LOCAL NEWS.

—To-day is President's day at the Pan-American.

—See that you are registered. To-day is the last day.

—Oil and gas are being prospected for in the vicinity of Lock Haven.

—The foundation for the new parish house of St. Luke's church, at the rear of this office, is nearly completed.

—The weather signals, by a late decree of the department, are to be exhibited on the wagons of rural free delivery mail carriers for information of patrons of the routes.

—Two 35,000 barrel oil tanks were struck by lightning at Olean on Saturday. One contained little oil and was soon burned out, but the other was nearly full and burned all night, making a beautiful display for a large number of spectators.

—A Clearfield hotel chef converted a live chicken into a dainty cooked bit of meat in six minutes and a boarder ate the whole chicken in three and a half minutes more. That's clearing the coop and scraping the platter at a lively rate; and Clearfield is now in this congressional district!—Kane Leader.

—Early yesterday morning the Benney dry goods store at Eldred was gutted by fire. Prompt work by the firemen saved the structure, but the contents of the store were badly damaged. The fire originated in a rear portion of the building and is believed to have been of incendiary origin.—Tuesday's Bradford Era.

—Last Thursday afternoon as Charles Mack, a sixteen-year-old boy, was driving leisurely along the main road during a severe electrical storm he was struck by lightning and instantly killed, as well as one of the horses which he was driving. There were no marks on his body with the exception of a small red mark near his ear, but the force of the impact was so strong that it tore the shoes from his feet.—Galeton Dispatch.

—That all the fools don't live in the country is evident from a card we received from Philadelphia last week. It was a "home made" postal card, bearing a two cent stamp clipped from a stamped envelope. The envelope stamp cut no figure on the card, and we were compelled to pay the office here four cents. His request was for sample copies of the Autograph, and he was particular to have them "fully stamped."—Austin Autograph.

—Cuba and Salamanca papers are having a baseball controversy. The Salamanca team went to Cuba the other day and were defeated, and the Salamanca Union in a report of the game says: "A large proportion of them (the crowd) wore petticoats. They took undue liberties with the visitors. The girls are as bad as the boys, if not worse." "Undue libertites!" The Cuba girls must be a bold, bad lot or the Salamanca ball players are a tender set of sissies.

—The Mirror, a weekly journal published in the Minnesota penitentiary, says: "Why is it that from the first inception of our paper to the present time we have never had an editor to sojourn in our midst? Other professions well represented. Preachers we have had enough to furnish subsistence to an African chief for a year; doctors in sufficient number to depopulate a state, and enough lawyers to establish a good sized colony in Hades. But editors—not one."

—Tramps have been operating in the western part of the state in which some of the gang have sores on their arms which they use as bait to arouse the sympathy of residents. They tell a hard-luck story about being employes in the big steel mills, and, becoming unable to work were laid off and now are trying to secure money enough to pay their way to their sister's home in Philadelphia. An effort will be made to secure the offenders and those who are paid a visit will do well to immediately notify the police.—Ex.

—Albert Crandall, a farmer residing about one mile south of Little Genesee while trying to head off a neighbor's bull about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was attacked by the bull and injured severely about the head, arms and face, besides having four ribs broken. His neighbor, Benjamin Sexton, saved him from being stamped to death by driving the animal away with a double bitted axe. He was carried to his house unconscious and Dr. Latham of Bolivar was summoned and dressed the wounds. Crandall is 72 years old and probably will not recover.—Bolivar Breeze.

—The bright musical comedy, "A Trip to Buffalo," is now being presented nightly at the handsome new Academy, Buffalo, to large and enthusiastic audiences. This new playhouse is a splendid example of what a modern theatre should be, and, in addition to all its other up-to-date features, is absolutely fireproof in every particular. "A Trip to Buffalo" belongs to that class of productions in which music and comedy is happily combined. "A Trip to Buffalo" is presented by a company of sixty people, all of them clever performers, the chorus alone numbering forty-five persons who both sing and act well. No expense has been spared in staging this production, and the stage settings and costumes are extremely handsome. It will be well worth anyone's time to visit this new playhouse when in the Pan-American city.

