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EDITORIAL.
A GHOST STORY.
In a late issue of our esteemed contemporary, the Stroudsburg Times appeared a long article entering with elaborate detail upon the circumstances of a ghost materializing to a certain bilious gentleman who occupied a cell in our jail overnight. It is a fine romance worthy of the pen of Manxhausen, and breathes a spirit of candor. His ghostship was in a humorous mood and aside from being represented as somewhat cool was a very lifelike article. The evidence of Jeff, who saw and conversed with the embodied spirit, ought in the condition he was in, to satisfy any doubting mind of the fact that ghosts do walk around and visit the haunts familiar in the days when they were encumbered with their fleshy envelope. The article is a decided addition to the science of ghostology and ranks the author as an expert. No one not familiar by experiment with the condition in which Jeff was when he saw the apparition could portray so vividly and realistically its size, color, temperature and tenacity and discourse so naturally in spirit language. The whole description is refreshing and brings to our mind another strong argument why certain newspapers ought to be read by children and even introduced as supplemental reading in the public schools. Such tales would delight the youthful mind, and moreover from them might be drawn useful and pointed lessons of certain examples which they would be wise to shun.

THIS ONE MISSES US.
The latest reliable informed newspaper writer says a railroad will be built down the abandoned canal and become a competitor of the Erie so there is no need for Milfordites to begin dodging this project.

One way to secure a road here is to make it worth while for to come and one of the ways to do that is to build more large summer hotels. Experience has demonstrated that large houses in this valley, suitably located with ample surroundings, will be filled with summer guests. The business is profitable, and reasonably certain. The advent of people would be of great benefit to the raisers of produce, and of vast benefit to the whole surrounding community.

Railroads would probably never induce manufacturing to a great extent in the county, nor in this town and the agricultural interests are difficult of development. Our natural scenery, fine roads, and invigorating climate are our passports to prosperity and all that is necessary is for us to utilize the gifts nature has so lavishly bestowed by opening up a way for the health and pleasure seekers from the cities to come here and enjoy them. There are many and splendid sites for such houses in the valley and on the hills why not occupy them?

PROPERTY WILL SUFFER.
Closing the D and H. Canal will occasion much hardship along its line in this county. Many properties were built almost solely with reference to its trade, and their value depended wholly on its continued existence. Now that it is to be abandoned they will greatly depreciate, and, in some instances where little land is attached to the buildings will become practically valueless. This will in many cases almost ruin the owners.

THE STATE CAPITOL.
The State Capitol building at Harrisburg is in an incomplete condition, but will be used for the coming legislative session. It is estimated that it will require three million dollars to finish the structure according to the plans of the commissioners. Five hundred thousand dollars were appropriated for a building to be entirely completed, and Governor Hastings sought to restrain the Commission from entering on such an expensive structure, but on the promise that no more money than the amount appropriated was intended to be expended, the court declined to interfere.

It looks as if this scheme would be a very costly one for the state.

The strength of the world's navies is in the following order: Great Britain, France, Russia, United States, Germany and Italy.

GOT THE BIGGEST SQUIRREL.
That Achievement Led James Stone Up Against the Biggest Wildcat.

It was in the latter part of January years ago that I found myself at Newk's Landing, on the Minnesota side of the Mississippi river, just below the foot of the lake, where I had gone with an uncle to hunt. There his business would detain him longer than he expected and he decided to send me back alone on the stage. It should have left the landing at 1 o'clock, but it was delayed somewhere down the river and did not arrive till nearly 4. It was a full afternoon's drive to Lake City. The driver was a rough and disgruntled man, but he had the reputation of always keeping sober till after the day's trip had been completed. But the delay may have upset him, and I think he began drinking before we started, although no one then noticed it. He certainly had provided himself with a large bottle of liquor, as I soon had occasion to know. I suppose I could not have been more than 12 or 13 years old, although life in a new country and on a farm had given me a ability to take care of myself beyond my years.

We were not yet half way when the sun was only a little above the Minnesota bluff, with big orange sun dogs standing up each side of it. Just as it disappeared below the bluffs the driver slid out of his seat into a drunken sleep in the bottom of the sleigh. I elbowed over into the front seat and took the reins myself.

"You seem to know how to drive; do you think we can get there to-night?" asked the first passenger.

"I can drive four horses," I answered very proudly. "We can get through, I guess, if it doesn't storm so that we can't follow the trees."

CHASED BY WOLVES.
Thrilling Experience With the Ferocious Animals Near Maple's Landing.

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"I had for some time been looking anxiously for the lights of the town, although there was no hope of seeing them yet, when my attention was attracted by a dark object on the snow bank to the right toward the Wisconsin shore.

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