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BUSINESS MEN

PICNIC

Will be Held at Hecla Park, August 19

CLINTON AND CENTRE CO'S

Will Hold Their Annual Outing—Preliminary Meeting at Lock Haven—List of Committees Appointed—A Fine Programme Arranged

The next big outing at Hecla Park will be the Business Men's Picnic of Centre and Clinton counties which has been fixed this year for Wednesday, August 19th. Tuesday afternoon the Executive Committee of this organization were the guests of Frank Warfield, general passenger agent of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, at the Fallon House, Lock Haven, and as usual did things up to the queen's taste. Everything worked in the line of success and every indication points to one of the largest gatherings of the kind ever held at the park.

The representatives from Centre county on this occasion were Frank Warfield, Philip D. Foster, Sidney Krumrine, J. Will Conley, A. C. Mingle, J. D. Sourbeck, John Olewine, John Bullock, Earle C. Tuten of the Daily News and Francis Speer of the Keystone GAZETTE of Bellefonte and W. H. Noll of Pleasant Gap. Clinton county was represented by Joseph Haberstroh, Geo. W. Mason, G. W. McDonald, P. P. Rittman, G. W. Fredericks, Clifford Rothrock and George Loder of Lock Haven. Hon. W. T. Young of Farrisville, T. J. Small of Mackeyville and D. F. Stoner of Mill Hall, J. C. McCloskey represented the Express and C. H. Bressler the Times. They were all very enthusiastic over the enterprise and after assembling in the parlors of the Fallon House P. P. Rittman, in the absence of President Thomas Shoemaker, was called to the chair. In the absence of J. C. Meyer J. Will Conley officiated as secretary. On account of the Clinton County Veteran Picnic being held on Thursday, August 20th, and no other dates being advisable, it was decided to hold it on Wednesday the 19th. President Rittman then appointed the following committees: Managing—J. C. Meyer, J. Will Conley, of Bellefonte, and Geo. W. Mason of Lock Haven. Amusement—John D. Sourbeck, Sidney Krumrine and John Knisely of Bellefonte and Joseph Haberstroh of Lock Haven. Music—O. E. Miles of Milesburg and J. J. Rittman of Lock Haven. Printing—John Olewine and G. W. Fredericks. Finances—P. D. Foster, John Bullock, John L. Buffer, J. H. Rothrock, W. T. Young and T. J. Small.

After the appointments of these committees a general discussion took place with reference to amusements, rapid transportation of the crowd to and from the grounds, the privileges of the grounds and such subjects that would promote the success of the picnic. These questions were adjusted amicably, and there is no doubt that everything will work out to the best interest of the picnic. With J. D. Sourbeck at the head of the amusement committee there will be no danger of the people being idle a minute. The railroad service will be made the very best, and privileges will be given to competent people who can assure the committee that the work will be done in a satisfactory manner. Among the amusements may be a ball game between Centre and Clinton counties, horse races, other races, watermelon contest and grand display of fireworks. It is the desire of the committee to have every stone in these two counties closed on that day, as every merchant should take that day off for rest and recreation. It may mean more to your health than you may think, so just close up and go and you will be none the worse for it.

After the meeting Mr. Warfield escorted the guests into the large dining room where they were served to a most delicious and toothsome meal. Everything was gotten up in the best of style. It looked as if "Johnny" Sourbeck, "Sid" Krumrine, Phil Foster and A. C. Mingle, the four lean men of the crowd, were running a race, Sourbeck coming out ahead by two pieces of bread and the neck of a chicken. Our Lock Haven friends treated the visiting crowd with the greatest courtesy, making the trip all the more enjoyable. The next meeting of this committee will be held Wednesday afternoon of next week at the Brockerhoff House, Bellefonte, where the final arrangements will be made.

