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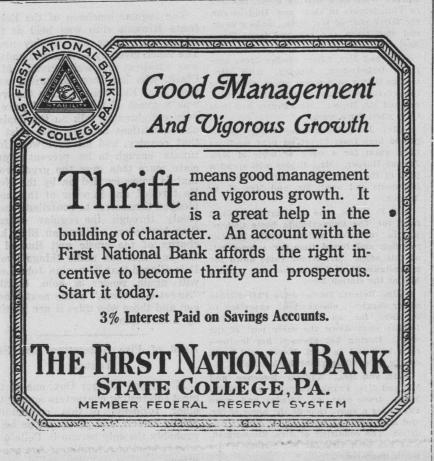
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THE BELLEFONTE BAR

GENERATIONS AGO. During the February term of court two judges from entirely different sections of the State sat upon the bench of Centre county, not because of the lack of judicial timber in Bellefonte but because of the fact that the recent appointment of Judge Dale rendered it legally necessary to get an outside judge to hear the cases. This fact, however, is only prelim-

inary to a comparison of the Centre county bar of today to what it was forty, fifty and seventy-five years ago. And we say this without any intention of detracting one iota from the legal ability of the present members. But a half century ago the Centre county bar was reputed one of the best in the State. Its members were not only big in stature but giants in intellect and legal acumen. There were probably twice as many lawyers in active practice then as now, most of whom were quick in repartee and caustic in their remarks.

As evidence of what strangers thought of the Centre county bar in the olden days we publish the following letter written for the Jersey Shore Republican about seventy or more years ago. The names contained therein are all familiar ones in the history of Centre county and will be recalled by every member of the present bar of Centre county:

I had often heard of the Bellefonte bar as one of the best, if not the very best bar in our State, and I felt anx-ious to see its distinguished members. It was late in the afternoon of Friday that the old stage coach from Lewistown rolled into the romantic town nestled among the hills, and fa-mous as the childhood home of many of our great men. The court was in session and after supper I determined to have a sight of stern Justice "seat-ed on her lofty seat." I was a total stranger, but thanks to the kindness of a friend where I chorect to start of a friend whom I chanced to meet, I was enabled to know and fix in my mind, many of the most distinguished personages then in the bar. On enter-ing the hall I was struck with the beauty and grandeur of everything around me. The room was most ele-gantly frescoed. Back of the Judge and directly over his head was the great seal of the State, (if I remem-ber;) on his left was Justice with her scales, and on his right stood the beautiful Goddess of Liberty. It is the most elegantly furnished room I ever saw. The gas burners were lighted, and threw their soft and lambent light over the scene. Judge Burnside was upon the bench. I believe he is a son of the distinguished Mr. Burnside who was Supreme Judge | first. at one time, and now for many years looking man; his iron grey hair stands

young man to the left is James Bea-ver, a youth of no ordinary talent and great future promise. Who is that fresh, hearty-looking gentleman with the grey eyes and brown hair, talkinig so earnestly to the large portly man at his elbow? That is James S. Bris-bin, distinguished for his eloquence as a writer; and the large man at his el-bow is John H. Stover, a young law-yer of considerable ability. Those two very large, and fine looking men to the left are Mr. Durham and Mr. Bush, both good lawyers. That tall, nervous young man to the left is James Bealeft are Mr. Durham and Mr. Bush, both good lawyers. That tall, nervous looking gentleman to the right, read-ing a newspaper, is James H. Rankin; I should take him to be about thirty-five. Those gentlemen behind Mr. Rankin, sitting round the table, laugh-ing, talking and writing notes on slips of paper, are the law students, they are a fine, intellectual looking set of young men.

