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Will be the Restoration of the Machine.

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POINTING A USEFUL MORAL.

I am discussing this question now, not for the purposes of argumentation or filling space, but with the idea of pointing a useful moral. The good effect of minority representation on the fiscal boards of the State has been shown by Mr. Berry's exposure of the graft in the construction of the capitol.

HARMAN THE EQUAL OF BERRY.

The good effect of minority representation having been thus clearly shown, why should the people of Pennsylvania vote to discontinue it and restore the old methods and inequities? The election of the machine Republican candidate for State Treasurer this year will make the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings and that of Revenue Commissioners unanimously Republican.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The Howard canning factory is being put in shape to do what it is expected will be the largest season's business since it has been in operation.

J. S. Waite, the implement dealer, formerly of this place but now of Lock Haven, had his hand badly burned the other day by accidentally reaching into a lot of heated phosphorus.

A delightfully pleasant private picnic was held in the grove on the Bathgate farm at Lemont, on Wednesday, in honor of Miss Margaret Thomas, of Peoria, who is visiting friends in that locality.

The customary annual reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Reese, on the top of Muncy mountain, yesterday. This venerable woman is ninety-five years of age and is still in comparatively good health.

Dr. D. Hoffer Dale, son of the late Josiah Dale, has moved to Centre Hall and will practice his profession in his old home town. Dr. Dale graduated from the University of Pennsylvania medical department last spring.

S. Ward Gramley, of Rebersburg, who last year was principal of the Mt. Union schools and was re-elected for the coming year, has tendered his resignation for the purpose of accepting the principalship of the Edgewood Park High school, near Pittsburg.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association, to which the companies in Bellefonte belong, will be held in Clearfield on Thursday and Friday of next week. There will be the usual firemen's contests for which prizes aggregating \$615 are offered.

Miss Edith Dale, of Lemont, left yesterday in company of her father Dr. J. Y. Dale, for Chicago. There she will meet her affianced Mr. Hall M. Crossman, of Goldfield, Nev., and after their marriage continue to the west to make her home in the mining camp with him. Mr. Crossman is an old State man well known and popular when he was in College.

Mrs. Thomas R. Hayes was the hostess who entertained a party of ladies on a trip to Snow Shoe on Tuesday. In the party were Mrs. Frank Warfield, Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes, Mrs. Archibald Allison, Mrs. James R. Hughes, Mrs. Grace Hayes, Mrs. Farwell, Miss Green, Miss Rhoads, Miss Lyon and Miss Maxwell. They had dinner at the Mountain house and returned to Bellefonte on the evening train.

FYE.—Just as the clock was on the stroke of 12 Monday noon Emanuel C. Fye died at his home in State College. For more than a year he was a sufferer with cancer of the throat and for weeks the only nourishment he had was administered through a tube, yet he patiently bore his affliction until death came to his relief.

Deceased was sixty-one years old and was born on his father's farm near Pine Hall. There he grew to manhood, finally became the owner and lived all his life in the same place until about six years ago when, his health failing, he retired from farming, built himself a nice home in State College and has lived there since. For several years past he was janitor of the State College borough school building. He was a member of the Pine Hall Lutheran church and a sincere christian gentleman. In politics he was a Democrat of the pure old Jeffersonian type.

Thirty-six years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Strouse who survives him with five children, as follows: William, of Altoona; Mrs. Frank McCormick, of Lock Haven; Luther, of State College; Mrs. Laird Holmes, of State College, and Miss Bessie, at home. He also leaves his aged mother, Mrs. David Fye, two brothers and five sisters, namely: Henry and Adam Fye, Mrs. A. Struble, Mrs. G. Y. Meek, Mrs. B. F. Homan, Mrs. J. C. Struble and Mrs. Jacob Roan, of Pittsburg.