Al Deppe, of Mud Run, Carbon county, is rejoicing in the birth of his 20th child. He has 16 children living, and is going to notify Roosevelt that the race suicide evil has not reached this section. The only other man in this section who can equal Deppe's record is a resident of Luzerne county. He has nursed 25 babies on his knee, and says he is still a young man.

Some people only believe half they hear, and then divide that by two.

MORE RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Postmaster W. W. Montgomery received word on 23 authorizing him to establish two new rural free delivery routes from Bellefonte, beginning with Sept. 1, next, as follows:

Route No. 1 will start at Bellefonte and go southwest on Buffalo Run road to Tressler's, thence west to Armagast's; thence retrace to Tressler's corner; thence southwest to Fillmore; west to Greene corner; north to Hoover corner; east and south to Roan corner; northeast and southeast on mountain road to post-office.

This route is 20 miles long, covers 15 square miles of territory. There are 146 houses on the route and 730 people receive mail.

Route No. 2 begins at postoffice in Bellefonte, and southeast on pike to Axemann; south to Dale corner; southeast and south to Blue Spring corner; southwest to George Kline's; retrace to Peru; south to Zimmerman's; retrace to Peru; northeast to Pleasant Gap; southeast and south to Bilger's; north to Comley's corner; northeast to Bilger cross roads; southeast and southwest to Smeltzer's; retrace to Bilger's cross roads; northeast to Gentzel's corner; northwest to Axemann road; southwest to old pike; south to Weaver's; northwest to post-office on old pike.

Route No. 2 covers an area of 15 square miles and is 22½ miles long. There are 170 houses on the route and the population is 850.

The establishing of these two mail routes will mean the doing away with the postoffices at Fillmore, Buffalo Run, Axemann and Pleasant Gap.

There will be two carriers appointed at a salary of \$500 per annum including horse hire. Eventually, Mr. Montgomery informs the Centre Democrat, Coleville district will likely be a part of Route No. 1 which will take a big load from letter carrier Ardery. The Scale Works and Forge will be on Route 2 which will relieve letter carrier Ed. C. Woods.

Williams Reunion.

The executive committee for Williams Reunion made arrangements for the fourth anniversary which will be held Aug. 22. The following committee were appointed:

Music—Prof. Miles, Misses Mable and Edith Williams, Nannie Turner, Mattie and Lola Williams, Maggie Miles, June Robison, Mrs. Lizzie Eberts, Orlando Williams, Samuel Williams, Walter Williams, Gorden Williams, Paul Williams, Roland Williams.

Committee on Transportation—W. A. Hartsock and J. Q. Miles.

Entertainment—G. G. Fink, W. H. Williams, William Williams.

Preparation of grounds—J. Q. Miles, Abendego Williams, George H. Williams, Jas. B. Williams, James Eberts, George Harpster, Joseph Williams, Judson Williams, Chester Cronister, Charley Meyer, Arthur Harpster.

Resolutions—Rev. E. L. Williams, S. S. Miles, Ida R. Williams.

This announcement is to be understood and accepted as a general invitation to all of the Williams clan or family. Any information concerning the Reunion may be obtained by addressing the corresponding secretary, Ida R. Williams, Martha, Pa.

Co-operative Housekeeping.

A system of co-operative housekeeping has been established in which in Lock Haven a number of prominent families are interested. The dearth of competent help is largely responsible for the undertaking. Captain and Mrs. W. C. Kress have placed their large dining room and kitchen at the disposal of the corporation and the meals are prepared under the direction and supervision of a lady from the Boston cooking school. Two maids are also employed for dining room service, etc.

Five families, comprising 19 people, have thus far become members of the "household" and while the plan is as yet an unknown quantity in the solution of the servant girl question, the management are sanguine that it will work out to the comfort and satisfaction of the entire "class."—Times.

A Big Time at State College.

The Fire Company of State College on August 12, 13, 14 and 15 expect to hold a big Fireman's Fair and Festival.

Wednesday evening they will have for amusements a potato race, pie eating contest and cake walk.

