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EDITORIAL.

Thus far there have been no serious skirmishes since congress convened on Monday.

There will be no war with Nicaragua. It would be unnecessary and the flurry will soon subside.

"By the Eternal"—were that grand old democratic hickory, President Jackson, living, and in the Executive chair, wouldn't he take such monsters as sugar trusts, capitol thieves, and the like, by the horns and shake the life out of 'em!

Gov. Stuart's promise to the people of Pennsylvania during his campaign, that the capitol thieves would be punished, is being kept about as faithfully as Taff's promise that the tariff would be revised downward. The principle is about the same, only the details are different—in both instances the public has been disappointed.

Fish Commissioner Meehan will be at the Bush House on Thursday morning, Dec. 16th, to hear the testimony of persons who know Penn creek as fishermen, to settle the question as to what portions of that historic stream should be set apart as a trout stream. Any fishermen acquainted with the stream are invited to be present and will be heard as will be seen from a communication of Mr. Meehan in another column of this issue. This would, likewise, present a favorable opportunity to any fishermen to have Mr. Meehan answer other questions pertaining to the fish law which do not seem clear to the angler's mind.

"Girls, Girls, Girls."

A famous attraction is coming here on Wednesday, December 15th. "Girls," the Clyde Fitch comedy that created more laughs during its long run at Daly's Theatre, New York, than any similar play in years and which was produced by Sam. S. and Lee Shubert, and now on tour under their management, will be seen at the open house on Wednesday evening, December 15th. The mere announcement that this famous success will be seen here should arouse the greatest



interest among all lovers of what is good in the dramatic world. "Girls" comes here with all the beautiful scenery that marked its long run in New York and with the same high class presenting company these producing managers are noted for. This offering will, without a doubt prove to be about the best and highest class attraction seen here. It also marks the initial attraction that the Shuberts, the foremost of American managers, have sent here.

FIRE AT JERSEY SHORE.

One of the most disastrous fires that has visited Jersey Shore for some time occurred about 1 o'clock on Friday morning in the store of H. A. Walters, which resulted in the total destruction of the merchandise in his establishment. Mr. Walters conducted a store in the three-story brick block owned by the Star Grocery company and known as the "Bee Hive" store. His stock consisted principally of fancy goods, notions, toys, etc. The entire loss was \$40,000 to \$50,000.

New Trolley Line.

Williamsport and Lock Haven are hoping to be connected by a trolley line within a year. The line if built will connect with the existing trolley system of Williamsport and Newberry and the tracks will pass through a populous section to Jersey Shore, Nippono Park and Avia, at which latter point the line will go through Woodrich and Great Island to the Lock Haven terminus.

ROAD SUPERVISOR'S MEETING.

Constitution and By Laws Adopted For the Association.

On Saturday morning the executive committee of the Centre County Road Supervisors Association met in the office of J. A. B. Miller for the purpose of preparing a constitution and by-laws to govern the association. Col. Austin Curtin, the president, was in the chair and Col. John A. Daley, of Curtin township was present to offer any suggestion that might be for the best interest of the association and the people of the county in general. Frank K. Wlan, of Spring township, the secretary, was present and reported the proceedings of the meeting and was active in all the discussions.

The constitution and by-laws are about the same as that of any other association, and as the articles were read separately by Col. Daley they were adopted. When it came down to the question of fees the majority of the members objected to being taxed individually and would not take upon themselves the responsibility of collecting a fee in the townships they represented. After a heated discussion on this subject it was decided that all supervisors and the county commissioners should be exempt from any fees, and when the machine needs financial oiling it should depend entirely upon voluntary contributions. That is, anybody interested in good roads should have the privilege of contributing towards keeping up this organization.

There was a feeling among those present that Centre county should have better roads and every effort should be made toward that end. Besides the names of those mentioned above the following township supervisors were present: James Carson, of Spring township; J. W. Grove and R. J. Hartle, of Benner; R. J. Mann, of Curtin; P. B. Iddings, of Union; Dr. Kidder, of Harris; W. C. Coldron, Amos Gerbrick and William Coldron, of Spring; D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte, was present but was compelled to leave before adjournment.

