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REPUBLICAN CO. CONVENTION

Met in Bellefonte on Tuesday and Was Harmonious.

BIG INJUNS BURY HATCHET

Some Embarrassing Scenes as They Anointed Each Others Political Wounds—New Set of Party Rules Reported and Adopted.

The regular republican primaries in Centre county were held last Saturday and the county convention on Tuesday. Owing to the fact that but one local office is to be filled this year, that of Jury Commissioner, little interest was aroused in the event and it is a wonder that the attendance was even as good as it was. There was no contest among the leaders, or evidence of factional strife—everything seems to have been amicably adjusted prior to the convention.

At 11 a. m. County Chairman Reeder called convention to order. Harry Keller, Esq., read the call. The convention was organized as follows:

Chairman—John M. Dale, Esq.
Secretaries—J. B. Stroh, of Potter, and H. S. Stewart, of Rush.

Reading Clerk—Harry Keller.

Committee on Resolutions—W. I. Fleming, C. T. Fryberger, J. P. Jackson, M. S. Betts and Harry Gross.

The following nominations were made by acclamation, there being no opposition:

Jury Commissioner—John D. Decker, of Potter.

Delegates to State Convention—Eli Townsend, of Philipsburg, and T. H. Harter, of Bellefonte.

County Chairman—W. F. Reeder, Esq., Bellefonte.

W. I. Fleming then read the report of the committee appointed a year previous, to formulate a set of rules for regulation of the republican party in Centre county. The rules introduce some new features in the politics of our county, and for that reason we publish them entire. The rules were adopted as read. Mr. Fleming then read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, as follows:

Resolved by the Republicans of Centre county in Convention assembled:

FIRST: That we most heartily endorse the National Administration and most earnestly commend the wisdom, ability and thorough patriotism of President Roosevelt in carrying out the policies of his predecessor, the lamented William McKinley, which have bestowed upon the country an era of unexampled prosperity and have benefited all classes, but more especially the wage earners and have given a high degree of prestige to this country among the great nations of the earth.

SECOND: That the successful administration of President Theodore Roosevelt merits and demands at the hands of the great Republican party of the Nation not only his re-nomination but his triumphant election to the Presidency in 1904 and to that end, we pledge the united support of the Republicans of Centre county.

THIRD: That we heartily endorse the action of our United States Senators and Representatives in Congress for the able and efficient manner in which they have looked after and cared for the interests of our great commonwealth.

FOURTH: That the State Administration merits our warm approval as we have seen our benevolent, charitable and philanthropic institutions generously cared for and the best interests of the State as well taken care of. The Governor of the Commonwealth is to be commended upon the care he has given the legislation and the wise discrimination he has shown in the exercise of the veto power in relation thereto. He and the Legislature are to be especially commended for the passage of the "Good Roads" Bill which is a new stride in the direction of advancement and which will insure to the benefit of the State at large and work great improvement throughout the length and breadth thereof.

FIFTH: That we most heartily endorse and commend the course of our State Senator, Hon. A. E. Patton, for the able and efficient manner in which he looked after and cared for the varied interests of his constituents.

SIXTH: That we pledge ourselves to support the Republican county ticket this day nominated and also the Republican State ticket to be nominated by the Republican State Convention on the 27th prox. and to use our best endeavors to secure their election by the most decisive majority.

At this point all business having been transacted on express time, and there being quite an intermission until the dinner hour, and in order probably to keep the delegates from whiling away their time at the refreshment counters, brother John the (political) Apostle, recent chairman of the famous Union Party, and the presiding officer of a former republican convention where the life was almost ground out of the local Quasites, arose and in that bland, suave manner urged that the remaining time be devoted to an experience meeting and hoped that all the brethren would join in heartily. While the suggestion was appropriate, it was more noticeable that Brother John, since he failed to beat Harter for delegate to the State Convention, wanted to figure somewhere in the proceedings as he is aspiring for an appointment from Gov. Pennypacker as delegate to the St. Louis exposition, and we hope he will get there.

