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FIFTY YEARS AGO.

"The latest novelty in hosiery for ladies are black in color, with a yellow snake coiling about the leg. Hands off now—young gentlemen. While that snake isn't alive, yet it might bite."

The Hon. J. P. Gephart, father of the late J. Wesley Gephart, was one of our two members of the Legislature and introduced a bill authorizing the council of Bellefonte to acquire by purchase or take by condemnation proceedings such "adjacent lands, tenements, water powers, rights of way and privileges" as might be necessary for the erection of additional water works or extending the present water works of the borough.

John Spangler, father of Col. J. L. Spangler, was sheriff of Centre county and the elder Judge Orvis was on the bench.

Sleighting was about over for the season.

The Bellefonte council offered a reward of \$25 for "the arrest and conviction of anyone found throwing dog poison around on the streets."

Last Saturday night "Dick" Harris, who was master of the refined iron department at the Valentine iron works gave a birthday party at the Bush house. His guests were Amos Mullen, P. Gray Meek, W. L. Malin, Alva S. Grow, George G. Tate, E. T. Tuten and Joe Furey. Signor Henri Vittalini cooked the meal.

Clyde Cadwallader, of Unionville, only a little boy himself, rescued "Eddie and Harry Griest" from a swollen stream into which they had fallen while returning from tapping a sugar maple tree near that place. The "Eddie" Griest alluded to is now E. M. Griest of the Lauderbach-Griest Co., wholesale grocers.

John Miller, of Half Moon township, died last Wednesday and the Watchman said of him "because he was a Democrat he had his title clear to a mansion in the skies."

Foster Tate, of Pleasant Gap, died last Sunday of bronchitis. The funeral procession was so long that when the hearse was entering the Union cemetery here the last carriage was in front of the Conrad house—now Temple Court.

Benjamin Schrock, of Bishop street, suffered a stroke of paralysis last Sunday evening. Mr. Schrock conducted a blacksmith shop where the Undine engine house now stands.

Professor Phillip, the arcanist of Bellefonte, and James Guyer, a Clinton county school teacher, were matched for a five hours walking match for a prize of \$50.

Monte Ward, the noted curve ball pitcher, left to begin his summer work.

Seth H. Yocum left for Washington to take his newly acquired seat in Congress and Governor Curtin announced his intention of contesting his right to it.

"Ed Garman has returned from Crittenden's Philadelphia Commercial College, having graduated, and is now ready to be married."

The wooden awnings that covered the pavement in front of what are now the Miller, Dollar and City Cash stores, on Allegheny street, were torn away and plate glass windows put in the store fronts.

In Sugar valley, Clinton county, Col. Henry W. Shoemaker recently located a log cabin that is known to be more than 125 years old. Col. Shoemaker purchased the cabin and had it taken down and hauled on four two-horse sleds twelve miles across the mountains to his home at McElhattan, where it will be used as a garden house in a wild flower garden. Although the cabin was built in 1804, only two of the logs were found to be unfit for use in reconstruction. The logs are an extra large size and of clear white pine. The floor boards are of white oak and none of them less than twenty-four inches in width. The house was built by Jacob Embigh, an early pioneer from Berks county, whose descendants are still numerous throughout Sugar Valley.

The average acre yield of corn in Pennsylvania for 1928 was 39 bushels, which was 10 bushels more than the average for the entire country. In Centre county the crop amounted to 965,830 bushels and its value is approximated at \$888,560. Berks, Chester, Franklin and York counties grew over twice as much corn as we did and Lancaster over four times as much.



COL. HUGH S. TAYLOR.

The passing away of Col. H. S. Taylor, at his home on east Linn street, at two o'clock Sunday morning, removes another of the men who have been indissolubly connected with the history of Bellefonte for more than four decades. His illness dates back to almost a year ago when he was the victim of a severe attack of pleurisy. While he recovered therefrom to a certain extent, and during last summer looked more like his former sturdy self, with the coming of cold weather, last fall, the effects of the disease again became apparent. His condition through the winter grew steadily worse but he would not give up and as late as two weeks before his death, or the last Saturday in February, made a trip to Jersey Shore in the interest of his work for the U. S. Treasury Department. He returned home that evening pretty well exhausted and he never left his bed after retiring that night. He realized the seriousness of his condition and was conscious up until a few minutes before his death.