When the noon hour came the supervisors became the guests of the Bellefonte Automobile club and were taken to the Brockerhoff House where they partook of an excellent dinner. Afterwards, a number of the supervisors were taken out in automobiles. The next meeting will be held on the second Saturday in March.

COST OF THE PANIC.

A Total of \$2,000,000,000 and Came Near Being Worse.

Nelson Aldrich, United States senator from Rhode Island, and chairman of the national monetary commission, told a representative gathering of men at the Hotel Astor, New York City, last week that the panic of 1907 cost the United States more than two billion dollars. He made this declaration as he addressed members of the Economic club of New York, which was holding its annual banquet with the monetary commission and Ambassadors Henry White and David Jayne Hill as the guests of honor.

As he emphasized the necessity for a change in the monetary system of this country, Senator Aldrich said: "The disastrous results of that crisis (the panic of 1907) can never be completely measured. Its destructive influences were felt throughout the world and the United States escaped only by the narrowest margin a total collapse of all credit and the wholesale destruction of all values."

Let it be remembered that this panic came after a long period of uninterrupted "protection" and the Republican Party in full control of all branches of the government. Don't forget that.

HUNTING PERIOD FATAL TO 90.

The hunting season, which closed on Nov. 30th, was marked by many fatal accidents as usual, the number of dead reaching ninety and the injured forty-three. In the previous year fifty-seven were slain, in 1907, eighty-two, and in 1906, seventy-four. Wisconsin and Upper Michigan continue to furnish the greatest number of victims.

Many of the accidents were caused by careless hunters mistaking men for deer and shooting them down. The number of killed and injured in various states are: Arkansas, 1 killed; Illinois, 8 killed, 2 injured; Indiana, 4 killed, 2 injured; Iowa, 3 killed, 1 injured; Kansas, 1 killed; Maine, 1 killed, 1 injured; Michigan, 14 killed, 4 injured; Minnesota, 2 killed, 7 injured; Missouri, 1 injured; Nebraska, 3 killed; New York, 2 killed; North Dakota, 1 killed, 1 injured; Ohio, 3 killed, 3 injured; Oklahoma, 1 killed; Pennsylvania, 12 killed; Wisconsin, 26 killed, 29 injured; District of Columbia, 1 killed, 1 injured; Canada, 1 killed. Total, 90 killed, 42 injured.

Rainfall Within the Past Six Months.

The amount of rainfall, at the Bellefonte weather station, from June 1st to November 30, was a total of 18.68 inches—or fraction over eighteen and one-half inches. The normal precipitation for these six months would have been 27 inches. The following is the record for the past six months: June, 6.92; July, 1.34; August, 5.47; September, 2.99; October, 2.44; and November, .56, or half an inch.

OVER THE COUNTY.

On Monday evening the State College Pharonians will give a minstrel entertainment in the auditorium. In the second part there will be a typical college scene and stunts with a real "Hazing Bee," also a sketch of Cook and Peary at the North Pole. It promises to be a rare treat.

W. J. Hackenberg, after successfully conducting a store for five years for S. C. Dondora, at New Berlin, has resigned and accepted a position in Northumberland as manager of J. F. Moore's department store. Mr. Hackenberg and his family spent Thanksgiving day at the home of his parents at Smulton.

At a recent meeting of the official board of the Church of Christ, of Phillipsburg, it was decided to dedicate their handsome new edifice, now nearing completion, on Sunday, January 16th, 1910. It was also decided to follow the dedication with a revival meeting to begin on Sunday, January 30th.

RECENT DEATHS.

ROBBINS:—The funeral of Samuel Robbins took place on Sunday afternoon from the United Brethren church at Phillipsburg, of which the deceased was a member.

BRYAN:—On Monday about 5 o'clock Mrs. Samuel Bryan died suddenly of heart failure at her home on North Spring street. She had not been well for some time, yet she was able to be around. During early Sunday morning she became morose and gradually grew weaker until the end. Her husband worked all Sunday and Sunday night at the lime kilns when he returned home he was horrified to find his wife dead. She was a comparatively young woman, and is survived by a husband and four children. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

HARPER:—Mrs. Susan Harper, widow of the late Amos W. Harper, died at her home at Cold Stream on Saturday. She has been ailing for several years with dropsy and heart affection, and for three months has been in a practically helpless condition. The deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Susan Maughmer, was born in Juniata county on June 29, 1837, making her age 72 years, 5 months and 5 days. She was married to W. A. Harper at Altoona in March, 1854, who died in Florida on Feb. 24, 1906. Surviving are eight sons and daughters. For many years they resided at Warriors Mark.

