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## OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Notes from the Expedition of John Ettwein, 1772.

### ALONG THE SUSQUEHANNA

How Clearfield Secured its Name—Depended on Venison Largely for Food—Difficulties that were Encountered.

From Rev. John Ettwein's Notes of Travel from the North Branch of the Susquehanna to the Beaver River, Pennsylvania, 1772, we copy that portion of his journey through this section of the state, as of local interest:

June 29.—Joshua [convert] convoked the men, and persuaded them, (despite their yesterday's deliberation to the contrary), to carry Elizabeth [convert] who was sick, along, and also to send lame Jonathan [convert] with a string of wampum ahead to Langsdontenink,\* Kaskaskunk,\* and Gekelmechpeekink.\* As they consulted neither me or Roth in this business, we took no farther notice of it, but it proved, however, the beginning of diverse perplexities.

\*Friedenstadt, on the Beaver.  
\*Located in Lawrence County.  
\*In Oxford Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

My fifty-second birthday. We set out from the island by land, and I with several others, from this day on, led the caravan. Traveled fourteen miles to Beech creek, on the path agreed on. After camping here, the men returned with horses to fetch up the baggage. This they did daily, and thus were compelled to travel the road three times.

June 30.—Bro. Roth and wife came up from rear with the others, excepting Elizabeth and her friends, she being too ill, to allow of her being carried. Thereupon I moved on nine miles to a saltlick. As I was in search of Roth's horse, to send back to his camp, I trod upon a fifteen year old rattlesnake. Such was my fright, that for days I took every step with dread, fancying every rustling leaf to the movement of a venomous serpent.

The two Indians with me, despatched the reptile.

July 2.—Bro. Roth and others again came to the front.

July 3.—In company of Cornelius and William [converts] I advanced early in the morning. Up to this time we had passed only through a beautiful and fertile region of country,\* but now our way lead across mountains. On reaching a summit, when eight miles along, we saw the bold peaks between the West Branch and the Juniata. Were compelled to encamp on a dry elevation, and to fetch water from the foot of the mountain. A poor little cripple, aged ten years, a son of the Jonas [convert], whom his mother had carried all the way in a basket from one station to another, was very weak, today, and expressed the wish to be baptized. Bro. Roth administered the sacrament and named him Nathan.

\*Thus far, on leaving the site of Look Haven, they have pushed down the valley of the Bald Eagle Ridge to the south and the Allegheny proper on the north. Now they began the ascent of the latter, which is the backbone of Howard, Snow Shoe, Boggs and Houston Townships, Centre county, a tract of broken and wild Alpine region of country.

Early today there came two Indians from Kaskasky, enroute to Stockbridge whom I invited to breakfast. One of them spoke English fluently. In his childhood, he had been taken by the whites prisoner, but since then turned a complete Indian in his mode of life. We proceeded four miles into the mountains. Roth from this point summoned to Great Island by an express. Thither went Joshua with twelve men [converts], to fetch up his sick friend, and when he arrived there she was near her end. She died on the evening of the 5th, just an hour prior to Roth's arrival. The next day he buried her.

On the evening of the 6th. Roth rejoined us in camp.

July 8.—Advance six miles to the West Moshanek\* over precipitous and ugly mountains, and through two nasty rocky streams. In fording the second, I fell neck deep into the water. Had it been at any other season of the year, we could not have endured so much wading in streams.

\*This stream empties into the West Branch, between Clearfield and Centre counties.

July 9.—Advanced but two miles to a run in the swamp. We were almost broken down, and those who carried the luggage, could with difficulty climb the mountains.

July 10.—Lay in camp, as some of our horses had strayed, and I had to send mine back twice to the other camp.

July 11.—We found Nathan released from all suffering—his death had been unobserved. His emaciated remains interred along side of the path, and I cut his name into a tree that overshadowed his lonely grave, and then we moved eight miles to an old beaver-dam.

July 12 (Sunday).—Bro. Roth and his party came up. In the evening we met

for worship, and afterwards a collection of corn and beans, taken up for the poor.

July 13.—Proceeded six miles to a spring, in a beautiful widely expanded mountain meadow. Scarcely had we encamped, when a frightful storm swept over us. The angry clouds, like mountains, piled themselves up in the heavens, the lightning, like snakes of fire leaped in forked flames over the sky, the thunder rolled like siege artillery, and the rain came down with the sound of many waters, or the rushing of a mighty cataract. It was a war of elements. The tall oaks bowed before the storm, and where the timber failed to do obeisance, it was snapped like glass, in the grasp of the roaring wind. My companions, to my surprise, heeded none of this, but cut sapplings and collected bark and built huts, which were completed, as the storm passed over.