Hon. John G. Love was in the audience and (according to schedule) was called on for a speech. He very cheerfully came forward and in the opening remarks said his official position prevented him from participating in political events—ye Gods and little fishes! In the face of the fact that for the past six years he devoted more of his time to

political conspiracies, invoking the power of his office to compel certain influences to rally by him in his effort to humiliate a former Governor from Bellefonte, who made that heroic struggle against a corrupt Legislature and political machine. It is not forgotten how Judge Love and his crowd tried to have a Governor repudiated in his own home, and yet he would say he is excluded from politics. He should be; the sanctity of our courts demand it, to enjoy the confidence of the people. But who more grossly violated a public trust? The Judge is diplomatic, for he said "let the dead bury the dead and the past be forgotten." He expects to be re-nominated next year and then wants everybody to be good. But he should have set the example in the past.

Col. W. V. Reeder was called, amid much applause he appeared. He seemed to be exercised greatly and lacked his usual self poise. Several times in his brief address he promised redoubled efforts for victory, and then "flew off the handle" by scolding some bad democrats in the rear of the room who innocently laughed at the Col's apparent embarrassment. It seems that he is still hesitating between the judgeship or something better. Some remark of Judge Love may have recalled the past.

Col. Coburn next contributed to the feast by swelling up over the greatness of the republican party—he forgot to flaunt the bloody shirt and in consequence was quite docile.

Git-there-Eli Townsend, the natural born orator who can speak on the slightest provocation, waxed warm under the collar and his eloquent periods hypnotized the audience, and almost asphixiated those near by. Oh Eli, you should have gone to the Halls of Legislation where your ringing tones and fierce gesticulations would have won for you enduring fame, instead of wasting all your sweetness on deserted coal caverns and cussing stupid mule drivers. Eli, you have missed your calling as mine boss.

Tom Harter, who at a former convention distinguished himself and highly entertained the populace in his remarkable feat of straddling, spoke on this occasion with less embarrassment. Barring his customary allusion that ignorance accounts for the existence of the Democracy, and presuming that he has been more favorably endowed by Providence, his stories amused the audience much. He apologized for Gov. Pennypacker's mistake in signing the libel law, but assured all that the silly old man was honest.

Fearing that some fool-remark might be thrown in the proceedings to ignite smouldering embers, the chairman thoughtfully called for a motion to adjourn, and the agony was over.

RULES ADOPTED FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF CENTRE COUNTY.

1. A Vigilance Com., of at least five Rep. voters shall be appointed annually in each Election District by the County Chairman and the member of the County Committee for such District; and the member of the County Committee shall be Chairman thereof. Such Vigilance Committee shall be appointed not later than December 1st and in case of any change in the office of County Chairman, the Chairman-elect and the local Committees shall appoint such Vigilance Committee for the ensuing year. Any vacancy in the Vigilance Committee shall be filled by the Chairman thereof.

2. The member of the County Committee for the respective election district shall be named by the delegate or delegates to the County Convention at which candidates for County offices are nominated. In case of any vacancy in the office of County Committee, the County Chairman shall notify the Vigilance Committee of the vacancy and require them to name a member within ten days and in case the Vigilance Committee fail to make such selection, the vacancy shall be filled by the County Chairman.

3. The Chairman of the County Committee shall be elected annually by the Convention at which candidates for county offices are nominated, and his term of office shall begin the first Monday of January following, and continue for one year. In case of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to call a meeting of the County Committee, who are authorized to elect a County Chairman, such meeting of the County Committee shall be held after five days notice. The County Chairman shall be, ex officio, a member of all Conventions. The Chairman shall call the County Committee together at least once during each campaign, and at such other times as he may deem expedient, and advise with them in reference to the conduct of the campaign, and pursue such course for advancement of Republican principles as may be approved or recommended by a majority of the Committee. Secretaries to attend to the clerical work of the County Committee shall be appointed by the County Chairman.

