

DEMOCRATS GATHER AT BALTIMORE

NATIONAL CONVENTION OPENS NEXT TUESDAY.

FRIENDLY RIVALRY PREVAILS

Result in Much Doubt—Woodrow Wilson and Clark Leading—Will be a Large Gathering—Centre County Well Represented.

While all eyes seemed to be turned towards Chicago this week, where the Republican forces are engaged in a most bitter war, Democrats naturally are concerned and interested in the coming Democratic National Convention that will assemble in the city of Baltimore on Tuesday of next week, June 25th. Owing to the bitterness that has been engendered and the open criticism by Republicans of the last administration, in the past few months, there is evidence that many Republicans are completely disgusted and sorely disappointed with either Taft or Teddy, and no matter who may be nominated, the greatest hopes are expressed everywhere that if the Democrats put up an acceptable candidate there will be a general drift among the voters to that ticket.

At this time there is confidence and enthusiasm in the ranks of the Democracy, and it looks as though the convention at Baltimore will realize the importance of wisdom in its deliberations, so that they may go before the country with a ticket and a platform that will commend itself to the thoughtful voters. We believe that the Democracy will size up to its full opportunity on that occasion.

It is now idle speculation for anyone to sit down and make any predictions as to the outcome of the Democratic convention. As it requires a full third of all of the delegates to make a nomination, none of the prominent candidates at this time have anywhere near that number and it is any man's race. In the number of delegates Speaker Clark seems to have the largest number of instructions. Next comes Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey who has been a great favorite for the past year and, while in a number of states there are instructions for some favorite son, there is underneath a strong current for Wilson. Generally speaking, he seems to be the popular candidate and has, thus far, conducted himself with dignity, and seems to have the respect and confidence of the masses. Underwood and Harmon have some following, so has Gov. Marshall of Indiana. Of late a boom has been looming up for Mayor Gaynor of New York, and he may have a reputation following when the voting commences. Some seem to think that Bryan's friends will bring a boom to that convention that may again upset all calculations. As Bryan has repeatedly stated, and requested, he does not want anyone to support him for the nomination, and we are inclined to believe that he is sincere in this request.

You may read over pages of predictions in the papers and all kinds of tabulated calculations as to how this or that candidate may win, but up to this time the result is absolutely an unknown quantity until the balloting begins.

The national committee has been in Washington for the past week where they have opened up headquarters for the coming convention and all the details of the preliminary organization are being prepared. The various prominent candidates have also had their headquarters opened in good time and in the past week have actively engaged in sending out appeals to the delegates setting forth their various claims for consideration. Thus far the canvass has been conducted with the utmost dignity and friendly rivalry among the aspirants, which is in striking contrast with the bitter warfare and vicious personalities that have been so repulsive between the President and the Ex-President, and still is being waged with relentless animosity on the floor of the convention at Chicago.

While the convention at Baltimore is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, the various delegations from all parts of the country will be flocking into Baltimore by Saturday and Sunday, when the real hustle for support will be made and there will be consultations continuously until Tuesday. In fact, the preliminaries are often the most interesting features on such occasions and the vote in the convention is only the recording of the work that had been previously done.

In order to be on the ground in proper time the Pennsylvania delegates will mostly all reach Washington by Sunday evening. A conference of the Penna. delegates will be held on Monday noon at the Stafford Hotel, at which place the larger portion of the delegation will be quartered.

The Pennsylvania delegation was instructed for Wilson at the recent state convention and those instructions are supposed to be binding. Nevertheless we hear and read of Clark and Harmon claiming a certain number of the delegation. At the conference on Monday it is quite possible that the unit rule will be invoked and that the delegation will be cast as a whole for Woodrow Wilson.

The railroad companies will give very low excursion rates to Baltimore and for that reason, and the fact that it is the first convention held in the East for a long term of years, it is predicted that there will be a great throng there from all the adjoining states to that city, and many thousands will be clamoring for admission to a hall that will have a seating capacity of only about fifteen thousand. From what we learn there will be a large number from this county at Baltimore. The first party will likely leave Bellefonte on Sun-

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

Family of Seven Children, All Living and Average 76 Years.