—It develops now that the much talked about Bloomer Girls were not bloomer girls—at least not all of them were dear girls with pretty curls and fair faces. Two of the best players on the team, the third baseman and the pitcher, were "Ellis Glenn" and "Murray Hall." At least the charge is made that were they to remove the beautiful cluster of blond hair that covered their heads and wash from their faces some of the face powder there could be found just above the surface of the skin the seed for a big crop of manly whiskers. It is also said that the first baseman would have no trouble in getting into a show at the midway in Buffalo which is for "men only." As far as the game between the Bloomer Girl aggregation and the Bradford team is concerned it was not a game at all. Bradford made it so hot for the girls that they had to turn in an alarm of fire. They were glad to take to the tall timber with the score standing 12 to 2 in favor of the home team. One girl "grafter" who tried to got away with a ball that did not belong to her was detected in the act.—Bradford Record.

Pennsylvania Railroad Special Rates to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

During the continuance of the Pan American Exposition, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Smethport to Buffalo and Niagara Falls at the following rates:

	Buffalo	Niagara Falls
5 day limit, sold Tuesdays and Saturdays not good in parlor or sleeping cars	$5 00	$5 50
15 day limit, good in parlor or sleeping cars	3 80	4 30
Season, final limit November 30, 1901	4 35	5 15

Additional information may be had upon application to ticket agents.

SPECIAL DAYS
AT THE
PAN-AMERICAN

THE week beginning Sept. 15 will be Lumbermen's week at the Pan-American Exposition. Thousands of wholesale and retail dealers in lumber from all parts of the United States and Canada will be at the great New World's Fair, and they promise to make the week a memorable one.

One of the organizations which will be well represented is the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, which has a membership of upward of 8,000.

The annual meeting of the Hoo-Hoo will be held at Norfolk, Va., from Sept. 9 to 13, and the delegates will go direct from the Southern city to the Exposition.

The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is essentially a lumbermen's order, being composed of lumbermen, timbermen, saw and planing mill machinery manufacturers, newspaper men and railroad men, being those engaged in the lumber trade and those allied industries which are so closely interwoven with the conduct of the lumber business as to make them practically a part thereof.

Mexico Day, Sept. 10.

Exceptional ceremonies are being planned for Mexico day, Monday, Sept. 16, at the Pan-American Exposition. Dr. Aspiroz, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, will be there and will speak. In addition, it is proposed to have a famous and eloquent statesman and orator from Mexico make the address of the day. An effort is being made to secure the attendance of Chief Justice Justo Sirra of the Supreme Court of Mexico. It is proposed to bring the famous Mexican Artillery Band to the Exposition for the day. The Mexican commissioners to the Exposition are deeply interested and will strive earnestly to make their republic's special day a memorable one.

Illinois Day, Sept. 10.

Among other prominent speakers at the Pan-American Exposition on Illinois day, which will be Sept. 10, will be Secretary Lyman J. Gage, Senators Shelby M. Cullom and W. E. Mason, Comptroller of the Currency Charles G. Dawes, in addition to Governor Richard Yates. The First Regiment of Chicago will be in attendance, and the social features of the occasion will not be slighted, an informal hop at one of the large hotels in Buffalo being included in the plans.

Grand Army Veterans' Day, Sept. 17.

