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## COL. REYNOLD'S BIG FARM.

### How His Large Acreage is Successfully Tilled.

### A LARGE AMOUNT INVESTED.

Improved Machinery Used—Farming Reduced to a Science—Men Employed—The Telephone Used—Overseers and Assistants. Of Interest to Our Farmers.

During his life Colonel James Young, of Dauphin county, was regarded as the bonanza farmer of Pennsylvania. But his experience and success as a farmer did not equal that of Col. W. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte. Mr. Reynolds is the owner of nineteen large farms in Centre county, eighteen of them being in one township and adjoining, having a total acreage of 2,391 and an assessed value of \$93,306. In the midst of his farms he has a large grist mill for the purpose of preparing his grain crops for market. The annual production of these farms aggregates nearly 20,000 bushels of grain and over 1,000 tons of hay, besides enormous productions of all kinds of small fruits. To operate this extensive tract of land requires the services of nearly a hundred men and between sixty and seventy-five head of horses. Upwards of \$50,000 is invested in farm machinery.—Patriot.

Until this year Mr. Reynolds rented his farms out but on April 1 he inaugurated a system, which, if it proves successful, will revolutionize farming in this section, so far as he is concerned. He selected seven of his largest farms lying contiguous to each other, and established the entire tract practically into one farm, with a head farmer over the whole. The entire tract aggregating more than one thousand acres, is completely covered with a system of telephones by which the overseer can communicate at a moment's notice any orders necessary to the men in his employ. The best stock and machinery is in use, and the present appearance of the crops on this particular farm indicates that Mr. Reynolds' innovation will be no experiment, but prove a most successful result in agriculture.

The latest and best methods in agriculture are made a study and put into execution in a way that will bring the best results. Phosphates are used as the soil requires, and every crop is farmed according to the soil and season. The result is already apparent by the fact that farms adjoining Mr. Reynolds' will this year produce but an average forty per cent, crop of all kinds of grain, while on Reynolds' farm there will be a fair crop of everything. It is the intention to devote considerable more ground and attention to fruit culture and the growing of small fruit in the future than has been the practice in the past and for this purpose large orchards have already been planted. If the experience with the seven farms under the system established this spring proves a success in increased profit, the owner will next year take supreme charge of all his farms.

Col. W. Fred Reynolds is yet a young man, being but about 35 years of age. He is the nephew of the late William F. Reynolds, the Bellefonte banker, who at his death left his entire estate practically to his nephew. When Daniel H. Hastings was inaugurated Governor of Pennsylvania he appointed W. Fred Reynolds a member of his staff, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, and he is the youngest member but one. He was married several years ago to a daughter of the late Judge Hoy; and now resides in one of the handsomest brownstone houses in Bellefonte. In a business way he is progressive in the extreme. Personally, he is possessed of rare gentlemanly qualities.

### Death at Milesburg

Mrs. Sarah Ryman, wife of Henry Ryman, died at the family residence at Milesburg on Sunday morning in her 79th year. Death was caused by a complication of diseases incident to old age. The deceased was one of the oldest residents of Milesburg, having passed all her married life of fifty years in that place. An aged husband and a daughter Jane at home, and a son James living in Montana, are left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### Worm Blighting Apple Trees.

A new pest in the shape of an apple tree destroyer is now worrying the fruit growers. The troublesome thing is a small white worm which ensconces itself in the end of the limb of the trees and bores away until it causes the blight of the leaves. It was never noticed before until this spring, but it is attracting attention, not only in this county but elsewhere. To such a serious extent is it making its ravages felt that the experimental stations have heard of the worm and will look after them.

