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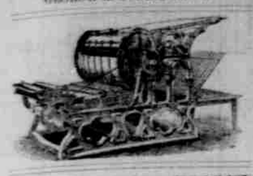

WEDNESDAY ..... August 24, 1887.

Cabinet Photographs are $1.50 per dozen at Weifleys Photograph Gallery.

You can get good Cabinet Photographs for $1.50 per dozen at Weifleys Photograph Gallery.

A lady with an enormous bustle says she is not accountable for what goes on behind her back.

Go to Weifleys Photograph Gallery and get a dozen of Cabinet Photographs for a dollar and a half.

We have on hand a large number of good brick which we will sell in quantities to suit the purchaser. Prices very reasonable. Yard opposite the planing mill.

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSONS.

We are still in the field selling our famous star copper Rod, three inches outside surface, at reasonable prices. All work satisfactory, or no pay. One among the best offered.

RHOADS BROS.

MEAT MARKET.—We have just added a large Refrigerator to our Meat Market, in which all meats can be kept cool and clean. Mutton, beef, pork, &c., kept constantly on hand. Open daily. Parties buying meat can have it kept in the refrigerator until wanted.

ROSS DAVIS & CO.

I will for the present time take a good Cabinet Photograph at $1.50 per dozen—But each of my patrons who desire to secure them at this very low price will do well to call soon, as these figures may only hold good for a limited time.

The latest Rapid Dry Plate process used for all work.

W. H. WELFLEY, Somerset Pa.,

The Westmoreland County Fair will be held at Greensburg from October 11th to 14th and will include horse races and a dog show. A cavalcade of stock will take place and a cavalcade of prim stock will signalize the last day.

Thieves entered the residence of Conrad Dinghleiein, of Ligonier, Wednesday, during the temporary absence of the family and stole $80, a silver watch and jewelry. A couple of tramps, who were in Ligonier during the day, are suspected of being the thieves.

The Executive Committee, of the Somerset county W. C. T. U., will meet, at Somerset, in the Good Templar's Hall, next Saturday (August 27th) at 2 o'clock P. M to perfect arrangements for the W. C. T. U. Convention to be held, at Berlin, September 15 and 16th. As this Committee consists of the county officers, local presidents and all the superintendents of Department work it is highly important that they be present at this meeting.

COUNTY CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Though charges of gross corruption have frequently been made against the Canadian government, no prominent representative of the government has ever made reply. The Minister of the Interior, the Hon. Thomas White, is now taking up the gauntlet, and in the September number of the *Forum* will undertake to show that the public affairs of Canada are honestly and wisely administered, and that the Canadian people are making healthy progress toward a strong and homogeneous nationality.

Last week a swindler cheated a farmer near Carlisle out of $280 in this mode: They represented themselves as hay fork agents and desired to sell him one. The farmer declined to buy. A fork was then left with the farmer, he to use it and act as agent. An article of agreement was then signed and the fork men departed. The agreement has since turned out to be a promissory note for $200 and has been presented to the maker by the third party. The farmer consulted a lawyer and his been advised to pay the note.

An important decision, of interest to all who reside in cities, towns or villages, was recently made at Lebanon by Judge Henderson. A man was indicted for an assault and battery on a neighbor because he claimed the early apples on the limbs of the tree overspreading the prosecutor's lot. Judge Henderson said that the owner of land is the owner of it from his line upward as far as he desires to make claim of it. This being the law the prosecutor had the right to the fruit on the branches extending over his lot. He might even have sawed them off. His decision is important at this particular time and is generally misunderstood by the people.

Home Rule is proven to actually exist in one of England's provinces, by an article in the September *Harper's* on the Isle of Man. Dr. Richard Wheatley shows that this Island of Noma has long enjoyed the right of controlling her own affairs, after a fashion, and has been gradually strengthening her independence, until now she makes her own laws, administers her own justice, and thrives in a well-arranged system of self-government, with only a Governor appointed by the crown to represent her loalty to the Queen. Some of the Manx laws and customs retain their ancient quaintness, but the prosperity of the Lilliputian state furnishes an encouraging instance of what intelligent Home Rule can do. The article is illustrated by views of the chief cities of Man, a portrait of the Governor, an engraving of the legislative House of Keys in session, and a map of the Island.