The funeral was held at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. J. I. Stonecypher officiated and interment was made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

FISHER.—Mrs. Katharine Fisher died at the home of her son in Freeport, Ill., last Friday night, after a few days' illness, as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Katharine Mingle, was born at Aaronsburg, this county, in September, 1829, thus being seventy-eight years of age. She was united in marriage to Samuel Fisher in 1861 and shortly afterwards they went west and located at Rock Grove, Ill., where they lived until the death of Mr. Fisher about eight years ago, after which Mrs. Fisher made her home with her only surviving son, Edwin J. Fisher, in Freeport. She was a member of the Reformed church and a woman of such rare attainments that she was beloved by all who knew her. The funeral was held on Sunday, the remains being buried beside her husband and two sons in Rock Grove cemetery.

McGAGHAN.—A most deplorable death was that of Mrs. Daniel McGaghan, who died in the Bellefonte hospital on Sunday evening, after having undergone a most serious operation on Saturday afternoon. Deceased, whose maiden name was Gill, was born near Pleasant Gap and was only thirty-one years of age. She was married to Mr. McGaghan less than ten years ago and for some time past they have made their home near Bellefonte, Mr. McGaghan being one of the section crew on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad. In addition to her husband she is survived by three small children, Freda, Minnie and Odas. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, interment being made in the Sunnyside cemetery.

HENDERSHOT.—Miss Elsie Hendershot died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hendershot, near the Nittany furnace, at an early hour on Tuesday morning. She was a victim of that dread disease consumption, and it was known for some time that her end was near.

Deceased was born in Spring township and was only eighteen years of age. She was a member of the Methodist church and died in the faith in which she lived. In addition to her parents she is survived by a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

FULLER.—Charles Fuller, son of the late Aaron Fuller, died at the home of his mother at Morrisdale Mines on Monday afternoon. It will be remembered that last April young Fuller, while working as paymaster for a mining company in Wyoming was stabbed in the back. He was brought to the Cottage hospital, Philadelphia, where he underwent treatment for several weeks after which he was removed to the home of his mother where he lingered ever since. He was twenty-eight years of age and is survived by his mother, three sisters and four brothers. The funeral was held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

CLAYTON.—Frank B. Clayton, father of Mrs. J. J. Kilpatrick and who not long ago visited her at her home in this place, died in the John's Hopkins hospital, at Baltimore, last Wednesday, from injuries received while bathing at a small resort just outside of Baltimore. His daughters succeeded in reaching his bedside before he expired. He was a man about fifty years of age and highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon.

BARNHART.—After being a patient sufferer for many years Miss Sarah Barnhart died at her home on the Jacksonville road at two o'clock last Friday morning. She is survived by one brother, Philip, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church and in the absence of her pastor, Rev. Stein, Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt officiated at the funeral which was held on Sunday afternoon. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

PECK.—Edward Peck, only son of Solomon Peck, of Nittany, died at his home at Huston at four o'clock last Friday afternoon. Though he had not been in perfect health for a year or longer he was able to be around and attend to his duties as station agent on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania up until the day of his death.

He was about forty-five years of age and was an unassuming and industrious man. He is survived by his wife and two children. The funeral was held on Monday. Mr. Peck was an active and industrious young business man, being for a number of years the junior member of the mercantile firm of S. Peck & Son, of Nittany. He, like his father, was a staunch Democrat and among the most active workers of the party in the east end of Nittany valley. He was a man who had a host of warm friends and his untimely death is a source of deep sorrow and regret to all.

WILSON.—Mrs. Rebecca Lyon Wilson died at her home in Lewistown, on Monday, July 22nd, of general debility, aged seventy-six years. She was the widow of Prof. David Wilson, who forty years ago was a professor at The Pennsylvania State College, then known as the Farmer's High School, as well as vice president of that institution. Prior to her marriage to Prof. Wilson deceased was known as Miss Rebecca Lyon and was herself a school teacher, having for a number of terms in the neighborhood of fifty years ago taught the school at Potter's Mills, after that she was for nine years teacher and governess in the family of Rev. Dr. Hamill, at Oak Hall, and will doubtless be well remembered by the older people of Pennsylvania. Her remains were buried at Lewistown.