4. An Executive Committee shall be appointed each year by the County Chairman, which Committee shall consist of ten in addition to the County Chairman, who shall be, ex officio, a member thereof. The term of office of such Committee shall begin on January first following their election and shall continue one year. The Executive Committee shall be called together from time to time by the County Chairman to devise ways and means, direct the conduct of the campaign and adopt such measures as shall appear to the best interests of the Party and its candidates. In case a vacancy on the ticket nominated by a County Convention, by death, withdrawal, refusal to accept a nomination or any other cause, the said

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

The Call for Men in 1863 was Promptly Met.

TWO COMPANIES SOON FORM

Company C Under Capt. A. B. Snyder—Capt. John Boal's Company from Pennsylvania—Campaign in Somerset County Not Arduous.

NOTE:—The following note has been handed us for insertion in the Hist. Review: Martin Grove, son of John and Louisa Grove, was born in Gregg township, Dec. 31 1842. He enlisted in Co. A. 148 P. V. Died about Feb. 15, 1863 in front the hospital, southern Virginia, aged 20 years, 1 month, 15 days; buried in Georges valley cemetery.

June 15, 1863, President Lincoln called for 100,000 men, to serve six months. Governor Curtin at once issued a proclamation for 50,000 men from Pennsylvania, the invasion of the state by Gen. Lee's army being threatened and within twenty-four hours, June 16, a company was organized under Capt. Austin B. Snyder, and Penns valley responded with a company commanded by Capt. John Boal.

ROLL OF CAPT. A. B. SNYDER'S COMPANY C.

Capt. Austin B. Snyder; First Lieut., Thos. C. Crawford; Second Lieut., A. C. Furst; Sergts., Daniel Seyden, Frank S. Wilson, E. M. Valentins, Mark McKean, Edmund Blanchard; Corps., Benjamin Rice, Perry Campbell; John Moran, H. B. Hall, George F. Harris, A. J. Griest, James Rosansteel, Wm. Savage; Musician, John McKinley.

Privates.

John M. Allison, Joseph Apt, J. B. Antes, P. B. Armour, James Armos, J. W. Bolder, Edward Brown, Henry L. Crist, W. S. Cadwalader, Thomas C. Croft, B. Comley, Eugene Carter, Calvin Chessman, J. Y. Dale, W. C. Davis, Wm. Ehart, R. D. Eberhart, John Eckley, Jonathan Folk, W. P. Farny, John Folk, S. H. Free, C. H. Griffith, John Good-fellow, W. R. Griffith, Joseph Greist, Penn Greist, Charles Greist, H. P. Haupt, Frank Hillbush, Knoch Hastings, Charles Heichel, Sausel Harris, Harlan Harlan, James Hinton, Norman M. Hoover, Geo. Hall, Geo. Hoover, W. A. Hartsock, Hickman Ingram, Thos. J. Kurtz, W. W. Keppart, J. L. Keys, Robert Keys, John Long, Andrew Loneberger, Edward Lipton, Isaac Mitchell, John Morrey, Thos. Miles, Jacob Meyers, Richard Miles, Gratz Miles, Frank Miles, Frank Miller, Geo. Melridge, G. H. McGuire, Wm. McCulley, Henry McAllister, D. McCallan, Wm. McNullen, C. C. Proudfoot, Marion Parsons, David Parsons, Byers Price, Thos. Rothrock, John T. Reeder, John Rider, Wm. Rich, Isaac Strong, W. H. Swansey, C. C. Shirk, James Schnell, Levi Straul, Geo. Sharp, Alfred Smith, J. W. Shultledge, Joseph Smith, Jacob Stover, John Treaster, Jacob D. Valentine, E. A. Williams, James P. Williams, Mesback Williams, Geo. H. Weaver.

PENN'S VALLEY INFANTRY.

Sworn into the service at Berlin, Somerset Co., June 24th, as Company D.

