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Thursday, August 11, 1887.

The fire record for the first half of 1887 shows an alarming increase over the first half of last year, the losses amounting to a total of \$62,921,000 as against \$53,900,000 for the first six months of 1875, and \$50,750,000 for the same period of 1885. This is truly a frightful record of destruction and calls for the exercise of greater care by every one, for it is reliably estimated that fully one-third of the entire loss was occasioned by carelessness.

A solid silver hatchet found recently in Sonora will soon adorn the museum of Princeton college. It weighs one hundred ounces, or a little over eight pounds, and as bullion is valued at \$1 an ounce. It is four inches in length, is wedge-shaped, and was evidently hammered by some prehistoric people. It was brought to San Francisco, and was purchased for \$150 by Henry G. Marquand, who will present it to his college.

Ex-Congressman C. F. Reed owns the largest wheat field in the world in Stanislaus County, Cal. It consists of 10,000 acres in one unbroken stretch along the bank of the San Joaquin River, and much of the land is protected by levees, as the stream is higher than the shore. The grain this year is as high as the back of a horse, and it is estimated the yield will be 60 bushels to the acre. This will give 400,000 bushels, which will load ten large vessels.

The people who get the best positions in this world are the ones who prepare themselves most carefully and work the hardest. The young fellow who makes no special effort to qualify himself for anything in particular, but just slides along through life, expecting to glide into a nice place after awhile will wake up some day with a start to find that youth has gone, middle age has come, opportunities have forever flown and his life is a failure.—*Altonna Tribune*

A large preponderance of the dissipation and crime of this age is directly traceable to the poison of idleness and the contempt for industry instilled in children by parents. It is the common ambition of even industrial fathers that their sons shall be what they call gentlemen, and the mothers' ambition is that their daughters shall be regarded as ladies. In most cases where such false education is given at home, neither the father nor the mother has any just conception of what constitutes a true gentleman or lady. They, as a rule, assume that idleness and dress above their means, with a smattering of brightness, distinguish the gentleman and lady from the vulgar herd, and by their example their children drift into all the logical ends of idleness.

An act passed in the closing days of the late session of the legislature declares that it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and wilfully keep any peach, almond apricot or nectarine tree infected with the contagious disease known as the yellow, or to sell or ship to others any of the fruit there of, and the tree so infected shall be subjected to destruction as a public nuisance. It provides that the supervisor of any town where there is good reason to believe that the disease exists shall forthwith appoint three freeholders, who shall immediately examine the suspected tree or fruit, and if they shall find it diseased, order the owner to destroy it within ten days; if he does not obey he is liable to a fine or imprisonment or both; and it becomes the commissioners' duty to effect the destruction at the cost of the town, which is given a right of action against the delinquent to recover the amount of it and commissioners' fees.

**THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS.**

In another column will be found the official public notice of the amendments proposed to the State Constitution by the last Legislature. Under the provisions of the fundamental law, amendments can be proposed to the people only once in five years; and when proposed by one Legislature, they must be publicly advertised weekly in each county for three months preceding the election. Then the proposed amendments must be again passed by both Houses without modification, and again advertised and finally submitted to a vote of the people for acceptance or rejection.

There are two distinct amendments now proposed to our Constitution, upon which the people will vote separately if approved by the next Legislature. One of them is the well-known Prohibition amendment, forbidding the manufacture, sale or keeping for sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and it commands the first Legislature after its adoption to enact laws with adequate penalties for its enforcement. The proposition does not embrace any provision for indemnity for property which might be rendered valueless by the adoption of Prohibition. This was proposed in the Legislature, both as a part of the Prohibition amendment and as a separate amendment, but it was rejected. The Prohibition amendment, therefore, is simply a naked prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within the State. There will doubtless be an effort made in the next Legislature to amend the proposed Prohibition amendment by a provision for payment of damages for property destroyed by Prohibition; but if so amended, or if amended in a single word, the amended amendment would then go over for another two years and could not be finally voted on before 1891.

The current of public sentiment likely to influence the selection of the next Legislature, will be for or against the Prohibition amendment as high license shall work well or ill in its experimental stages. If it shall be fearfully resisted or seriously embarrassed by the friends of the liquor traffic, there will be a decided tendency toward Prohibition; if it shall be accepted in good faith and be productive of good results, Prohibition will be much weaker next year than it is now. There will be ample time to discuss the question when it will be an issue face to face with the people in the selection of the next Legislature.

The other proposed amendment to the Constitution is a systematic effort to degrade the best offices and prerogatives of citizenship and to cheapen fraudulent elections. Stripped of all surplusage and boiled down to plain English, it proposes that a citizen may vote on one month's residence in his precinct, instead of two months as now; and without the payment of any tax whatever, instead of the petty poll tax of twenty-five cents a year required by the present Constitution. This amendment is the outgrowth of the prostituted and generally fraudulent system of party committees paying taxes for citizens and thus commanding their votes for the party ticket, regardless of the merits of candidates; and when it is considered that one half or more of all the voters of Philadelphia have compelled party committees to provide for their taxes, the extent of the demoralization and probable fraud may be approximated.