MORRIS.—J. Irvin Morris died at his home in Milesburg on Monday evening, after a protracted illness with Bright's disease. He was sixty-eight years of age and one of the most familiar and best known men in that village. For many years he served as justice of the peace and had the reputation of being one of the most fair-minded officials in the county. The funeral was held at one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

GIBBONEY.—Another old soldier has answered the last long roll in the person of William S. Gibboney, who died at his home at Pleasant Gap on Thursday of last week, aged about sixty-seven years. He served all through the war as a member of company C, 101st Pennsylvania Volunteers. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, interment being made in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

APT.—Mrs. Maggie J., wife of Joseph Apt, died on Wednesday night after a week's illness with paralysis of the bowels, aged about sixty-two years. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Joseph F., Ada V., Clara B., Mabel C. and John R. At this writing no arrangements have been made for the funeral.

SCHAEFFER.—HAZEL REUNION.—The annual reunion of the Schaeffer-Hazel families will be held at Madisonburg next Thursday, August 22nd. It is expected that this will be one of the largest and best reunions of these old and well known families ever held, as Madisonburg can be termed the "old homestead" of the ancestors of the present generations of both the Schaeffer and Hazel families. W. C. Heinle Esq., will deliver the principal address of the day and the Coburn band will be present and furnish the music. There will be various amusements and the program arranged is sure to entertain all who may attend.

LINGLE—MARTIN.—George Lingle and Miss Marie Martin, both of Blanchard, were quietly married on Tuesday evening by Rev. H. J. Dudley, of the Disciple church. After a brief honeymoon the young couple will go to Panama where Mr. Lingle is employed on the government canal.

BUILDING A HYDRATING PLANT.—The American Lime and Stone company are now at work erecting a good sized hydrating plant on the grounds near the old glass works site for the purpose of manufacturing hydrate of lime. This will be something new for Bellefonte, but may eventually develop into a big as well as a profitable industry, as hydrated lime is one of the best fertilizers on the market.

Mrs. Evelyn Rogers entertained with cards Saturday evening, her guests playing both bridge and finch. Mrs. W. F. Reynolds entertained with bridge on Saturday evening in honor of Miss Halderman, Miss Linn's guest. Miss Emily Valentine entertained with bridge at Miss Natt's on Monday evening in honor of Miss Halderman. Mrs. Hiram Hiller entertained at the Country club Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. and Miss Halderman. Mrs. Bogle entertained at bridge Thursday evening in honor of her house guest Mrs. Beck, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Florence Dale entertained this morning with bridge in honor of Mrs. C. L. Burns of Philadelphia.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. William Lion, of Tyrrell, Ohio, for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Della, to Clarence Garbrick, of Bellefonte, the wedding to take place at noon Wednesday, August 21st.

An ice cream and oak festival will be held by the Salvation Army in their barracks over the Centre county bank tomorrow evening.

A RAILROAD STIR-UP.—Officials of The Pennsylvania State College and residents of the borough of State College are somewhat worked up over the location of a proposed branch of the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad from Lemont to State College. It will be remembered that a month ago the WATCHMAN published an item relative to several railroad men with Gen. Beaver and vice president J. P. Welsh going over the route of the old and original survey of the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad from Lemont to Fairbrook, and at the time it was reported that the railroad company was strongly considering the proposition to build the connecting link, especially as the college authorities have for some time past been endeavoring to secure a direct outlet over the Lewisburg and Tyrone.

Now it is reported on pretty reliable authority that the railroad company has agreed to build the line as far as State College or, in other words, build a branch into the College, providing the college authorities and residents of that borough will grant them the free right-of-way into and through the borough as far as the present Bellefonte Central depot, which then could be made a union depot and thus save considerable expense. To do this it would be necessary to run the road along on the edge of the campus next the main street of the borough and past the big engineering building. The railroad company agree to make the roadbed not only dust proof but ornamental. It will be built as much as possible on grade and will be fully ballasted with ground limestone, while the line is to be added to within eighteen or twenty inches of the line of ties. With these stipulations the college authorities are inclined to agree but the residents of the town are kicking. They do not want a railroad train puffing along in front of their stores and residences day after day, with the consequent soot and smoke. And in addition, would most likely have their observation of the college and campus obscured at least part of the time by freight cars which would most likely be shifted on to the siding. Citizens of the College want the road built on the original survey, which is five hundred feet back of the College, then, by a horseshoe curve, enter the present Bellefonte Central depot from the west. This would not only make the road more expensive to build but would also cost more for the right of way.