young men. That portly man sitting outside of the bar, with the bald head and grey eyes, is Gen. James Irvin, once a can-didate on the Whig ticket for Gover-nor, and lately the noble and generous density of the human areas of land donator of two hundred acres of land to found the "Farmer's High School" of Pennsylvania. The tall, fine look-ing gentleman upon his left is Ed-mund Blanchard, the talented partner of the Hon. A. G. Curtin. The orator goes on with his speech to the jury; greadually the hum of conversation ceases—the newspapers are laid aside and all voluntarily or in spite of them-selves, yield him their whole atten-tion. Every head in the audience is inclined closer towards him—every ear turned in the direction of his voice, and a deep and mysterious si voice, and a deep and mysterious silence fills the court room, as his sol-emn voice of deepest pathos rolls and swells upon their ears with mournful

significance. His glowing thoughts and fervent periods stir the hearts of those who might enter the lists as his competitors. Mark the varying coun-tenance of McAllister, and the suf-fused eye of Linn. Curtin's fine eye sparkles and his towering form seems to grow still taller. Brown becomes nervous and excited, and the blood rushes in torrents to Brisbin's glowing face. At length the speech is over; the jury goes out and the court, amid the hum of voices and the tramping of feet, adjourns till morning. Thus my dear "Ledger," have I given you a hasty and imperfect sketch of the Bellefonte bar. I am indebted for many of the facts contained in this sketch to the kindness of my friend, who pointed out to me the gentlemen mentioned in it and told me of their peculiar traits of character. In my next, if I have space, I will tell you some fine anecdotes concerning some of these gentlemen. I would have written to you last week but had not time. I will write you another letter as soon as I get to Cincinnati. With respect to all the readers of the "I adgrer" I promote this three friend "Ledger," I remain thir true friend. H. H. GASKELL.

> DON'T USE SWEET CLOVER FOR **CLOVER AND ALFALFA.**

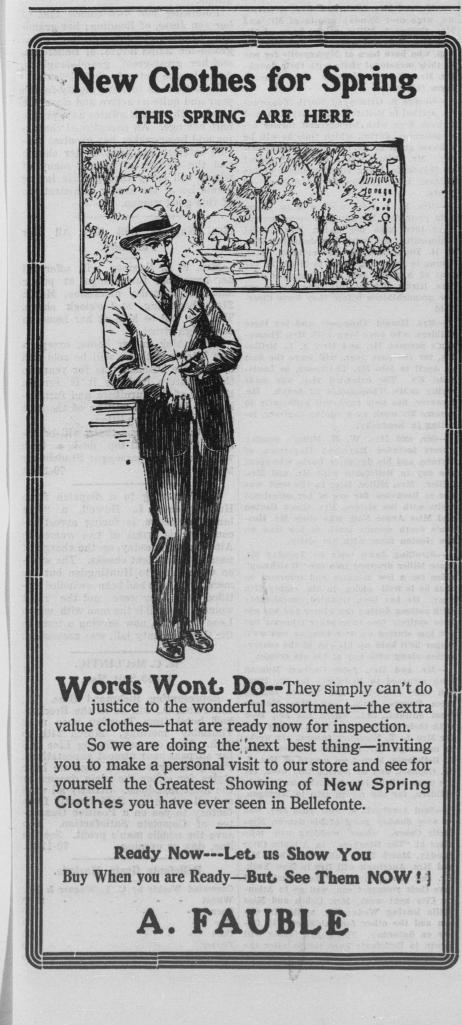
If tempted to buy sweet clover instead of red clover, know the facts

"On account of the price of red dead. Judge Burnside is a large, fine clover seed this spring and due to the publicity given sweet clover by cer-



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stern, but withal, a kind humored tempted to substitute sweet clover for look. His cold grey eye scans the wit- | red without first studying the needs ness with almost a fierce expression, and uses of this plant. as his rapid pen takes down every word as it falls from his lips. I should judge he was about fifty years of age, and undoubtedly a man of the very first order of judicial talent.