The provision requiring two months' residence in a precinct to become a voter was adopted as a necessity to break up a gigantic system of fraud in the cities, and there is no reason why it should be changed unless to facilitate fraud; and the payment of taxes by party committees has been one of the most fruitful sources of the pollution of the ballot. Instead of confessing that suffrage is valuable to the citizen by separating it from all obligations to support the government and by shortening the residence in the precinct, it would be vastly better for both citizen and government to require every citizen to qualify himself as a voter by personally attending to his registration and to the payment of his taxes. The man who does not regard the sovereignty of American citizenship as worth twenty-five cents a year for the support of the government, must lack every attribute of manly devotion to free institutions. A citizenship as priceless as is ours should be above purchase by politicians or sale by voters, and any change made in our elections laws should be to elevate and protect the ballot, rather than to degrade and pollute it.—*Phila Times*.

The Grand Army picnic will be held at Middleburgh, on Saturday, September 2d.

**SELINS GROVE.**

Town for the last week has been unusually quiet. Since we no longer have "Water Works" discussed on corner rostrums excitement has run low. Well, we all say it is time. With the two factions always in action and that with the most bitter feelings, our latest public local question has had a most demoralizing effect. It is settled—at least we hope so.

During the past week our town has been visited by a Rev. Miller who preached several evenings on the public squares. He finally moved to the river bank where he was successful in having a fair sized audience, but whether drawn by oratory or the attractions of our Sanguiniana on Summer evenings, I know not. This much is certain, in a land of churches there is no necessity for such preaching in agricultural communities.

The same Reverend Gentleman last year traveled over our county in the interest of the Salvation Army. A party of ladies and gentlemen of this place are camping in Centre county near Penns Cave. They are under the care and leadership of Mr. and Mrs. John Cohn, and doubtless they will be able to spend a pleasant week. Penns Cave will some day be classed foremost among Pennsylvania's Natural Wonders.

W. F. Shay, Esq., and wife of Watsonstown are visiting Mrs. Shay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hower. Mr. Sam. Holmes, a former Selins Grove boy, with his wife are visiting his parents.

B. F. Crouse and wife are spending some time at the Sea Shore. Saturday evening at the Middleburgh band was returning from a picnic near Port Trevorton, they stopped at the Keystone Hotel and during the evening treated our citizens to music. The Middleburgh Band well deserve the recognition they are receiving from all parts of the State.

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL CENTENNIAL.**

Low Rates to Philadelphia via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States, to be held in Philadelphia, September 15th, 16th, and 17th, promises to be one of the most interesting events that ever occurred in this country, and will rank second only to the great Centennial of 1876. The Commission, composed of some of the foremost men in the land, is fully organized, the President of the United States and his Cabinet are in cordial cooperation, and the Governors of all the States are aiding in the execution of the general plan.

A large number of troops of different States will doubtless participate in the military feature that were ever gathered before on a civic occasion; the industrial display is expected to be the finest and most comprehensive ever seen in this city, and the commemorative services, presided over by the Chief Magistrate and addressed by Mr. Justice Miller of the Supreme Court, will be the most imposing ceremony ever held in America.

The programme as outlined by the Commission is as follows:—

The 15th of September is assigned for a professional industrial display. This display, moving in long procession, mounted upon cars prepared for the purpose, and accompanied by various civic organizations, promises to be a feature of brilliant and historic interest.

The 16th of September is assigned for the military parade and review of the regiments and companies of the militia of the several States and Territories, accompanied by their respective Governors and staffs, and by detachments from the army and navy of the United States, detailed for that occasion.

The 17th of September is devoted to the special services of commemoration, at which the President of the United States will preside. The oration will be pronounced by Mr. Justice Miller, of the Supreme Court of the United States. In addition there will be a poem, national hymns, vocal and instrumental music, &c. Various other entertainments are offered by citizens during the progress of the celebration.

In order to accommodate the vast multitude of people who will desire to witness and participate in this national *fete* in honor of liberty, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia from all stations on their lines east of Pittsburg and Erie September 8th to 17th, good to return until the 23d, inclusive, at two cents per mile.

Special excursions by special trains from various points will be arranged, the details of which will be published later through the press and other means of public announcement.

In the meantime it will be well to underline the dates, and arrange to visit the city as a spectator of the great demonstration, which appeals to the patriotism of every American, as well as an every friend of freedom.