Just how the campaign will end is hard to tell, inasmuch as everybody is united in wanting the road built. There is no doubt but that a branch from Lemont to the College would be a convenience in the matter of freight shipments, but as long as the road is not to be built through to connect with the Tyrone end it would hardly prove a very great boon so far as passenger travel is concerned.

BADLY HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.—The first real serious automobile accident that has occurred in Centre county since the machines have been introduced here occurred last Saturday afternoon and as a result Roy Gentzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Perry Gentzel, of Spring township, now lies in the Bellefonte hospital with a broken leg, one ear badly torn and innumerable contusions and bruises on various parts of his body.

The young man is about twenty-one years of age and has been clerking in the State College bank. His brother, Homer Gentzel, is employed at the engineering building at the College and at the same time has charge of Prof. John Price Jackson's machine, a Knox steam. Saturday afternoon the Gentzel brothers with Mr. Thompson and little daughter left the College to come to Bellefonte. They had not gone far from the College when the steering gear of the machine broke. Roy Gentzel jumped out, fell down and was run over before his brother, who was at the throttle, could stop the machine. None of the other occupants jumped and none of them were injured.

Young Gentzel was picked up and taken back to the College where his injuries were temporarily attended to, after which he was brought to Bellefonte on the evening train over the Bellefonte Central and taken to the hospital, where his broken leg was set and he was given every attention possible. His worst injury is a deep gash or hole gouged in the leg above the knee and this may prove more serious than all the rest, though at this time he is getting along as well as can be expected.

Up to this time there has been no reasonable explanation as to the cause of the accident to the machine. Of course it was purchased by Prof. Jackson second-hand, but even then was in good condition and when the accident occurred the men were going only at a moderate rate of speed. The gear evidently was weakened by a flaw that was not discernible.

NEELY—SANDERSON.—Charles W. Neely and Miss Anna M. Sanderson, both of Pittsburg, came to Bellefonte on Wednesday of last week and that evening were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. Catharine Kline, on east Curtin street, by Rev. F. W. Barry, pastor of the Lutheran church. Though Mr. Neely is now employed as an inspector for the Hammar Coupler company both he and his bride are evangelistic workers, and it is their intention to equip themselves for missionary work in foreign fields.

ARDELL LUMBER COMPANY PLANT SOLD.—The plant of the ArdeLL Lumber company was sold at public sale on Wednesday forenoon and was purchased by Edward L. Hoy, the price paid being \$5,470, which includes only the personal property and good will, the real estate not being subject to sale. It is the purpose of Mr. Hoy to operate the plant upon a bigger scale than it has been for some time.

MOTOR NEWS AND NOTES.—The latest acquisition to the ranks of Bellefonte automobile owners is Col. H. S. Taylor, who is now the possessor of a 1903 model twenty horse power Winston. The machine was secured—mind you secured, as the colonel says it didn't cost him a dollar—at Jersey Shore and was brought to Bellefonte with Robert H. Hunter at the wheel last Friday. It is a big red machine, the original cost of which was three thousand dollars and, though it is an old model it is practically a new machine, as it has not been run over three hundred miles. The colonel has been getting himself in shape this week to tackle it and it will only be a question of a few days until he will be spinning around the town and through the country with the best of them.