July 14.—Reached Clearfield creek, where the buffaloes formerly cleared large tracts of undergrowth, so as to give them the appearance of cleared fields: hence the Indians call the creek Clearfield. Here at night and next morning, to my surprise, heeded none of this, but cut sapplings and collected bark and built huts, which were completed, as the storm passed over.

July 15.—After representing the state of the case to dissatisfied, I felt reassured, and journeyed on with a few of the men two miles in a pelting rain to the site of Chinkiacamoose, where we found but three huts and a few patches of Indian corn. The name signifies, "No one taries here willingly."\*

It may, perhaps, be traced to the circumstances, that some thirty years ago an Indian resided here—a hermit life upon a rock—who was wont to appear to the Indian hunters in frightful shapes. Some of these too, he killed, other he robbed of their skins, and this he did for many years. We moved on four miles and were obliged to wade the river three times, here rapid and full of ripples.

\*Christian F. Post lodged here on his way to Ohio country in August of 1798. It is noted in Seale's map.

(Concluded next week.)

### 10,000 Men to be Discharged.

The International Harvester Company, following its public declaration that economy in the manufacture and distribution of agricultural machinery was the motive for the \$120,000,000 merger, has made a move in that direction. Several of the Chicago companies that make up the combine have issued letters to their general agents throughout the country, ordering a reduction of about three fourths of the total number of employees representing these companies in the field.

The other companies in the combine are preparing to do the same. Equally radical reduction in the official forces are being planned for the near future. Ten thousand men in all are expected to lose their positions.

This is the true result of trusts—concentrate all industries in the hand of the millionaires, discharge thousands of hands and raise the price of whatever the few rich have to throw upon the market. The Harvester Trust will now put up the price of their machinery, make farmers pay big prices for it and discharge 10,000 men who have families to support.

### Meeting of Friends.

The "Centre Quarterly Meeting of Friends" will be held in their meeting-house in Halfmoon valley, near Stormstown, Centre county, commencing 8th month (August) 30th, 1902, continuing three days. The program is as follows:

Seventh day (Saturday) Aug. 30: 10 a. m., meeting of ministers and elders, not public.

First day (Sunday), 31: 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., public meetings.

Second day (Monday), Sept. 1: 10 a. m. meeting of delegates.

The public is cordially invited to the Sabbath day meetings and are requested to be punctual in attendance at the hours named.

### State Forest Lands Opened.

The State forest's are open to all who wish to camp, hunt, fish or rest. Persons who set up a camp on State lands must obey the game laws of the State. Breakers of the law may be arrested by peace officers without written warrant.

## THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Nominations Made for Senate and Congress

### CONSCIENCE VS. BOODLE.

Men of Great Wealth Selected to buy up Our Elections—The Issue is Clearly Defined—A Flood of Boodle Coming.

The Democratic Senatorial Conference, met at this place, last Thursday, and the schedule published in last issue was followed and proved a success. Thursday evening the streets of our town were thronged with people from all sections. As soon as the evening train arrived High street was made as bright as day by the glare of colored lights and fireworks. The Coleville band led followed by a dozen carriages containing the conferees and delegations from Clearfield and Clinton counties, and the Pleasant Gap band. They proceeded directly to the Court House. The interior was most tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. The large room was soon filled. At once the conference was organized by the election of Wm. E. Wallace, of Clearfield, as chairman and Hon. Henry Meyers, of Rebersburg, and H. A. Meyers, of Loganton, as secretaries. The call of conferees showed the following present:

Clearfield—Dr. A. M. Buzzard, John H. Burns, W. E. Wallace.

Clinton—A. F. Ryan, J. A. Draucker, H. A. Meyers.

Centre—W. C. Patterson, Henry Meyer, John Q. Miles.

A. F. Ryan, of Lock Haven, made a strong speech placing Wm. C. Heinle in nomination for Senator. It was seconded by Dr. A. M. Buzzard, of Clearfield, and the roll call showed it to be unanimous. This was the occasion for a demonstration and loud calls for the Senator. He responded in a strong, forcible speech, that was timely and courteous, yet emphatic. D. F. Fortney followed in a vigorous talk paying high tribute to Senator Heinle's public services, in addition he gave the audience some gospel truth. Chairman McGrath, of Clearfield, followed in a short eulogistic talk and promised much from Clearfield this year. The chair then declared the meeting adjourned.

