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The Coming Centennial. At a meeting of the executive committee of the Centre county Centennial Commission held in the office of president Reeder, in Bellefonte, Monday night, enough was learned to warrant the assertion that the events of the two days will far surpass any similar demonstration ever undertaken in this State.

The chairmen of a number of the committees were present to formulate their plans for final discussion before calling their sub-committees, named below, to gether for co-operation in the work of carrying them into effect.

On the question of the parade it was decided to have two parades. One to be of an industrial and civic character and the other to include the military and firemen's organizations. It is probable that if something official is ready to be done about the Curtin monument at that time an entire regiment or so of the N. G. P. will be ordered here by the Adjutant General and an effort is also being made to have our sister town, Philipsburg, relinquish her claim on the next meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Firemen's Convention so that it can be held in Bellefonte one day, thereby adding greatly to the attractions of the Centennial. This would be an exceedingly graceful act on the part of Philipsburg and it is not beyond hope that it will be done.

In the way of music, several of the best bands in the county will be engaged for the parades, but one fine professional concert band will be engaged for both days, so that it will be giving concerts, continuously day and evening, in pavilions especially erected for that purpose in various parts of the town. The chairman is also planning a chorus, the like of which has never been heard in this county. He will probably issue an appropriate selection to each one of his sub-committees with instructions to have them gather the largest chorus of good voices possible in their respective communities and have the selection rehearsed so that it can be sung properly by the thousand or more voices, in all, when they gather here for the Centennial.

In the amusement line many attractive entertainment features were reported. Among them will probably be a captive balloon, in which all who care can take a trip to the height of 1000 ft in the air, magnificent fire works, racing and athletic sports of every kind, a great open air kitescope that will show moving pictures and reproduce old and historic scenes in Centre county; grand balls and receptions will be given to the visitors at night and an effort is to be made to secure either the Ringling or Forepaugh circus as an attraction too.

The Hon. Fred Kurtz, of Centre Hall, the official historian, was present and detailed the plan of his work, which he intends will give to the county a very thoughtfully prepared digest of the incidents and men directly connected with the march of progress during the last 100 years. Then the matter of decorations was brought up and chairman Conley announced that as soon as they have adopted an harmonious scheme for street decorations they will place the entire work in the hands of a professional decorator. It is probable that the Diamond will be made a sort of court of honor, enclosed by ornamental columns that will extend for a square along either side of the three principal approaches. There will be arches and columns at other points in town and the North ward school grounds will probably be illuminated and arranged for a great amphitheatre.

These are only some of the plans that are being worked out now, but they are enough to show the magnitude of the coming celebration of July 25th and 30th. The sub-committees were named and selected as follows:

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—A paper is being circulated to secure enough money to put a new fence around the old cemetery on the Guise farm near Linden Hall. In it are lying the bodies of many of the famous pioneers of the county, the Irwins, Potters and Greggs, and some of the tombstones standing are over one hundred years old.

—Former county register John Rupp had a narrow escape from being torn up by a cross hog at his home near Shingletown a few days ago. He had gone to the barn yard, when he was unexpectedly attacked by the brute, which knocked him down and went for him in a vicious manner. He was unprepared, but finally succeeded in beating it off with his fists before he had been seriously hurt.

Two weddings are soon to take place in this community. Mrs. Daniel Kustabender of Warriors Mark, is visiting friends here and nearby looking considerably broken in health. For the first time in our history we are without a justice of the peace which tends to show that we are a law abiding people. The orchards now look like immense bouquets of beautiful blossoms but it is greatly feared that they have suffered severely from the recent frosts.

Administrators Notice. Let- ters of administration on the estate of James E. Conroy deceased, late of Spring township, having been granted to the undersigned they request all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.