On Saturday Steele C. Hunter, one of Bellefonte's venerable citizens, was a caller at our office and showed a group photograph of himself and three brothers. In addition there are three sisters. These comprise all the children of the family, and their ages total 522 years and 11 months, or an average of 76 years, 1 month and 11 days. They are as follows: Mrs. Marjory Mallory, of Williamsport—84 years and 7 months; S. C. Hunter, of Bellefonte—81 years and 6 months; Mrs. E. J. Fish, of Lewistown—78 years and 8 months; Geo. T. Hunter, of Elkhardt, Ind.—75 years and 3 months; W. S. Hunter, of Axeman—73 years and 7 months; F. T. Hunter, of Axeman—70 years and 6 months; Mrs. Margaret Vantilberg, of Elkhardt, Ind.—66 years and 10 months.

This we consider a remarkable family record where all are living at the average age of 76 years, hale hearty and active—and all good useful citizens.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

Lightning Takes Woman's Speech Returns It a Year Later.

A little more than a year ago, Mrs. Walter Spence, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Williamsport, was in the act of closing a window during a severe storm when she was struck by lightning. So great was the shock that she was thrown to the floor and was unable to move a muscle for weeks. In addition she completely lost the power of speech. After a few months, however, she was able to move her limbs, but she could not talk, and was under the care of a physician practically all the time.

The severe tornado swept over Ohio and the middle west Saturday evening, Mrs. Spence was struck the second time and speech entirely restored.

Plans Interrupted.

One of the incidents connected with the Reed-Bottorf wedding at Lemont, last Wednesday, was not reported. The young couple had engaged an automobile to convey them to Bellefonte to meet the evening train. When the auto arrived at Lemont it was first decorated with appropriate material. When the bride and groom got in the car a number of students from the college appeared and took charge of the auto and driver and, instead of going to Bellefonte, they headed for State College where commencement exercises had drawn a large crowd. The groom being the chairman and the bride an instructor in the musical department, the students escorted Rev. Reed and Miss Bottorf, the bride, over the town, from fraternity house to fraternity house where receptions were in progress, and everybody came out to publicly greet "Music and Prayer" as they for some time were known among the students. They even did not miss the members of the faculty.

It was a rousing, uproarious reception, and was one of the most amusing features of commencement week. They had cleverly planned for the wedding, and that naturally inspired the students in this good-natured deviltry.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed arrived in Bellefonte too late for their train and remained here until the next day. Mr. Reed will engage in educational work at Eagles Mere this summer and in the fall will return to State College to resume his former duties.

Festival at Pleasant Gap.

The Pleasant Gap base ball team has set aside Saturday afternoon, June 22nd for their benefit. In the afternoon there will be a game with the "hard hitters" of Lemont whom they are confident they can trim to the "queens taste" and invite everybody to turn out and see how it is done. In the evening the club will hold a festival at that place which will be attended by all the pretty girls for many miles around, and in consequence all the dainties of the season will be served. If you are still "in the game" come and "join the gang" and enjoy yourself, as there will be fun galore.

Contractor Lays Down.

The contract to build a new bridge over the Moshannon creek at Osceola Mills has been awarded by the commissioners of Centre and Clinton counties to George L. Thompson, of Clearfield. The price is \$7882, and the bridge is to be completed by October 31, 1912. Since then the contractor feared that he would sustain a loss on the work and threw up the contract, although he deposited a certified check of \$500 for the performance of the work. The commissioners of both counties will hold a joint meeting some time this week to give the matter further consideration.

Hospital Notes.

Admitted for treatment—Mr. Elias Heckman, Orangeville, Ill.; Mr. Geo. Clemens, and Mr. Dennis Callahan, of Bellefonte; Mr. James Decker, of Pine Grove Mills.

Operations—George Bradford, of Centre Hall; Mrs. Massey Ammerman, of Pleasant Gap; Miss Mae O'Neil, of State College; John Thompson, of State College and Hugh Taylor, Jr., of Bellefonte.

Twenty-eight patients are now in the hospital.

Wounds Will Result Fatally.

Chief of Police Hiram D. Yeaman, of Lewistown, who was shot and mortally wounded in a running street duel with Dorsey G. Stoner, a negro, while resisting arrest on May 25, has developed pleuro-pneumonia and no hopes have been entertained of his recovery for the last couple days. Stoner has not been heard of since the morning following the shooting.

Cherrytree Having a Boom.

The New York Central railroad is doubling the size of its yards and building new coal docks at Cherrytree. The town is enjoying a consequent boom.

It pays to advertise in the Centre Democrat because it reaches the most people.

THE BIG BATTLE IS ON AT CHICAGO

THE TAFT FORCES WIN THE FIRST VICTORY.