Thursday there will be a big free show and a balloon ascension.

Friday evening there will be a street parade participated in by several fire companies and bands of music, and fanatics.

Saturday afternoon there will be a ball game and a fine drill at night; dancing every evening.

A gold watch and all kinds of fancy goods will be chanced off.

LETTER FROM CAMP M'KINLEY

Company B, as Usual, Makes a Fine Showing

WILL LEAVE FRIDAY EVENING

Governor Pennypacker and Family Visit Our Boys—Colonel Chambers is Strictly in it—A Few Camp Notes—All Wool

Somerset, Pa., July 27, '03.

Camp William McKinley

EDITOR KURTZ,

Dear Sir:

The 5 Regt. of which Co. B is a part, arrived in camp about 8:30 Thursday evening, ending a tedious journey. Our camp is about 1½ miles from the town of Somerset, near the Highland Inn, on which is everything that can be desired for camp purposes. The 5 Regt. was the first to arrive and lost no time in getting down to work. Co. B's baggage arrived 15 minutes after the arrival of the Company showing the quickness and dispatch of Co. B details.

Friday was a very busy day for the boys getting camp in ship shape for the opening of camp, which was officially done at 9 p. m., Saturday morning, by the booming of a cannon and the unfurling to the breeze of the Star Spangled Banner. Saturday evening the brigade paraded in honor of Major General Charles A. Miller. Sunday morning the brigade was paraded in honor of Gov. Pennypacker. The 5th and 18th regiments were about tie for elegant marching. Sunday the 5 Regt. formed and marched and received hearty applause all along the line. Sunday was a busy day for the boys in showing the visitors over the grounds, special trains being run from Johnstown and Pittsburgh bringing thousands of people, some companies having as many as 180 visitors for dinner, and all gazed with interest on the mode in which the soldier boys become proficient.

Among the many interesting sights of camp is that of the manoeuvring of battery B with horseless horses, for we think it is about the poorest lot of horses ever seen in a battery, while the writer was making notes, two of the leaders of one of the guns piled up ending in there being 8 feet in the air and two horses less for duty.

Owing to the excellent camp weather the boys are not suffering from the heat, and we all anticipate an enjoyable week. Co. "B" Notes: Capt. Taylor was officer of the day, Thursday. Corporal R. T. Bayard has been appointed regimental clerk. Oscar Shirly, of New York City, an old '98 Co. B man was a visitor Friday. Lieutenant P. P. Garbrick was officer of the guard Saturday.

Through the kindness of Capt. Taylor Co. B enroute to camp took dinner at the Garman House, Tyrone. The writer of these notes was sergeant of the guard, Sunday. Co. "B" had quite a number of visitors over Sunday, among the number was Lieutenant Colonel Edward R. Chambers of the governor's staff.

Co. B was visited Monday by the Governor's family under the escort of Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Chambers.

From reliable sources the 5 Regt. will break camp on Friday evening at 6 p. m. which would bring Co. "B" home Saturday morning.

These notes are all wool and yard wide. D. OLIVER HAZEL.

Penny to Spend \$5,000,000.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has decided to spend a total of \$5,000,000 in improving its shop facilities, and in about Altoona to meet the enormous demand freight traffic is making on the lines east and west. A great central foundry plant is to go up in the west end, which will cost alone \$3,000,000.

Here 3,000 men will be employed. The site covers almost 200 acres, and to avoid real estate speculation to the detriment of its employees, the company has also purchased a big piece of real estate to be used for homes for its men.

Work on this foundry plant, which is the largest in the world, has already been begun, and the shops will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the year.

Church Re-opening.

The re-opening of the newly and neatly repaired United Evangelical church, of Bellefonte, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 1st and 2nd. Preaching services on Saturday 7:30 p. m., by Rev. A. E. Gobble, D. D., of Mifflintown, Pa.; Sunday 10:30 a. m., by Ex-bishop W. M. Stanford, D. D., of Harrisburg; 3 p. m., A. E. Gobble; 7:30 p. m. W. M. Stanford; Sabbath school 9:30 a. m. A special invitation is extended to all to be present at these services. W. H. Brown, pastor.