The jury is paneled and sworn and a large heavy set man rises to speak. His face is bland and mild, his voice low and mellow, and as he turns his be about fifty-six years of age. But who is that gentleman with the dark eyes, and black, luxuriant hair, sweeping back from his broad and lof-ty forehead? He sits directly in front of Mr Hale and generating his fore of Mr. Hale and gazes up into his face with an earnest and inquiring look, as with an earnest and inquiring look, as if he would devour every word that falls from the orator's lips. That is Col. W. W. Brown, the talented editor of the Centre Democrat. He is a fine looking man and I reckon not more than thirty years old. Directly behind and a little to the left of Col. Brown, sits a tall how man with condy heir sits a tall, bony man, with sandy hair. The thin, compressed lips and hard features speak determination in every features speak determination in every lineament. The very expression of his face seems to say, "I never give up." The fierce grey eye rolls from side to side taking in at a glance every thing and every body. He is about fifty and I should take him to be a very dangerous man to meet in forensic contest. That is H. N. Mc-Allister, the great "farmer lawyer." Who is that little heavy set man with the brown eyes and bullet head, seat-to the left of Mr. Hale reading a news-paper, and ever and anon looking up from his paper to iinterrupt the speaker. That is Ira C. Mitchell, the opponent of Mr. Hale in the cause now opponent of Mr. Hale in the cause now trying. The green baize doors at the further end of the room silently open, and a little man with a well known green bag on his arm, walks up the aisle, with a slow, shuffling gait, into the bar. There is nothing intellectu-al looking about his face. He is dressed in a plain black, seedy coat, and looks more like a farmer than a however, Norretheles, that is farmer lawyer. Nevertheless, that is Samuel Linn, the Solon of the bar, and one of the soundest law expounders in the State. Who is that tall noble looking man, leaning on the railing of the bar? His commanding form, and intellectual face with hair curling over the high, white brow, would point him out any place as a distinguished man, and he would attract attention in any crowd. That is Hon. A. G. Curtin, the Demosthenes of the bar, and one of the most eloquent men in the Key-stone State. That spare man with the thin visage and piercing black eyes, who has his heels cocked up on the ta-

"Sweet clover sems to need

about as much lime as alfalfa does and while it will grow on poor land it

and while it will grow on poor land it will not thirve if the soil is sour. "Careful inoculation of the seed or soil is just as necessary for sweet clo-ver as for alfalfa. Frequently, if one can grow sweet clover he can grow al-falfa just as easily and the alfalfa is much more desirable and longer lived for hav production. Also sweet clo eye this way, there is a latent flush in it, and the yellow color of the ball re-minds you of an eagle's eye. That is the Hon. Jas. T. Hale. I take him to

"The right use for sweet clover is as a pasture and soil improvement crop. For these purposes it is hard to beat where the proper soil condi-tions are present for its growth. "On account of its rapid, coarse growth the second season sweet clo-

ver must be cut about June 1 to make satisfactory hay. It is hard to cure such a rank growth of clover so early in the season; and many cases of stock poisoning have been reported from the moulds which often form in sweet clover hay that was considered well dried. Furthermore, the second season crop must be cut six or eight inches high or it will make no second growth and this leaves the ground bare all summer.

"There is a place on many farms for sweet clover but not as a substi-tute for clover and alfalfa."

Cheap.

The train had finally emerged from the blackness of a long tunnel. The conductor noticed a young couple both of whom were apparently quite flustered and the young woman was nerv-ously rearranging her disheveled hair. Thinking to put them at ease the

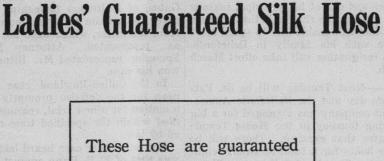
conductor remarked pleasantly: "Did you know that the tunnel we "Did it?" inquired the girl. Then she added after a pause, "Well, it was worth it.'

When lemons become dry from long standing they may be restored by boiling in water for several minutes. Any lemon will yield more juice if dipped in hot water immediately before use.

-----The letter "e" is said to be used more frequently than any other. "r" is said to be second.

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