The following letters and postals remaining in the post office at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not called for within ten days from this date, August 20, 1887:

Auman, Webster; Baker, Martin; Buechly, Daniel; Baker, Sol.; Baker, Miss Harriet; Dietz, Sam. A.; Ferretta, Nicola; Gessner, Miss Minerva; Garver, Miss Lanza; Grunese, Nicola; Giffin, Mrs. George; Gingrict, G. A.; Hammond, Charles; Kerr, M. W.; McCartney, John; McD Cessnan, Mrs. John; Needham, J. D.; Ober, Daniel; Reel, J. A.; Stahl, W. H.; Sayers, Andrew; Taylor, James K.; Trend, Louis; Thomas, Benjamin; Wendell, Sam; Walker, J. F.; Wittmut, Hannah; Yats, Mrs.; Zimmerman, Henry. Postals:—Barnhart, Annie; Campbell, J. S.; Calhoun, A. T.; Gingrict, D. A.; Hoover, Mary L.; Helger, Henry; Johnston, Mrs. Clara; McIsaacs, A.; Spangler, H. H.; Stahl, Harry. Foreign:—Anglo C. Gloria.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

Teachers' examinations will be held at the places and on the dates following:

Berlin, Tuesday,	September	6th.
Salisbury, Thursday,	"	8th.
Meyersdale, Friday,	"	9th.
Rockwood, Monday,	"	12th.
Ursina, Tuesday,	"	13th.
Confluence, Wednesday,	"	14th.
N Lexington, Thursday,	"	15th.
N Centreville, Friday,	"	16th.
Somerset, Monday,	"	19th.
Jenner X Roads Tuesday	"	20th.
Bethel, Wednesday,	"	21st.
Stoystown, Thursday,	"	22d.
Shanksville, Friday,	"	23d.

Special examination at Berlin on Saturdays, October 1st and 8th.

Examinations will begin at 8 o'clock, a. m. Applicants will be prepared with writing material. (Legal cap preferred.)

Certificates will be issued on the morning following the examination of applicants. The postoffice at the place where the examination is held will be the most convenient medium.

Directors and friends of education are earnestly invited to be present.

J. M. BERKEY,
County Superintendent.

BERLIN, PA., August 4, 1887.

Mr. Ferg G. Parker, of Johnstown, was in Somerset over Sunday.

Mr. John H. Snyder, of Dayton, Ohio, is at the Somerset House.

The bricklayers are at work on the extension of Printing House Row.

The annual harvest home picnic at the Casebeer church, was held Saturday.

Mr. Ned Kiernan and Mr. Robert Bole, of Allegheny City, are spending a few days in Somerset.

Mr. Will A. Kimmell, of Pittsburgh, spent Sunday in Somerset, returning to the city Sunday night.

Misses Mame Darragh and Marian Platt are visiting in Bedford, the guests of Miss Nettie Blymyer.

Mr. J. F. Blymyer was suddenly called to Bedford Thursday last, where his mother is lying seriously ill.

Mr. Thomas E. Shoemaker, of Bellefonte, arrived in Somerset Monday morning, called here on legal business.

Rev. George H. Johnson, of Philadelphia, preached two very able sermons in the Presbyterian church Sunday.

The exterior of the Mammoth Block has been freshly painted, which greatly improves the appearance thereof.

Mr. Joseph E. Herr, of Oil City, arrived in Somerset Saturday evening, where he will remain for a week or ten days.

A game of base ball will be played at Jennertown, August 26th, between the Jennertown club and the Glades of this place.

Mr. Ed. Hoffman, son of Mr. John J. Hoffman, is seriously ill in Philadelphia. He is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Mary Gebhart and Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Dayton, Ohio, are visiting in Somerset. They are guests of Mr. George R. Parker.

The Democratic State Convention meets at Allentown on Wednesday of next week. The delegates from this county are H. L. Baer, Esq., and Mr. C. H. Fisher.

Mrs. John G. Ogle and family, who had been spending the past month at the residence of Mrs. Ogle's father, Judge Baer, returned to their home at Latrobe Friday.

Representative James L. Pugh was one of the vice presidents of the late Republican State Convention, and was also one of the special committee of nine to draft a platform.

The colored campmeeting to be held in Brant's Grove commences Thursday, and will continue over two Sundays. A number of able colored ministers from Washington City will be in attendance during the camp.

Mr. Cal. B. Cook, formerly a Somerset county teacher, but now principal of the Great Bend, Susquehanna county public schools, is visiting relatives and friends at his former home. He spent several days of last week in Somerset, as the guest of Mr. Jonas M. Cook.

The Gazette says: The matchless eloquence of the Bedford bar has conquered the court. The hearts of the judges have been melted by the tears of the lawyers, and there will be one week of court in September. The jurors drawn for the second week will be notified to stay at home.

The annual convention of the Womans' Christian Temperance Union will be held in Berlin commencing Thursday evening, September 15, 1887. The Convention will be opened with an address by Miss Narcissa E. White, of Mercer, Pa. Miss White will also deliver one of her popular lectures in Somerset on Wednesday evening preceding the Convention.

Miss Pauline Kimmell, youngest daughter of Hon. F. M. Kimmell, of Chambersburg, formerly of Somerset, was married last week to Mr. Linn Harbaugh, a young member of the Franklin County bar. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Berghaus, rector of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church. The three little nieces of the bride acted as maids of honor. The wedding was largely attended.