G. A. R. day at the Pan-American Exposition, Tuesday, Sept. 17, will be one of the truly great days of the season. It follows closely the national encampment, which is to be held at Cleveland, and many thousands of veterans and their families will embrace the opportunity of viewing the wonderful sights at the great New World's Fair. An elaborate programme appropriate to the occasion will be carried out. Numerous special features will be provided in honor of the visit of the veterans. Among the bands which will be at the Exposition on G. A. R. day are Brooke's Marine Band of Chicago, Nineteenth Regiment Band of St. Catharines, Ladies' Military Band of Boston and the John C. Weber Military Band of Cincinnati. Band concerts will be given forenoon, afternoon and evening. There will be a free organ recital by Seth C. Clarke of Buffalo in the Temple of Music in the afternoon. In the evening there will be one of the most magnificent displays of fireworks ever seen. The day will be one long to be remembered.

New York State Day, Sept. 18.

New York State day at the Pan-American is Sept. 18, and an effort will be made to eclipse all previous records for attendance on that day. Low railroad rates will be obtained from all parts of the State, and there will be a large gathering of public men, politicians, orators and distinguished citizens, besides members of the National Guard. The principal orator of the day will be the Hon. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle and one of the most brilliant orators of the State. It is expected that the guests of the day will include Senator Thomas C. Platt, Senator Chauncey M. Depew, Governor B. B. Odell and staff and the Adjutant General of the State, General George F. Bod. There will be a big military display, including probably all the National Guard regiments and companies of Western New York.

Welsh Day and Eisteddfod, Sept. 19.

The Eisteddfod at the Pan-American Exposition on Sept. 19, which has been designated as Welsh day, will be a very important musical event. The leading Welsh soloists and choirs will compete for prizes aggregating $1,000. The sons and daughters of Wales in this country are deeply interested in Welsh day and the Eisteddfod, and many thousands will visit the Exposition for the festivities. The Eisteddfod will be held in the magnificent Temple of Music of the Exposition, which contains the finest pipe organ in America.

The Welsh are pre-eminently musical vocally, and they are second to no other people for choral singing. Within easy radius of Buffalo there are thousands of Welsh singers. Half a dozen fine choirs will be organized to take part in the contests. This will furnish also a rare opportunity and stimulus to the Welsh choral community to show the people of all America what they can perform in the line of choral music. The chief competition will be "God So Loved the World" (Sir J. Stainer) and "We Never Will Bow Down" (Handel), $400; also male chorus contest, "Song of the Pilgrim" (Morris), and a female chorus contest "Lullaby" (Brahms) and "Bridal of the Birds" (Brinley Richards). The following will be the adjudicators: William Apmadoc, Chicago; Edward Broome, Montreal, Canada; John Lund of Buffalo, N. Y. The presidents of the day will be Rev. D. Rhidslyn Davies of Allegheny, Pa.; Hon. Ellis H. Roberts of Washington, D. C., and General Thomas L. James of New York. The leader of each winning choir will receive a silver loving cup.

St. Catharines Day, Sept. 20.

St. Catharines is an enterprising and progressive city in the province of Ontario, Canada, which has a splendid display of its natural and industrial resources at the Pan-American Exposition. The wide awake citizens have planned a special day for their city at the Exposition, and they promise to make it one of the most entertaining and liveliest of days. Friday, Sept. 20, has been designated as St. Catharines day. An excellent programme is being prepared.

Pennsylvania Day, Sept. 20.

Pennsylvania is represented with a State building and a comprehensive exhibit of the great resources of the State at the Pan American Exposition, and great numbers of her people have visited the great show. A special day for Pennsylvania has been set aside, Friday, Sept. 20. Arrangements are being made for a grand observance of the day. There will be special excursions, starting from all important points in the State, and the indications are that many thousands will patronize them. A programme of exercises, in which the most distinguished statesmen and business men of the commonwealth will participate, is now being prepared by the State's commissioners to the Exposition.

Trained Nurses' Day, Sept. 21.

Trained nurses from all parts of the United States and Canada will gather at the Pan-American Exposition on Saturday, Sept. 21, which has been designated as Trained Nurses' day. During the week beginning Sept. 15 the International Congress of Nurses will be held in Buffalo.