About a month ago the Tyrone Motor club purchased a Rapid eighteer, built some what on the style of a huge platform wagon with a top and steps leading up to the four seats. It has a twenty-four horse power, two cylinder motor, and is capable of developing a speed of eighteen miles an hour. It is used by the owners as a sort of back around Tyrone and on Sunday a party of Tyroneans made the trip to Bellefonte, had dinner at the Broeckerhoff house and returned home in the afternoon. In the party were Loyd Gates, Bruce Salisbury, J. C. Paeker, I. L. Gates, G. A. Toger, Earl Fank, W. T. Wrye, Harry Kouffer, Blair Fisher, Gottlieb Weaver, C. E. Keefe and A. W. Potts, practically all of them employees of the Pennsylvania railroad company.

On Monday evening Howard Best left the Country club in "Old Liz," John Porter Lyon's Buick, to bring a load of gentlemen to Bellefonte. He had gone only a short distance and was beginning to get up speed when one of the rear wheels on the machine came off and the axle dropped to the ground with a thud. Fortunately the machine was stopped before any damage was done, but it took some time to find the wheel which had rolled some distance into a fence corner. The breaking of a pin which held the burr in place was the cause of the accident.

Saturday night T. B. Buddinger was coming up Bald Eagle in his Model D Franklin and when about midway between Curtin station and Milesburg the machine stopped and it was considerable after midnight when they were brought to Bellefonte by one of John Porter Lyon's men.

Hugh N. Crider on Sunday took John McCoy to Peou Cave and on their return trip made the record run home in forty-five minutes.

Norman Thompson, who works at the Lyon garage, got his license on Saturday night and a happier person could not be found.

LAST FRIDAY MORNING'S STORM.—This summer has been noted for the frequency of hard rain storms, with plenty of thunder and lightning, and last Friday morning's storm was about one of the hardest. It occurred early in the morning, between seven and eight o'clock. While the volume of rain which fell at this place was not so great, it was a record-breaker down Pennsylvania where, it is asserted on good authority, the rainfall was over two inches. The thunder and lightning accompanying the storm was terrific. In this place there was one exceptionally severe stroke of lightning at just about eight o'clock.

The WATCHMAN force was in the press room at the time and the lightning must have struck quite close, as the flash, in the shape of a ball of fire, ran along the wires the entire length of the room, but fortunately nobody in the room was affected by it. Either the same stroke or another one struck Lingle's foundry and while no damage was done the building four boys were knocked down and one of the number, Howard Casper, who was working on brass fittings, was so badly stunned that he was taken to a doctor.

The same morning lightning struck the large barn on the John Hamilton farm near State College setting it on fire, with the result that the building was burned to the ground, together with all its contents. The farm was tenanted by John Spicher Jr., and he was the heaviest loser, as one colt, four hogs, eight hundred dozen of wheat and his entire hay crop were destroyed, and he had not a cent of insurance. The barn was insured so that Mr. Hamilton's loss is small.

GOOD MILK AND CREAM.—On July 26th pure food agent H. M. Banzhoff was in Bellefonte and purchased samples of milk and cream from the dairymen who serve the people of the town. Six samples of milk and four of cream were secured and in every case but one the samples were found to exceed the rating of "ordinary quality," and in most of the cases to be even better than the United States standard. One of the samples purchased was found to be entirely too low in butter fat and it is likely that James Foust, the pure food commissioner, of Harrisburg, will make a trip to Bellefonte in the near future and make an investigation, and if the conditions warrant it may institute proceedings against the dairyman. In the meantime, that the consumers in Bellefonte may know just what they are getting when they buy milk and cream from their dairymen we publish the following analysis as made by Dr. William Frear, of The Pennsylvania State College, and chemist for the pure food department.

Table with columns: Name of Dairymen, Sample, Butter Fat. Rows include H. N. Hoy, D. R. Shively, Bellefonte Creamery, Wm. Brimble, C. A. Frano, D. H. Shively, C. A. Frano, D. M. Kline, D. M. Kline, J. C. Barnes, R. J. Hortle, R. J. Hortle.

OLD "HAS BEENS" PLAY BALL.—The pathological department of the Bellefonte hospital is just \$62.25 richer because enough of fans at twenty-five cents a head went out to Meadowbrook park last Friday afternoon to see a lot of old "has beens" show off in a game of ball between the professional and business men of the town; and the exhibition wasn't such a poor one, either—considering.