The Eleventh Reunion of the Society of the Army of West Virginia will be held a Wheeling, August 23d to 26th, and, for the accommodation of all persons desiring to attend, excursion tickets will be sold to Wheeling, by the B. & O. R. R. Co., at one fare for the round trip from all stations west of and including Cumberland. Tickets will be sold every day from August 22nd to 26th, inclusive, and all tickets will be good for return passage until August 27th, inclusive.

The campmeeting held by the Evangelical Association on their grounds north of town was brought to a close Sunday evening. The crowd in attendance was not quite so large as on former years, and the best of order was maintained throughout the camp. The Association appears to be solid financially and the managers should now pay some attention to the improvement of the grounds. A small amount of money judiciously expended in this direction would give them one of the handsomest camp grounds in the State.

Since our last issue Marriage Licenses have been issued to the following named persons:

John E. Eash and Susanna Blough, both of Conemaugh township.

Elmer E. Pugh and Sadie B. Trent, both of Somerset township.

Noah Ott and Lizzie Beebes, both of Paint township.

Isaac K. Shaffer and Emma J. Croyle, both of Conemaugh township.

Perry A. Brough, of Jefferson township, and Joanna Saylor, of Middlecreek township.

The much-talked-of, especially by the small boy, game of baseball between the Glades, of Somerset, and Jennertown club, came off on schedule time on the grounds of the first named club Saturday afternoon, and resulted in the "Glades" receiving a most complete drubbing at the hands of their opponents. The game was a very tiresome one to witness, and was only remarkable for the many errors and poor playing on both sides. It was witnessed by about four hundred people. The umpire, "Tommy" Walter, sized up to the occasion, and his decisions gave very general satisfaction. The same teams will play at Jennertown Friday afternoon.

The State Pardon Board at their meeting at Harrisburg last week granted a pardon to Albert F. Domer, of this county who was convicted at the February term of court, for obtaining tax receipts for citizens exonerated from the payment and delivering them to persons named therein on which they cast their votes. Domer was sentenced to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months. All but about three weeks of the term of his imprisonment had expired. Sheriff Winter's received the pardon Saturday afternoon and at once released Mr. Domer who immediately left for his home at Meyersdale where he has a wife and a family of small children.

Mr. Charles Stow, general press agent for P. T. Barnum & Co., was in Somerset and called at the HERALD office Tuesday morning. Mr. Stow is a Pennsylvanian, having for many years had charge of the Erie Observer. He is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman and is very popular with the newspaper fraternity throughout the State. His business in Somerset at this time was to make arrangements to have the great Barnum circus exhibit here on the 10th of October. Barnum has never before exhibited in so small a place as Somerset, and he proposes trying the experiment of showing in a comparatively small town and depending upon collecting a large crowd by running excursion trains from every favorable point.

Good Taste.

Congressman Wm. McKinley, the "Little Napoleon" of Ohio is now rusticating in "the glades" of Somerset county, Pa., where Chauncey F. Black was born, and where the "old man" of the *Times* emigrated from a few years ago, when a year old. We congratulate the genial Major in spying out so fine a locality, famous the country over for its maple sugar, honey and good butter. He has a brother resident there.—*Banner Times.*

Going too Far.

Francis Murphy, the temperance apostle, don't approve of the Pittsburgh Law and Order Society's crusade against the druggists for selling soda water on Sunday. Of the doings of the Society he said: "They have gone a little too far. If I had my way I'd have soda water and lemonade for sale on every street corner. Better let men drink such pleasing refrigerants than have them go to the woods and there spend the day with their companions and a keg of beer."

An Enemy of the Potato.

It is said that a white grub, an inch and a half long, and as large around as an ordinary lead-pencil, is making havoc among the potatoes on some farms in other counties. The grubs work their way into the potato, and board and lodge there until there is nothing left of it but a thin shell; then they take up their quarters in another. The worst of it is there seems to be no way to get rid of them. There is no outside indication of their presence, and before it is suspected they have got in their work.

Pennsylvania State Fair.

The State Fair will be held at Philadelphia September 5th to 17th, and during this period the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia, at greatly reduced rates, from all points on its lines in the State of Pennsylvania. From September 5th to 12th inclusive the rates will be two cents per mile each way, figured on the short line distance. From Sept. 13th to 17th inclusive the rates will be one fare for the round trip. All excursion tickets will be valid for return passage until September 20th inclusive.

New Series of Postage Stamps.

Mr. Harris, Third Assistant Postmaster General, says that the new series of postage stamps soon to be issued, will vary little from the designs now in use. The vignettes will not be changed at all, and the portraits on the new stamps will be identical with those now in use. The chief object of the change will be to make the new series of adhesive stamps conform to those embossed on the envelopes now issued from the department. To this end there will be several changes in the colors employed. The most noticeable of these will be the two-cent stamp. This is now brown. In the new series it will be of million green.

Poisoned by Canned Tomatoes.