### WHAT IT COSTS.

#### To Construct a Railroad Like the Pennsylvania.

There are very few people who have any idea of the enormous cost of building and maintaining a railroad. Take the single item of steel alone and the cost of laying the rails appears immense when it is computed. It has been said that if the Pennsylvania system had for some cause to be entirely rebuilt with new steel the cost would bankrupt the company which is the richest railway corporation on earth. A little figuring in this direction would show what it would cost to relay the lines of that great system with new steel. There are 5,280 feet to the mile and to lay one mile of single track with rails 80 pounds to the yard would require 140,800 pounds for one side alone, or 141 tons and 1,600 pounds for the single mile of single track. For simplicity we will estimate that 142 tons 80 pounds to the yard rails will suffice for a mile of single track. Rails are now selling for \$28 a ton; so for one mile the cost would be \$3,946. Including fourth track sidings, etc., it is safe to state that the Pennsylvania system has at least 3,500 miles of double track. Granting that this estimate is approximately correct, it would then require 934,000 tons of rails to relay that amount of track, the cost of the steel would be \$27,832,000. If the straps, bolts, switches and tie plates are to be considered, the total cost of iron and steel alone for 3,500 miles of track would exceed \$40,000,000; and if to this we add the labor cost; the sum would be swelled to at least \$50,000,000. And if we were to add the cost of ties to the above figures we would see that it is no small amount to build and maintain a railroad in good condition. On most of the main lines of the Pennsylvania system there are about fourteen ties to each thirty foot rail. This means that there are 2,464 ties to the mile, or, in other words, there are on the 3,500 miles of Pennsylvania double track 17,248,000 ties, worth fifty cents each, or with a total valuation of \$8,624,000, which added to the rail account, makes the total cost of 3,500 miles of double track.

### Knights of Pythias.

The statement of the Knights of Pythias is as follows: Castles instituted during the year, 23; initiations during the year, 4,351; admitted by card and certificate, 209; reinstated, 518; withdrawn by card, 161; deceased, 323; expelled, 20; resigned, 27; membership, December 31, 1895, 38,581; number of brothers who received relief, 5,020; widowed families who received relief, 22; amount of receipts of subordinate castles, \$307,847.30; expended, including investments, \$310,495.12; amount paid to sick brothers, \$97,432.40; for burial of the dead, \$28,287.15; donations, \$3,678.85; total amount paid for relief, \$129,398.40; amount on hand and invested, \$653,890.27; net increase of funds, \$45,995.18.

### Grain and Fruit Yields.

A farmer of Nittany valley has given the condition of crops in his section of the country in the following language: The lack of rain will cause a short hay crop, young clover is suffering for rain and barley is heading nicely. The dry season is favorable to wheat, which cereal will be of good quality but the straw will be short and thin. Harvesting this season will be begun from ten days to two weeks earlier than in past seasons. In several places farmers are plowing wheat fields and are sowing buckwheat.

As to fruits, sweet cherries will be of fair yield, sour cherries very scarce. If the drought does not continue there is still a chance for a fair yield of apples, although many are dropping from the trees. Peaches will be very scarce and there will hardly be any plums.

### Town Council.

The session on Monday evening was devoted to regulation business, there being very little of importance.

The grading of Reynolds' Avenue was reported as finished, and crossing on Allegheny and Howard was laid. Water pipes on Reynolds Avenue are not yet finished.

The lock up has been renovated and whitewashed. Complaint was made in regard to bicyclers using the sidewalks and reckless riding on our streets.

A crossing from the Reynolds to the Garman residence, on High street, was asked. Also from Parish's drug store to Achenbach's. Composite crossings will be built at both places.

### An Inspection.

In some towns in this state where they have volunteer firemen, it is an annual event to have a public inspection of the fire companies and a drill. This is a good idea. It would be a splendid scheme for our two fire companies to turn out in full force and have the Chief Fire Marshall review the same. Make the event of some importance, a public gathering. Let us have an annual fire inspection.

## THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

### An Idea of the Immense Amount Expended.

### WILL COST ABOUT \$4,000,000.

The Expenses Incurred—The Number of Visitors and the Amount They Will Spend—Nominating Presidents an Expensive Pastime—Other Information.

The total cost of the Republican convention in St. Louis this week will be simply enormous. The cost of the hall alone will be \$75,000, and the \$150,000 to be expended by the Citizens' league during convention week will be a mere bagatelle compared with what the great body of strangers will spend. Each of the 3,000 persons who have business at the convention will spend \$100, making an expenditure of \$300,000 in that direction, which when added to the amount to be used by the big press associations and all the money that the Citizen's league will use, including the \$150,000 stated, will make a grand total of \$4,000,000.

It is expected that, everybody included, 100,000 strangers will be in the city during the week.

If the \$4,000,000 were to be paid out in dollar bills, and these bills were to be made into a carpet, it would be 1,000 feet long and 650 feet wide, covering an area of about fifteen acres, and the capital at Washington, if placed in the middle of the carpet, it would appear like a toy house set on a big rug. Four million dollars in gold piled in a pyramid four feet each way the base would be five feet high. Four million silver dollars would make a pyramid ten feet square at the base and fifteen feet high.