BOTH SIDES ARE CONFIDENT

Roosevelt People Threaten to Bolt—Taft Delegates Are Seated—Flinn Becomes Boisterous—Talk of a Dark Horse.

At the hour of going to press Wednesday evening the Republican National Convention was in full blast at Chicago and the result is as uncertain as ever. With both sides boasting of sufficient strength for securing the nomination and each having claims that look plausible, it is useless for us to make a forecast, between Taft and Teddy. If we had to make a wager, we would speculate on Taft having the advantage of the party organization to carry him through finally, although the popularity of Teddy may spoil all the nice calculations.

It has been a stormy week for the Republican hosts who have gathered from far and wide at Chicago to nominate a presidential ticket. The bitterness of the recent campaign, which was fought to the limit in almost every state of the union, has been the primary cause of the excitement of the intense suspense and threats of even personal encounters and the boiling of one faction of the party from the convention to set up a rival presidential ticket. What the outcome may be is of intense interest to the public, and of great concern to the rank and file of the Republican party throughout the land, as the result may mean the certain defeat of the Republican nominees, and the policies of the party for years to come may be relegated to the rear by reason of the factional feuds that have been engendered at this convention. Therefore it is a momentous occasion.

It would require pages to relate what has transpired at Chicago in the past week. Sensation has followed sensation. The deliberations of the National Committee last week was the sensational feature, as they had over two hundred contested seats to pass upon. As the National Committee has a majority of stand patters, it naturally opposed Roosevelt; they took the bull by the horns and in almost every instance they fired the Roosevelt delegates off the roll of the list of delegates to sit in the convention, and seated men who were Taft. While many of Roosevelt's contests were without foundation, there is no doubt but that the "stand patters" robbed Roosevelt of what he was justly entitled to in a great many cases, and in this manner they hoped to retain the control of the convention. In the committee meeting was bitter from start, but Taft's men were in control of the staid roller, and they operated it in splendid style.

This aroused Teddy and he started early for Chicago to take personal charge of the fight. His arrival in the city was the occasion for a monster demonstration, the greatest of the kind that was ever given in the world under similar circumstances. His hotel was besieged with throngs, and at a public meeting in the evening thousands were unable to gain admission to hear him.

The Southern delegation, composed largely of colored delegates, is the subject of much attention, and charges and counter charges are being made that they are being bought by the use of large sums of money.

The estimates of each side, as put out from day to day, was simply absurd, as each claimed everything that was in sight or lying around loose. Cummings and La Follette have enough delegates that they may have the control; they may be in position to solve the nomination, and they may withhold their support from either Teddy or Taft, and by a prolonged suspense force the nomination of a dark horse. At this writing, on Wednesday afternoon, many think that will be the ultimate outcome of the contest. This prediction is made even after the first skirmish when Senator Root was chosen Temporary Chairman after a most bitter fight, by a vote of 558 to 502. In that vote it was claimed that many delegates supported Root who will not favor the renomination of Taft.

The opening session on Tuesday was a boisterous one. It was a constant wrangle from start to finish in which many ugly terms were used, with Flinn, of Pennsylvania, was the aggressor, accusing the other side of stealing delegates from Roosevelt. Open threats were made to bolt the convention.

Wednesday Morning.

It was 11:30 o'clock after Chairman Root used his gavel almost to despair and waived his arms for 15 minutes before some semblance of order was secured. The convention then took up the motion of Governor Hadley to substitute the contesting Roosevelt delegates for the Taft delegates placed on the temporary roll by the national committee. It was agreed to allow each side an hour and a half to debate the question, and Governor Hadley mounted the platform and opened the debate for the Roosevelt side. Governor Hadley's main contention was that only those delegates not involved in contests should be permitted to vote.

Fearing trouble, the police guard has been increased to 500 uniformed and 500 plain clothes men in the hall. Every admission ticket is carefully scrutinized.

Win Out or Bolt.

While the Taft forces won the first skirmish in the convention Tuesday afternoon by winning out on the temporary chairmanship in electing Elihu Root, it is on the lips of all the Roosevelt boomers that they will not regard Root as a legally-chosen chairman, and that if the temporary roll of 70 delegates claimed to be fraudulent, they will bolt.

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ASSAULTED BY HUMAN BRUTES

MISS EMMA BROWN, OF LOCK HAVEN, THE VICTIM.

BELLEFONTE WOMAN WITH HER

Occurred Last Saturday Night, During Robin's Circus Performance at Lock Haven—A Number of Suspects Have Been Arrested.