The American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses will hold its annual meeting Sept. 16 and 17. This society is composed of the superintendents of all the large nurse training schools of the United States and Canada.

The Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, which has now about 3,000 members, also holds its annual meeting the same days.

The International Council of Nurses, a branch of the International Council of Women, and composed of the leading women of the profession throughout the world, will hold a business session on the 16th. This council has called an International Congress, which will be in session for three days, Sept 18, 19 and 20. The Order of Spanish American War Nurses will hold its annual meeting that week, probably on Tuesday. These meetings will all be held in the Women's Union.

On Saturday, the 22d, a mass meeting of all these organizations will be held in the Temple of Music of the Exposition. Many of the old army nurses of the Civil War are expected to be present. The Surgeon General of the United States Army has appointed a delegate to represent the Army Nurse Corps. The Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada will also send representatives and all the nurses' clubs and alumnæ societies of this country and Europe.

Oregon Day, Sept. 25.

In Oregon everything that happens is on a big scale. Evidence of this is seen in the exhibition buildings of the Pan-American Exposition. The State's exhibit is one of the most complete and interesting at the New World's Fair. All who view it pronounce it highly creditable to the productive and progressive State. The plans for Oregon day at the Exposition are on a scale characteristic of the State. The chief officers of the State, representatives in the National Legislature and other prominent organizations will participate in the exercises. Sept. 25 is the day set aside for Oregon day.

Cleveland Day, Sept. 26.

The enterprising city of Cleveland will have a holiday on Thursday, Sept. 26, which has been designated as Cleveland day, at the Pan-American Exposition. Arrangements will be made for low rate excursions both by rail and water, and many thousands of the Forest City's citizens are expected to make the trip to the Exposition, where a programme of exercises appropriate to the occasion will be carried out. The Mayor and other city officials will deliver addresses. Distinguished Ohio statesmen will be invited to participate in the exercises. The arrangements for the event are in the hands of committees composed of Cleveland's most prominent and influential men, and success is assured.

Nebraska Day, Oct. 3.

Nebraska has a fine exhibit of its products at the Pan-American Exposition, and the State is to further distinguish itself by the observance of a special day at the Exposition, Oct. 3 will be Nebraska day, and a programme in which the most distinguished men and women of the State will take part is being arranged.

Rather Venomous.

A tenderfoot who visited the Yosemite in the old days thus related his experience: The stage driver found out that he was seriously afraid of snakes and immediately proceeded to make his hair stand on end.

"Venomous reptiles? You bet. I don't know what reptiles is, but them snakes you can just bet your life is venomous. Why, one day I was comin down here drivin a wagon, when I catches sight of a snake in the brush all ready for a spring. My horses starts, an I whips 'em up fast to clear the snake, don't you see, afore he could make his spring. He makes one clear spring, the snake does, an he misses the horses."

"That was lucky. But you—you"—

"Lucky? You bet your life it was lucky. He missed the horses, the snake did, but he stuck his fangs clean through the wagon."

"You don't say!"

"I do say, and maybe you don't believe it, but it's a fact. He stuck his fangs clean through that wagon, an that wagon is swelled up so bad that we had to leave it by the wayside and take the horses home."

Dogs and Somersaults.

As there is more than one way of cooking a goose, so there is more than one method of teaching a dog to throw somersaults. But the most practical and thorough manner is to fasten a cord around the body of the animal close to the forelegs, and two people should hold the ends of the cord on either side of the unfortunate dog.

A third party armed with a short rope takes a position immediately in front of the canine acrobat and with a measured and masterly stroke flogs the floor at close quarters to the dog's nose.

At each stroke of the rope the dog springs backward, and this movement is the trainer's golden opportunity. As the dog spring backward the rope passing under its body is jerked upward, and, although the first few attempts may prove futile, the somersault is acquired in course of time. An intelligent dog soon sickens of this order of things and throws somersaults without the assistance of ropes.