**A SINGULAR PENSION CASE.**

The Secretary of the Interior recently denied the claim of Wm. Hedgspeth, ex-prive in the Forty-second Indiana volunteers. The case is an uncommon one, and has been the subject of much discussion by pension officials. Hedgspeth was captured in 1863, and confined as a prisoner at Andersonville. After remaining in captivity five months he enlisted in the Confederate army, he says, to escape starvation, and so informed his fellow prisoners, and that at the first opportunity he would desert and, if possible, make his way back to his old command. After a short service in the Confederate army he carried out this intention, and finally reached his regiment, in which he served until discharged.

Some years ago Hedgspeth applied for a pension on the ground of disability contracted while in the Federal service. This fact was fully sustained. The law provides that no one who aided directly or indirectly the enemies of the Government in the late war shall be permitted to draw a pension. Hedgspeth's brief connection with the Confederacy made him amenable to the law. His motive, it is said, cannot be taken into consideration. Opinions by the dozen, some favorable and others unfavorable, have been written upon the case by the different officials of the Interior Department. At last, after the lapse of years, it reached the Secretary of the Interior for final action. The papers in the case, which are very voluminous, include a strong protest against payment of the pension by Commissioner Black.

The printing press has made presidents, killed poets, made bustles for beauties, and polished genius with criticism. It has made worlds get up at roll-call every morning, given the public lungs of iron and a voice of steam. It has set the price on a bushel of wheat. It has curtailed the power of rings, grazed the pantry shelves and bursted; it has converted banks into paupers, and made lawyers of college presidents; it has operated the homeless, and robbed the philosopher of his reason. It and kicks, and cries and dies, and it can't be run to suit every body, and the editor's a fool who tries it.

**HARVEST HOME PICNIC,**

1 Mile West of Middleburgh, In Bower's Grove SATURDAY, AUG. 13.

A picnic for the people and by the people of Snyder county, a day of recreation, to celebrate a year of prosperity and happiness.

Special trains in the evening both ways over the S. & L. Road, all the Bands in the county will present, and Ex-Governor A. G. Curtin will deliver an address. It will be a basket picnic but provision will be made to feed those not provided with the "basket." All invited.

Excursion Tickets will be sold on the S. & L. road, good on all trains. The EXTRA EXCURSION TRAIN will leave the grove for Adamsburg and Beavertown at 8 P. M., and for Sunbury—stopping at all stations at 9 P. M.

J. T. Frazer, Selinsgrove, Chairman of Committee.

**PUMPS? PUMPS?**

The undersigned takes this method of informing the citizens of the West End that he has on hand and for sale a fine line of Pumps, including "Cucumber," Chain, and all kinds of IRON FORCE PUMPS. Repairing all kinds of cums a specialty.

John F. Zechman, Troxelville, Pa.

**AGENTS**

**AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**  
 Proposed to the citizens of this Commonwealth for their approval or rejection by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Published by order of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in pursuance of Article XVIII of the Constitution.

**AMENDMENT.**  
 The manufacture, sale, or keeping for sale of intoxicating liquor, to be used as a beverage, is hereby prohibited, and any person who violates this prohibition shall be a misdemeanor, punished as shall be provided by law.

**AMENDMENT.**  
 The manufacture, sale, or keeping for sale of intoxicating liquor for other purposes than as a beverage may be allowed in such manner as may be provided by law.

The General Assembly shall, at the first session succeeding the adoption of this article of the Constitution, enact laws to adequate penalties for its enforcement.

A true copy of the Joint Resolution,  
 CHARLES W. STONE,  
 Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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**AMENDMENT.**  
 Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in accordance with the provisions of the sixteenth article of the constitution.

Strike out from section one, of article eight, of the constitution, the following: "Every male citizen, twenty-one years of age or upwards, who shall have resided within two years, a state or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least one month before the election, shall be entitled to vote at all elections."

Insert the following: "Every male citizen, twenty-one years of age or upwards, who shall have resided within two years, a state or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least one month before the election, shall be entitled to vote at all elections."

Section two, of the constitution, shall be amended so that it shall read: "The electors of the State shall be chosen by the people, at the time of the election, and shall be qualified to elect at the time of their election."

**TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.**  
 The annual examination of teachers for 1887 will be held in the several districts of Snyder county, on the following dates:

- Union—Perry, Aug. 15
- Chapman—Baker, " 16
- Beavertown—C. H. Baker, " 17
- Perry West—Crossroad, " 18
- Independent District—Pendule, " 19
- Washington—Perry, " 20
- Middleburgh—Wetzel, " 21
- Frankfort—Perry, " 22
- Spring—Alamont, " 23
- Adams—Troxelville, " 24
- Center—Perry, " 25
- Middleburgh & Franklin—Middleburgh, " 26
- Center—Perry, " 27
- Union—Perry, " 28
- Jackson—Kratzville, " 29
- Perry—Perry, " 30

The examinations will begin promptly at 8 o'clock a. m., and will be both oral and written. Applicants for admission to the district in which they intend to teach, must be present at least six months before the examination. I would recommend directors to open township schools on the first of September.