Circus day at Lock Haven last Saturday wound up with a sensation that furnished sufficient material to keep the citizens of that city in a state of excitement ever since, according to newspaper reports from there. The cause of the trouble was a criminal assault committed upon Miss Emma Brown, a young lady residing near Lock Haven, by two negroes and a white man, supposed to be employees of Hobbs' circus. With Miss Brown at the time was Mrs. Della Keeler, of Bellefonte, wife of George Keeler, familiarly known as "Wally," and she escaped the fate of her companion only by the act of tearing loose from the grasp of the fiends. From the Lock Haven Express we reprint the following story of the crime:

"It appears that during the day and evening of last week, Emma Brown, aged 17 years, who resides along the Castana state road, near the city limits, was one of the crowd interested in the scenes about the circus grounds. With her in the evening was a woman named Della Keeler, of Bellefonte, a visitor in the city. Both started to walk around the main tent at about 10 o'clock. At a time when the circus band was playing, and the women stopped to hear the music. Two negroes and a white man, whom the circus management claim are not employees of the show, were seen loitering about the grounds all day and at the time the two women went to the tent. Suddenly and without any warning the men grabbed the two women, one of whom, the Keeler woman, broke away and ran screaming for help. Miss Brown, it is claimed, was struck on the head by some blunt instrument, and according to her own story, was choked by the brutes into insensibility, after which, it is stated, she was criminally assaulted. The music made by the circus band drowned her cries for help, but the Keeler girl finally secured aid from several persons residing in the neighborhood. Miss Brown was found lying on the ground in an unconscious condition, and appeared to be dying. She was hurriedly carried to the home of William Keeler and the alarm was given.

News of the assault spread like wildfire and the police station was hurriedly notified by some person residing near the show grounds. Practically every policeman, detective and constable in the city got on the job and one of the most active officials was Mayor George Kreamer, who made a personal investigation of the circumstances. In answer to phone calls Patrolmen W. T. Bowes and Night Sergeant J. J. Cummings arrived simultaneously with Dr. John B. Hinchfield, and after a superficial examination, the physician decided that the girl was in such a deplorable state that he at once ordered her removal to the hospital. Dr. Critchfield, however, gave her emergency treatment while awaiting for the ambulance.

The search for the three inhuman brutes was not an easy task as the night was dark and the circus men hurriedly began to remove the tents, and with these went along the few lights on the grounds. Naturally, suspicion pointed to attaches of the show and at 2 o'clock Sunday morning Mayor Kreamer and several officers searched every car on the circus train prior to its getting ready to start for Williamsport. No suspects were found that answered the meagre description and the management of the circus was released. Every section of the city was searched during the entire night without success, but on Sunday afternoon a clue developed which led Chief Joseph Power and Patrolman James Litz in the tobacco shed in the eastern section of the city. Persons residing near the driving park state that they saw the three men emerge from the shed at about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon and run across the fields to the railroad, where they boarded a New York Central coal train and escaped.

On Saturday evening a colored man, known in this city as Jack Johnson, was detained, as he had seen the three men in the afternoon and felt that he could identify them if he again met them. Descriptions of the men were hurriedly sent out on Saturday night. One of the negroes wore a dark raincoat; the other negro was attired in dark clothes and the white man wore a light raincoat. It is altogether likely that they spent the night in the tobacco shed mentioned, and probably were not aware of the excitement prevailing elsewhere.

Since Saturday a number of suspects have been arrested and placed in the Lock Haven jail, among them a white man named Fred Griffin, known in the circus profession as a candy butcher. In his story to the police he stated that he had been with the women earlier in the day but knew absolutely nothing of the assault upon Miss Brown. He stated that he had been told him later in the night. It was Officer Andrew Barr of Tyndal, who passed through Bellefonte on Tuesday afternoon with two colored men he arrested that day at Bald Eagle. When placed in jail at Bald Haven they claimed to have not been in that city on Saturday night.

District Attorney H. T. Hall and Constable W. W. Pettinrich are hard at work sifting out evidence against the two colored men arrested at Williamsport. Thus far not much headway has been made in connecting the two men with the crime, as no one can

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A THRILLING TRIP.

Two Men and Families Battle With Big Snake and Catamount.

H. A. Derr and family and John F. Wert and family, of Sunbury, Sunday drove to the home of Mrs. Isaac Lehr, a mile below Dornisfe. Mrs. Lehr is the mother of Mr. Derr. They passed an enjoyable Sunday and toward evening started homeward, taking the route over the Trevorton mountain.