Capt. John Boal, 1st Lieut. John B. Hetchinson, 2d Lieut. Andrew Gregg, Jr.; 1st Sergt. W. P. Palmer, 2d Sergt. Alfred Dale, 3d Sergt. Mortimore Longwell, 4th Sergt. J. M. Clayton, 5th Sergt. J. T. Farny; 1st Corp. John Barber, 2d Corp. John A. Montellius, 3d Corp. Thompson Barr, 4th Corp. Geo. F. VanValzah, 5th Corp. John I. Potter, 6th Corp. Thos. B. Hallahan, 7th Corp. James R. Forster; 8th Corp. John L. Thompson.

Privates.

W. M. Atkinson, John Brant, Reuben Baker, Hiram Bates, James Bailey, D. W. Baker, R. B. Baker, David Barre, Richard Conley, Geo. C. Cadwalader, Geo. E. Campbell, Alex. Crane, J. A. Dabbs, Geo. E. Demuth, T. B. Davis, Aaron Durst, B. H. Duncan, E. A. Elder, John Eaton, G. D. Hilliland, Oscar Green, E. Galigan, John Goheen, Theodore Gordon, James Harkins, A. Boyd Henderson, Thos. W. Hutchinsan, Sam'l Hamer, Thos. J. Irwin, Frank B. Iselt, T. Johnson, W. M. Johnson, J. C. Johnson, James J. Kisterbeck, G. Letterman, J. H. Lee, James I. Lytle, Wm. F. Laekey, John H. Miller, H. W. Morrow, Wm. Marshall, J. E. Murray, Sam'l Mayes, J. A. McClay, J. L. McClanahan, S. S. Myer, Frank Milliken, B. A. Newhall, H. Osman, J. Osman, Wm. S. Palmer, S. P. Palmer, Jr., W. P. Parry, B. C. Patterson, John Peters, T. F. Russell, Jacob Rhon, A. J. Shires, J. A. Seidie, J. W. Sweetwood, Henry Y. Sitzer, Stewart Saylor, A. C. Smith, John Shop, H. A. Sankey, Sam'l Treat, M. Tressler, J. M. Thompson, surgeon, T. C. VanTries, Geo. Wasson, P. E. Wilson, Wm. Worl, J. Weaver, J. J. Williams, John Young, H. H. Yarnell.

FORTY-SIXTH REG'T. (COL. JOHN J. LAWRENCE), COMPANY A.

Capt. Wm. P. Dale; 1st Lieut. James I. Ross; 2d Lieut. B. J. Lapute; Sergt. W. M. Mayes, T. Weaver, Hugh A. McGonigle, Henry Bridge; Cosps. D. B. Stonebreaker, E. W. Erb, Joseph Ward, Robert Cox, Sam'l H. Bailey, J. M. Cooper; Musicians, A. E. Clempson, John G. Hays, W. B. Glenn, Wilson Gardner, Thomas Gates, G. W. Harpster, G. Harpster, N. H. Irvin, S. C. Kaempfer, Patrick Laughlin, J. S. Lytle, Ellis Lytle, Miles M. Myers, Martin L. Miller, Joseph Myers, John S. McCurdy, Weston B. McMurray, C. B. McDonald, Jacob Nicholas, Solomon Palmer, Ellis Poust, David N. Rhodes, Sidney E. Thomas, Simon Ward, E. L. Williams, J. M. Worts, John M. Barr, Wm. Coie, John Chase, Jos. B. Erb, Jesse R. Flora, Thos. Glenn.

COMPANY H.

Capt. C. F. Huston, W. A. Thomas; 1st Lieut. C. M. Keppart; 2d Lieut. John F. Weaver; Sergt. John R. Tate, James G. Marshall, J. R. Irwin, Bond Valentine, Simon Loeb; Corps. W. S. Tate, P. J. Haines, Levi Miller, J. S. Harding, W. E. Jenkins, David W. Weaver, B. F. Hinton, H. Holter, J. H. Huston, musicians, S. H. Cook, Wm. Hoy.