The score was 16 to 11 in favor of the business men, but even this fact did not satisfy Dr. Feidt that the latter could beat the professionals and he has challenged them to play another game; providing, (and the proviso means a whole lot) that they will eliminate from their line-up Irwin, Otto, Gephart and Crider. Of course the challenge has not yet been accepted nor is it likely to be with the proviso clause inserted.

But to return to the game. Dr. Dale pitched for the professionals and the way he started out showed that he had not forgotten some of the twisters he used when captain of the Gettysburg college team, but by the time he had reached the last inning his motor had grown very weak.

Loeke played an admirable game at first. That is, he played with military precision and as little violent exercise as possible. As a stick artist he and Harry Keller were the stars on their side, the latter proving quite a base runner, also.

John Curtin and Harry Otto pitched for the business men and Rash Irwin caught. Druggist Krumrine played first and from the way he did it led a person to think it was the first time he did it. Linn McGinley held down the second bag and as a public demonstration that he had not forgotten the ethics of the game so far as stopping the ball at all hazards is concerned, he stepped one with his chin; and he caught his man at first, too. Cassidy was stationed away out in right field where there was nothing to do and he followed his job even when at the bat.

Of course we would like to give each one of the players individual mention according to their deserts, but time and space will not permit. Taken all in all it was a two hours pleasant diversion and the best part of the game was the fact that there was only one kick against the decisions of the umpires, George Kniesly and Dr. Harris, and at no time in the game was the latter obliged to get up out of the chair he occupied at first base.

NEXT TUESDAY'S BIG BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC.—The various committees appointed to arrange for the eleventh annual picnic of the Centre and Clinton counties Business Men's Picnic association have practically completed every detail and all that is wanted now to make this year's gathering one of the most successful ever held is fine weather next Tuesday, August 20th, the date of the gathering.

The program has been completed and the various events are as follows: Free dancing; inter-county shooting contest; lawn tennis contest; band concert—the famous Repaz (or Twelfth Regiment band of Williamsport,) and grand chorus of several thousand voices singing national hymns.

In the afternoon there will be a novel and laughable entertainment by the executive committee. While we are not informed as to the exact nature of this entertainment, we are assured that it alone will be fully worth spending the whole day at the grounds. The members of the committee are all good actors and any entertainment they elect to give will be worth seeing. Then there will be running races and a base ball game between the Philadelphia and Renovo teams. Both these teams have been playing fast ball this year and the contest next Tuesday should be an intensely interesting one. The last thing on the program is the balloon ascension, which will take place after the ball game.

Every arrangement has been made to have plenty of stands and an ample supply of eatables on the grounds so that no one need go hungry, whether you take a basket or not.

The officials of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania company are assured of the largest supply of cars ever secured for a similar occasion, and will thus have ample facilities to transport the thousands who may attend.

The best of order will be maintained throughout the day, as properly deputized officials will see that no intoxicated persons be permitted on the trains or on the picnic grounds. Don't forget the date, next Tuesday, and don't forget to go.

FOR THE BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC.—The Central R. R. of Pa. has about completed its arrangements for handling the large crowd that will journey from all points in Clinton and Centre counties to Hecla Park on Tuesday, August 20th. Between 8.00 a. m. and 1.00 p. m. five trains of from seven to ten cars each, and capable of seating three thousand people will leave Mill Hill for the park, and an equal number of trains and cars from Bellefonte to the park. The selection of Tuesday for holding this monster picnic has in this respect proved a happy one. If all will carefully consult the special schedule for that day, and be on hand promptly, there is no reason why everybody should not have a seat, and a comfortable ride to the "garden spot" of Central Pennsylvania.

Remember the date, Tuesday, August 20th.

The Wagner family reunion held at Grange park, near Centre Hall, on Wednesday of last week, was quite largely attended. The Wagners first came to Centre county in 1803 and have been among the best known people of the county. Hon. Frederick Kurtz was the chief speaker at last Wednesday's reunion.