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OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Thrilling Adventures as told by Moses Van Campen.

BRADY FAMILY REUNION

An Interesting Sketch of one of the Famous Pioneers and Indian Fighters—Prominent Descendants of the Brady Family in this Section.

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Further extracts from narratives of Lieut. Moses VanCampen, during the war of the Revolution, as sent by the author to congress in 1838:

My first service was in the year 1777, when I served three months under Col. John Kelly, who stationed us at Big Island, on the West Branch of the Susquehanna. Nothing particular transpired during that time, and in March, 1778, I was appointed lieutenant of a company of six months men. Shortly afterwards I was ordered by Col. Samuel Hunter to proceed with about twenty men to fishing creek, (which empties into the North Branch of the Susquehanna, about twenty miles above Northumberland) and built a fort about three miles from its mouth, for the reception of the inhabitants, in case of an alarm from the Indians.

In May, my fort being nearly completed, our spies discovered a large party of Indians making their way towards the fort. The neighboring residents had barely time to fly to the fort for protection, leaving their goods behind. The Indians soon made their appearance, and having plundered and burnt the houses, attacked the fort, keeping a steady fire upon us during the day. At night they withdrew, burning and destroying everything in their route.

What loss they sustained, we could not ascertain, as they carried off all the dead and wounded, though from the marks of blood on the ground, it must have been considerable. The inhabitants that took shelter in the fort, had built a yard for their cattle, at the head of a small flat, a short distance from the fort, and one evening in the month of June, just as they were milking them, my sentinel called my attention to some movement in the brush, which I soon discovered to be Indians, making their way to the cattle yard. There was no time to be lost; I immediately selected ten of my sharpshooters, and under cover of a rise of land, got between them and the milkers. On ascending the ridge we found ourselves within pistol shot of them; I fired first, and killed the leader, but a volley from my men did further execution, the Indians running off at once. In the mean time the milk pails flew in every direction, and the best runner got to the fort first.

We reached Tioga Point early in August, where we halted for Gen. Clinton to join us with his brigade, which came by the way of the Mohawk river, and so on into Lake Otsego. During this time the Indians were collecting in considerable force at Chemung, a large Indian village about 11 miles distant. As they became very troublesome neighbors, Gen. Clinton contemplated an attack upon them, but wished to ascertain their numbers and situation, and selected me for that dangerous enterprise. I prepared myself an Indian dress, breech cloth, leggings and moccasins. My camp had a good supply of feathers; and being painted in Indian style, I set off with one man, dressed in the same manner. We left the camp after dark, and proceeded with much caution until we came to the Chemung, which we supposed would be strongly guarded. We ascended the mountain, crossed over it, and came in view of their fires, when having descended the hill, we waited quietly until they lay down and got to sleep. We then walked around their camp, counted the fires and the number of Indians at some of the fires, thus forming an estimate of their number, which I took to be about six or seven hundred. I returned, and having made my report to the general early next morning, I went to my tent, spread down my blanket, and had a refreshing sleep.

When we came to the Narrows, I halted, according to order, until the main body came up, when the general ordered us to enter the Narrows, observing, "Soldiers, cut your way through." We did so, and entered the Indian village at daybreak, but found that the birds had flown. We halted a few minutes for our men to refresh, set fire to their village, and having discovered from their trail, that they had gone up the river, followed it about two miles. Here our path lay up a narrow ridge, called Hogback Hill, which we remarked, seemed formed by an Indian ambushade. As soon as every eye was fixed on the mountains we began to ascend, we saw the mountains tremble, and immediately we were presented, and we received a

deadly fire, by which sixteen or seventeen of the advanced were killed or wounded.

We that stood, sprang under cover of the bank, and for a moment, reserved our fire. Six or seven stout fellows rushed out with tomahawk and knife, to kill and scalp our comrades. It was now our turn to fire: every shot counted one—they fell. Gen. Hand now came on at quick step, advanced within a few rods of them, and ordered his men to fire, and then charge them at the point of the bayonet; they were soon routed and put to flight. We returned with our dead and wounded the same night, to our former camp.

We had no further opportunity of coming to a brush with them, until we were joined by our whole force, under Gen. Clinton. We were opposed by the enemy's whole force, consisting of Indians British and Tories, to whom we gave battle a little below Newton Point. Our loss was comparatively trifling.

(Another installment of VanCampen narratives will compose the chapter for next week's Centre Democrat.)