It was a large and enthusiastic gathering and was not gotten up by Mr. Heinle, either. His friends in Bellefonte paid for the bands and fireworks, and the demonstration was not exactly approved by him, but the boys did it and he could not stop them. When he saw its dimensions and the attendance of the public he had to admit that "it was all right." It was a compliment to Senator Heinle from his friends, that he fully appreciated.

The Republican Congressional Conference at DuBois, which was held last Thursday, was short and decisive, the result being the nomination of S. R. Dresser, Esq., of McKean county, by acclamation. Four candidates were presented: Dr. M. J. Locke, of Centre; Hon. W. C. Arnold, of Clearfield; Capt. C. F. Barclay, of Cameron; S. R. Dresser, Esq., of McKean.

Twenty ballots were taken, when a motion was made to unanimously nominate Mr. Dresser, by Mr. Blanchard of Centre.

The republican conferees from the 34th Senatorial conference met at Tyrone last Thursday and placed in nomination Hon. Alexander E. Patton, of Curwensville, for State Senate by acclamation.

Last Friday the democratic Congressional Conference for this district met at DuBois, and nominated D. E. Hibner, of that city, for Congress. He was the only candidate voted for and was nominated by acclamation. The conferees from Centre county were: John Todd, Philipsburg; W. Harrison Walker, and J. Kennedy Johnson, both of Bellefonte. Senator Heinle also was in attendance.

Our purpose here is to make some comment on the various nominees:

For Congress—This district, on a conservative estimate according to the vote cast in recent years, is safely republican by about from 1200 to 2000 majority. For that reason not many democratic politicians in the district were anxious to take up such a fight. At the DuBois conference but one name was presented, D. E. Hibner, of DuBois. He is an active, prosperous hardware merchant of that city; a man of ability and high rank. In Clearfield political circles he has been one of the staunchest and most enthusiastic workers. He has the qualifications, and merits the support of all true democrats.

In opposition for congress the republicans nominated S. R. Dresser, of Mc-

Kean county. He was not selected by the republicans—he secured the nomination by virtue of his own resources. Dresser's nomination was predicted long ago, simply because he had money. He is enormously rich, can count his wealth by millions. When he became a candidate he simply declared he would be nominated, and how he secured it we leave our readers to surmise from the satisfied look on the faces of those who returned from that conference. Dresser is quoted as saying that he will put \$40,000 into the district to make his election sure. This comes from republicans who were there. That means that this man proposes to go to congress from this district because he has the money and will debauch our elections deliberately. He was nominated for this purpose. We have every reason to believe that it will follow, unless the manly, sober, well-thinking people revolt at the spectacle.

For Senate—The renomination of Hon. Wm. C. Heinle was expected, in recognition of his efficient services. We need not eulogize Mr. Heinle, that has been done by the press in all parts of the state. He will carry an immense vote as the people recognise in him a strictly honest man as well as a legislator of more than usual ability. The district cannot present a better man. They know exactly what they have—why should they desire a change. They do not. The ring at Harrisburg and the Quay machine do want a change. Senator Heinle would not vote for Marshall or Quay, he would not support their Ripper Bills and the franchise steals. He spurned their bribes—he was honest. Such a man in the Senate is in the way of tricksters and looters. To defeat him they have induced Alex. Patton, of Clearfield county, the millionaire coal operator, to run on the republican ticket, hoping that his great wealth and numerous employees in Clearfield mines, can defeat a man who did his duty by his constituents.

The Republicans in Centre county now are hopeful. They feel that the nominations of Patton and Dresser will bring a flood of boodle into the campaign that will simply swamp the entire democratic ticket. We know full well that five or ten thousand dollars will be thrown into the republican campaign in this county the last week. It is a powerful argument—most mighty convincing to many people on election day. At the same time we have some hope in public sentiment to resist such a campaign. The election of Senator Heinle and Mr. Hibner depends therefore on securing the support of law abiding people.

### WILLIAM'S REUNION.

Saturday, Aug. 16, was a day long to be remembered by the people of Martha, and many others who met with them. Favored by delightful weather, about 1000 persons gathered in Miles' Grove to participate in the third annual meeting of the Williams Reunion. The association was called to order at 11:15 by the president A. C. Williams. The exercises were opened by singing by the choir followed by prayer by Rev. Honck and a pleasing selection by the Scotia band.

