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ODD FELLOWS ANNIVERSARY

A Grand Celebration by the Three-Link Fraternity

A SPLENDID DEMONSTRATION

Thousands Assemble in Belleville to Witness the Grand Pageant—The Town in Holiday Attire—Elements Unfavorable—Program of the Day.

Wednesday Belleville was thronged with thousands of Odd Fellows and their friends who came from the central part of the state to celebrate the 15th annual convention of the Central Pa. Odd Fellows Anniversary Association and the 80th anniversary of the order in America. Our town was equal for the occasion by extending the visitors a welcome that was appreciated. The main avenues, business blocks and private dwellings were in holiday attire. Bunting, patriotic emblems, gala colors were used to ornament our beautiful city for this occasion. Two massive, white, elliptic arches, in splendid proportions bearing the words "Welcome," spanned High street and at night were brilliantly illuminated by myriads of colored electric lights.

The morning trains were overcrowded. At 1 p. m. the parade began to form, but owing to several showers its start was delayed until 3 p. m., when it moved over our principal streets in the following order:

THE PARADE.

Head of Column:—Chief Marshall, Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, and the following aids: J. Sweisshoff, Danville; H. K. Hoy, Altoona; John L. Miller, Subury; F. E. Nagney, J. W. Conley and S. D. Gettig, Belleville, with R. A. Beck, as bugler. Undine band. Company M, 21st Regiment, N. G. P. Respass band, Williamsport. Col. H. E. Long and Staff, Fourth Regiment, Patriarchs Militant, 1st Battalion: Canton Ridgely, Williamsport, Canton Altoona, Canton Renovo, Canton Ridgeway—2nd Battalion: Canton Williamsport, Canton Lock Haven and Canton Jersey Shore.

First Division:—Color, pink. Marshal, Royal H. Bussler, Williamsport. Aids: Geo. P. Shaffer, Lock Haven, and H. K. Corson, Jersey Shore. Hublersburg Lodge, Coleville band, Altoona Encampment, Renova Encampment, Bellwood band, Bellwood Lodge.

Second Division:—Color, blue. Marshal, W. M. Cronister, Belleville. Aids: H. A. Moore, Howard; S. S. McCormick, Hublersburg. State College band, State College Lodge. Pine Grove Mills Lodge, State College Encampment, Centre Hall Lodge, Lemont Lodge, Zion band, Nittany Valley Lodge, Milesburg K. G. E. band, Milesburg Lodge, Blanchard Lodge, Lick Run Lodge, Half Moon Lodge, Renova band.

Third Division:—Color, scarlet. Marshal, John G. Dubbs, Belleville. Aids: L. T. Eddy, Milesburg; Capt. W. H. Fry, Pine Grove Mills. Renova Lodge, Dexter Encampment of Renova, Rebersburg Lodge, Belleville Lodge, Belleville Encampment. Officers of Grand Lodge and visitors in carriages.

At the conclusion of the parade, public exercises were held on the diamond. Hon. John G. Love delivered the address of welcome to which Mr. H. Keiss responded. Other prominent members of the order also spoke.

There were about 1500 men in line, and had not the shower come up at the formation the parade would have been much larger. The brilliant uniforms of the cantons and handsome regalia of the various encampments, and their fine marching attracted much applause along the route. The representation from Altoona, Renova, Lock Haven and Williamsport was especially large.

Several local lodges, especially Blanchard, State College, Pine Grove Mills, Centre Hall and Rebersburg were out strong in number.

There were about 8000 visitors, in all in town yesterday and it naturally made a noticeable difference in the appearance of our streets.

The local committee of the order are deserving of much credit for the successful manner in which the affair was conducted.

The Local Executive committee were the following:

Chairman:—John G. Dubbs.

Finance:—A. C. Mingle, ch.; John I. Olewine, J. C. Meyer.

Decoration:—J. W. Conley, ch., W. H. Derstine, W. H. Miller, W. H. Kochler, C. K. Hicklen.