Mrs. Shanks and her daughter, Mrs. Layton, residing near Fayette City, Thursday ate some canned tomatoes which had been allowed to stand in the can several hours after being opened. Both women were taken violently ill soon after supper and went into convulsions. A physician was called and labored with them throughout the entire night. At last accounts they were still in a critical condition. An examination showed that the acid of the tomatoes had attacked the lining of the can as soon as the air was admitted, and had eaten away enough of it to poison the entire contents.

The Jubilee of Liberty.

The progress made by the Commission in arranging the details, and the remarkable unanimity with which the different State Governments have responded to invitations to participate in the celebration of the one hundredth birthday of the American Constitution, leaves not the slightest room for doubt that the demonstration will be the largest and most imposing event ever held on American soil, barring only the great celebration of 1876. The grand trades and industrial procession of September 15th will be an epitome of our industrial progress in one hundred years. It will comprehend all branches of industry, and in many instances the advancement of particular branches will be demonstrated by working models of the old contrasted with the new way. Requests for assignment to positions in the line are pouring in on the Chief Marshal from every field of industry in the various parts of the country.

The military demonstration of the 16th will also be a most interesting and brilliant feature. Fifteen thousand troops of the various States, besides detachments of marines and regulars, will be present and participate. A most striking feature of the parade will be the contrast offered by the Revolutionary soldier side by side with the guardsmen of to-day. The North Atlantic squadron will anchor in the Delaware for the occasion, and a grand naval pageant will form a part of the spectacular ceremonies.

The principal event of the 17th will be the commemorative exercises to be presided over by the President of the United States, and addressed by a Justice of the Supreme Court. The President and his Cabinet, the representatives of foreign governments at Washington, the Governors of the States, and distinguished people from all parts of the land will be present during the celebration. In addition to the events mentioned a large number of other entertainments, public receptions, and special features, will serve to make the three days the most brilliant and interesting ever known in the history of the Quaker City.

For the benefit of the vast multitude of people who will throng to the city on this occasion, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia, September 13th, 14 th, 15th, 16th, and 17th, good to return until September 20th, inclusive, from all stations on its system at one unlimited fare for the round trip.

A Pastor's Surprise.

It occurred to the members of the New Centreville Lutheran Church living in New Lexington and vicinity, that it would not be inappropriate to surprise their pastor on his birthday anniversary. The evening set apart by this party was also the evening of the meeting of a certain committee of which the pastor was a member. On leaving home he was enjoined by his wife to return at an early hour, as the Reformed pastor and his wife were expected to call that evening. I returned, and was not surprised to see them present. But a short time elapsed when an unusual clatter of hoofs a rumbling of wheels, and above all the sound of voices was heard. A halt was made in front of the parsonage. In the darkness of the night, being cloudy and forboding rain, it was difficult to discern who they were but it was soon discovered they were no foes, but friends. Words like these were heard, viz: "Hand me that bundle." "Where is that package?" "Give me my basket, please," etc. These raiders were led by a certain doctor who unceremoniously demanded admission, and informed the inmates that they had come to occupy the parsonage for a time and that the dining-room should be theirs exclusively for the time being. Well, with such a force, and not without anticipation as to what would likely follow, we yielded to the demand. In a comparatively short time a committee waited upon those of us who had been excluded from the dining-room and brought us to view a table groaning with a burden of ministers' favorite fare, viz: chicken, chicken entire, chicken carved, cakes, candies, etc., etc., almost making one exclaim, "*O for a greater capacity!*" After this sumptuous repast the evening was spent in a most pleasant manner until the "wee sma' hours", were a reminder that they must return to their homes. Before separation a student, who was one of the party, was delegated to convey their congratulations to the pastor on this anniversary occasion. His appropriate address was appropriately responded to by the pastor, thanking them for their manifestations of kindness and love. The lord reward them abundantly for their kind remembrance and tokens of esteem.

J. H. ZINN.

GLADE, PA., August 20, 1887.

THE GREAT HOLIDAY.

Barnum and His World of Wonders Coming.

The public generally, as well as hundreds never seen at any other traveling entertainment, will assemble at Somerset on Monday, October 10th, to patronize and applaud the Barnum and London Unity of Shows, for apart from the magnitude and interest of this truly great exhibition, it is a notable fact that it is managed by upright men upon square business principles, deals honestly with the public and is really a moral as well as a mighty enterprise. Its two monster menageries and enormous herd of wonderfully educated elephants, many kinds of music, vast museum of living marvels, three great circuses in three rings, huge elevated stage for Olympian games, grandly classic Roman hippodrome, royal caravan of camels and dromedaries, host of foreign celebrities, ten acres of tremendous tents, solid mile of special railroad trains of rare living features and astonishing performances, and the grand and sensational free street pageant, have not only been liberally enlarged and enriched, but new and unique features of the greatest interest added, such as the most wondrous Hairy Family of Burmah, the reversed Mascots of King Theebaw and his royal predecessors; and the brave, ingenious and celebrated Captain Paul Boynton, giving his extraordinary nautical exhibitions in the waters of a specially constructed artificial lake. Among these towers the mighty form of Jumbo, transformed by the scientific genius of Prof. Henry A. Ward, of Rochester, New York, into a double wonder; for at the side of the African Colossus as natural as life stands his prodigious skeleton, with each enormous bone in proper place—a massive marvel, without precedent or counterpart. "Alice," Jumbo's gigantic, wise and affectionate "wife" and widow, and the most famous and interesting of all living creatures, has also been obtained from the Royal Zoological Gardens in London, England. What a day it will be for the little folks, and, for that matter, the children of a larger growth, as well!