Privates. Thos. Askey, Robt. Adams, S. T. Askey,

Dezra Billot, G. S. Barnett, A. L. Betts, Sam'l Bike, J. H. Brown, S. Bamboough, F. W. Carson, John A. Close, J. A. Callahan, John Dunkleberger, R. Fishburn, E. P. Foresman, John Fye, J. N. Frazier, Sam'l Gault, T. Gussalus, B. F. Hoy, A. B. Hughes, P. L. Haines, Edward Ide, Alfred Kinsloe, Adolphus Loeb, John Long, D. E. Little, Geo. W. Morris, John Miller, J. W. Miller, Wm. R. Miller, John Martin, Isaac Midway, Thos. Norman, D. W. Powers, Michael Packer, Wm. Packer, Wm. Pheasant, D. W. Pletcher, James Rowan, Simon Roush, Thos. Reed, John Rossman, Jesse Stewart, Mallan Saylor, S. P. Swartz, Jacob Bizer James Stine, Isaac Thomas, Jos. P. Thompson, Geo. W. Weaver, Elias Wallizer, John A. Yeager.

Our soldier boys who went to Somerset county, had some experience, that afforded them opportunity for telling numerous incidents, among the chickens, etc., and the boys yet have a good laugh when going over the same. The farmers, while somewhat annoyed, made no complaint because it "was all for the sake of the Union," and to prevent the rebels from roaming through the land of maple sugar and depleting the hen coops, smoke houses, spring houses, etc. Our boys fared well, and had an eye to good living, to which they were entitled, and all was forgiven for the good of the cause.

The Fruit Crop.

J. H. Murphy, of Bald Eagle valley, says the Tyrone Herald, is easily the most observant culturist of fruit and other growing things about the farm, of all the experts in fruit and produce raising hereabout. His observations upon the prospects for this year's crops are therefore valuable. Mr. Murphy has lately taken accurate account of the fruit conditions. He finds that in sheltered locations on ridges and highlands there will probably be a one fourth normal crop of peaches. Plums promise well, except the Japanese varieties which bloom early and were caught by the frost. Pears are bound to be very scarce, only a few locations being likely to produce. Few injuries have been suffered in apple orchards and a good crop of the favorite fruit is altogether likely to please its devotees. The sweet cherries have been frozen to death and there will not be sufficient of them to pay for the picking, except in a few instances where the trees were so thick as to exclude the frost. There will be a one-fourth, maybe a one-half crop of sour cherries. The prospects are excellent for fall crops of quinces, strawberries, raspberries and currants.

A Day Later.

We have received numerous complaints from subscribers living in Pennsylvania, who are along the new Rural Free Delivery, from Spring Mills, saying that they now receive this paper on Friday, instead of Thursday. This can not be avoided, for the following reasons: The Centre Democrat is printed Thursday forenoon. The press starts at 9 a. m. and the papers are delivered to the postoffice by noon and leave here on the 2:15 afternoon train reaching Spring Mills about 3:30 and remain there until the next morning, when the carriers on the different routes start out. The paper reaches other parts of Pennsylvania, not on this route, Thursday evening. This can not be avoided by us as long as the carriers start from Spring Mills in the morning. We would have to publish the Centre Democrat on Wednesday in order to reach our Spring Mills patrons on Thursday, who are served by carriers. No doubt persons can get their Centre Democrat at the Spring Mills post office Thursday afternoon by calling for it.

\$3,000 For 1,236 Kisses.

COST OF A KISS.

1,236 kisses cost.....	\$3,000.00
Market rate for a single kiss.....	2.41
Did Miss Frances Pettit, of Ballston Spa, N. Y., have a trolley-car fare register concealed about her while James P. Tittlemore courted her? Did she ring up a kiss every time Tittlemore kissed her? If not, how did the lady know that Tittlemore kissed her 1,236 times during the fourteen years of their courtship?	
Miss Pettit says Tittlemore kissed her that number of times, and Tittlemore does not deny it. A jury in the Supreme Court believed Miss Pettit, and assessed Tittlemore \$3,000 of the \$5,000 damages asked for or \$2.41 for each offence; comes high. "I always kept an accurate account of everything," said Miss Pettit in court and no one doubted her. Now Tittlemore must pay the woman he courted so long and whose meals he ate, \$3,000.	