Entertainment:—J. C. Meyer, ch.; H. B. Pontius, C. T. Gerberich, Harry Eberhart.

Reception:—W. B. Rankin, ch.; Geo. L. Vantrien, I. H. Eberhart, J. S. Carson, D. O. Ethers, James Schofield, J. P. Smith, J. F. Harrison, A. Lukenbach, B. H. Shaeffer, W. H. Kochler, J. M. Keichline, Thomas W. Moore, John I. Olewine, Jas. D. Seibert, J. R. Cole, W. Harrison Walker, W. G. Runkle, George H. Kelsely, John G. Dubbs.

Music:—H. B. Pontius, ch.; A. Lukenbach, J. P. Smith.

Printing:—J. M. Keichline, ch., W. H. Runkle, W. Harrison Walker.

At 7:30 p. m., a special session of Grand Lodge was held at hall of Centre

Lodge No. 153. At 7 p. m., there was a school of instruction in lodge room.

Both these meetings were largely attended.

During the evening the famous Respass Band, of Williamsport, gave an open air concert on the diamond that entertained the vast crowd.

The visitors were greatly pleased with Belleville's part in the demonstration, and especially the manner in which our town was decorated. The imposing arches were especially admired.

The next anniversary of the order will be held at Renovo, Pa.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Reuben Frantz, Charged with Barn Burning, Tried to Kill Himself.

On Tuesday morning a rash deed was committed by Reuben Frantz, at his home near Port Matilda, in which he failed to take his life by shooting.

A short time ago Reuben and John Frantz were arrested on the charge of burning the barn of Christian Sharer, a neighbor. They were released on bail and the case is on the trial list for this week's court. On Monday, in company with their father, they attended court and returned home in the evening. Tuesday morning they again started for Belleville. The father, Samuel Frantz, and his son John started to drive, Reuben remained back, saying they should drive slowly as he would soon catch them. Soon after a gun shot was heard and a small boy about the house hearing it ran into the workshop and saw that Reuben had shot himself in the head. He hastened to summon his father and brother back. Entering the shop they found that the young man had fastened a Winchester rifle in a vice and attached a string to the trigger by which it was discharged when holding his head close to the muzzle. The ball entered the skull between the temple and the left ear. The young man, at this writing, is in a very critical condition, though the physician has some hopes for his recovery. He is 24 years of age. It is supposed that worried, incident to the charge of barn burning, caused him to take this rash step.

Since the above was put in type we are told the young man shot himself by fastening the butt of the gun in some lumber outside the shop in the yard. At intervals he is conscious but his eyesight is gone as it is thought the ball penetrated the head far enough to destroy the optic nerve.

CONFESSION MADE

By George C. Brungard That He Set Fire to the Barn on Dornblazer Farm.

The destruction by fire of the barn on the Dornblazer estate in Porter township, Clinton county March 2nd, has been attended by several surprises, but the greatest surprise was sprung last Friday when it became known that George C. Brungard, tenant on the farm, had made a confession, in which he admits that he was the man who set the building on fire.

It is understood that in the confession Brungard states that he had stolen a large quantity of wheat, which belonged to other parties and which he had stored in the barn and also that he had stolen several large planks. In order to have the traces of the thefts wiped out and partially in a spirit of revenge for a spite which he had against the coming owner of the property at that time, he set fire to the interior of the barn by means of a lighted lantern. Before he started the fire, he removed the greater number of his horses and cows and also some of his crops a short distance away from the building, and when the neighbors responded to the alarm shortly after Brungard was seen making strenuous efforts to save the remainder of the stock.

In view of this confession, Brungard will be re-arrested, and a plea will be made to court to have his bail increased.

George Brungard, the man who is said to have confessed to having burned the Dornblazer barn a short time ago, injured himself to such an extent recently by butting his head against the side of a barn, that the services of a doctor were required. Dr. Hollaway, of Salona was called to see the injured man. Some think that a plea of insanity will be made in his defense.