BRADY FAMILY REUNION

A reunion of the James Brady family was held at the country home of Joseph Brady, near Mapes station, Clinton Co., on the 4th day of Sept., 1901.

Freeman Brady, father of James Brady, came from York county in 1810 to Lycopium Creek and settled about 10 miles above Williamsport. James Brady came to Clinton county in the year 1851. The family of James Brady were Freeman, John, Andrew, Enoch, Joseph, Sylvester and Harriet, of whom two, Joseph and Sylvester are living. The descendants of these who were for the most part present, numbers, 49.

The family are direct descendants of the Brady's of Indian fighting fame and were among the first settlers of the north and west branch of the Susquehanna river. Of the early history of the Bradys during the settling of the middle states, and the hardships attending the life of the pioneers, most people are familiar with.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent in rowing, swinging and roaming through the beautiful grove near by. After supper the party returned home over the N. Y. C. R. R.—It is the object of members of this family to perfect a permanent organization, and to meet annually in similar reunions, as descendants of those whose names figured so conspicuously in early history of this country.

The above is from the Lock Haven Express, to which we add the following of interest and as worthy a place in the Centre Democrat's Historical Review:

William Perry Brady was a grandson of Capt. John Brady of the Revolution, killed by the Indians near Muncy Hill, April 11, 1779, and a son of John Brady (sheriff of Northumberland county) who, when 15 years of age was wounded as he fought by his father's side in the battle of Brandywine. William P. Brady resided at Aaronsburg, this county, where he worked as a cabinet maker when the war of 1812 broke out. He volunteered in Capt. George Records' company, was one of the volunteers on board of Perry's fleet, and honored by the state with a medal for his services at Perry's victory, Sept. 10, 1813, on Lake Erie.

While Capt. Records' company was at Lake Erie, Commodore Perry, not having a sufficient number of marines, called for volunteers, and those indicated on the roll of 1813 volunteered. William P. Brady was the first who volunteered. Before Perry sailed Gen. Hugh Brady came to Erie, and through his influence W. P. Brady was made a purser's steward. He was attached to one of the smaller vessels, which had to be abandoned, and he was the last man to leave his gun. His shirt-sleeves were shot away. He took great pride in that shirt, and often showed it to his friends in after years.

In 1846 he was elected assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Pennsylvania senate, which place he retained until his death at Harrisburg, April 4, 1864, aged sixty-nine years, one month and nineteen days. He was widely known for his genial disposition and great conversational powers. His wife was Rachel, daughter of Lyons Mussina, of Aaronsburg. She died Dec. 8, 1849, and is buried beside her husband at Salona, Clinton county, leaving children.

William P. Brady having removed from Aaronsburg, he thereafter made frequent visits to his relatives, the Henry B. Mussina family, in that town, where the senior editor of the Centre Democrat often met him. Mrs. Mussina, wife of Henry B. Mussina, died a few months ago at Mt. Carmel at the home of her daughter, aged over 90 years, and was buried at Aaronsburg, beside her husband, of which the Democrat made mention at the time.

When the leaves begin to turn the teacher keeps the pupils busy turning them.

A HANDSOME PRESENT

For Some Church or Sunday School in the County.

FINE ESTEY CHAPEL ORGAN

Furnished by the Centre Democrat and the Patrons of the Paper Make the Award—A Good Opportunity for a Valuable Instrument.

In the past few years the publisher of this paper gave in all five scholarships in the Lock Haven State Normal to deserving young persons in the county, and recently purchased a fine chapel organ that was supplied to the Roland Methodist church. In each case the above were furnished free by the Centre Democrat and the patrons of the paper were asked to name the deserving party to receive the same.

It affords us pleasure to announce to our readers this week that on Saturday we purchased from M. C. Gephart, the music dealer in Bellefonte, one of the very best make organs sold by him and selected for church or chapel purposes. It is made by the Estey Organ Co., Brattleboro, Vt. The name "Estey" is in itself a positive guarantee that it is a superior instrument, and while they cost more than others they invariably last longer and give better satisfaction. At least that is the testimony of musicians.

The instrument will be on exhibition in a few days in Mr. Gephart's music store, Bellefonte, in the Aikens building, where all persons can examine it, and Mr. Gephart will not only take pleasure to explain its mechanism, but will guarantee it, as he has the exclusive agency for the instrument in this county.