Things Not Wanted.

Dogs, pianos and typewriters are the possessions most frequently advertised for sale at second hand, according to an advertising man. Cameras run these three hard in the sale of things desirable to get rid of, and bicycles come next.

Bicycles and cameras would probably head the list, so many people seem to wish to be rid of them, but their tenure of advertising popularity is usually brief. Household furniture, horses and carriages come next in the list. Then jewelry, watches, sewing machines and musical instruments.

Books are far down, almost the last in the list. Folks who have them usually seem to wish to keep them.—New York Sun.

The Charge Not Sustained.

"You say," turned the counsel for the investigating committee, "that he escorted to the balcony whichever during the election on Tuesday was chosen."

"Yes, sir," replied the witness, "that's what I said."

"Did he not circulate several boxes of cigars?"

"Yes, sir, but them cigars wasn't bribes. Here's one of them. You try it."—Detroit Free Press.

Saving Requires Character.

The faculty of saving money is much rarer than the faculty of making it, and it calls for the exercise of a higher degree of good judgment and more self restraint. In a word, it requires more character.—World's Work.

AT THE URN.

Ida sits at the urn
Every afternoon at three,
Since that pyramid Laurence
Family reputed to
[illegible] just a jumper."
As [illegible] to wag its tongue
Ida's [illegible]

Ida sits at the urn,
[illegible] terrible."
While [illegible]
Lips [illegible]
Now [illegible]
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It [illegible]

With a View to Matrimony.

"Can I do anything more for you?" said Bob Heron, the rowman, to the sister he had just landed from the [illegible] off the main street of the court house wall.

"Why, whatever do come to you?" said his sister. "D'ye want anything?"

For years Sally had taken upon herself the unenviable task of looking after her old father and of "mothering" her three younger brothers. Her efforts to keep them going in food and clothes were wont to meet with much unmerited abuse and foul language than any return in the shape of attention, gratitude or help. This she felt the more as she was a woman with a way of thought that were unusual in the neighborhood of Forestburgh and took to heart the complaints of her great Scotch brothers that "they hadn't got noo mother." Bob's desire to assist her in any way surprised her.

"Nothin's signify," said Bob sheepishly. "Can't I chew nothin' meself?"

Sally bustled about and deftly tidied up the kitchen. Out of the corner of her eyes she watched Bob lounging around uncomfortably with an evident wish to ask something and a reluctance to make a start.

"Shall I stick the bricks down for ye?" inquired Bob.

"Come an do," said Sally. "Tell me what 'tis. Surely to goodness ye ain't afeared."

"Will ye promise not to put the girls on tew me?" Bob asked.

"Why, what should I want to do that for?" said Sally, who was getting inquisitive and knew the only way to extract information from her brother was to evince no curiosity. "But just as ye like. I can't keep muddlin about here all the mornin."

"I want ye to tell me what to say," Bob gasped out.

"Say? Say what? Whatever are ye talkin about? I don't know the meanin on't."

"Well! There's a gal!" Bob began nervously.

"Ah! There's plenty o' them," said Sally, unconcernedly.

"I want ye to tell me what to say in a letter," burst out Bob. "Lor', Sally, she's a gre't wench; She's digger'n pew. Har hair's thut black! 'Taint like yarn." (Sally was fair.) "She's big as me. An har eyes! Lor', har eyes dare to goo right tew ye they be so shiny as so black."

"A love letter?" said Sally. "No, Bob, I don't know nothin about love. I ain't goin to mix up along o' no love."

"Noo, noo!" expostulated Bob. "'Taint come to that yit. But I saw har brother t'other day, an he axed me to goo over an see har, an I axed him if I should write an tell har I was to goo in, an he said as he'd find out."

"D'ye want to walk out with her, then?" said Sally.

"I don't know nuthy as yit," Bob answered. "D'ye think she'd make a good wife?"