Just outside of Dornisfe, a big black snake, the full length of a buggy whip, made an attack on the party. It lay in the middle of the road and the two horses could not proceed until Derr jumped from the vehicle and with the whip started to wage war on the reptile. Derr after a 15 minute struggle, finally killed the snake and then the trip was resumed.

At the top of the mountain, about 5:45 p. m., while the two men, who had decided to walk, were going along the road leading the horses, the animals gave a sudden frightened snort and the next instant a catamount leaped. With nothing but stones, and retreating every minute, they fought the wild animal. They succeeded in conquering it and sending the animal back to its lair. When they arrived home they notified people in that vicinity and a search is being made for the animal, which put in so sudden an appearance.

The adventures of the party did not end there. When they had gone down the hill a short way, a runaway carriage came tearing along. It shot by the vehicle in which the both families were and just missed striking it. The only thing that averted a collision was the quick turn. The wheels of the two vehicles scraped as they passed.

Saw Mill Destroyed by Fire.

Fire at about 6:10 o'clock Thursday evening of last week destroyed the saw mill of Grant Williams at Criders Siding, on the Central Pennsylvania railroad, as well as 60,000 feet of hardwood lumber owned by John Thompson, of Salona. To the heroic efforts of an enthusiastic bucket brigade composed of at least 75 men, women and children is given the praise for saving at least 100,000 feet of white pine lumber.

It is presumed that the origin of the blaze was from a spark which fell on the roof, where the fire was first discovered. The men employed on the mill had just left for their supper when flames were seen leaping into the air. With no fire protection available the mill was soon reduced to ashes, as was also the hardwood lumber near it. When the fire brigade got into action their efforts were telling and by the most energetic work saved Mr. Thompson a big loss. He desires to state publicly that he feels grateful to those who assisted in the time of need and appreciates the services rendered.

The loss of the mill is about \$500, while that on the lumber, which was not of the best grade, will probably be about \$800. There was no insurance.

Marriage Licenses.

Snyder T. Stover	-	Bellefonte
Estella J. Lockard	-	Lamar
Clyde E. Hockman	-	Zion
Minnie J. Shearer	-	Zion
Mike Slother	-	Alport
Annie Tekely	-	Rush Twp.
Guat Breed	-	Grass Flat
Alma Jackson	-	Grass Flat
Orvis Lucas	-	Runkville
Minnie E. Witherite	-	Runkville
John W. Minsker	-	Wilmerding
Sophia H. Thompson	-	State College
Howard H. Hall	-	Juniata
Mary E. Furst	-	Stormstown
John D. Boyer	-	Trafton, West Va.
Edna B. Todd	-	Phillipsburg, Pa.
Bruce I. Myers	-	Phillipsburg
Ermyn L. France	-	Phillipsburg
G. Herman Everts	-	Pine Grove Mills
Paul M. Tanyer	-	Pine Grove Mills
Carl M. Chesman	-	Newark, N. J.
Emma Weber	-	Howard, Pa.
Daniel G. Felker	-	Vandergrift, Pa.
C. C. Jane Harper	-	State College
Orvis C. Orwig	-	State College
Ethel B. Evey	-	Lemont

To Take Pasteur Treatment.

Arthur Runk, son of L. G. Runk, of Phillipsburg, who suffered a bite on his left thumb a few days ago from the bull dog recently purchased at Williamsport, went to Marietta to take the Pasteur treatment. The wound is giving him trouble, and rather than run the risk of any serious results, he determined to take the precautions afforded in the Pasteur treatment.

Red Men's Reunion at Houtzdale.

The Red Men's Second Annual Reunion, comprising the counties of Clearfield, Centre, Somerset and Jefferson, will be held in Houtzdale on Wednesday and Thursday, August 7 and 8. There are fourteen tribes represented in the association and this event promises to be an important one and largely attended.

Tempers Copper.

Thomas Trafford, aged eighty-three years, of Williamsport, believes he has learned the secret of tempering copper something that nations and individuals have striven for through the centuries and striven in vain. The aged gentleman is the father of John Trafford, who died in Bellefonte recently.

Yearick-Hoy Reunion To-day.

The ninth annual reunion of the Yearick and Hoy families is being held at Hecla Park today. The address of welcome will be delivered by Rev. M. J. Snyder, pastor of the United Evangelical church of Howard.