This chapel organ will be given away by us. We mean that, as in the former case, we have paid the purchase price and ask the patrons of the paper to select some deserving church or Sunday school in the county, that shall have it, free of cost, as a present from us. The method of selecting will be the same as in former awards, using newspaper coupons cut from issues of the paper, as well as premium coupons issued to persons who pay subscriptions in advance or secure new subscribers. First newspaper coupon appears in this issue.

The instrument we secured is one that will cost anyone no less than \$100 from any dealer. Who shall have it, remains for the patrons of the paper to make the award.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD.

NEWSPAPER COUPONS.—A blank ballot or coupon will be printed in each copy of the paper and the name can be filled in same for whatever church, Sunday School or religious organization you may want to vote. These votes should be sent in to this office at once, as they will not be counted after they are six weeks old, and the date and number of each will appear on them.

PREMIUM COUPONS.—Any person who pays his subscription in advance will receive a "Premium Coupon" that will entitle him to 2 votes for each month his paper is paid in advance, or 25 votes for a year in advance. No one can pay for more than 4 years in advance. Any person who sends in a New Cash subscriber to this paper can get a Premium Coupon, entitling him to 4 votes for each month in advance or 50 votes for a year. No subscriptions will be received for less than 6 months.

Substitutions.—In no case will substitutions be allowed during this contest. By that we mean where a subscriber discontinues his subscription and then has some other member of the family or household subscribe in order to get the benefit of the N.E.W. subscription rate. This practice formerly caused us a great deal of annoyance in revising our list. In any case where a substitution or change in name has taken place, and it is discovered, such votes will not be counted.

The following is the "NEWSPAPER COUPON," cut it out, as some one will be anxious to have same:

CUT THIS OUT.

The Centre Democrat.
ORGAN COUPON.

No. 1. SEPTEMBER 26

This coupon entitles the holder to ONE vote for the handsome

ESTEY CHAPEL ORGAN

(Sold by M. C. GEPHART, in Centre County.) to be given to some Sunday School or Church in Centre county, by THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT.

This vote cast for:—

This coupon, if held longer than 6 weeks from date, will not be counted. Send by mail or personally to this office and have it deposited in the Ballot Box.

CUT THIS OUT.

A ballot box will be kept in this office, under lock and key, where the votes can

be deposited and will be counted each week by two judges and the result will be published regularly.

Contest begins with this issue, Thursday September 26th, and closes Saturday, February 1st, 1902, 12 m. Judges to count the votes will be appointed this week. No extra copies will be sold, at this office during the contest.

WALKER-HOFFMAN.

On Wednesday evening, our young legal friend, W. Harrison Walker, of this place, was one of the contracting parties in a happy wedding ceremony at Pleasantville, Pa., where he put an end to single blessedness by taking unto himself a bride, in the person of Miss Caroline E. Hoffman, a most charming and accomplished young lady. The event occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva A. Hoffman, and their pleasant home was appropriately arranged for the festive occasion. The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Rodger Charnock, of the Presbyterian church, of that place. Promptly at 8 p. m., the wedding party made their appearance and all attention was turned upon them. The bride was most tastefully gowned in white crepe de chine over white taffeta, and carried white roses. The excitement of the occasion only brightened the features and revealed that graciousness of manner for which she has been so much admired by all. Our young legal friend never was more dignified and stately as he proudly led to the altar the one in whom his future hopes and joys were now centered. They were attended by Miss Ella Leanne House, of Pleasantville, Pa., as maid of honor, who was attired in pink mousseline over pink taffeta, and carried pink roses; and Mr. J. S. Ouwake, an attorney of Shippensburg, Pa., who was a classmate and fraternity brother of the groom while they attended Dickinson School of Law. In addition to these, composing the wedding party, were two pretty ribbon girls, Majorie Stewart, of Titusville, and Marguerite Sheldahl, of Pleasantville. The wedding service was witnessed by a large number of guests and friends of the young people, after which the festivities were continued into the reception of congratulations and a repast that was in accordance with the occasion.

They were the recipients of many presents, that were beautiful and costly. Noticeable among them was, from the Bench and Bar of Bellefonte, Pa., a fine silver service together with water; also a large leather rocking chair, from the Centre county court house officials.

Among the guests present from this section were Miss Grace McBride, D. Paul Fortney, Chas. Kurtz, Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Krumrine, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walker, Mrs. Samuel E. Walker, of Salona; and Charles E. Walker, of Johnstown, Pa.