Burglars About.

Between the time of closing their stores Monday night and daylight Tuesday morning the Drug Store of Geo. W. Benford & Son and the Dry Goods store of J. B. Snyder was entered by burglars. At Benford's a large pane of glass was broken from one of the alley windows and an entrance effected in this way. Although the show cases were filled with valuable goods and there were many articles of value, easy to be carried away, distributed throughout the store the only thing found to be missing was from ten to a dozen bottles of a preparation of malt whiskey for medicinal purposes. The thieves unlocked one of the front doors and made their egress in that way.

At Snyders a large pane of glass was carefully cut from the upper sash of one of the windows in the rear of the store and through the opening thus gained, the sash bolt was removed and the lower sash was hoisted. Here the burglars made a more extensive haul. All the fine dress goods, pocket books, pen knives, etc., were taken from the shelves and cases and carried away. A new ladder, which had been used by the burglars was found standing up against the building in the morning. Mr. Snyder thinks that his loss will amount to from four to five hundred dollars.

An attempt was made the same night, and it is supposed by the same gang to break into several private residences in the town.

There is a very strong suspicion as to who the guilty parties are, and every means possible will be taken to hunt the rascals down and bring them to justice.

Death of Ex-Judge Musselman.

The announcement of the death of Ex-Associate Judge C. C. Musselman, which took place at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon occasioned a great surprise and shock to this community as it was generally believed that he was slowly but surely recovering from the fever with which he and all his household had been stricken about four weeks since. It seems that the Judge had progressed well toward recovery when on Friday evening last his kidneys failed of action and a relapse set in, followed by blood poisoning. The attending physician, Dr. J. M. Louther, saw at once that the case was hopeless and so informed the family, suggesting however, that the opinion and advice of another doctor might be of some satisfaction. Late Saturday night a telegram was sent to Dr. L. T. Beam, of Johnstown, who arrived in Somerset on the first train Sunday morning.

Judge Musselman was 62 years of age and was a prominent citizen of this county. Until within the past two years he resided on an elegant farm on the line of the Somerset & Cambria railroad, about three miles north of town. About two years ago he disposed of his farm and purchased a property on East Main street, which he greatly beautified and improved, converting it into one of the handsomest and most comfortable homes about the town.

The body of the Judge was embalmed and will be kept until 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, in order to allow his two sons who live in the West to reach here in time for the funeral which will take place at that hour.

Confluence Notes.

The campmeeting in the Excursion Grove did not close on last Sabbath evening as was expected, but will be continued through the week. Rev. C. W. W. Frazer, the minister having the meeting in charge, is a native of Africa. He was captured by a whaler about twenty years ago and kept on the sea by his captors for about eight years, during which time he was taken to China and Constantinople. On the return trip from China the ship was wrecked and he was rescued from death by a British vessel and carried to Liverpool. Afterwards he was landed at Castle Garden, New York.

Mr. Frazer is a remarkable man and he deserves much credit for his indomitable push and pluck. He has not only learned the arts of civilized life, but has also acquired a good education, and is in every respect a gentleman, and has made for himself many friends here.

He is a native of the Congo Valley and belonged to the Carrio tribe. The hair of his head and face drop off during the cold weather in this climate but grow again when the warm weather returns in the spring. He is rather a fine speaker, and his earnest manner never fails to make a favorable impression upon the minds of his hearers. He also has with him a troupe of the best singers that ever came to this place. Mr. George Lee, of Connellsville, is one of them, and those who have heard George can form some idea of the singing.

The meeting has been well attended and, as a rule, good order has been maintained. A few young folks, some that would like to be called ladies and gentlemen, did not conduct themselves, on last Sabbath evening, in a becoming manner. I presume they could not restrain themselves any longer. Some of them had nice and respectable parents at home who would have been pained to have seen them misbehave.

Those girls who laughed so loud, made a very favorable impression after all; the people know them now by their voices and will shun their company. Some of those pert young men who puffed cigar smoke in the face of auditors just to let them know that they could buy cigars on credit, or beg them from some one else, made for themselves friends such as they deserve. When a man can be brought to our shores from benighted Africa and in twelve years become a cultured gentleman, and be able to entertain a large audience of intelligent people, what is the condition of those who were brought up in this country, having during the whole of their lives enjoyed the benefits of free schools and free institutions and can't behave themselves during the time the Gospel is preached. Man must certainly be totally depraved.