The president gave a short address of welcome, this closed the forenoon session. The afternoon session was opened by music by the band. Rev. E. C. Honck was then introduced who very fittingly and eloquently spoke to the association on the theme "Honor thy Name." A quartette rendered "A chappie had a sweet heart."

T. H. Harter, of Bellefonte, spoke to the young people on a name. He spoke of the responsibility resting upon them, not particularly of class name but of the value of a reputation as the shadow of a good name preceding the ways of all human creatures.

The choir gave another selection. A greeting was then read from Mrs. Mary T. Williams Bailey, of Ridgers, Ark. Officers were then elected for next year: A. C. Williams, pres.; Michael Williams, vice pres.; A. Y. Williams, treas.; S. T. Williams, sec'y.; W. S. Williams, poet; E. L. Williams, historian.

### Deadly to Vegetation.

In the Highvalley correspondence this week you will find an interesting item. Emanuel Eisenhuth, while killing a rattlesnake saw the reptile sink its fangs in a sumach plant, at the bottom. According to his observation the leaves on the stalk had withered inside of two hours and at the point of the wound the sap had run out. This is an unusual occurrence, but indicates that the rattlesnake venom is deadly to vegetation as well as animal life.

Another Smallpox Case at Jersey Shore. Jersey Shore has another smallpox case. The victim is Ellis Norris, of Cogan Station. While at Jersey Shore Junction, Saturday, it was noticed that his face was filled with eruptions. A health officer was sent for, who placed Norris in the pest house. Norris' wife is ill with the same disease at her home.

## SKINNING

### APPROPRIATIONS

Corrupt Officials Steal From Public Institutions

### CLARION NORMAL SCHOOL

Rake-offs for Politicians—Another Example of Machine Rule—Yet Pennypacker says "Pennsylvania has no ill

From the Harrisburg Patriot.

Among the many shameful things that the Quay Machine and its subservient Legislature of the session of 1901 must answer for there can hardly be anything worse than the blackmailing of normal schools, hospitals and homes for orphans and the aged infirm which a-keed for State aid in carrying on their work. The case of the Clarion State Normal School, which has just been laid bare by the Philadelphia North American, is typical of scores of cases within the knowledge of persons familiar with Legislative matters, but which are difficult of proof because of the unwillingness to testify of the officers of the institutions which have had to submit to be robbed of part of their appropriation or receive no appropriation at all.

In the case of the Clarion State Normal school State Senator A. M. Neely, of Clarion, one of the Quay Democrats of the last session of the General Assembly, has made the public statement that former Senator Jas. G. Mitchell, of Jefferson county, Secretary of the State Committee on Appropriations of the last Legislature, came to him and said that it would cost 10 per cent of the appropriation asked for by the Clarion State Normal school to pass the appropriation; that he told Mitchell all right, to go ahead and pass the appropriation; that he meant Mitchell to understand that the terms were satisfactory; that the appropriation of \$27,500 was passed and the "rake off" of \$2,750 was paid. Neely's statement is corroborated by R. G. Yingling, the principal stockholder of the Clarion school, who says that a fictitious bill for repairs, amounting to \$2,750, was put in his name and approved by the trustees of the institution, and that this money was not paid to him, but was applied to the payment of the "rake off" which Senator Neely guaranteed to ex-Senator Mitchell.

This is a typical case. Nothing could be more rascally and contemptible. There is no doubt that similar demands were made of nearly every school, hospital and charitable institution that asked aid from the state. Some of them paid it, others refused and because they refused got no appropriation at all or only a very small part of what they were justly entitled to.

Moreover it is perfectly well known that this is no new device but that the same system of robbing poor students, helpless orphans, the insane poor, the aged, crippled and the sick in hospitals of the money voted to them by the state has been practiced by other Legislatures and in fact has been the custom ever since the Quay Machine came into power except when an honest Democrat in the Governor's Mansion made such extortion impossible.

This is only one of the many dishonest and dishonorable methods to enrich themselves and procure money to squander in evil ways practiced by the creatures of the machine whose power all honest men should unite to break at the election in November.

### Centre County Fair Races.

The speed program for the Centre County Fair has been sent out and contains some large purses for various events. The following races will be given:

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST.

Mule race..... \$ 60.00  
1.15—Trot and Pace, Horse-men's purse..... 300.00  
Running race..... 100.00

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.

2.35—Trot and Pace..... \$200.00  
2.25—Trot and Pace..... 200.00  
2.20—Trot and Pace, Hotel purse..... 200.00

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD.