—Wm. Zimmerman, of Burnside township, while attending court, on Thursday morning tripped and fell down the stone steps at the court house falling on his face. His head is badly cut and he bled freely from a gash in his scalp. He was carried to the Garman House where he received proper attention.

Some of our correspondents must have an attack of spring fever. Only half responded this week.

Over 23000 copies each week means that this paper is read by about 10,000 persons every issue. That is worth considering if you want to reach the people.

Do you pay for the paper you are reading? Some persons don't.

APRIL TERM OF COURT

A Large Number of Commonwealth Cases on Trial.

PROCEEDINGS AS REPORTED

A Large Attendance From All Sections of the County—Cases Tried and Verdicts Returned—Civil Cases Settled and Continued—Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.

Court called on Monday morning with Hon. John G. Love, President Judge, on the bench. The greater part of the forenoon was taken up in hearing petitions and motions presented by the several members of the bar.

List of grand jurors called and grand jury sworn, after the selection of Alexander Cheney, a lumberman and merchant at Port Matilda, Worth township, as foreman. After His Honor had explained the several grades of indictment that would likely be presented for their consideration, they retired to the room to pass upon the several bills that will be laid before them by the District Attorney.

The constable of the several boroughs and townships then made their quarterly reports to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

The civil trial lists for the first and second weeks was then gone over and cases marked for trial. The following cases on the second week's list were continued to-wit: Koller & Hawk vs. Earle C. Tuten.

Lehigh Valley Coal Company vs. Beaver Lumber Company.

Lehigh Valley Coal Company vs. George Lucas, et al.

Phillipsburg Coal and Land Company vs. The Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company vs. A. J. Griest.

Lillie E. Essington vs. Mary M. Bollean; settled.

Austin Swisher vs. John Bruss, et al.

Minnie T. Brew vs. F. W. Crider and Daniel Hastings.

Platt, Barber & Company vs. The Clearfield Traction Company.

Sigmund Klenke vs. Charles A. Rooney and John T. Foley, defendants and The Clearfield Traction Company, garnishers.

Court adjourned at eleven thirty, until two in the afternoon.

Monday afternoon, sometime was again taken up in hearing motions and petitions and receiving rules on heirs in partition proceedings in the Orphans Court.

List of traverse jurors called and all answered except three.

The first case called was Com. vs. John Gilliland, indicted for betrayal; prosecutrix, Fannie Fogleman. This case is from College township. The defendant pleaded guilty and the usual sentence in such cases was imposed.

Com. vs. Mrs. Annie Stevenson, indicted for assault and battery; prosecutrix, Alberta Huey. All the parties to the suit live in Millheim, and the trouble occurred on the streets of that town on the eleventh day of March, last, when the defendant accused Nora Huey, a sister of the prosecutrix, to be the author of certain letters, when the prosecutrix made an unadvisable remark, and was either slapped or pushed about roughly, and resulted in this prosecution. Verdict guilty.

Com. vs. J. A. Scholl, indicted for betrayal; prosecutrix Mary E. Funk. This case came from Millheim. Verdict, not guilty; but the defendant to pay the costs of prosecution, and sentenced by the Court accordingly.

Com. vs. Harry Lutz, indicted for statutory rape; prosecutrix, Dortha May Courter. The parties in this suit are from Marion township near Jacksonville. The prosecutrix is a young girl under sixteen years of age. Verdict on Tuesday forenoon of not guilty.

Com. vs. William Gomer, indicted, first count larceny; second count, receiving stolen goods, etc., prosecutor T. B. Budinger. The defendant was indicted for taking from the store of the prosecutor in Snow Shoe, on or about February 23, 1899, sixteen pairs of shoes, six pair of gloves, three shirts, one fascinator, one muffler, two butcher knives, one box of paper, one pair of pants, three pair of hose, braid, garter gum, over shoes, etc., all of the value of twenty-six dollars and ninety-seven cents. The defendant pleaded guilty.