Smallpox Cases.

The smallpox epidemic that broke out in the vicinity of Pine Glenn, Burnside township, is under control. Only one new case developed in the past week, and that was Edward Kreamer. The other cases are all improving, no deaths occurring thus far. Some people question the nature of the disease, but Dr. W. R. Batt of the State Board of Health is there and has pronounced it smallpox and it is reasonable to suppose that he knows what is ailing the people.

THINGS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN

A Few Pointers in Regard to Our Schools

SCHOOL DIRECTOR ACCUSED

Things Done to Elect a County Superintendent—Prof. John Harrison Approached—School Directors are Often Crooked

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT:

In the issue of the Democrat of April 9th, you broadly intimate in the article on "School Corruption" that the evil of corruption exists among school boards in this county, in the same and other forms as stated in the article; we do not know of this, but have been making some inquiry, and later may be able to say something more definite.

Then in the issue of the Democrat for the 16th of April ult., in the article headed "Institute at Philipsburg," you insist that if the institute goes there, it would do so in consequence of a deal made before the last election of a county superintendent.

In the first article you insist that men boasted publicly how easily they changed the votes of entire school boards with the use of the "long green," but you give no results. However this may be, we do not know, the Democrat does not give definite information. If you had said you knew of a director who, a day or two before the meeting of the director's convention, offered to pay one of the candidates for the office of Superintendent all the expense he incurred in his canvass if he would withdraw. If then you had said that on the day of the convention, early in the forenoon, that same director offered to pay this candidate \$75 to withdraw, and still later the same director offered the same candidate \$100 if he would withdraw; and if you had further said that while the bell was ringing for the meeting of the convention the same director said to the same candidate "I will give you \$125 cash if you will not allow your name to go into the convention," you would have had something more definite and have said the truth.

The candidate was poor, he had spent considerable time and money in making an uphill canvass, but to his credit be it said he manfully refused every offer, and because he refused to be bribed, he was knocked out of a school later in the season by connivance of this same director. If then you had further said that the director who made three repeated offers, to this man to withdraw, is now the presiding officer of the School Board in this borough and next week he will address the young people who will graduate and urge upon them the supreme duty of leading virtuous, honest, upright lives, you would have had something still more definite. It is to be presumed that no reference, in the address, will be made to bribery or the effect on the morals of individuals, who attempt to bribe under cover of the payment of expense incurred in making a canvass. These are definite, tangible facts, and occurrences and if you have anything in this line we would be pleased to have you give it to the public.

If our school boards, or any of them is given to corruption, or if the Superintendent of the schools of the county is elected by corrupt means, it is a foul stroke at one of our most sacred and best beloved institutions.

A CITIZEN.

We cheerfully give space to the above communication, as it touches upon some timely topics. Free discussion by a free Press of the conduct of our County Superintendent, in securing his re-election, his manner of conducting his office, will be conducive to the good of our school system. It is openly and frequently charged that our present County Superintendent, in making his visits to schools over the county pays too much attention to securing pledges for his re-election from Directors, and not enough to his duties. Examination of teachers and awarding of certificates, it is complained, suffers from the taint of favoritism. We constantly hear this complaint from substantial people.

We know that school boards are frequently corrupt. We have heard school teachers in Centre county say that they, in the past, were approached for a "rake off" for receiving a school. We have heard school book agents boast how easy it is to work the average board with presents or money. This information is not exclusive or copyrighted with us. Many readers know that such things exist, but convictions are almost impossible.

We heard John Harrison, of Bellefonte, candidate for County Superintendent, say that he was approached with what he considered a bribe, to "sell out" or "pull out" of the race for the advantage of Mr. Gramley, the day the directors met and elected a County Superintendent last year.

