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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 16, 1876.  
DEAR ENTERPRISE.—We are now occupied by the party in the blue shirt, and here in the east, we are surprised to see a locomotive, with six driving wheels, drawing 150 cars loaded with coal and running at the rate of 40 miles an hour, around curves after curve, and so abrupt that standing in the center of the train you cannot see either end of it, yet it is a way they have on the Lehigh. One never wears of holding this strange majestic mountain and river scenery.  
After many miles travel through the "Switzerland of America," we reach the famous Mauch Chunk, and as we step from the train we gaze in reverential awe upon the wonderful scene before and around us. We wonder how we came into this place and how we are to get out, for mountain rise on either side hundreds of feet above our heads. Scarcely one hundred yards in front of us lies the main business street of the place, and below we cross two lines of railroads, the canal, the Lehigh Valley and necessary roadways. Crossing the river we notice that nearly back of the station, behind a spur of the mountain, lies another part of the town. Upper Mauch Chunk is about four hundred feet above the river, and it is there that we take a car and are drawn up Mt. Pisgah, something over six hundred feet, by means of a stationary engine at the top. The switch-back consists of a railroad laid on the top of the mountain, which has sufficient descent to allow the cars to run at a high rate of speed, without the assistance of a locomotive. After running a few miles we come to another elevation of nearly five hundred feet, which we are drawn up in the same manner as before, and proceed on our course around the mountain. This road is said to be the first railroad laid in the United States, and was in use in former times to convey coal from a mine which is operated at the top of the mountain. It is a singular instance of the fact that it is not known by you that my thinking is a vulgar looking at you, but I think I recognize in you the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, an old friend of mine. John blushed at the remark "That's not my name," but as he did not deny the profession he now answers to the title of Elder. We afterwards found that Cressenger was an anti-sectarian society man, and was selling books purporting to be an exposé of the Grange, Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders. We cannot describe his appearance, but the record of a hypocrite was plainly discernible upon him.  
About two o'clock in the morning we passed over the celebrated Portage bridge, which is 236 feet high, 800 feet in length, and cost \$50,000. It is built of iron and as the train crosses it falls away, a grand view is obtained of the Grange river with its succession of falls, the canal, and the magnificent scenery of the valley.  
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The President issued an order directing the executive departments to be closed yesterday, the 18th inst., the day set apart for the unveiling of the MacPherson statue.  
Sixteen thousand soldiers are on their way from Spain to Cuba, and twenty-four thousand more were drafted Oct. 9, and will soon follow. No say the Foreign dispatches.  
The first cargo of cotton shipped this week was cleared from Savannah last week Wednesday. It floated up 3102 bales and was valued at \$157,126.90.  
Next Sunday and Monday, Oct. 22d and 23d, have been set apart as days of prayer for the success of Sunday schools throughout the world.  
At New York City, on the 15th inst., \$25,000 British gold bars were received at the U. S. assay office from London.  
Yesterday's stilling river. The Sunday press reports, were not true in regard to the fact.

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THE MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.—The new State Hospital connected with the University is now ready for the reception of patients. It is fitted up with all the necessary improvements, with male and female wards. Medical and surgical cases are referred to the patients free, by the Faculty of the College, the only charges being for board and for expenses. On each Saturday of every month, until the last of March, patients will be treated at the College, gratuitously.  
The Centennial commissioners are at work preparing the programme for the exercises of the day of closing, which they desire to make as interesting as the day of opening. The committee having the matter in charge, consisting of Gen. W. Warner, of South Carolina; J. J. Morrill, of Pennsylvania and W. P. Parrott, of Texas, will make their preliminary report in a few days.  
The juniors in the literary department of the University, held their election Saturday morning last. The following are the principal officers: President—G. W. Knight, Ann Arbor; Vice-President—J. H. Raymond, Austin, Texas; Secretary—W. A. Oak, Ann Arbor; Treasurer—Theodore J. Wrasimire, Louisville, Ky.

The balance of the State Treasury, Oct. 17th, was \$1,077,583.82; receipts during the week ending Oct. 14 were \$25,173.95; payments during the same time \$1,083,518.89; balance in treasury, Oct. 14, 1876, \$1,019,343.95; decrease for the week \$58,339.97.  
The latest church scandal now comes from Philadelphia. The Rev. Mr. Bott, a young man, is the pastor of the 12th Baptist Church, of that city, and is charged with being rather too intimate and using improper addresses, with the young ladies of his congregation. It is hoped that it will prove false.  
The Detroit Free Press says: "It is proposed to bring the Michigan Centennial building home and set it up on the University campus at Ann Arbor, where an art gallery, Gov. Bagley says he will subscribe \$500 toward defraying the expense."  
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