GATES:—Mrs. O. C. Gates died on Tuesday in Dr. Donalson's sanitarium at Williamsport, after being operated upon for the fourth time. Her residence was at Galeton, Pa., but she was born and raised at Martha, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Eberts, of the latter place. Her age was about 42 years, and she was a woman held in the highest respect by all who knew her. She belonged to the Methodist church and lived an upright, christian life. She is survived by a husband and four children. The remains were taken to Martha and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

KEENAN:—Michael A. Keenan died at Hot Springs, South Dakota, on Sunday, Nov. 25, as the result of an operation he underwent some time ago. He was born and raised in Bellefonte. During the Civil war he served in company G, 192nd regiment, and by his gallantry in action won promotion to a first lieutenant. A number of years ago he left Bellefonte and went to South Dakota where he made his home until his death. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. John Powers, of Bellefonte. The funeral was held on Tuesday, burial being made at Hot Springs.

GEISSINGER:—Dr. Joseph D. Geissinger died of Bright's disease on Saturday morning in the hospital at Johnstown. He had been ill since Thanksgiving, but was not taken from his boarding place to the hospital until Friday. The news of his serious illness reached Bellefonte early on Saturday morning and immediately his wife, who had been here, left for his bedside. When she reached Altoona a message was waiting her that he was dead. M. I. Gardner left at once for that place and assisted Mrs. Geissinger in bringing the remains to Bellefonte, arriving here on Sunday evening and was taken to the residence of Harry Yeager on Spring street from where the funeral took place on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The deceased was born in Huntingdon and was 57 years of age last August. When quite a young man he came to Bellefonte and took up the practice of dentistry. Mr. Geissinger took a great interest in military affairs and was quite a factor in securing for Company B the high rating it attained at that time. In the fall of 1893 he was married to Miss Mary A. Tripple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Tripple. Later he closed up his office here and went to Milwaukee, where he secured a position. He was away from Bellefonte for some time; eight years ago he returned and opened an office at Tripple homestead for a brief period after which he worked for other dentists in Reading, Pittsburg and Johnstown. He is survived by his wife and two brothers: Luther and John, of Huntingdon.

the former being an attorney in that place.

BEAVER:—Mrs. John Beaver died on Sunday evening, 28th, at her home at Milroy. She suffered a stroke of paralysis remaining unconscious until death claimed her. She was formerly Flora, daughter of Levi and Leah Stover, of Aaronsburg, and was the mother of thirteen children. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband and the following children: Frances, wife of Walter Russel, formerly of Milroy, but now of State College; Vera, wife of S. S. Aurand; Kathryn, wife of Andrew B. Calhoun; Annie, wife of Clarence Reed; Jennie, Laura, Mary, Melinda, Frank, John and Rufus, all of Milroy, also one sister, Mrs. Clark Herman, of State College, and a brother, A. S. Stover, of Aaronsburg. Her age was 49 years, 8 months and 7 days; interment in Woodlawn cemetery on Tuesday.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Sam. Flickinger's Body Found in the Cemetery Tuesday.

Samuel Flickinger committed suicide in the new cemetery at Phillipsburg, presumably late Monday afternoon, by shooting himself in the head with a 38-caliber revolver. The body was discovered by pallbearers in attendance at the burial of C. Nellson, whose body was brought there from Youngstown, Ohio. Alfred Hagyard, sexton at the cemetery, heard a shot in the graveyard at 4 o'clock on Monday, and not long before that his son had seen a man enter the cemetery. The jury was wholly satisfied the man was a suicide. He stood over the grave of his wife and had placed the pistol in his mouth, gripping the stock with both hands.

Flickinger, who was about 55 years of age, was a butcher by trade and quite well known there. He lived alone in rooms over Hagerty's bakery. It is said he owned property both there and in Altoona. Loneliness and dependency is believed to have prompted the man to the rash act.

Constable W. H. Runkle, of Centre Hall, gave our sanctum a call. He has now served as constable of that town for a period of eleven years. Evidently Billy does his duty well.

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