Miss Hoffman is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, who are prominent citizens of that community. Mr. Hoffman being in the oil and gas business and Gen'l Supt. of the Phoenix Oil and Gas Co., at that place. The groom is junior member of the well known law firm of Fortney & Walker, Bellefonte, and is recognized as a young man of ability and promise. After Nov. 15th, Mr. and Mrs. Walker will be at home, No. 203 East Linn street, Bellefonte, where the groom recently purchased and elegantly furnished the McParlane residence for their future abode.

PECULIAR INCIDENTS.

It is a singular fact, though not significant, that both the death of President McKinley and the qualifying of his successor took place in the houses of Democrats. Mr. Millburn, whose guest Mr. McKinley was, in whose house he died, is an influential Democrat, and in former times was closely allied with Grover Cleveland in Buffalo politics. Mr. Ansley Wilcox, who entertained Vice President Roosevelt, and in whose home the latter took the oath of office, is one of the Democratic leaders of Buffalo. Another singular fact is that Czolgosz, who shot McKinley, voted for him.

Czolgosz Found Guilty.

The jury on Tuesday found Leon F. Czolgosz guilty of murder in the first degree, in having on the 6th day of September shot President William McKinley. The trial of the assassin consumed eight hours and twenty-six minutes, and covered a period of only two days. The jury was out only 35 minutes.

The U. B. Appointments.

The U. B. conference, in session at Coalport, made the following appointments for Centre county: Bellefonte, T. W. Perks; Philipsburg, G. L. Graham; Port Matilda, W. R. Dillen; Runville, G. A. Sparks; Stormstown, W. H. Vincent.

The diver has a practical way of getting at the bottom of things. The chronic borrower, like a good photographer, is an expert retoucher.

VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections.

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers—A New Department.

Bass fishing on the Bald Eagle has not been attended by the best of luck this season.

Dr. George Grumbine, formerly of Centre Hall, now of Beech Creek, will shortly locate at Williamsport.

On Saturday, Adam Barges sold his interest in the Coburn Grain and Creamery company, Ltd., to W. L. Hosterman, of Coburn.

J. W. Stover, is making some improvements to his store building in Millheim on Main street. He is adding another story and putting on a new roof.

Miss Margaret Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, of Milesburg, left this week for Pittsburg, with the intention of entering an hospital to study for a trained nurse.

W. O. Rearick and family, of Centre Hall, moved last week to Millroy where Mr. Rearick is engaged in the grain and coal business. He was connected with the Centre Hall implement works.

The new building for the large roller flouring mill at Linden Hall is being put up. Mr. Ross will hurry the mill to completion as rapidly as possible. The former mill was destroyed by fire several years ago.

Prof. John Hamilton and W. C. Patterson, of State College, have been appointed by Governor Stone as delegates from Pennsylvania to the Farmers' National Congress to be held at Sioux Falls, October 1 to 10.

At the sale of the William Walker estate in Miles twp., the old homestead, which includes two and one-half acres of land, was bought by Mrs. Peter Kessler for \$1,185. Other land was sold for \$106 per acre.

State College won the first football game of the season Saturday by defeating Susquehanna 17 to 0. Considering that all but three of State's line-up were new men, with but ten days' practice, State put up a good game and gives promise of developing into a strong team.

The Lutherans of Philipsburg have been dissatisfied with their connection with the synod of Central Pennsylvania, being remote from the rest of the synod. At the meeting of the synod of Central Pennsylvania to be held this month a petition for dismissal to the synod of Allegheny will be presented by the delegates from Philipsburg.

Thomas A. Holt, of Wingate, brought home a rattle snake which he captured in Sinking valley, Huntingdon county, a short time ago. The reptile measures four feet in length and has twelve rattles. He managed to capture the snake by means of one of his shoe strings which he turned into a loop and with a stick slipped it over the head of the creature, and brought it home alive. He is the fellow who trapped a wild cat in Greens valley several months ago.