Hugh Stuart Taylor was a son of Hugh and Anna Starr Taylor and was born in Bellefonte on January 12th, 1868, hence had reached the age of 61 years 1 month and 26 days. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and one of a family of fourteen children. He being the eldest and his father a day laborer, the colonel's sturdy strength, while yet a boy, was turned from play into labor as a means of helping out with the family income. He did anything he could turn his hand to and at one time picked flint in the ore mines at Gatesburg. Later he learned the steam fitting and plumbing trade under George Chase, who was then in charge of the steam heating plant, and finally went to S. M. Buck, as his foreman, having had charge of important contracts in various parts of the State. In the meantime his winters were spent at school and he graduated at the Bellefonte High school in 1886. That same year through the influence of Andrew G. Curtin, Pennsylvania's War Governor, he was given an appointment to West Point. He passed the mental examination for entrance but failed in the physical and for the ensuing five years worked at plumbing and anything he could do as a means of raising enough money to go to college. In 1891 his dream was so far realized that he matriculated at State College in the fall of that year. He spent but two years at college then entered the office of Orvis, Bower & Orvis for study of the law. He was an apt pupil and in 1894 was admitted to the Centre county bar. He remained with the above law firm about eighteen months then opened his own office for the practice of his profession.

A Democrat by birth and nature he became interested in politics early in life and his work for his party attracted such attention that in 1894 he was elected tax collector of Bellefonte, and filled the office several terms. In 1896 he was made chairman of the Democratic Executive committee and elected chairman of the county committee in 1897. He was an aggressive worker and party victory invariably followed his efforts. In later years he also filled the party chairmanship for one or two terms. In 1902 he was elected sheriff of the county and served for three years. It was in July, 1924, while he was away attending the National Guard encampment, that prisoners in the county jail planned and successfully carried out a jail delivery which resulted in the murder of Jerry Condo, the old turnkey. Four men escaped and but two were caught, Ira Green and William Dillen. They were tried at the August term of court, convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death. Sheriff Taylor officiated at their hanging in May, 1905.

On retiring from the sheriff's office Col. Taylor became interested in

the Steam Heat and Gas company and had personal supervision of its operation until the plant was closed for good early in 1919.

When but seventeen years of age he enlisted as a private in Company B, Bellefonte's National Guard organization, and his rise through the ranks was steady until 1896 when he was elected captain. In 1898 he promptly responded to the call for service in the Spanish-American war and with his company was sent to Chickamauga, Ga., to train for service. Captain Taylor was a martinet for military discipline and regulations but when they reached the land assigned them as a camping place he showed that his heart was in the right place. The ground was low and the position assigned Company B was a morass of mud and water. He refused to camp there, marched his company to higher ground in defiance of a higher command and dared them to court martial him. When the commissary issued spoiled meats as rations he had it carted away and buried and out of his own funds purchased supplies for his company.

In 1905 Capt. Taylor was elected Colonel of the Fifth regiment as successor to Col. Rufus Elder, of Lewisport, an office he filled until the reorganization of the National Guard several years later which resulted in the disbandment of the old Fifth regiment and making Company B a unit in the Twelfth regiment. Col. Taylor returned to Company B as captain, but a year later resigned and that ended his local military career, but not his loyal patriotism. When the United States entered the World War he wrote the War Department offering his services, but they were not needed.

Though his services were not needed in the ranks he gave unstintingly to the cause at home. Every squad of citizen soldiers drafted into the service was given a preliminary training by him before they embarked for a regular training camp, and he always marched at their head when they went to the depot to enter. In every Liberty Loan, Red Cross or other drive his resonant voice was heard from one end of the county to the other exhorting all to respond to the limit of their ability.

Probably not in half a century has there been any one man so much in demand as a public speaker as Col. Taylor. Possessed of a commanding physique, a splendid voice and a gift of oratory he could always hold the attention of any kind of a gathering. He was always intensely American and patriotic and it was his special delight to talk on these themes to the youth of the land.

Col. Taylor was a man very pronounced in his likes and dislikes, but one whose friendship could always be depended upon. Big-hearted and open-handed he could write columns on his many acts of kindness that few people know anything about.

When he was compelled to close down the steam heat and gas plant because he was unable to finance it any longer he secured an appointment under President Wilson as special income tax investigator in central Pennsylvania. He proved very successful in this line of work and was continued in the position up until his death.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Bellefonte; the Odd Fellows, Moose, Elks, Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Logan Fire company.

In 1894 he married Miss Kitty L. Bauer who passed away ten years later. In May, 1905, he married Miss Bertha Cross, who survives. He also leaves four sons and three daughters, namely: Hugh and Vincent, at home; Frank, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. William Manchester, Margaret and Philip, all at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. R. S. Burns and Miss Lillian, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. W. D. Zerby and E. R. Taylor, of Bellefonte; Col.

