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THE SURVEY ACCOMPLISHED.

For the Railroad from Bellefonte to Clearfield.

AN EASY GRADE SECURED.

Will Follow the Dick's Run Survey to Philipsburg—Distance 35 Miles—Tunneling will be Necessary—The Connecting Link to Pittsburg.

For some months past a gang of surveyors have been at work locating a road bed for the proposed connecting link from Bellefonte to Clearfield, or rather an extension of the Central Railroad of Pa., to that place. It would mean the connecting link for a system from New York to Pittsburg, of which considerable has been said in the papers of late, and in which J. W. Gephart, Esq., is actively engaged in interesting capital.

Last week the surveyors completed their work and made their report. From Bellefonte the line would go up the Bald Eagle valley as far as Unionville. There it would cross the Alleghenies, following the course of Dick's Run. This survey would require some tunneling, but the grade would not be as heavy as was first anticipated. Three different routes to Clearfield were surveyed before a location was made. They are well pleased with the result of the work and it would make a good line across the mountains. As to what will be the result, no one can tell, as railroad building is often uncertain, yet there seems to be some capitalists back of this enterprise.

THE ROAD FROM BELLEFONTE TO PHILIPSBURG, is considered the best and easiest grade across the Alleghenies ever located. From here to Philipsburg it will be a distance of 35 miles and to Clearfield 56.

The Governor's Movements.

The following from the Harrisburg Patriot may interest some of our readers: Governor Hastings has chartered a private car and will travel to the St. Louis convention with Mrs. Hastings, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Mrs. Reeder, Attorney General and Mrs. McCormick and Private Secretary and Mrs. Beiler. He has arranged his affairs so as to reach St. Louis four or five days before the convention.

The executive is giving much of his spare time to the preparation of his speech placing Quay's name before the convention. He is looked for several speeches before that at St. Louis. He will deliver the oration at Gettysburg on Memorial day, and will return to the battlefield June 5 to take part in the dedication and unveiling of the monuments of Generals Hancock and Meade under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg battlefield monument commission.

Governor Hastings' engagements have interfered with his plans to spend the summer at his residence at Bellefonte. His original intention was to close the executive mansion next week and take his family there until early in October. He has decided, however, to stay in Harrisburg until the latter part of June and then go to Bellefonte. He and Mrs. Hastings will likely take a trip after the division encampment of the National Guard at Lewistown.

Serious Fall.

On Sunday evening a young man, by the name of Farrell, from Shamokin, had a serious fall while riding along the mountain road above Centre Hall. He took a header that sent him over the side of the road and when his companions found him he was unconscious. They remained at a farm house that evening and Monday morning continued their trip to Bellefonte.

Prohibition Convention.

For the National Prohibition Convention to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., May 27, 28 and 29, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell from May 24 to 26, inclusive, excursion tickets from all points on its system to Pittsburg and return, at a single fare for the round trip (no less rate than 25 cents). These tickets will be good for return passage until May 30, inclusive.

Death of Clara Dale.

Clara Dale, daughter of George Dale, of near Lemont, died on Monday morning at Atlantic City. She had been in Philadelphia for several weeks for medical treatment, and had gone to Atlantic City in hopes that the ocean breeze might benefit her. Interment on Thursday, at Shiloh.

A Good Sum.

On Friday evening a business meeting of Company B, was held in the Armory to audit the receipts and expenditures of "Drummer Boy of Shiloh." It netted \$254. This money will be used for the purchase of a mess tent and stove for use at their annual encampments.

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

Orvis, Bower & Orvis Secure a Verdict for \$200 for Their Clients.

Among the cases tried, during last week's court, was that of Jenkins & Lingle vs. Dr. E. W. Hale's executors, which resulted in a verdict of \$1200 in favor of the plaintiffs. The case involved many intricate legal questions and, on account of the prominence of the parties, created a great deal of interest. The plaintiffs, Jenkins & Lingle, and their predecessors, have for years owned and operated the extensive machine shops located near the Pennsylvania railroad depot, obtaining the water power for the race that furnishes the water power for the Bellefonte mills now operated by Gerberick, Hale & Co. These mills, with the land between the race and Spring Creek, North of the Bush House, together with water rights connected therewith, are now owned by the estate of Dr. E. W. Hale deceased, who became the owner by purchase from the trustees of William A. Thomas deceased.