Com. vs. George C. Pifer, indicted for false pretense; prosecutor W. H. Corman. The circumstances of this case are about as follows: W. H. Corman had a note to the use of the Millheim Banking Company for collection, against W. H. Pifer, defendants brother, for seventy some dollars. On the 3rd day of September 1897 this defendant came to Mr. Corman, at Rebersburg, and as the commonwealth alleges said to Mr. Corman that he came to redeem his brother's note, that he would give him his note for the face

value of the W. H. Pifer note, but no interest, stating that his brother was insolvent and that nothing could be collected from him, and that he, George, was the owner of a large farm in Nittany valley, Porter township, Clinton county, and a large implement store in the City of Lock Haven and no debts and gave his note to Mr. Corman for three months, leaving both notes in Mr. Corman's possession to return one to him, Pifer, after satisfying himself as to the truth of his statement. Mr. Corman examined the records of Clinton county and found only a few small judgments against George Pifer, being bail, and in the course of five or ten days sent Mr. Pifer the W. H. Pifer note, retaining George's note, which was not paid at maturity. Mr. Pifer having been sold out by the sheriff of Clinton county in the meantime and a large number of judgments entered up against him. The defendant admitted the commonwealth's allegations, save that he made no such statements to Mr. Corman as alleged, and that he had no fraudulent intentions in the transaction. The case was sharply contested and the jury retired on Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning verdict was returned of not guilty. Defendant to pay costs.

Com. vs. John H. Taylor, indicted, first count, assault and battery; second count, indecent assault; and third count assault with intent to commit rape; prosecutrix Annie G. Summers. These parties live in Potter township, the prosecutrix, living back of Potters Mills on the Treaster valley road, and alleges that on the 18th of November last the defendant came to her house and while there assaulted her and made indecent proposals. Wednesday morning a verdict of not guilty was returned. Defendant to pay two-thirds and prosecutor one-third of the costs.

John D. McKinney, of Phillipsburg, returning stolen goods, J. M. Bunnell the music dealer, prosecutor, taken up. No court Wednesday afternoon. Case on trial Thursday morning.

"HOCH! DER KAISER."

Germany Enters Protest Against the Speech of Captain Coghlan.

The German government has entered formal protest with this government, against Friday night's speech by Captain Coghlan, before the Union League, New York.

Captain Coghlan is commander of the cruiser Raleigh which has just returned from Admiral Dewey's fleet, having taken part in the great naval battle at Manila a year ago. At the Union League banquet in his honor Captain Coghlan told a story about Dewey's rebuke to the officers of the German fleet in Manila bay at the time of the blockade and the story puts Von Diedrich in anything but a pleasant light. Coghlan also recited some verses written by an Englishman, which were popular in the American fleet at Manila. They are entitled "Hoch! Der Kaiser." These are the verses:

Der Kaiser of his Fatherland
Und Gott on high all dings command,
Ve two—ach! Don't you understand?
Myself—and Gott!

Vile some men sing der power divine,
Mine soldiers sing "Der Wacht am Rhein"
Und drink der health in Koenish wine
Of Me—and Gott.

Der's France, she swaggers all around
she's aussgespid, of no account,
To much we think she don't amount;
Myself—and Gott!

She will not dare to fight again,
But if she should, I'll show her brain
Dot Elsass und (in French) Lorraine
Are mein—by Gott!

Dere's grandma dink's she nicht small beer,
Mit Boers und such she interfere;
She'll learn none owns dis hemisphere
But Me—and Gott!

She dinks, good frau, fine ships she's got
Und soldiers mit der scarlet coat
Ach! We could knock them! Fout! Like that
Myself—and Gott!

In dimes of peace, beware for wars,
I bear the spear and helm of Mars,
Und care not for a thousand Grats,
Myself—and Gott!

In fact, I humor ebery whim,
With aspect dark and visage grim;
Gott pulls mit Me, und I mit him,
Myself—and Gott!