Jas. P. Taylor, Lake Placid, N. Y.; W. E. Gladstone Taylor, of Taylorstown, Pa.; Dr. Joseph Taylor, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Warren Else, of Harrisburg.

At a preliminary meeting of the bar association, held on Monday afternoon, James C. Furst, Ellis L. Orvis, John Blanchard, S. D. Gettig and W. Harrison Walker were appointed a committee to prepare a minute and resolution on the death of Col. Taylor. At a meeting of the association, held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Judge Fleming presided and former Judge James C. Furst presented the minute and resolution, as follows:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA:

The Committee appointed at a preliminary meeting of this Association, held on March 11, 1929, to draft a minute and suitable resolutions relative to the death of Hugh Stuart Taylor, Esq., a member of this Bar, respectfully report the following Minute and Resolutions:

Hugh S. Taylor died on March 10, 1929 at his residence in Bellefonte. He was a son of Hugh Taylor and Annie Starr Taylor, his wife, and was born in Bellefonte, Pa., on January 12, 1868, one of fourteen children. His father was a native of Ireland but settled in Bellefonte and married his wife here.

Hugh S. Taylor was graduated from the Bellefonte High School in 1886 and thereafter, through Andrew G. Curtin, received an appointment to the West Point Military Academy but later resigned and entered the Pennsylvania State College and pursued his studies there. After leaving Pennsylvania State College he became a student in the office of Orvis, Bower and Orvis in Bellefonte and was admitted to the Bar of Centre County in 1894 and for a number of years practiced successfully at this Bar.

On November 8, 1894 he was married to Kitty L. Bauer and this union was blessed with four children, Frank Taylor, now of Los Angeles, California, Vincent and Hugh, both of Bellefonte and Mary, who died a few years ago. After the death of his wife he was married to Mrs. Bertha Cross the 17th day of May, 1905 and this marriage was blessed with three children, Louise, Margaret and Philip Taylor all residing in Bellefonte, Pa.

In the year 1896 he was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and in 1897 was elected Chairman of the Democratic County Committee. For a number of years he was actively associated with Democratic political activity in Pennsylvania and in the year 1902 was elected Sheriff of Centre County and served throughout the year 1903 and 1904. Prior to his election as Sheriff he was the tax collector for the Borough of Bellefonte for a great many years.

He had a long and honorable military record. He served as a Private in Company "B" 5th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania from the early eighties to the rank of Captain in 1898 and was First Sergeant, later to Second Lieutenant and later to the rank of Captain in the 5th Regiment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He was commissioned as a private in the Spanish American War, the 27th day of April 1898 and served as such with the Company until the end of the Spanish American War. During the encampment at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, he was commissioned to return to Pennsylvania and organize four new companies for the 5th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, organizing said companies at Somerset, Clearfield, Wellsville and Gettysburg which regiment was part of the First Brigade of the Third Division First Army Corps during that time. The First Brigade was under the command of Colonel Burnside, Colonel of the 5th Division. Captain Taylor was the Adjutant General of this Brigade. After the close of the war he returned with his company to Bellefonte where it was mustered out of service on the 10th day of November 1898 and within a year he reorganized the company as the National Guard Company and until the reorganization of the office of Lieutenant Colonel of the same regiment he kept the company in the highest possible military standard, and from the office of Lieutenant Colonel he was elevated to Colonel of the 5th Regiment in which capacity he served until the reorganization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

At the opening of the World War Colonel Taylor immediately offered his services to the Government, but by reason of his age was declined. He then undertook a service that was rather unique, but nevertheless valuable. From time to time as the classes were called to the colors under the draft regulations, Colonel Taylor took these recruits in hand and gave them preliminary training which stood them in good stead later in the National Guard. This preliminary training was noted by the office of the first sergeant and the local draft Board received complimentary communications in recognition of the preparation given to the men.

During the World War Colonel Taylor sought every opportunity to render service to the Government. He was called on in the various Liberty Loan drives, in the public meetings called to arouse interest in the food and clothing drives and Red Cross drives and on every occasion his eloquence, his patriotism and his personality moved his audiences to the highest pitch of enthusiasm and resulted in the successful carrying out of the various programs for which he spoke.

After the World War no memorial or public occasion was complete without one of Colonel Taylor's inspiring and eloquent addresses in support of the occasion.