2.27—Trot and Pace..... \$200.00  
Free for all..... 300.00  
Running race..... 100.00

An additional purse of \$50.00 is offered to the first horse that beats the track record of 2.15. Entries close Tuesday, September 16th, 1902.

### Sneezed Herself to Death.

Mrs. Sarah Mackey, of Porterfield, near Franklin, Pa., died Friday morning, the result of constant sneezing. She sneezed 500 times in an hour by actual count. Previous to this she had made a record all the way from 100 to 300 sneezes an hour. Her physicians were unable to do anything for her relief.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

### ANOMALOUS.

Happy Jack is the farmer's boy,  
Who really knows life's fullest joy!  
His work is hard, and it lasts all day,  
From the reddening dawn to evening gray.  
He sleeps like a babe when bedtime comes,  
And eats his meals to the very crumbs!  
No indignation lurks around;  
His lungs are good, and his heart is sound!  
He has his share of fun and play;  
Temptations prove not in his way;  
And yet, 'tis strange to say, he yearns  
For the town, and his home life spurs!

Popular airs—millionaires.  
Solid truth sometimes leaks out.  
The magician seldom misses a trick.  
A grass widow is anything but green.  
A yarn manufacturer—the press agent.  
The worm and the organ-grinder will turn.

A man is apt to be in a stew when he has a bowl.  
The chorister believes in giving every man his chants.

The mining expert goes through some trying ore deals.

It's funny that girls who don't fancy work do fancy work.  
The deeds that live after men longest are usually mortgages.

A dressmaker may be very delicate, though she seems well.

The Railroad Trust might be called the Colossus of Roads.

Stimulants may keep some men up, but they keep more men down.

The young man who is a slave to his best girl is a miss-guided youth.

A man who would travel the road to literary success must keep to the write.

A St. Louis lawyer attempted to try a case the other day, while he was half drunk, but the judge stopped him saying: No lawyer can practice at two bars at the same time.

### Swallowed by an Octopus.

In last week's issue of the Journal we mentioned that Peter Shires, of this place, had embarked in the coal-oil business. With a horse, wagon and two barrels of oil Peter started out last week on his first trip selling and delivering the oil and was fairly successful in his trade. But note what happens: The Standard oil octopus has a delivery station at Coburn and as soon as their agent there reported that Peter Shires with his old horse and wagon was selling coal oil to the people throughout the valley at the same price the merchants, who bought their oil from them, were selling it, these merchants were notified to sell the oil two cents lower than Shires did, and if Shires lowered the price of his oil, to sell at five cents per gallon, or give it away for nothing. Mr. Shires is a poor man with a crippled arm and unable to do hard manual labor. He thought he could make a living for himself and family by selling and delivering coal oil, but the octopus swallowed Peter, and he is now floating in oil in the stomach of the trust.—Millheim Journal.

This is a sample of the method of trusts to freeze out men who wish to make an honest living.—(Ed. Democrat).

### Red Men Organize.

The Improved Order of Red Men, of Bellefonte, organized and installed the officers of the camp last Thursday evening. The camp is named Ne-ha-sa-ne Camp No. 71, Improved Order of Red Men. The officers installed were as follows:

Prophet—Harry T. Miller.  
Sachem—Jacob S. Kaiseley.  
Senior Sagamore—Wm. Beizer.  
Junior Sagamore—J. W. Rightour.  
Chief of Records—Harry Walkey.  
Assistant Chief of Records—Charles Hazel.

Keeper of Wampum—Wm. Rider.  
Guards—Frank Sasserman and Seneca Walker.

Trustees—Bruce Garman, of Bellefonte; Charles Reese, of Snow Shoe; Isaac Shaver, of Centre Hall.

There will be a special meeting of the order next Friday night at 8 o'clock.

### Business Men's Picnic Schedule.

The following is a condensed schedule for Business Men's Picnic, Aug. 21st, at Hecla Park, when the C. R. R. of Pa. trains will run as follows:

Leave Bellefonte for Hecla Park—6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a. m.; 1:00, 2:40, 4:00, 5:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p. m.

Leave Hecla Park for Bellefonte—11:15 a. m.; 1:35, 2:00, 4:00, 4:40, 4:45, 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 p. m.

Leave Hecla Park for State College and Bellefonte, Centre points—4:00 and 8:00 p. m.

Leave Hecla Park for Coburn and points on L. & T. Branch—1:35 and 8:00 p. m.

Leave Hecla Park for Tyrone and intermediate points—4:00 p. m.