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OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

A Short Chapter Concerning Gen. Benner.

WAS A PROMINENT PIONEER

Some interesting incidents of that period—List of Officers and Privates of Co. A 49. Pa. who served in the late Civil War.

Relating to Gen. Benner's purchases, Rock Forge tracts; improvements, etc., the following will be of interest:

Gen. Benner bought three tracts of land known as Rock Forge tracts, "John Gill," William Lippincott, and Christopher Binks, warrants, from Josiah Matlack, May 2, 1792. William Williams and Conrad Reamy were his first tenants. Williams, on the trial, June 20, 1815, of the suit of Lauman's executors vs. Benner, testified that he lived on the Binks upper forge tract, now (1882) Mordecai Waddle's farm, from 1793 to 1800, under Gen. Benner; that made the first improvement in May, 1793, a house, two cooper-shops, and they commenced the forge and made iron at it in 1794, and a grist and saw-mill and a number of dwellings were erected on the Binks tract; that Reamy and one Stratton commenced clearing the John Gill the same years. It appears by the evidence in another suit between Isaac Jones, the master-mechanic, and Gen. Benner, that the grist-mill was built in 1799, and he commenced building the lower forge on the 20th of February, 1800, and the rolling-mill in 1803. Thomas Waddle, Esq., was Gen. Benner's manager and business man about the works. Among his early employees were John Essington, James Harper, John Eckley, James Smith, Rock Works, after Gen. Benner's death, in 1832, were carried on by his heirs. In 1836 the lower forge went into the hands of Jacob Bergstrasser. He was succeeded in 1844 by Samuel Edmison. John Irvin's and Henry Benner's interests were sold out by the sheriff in 1852, and Rock Works ended. The year was the era of wild speculations in land. Under warrants dated July 1, 1793, Frederick Evans laid a large block of surveys on the mountain north of the Brush valley road leading to Buffalo valley, commencing with the William Barton, where Tunis' mill was erected afterward, and running northerly two miles, and east from the chestnut oak corner of the William Barton five miles. These lie in Miles township, and end with the John Thornburg. The Jacob Sigfried, Daniel Sigfried, and John Sigfried are laid on both sides of the public road through Brush Valley Narrows. More particular details of the surveys of 1792, 1793, and 1794 will be found in the respective township histories in which they are located, and thus be more readily comprehended.

The following additional resident taxpayers appear in Potter township in 1793:

Ardery, James.	Foster, Jeremiah.
Barron, William.	Gearhart, John.
Benn, Thomas.	Huston, Paul.
Cochran, William.	Lambourne, Josiah.
Cal'dwell, Hugh.	Miles, Patton & Miles' saw mill.
Dale, Philip.	Michael, William.
Duffin, Hugh.	McKinney, Isaac.
Dugan, James.	McKinney, Isaac.
Everhart, Samuel.	McKords, Archibald.

May 2, 1794, is the date of a bill made out by Thomas Waddle for Gen. Benner against James Potter for hauling eight barrels of whiskey to Lewisburg, four pounds, and shows the charge for transportation at that date; distance about fifty miles.

In 1795, Daniel Turner (surveyor) erected what were known as Turner's Iron-Works on the main branch of Spring Creek, about one mile above Belleville. They consisted of a forge, grist and saw-mill, located about a stone building still standing two hundred rods or thereabouts above the Brockerhoff mill at Roopsburg. Turner failed and the works were sold to William Grant, who conveyed them to Thomas Billington, and they were known as Billington Works. They were early abandoned as iron-works.

Thomas Thompson, of Potter township, died in 1795. His children were Robert, Nancy, Prudence and Catherine. In the same year Miles, Dunlop & Co. erected the first forge at what is now Linn & McCoy's works. The firm consisted of Evan Miles (cousin of Col. Samuel), Gen. Joseph Miles, Col. James Dunlop, and John Dunlop, his son, and Col. Samuel Miles, of Cheltenham, and it was first called Harmony Forge, for being built jointly by these iron-masters.—(Linn).

Company A Forty-ninth Pennsylvania.