The cigars to be smoked by the 100,000 who will go to St. Louis (allowing five cigars a day, which is not too many, for each man, there would be three and a half millions of them) would make a pile of 70,000 boxes of fifty cigars each, and this pile would be about two and a half miles high. Arranged in a tier of five boxes, side by side, the pile would be about 262 feet high, or within twenty feet as high as the cap on the Liberty statue that stands on the top of the capitol's dome. Placed end to end, three and a half million cigars would reach 24 1/2 miles—almost as far as from St. Louis to Chicago.

### An Honest Man.

A. R. Stanger, who was an employee of the Knitting Machine Works which was engaged in manufacturing the Branson Knitting Machine at the Car Shops about twenty years ago, is now stopping at the Bush House. It will be remembered that Mr. Quimby was at the head of the concern, made a disastrous failure, and closed out the business unable to pay his employees as well as many of the business men of this place. Nearly all of the employees left here unable to pay their debts, which they made for the necessities of life. Stanger has been more prosperous and now comes to Bellefonte for the purpose of paying all debts he made previous to going away. He lives in Philadelphia where he is earning more than a living, and he shows, by coming here to pay his debts, that he is an honest man the noblest work of God.—News

### Col. Wilkenson's Fall.

On Wednesday evening Col. Wilkenson, Al Dale and Harry Valentine mounted their wheels for a spin out along the pike to Pleasant Gap. At a point above the old axe polishing factory, near the turn, Mr. Wilkenson was riding on the foot path, when his foot slipped on the pedal. This caused his wheel to lurch to the side and the next instant he went down head foremost over a six foot bank and struck on a rock with his face.

When his companions reached him he was unconscious and breathing heavily. His forehead and face contained several deep gashes from which blood flowed quite freely.

He was taken home in Charles Cooke's buggy and the physicians gave him prompt attention. He is severely injured and some of the bones may be fractured. Mr. Wilkenson is a heavy man and received a hard fall. We are very sorry to hear of his misfortune.

### Another Telephone Company.

At Bellefonte Monday an application was made in court for the incorporation of a telephone company in Philipsburg, to extend in Clearfield, Cambria, Centre and Jefferson counties, connecting Philipsburg, Clearfield, Houtzdale, Curwensville, DuBois and Punxsutawney. It will parallel the Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Telegraph company and will be called the Philipsburg Telephone and Telegraph company.

### HEALED FOR SERVICE.

#### Miss Fannie Buck, Restored to Her Health, Goes as a Missionary to Central America.

Miss Fannie Buck, daughter of David Buck of Tyrone, and well known to a number in Bellefonte left last Friday for Philadelphia, from whence she will sail in a couple days as a missionary in the republic of Costa Rica in Central America. The Tyrone Herald, in a lengthy article referring to the call of this young lady to the mission field, adds:

"Miss Buck was a severe sufferer for about two and a half years, her affliction seeming a mystery to all the physicians who had been called to her bedside and whose administration of remedies had failed to work improvement or cure in her case which had become most alarming to her friends. She was reduced in weight from 190 pounds when in health to about 100 pounds, and her illness had reached that stage that her death was almost momentarily expected, when upon her own request she was removed on the 11th of November last to the Gospel Home, a Christian Alliance institution in Altoona, then in charge of S. F. Senf and wife. She had eaten nothing but liquid food, principally mutton broth, for three months previous to her removal to the home. The following day, November 12, Miss Buck returned to her home, ate a hearty dinner of solid food, and suffered none since, gradually gaining flesh till she is now robust and the picture of perfect health.

The healing was instantaneous, completed, and as stated by Miss Buck's father, for a purpose which has now matured, that of a missionary, against which not the slightest protest has been or will be made by himself or family, though they will reluctantly part with her. Miss Buck is fully convinced that she has been called to the work by her Master, and goes willingly and anxiously to enter upon the task assigned by an Authority whom she desires to serve, and is fully convinced she will enjoy it, though it means isolation from friends and the comforts of home and civilization.

It is only about three weeks since Miss Buck determined to enter the missionary work. She proceeds to the field assigned her work without the least concern as to herself hoping only that her work may result in the dissemination of truth among those who have yet to learn the way to the Master's mansions in the spirit land, and assist in the final evangelization of the world. May her most sanguine hopes be realized and health and happiness be hers in her new field of labor, is the sincere wish of the Herald and her many friends in Tyrone and elsewhere."