Dr. W. S. Bigelow's Barn Burned.

The large new barn on the farm of Dr. W. S. Bigelow, a short distance south of Phillipsburg, was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning about 2 o'clock, together with all the contents, consisting of ten tons of hay, fifty dozen sheaves of oats, farming implements, a surrey, new sleigh, harness, etc. A fine sow and seven pigs were also burned. The loss will reach about \$1000, on which there is an insurance of \$500. The fire was the work of an incendiary, or carelessness on the part of some one engaged, perhaps, in stealing chickens or staying in the barn.

Singular Accident.

Wm. Kidder, a Madisonburg carpenter, met with rather a singular accident on Wednesday, while working on the house of a Mr. Fallmer in that place. Kidder slipped in some way and in falling he struck his hand against his hatchet, almost cutting it off. It is feared that the unfortunate man's arm will have to be amputated in order to save his life.

—If you want to buy or sell a horse in quire at Geo. Beezer's exchange stable Belleville.

FATAL FIRE AT BOALSBURG

Mrs. Wm. Meyers Cremated in Her Own House

TRIED TO RESCUE MONEY

Overcome by Smoke and Heat—Charred Remains Were Only Found—The Sad Affair Occurred in the Presence of Her Neighbors Who Were Powerless to Rescue.

A distressing fire occurred near Boalsburg, on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, widow of Wm. Meyers, who died about four years previous, lived with her son Wm. Kearns, in a two-story frame house about one-half mile south east of Boalsburg. Mrs. Meyers is an aged lady of about 75 years. That afternoon she was on her way home from Boalsburg and stopped in at a neighbor's house a few moments. As she left she remarked that she was going home to start her baking.

Soon after a blaze was noticed leaping up the shanty roof. Mrs. Edward Lucas, Wm. Cole, Edward Rupp and two boys saw the fire and got there soon after. They saw the old lady run out of the shanty, with the back of her dress burning. She broke in a window sash on the first floor of the house and crawled in. Soon after she threw some bed clothing from an upstairs window. Next she came to the window with her son's trunk, but could not get it out. The building, by this time, was enveloped in flames and clouds of smoke poured from the windows. The men below called for her to jump out the window on a pile of bed clothing below, as she could not come down the stairway. She hesitated for a moment and then fell back, evidently overcome by the heat and dense smoke, and that was the last of the poor woman as rescue was an impossibility.

The building was completely consumed with all the contents. The trunk which Mrs. Meyers endeavored to throw out of the window contained \$12 of her money, a gold watch and \$35 in cash belonging to her son Wm. Kearns.

The fire over, the body only of the unfortunate woman was found, the head and limbs were missing and the disfigured remains were placed in charge of an undertaker. The interment took place on Sunday, in Zion's cemetery, near Tusseyville.

Our Boalsburg correspondent sends the following account of the fire:

Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Lucas, a near neighbor, at the time was in the garden when the fire was discovered. Going quickly to the house they found the flames darting from the out kitchen, where the fire originated, into the doorway of the main house, which was only a few feet apart. Not being able to get into the house by the door, Mrs. Myers climbed in through the east window. Mrs. Lucas begging her not to enter the burning building, then she went up the stairs, intending to throw out a few valuables that was in the house, her grandson had all his good clothes, a watch and about \$35 of money up stairs and she also had some money there.

Rev. Dr. Furbay Deposed.

Rev. Dr. Harvey G. Furbay, at one time pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tyrone, but afterwards pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, was deposed from the ministry Monday by the Philadelphia Presbytery. The charge grew out of trouble occasioned by the alleged conduct of the pastor, to which the officers of the church took exception. Dr. Furbay left the Oxford Presbyterian church in July, 1897, after a pastorate of but three months. He is now residing in the vicinity of Chicago.

Added Another Plant.