In 1868, Todd & Duncan, who were the former owners of these machine shops, leased from the trustees of Thomas estate, about an acre of ground situated between the mill race and Spring Creek for the purpose of erecting their machine shops, with the privilege of taking from the race enough water to run all the machinery necessary to successfully operate their plant. According to the terms of the lease they were to have all the water that would pass through an aperture of twelve by twenty inches, under a head of about ten feet. This lease was renewed from time to time, the last renewal occurring in 1884, continuing the same until April 1886. From the time the shops were started in 1869 until 1889 the plaintiffs claimed they had ample power to operate all their machinery to full extent of its capacity. In 1889, Dr. Hale, who now was the sole owner of the entire property subject to the plaintiffs lease, repaired his flouring mill, putting in the roller process, and replacing the old overshoot water wheels with two large turbines. The plaintiffs claimed that from this time on their water power was greatly impaired and that their plant was seriously injured, alleging that the operating of the mill, on account of the additional power needed, used water that under the lease, belonged to them, and which they formerly used to operate their plant. This claim was denied by the defendants, and they claimed in addition that the plaintiffs being along the upper part of the race could have obtained all the power needed if they had adjusted their water-wheel properly.

A large number of witnesses were called by both parties and the case was sharply contested, each party doing their utmost to win. The trial commenced on Tuesday afternoon and the evidence was not closed until Thursday evening. Friday morning the case was argued and submitted to the jury just before noon adjournment. About four o'clock that afternoon the jury reported a verdict for the plaintiffs. The well known firm of Orvis, Bower & Orvis represented the plaintiffs and Reeder and Quigley carefully guarded the defendants interests. The case was carefully tried on both sides, and many interesting questions of law had to be determined in the submission of the case to the jury. The result, so far as we have been able to ascertain, the verdict is generally accepted as a just one. There are other cases pending between the parties involving the same question, but we believe that the result in this case will bring about an amicable solution of the entire dispute. We have been informed since the trial, that an effort is being made to settle the other cases still pending.

Council Meeting.

At council meeting, on Monday evening, there were a number of requests for street crossings, and nuisances reported. The water committee reported the Bishop street mains laid and that the boilers at the spring had been repaired. The street committee reported new crossings and general cleaning up of the streets. The ladies Village Improvement Committee made complaint in regard to bill boards along Water street and the practice of throwing paper on our streets for advertising purposes.

Mr. Wetzel, the borough engineer, who is making a complete survey of the borough, reported that he was encountering some difficulties. He found that the poor house and other properties, by his survey, were outside the borough limits. A large number of bills were approved.

The Second Game.

The base ball enthusiasts of the Bellefonte Academy and High School had their second contest on the ball field last Saturday. The game was played at Hunter's Park in the afternoon and resulted in a victory for the Academy by a score of 15 to 8.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Class of '96 of the Bellefonte High School.

THE COMPLETE PROGRAMME.

The List of Graduates and Honors Awarded.—Program of Exercises on Thursday Afternoon and Evening, May 28th.—In Garman's Opera House.

The graduating exercises of the Senior class of the Bellefonte High school, will take place in Garman's opera house, on Thursday, May 28th, afternoon and evening. Superintendent D. O. Etters has completed all arrangements for this event which promises to be interesting. The graduating class consists of the following young ladies and gentlemen: Frieda Baum, Katharine H. Benner, Mable Fauble, Thos. Hamilton, Willis A. Ishler, J. Willis Knox, Mary R. Lambert, L. Myrtle Longacre, Elizabeth B. Orris, Anna Blanche Underwood, James G. Wright. First honors have been awarded to Miss Underwood and second honors to Miss Orris. The class motto is "From Possibilities to Realities."

THE PROGRAM.

Following is the program of exercises: 7:30 p. m., overture by the Keystone orchestra. Invocation. Music. Salutatory and essay, "Nature's Harmony," by Elizabeth B. Orris; oration, "Duties of Educated Men," Thos. B. Hamilton; essay, "The Tottering Throne," Mary R. Lambert. Music. Essay, "A Noted Family," Katharine H. Benner; oration, "Is 13 an unlucky number?" J. Willis Knox; essay, "The Empire of Pennsylvania," Frieda Baum. Music. Essay, "The influence of music," Myrtle Longacre; oration, "The land of possibilities," Willis A. Ishler; essay, "Is life worth living?" Mable Fauble. Music. Oration, "Garfield," James G. Wright; oration, "On the threshold," and Valedictory, Blanche Underwood. Music.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Next Tuesday evening, the annual contest for the Reynolds prize in declamation will be held in Garman's opera house. A splendid programme has been prepared by the young people of the High school.

Reformed Class Adjourns.