### At Long Reach.

Last Saturday the young ladies of this section held a leap year picnic, along the course of Spring Creek. It was their 7th annual picnic and was by far the most enjoyable of any. The following is a list of the young people who were present: Miss Sallie Garbrick, Harry Gentzel, Emma Harrison, Wm. Smeltzer, Annie Brooks, Oliver Hazel, Maggie Struble, Harry Smeltzer, Cora Brooks, Foster Jodon, Lizzie Gehret, John Holter, Ida Gerbrick, T. C. Wetzel, Lizzie Fry, Wm. Fishburn, Ester Garbrick, Clement Dale, Minnie Smeltzer, John Garbrick, Annie Kline, John Bathgate, Minnie Hoy, Wm. Mayes, Carrie Hoy, Prof. Stoyer, Bessie Rinesmith, Dalis Smeltzer, Wm. Wetzel, Charles Hazel, Wm. Royer, Henry Hoy, Charles Fishburn and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jodon.

### To Drive Around The World.

Professor Edwin Urban, an artist of Allentown, will shortly start upon a novel trip around the world. He will make the tour in a wagon, for the construction of which he has just closed a contract with a local firm. It will be fitted up with all the comforts of home. The artist expects to begin his journey in six weeks. He will make a tour of the United States, and then go to China, thence to the other Asiatic countries. He expects to reach Paris in time for the exposition of 1900, and from there return home.

### Quite Startling.

At last the effect of Evangelist Weaver's work in Bellefonte must have reached Col. Dunham for in this last issue of the Hornet he announces that "if any persons wish us to heap personal abuse upon any candidate during the campaign they will be barking up the wrong tree." Angelic hosts must be hovering about the Hornet's sanctum of late.

### Potatoes Plenty Everywhere.

The Harrisburg Call says: "Those farmers who held their potato crops for better prices during the winter have learned to their sorrow that their anticipations have not been verified. There are many thousand of bushels in the countries adjacent to Harrisburg that can be had for the taking, as the city market prices are so low that it would not pay owners to send them to market.

## CARNEGIE SEES DISASTER.

### He Draws a Gloomy Picture of the Country.

### ASSAILING GOLD STANDARD.

#### The Republican Party, According to His Notion, is the One at Fault—We Will Drift Until the Standard of Value is Permanently Fixed.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie in The North American Review draws a gloomy picture of the state of the country during the past five years in contrast with its state during the previous ten years. The change he attributes to legislation, and this is charged without hesitation to the Republican party. Nathan's "Thou art the man!" went no more directly to the guilty David than Mr. Carnegie's accusation to the Republicans. After reciting the silver legislation of 1878 and 1890, he says:

This is a matter above party; let us not hesitate, therefore, to place the blame where it belongs, upon our own party, the Republicans. It was the Republican party that poisoned the currency of the nation. It was the Republican party that doubled the amount of poison, which speedily produced its baneful effect. It threatened the capital of the world abroad and it sapped the roots of confidence at home; hence the stagnation of business; hence the contrast between 1880-90 and 1890 to 1900. The poison was there before 1890 in small doses, but such was the strength of the patient that he continued to perform his usual functions for a long time after the poison had entered his system but his vitality was, nevertheless ceaselessly being sapped.

Mr. Carnegie thinks that the "violent" change in the tariff hastened and aggravated the mischief. He makes some statements on this point which it would not be difficult to refute, but he sticks firmly to his main point. Here are his closing words:

We may collect all the surplus revenue imaginable; may legislate in any and all directions upon other than the financial question, and all will be in vain. Capital from abroad will continue to avoid us and capital at home remain paralyzed; new enterprises will not be undertaken, labor will be poorly employed, wages fall, depression continue, with panic ever looming in the distance. As in 1891 and again in 1893. I predicted coming disaster, so as to-day in 1896 I do not hesitate to foretell its continuance. Until we cease to threaten the gold standard under which the Republic has outshined all others, national prosperity must remain a thing of the past; for until the standard of value is permanently settled nothing is settled. The ship of state must continue to drift.

William McKinley is now entitled to the floor.—New York Times.

### Union Co. Democrats.

The Democrats of Union county, at their convention on Tuesday of last week adopted resolutions scolding the present Congress for the lack of action on the financial needs of the country; commending the administration of President Cleveland, and endorsing Ex-Governor Pattison for the Presidency. The resolutions also opposed any change from the present gold standard. The following ticket was nominated: Congress, S. H. Himmelreich; Senate, John A. Gundy; Associate Judge, Charles W. Wilson; Assembly, Robert Warwick; Treasurer, John A. Kelly; Register, George A. Long; Commissioner, James Parsley.