Col. William H. Irvin.
J. Miles Green, Milesburg, capt.
Andrew S. Davidson, Milesburg, 1st lieut.
William D. Harper, Milesburg, 2d lieut.

Sergeants, Aug. 19, 1861.

John W. Spence, Milesburg.
James A. Quiggle, Beech Creek.
John W. Stevens, Liberty.
John M. Stevens, Howard.
William Sellers, Liberty.

Corporals, Aug. 9, 1862.

Michael McLaughlin, Milesburg.
Lewis Wetzler, Boggs.
William H. Confer, Howard; died May 24, 1863.
Alexander W. Duke, Boggs.
James Hill, Milesburg.
James A. Knoie, Liberty; died Nov. 17, 1861.
Daniel Swires, Boggs.

Musicians

George W. Hutton, Benner.
Alex. J. Draucher, Milesburg.
Clement L. Murphy, Boggs.

Privates

Allen, Silas, Curtin.
Ammerman, William H., Boggs.
Benner, John H., Benner.
Brown, Thomas, Beech Creek.
Bowman, Samuel, Beech Creek.
Cade, Charles W., Haines.
Cade, Adam S., Howard.
Cade, Erastus T., Haines.
Bridgens, William A., Beech Creek.
Confer, John, Liberty.
Confer, James M., Liberty; died Nov. 13, 1861.

Carrans, John, Beech Creek.
Dale, Isaiah.

Eckley, Joseph, Boggs.
Fennon, James H., Beech Creek.
Farmer, Joseph, Boggs.
Freim, Samuel F., Beech Creek.
Fawer, James H.

Haines, William, Howard.
Harkless, George, Union.
Harleyman, George F., Beech Creek.
Harleyman, Thomas, Beech Creek.
Heaton, William, Boggs.
Jodon, Peter, Clinton county.
Huff, William F., Beech Creek.
Jones, H. P., Boggs.
Hughes, James, Patton.
Kaufman, D. M., Clinton county.
Hutton, George, Benner.
Keys, Charles R., Milesburg.
Jodon, David, Clinton county.
Kunes, John E., Liberty.
Lewis, William, Boggs.
Lucas, Andrew, Boggs; wounded in action June 27, 1862.

Lucas, Asbury W., Huston.
Lucas James S., Howard.
McAfee, David, Patton.
McCloskey, Campbell, Beech Creek.
McGinley, Edward, Boggs; died July 25, 1862, at Harrison's Landing.
McGinley, I. G., Milesburg.
McLaughlin, Michael, Milesburg.
Martin, Andrew, Boggs.
Miles, George W., Unionville.
Miller, Eli, Beech Creek.
Miller, George W., Belleville.
Miller, George, Boggs.
Moses, Andrew, Boggs.
Moyer, John, Patton.
Murphy, C. L., Boggs.
Myers, John S.
Perry, Charles, Clinton county.
Pootman, Joseph, Boggs.
Potts, Israel.

Reading, Amos, Clinton county.
Ricker, John, Liberty.
Rigg, William.
Rose, Thomas, Boggs; died August, 1862, in hospital in Philadelphia.
Rose, William, Boggs.
Ruple, Joseph, Clinton county.
Ryan, Timothy, Clinton county.
Selzer, John, Milesburg.
Senset, Michael, Boggs.
Shope, William E., Milesburg.
Singer, William, Liberty.
Spangler, Jonas, Liberty.
Stewart, William T., Boggs.
Sunday, Lewis, Benner.
Veinetter, Joseph, Clinton county.
Walker, David, Boggs.
Walker, Wilson.
Walker, William, Boggs.
Williams, Valentine.
Witherite, George, Boggs.
Wolf, Charles, Milesburg.
Workman, Jacob, Liberty.

Rev. Gross Exonerated.

Judge Mayor at Lock Haven on Saturday instructed the district attorney to enter a nolle prosequi in the case against Rev. Gross, of Shamokin. Rev. Gross was sued by Henry Rens, of Logantown, on the charge of adultery, the suit being brought in behalf of his daughter. The evidence offered by the prosecution was contradictory and not at all conclusive and this action of the Judge completely exonerates Rev. Gross.