The West Susquehanna classis of the Reformed church closed its sessions in Williamsport Saturday. Amounts for the ensuing year were apportioned as follows: Synodical contingent fund, \$3,500; home missions, \$1,012; foreign missions, \$890; Hungarian missions, \$62; harbor missions, \$18; teachers of elocution, \$6; current expenses Theological seminary, \$36; church building, \$297; Calvin college, \$18; classical contingent, \$250.

The committee on state of religion and morals presented their report as to the membership embraced in the classis as follows: Ministers, 16; charges 15; number of congregations, 59; members, 5,441; additions, confirmed, 264; additions by certificates, 125; total, 389; communion, 4,793; baptisms, infants, 302; baptisms, adults, 43; total, 345; dismissed, 58; deaths, 123; Sunday schools, 57; officers and teachers, 659; Sunday school scholars, 4,189; students for the ministry, 5; contributions for benevolent purposes, \$5,395; contributions for congregational purposes, \$22,870; total, \$28,265.

The following named were appointed a committee on the reconstruction of charges: Rev. S. L. Whitmore, Rev. J. R. Bergey, Rev. H. A. Haas, Elder Joseph Neagley, Elder Transeau.

From California.

On Friday, of last week, Mr Henry Boozer, of Centre Hall, returned from a six months sojourn in California. He spent most of his time at Los Angeles, where quite a number of Centre county people are located. On his trip home he was accompanied by two of Dr. J. P. Alexanders' daughters, who also have come back again to Centre Hall, where their father has taken up the practice of medicine. They liked the climate of California, but consider, Pennsylvania the best state of all.

Mr Boozer is much improved in health and thinks the trip was quite beneficial.

Died at Principio.

Mr. John Trafford died at Principio, Maryland, on Tuesday May 12th. He was in his 68th year. His remains were taken to Tyrone for interment. Mr. Trafford superintended the building, and for a number of years the running of the Forge at Howard, operated by B. Lauth. He also had charge of the forge department of the Tyrone Iron companies plant for several years. The deceased was the father of Mrs. Wm. J. Singer, of Bellefonte. He was well known in this county.

PLATT'S OPINION.

Ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt, the republican boss in New York, asserts that McKinley will not be nominated at St. Louis. He says: "My opposition to Gov. McKinley proceeds almost entirely from my belief that he will get the party into turmoil and trouble. He is not a well balanced man of affairs, as Gov. Morton is. He is not a great man as Mr. Reed is. He is not a trained and educated public man, as Senator Allison is. He is not an astute political leader, as Senator Quay is. He is simply a clever gentleman, much too amiable and much too impressionable to be safely entrusted with great executive office, whose quest for honor happens to have the accidental advantage of the association of his name with the last Republican protective tariff."

Mr. Platt said, in addition: "The American people have shown that they don't want a radical tariff in any direction. Mr. McKinley represents the most radical and extreme view of protection. I foresee the greatest dangers to the republican party as the result of extreme tariff legislation. In the first place, long before the bill has become a law the country will be flooded with foreign goods which must be sold and consumed before domestic producers will feel the effects of the new law. Business will not revive on the instant that a republican president is elected and during all the period when the new bill is under discussion, and until the immense flood of foreign goods has disappeared into consumption, we shall have to defend our measure."

A democratic query, just at this point, is, what need is there, then, of a change in the tariff? Why not let it remain as it is? It seems to satisfy even Mr. Platt as it is at present constituted.

Mr. Platt further said: "If Major McKinley has any real convictions on the subject of the currency, they are not revealed in his speeches. He voted once for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He voted to override the veto President Hayes of the Bland bill, and at different times he has voted in direct conflict with it. He has described himself as a 'bimetallist,' as in favor of the free coinage of both metals. His Ohio platform proposes another experiment in silver coinage such as the Bland-Allison act or the Sherman law, with the party between the metals enforced by legislation. This, in my opinion, should and will remove Mr. McKinley from the list of presidential possibilities by the time the Republican convention meets. The people of this country have had enough of the attempt to force fifty cents worth of silver into circulation as a dollar. They have suffered incalculable losses as the result of twenty years of that policy. I am credibly informed that the instruction for McKinley by the California convention was obtained by the promise on the part of his managers of a cabinet office, and by the further promise that he would sign any silver legislation that could be got through the next congress."

These statements will be good to recall if McKinley is nominated at St. Louis.

AGENT OF BANKRUPTCY.