### Likes Snakes.

A Dunstons resident in Clinton Co., has a hog that likes snakes. Recently the owner of the pig heard a racket in the pen and running down the lot saw that the hog had a four foot blacksnake in his mouth. The snake darting his fangs into the flesh of the pig, but his porcine majesty held bravely on to the reptile. The man ran back to the house and soon returned and was surprised to see that the hog had eaten the snake whole. Next morning the pig was as lively as ever and seemed none the worse for his strange meal.

### Band Festival.

The Pleasant Gap Band will hold a festival at that place, Saturday evening, June 20. All the delicacies of the season will be served in 5th class style. The Zion band will furnish the music and other attractions are booked to enliven the occasion.

All are invited to come and enjoy themselves.

### State Shad Hatchery Closed.

The State Shad Hatchery, located at Bristol, closed last Saturday for the season. In the last two weeks the hatchery was run to its utmost capacity. About five million shad were shipped during the season.

### DEFECTS OF THE COMPULSORY LAW.

The appointment of an additional committee of the Board of Education to report upon the enforcement of the new compulsory education law furnishes another illustration of the new duties entailed upon school officials, teachers and others by the act. The Assessors must make lists of the children between the ages of 8 and 13 in each election division, which must be certified to the County or City Commissioners. These lists must be transmitted to the secretaries of the several school boards who must furnish a copy to each teacher within their respective districts. Teachers must not only instruct those who attend school but report all who are absent more than five days in each month to the secretary of the School Board.

An attendance officer may also be appointed by the School Board where it is deemed necessary, and the parents or guardians of all absent children within the enrolled ages must be prosecuted before an Alderman or Justice of the Peace by the secretary of the School Board, or the attendance officer where there is one. In addition school boards must provide school sittings not only as now for all who attend school voluntarily, but for all who may be compelled to attend school against their will. In some of the country districts and the smaller villages no increased accommodations will be required, but in most of the large towns and cities the school capacity will have to be largely increased.

For all this additional work made necessary by the new law no one will receive any additional compensation except the Assessors and attendance officer, who, if appointed, are entitled to receive two dollars per day for their services. The teachers, who must report truants as well as teach, must do the extra work for a teacher's salary; the secretary of the School Board, who is usually an official without salary, must furnish lists to the teachers and prosecute delinquents for nothing a day and find himself, and the school boards, the members of which are always unsalaried, must add to their usual gratuitous services whatever may be required to provide the additional school facilities made necessary by the law.

That teachers and school officials whose duties will be increased by the new law without increased compensation will not be consumed with zeal for its enforcement can be confidently expected. When to this indifference to duties for which no compensation is provided is added the already inadequate school accommodations of the cities and large towns, it is safe to venture the prophecy that the new compulsory education law will prove compulsory in spots only for some time to come. In all probability it will have to be amended by future Legislatures in many important respects before it can be generally enforced.

### Called Down.

In our last issue the following statement appeared to which some of our democratic friends in this town have taken offence: "An opposition in this town raised the name of David Krebs, of Clearfield. It became active by posting circulars for Krebs and an apparent use of boodle to boom their man against Spangler." They called the editor down severely, and deny that they were using or had accepted "boodle." Having no personal knowledge on this point we hereby offer a most humble apology. Gents, come up and have one on our expense.

### None of it in Centre county.

A South Dakota editor says he has two subscribers who frequently get full, and every time they are in that condition they come in and pay a year in advance on subscription. One of them is already credited to 1917, and the fraternity throughout the state is crazy to find out what brand of whiskey he drinks. There surely is none of that kind of whiskey in Centre county.

### Turnpikes Condemned.

The turnpike viewers appointed by the court have returned their decision. In the matter of the turnpike running from the Centre Hall Borough line on the north to within a half mile of Old Fort, the viewers named \$530. In the matter of the pike between Bellefonte and Milesburg \$2,000 was the value decided upon.

### Look out For the Boys.

Giant firecrackers this year are 14 inches long and contain powder enough to break a plate glass window when exploded on the curb. Small boys will not only have to look out for their fingers on the Fourth, but parents will have to look out for their boys.

### Normal Commencement.

The Lock Haven state normal commencement exercises will begin on the evening of the 28th and conclude July 1. We have received an invitation from the board of trustees and faculty to be present upon that occasion.