The Wilson Bros. are likely to have a sort of a creamery trust, besides owning the Centre Hall and Howard creameries, they have purchased the Coburn creamery, and it is said are negotiating for the Spring Mills creamery, and have skim stations in different localities. Boyd B. Wilson, who was recently married and moved into the C. W. Luse property, will take charge of the Coburn plant and remove there with his household goods. Thomas Wilson will remain here and operate the Centre Hall plant.—Reporter

Largest in the Country.

The Cambria Iron company has decided to erect at Johnstown the largest furnaces ever built in the United States. Three furnaces will be constructed, two on a mammoth scale and the third smaller. The capacity of the large plants is 500 tons a day each, while the smaller one will produce about 100 tons less. Work will begin during the coming summer.

The date on the label shows whether it is paid or not. Look at it.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Good luck has helped many a man to be honest.

The average girl's cup of joy is a mousetrap cup.

No man ever traveled over the road to fame on a pass.

A man seeks his ideal; a woman seeks the ideal of another.

A man's second love is apt to be worth more money than his first.

Trouble is the only thing that keeps some people from getting too gay.

One of our famous artists has made the painting of cats her life's purr-pass.

Mistakes of the past should be made over into guideboards of the future.

A considerate man will tolerate the right of another to hold wrong views.

Riches are the wings that sometimes make an angel of an ordinary girl.

The golden rule is too frequently used in drawing a line of conduct for others.

One should so conduct himself that he will not need to depend on good resolutions.

The three days grace allowed on a promissory note may save three months disgrace.

The wise man who profits by his mistakes invests his profits in some other line of business.

If there were no other fools in the world we would be more dissatisfied with ourselves than ever.

Love is seldom confessed until the evidence reaches the stage where making a confession is really a matter of form.

A frown will disfigure the prettiest face. It is easier to turn gold into anything else than it is to turn anything else into gold.

A scrap of intelligence—a literary debate.

The man who monkeys with a live wire isn't apt to feel lively afterwards.

There's no use for a fellow to imagine that he can cut a dash best by cutting his friends.

As a rule the woman who would make a good wife for a poor man would make a poor wife for a good man.

Every man lives up to his convictions in the Eastern Penitentiary.

The successful business man may not be superstitious, but he always believes in signs.

VALUE OF FERTILIZERS.

Secretary Edge, of the State Department of Agriculture, has just issued Bulletin No. 44, of the department which contains the official analysis of 950 samples of commercial fertilizer selected in various parts of the state under the requirements of the State Fertilizer Law; each sample is selected by the sworn agents of the department and may be fairly taken as representing the brand named; the list containing the analysis of the following named varieties: 573 samples of complete fertilizers, 157 samples of South Carolina Rock, 104 samples of alkaline fertilizers, 84 samples of ground bone, 20 samples of dissolved animal bone and the remainder of miscellaneous samples.

In addition to the official analysis the list shows the selling price per ton at the point at which the fertilizers were selected and the comparative commercial value per ton, or the cost of mixing the materials and making the sales according to the schedule established by the Department of Agriculture, thus enabling the reader to judge at a glance of the comparative value of the different fertilizers of the same grade and showing which, by this test, seem to be best worth the prices asked for them.

As long as the supply lasts copies will be sent free to any address on application to the Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

A Heavy Assessment.

A number of persons in the vicinity of Salona, have received notice from a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Pittsburg, that another assessment of about 60 per cent of the amount of their policies has been levied. About a year ago an assessment of 6 per cent was levied. Some of the policy holders are asked to pay as much as \$100.

CAPTAIN COGHLAN, of the Raleigh,

who poked so much fun at the Germans, by a toast in New York, will only receive a slugget repented from the president.

The corkscrew evidently believes in the motto: "One good turn deserves another."

A bird in the hand wouldn't be of much use to the fellow who is trying to fill out a flush.

A hard-hearted Frankfort boarding house mistress has evicted one of her boarders who recently lost his position because she doesn't trust idle roomers.

Over 23000 each week and growing—won't stop—the circulation of the Centre Democrat.