McKinley's backers speak of their candidate as the "advance agent of prosperity." Harper's Weekly offsets this by styling him the "advance agent of bankruptcy." In a long and able editorial giving a few points of his record it says: "McKinley was the leader of the House of Representatives from 1889 to 1891. During this time he secured the enactment of his tariff law. He also took an active and a leading part in the passage of the so-called Sherman Silver-purchasing Act, which added \$200,000,000 to our stock of silver and nearly \$150,000,000 to our demand paper. He was the leader of the House when the expenditures of the Government were so greatly increased that that Congress was called the "billion-dollar Congress." His boasted tariff law began to operate in the fiscal year 1891, and its effects were felt until the fiscal year 1894. Under this Act the rate of duty increased from 44 1/2 per cent. to 50 1/2 per cent. The value of the foreign commerce of the country fell from \$1,647,139,093 in 1890 to \$1,547,135,194 in 1894. The values of our importations decreased in the same period from 780,310,409 to \$645,994,622. A falling off of nearly \$195,000,000 in the annual importations must affect the public revenues, and accordingly we find that while this "advance agent of prosperity" was at the head of the Ways and Means Committee he succeeded in reducing the government's yearly income from customs duties from \$229,668,585, the customs receipts of 1890 to \$131,818,831, the customs receipts of 1894.

An Appointment.

Colonel Austin Curtin was in Harrisburg Monday on his way home to Roland from Chester Springs soldiers' orphan school, of which he has just been chosen superintendent. Colonel Curtin's new position will not interfere much with his duties as division commissary of the National Guard of this state.—Patriot.

T. A. P. A. association is giving McKinley a great deal of annoyance.

DEMOCRACY'S CENTURY MARK.

It has Stood the Test of Generations.

SERVED ONE HUNDRED YEARS

And has Stood by all its Adversaries and Opponents—This Event Should be Appropriately Observed by the County Democracy.—Let us Celebrate.

The Democratic party is a hundred years old. When Washington was twice elected president there was really no party in existence for it is not usually said there is a party when there is not an organized opposition to the desires of any number of the people; though it is generally said the Federal party was in existence at that time. In 1796 the republican party—the progenitor of the present democratic party—was organized when Jefferson antagonized Adams. In 1800 Jefferson and the republicans beat the federal party and it disappeared as a strong factor in politics, dying in 1816.

The democratic party has seen others beaten and sink away out of sight while it lived on to be probably the oldest unchanged political party in the world. The republican (democratic) party was uniformly victorious and elected in succession Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and John Quincy Adams, the latter being chosen by the house. In 1820 and 1824 there were no candidates except republicans. In some sections of the country the name of democratic-republican had been adopted by republicans and in 1824 they presented Jackson's name for president and called themselves Jackson democrats. This was the first indication of a democratic party in presidential elections. Jackson was elected in that year, but as a republican and in 1828 was re-elected by the democratic party, which thenceforward retained that name.

The whig party was organized during Jackson's first administration, but did not become prominent until 1836, when it had four candidates in the field against Van Buren, who was elected, in 1840 Harrison was elected as a whig, as was Taylor in 1848. In 1852 Winfield Scott was this party's unsuccessful candidate, after which the party disappeared.

The Anti-Mason party was born in 1832, but lasted only a short time, as did the National Republicans (organized 1828), the Liberals (1840) the Free Soilers (1848) Free Democrats (1852), Americans (1856), Unionist (1860), Greenbackers (1876). The present republican party was organized in 1856, when Fremont was its candidate.

Thus the Democratic party is the only one which continued in successful existence since its organization. First known as the Republican party it became, without change of organization or principles, the Democratic-Republican and then the Democratic.—Patriot.

It would be appropriate to observe Democracy's century mark by an appropriate celebration in Centre county. A monster public demonstration with a brief historical sketch of the party in this locality would be the thing. Let us celebrate this event.

Memorial Services.

Camp No 59 of the Union Veteran Legion held its annual memorial service at Gregg Post Rooms Thursday evening 14th and a special service in memory of the late Captain Christian Dale.

Col. John Steward, of State College presided. The services were opened with singing an appropriate piece entitled "One By One" by Messrs Shuey, Whippo, Musser and Smith with Miss Johnson at the organ. The memorial ceremony for the late Captain Christian Dale was then gone through with, during which a wreath of greens was placed in a chair draped in black denoting vacancy caused by the departure to the great beyond of one whose memory shall ever live.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Lieut. W. M. Irvin, of Williamsport, late of the 49th Pennsylvania Regiment, was introduced and delivered the annual oration. He paid a beautiful tribute to his late friend Capt. Dale.

Sudden Death.

Last Friday morning a sudden death occurred, at Beech Creek, Pa. Mr Daniel Leyden was standing on the front porch when without a moment's warning he fell forward on his face. His son seeing him fall quickly ran out and picked him up, and in a few seconds his father was dead.