On Wednesday 15, as Samuel Weiser and a party of Knights of the Golden Eagle were returning from attending the funeral of D. H. Duhl, at Spring Mills, when they were driving east of Penn Hall, Charles Housman, of Green Grove, attempted to pass them on his bicycle, when he was even with them, one of the horses became frightened and jumped on Housman, knocking him down, and the wagon went over both of his legs. No bones were broken, but the injury was so severe that he had to be hauled home. The bicycle was smashed.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ward, of Baileyville, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in that place last Saturday at the noon hour. The clergyman, Rev. Hughes, of Baileyville, who performed their marriage ceremony fifty years ago, was present, with Samuel T. Irvin, William H. Irvin and Mrs. Olewina who were wedding guests upon that occasion. Four sons and two daughters were present to rejoice in the happy event, Warren, of Baileyville; Isaac and Elliott, of Washington county; Irvin, of Altoona; Mrs. Book, of Harrisburg, and Annie who lives with her parents.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Robert Mahaffey, a widely known lumberman throughout the West Branch valley, died at Mahaffey a few days ago, aged 86 years.

The annual conference of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Society, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held in Harrisburg, Oct. 23, 24 and 25.

Fruit raisers in Juniata county, are not

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

FALL'S APPROACH.

The leaves are turning into gold— They always do the same; It is a little way they have, A sort of green goods game. The hazy twilight brings a moon That takes up half the sky, And makes a hungry fellow think Of future pumpkin pie.

The elder press gets busy now, It does not stop nor lag, And country folks again debate: "Does Cider Cause a Jag?" The price of coal goes up a notch, The price of ice comes down; The folks who spend their coin abroad Are hustling now in town. And oh, the rah-rah boy permits His hair to grow quite long, And bursts the air with college yells, Or tunes his college song. The theatres are open, and New ragtime songs we squall. These symptoms make it very plain— We know that it is Fall.

Farewell, old friend My heart doth melt I think of thee with awe, 'Tis pity that thou art not feitt. My good old hat of straw.

A bare-faced liar may wear whiskers. A waterspout—a Prohibition lecture. A burst of confidence—a broken promise.

Too many eye-openers impair the vision.

Counterfeit money is a thing of the passed. It's the first step that counts in the long run.

In '76 the hero of the hour was the minute man.

It shouldn't offend a butcher to be given a steer. The motto of the editor is "Keep to the write."

To fall in love it is necessary to rise to the occasion.

Bankrupts are broken, but idiots are only cracked. Even the millionaire shouldn't scorn common sense.

The toper never uses water colors in painting his nose. Imitators like parrots, may not be as green as they look.

It very often happens that when a ship is late they dock it.

The printer cannot deny his mistakes in the face of proofs.

It is impossible to make friends by giving away cheap cigars. All women are born equal, but some spoil it by getting married.

The organ grinder believes that one good turn deserves another.

QUEER SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

Blames a Railroad Contractor for Sending Him Snakes.

Raftsmen's Journal: About the most complicated suit for damages comes from Bradford township, Clearfield county. The claimant is a farmer residing within one half mile of "Billy" Hughes' operations, and having received compensation for every fence rail taken by unscrupulous employes, and for every pane of glass broken by the blasting on "Billy's" section of the road, he has become brazen, and on Thursday last made a claim for the annoyance and fear from the snakes that, as he alleges, have been driven from the railroad to his farm house and on his farm. He sent for Mr. Hughes, the contractor, and "Billy," thinking he had an extra pound of butter to unload at an advanced price, responded to his call and visited his farm house. When he arrived he found the farmer, his wife, three sons and two daughters all engaged in killing snakes. The farmer alleged that he had done nothing else for two weeks and his family had all been engaged in like businesses. In proof of this he took Hughes to a field behind the barn and on a rail fence he had strung 123 copperhead snakes, forty five rattlers and twenty two of a miscellaneous kind without marks of kin. The farmer alleged that through fear, and from seeing these reptiles in his house, barn, fields, etc., his farm work had been retarded, his sleep disturbed, his family distressed, and therefore demanded damage in the sum of \$300. "Billy" made him a tender of \$25 but he refused, went to a Girard township justice of the peace and entered suit for damages claimed. The hearing will take place shortly and Hughes has engaged an attorney, and if judgment is entered against him, threatens to appeal to court; otherwise he will be held responsible for the life of every snake between Karthaus and Shawsville, and that would break the New York Central company, let alone a modern contractor of four miles of road. This is the first case of the kind ever entered in a justice's court.

We will, from week to week, print short extracts from President Roosevelt's writings, which correspond with all the Centre Democrat, and other democratic papers, and honest republican independent organs have advocated. Read them and reflect.