DICK.

CONFLUENCE, PA., August 22, 1887.

Wanted!

Hides, Furs, Bark. I will pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. I also want 500 cords of Rock Oak and Spruce bark.

H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

IT WILL BE BUILT.

A Gentleman who Believes in the South Penn.

"The equity suit begun by the Pennsylvania interests in the United States courts at New York against the reorganization of the South Penn project is a sign of utter desperation," said a gentleman connected with the South Penn to a reporter the other day. It shows conclusively that their efforts to stop the completion of the competing line have reached the stage when no action, however unprecedented, will be omitted that affords a straw to catch at. The best lawyers tell me that nothing like it was ever heard of in legal practice. Here is a legal dispute in which the interests of two Pennsylvania corporations are involved, that has been fully argued in the State courts. The preliminary injunction has practically shown the claim of the Pennsylvania railroad to be against public policy and contrary to the constitution. But while the final hearing in the State courts is still pending the Pennsylvania road seeks to take the question to the United States Courts in another State and to have the question decided there which is wholly subject to the constitution of this State. This shows that the Pennsylvania railroad recognizes that the day has gone by when it can have its own way in the Pennsylvania courts, and is resorting to desperate measures to drag in the authority of outside courts.

"The remarkable nature of the suit appears in another respect. The bill tries to make it appear that the bargain for the delivery of the South Penn was completed. The fact is that the stock which was to transfer the control of the South Penn was never delivered, nor did the 60 per centum specified in the Vanderbilt-Roberts bargain even sign. The entire bargain fell through when the 60 per cent. stipulated in the original deal did not assent to the transfer. The only claim the Pennsylvania has is upon certain individuals who agreed to deliver it certain securities or shares which it desired to control, providing 60 per centum of the whole signed.

"That agreement has been enjoined by the State Courts as contrary to the State Constitution, and a re-argument before the same tribunal is refreshing old straw. But even if the final decision of the courts should hold legal the only right that the Pennsylvania railroad would have would be to sue those who had not carried out their agreement, for breach of contract. Their present proceeding is exactly the same as if anyone should claim that a failure to deliver stocks in any corporation should prevent that corporation from transacting the business for which it was chartered. Yes, in addition to the commentary which this proceeding makes on the claim that it was not the Pennsylvania railroad, but some other corporation that purchased the South Penn, it reveals the desperation with which that corporation is catching at any method, however unprecedented, to choke off the new project."

The gentleman referred to the immense cost and capitalization of the Pennsylvania, and then said: "The Pennsylvania railroad will always be able to earn a large profit on its legitimate and honest investment. The effect of the fourth section of the inter-state commerce law is to give the shortest time between two points the advantage in transportation over roundabout lines. That is perfectly right in a business point of view, and its operation at present is to the advantage of the South Pennsylvania railroad. But the effect of the South Penn is not only that it will share this advantage, but it will puncture the huge capitalization of the Pennsylvania. What chances will that corporation have to force rates that will yield 6 per cent. on its immense capital, practically representing the cost of two roads, with a competing line that will cost $24,000,000? This is the point which agitates the Pennsylvania road. It is the completion of a line the capital of which only represents the modern cost of construction that makes the Pennsylvania railroad so desperate."

"Is there any likelihood that its efforts to choke off the new project will have any success?"

"I do not think so. The completion of the South Penn as an independent line is as certain as anything in the future can be. The agreement for that purpose brings up one point about which the Pennsylvania railroad makes an erroneous statement. It is alleged that the reorganization and reconstruction of the South Penn road is between the minority interests. Now the fact is that before the agreement was presented to the subscribers of the South Penn project at large it had received the approval of the majority interests. The history is that a meeting was held in New York at which representatives of Pittsburg and New York capital comprised a majority of the South Penn capital, and the agreement was arranged before that meeting adjourned and received the signatures of the majority of the capital, the basis of which is the completion of the road. When the agreement was presented to the other Pittsburg and Philadelphia subscribers the matter was practically settled; but the assurance has been strengthened by the fact that over three-quarters of the old capital has now signed the new agreement, with some counties yet to hear from."

"Will the new route be able to command the Reading outlet?"

"Undoubtedly. It has the contract for that purpose, and it is further true that the Reading will be glad to carry out the contract in letter and spirit instead of seeking to evade it. A good deal of misapprehension exists as to the position of the Reading in this matter. Mr. Corbin is maintaining friendly relations with the Pennsylvania railroad, as is good policy, on all matters in which the interests of the two corporations agree. But if any one supposes that he will sacrifice the interests of the Reading, in a matter where its prosperity is at stake, for the sake of averting the enmity of the Pennsylvania, they are mistaken in the man."