ALFALFA IN BLAIR.

A farmer in Blair county has raised two crops of alfalfa this summer, of which two loads were taken to Tyrone on Monday and pronounced the best and most nourishing hay yet brought to that town. In California as high as 6 and 8 crops of alfalfa hay are made in a year, and it is used as feed for all kinds of live stock including chickens. If alfalfa will grow in our sister county of Blair, what is the matter with trying it in Centre county? What farmer will make the experiment? Alfalfa is king of all hay crops.

The Herald says of it: The first load of alfalfa hay put to market in Central Pennsylvania, came to Tyrone for Superintendent S. S. Blair. It was brought to town by John C. Trimble and was produced on the famous 100 Springs farm by R. S. Seeds. Another load came to town for Charles H. Jones. All was well cured and almost as green in color as when it stood in the field. The first cutting was taken off June 15; in three weeks the alfalfa was twenty-five inches high again; and it was mowed the second time July 27. This is considered the finest feed of any hay made and as near a balanced ration for stock as anything that grows out of the ground.

All said above as to the virtues of alfalfa and its being good for a number of crops in a year, the Democrat can testify to its being true having seen it in California and heard its virtues pronounced there as well as in states this side of California—Colorado and others.

An Alarm of War.

The London Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent sends rather an alarming view in the situation in the east to his paper. He says that Russia's retention of Manchuria, the increase of her fleet, the despatch of reinforcements to Manchuria, the southward movement of the army in Manchuria and the defiant conduct on the Korean frontier, alarmed the Japanese, many of whom are convinced that it would be better to fight now than risk the eventual loss of Korea and the relegation of Japan to a secondary place. He says the Japanese are accumulating stores and negotiating the purchase of ships; that a squadron is off Vladivostok, to which Port Russian vessels have been sent as a precaution, and that both fleets are ready for action at any moment. He says that a perusal of the Siberian press reveals the aggressive spirit of the Russian military party; that the Russians believe they will lose prestige if they give way now, with the result that their far eastern empire will be lost and Japanese influence will become predominant. The appointment of Marquis Ito as president of the privy council, the correspondent says, favorable to peace, but Russia must retreat or there will be very grave danger of war.

Shooting Gummo Well.

Well No. 2 on the Wm. Gummo farm was successfully shot Monday night at 11 o'clock. Samuel Davis, of Mill Hill, had charge of the shooting. A tin cylinder, 12 feet long and 5 inches in circumference, cone shaped at one end, was filled with dynamite weighing nearly 100 pounds. The cone shape case, with wires attached to the top end, was carefully dropped by the sand line to the bottom of the well. When all was in readiness the battery was applied by Mr. Davis and the explosion occurred. The hole is about 1,900 feet deep and the only thing noticeable at the top was the escape of some smoke and steam.

The shooting produced some oil. Drilling was resumed and will be continued until the rich oil-bearing sand, which lies deeper, is reached.

It is expected that drilling will proceed now without interruption until the third sand is struck, when oil in paying quantities will be found.—Express.

Bituminous Coal Miners Strike.

Miners employed in four of the mines of the Beek Creek Coal and Coke company at Patton are out on a strike to the number of about five hundred and their differences, if not speedily settled, are likely to involve all of the operations of the company in that vicinity. The old question of a check off is responsible for this condition.

John Taylor Won Again.

John C. Merrill of Lock Haven and his fine trotting horse John Taylor. At Cleveland on Monday, he won \$1,000 in the 225 class, taking two straight heats, the conditions being best two out of three. Time 2:11¼ and 2:11¼. There were five entries in this race.

Terrible and Fatal Explosion.