Yes, verily, we believe that the public is not aware of one-half of the perniciousness of many school boards. For that reason, the greatest care is necessary that only honest men secure positions on our school board.

WHEN machine courts refuse to punish public plunderers and bribers, and a machine Governor seeks to muzzle the press and prevent it from exposing the rascals, it is time for the public to ask, Whither are we drifting.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

MINT JULEP TIME.

You kin talk about yer fancy drinks, Yer pussy cafes an' sich, Yer champagne wine that's only drunk By people wat is rich. Yer beer that's fer the Germans that I allus passes by; But Uncle Ben is happiest when The mint is in the rye.

It sorter gits up in yer nose, An' trickles down yer throat, An' makes you feel as ef on beds O' flowery ease you float, There's nothin' like it in the land, Nor in the heavens high, Yer Uncle Ben is happiest when The mint is in the rye.

I go to church on Sunday an' I chip into the plate, An' 'We'nday night prayer meetin' seldom Finds me very late; Except when spring comes on, an' then The mint smell makes me dry; An' Uncle Ben is happiest when The mint is in the rye.

There's no use talkin'; there's a time, Likewise there is a place, When every Christian has a chance To tumble down from grace. An' when mint julep time comes 'round, No matter how I try, Yer Uncle Ben indulges when The mint is in the rye.

—S. S. S.

Some men have a large following—of creditors.

Some men impress us as being too good to be true.

A frieze on the wall is worth two colds in the head.

Never tell a Boston man that he doesn't know beans.

Even the fat man doesn't rejoice when his hair grows thin.

A girl can't even blush unless she has considerable cheek.

It doesn't make a fireman mad to tell him to go to blazes.

A boneymoon generally lasts as long as the money holds out.

When a poet's verses come back to him he meets with reverses.

There are fellows who would rather get married than go to work for a living.

That when a soldier is shot he becomes a hero, but when he is only half shot he is disgraced, yet who of us wouldn't prefer to be a disgraced half shot to a dead hero.

Destructive Forest Fires.

The forest fires which have been raging west of this place for the past three weeks says the Lock Haven Express, burned over an immense territory, very little of the 'Scotac or Big run regions escaping. In many places the fire burned so rapid, driven by the high wind, that little damage to standing timber resulted. The state lands did not escape and more than a third of the reservation had been burned over up to a few days ago. The men comprising the fire guard worked hard to arrest the course of the flames but only partially succeeded. Wide paths had been cleared around the preserve and burned but the high wind caused the flames to leap over. The men worked until 2 a. m., one night in an effort to check the progress of the fire. The rain on Monday, which was heavier in that region, will check, if not extinguish, the fires.

A Wireless Telephone.

Daniel Drawbaugh, the aged inventor, who resides near Harrisburg, is about completing a wireless telephone. He is now able to converse a distance of one mile and, after the completion of the new armature, of which he is the inventor, he says that he will be able to talk five miles.

Mr. Drawbaugh is 76 years old and says that he is anxious to show to world a complete wireless telegraph and telephone system before he dies. His work is being closely watched by Dr. Ward, of the University of Pennsylvania, who represents the United States signal corps and who has been with Mr. Drawbaugh since last August. Dr. Ward will not explain his presence, but it is understood that he is the inventor in the interest of the United States government.

Home of Mrs. M. Gunsallus Barned.

The frame dwelling house occupied by Mrs. Martha Gunsallus, widow of the late John Gunsallus, at Beech Creek, near Loomis' was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Sparks set fire to the barn and smaller buildings nearby and they were also burned. Mrs. Gunsallus was spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Eliza DeHaas of Mill Hill street and no person was in the house for two or three days previous. The origin of the fire is believed to have been incendiary. Mrs. Gunsallus' loss was very heavy, having no insurance on her furniture or other contents, all of which were burned, including all clothes excepting what she wore away from home. Several hundred dollars in notes which were in the house are said to have been destroyed. There was no insurance on the barn and lesser buildings.