In later years Colonel Taylor has been employed in the Internal Revenue Department of the Federal Government and his efficient service in many directions in the performance of these duties has been highly esteemed and recognized by the Department. Many intricate and involved tax problems were referred to Colonel Taylor by the Government. He gave to this work the same energy and concentrated thought he always exhibited in his military life and invariably succeeded in unravelling the difficulties between taxpayers and the Government to the entire satisfaction of both parties, and at the time of his death was recognized as an expert in tax matters throughout the district to which he was assigned.

Colonel Taylor was endowed with eloquence of fear: was energetic and efficient in the accomplishment of any military duties to which he was assigned. As a soldier he was a strict disciplinarian, but all his actions were tempered with kindness.

He was a member of a number of fraternal organizations, including the Bellefonte Lodge No. 288 Free and Accepted Masons.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the foregoing Minute and of the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED that in the death of Colonel Taylor the Bar of Centre County, this community and Colonel Taylor's many steadfast friends have suffered a severe loss and that we all join in hearty recognition of his sterling worth as a man, a soldier and a citizen.

RESOLVED that we extend to his wife and family our sincere sympathy.

RESOLVED that this Minute and these Resolutions be spread upon the records of this Court and that a copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Taylor.

JAMES C. FURST, ELLIS L. ORVIS, JOHN BLANCHARD, S. D. GETTIG, W. HARRISON WALKER.

captain of the Sheridan troop; S. D. Gettig, John G. Love, former Judges, Ellis L. Orvis and Arthur C. Dale, W. Harrison Walker and John Blanchard Esqs. At the conclusion of the latter's remarks he moved the adoption of the minute and resolution and the meeting so voted. Members of the bar then marched in a body to the Taylor home, on east Linn street, for the funeral services, which were held at 3:30 o'clock.

The funeral was the largest held in Bellefonte since the death of General Beaver over twenty years ago. It was semi-military, the organizations present including Spanish-American war veterans, American Legion and Troop B, of the National Guard. Men and women in every walk of life were there, including quite a number of his old associates in the Fifth regiment of over twenty years ago.

All the business places in town were closed and the public schools dismissed. Hundreds of pupils lined the streets, standing with bowed heads as the funeral procession moved in mournful solemnity on its way to the cemetery. At the house the services were in charge of Rev. William C. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who also officiated at the cemetery.

As the body was lowered into its last resting place rain drops descended like slowly falling tears and in the fading light of day the military salute over the grave was a pean of victory for one who lived and died so truly American.

PARKER.—Mrs. Margaret Parker, widow of the late James Parker, of Phillipsburg, but who has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, since the latter's removal to Bellefonte nine years ago, died quite unexpectedly on Tuesday morning. She had been ill since December 26th, and only last week had returned to the Wilkinson home from the Centre County hospital where she had been undergoing treatment. Pneumonia was the cause of her death.

She was in her 72nd year and leaves to mourn her death two daughters, Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Harry L. Flegal, of Phillipsburg. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Rose Daggett, of Haverhill, Mass.; Mrs. F. H. Crawford, of Sacramento, Cal., and Mrs. L. F. Flood, of Grass Flat.

Funeral services will be held in St. John's Catholic church, of which she was a devoted member, at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning, after which the remains will be taken to Osceola Mills for burial in the Umbria cemetery.

MAKING HIS MARK IN THE WORLD.

Writing generally of men whom he could recommend as speakers available for most any public occasion G. Warren Gutelius, publicist of Northumberland gives considerable space in a brochure he has recently published to a former Bellefontian.

In writing of outstanding men of the Negro group with whom he has made acquaintance he says of James A. Jackson "without any reservation, whatever, because I know of his ability and qualifications, as well as of his good, sound constructive citizenship I take pleasure in recommending him as a speaker for any service club, Chamber of Commerce or other organizations."

TITAN METAL COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Titan Metal company was held in the Bellefonte office, last Friday, at which time the following board of directors was elected: J. L. Kemmerer, of New York, chairman; W. P. Seig, C. A. Cavanaugh, A. S. Miller, C. H. Jacobs, J. H. Allport, Dr. David Dale, S. P. Thorne and W. P. Seig. The board organized by electing W. P. Seig, president and general manager; C. H. Jacobs, vice president; C. A. Cavanaugh, treasurer; I. H. Thompson, assistant treasurer; Norman Peters, secretary; A. S. Miller and J. B. Craig, assistant secretaries. The condition of the company, at present, is very hopeful for a busy and successful year.