The Annual Institute will convene at Middleburgh, Dec. 25.

Respectful and friendly education are invited to attend the examinations.

Co. Asst. W. H. HAN, Co. Sup't., Middleburgh, Pa.

**Farm For Sale.**

The undersigned will sell at public sale on the premises at 1 o'clock, on Saturday, August 20, 1887, the following valuable Real Estate: FORTY ACRES of land in good cultivation situated in the North-east of Adamsburg and the Miller North-west of Beavertown, Snyder County, Pa. Has a TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE with seven rooms, BATH and other outbuildings, all in good condition. Choice Fruit and fine Spring of water.

W. L. KLING, Beaver Springs, Pa.

**GRAND JURY.**

Drawn for Sep. Term, commencing Monday, the 21st, 1887:

Adams—R. W. Pease,  
 Chapman—A. Schaeffer,  
 Franklin—Geo. E. Specht, J. W. Eisenhower,  
 Middleburgh—M. Shindel,  
 Middleburgh—H. F. Row, Henry Wetzel,  
 Morris—John S. Steyer, L. Cooper, Daniel Ferry,  
 Perry—John Schube,  
 Selinsgrove—J. A. Hower, N. J. Livingston, Jos. A. Ludwig, E. E. Duck, Peter Albert, Now Spring—W. P. Gross, Chas. E. Lloyd, Jerry Druckenmiller.

**PETIT JURY.**

Drawn for Sept Term, commencing Monday the 21st, 1887:

Adams—D. J. Hingaman, Harrison Meyer, W. H. Tolbas,  
 Beaver—W. H. Hingaman, Aaron Dreese, W. H. Heaver West—C. M. Middleburgh,  
 Center—Edmund Young, Joseph W. Kessler,  
 Frankfort—L. W. Kessler, H. E. Drucker,  
 Penns—D. W. Meyer,  
 Selinsgrove—H. H. Schoch, S. P. Burns, James P. Bierich,  
 Spring—Alex. Hummel, Geo. Lambert, Robert Smith, Jerry Schuch, Edward Knepp, Edman B. DeLong,  
 Union—Geo. M. Horrold, Franklin F. Neils,  
 Washington—Walter H. Reids, Thos. E. Arbaugh, W. H. Helm, Geo. K. Meyer, Lewis Mangel, Francis Glass.



**To The Public!**

We do not offer to pay railroad fare for our customers but we will sell our goods at such prices that all who buy them of us will have money enough left to pay their own fare. Everybody knows that when a firm offers to pay the fare for its customers, the price of such fare is first added to the price of the goods. Try it and be convinced.

**Sol. Oppenheimer's**  
 Clothier, Selinsgrove, Pa.



**Stylish and Well Made Clothing**

I will continue the Merchant Tailoring business in Arnold's Room, Middleburgh, Pa., and take this means of informing the people of Snyder county, that I have on hand a well selected stock of

Cloths, Cassimeres, etc., and samples from the best and most reliable New York and Philadelphia houses, and will sell lower than ever. Cutting, Cleaning, Repairing, Dyeing and Scouring done on short notice.

**The Piper Breech-Loading Shot-Gun and Rifle Combined.**

This system in combined rifle and shot-gun offers advantages over other makes even more marked than those for shot only. They far excel all others in strength, accuracy, workmanship and balance.

**PRICES** Side-snap action, best decarbonized blued steel barrels, 10 or 12 gauge shot, 41 Winchester, f. rifle cartridge, weight 10 to 12lbs, price \$30 Top-snap action, same as above, 38-55 Ballard cartridge, of 44 Winchester, price \$30

The above prices include 100 paper she and one box of cartridges.

**FISHING-TACKLE!**

A Complete Assortment of Rods, Flies, Reels, Lines, Hooks, Artificial Bait, ect.

Respectfully submit to you a few prices: Assorted Trout-fies at 25c. a dozen, trout-hooks for gut 25c. per doz. plain trout-hooks 5c per doz., best oiled-silk lines from 3 to 3 cents per yard, all other lines from 1 to 2 cents per yard. Reels from 25c to \$2. Orders by mail promptly attended to.

**J. B. Reed, Sunbury, Pa.**

**AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS**

I have on hand the finest stock of goods ever offered for sale in this county. I call your attention to the following articles: Johnson Mower, Reaper and Binder, Crown Drill, Hoister Drill, Ohio Drill, Thomas Hay Rake, Honch Cultivator, Myer's Iron Force Pump and all kinds of Wooden pumps, also Walter & Whann Co., Fertilizers. Repairs supplied for all the above machinery.

Don't fail to come and see me when you are in town, examine my goods and get my prices.

**J. F. REITZ,**  
 Middleburgh, Pa.