An explosion of powder occurred yesterday afternoon at the United States Cartridge company's plant, Lowell, Mass., destroying thirty houses and fifty deaths are reported.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Manufacturer of Hammered Iron ---Price in 1810

JOURNAL OF FLAVEL ROAN

Visits Centre County—John Newcomer From Chester County—Licenses in 1811—The Centre Bank of Pennsylvania

In 1810, Moses Boggs and Roland Curtin, Sr., erected a forge upon the present site of Eagle Works, manufacturing hammered iron. This article chiefly found market at Pittsburgh, whither it was transferred by wagons. It was worth at the forge five cents a pound. The old Eagle Furnace was built by Mr. Curtin in 1818. The ore was procured from Nittany valley.

Flavel Roan in 1810 made a visit to Centre county, of which he kept a journal: July 3d, fed at Miles', in Aaronsburg, and then went to Joseph Gilliland's. On the 4th calls at Esquire Barber's and Woods', and attends a great entertainment at Hon. Andrew Gregg's, from from whence he goes to Mrs. Eaken's. On the 5th he stopped at Mrs. Vanhorn's tavern, who he remarks as a very fashionable old lady, and then dines at James Potter's, Dr. Dobbins being of the company. On the 6th he calls again at Barber's, took dinner with Joseph Gilliland, and riding on saw the grave where Naby (Newby) was stolen from. Then I rode into the woods, and stripped and searched for a bug that was molesting me; stopped at Millheim and talked with the doctor about Naby; slept with McClung at Duncan's, etc. 7th, called at Minister Ilgen's and at Motz's.

John Newby came from Chester county; had been educated for the ministry, and was wealthy, but meeting with misfortunes he came to Centre county and stopped with Joseph Gilliland, whom he had known in Chester county. Mr. Gilliland procured him a school, which he taught for some years; but intemperate habits got the better of him, and he came to Mr. Gilliland's to die. Dr. William Westhoven, then practicing in Millheim, attended him, and having for some reason a desire for a post-mortem engaged a couple of men to take up the body. After removing the body they failed to fill in the grave properly, and the robbery of the tomb was discovered. Newby's grave was in the old East Presbyterian churchyard, east of Penn Hall, and Dr. Westoven was indicted for misdemeanor and tried at August term, 1810. Daniel Kennedy, William Edmundson, Robert McClelland were witnesses. The doctor plead guilty, and was fined one dollar, with costs, and to confinement in the county jail for forty-eight hours. The excitement was so great Dr. Westoven removed the valley into Kishacoquillas.

Newby's death from intemperance makes an anecdote Hon. Andrew Gregg was accused to relate, perhaps proper in the connection. Mr. Gregg and Robert Pennington were of the most powerful men physically of the valley. At a barn-raising sides were chosen, and they were put at the head of the opposing co-workers. After raising a certain barn a proposition was made for a drinking match, the whiskey as usual on such occasions being loose around, with tin cups for the thirsty. Gregg had to make choice of his party, and was looking over the crowd with that intent when some one whispered, "Take Robert Pennington." Mr. Gregg was taken aback, as Mr. Pennington was a local preacher, but adopted the suggestion, and the result, he added, was "Robert drank them all drunk, and walked home at no apparent discomfort."

In January, 1811, licenses were recommended for Joseph Gilliland, of Potter, William Westhoven, of Haines, Enoch Hastings, of Bellefonte, John Brisbin, of Ferguson, and James Johnston, of Ferguson, to keep hotel. Also at April sessions for Elijah Chambers, of Ferguson, James Newell, Potter, Joseph Kleckner, Haines, and Thomas Paul, of Bellefonte. At August sessions, 1811, the grand jury, John M. Beuck, foreman, recommended repairs to the jail on account of the escape of prisoners. At August sessions the road from Antes' mill to Marsh Creek, near Benjamin Lucas' mill-dam, three miles and a half. At the same sessions George Stover, of Aaronsburg, Frederick Dale, of Ferguson, G. Jeffrey Harloff, Miles, Isaac Goon, Patton, Samuel Miles, Aaronsburg, Cornelius Dale, Ferguson, John Wrigly, Philipsburg, were recommended for license to keep taverns.