"What is the prospect of the new road as an investment?"

"The entire capitalization is limited by the agreement to $8,000,000 common stock, $4,000,000 preferred stock, and 12,000,000 bonds. This total of $24,000,000 will build and stock the road from Harrisburg to Pittsburg, and is ample for all purposes. The only question as to the return on this investment was whether the road could get $5,000,000 tons of freight a year, and the tonnage is now guaranteed to it as soon as its lines are opened. The Hunting & Broad Top railroad alone, which is bottled up by the Pennsylvania railroad at both ends, will give that amount of freight to the new road. Then the tonnage coming from the Robert Hare Powell estate and from the Western Pennsylvania gas coal interests that have been shut out from the east in the interest of the Westmoreland Coal Company will be an important addition to the traffic. The Cumberland Valley, which is one of the richest districts in the state, has been squeezed by the Pennsylvania railroad, just as Pittsburg used to be, and the people of that valley have since the fact of reorganization was published, written to Pittsburg stockholders in the South Penn that the Cumberland Valley would put $2,000,000 into the South Penn road as soon as it was ready to commence work. The bonds of the new line are gilt-edged with the guarantees in traffic contracts that are made, and its future is assured. The Pennsylvania railroad may make a few more desperate efforts, but they will be futile, as far as any one can now see."

Susquehanna Bone Phosphate

now ready for delivery. Farmers who have not ordered will please call at the office of Peter Fink, at the Somerset Depot, and examine our goods before purchasing elsewhere.

A. Z. KOOTZ.

Estray Notice.

Strayed from the stable of the subscriber on Saturday morning, July 6th, a yellow and white spotted cow, white face and large horns. Horns bored from under side. A liberal reward will be paid for her immediate return.

JOSEPH CROPPENSTEDT.

CHAUTAUQUA AT FLOODTIDE.

Graduation of the C. L. S. C. Class of 1887—Personal Allusions and Sketches—A Tempest in a Teapot Subsides and Evaporates.

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., August 17.

This is Chautauqua's great day of the year. The weather has been fine—indeed, the day has been one of rare, ideal beauty, worthy of June or Italy. The grand Chautauqua procession, composed of first, Grand Marshal W. A. Duncan, of Syracuse, secretary of the Chautauqua Assembly and University, with the uniformed Chautauqua police; second, the Chautauqua band; third, the Chautauqua cadets, just eighty-seven beautiful little girls in white, led by Mrs. Frank Beard and Miss Minnie A. Barney; fifth, banner bearers; sixth, members of the Chautauqua Guild of the Seven Seals, the League of the Round Table, the Order of the White Seal, and the Society of the Hall in the Grove—all with their badges, and hundreds in number; seventh, the members of the class of 1887 who are present, over 2,000 strong; eighth, Hon. Lewis Miller, of Akron, Ohio, President of the Assembly and University, and Rev. Dr. John H. Vincent, Chancellor; ninth, counselors and officers; tenth, the Board of Trustees. The members of the class passed within the Golden Gate, the little girls in white scattering flowers in their pathway to the Hall of Philosophy, in which structure Rev. Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, D. D., gave the public recognition. The procession then reformed marched to the Amphitheatre, where a magnificent address was delivered by Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, of Boston. After luncheon another gathering was held in the Amphitheatre; letters were read by Chancellor Vincent from the Chautauqua counselors, Dr. Gibson, of London, England; Rev. Bishop H. W. Warren; Rev. Dr. Wilkinson, of Tarrytown, New York; Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, of the *Christian Union*, New York; Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, preacher, author, lecturer and philanthropist, of Boston, and Rev. Dr. Carlisle. Late at night there was a ghostly burlesque recognition demonstration, with procession, oration, distribution of diplomas, etc., that was exceedingly funny, as a whole and in detail. It is strongly suspected that Mr. Frank Beard, the artist and humorist, and Mrs. Frank Beard, who is something of everything that is bright and good are implicated in the affair.

The waiters at the Hotel Athenaeum gave a fine and lively entertainment in the grand dining hall last evening. These waiters are students of Oberlin College and the Syracuse University who, by service at the tables, make their annual outing at Chautauqua remunerative as well as restful and enjoyable.