With the arrest, on Tuesday, of Mode Auman, of Penn township, and Newton Lingle, of Gregg township, authorities believe they have captured the men who have been looting hunting camps in the Seven mountains. Both men gave bail in the sum of \$1000 for their appearance at court.

NOAH EBY'S BEST "OH, BE JOYFUL!"

A few days ago D. A. Grove brought to this office an advertisement reminiscent of days that are no more.

It is a circular letter that was sent out back in the 1880s by Noah W. Eby who was then running a distillery at Woodward.

Much water has run by the mill since then and much "Moonshine" has been poured into the sewers. Discussion of the problem goes on uninterrupted, pro and con. Just now Dr. Watchorn is taking up space daily in an endeavor to prove that those who say Mr. Lincoln sold liquor in the country store malign the great Martyr. Scientists are quoted who declare that alcohol hasn't a particle of nutritive value and is nothing more nor less than a poison. Everybody has his or her own ideas on the matter and all the talking or writing anyone of them may do will not have an iota of effect on the conviction of the other.

It would seem, however, that Mr. Eby thought "Noah W. Eby's Best" a panacea for all ills, for in his circular he stated that "it is food for the body and brain, enriches the blood, solidifies the bones, hardens the muscles, quiets the nerves and perfects digestion."

If it really effected anyone of those beneficent results back in Noah's time the human organism must have changed since then, because the preponderance of opinion now is to the effect that there is no organ in the body that wouldn't be utterly destroyed by whiskey.

However, we didn't intend this to lapse into a discussion of the merits or ills consequent upon the use of "Eby's Best" or any other alcoholic concoction. What we started out to do was write an introduction to "The Saloon Keeper's Prayer" which is printed on the reverse side of the circular Mr. Grove brought in for our perusal. It is as follows:

The women crusaders visited a liquor saloon recently, and tried, by praying, to induce the proprietor to close the place. The proprietor invited the ladies to seats, asked them to pray, and he then offered up the following:

PRAYER:

"Almighty Creator in Heaven! Thou who hast made heaven and earth, and created man in Thine own image as ruler of the earth. Whilst animals are living on grass and water, Thou didst teach Thy servant Noah to make wine and Thou didst not punish him for making intemperate use of it. At the wedding of Cana Thine own son, Jesus Christ, transformed water into wine when the juice of the grapes was exhausted, that the enjoyment of the guests might not be disturbed. The great reformer, Martin Luther, said: 'He who does not love wine, women and song, remains a fool all his life long.' And the Divine commands of the Book Thou hast given us that man shall drink no longer of water, but shall use a little wine for his belly's sake and his often infirmities. And all of the great men of this earth have been drinking of the wine which Thou hast given Thy children upon earth O Lord! we pray have pity upon the women here who are not grateful for Thy gifts but want to make Thy children like beasts of the field and compel them to drink like an ox, while they dress extravagantly and lead their husbands by other extravagances, not tending to our well being, to bankruptcy, depriving them of the pleasure of the world; yes driving them to suicide. O Lord! have mercy upon these ladies, look upon them; they wear not even the color of face which Thou hast given them, but are sinning against Thee, and not content with nature, paint their faces. O Lord! Thou canst perceive that their figure is not as Thou hast made it, but they wear humps on their backs like camels. Thou seest, O Lord! that their hair-dress consists of false hair, and when they open their mouths Thou seest their false teeth. O Lord! just make a note of the spring and cotton bathing contrivance they wear in their bosom, for no other purpose than to make themselves voluptuous and excite in a man a much worse passion than the use of wine, and for the same reason they have a No. 6 foot pinched into a No. 3 shoe, and a No. 40 waist squeezed into a No. 17 corset. O Lord! these women want men to patiently accept of all this without using the power Thou hast given to man, that all women shall be subjected unto man. They will not bear the burdens of married life, obey Thy commands to multiply and replenish the earth, but they are too lazy to raise their own children, and, O Lord! Thou knowest the crimes they commit. O Lord! have mercy upon them and take them back into Thy bosom, take the folly out of their hearts, give them common sense that they may see their foolishness, and grant that they may be good and worthy citizens of our beloved city. O Lord! we thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon us and ask Thee to deliver us from all evils, especially hypocritical women, and Thine shall be the praise forever and ever. Amen."

—It is rumored that a number of men are already at work in an effort to secure the position in the federal Treasury Department's income tax bureau made vacant by the recent death of Col. H. S. Taylor. In order to get the jump on any prospective aspirants one of the candidates started his ball a rollin' on Sunday evening.