The Centre Bank of Pennsylvania was the style under which a quasi banking was done by individuals under articles of association as early as November, 1813, in Bellefonte; Roland Curtin, Nov.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

A NURSERY RHYME.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Though we know just what you are
Daughter of a street contractor,
Taught to read and write and factor
Through a sort of training forced;
Married thrice and twice divorced;
Fitted out with skirts and sandals,
Diamonds, dodellets, space and scandals—
Though we know just what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.

PHANTOM.

Just when the sun is peeping o'er the scene
The ice man plods his way from door to door,
And when you go to find the lump, I ween,
You see a drop of water; nothing more.

THERE IS NO UNBELIEF.

There is no belief!
Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod
And waits to see it push away the clod,
Trusts in God.

There is no belief!
Whoever says, when clouds are in the sky,
Be patient, heart, light breaketh by and by,
Trusts the Most High.

There is no belief!
Whoever sees 'neath winter's fields of snow
The silent harvests of the future grow,
God's power must know.

There is no belief!
Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep,
Content to look each sense in slumber deep,
Knows God will keep.

There is no belief!
Whoever says tomorrow, the unknown,
The future, trusts that power alone
Nor dares disown.

There is no belief!
Heart that looks on when dear eyelids close
And dares to live when life has only woe,
God's comfort knows.

There is no belief!
For thus by day and night unconsciously
The heart lives by that faith the lips deny,
God knoweth why.
—Lizzie York Case, in Enquirer.

Grave charges—the undertaker's bill.

One man is as good as another—in the grave.

One way to avoid a scrap is to raise whiskers.

The people who trust to luck are lucky to get trust.

Economy is an art that many study but few master.

It is possible to save a lot of trouble by getting rid of it.

One way of looking at it is to do others that you are dunned by.

In the race for wealth it's snip and tuck with the dressmakers.

Even a millionaire may sometimes be made to look like 30 cents.

Even the weather man lays by a few predictions for a rainy day.

The unpardonable sin, in the eyes of a woman, is not to admire her.

Occasionally you find a man so good natured that it's easier to pick a lock than to pick a quarrel with him.

In being right some people are only guided by their fear, of being left.

Obstacles wouldn't be so troublesome if they weren't always in the way.

It is a mistake for a woman to imagine she can conceal her age with a coat of paint.

The things that come to him who waits are often not worth waiting for.

The promoter of oil wells can't be blamed for running things into the ground.

The summer girl should remember that it is better to have too many strings to her bow than too many beaux on a string.

"A baby was born to a certain minister last Saturday morning," says an Oklahoma paper. "That evening the officers waited on him with \$50 in cash. The next morning, when the congregation assembled, two wags stood before the church door and one bet the minister would thank the Lord for the money first and the other bet he would thank him for the baby. When the reverend gentleman arose to pray he said: "Lord, we desire, also, to thank Thee for this timely succor. The boys are yet undecided as to which was the winner.

Pursue Escaping Convicts.

Of the 13 convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary at Folsom, California, 12 are still at large. Joe Murphy, who was serving a 14 years' sentence for robbery, was shot dead at Pilot Hill. S. M. Gordon, the reported leader of the gang, who had been sentenced to 45 years for robbery, deserted his followers soon after they left the prison. He was heavily armed. They are closely pursued by the sheriffs of Sacramento, El Dorado and Placer counties, deputies, a company of militia and 20 guards from the Folsom prison.

The convicts were practically surrounded by two with strong posses. All four horses on the convicts' wagon were shot. Then the outlaws raised a white flag and marched up the road, with the guards and others whom they had captured on each side of them.