

Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

Some things change in 150 years and some things remain very much the same. People are probably no better nor worse here in Lancaster in 1978 than they were in Philadelphia in 1836.

I am basing my surmise on a copy of the Public Ledger, published March 25, 1836 in Philadelphia and sold for one cent. It is the first issue of a daily newspaper which contains not only news but

many advertisements. The sheet is set up in very tiny print.

Here are some of the items, so you can judge for yourself. There were many court cases of drunkenness and thievery. Punishment was fines and public lashing in some cases. In other cases of destitution the judge ordered that a "trifle" be given for immediate relief—the man was put out of jail,

after seven years imprisonment, and not given a penny.

One news item tells of 90 vessels sailing into the Philadelphia harbor in one day after a long and gloomy Winter. The editor challenges the merchants to keep the river free of ice so that foreign trade, like that of New York, will be lucrative every month of the year. Mention is also made of seeing crystals made from sugar beets and a prophecy from the editor tells us that he thinks they will soon be in great demand.

Many advertisements concern transportation from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, via the Union and Pa. Canals and Portage Rail Road. You see, the railroad cars had flat boats loaded on them and thus traveled through the Appalachian Divide. Some ads told of the fireproof chests, bureaus and sideboards that were for sale. Banks gave five and six per cent interest and had only \$200,000 capital but apparently had no safe deposit boxes at that time.

Many merchants sold gentlemen's beaver hats, also otter, fur and fancy traveling caps. Silk hats were also in vogue in addition to velvet and "cassimeres" which could be made up in the most fashionable style. One man warned of imitators of his "Joy's Anti-Dyspeptic Elixir" which he said would absolutely cure cholera, cancer, worms, fits, scarlet fever, measles, small pox, etc.

But the article that tickled my funny bone was this one, "A young, good looking and well bred man desires a

partner in the domestic concerns of life. He is now engaged in a profitable mercantile house and any lady who would be willing to give her heart and hand, in this most glorious enterprise would do well to embrace the present opportunity as few better chances could be had." Do things really change that much?

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Junior Cooking Edition

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TRAILSIDE OATMEAL TREATS

- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup creamy or chunk style peanut butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2½ cups oatmeal
- ½ cup chocolate chips

- ½ cup raisins
- ½ teaspoon salt

Beat butter, peanut butter, and sugar together until creamy. Blend in eggs, milk, and vanilla. Sift together flour, soda, and salt. Add to creamed mixture, blend well. Stir in oatmeal, chocolate chips, and raisins. Drop by tablespoons on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 350°F. for 15 minutes

Suzanne Martin
Age 12
Stevens, Pa.

Bob Butera has a ten year "perfect record" of opposition to gun control

*Jim Spicer, columnist for Pennsylvania's *OUT-DOOR PEOPLE*, reports in the April issue that Bob Butera has a "perfect record" of opposition to gun control.

The Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association has released a letter announcing their "unanimous" opposition to the candidacy of Richard Thornburgh.

Bob Butera knows that the solution to the crime problem is in stiff, mandatory sentences for crimes committed with a deadly weapon.

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