M'Cormick Insured For \$160,000.

The will of former Attorney General H. C. McCormick was filed for probate. It bequeaths \$2000 each to his son John and his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Cochran, and the residue to his widow, who is appointed executrix.

Mr. McCormick carried \$160,000 life insurance, \$100,000 of which was taken out in December last.

The lazy man aims at nothing and generally hits it.

DEMOCRATIC CO. CONVENTION

Held in the Court House Tuesday Afternoon

A GOOD TICKET NAMED

Ringed Resolutions Adopted—Attendance Was Large—Burdine Butler Makes a Good Hit—The Proceedings in Full

The Democratic County Convention was called to order in the Court House, at noon, Tuesday, with a large attendance. Chairman John J. Bower presided, while clerk S. D. Gettig, Esq., read the official call, and the roll of delegates, the latter showing each district in the county represented, a total of 86. Col. J. L. Spangler nominated Ellis L. Orvis Chairman of the Convention. In a brief address the Chairman pointedly referred to the fact that this body was not here to dodge or evade issues, as the republican convention had done in this same room on Monday—were actually ashamed to mention the name of Stone, Elkin or Quay or the doings of the state administration and the Legislature. This allusion was the occasion for spirited applause. Time being short he spoke briefly and the organization was further perfected:

Clerk—H. D. Rumberger, Philipsburg.
Secretaries—Henry Kohlbecker, Boggs and S. W. Keister, of Haines.
Tellers—R. C. Gilliland, Snow Shoe, and W. H. Lambert, Miles.

Com. on Credentials—W. G. Runkle, Esq., Belleville; H. S. McDowell, College; J. E. Wieland, Harris.
Com. on Resolutions—Col. J. L. Spangler, Belleville; John Johnston, Philipsburg; A. M. Butler, Howard; W. F. Bradford, Potter; W. B. Haines, Miles.

M. L. Rishel, of Gregg, offered an order of business that was adopted. The convention proceeded promptly to naming the ticket. Geo. B. Haines, of Miles, presented the name of Senator W. C. Helmle, of Belleville, for renomination as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN:
I rise to place in nomination a man whose past record entitles him to the full confidence of all his constituents, irrespective of party policy; a man who, early in life, indicated his real position for his country.

It was in 1851, when a few men had met to consider the advisability of resisting the draft, that this man was taken into such a place and when he discovered what it was, he walked out and when at the door gave three cheers for the Union. Although these people afterwards became patriotic soldiers and loyalty was supreme, nevertheless it showed where this youth would be found in after life when his country's rights were at stake.

His only brother died from a wound received at the battle of Coal Harbor. His father, though an ardent Democrat all his life, voted for Lincoln in 1864 on the ground that the government should be supported when in trouble. The man I will name took a determined stand against all vicious legislation, and his just and strenuous work during the last session of the Legislature, in behalf of right, won for him the commendation of the public at large and the plaudits of the press throughout the State.

Gentlemen of the Convention, I name Hon. William C. Helmle for the State Senate.

The nomination was made unanimous and by acclamation, appointing the following as conferees to the district senatorial conference: W. C. Patterson, State College; John Q. Miles, Huston; Hon. Henry Meyers, Miles.

Next came Assembly and J. H. Wetzel, Belleville; J. W. Kepler, Ferguson, and R. M. Foster, State College were presented but Mr. Foster's name was withdrawn, and Wetzel and Kepler were nominated by acclamation.

In a brief speech Dr. White, of Philipsburg, named H. S. Taylor, of Belleville, for Sheriff. Burdine Butler, of Howard, was also named. At this point Mr. Butler stepped forward and addressed the chair, saying that he desired to withdraw his name, but urged that the nomination of Mr. Taylor for Sheriff be made unanimous, and promised that, like a true Butler-democrat, he would do all in his power to secure the election of his successful opponent for the nomination. His earnest remarks and manly course elicited ringing applause for the speaker who had the genuine democracy in him. Mr. Taylor's nomination was made by acclamation.