"How can I tell?" asked Sally, with some show of reason. "Do I know her?"

"Noo," said Bob. "But she hain't like yew. She's a strappin wench, an my wilsons 'ull her to work to help to earn the grub."

"Do she wear a fall an gloves?" asked Sally slyly, reminded of fashionable remonstrances at her own occasional lapses into gentility.

"That she dean't," said Bob. "She shan't wear noo fall nor noo gloves."

"We'll have to treat her different to what you do me," said Sally. "An she won't put up wi't."

"I'll trate her proaper," Bob promised. "She shall hev all the grub she can get down her, but she shan't hev noo stout. They don't do a body noo good."

Bob was an adolescent subdivision in his way and was just then strong on total abstinence.

"I wouldn't write no letter," said Sally. "That's dangerous. She might hev ye up for breach of promise."

"D'ye think so?" said Bob, who in all ecclesiastical matters was guided by his sister.

"That 'ud be best to see her," said Sally. "How often hev ye seed her?"

"I don't b'lieve I've seed her at all," admitted Bob. "She's in service at Cheethridge, an har mother used to. I'll have to goo over."

With that appeared finish to the matter, and Sally, keeping her counsel to herself, began to ask questions in earnest. "What d'ye want to write to her for?"

"I'm goin to shew the dirt to pewer," Bob explained. "Her mother's no use, an she's shop what's come to barthin'. I want to shew a pewer on horse-radish afore I gets engaged, an I hain't got noo mother, worse luck, an thote as yew'd help me."

"We got your commendable motive," advised Sally. "That fare enough to me, she should see her brother use to ye like that."

"D'ye think soo?" said Bob nervously.

"Hev ye ever kissed her?" asked Sally slyly.

"Blaame it, noo!" Bob roared. "But I should wholly like tew," he added softly.

"Take her out an kiss her, then, an be done wi't," said Sally, more experienced in wooing. "But do ye mind ye hain't sucked in."

"What d'ye mane?" asked Bob.

"They say as fish-hawkers cry stinkin fish the loudest," answered Sally sententiously, "an may brother wholly boiler tew."

"D'ye think soo?" muttered Bob, alarmed at unconsidered possibilities. "But har eyes mask ye jump, they be so bright. She's the prettiest gal ye ever see. I'll mask ye a bet on't," he added by way of self consolation.

"I spooz," he said after a pause. "I spooz ye wouldn't write for me in an hur if she'd walk out wi' me. I hain't got noo mother to dew it, wuss luck."

It may be incidentally remarked that Bob was 23 years of age and, with his brothers, was always knocking the want of a mother. That lady during her life left the charge of her young children altogether to Sally and neglected them and her home equally.

"Yew may take your oath o' that," answered Sally firmly in reply to Bob's hint. "If ye'd sucked in wi' half the milk on me. Ye might hev kept some o' it for your brothers."

"Then that soon?" said Bob, who repeatedly acted on her advice.

When Bob had the ghost of a notion on Sunday morning and an intention on Monday morning of asking Sarah Ann to be his wife, he was in a state of terror. Sally, who had the chief [illegible] Bob's confidence, was [illegible] "Shall I write the letter for ye?" she asked.

"Ye think soo?" said Bob, relieved to be relieved of responsibility.

"Then I'll write it for ye," said Sally. "What shall I say?"

"Say I'm a strappin wench, an my wilsons 'ull her to work to help to earn the grub," Bob dictated.

"Do she wear a fall an gloves?" Sally asked, with a touch of sarcasm.

"She dean't wear noo fall nor noo gloves," Bob replied, with a touch of pride.

"Then I'll write it," said Sally, and she did.

Bob was [illegible] Sarah Ann, and [illegible] Sally [illegible] Bob [illegible] Sarah Ann [illegible] Sally [illegible] Bob [illegible] Sarah Ann [illegible] Sally [illegible] Bob [illegible] Sarah Ann