Professor Henry Drummond, of the Free Church College, Glasgow, and Rev. A. M. Fairbairn, President of Mansfield College, Oxford University, have made a profound impression by their lectures and addresses from the Chautauqua platform this season. Both are pronounced blondes, of pure Scotch blood, and both are of very simple and charming manners. Professor Drummond, the author of that remarkable book, "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," which has most favorably impressed thoughtful and intelligent religious people in both the hemispheres, and in which the author has brushed away the clouds between many honest doubters and their Creator, has delighted thousands of Chautauquans from all parts of the land, by his clearness in the expression of religous ideas and principles, which are abreast with the advanced thought of the age. And yet Professor Drummond, who has acquired a world-wide fame, is only 35 years of age. Principal Fairbairn, of Oxford has shown himself equal, as a lecturer and a philosopher, to any person who has ever occupied the Chautauqua platform. His addresses on religious and political movements in history have not only greatly pleased thousands of people, but have greatly instructed them. These two men, and our own Chancellor Vincent, who preached last Sunday, have lifted Chautauquans into a higher and purer atmosphere of religious thought and opinion—broad, expansive and aggressive. I may well and truly say, in connection with this, that Chautauqua is larger and better, in all respects, than it has ever been before—for the attendance has been greater, and the receipts larger than in any previous year. About two hundred thousand people have been on the grounds at one time or another, this year.

Another royal spirit who has been on the Chautauqua platform, last year and this, is George W. Cable, who has read his "Story of Grande Pointe," and passages from his book, "Dr. Sevier." These were read with wonderful pathos and power, and Mr. Cable captured his immense audiences en masse and in detail, making fast and enthusiastic friends of every man, woman and child in Chautauqua. Cable is a man of slight figure but erect as a pine, with a perfectly formed head and one of the finest faces from which human eyes have looked. A few years ago Cable made a Sunday-school speech at Boston in which he said: "I have five children and half of them are girls." The omnipresent bad boy shouted out, "That's a lie!" "No, it isn't," said Cable, "for the other half are girls also." "But the story is spoiled now," said Mr. Cable to the writer of these few lines, "for a sixth girl has made its appearance which is a boy."

"Much ado about nothing," has been made concerning an affair which is truthfully described as follows, in the Jamestown (N. Y.) *Sunday Sun*:

The meeting of the numbers of the Assembly for the annual election of trustees resulted in much confusion, and was the scene of a disgraceful attempt to disrupt the proceedings. The printed constitution and by-laws gives notice of the time and place of meeting and public notice was given from the platform of the Amphitheatre, besides printed notice in the *Assembly Herald*. The rules of the Assembly requires a lease holder to record the lease before such person shall vote for trustees. A larger number than usual gathered and a ballot was taken, when it was found that only 126 votes were cast, which number was not the necessary one-third of the whole number entitled to vote as required by the constitution. Then according to the rules the meeting was adjourned and the body of trustees proceeded to the election. During the meeting Mr. A. C. Wade, the counsel of the cottagers, opposed to the 10 per cent. tax, attempted to take part and make motions and vote. His authority was demanded and he flourished a lease and claimed the ownership. As the lease was not on record Mr. Miller, the chairman, refused to recognize him, and he began to bulldose the officers, using violent, abusive and threatening language. The assemblage adjourned, when Wade called on the people to reorganize, and and a man by the name of Gale was made chairman. Wade then moved that the 10 per cent. tax be rescinded. At this stage Mr. Miller, President of the Assembly, ordered Wade's arrest, which was made. Wade struggled and abused the officers in profane and threatening language. Gale was arrested also, and both were released on their own recognizances. According to the constitution and by-laws of the Assembly, Wade was illegally present at the meeting, had no right to take part even as legal counsel, and his position all through was untenable.

"This is the whole matter in a nutshell. Messrs. Miller, Root, and others at the head of the Chautauqua movement, with Chancellor Vincent and Secretary and Superintendent W. A. Duncan, are men of the highest character, liberal and generous Christian gentlemen, who have put hundreds of thousands of dollars into this enterprise, conducted purely in the interest of the cause of popular education and enlightenment in the homes of the people of America, and in the Englishmen, Russians, Chinese, Japanese, and of the inhabitants of other portions of the world as well, and they have never taken a dollar out of the proceeds, all of which will be devoted to the extinguishing of the debt and the improvement of the grounds, the erection of new buildings, etc., etc. The little breeze of excitement is dying out—passing away. "All's well that ends well."

The lecturers for the remainder of the season are: Prof. Henry Drummond; Rev. Dr. Duryea, of Boston; Mr. John DeWitt Miller, of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. N. West; Prof. W. C. Richards, and others. The Boston "Stars," and the "Schuberts," of Chicago, with Prof. I. V. Flagler, organist, of Auburn, will furnish the music. The season will close Sunday, Aug. 27.

C. M. NICHOLS.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE FAIR.

A Monster Exhibition to be Held this Year.

The Thirty-third Annual Exhibition of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society will open upon the grounds of the Society in Philadelphia, on Monday, September 5th, and continue for two weeks, closing on Saturday, September 17th. The circumstances under which the State Fair will be held this year are more than usually favorable and no effort or money will be spared to make this exhibition far exceed anything that has ever before been seen in the State of Pennsylvania. The annual exhibitions of the Society have always been widely and well known, and have each year brought thousands of people to Philadelphia to attend them, but it is safe to say that the exhibition which is now being arranged will be of wider range and greater interest than those of