert Morris, son of A. G. Morris, of Tyrone, who at one time was a resident of Bellefonte, was recently married to Miss Elizabeth Stone Litcomb, of Kennelbankport, Maine.

MEYERS—HOFFMAN

Wednesday afternoon of last week, at 1 o'clock John J. Meyers and Miss Viola Hoffman, of Philipsburg, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hoffman, Rev. W. G. Fulton tied the nuptial knot, using the ring ceremony. Following the ceremony an elaborate wedding dinner was served. About one hundred guests were present to witness the ceremony. Both bride and groom are very popular young people in Philipsburg and enjoy the highest esteem of all.

WALKER—CONFER

Thursday Chester Walker, formerly of Centre county, but now a successful lumberman, of Appagh, West Virginia, and Miss Gertrude Confer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome A. Confer, of Yarnell, came to Bellefonte and went to the Presbyterian parsonage where they were quietly married by Rev. J. Allison Platt. There were no attendants but several intimate friends of the bride were present as witnesses. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Walker were driven to the home of the bride's parents at Yarnell where a dainty wedding dinner was served, and where they will spend two weeks before leaving for their future home in Appagh, where Mr. Walker has a nice home already furnished for the reception of his bride.

BRETT—NEFF

Invitations are being issued this week by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Neff, to only a few intimate friends, for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alice Sanders Neff, to Mr. Thomas Patton Brett, at their home near Curtin, Pa., on Wednesday, September 30th. Miss Neff is well known to many of our school teachers as one of the popular and successful instructors of this county. The fortunate and prospective groom is the youngest son of the late Robert G. Brett, of Ferguson township, who some years ago was elected prothonotary of this county, but died early in his term of office. Mr. Brett is now located at Ferry, Kas., where he is conducting a successful real estate agency and is prospering. Immediately after the wedding they will take their departure for their western home.

Birthday Party.

Quite a number of young folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Gill, on Thursday evening, September 10th, in honor of their son Abner, which was his 21st birthday. Among those present were: Misses Lillie Twitmyre, Gertrude Swartz, Virgie Bilger, Rose Hoover, Lydie Ross, Pearl Herman, Emma Hamaker, Eva Schreffler, Flossie Marlie, Awilda Heathfield, Bird Ross, Marrian Riddle, Madeline Noll, Mrs. Anna Millward, Mrs. Mira Frazer, Messrs. Ward Showers, Loyd Smith, Ralph Riddle, Leslie Miller, Fremont Hile, Lee Noll, Edgar Evey, Wallace Herman, Frank Millward, Kyle Dunkleberger, Edgar Zeigler, Fred Whitman, George Showers, Roy Coldron, Roy Keller.

Hospital Notes.

The following patients were admitted during the past week:

Monroe Shaffer, a laborer at Red Bank, who was injured on right side and chest by sand and ore falling on him, last Thursday.

Mrs. Benj. Gentile, Bellefonte, treatment for gall stones.

Blair Rice, Bellefonte, ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Rev. Snook, Spring Mills.

Mrs. Maude Woodring, of Port Matilda.

Twenty patients in the institution at present.

Dwelling Burned.

Saturday evening shortly before 9 o'clock, the house of Harry Fike, at Axeman, was discovered to be on fire. It gained such headway that all efforts to save it were futile. After the evening's work was done the family went to the home of Mrs. Fike's father, Michael Stover, leaving a burning lamp in the house which was turned down low. The probabilities are that the lamp exploded and before it was discovered it had gained such headway that it was impossible to check it. The house was owned by Mrs. Lutz, upon which was a small insurance. Mr. Fike also carried some insurance on his household effects.

Horse Sale.

A car load of young, unbroken Dakota range horses, from 3 to 5 years of age, will arrive here on the 23rd and on Saturday, September 26th in the afternoon will be offered at public sale at the Haag House stables. The lot contains draft horses, mated teams and some drivers. All will be haltered and ages given.

Bryan's Portraits.

We have a number of fine sized portraits of Wm. J. Bryan the Democratic nominee for president at this office, for free distribution. If you want one, call or send for it. Can't well be sent by mail as folding would destroy the portrait. Remember they are free for the asking.