The deceased was aged about 73 years, he was a foundryman by trade and at one time conducted a large foundry in Bellefonte. During the later years of his life he had been an agricultural agent.

Three sons and one daughter are left to mourn his death. They are: James A., a captain in the United States Army; Harry R., Edward G. and Mrs. W. S. Elliot, of Pittsburg. His wife preceeded him to the grave several years ago.

THE FAIR CYCLIST.

The graceful young Miss, attired in a neat, natty and catching costume, gaily perched upon her silent steed, as she speeds along our thoroughfares and on the well paved avenues, cannot fail but attract the admiring attention of the sterner sex. They can't help but be pretty and interesting at all times, yet they never seem so bewitching as when out on a spin, mounted on a cycle.

The bicycle girl has reached Bellefonte and has come to stay; they ride with confidence and grace. For that reason we have considered a contribution, by a prominent fair cyclist, of this place, interesting and timely. Here it is, with some interesting points and suggestions:

THE "MODERN GIRL."

For the Democrat.
The fair bicyclist is enjoying a reign of triumph. Her costume, down to the very details, continues a matter of absorbing interest. Neither the golf or tennis girl, nor she who yields an oar, nor yet the mountain climber is "in it" with the girl who rides a bicycle.

A warm discussion has been aroused as to the proper pronunciation of the word. It is known that Colonel Pope pronounces it "bi-sik-le," and cultured Boston favors this—why discuss further? The manufacture of wheels for women this year, we are told, will be far greater in number than in any past year. This is cheering news for the fair cyclist, from the fact that the sunshine and open air exercise will prove a healing balm to the pale and sunken cheeks, flabby muscles, and inanimate bodies. Dull eyes will become brightened, she will be inspired with a new purpose, and the hitherto weak and nervous woman will discover new life is given her. This can be plainly seen by noting the hundreds of women who are continually enjoying the morning dew, midday sun, as well as the moonlight ramble, which will give to the next generation more healthful children, physically as well as mentally. Thus we see the greatest gift to women of this nineteenth century, is the bicycle.

A well known rider gives the hint that it would be wise for fair cyclists to have in readiness three costumes. However, it is not really so extravagant as would at first appear, since not all the costumes are made by a leading tailor, or of expensive material. Many of them are made of duck—batches' linen, or mohair—dark in color. Duff fingers, with a modern fashion plate, can bring forth a clever costume, with but little cost. At the same time remember the rule of the expert seamstress: "Small stitches and well fastened ends," otherwise poor sewing with resultant rips, might prove very dangerous. The gloves, which should be of washed chamons, must of necessity be a size larger than ordinary, so as to afford the muscles of the hand full play. The leggins, too, must be corresponding in shade with the costume, and by all means well fitted.

The writer was asked by a gentleman cyclist "why cannot the gentleman present the same graceful appearance on a bicycle as a lady?" In quick response came the reply: "Grace is the fair cyclist's first law." Motto—"To ride right, ride uprightly."

Don't make a camel of yourself. FEMME.

Bellefonte, May 19.

Lafayette Won.

At the annual Inter-Collegiate athletic meet held at Easton Saturday, Lafayette College won the championship, securing 46 points. The scores were as follows: Swathmore, 47; State College, 14. Western University of Pennsylvania, 11; Lehigh, 0. Dickinson and Gettysburg Colleges did not enter. The record made by State this year was much lower than that of last.

Bicycle Accident.

On Friday evening, Ellis, a son of conductor John Hall met with a painful accident, at Milesburg. He was riding his bicycle and in trying to avoid a cow in the road, he was thrown from the wheel resulting in the left arm being broken near the wrist. Dr. Church was summoned and looked after the boys injuries.

He is getting along nicely from his injuries.

Taken to Philadelphia.

Bertha Harris, of Philipsburg, was taken to the House of Refuge, at Philadelphia, on Monday, by Sheriff Condo. The young lady became a noted character at that place, and beyond the control of her parents. Her father, Wm. Harris, took this course in order that a reformation of her conduct might be effected.

Game of Base Ball.

On Saturday afternoon an interesting game of base ball is billed for State College between their team and Bucknell nine. A special train will be run from Bellefonte for this event. Owing to the existing rivalry between these institutions some fun can be expected.

Communion at Zion.

The Holy Communion will be administered in the Zion Reformed church, on next Sunday afternoon, May 24, at 2 o'clock. Preparatory services on Saturday afternoon at the usual hour.

—Five cents a month—The Centre Democrat, during the campaign.