A. G. Archer, for Register, was renominated by acclamation.

For Recorder the first ballot resulted as follows:

John C. Rowe, Philipsburg	46
Frank Foreman, Centre Hall	40

The nomination of County Treasurer needed but the one ballot:

W. J. Catlin, Rebersburg	51 1/2
A. P. Zerby, Penn twp.	34 3/4
Dr. J. J. Alexander, Centre Hill,	(name withdrawn)

The naming of two commissioners required five ballots as follows:

1	2	3	4	5
P. H. Meyer, Harris	79			
E. A. Humpton, Snow Shoe	23	21	21	34
John Dunlap, Spring	30	29	29	30
Isaac Frank, Marion	19	21	19	22
W. E. Prank, Rush twp.	15	14	16	
Henry Heaton	2	withdrew.		

Meyer was nominated on first ballot, and Humpton on the fifth.

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WHY THERE WAS HARMONY

Quay Turns All Patronage from Love to Reeder.

MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON

Reeder Held a Winning Hand But Lost a Point—Elkin Crowd are Delighted Over this Luck—Got a delegate "Dead Easy"

The condition of republican politics in this county is a complex affair and like the kaleidoscope, at every turn there is a change. To keep track of the many peculiar manoeuvres is nigh impossible, and of late exceedingly strange—all due to the Quay-Elkin affair in republican state politics. Up until the recent split, Judge Love, Billy Gray, Ed. Cambers, Jno. M. Dale, John Hamilton, W. I. Fleming and others were the principal Quay ruters in Centre county and always willing to make any contest in behalf of the Quay Machine. They were a powerful influence, backed by the pull of the Court and the use of Federal patronage over the county. In opposition to this was the Anti-Quay element headed by ex Gov. Hastings, Chairman Reeder and John P. Harris. When the difficulty arose between Elkin and Quay the scene was changed. Then Anti-Quayites, who for years had been his most bitter opponents in the country, swallowed all that they had said, saw a supposed chance "to get in out of the wet," and began whooping it up for Pennypacker for Governor. Hastings laid off, followed by Reeder, then the Belleville Republican, and later, strange to say, the Gazette quit hibernating and took up the Quay burden too.

That is the complete political somersault that has been turned by the followers of Daniel, in this county, and is somewhat of a ridiculous attitude. They therefore must stand all the fun that is being poked at them. But the real surprise of the season came on last Friday when a telegram was received here from Washington. Heretofore Judge Love was supposed to be the indirect dispenser of Federal patronage, post offices and the like. The message that was received has reversed the order of things. Last week there was uncertainty as to who would carry the delegates from this county to the republican state convention, whether for Pennypacker or Elkin. Quay, in order to line up his forces, sent the follow telegram, which is not a literal copy, but in substance is correct.

Washington, D. C. May, 1902
W. F. REEDER, Esq., Belleville, Pa.
Send me a list of all federal office-holders in Centre county who are not with us in the Governorship contest. Hereafter all removals in Centre county and new recommendations for federal positions will only be recognized when made over your signature.

M. S. QUAY.

That meant that Love, as the dispenser of political pap, had been deposed and Reeder was to take his place. This was such a sudden transformation in the political field that Col. Reeder was severely shocked, and for the time being was benumbed so much that he was at sea as to what to do. He soon called in some of his political associates for a council of war. Fearing that it was too good to be true, a telegram was sent to Quay to have the dispatch verified and the response soon came back that it was true. They were nonplussed again; how to break the news to the opposition was the next step. They sent the dispatch to Cashier John P. Harris and by his diplomacy the contents were conveyed to Postmaster Montgomery and friends. Consternation was evident now along the lines. Quick conferences in all parts of the town. Telegrams were flying to know whether this dispatch was genuine and had been sent from Senator Quay, and the disappointing news came back, that Reeder would succeed to the position so long fondled by Love and Gray and which had served them to such good advantage in former struggles for party supremacy.

The next step was to inform all the postmasters of the county to come to Col. Reeder's office and see the telegram and act accordingly in securing the delegates for Pennypacker, or run the risk of losing their post offices. Next came the overtures for peace and a compromise. To the astonishment of all, Col. Reeder, who held the winning cards in his hand, lost his nerve and was induced to enter a compromise whereby each faction was to have one of the delegates to the state convention. This deal was no doubt a deadner to Senator Quay, and the predictions are that he may select another to succeed Col. Reeder who will not falter at the critical moment.