Clinton County Veterans to Picnic.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Clinton County Veterans' Association last week it was decided to hold the 19th annual picnic at Agar's park, on Thursday, August 8th.

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EXTENSIVE WORK STARTED AT HOWARD

PENNA. R. R. WILL MAKE MANY CHANGES.

LARGE CONTRACTS AWARDED

Large Sum of Money for Improvements on the Bald Eagle Valley R. R.—Reducing Grades and Curves—Was Needed Long Ago.

Five hundred thousand dollars will be spent this summer by the Pennsylvania Railroad company in rebuilding portions of the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, preparatory to double tracking the entire line next year. The contract for the work this year was awarded last week to the firm of A. L. Anderson & Co., railroad contractors, of Altoona. The changes include stretches of the road from Vail to Beech Creek, but the most marked changes will be from Vail to this side of Bald Eagle station, where the road will be straightened and moved hundreds of feet to the grade of the land close to Bald Eagle creek, and from a point near Mt. Eagle to Beech Creek where the road will also be moved south to the foot of Bald Eagle mountain, following the creek grade. This will run the road south of Howard borough and not directly through the town. In some places the road will be moved south a distance of two thousand feet and to protect it from possible floods and high water it will be necessary to build over a mile of stone or concrete wall along the creek side. It is estimated that the entire contract will involve the moving of about 300,000 cubic yards of earth.

A. L. Anderson was down the valley Thursday looking over the ground as the firm expects to begin work in the immediate future. In the line of the new survey are three or four houses and at least one large barn and these will have to be moved onto new foundations. The contractor will use a number of steam shovels on the excavating as well as all modern machinery. Though there is nothing in the contract stipulating how soon the work must be completed, it is hoped to get it through before cold weather in the fall. To show what the change will mean it can be stated that the present average grade from Bald Eagle station to Howard is 2-10 per cent, and when the changes have been completed it will be but 1-10 per cent.

The Howard (Pa.) Hustler of last week says:

"For the past week or so the Pennsylvania Railroad company has had men here buying up land for a right-of-way in order to change about five miles of the tracks of the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, and thus far they have secured almost all the land required at a reasonable price. This week the work on the new track has actually commenced, that is, they are getting ready, men are at work building places for the workmen to live, the supervisors are laying out the line, which will run from the big spring in the Lauth meadow to the water tank near Curtin, a distance of about five miles. This change is being made in order to eliminate the heaviest grades on the road.

"We are told that altogether 1,000 men will be employed to do the work, which must be completed within the next five months, and which with Howard as a business centre will make the place a busy town. Five hundred thousand dollars will be spent to do the work. Think of it. When that amount of money is distributed here our people certainly will live in good humor.

"Officers have been established in the Cooke building on the corner of Main and Walnut streets, and if any of our men who have been complaining of not having work will apply for it, they will get a job, as the contractor will hire all the Americans he can get. By this time next week Howard will be a young city."

Our Howard correspondent this week gives a full description of the extensive improvements which are made in that locality, and which now are under way.

Improvements at Howard.

From the complete report of railroad improvements by our Howard correspondent, this week, there will be some extensive work done in that section this summer. The improvements contemplate the expenditure of a large sum of money for permanent improvements. This will make business exceptionally good in that locality, this coming summer.

A Progressive Family.

One of the most beautiful sites in Central Pennsylvania is the home of C. P. Reese and sons at Runkville. They have the largest peach orchard in Centre county, embracing 10,000 acres, in addition to a large pear orchard and a strawberry field of 25,000 plants. Mr. Reese and his four daughters are now engaged in clearing about eight acres, and next spring he and his sons expect to plant 8,000 more pear trees. They have eight acres of potatoes and about twenty acres of lima beans.

There are nine children in this progressive family, the oldest a boy not yet 24 years of age, and the eldest girl about 18 years old. Their industry marks them as one of the most successful families in Centre county. Mr. and Mrs. Reese expect to go to Portland, Oregon, in a few weeks where he has a large lumber operation.

Big "Fourth" at Phillipsburg.

The citizens of Phillipsburg are preparing to celebrate the "Glorious Fourth" in good old-fashioned style. There will be sports of all kinds, fireworks, and music, the latter to be furnished by the Carlisle Indian band, consisting of 50 pieces. No doubt Bellefonte will be represented there by those who prefer a "big noise."

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Miss Mary Lansberry, of Unionville, is visiting in Phillipsburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gill.