The question of a compromise hung fire for some time, and on Saturday last was fully matured and all sides laid down. The Elkinites rejoice on their

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

THE PASSING.

A little joy;
A little strife;
Hope, fear, hate, love—
And this is life.

A little pain;
A shortened breath;
Ease, rest, peace, sleep—
And this is death.

The song, the sigh,
The evening call—
Thus live, thus die,
Thus pass we all.

THEY HAILED FROM FROGTOWN.

When Reuben and Mirandy
Come driving into town,
An' wander to the circus
An' gingle at the clown,
From lookin' at Mirandy
You would hardly know
Which was the most attractive,
The circus or the beau
And when they wander back again
To the country home so dear,
Mirandy will whisper shyly
As she snuggles up so near:
"I had a splendid time, Reube,
The circus sure was grand,
But I had the sweetest time, Reube,
A holdin' o' your hand."

THE GIRL WE CARE FOR.

What do we care for the baby girl?
The girl with the Dresden face,
With eyes so blue;
They worry you
And get you in horrible stew,
With your heart all out of place.

What do we care for the solemn girl?
The girl who will never smile,
You crack a joke,
And at her poke
All kinds of fun till you nearly choke,
But it isn't worth your while.

What do we care for the dainty girl?
The girl with the piquant air
Who trips the street,
With manner neat,
And everyone swears she is awful sweet;
So loving, sweet and fair.

What do we care for the gushing girl?
The girl who makes fun of you,
She calls you dear,
And says "I fear
That I would die if you weren't here,
At least I feel quite blue."

What do we care for the girl who loves?
The girl for whom we'd croak,
We get on our knees,
And say, "Marry me, please,"
But she says "I am engaged" with
The greatest ease,
And then your heart is broke.

What a young man who has a best
girl wants to do is hold his own.

When it comes to the apple of discord,
man usually gets the core.

Some people consider poverty no disgrace
so long as they can borrow.

It is a mistake to infer that the people
who send "regrets" are all liars.

When you wish to cut a grass widow
isn't necessary to use a lawn mower.

The ability of the law company to
make both ends meet depends on the
meter.

A woman is never satisfied until she
ruffles a man's temper, just to see how
he will act.

A woman can generally be depended
upon to hit the nail on the head, even
though it may be her finger nail.

How is it that, seeing this gentleman
drop the \$10, you did not return it to
him when you picked it up?" demanded
the Judge, sternly. "He was a stranger
to me, and I felt a delicacy about speak-
ing to him without being introduced,"
explained the polite wanderer.

Sensible Conclusion.

Two hundred prominent merchants in
Reading, Pa., have declared that ad-
vertising in the newspapers is good
enough for them and that henceforth they
will use the newspapers only for such ad-
vertisements as they may publish. They
will have nothing to do hereafter with
schemes for ads. in "hotel registers,
desks, billboards, clocks, keyboards,
charts, programmes, tickets, cookbooks,
moving pictures, enunciators, curtain ad-
vertisements, oil paintings and pamphlets."
The merchants and business men
everywhere are reaching this sensible
conclusion.

Wedding Bells.

A pretty wedding took place at high
noon Wednesday, at Locust Grove Farm
the home of John S. Patterson, near Fay-
ette City, when their accomplished
daughter, Winona Bella, was married to
Charles V. DeLong, of Homestead. The
bride is a niece of W. Rodney Harris, of
Wilkesburg, where she has many friends
who are pleased to learn of her happi-
ness.

Mr. DeLong is the eldest son of H. S.
DeLong, of Romola. The ceremony was
performed by Rev. L. B. Lewellen, of
Washington, Pa. After receiving the
congratulations amid showers of rice, the
happy couple departed on the evening
train for the East. They will visit at
the home of the groom's father, at Ro-
mola, after which they will locate in
Homestead, where Mr. DeLong is a
trusted clerk of Carnegie Steel Co.

May their journey through life be a
happy one

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