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## APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADS

Some Advice How Same Can be Procured.

### SUPERVISORS MUST APPLY

A Complete Description of Road Necessary—Present Same to the County Commissioners Before State Authorities Will Consider Same.

Senator Roberts, of Montgomery county, has issued the following letter to the taxpayers of his district concerning the new road law. It applies equally as well to this county:

"As I was much interested in the passage of the law, and am, therefore, anxious to see our county obtain its benefits, and as the governor has appointed a highway commissioner, Mr. Hunter, of our own county, who is in every way thoroughly qualified to fill the important position, I take the liberty of stating to you in concise form the simplest method of procedure under the new law, so that without being confused the supervisor and citizens will understand how to act in the matter for by Mr. Hunter's appointment the law is now in active operation, and there is no reason why township authorities who so desire it should not begin operation at once.

"First. The supervisors of each township should meet and decide upon the improvement of a portion of some important road in their township.

"Second. Having ascertained the road and distance of road to be improved they should have a rough map or profile made of the road designating any change of grade they may desire.

"Third. They should pass a resolution agreeing to pay one sixth of the cost of such improvement and sign a petition requesting the county commissioners to act in accordance with the act of the assembly and improve said road.

"Fourth. They should forward their resolutions, petition and map to the county commissioners of their county with a request that they take prompt action in the matter.

"Fifth. In order to obtain the maintenance fund for stone roads as set forth to the state highway commissioner the number of miles of improved stone roads contained in their townships, together with the cost thereof and the cost of maintaining the same duly sworn to, with the request that he forward them their portion of the maintenance fund.

"If these instructions are followed there should be no difficulty in obtaining the benefits of the law. Of course, it is necessary for the supervisors to urge the commissioners to take action in the matter, for the state highway commissioners can do absolutely nothing until both the supervisors and county commissioners act. It would be also wise to suggest to the county commissioners the best kind of material for road building which may be had in their locality. In my opinion with stone costing, delivered upon the road to be improved, not over \$1.25 per ton crushed, the cost of construction per mile, exclusive of grading should never exceed \$5,000. You will, therefore, see that the cost to a township per mile of road should in no case exceed \$53, and if the road is a main road between two townships the cost could be shared between them.

"I would never suggest without a township is very wealthy, the construction of more than one mile of road a year, but, of course, this is a matter entirely within the discretion of the township authorities."

### HATCHERY WILL STAY.

A report was in circulation close of last and beginning of this week, that the Bellefonte fish hatchery project had been condemned, by the commission and would not be established, for the reason that there was not sufficient water available nor fall for the various pools. There seems to have been no foundation for such a report, and the Centre Democrat, upon reliable authority, contradicts the story. The hatchery will be established upon the plans, as previously noted by us.

An additional supply of water for the Bellefonte hatchery will be taken from the spring that flows from the cellar of the house on the farm of John Shugert, which has quite a large volume; Mr. Shugert has consented to have it added to the needs of the hatchery free of charge. The flow from this spring with a quantity taken from the stream that flows from McBride's gap, we are informed, will be utilized to fill the lake in which the large trout are to be kept. Gathering in these supplies will afford the hatchery all the water needed even in seasons of drought, and pure and fresh.

At present there is a force of men at work clearing up the springs and digging new channels for the water courses.

The Centre county veteran clubs will picnic at Pine Grove Mills on Sept. 12.

## RACES FOR THE CUP.

First of Series for Famous Trophy Will Occur Thursday.

The first of the series of races for the America's cup, between the American yacht Reliance and Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock III, will be sailed off Sandy Hook this Thursday. Both challenger and defenders are now in dry dock being tuned up for the races. The boats are without doubt the fastest that ever represented America and England in a race for the coveted prize won by the America over 50 years ago, and among yachting experts the new Shamrock is conceded to have an excellent chance to regain the celebrated trophy. All estimates of the comparative speed of Shamrock III and Reliance must be derived through the Columbia, Shamrock II, and Shamrock I, in the trial races recently held. It is a very roundabout way of forming an opinion, but so far as it goes it is altogether in favor of the British boat.

### BOTH YACHTS IN TRIM.

The performances of the Reliance during the summer have been highly satisfactory to American yachtsmen, however, and members of the New York club do not hesitate to predict a sure victory for the defender. The Reliance has been seen under sail and in races in all kinds of wind and weather and in smooth water and in bad tumble of sea. Under all conditions likely to be met in the races with Shamrock III she behaved admirably. Her accidents have been unimportant, and there has been no necessity for many changes in the boat.

Sir Thomas Lipton has expressed himself as confident of winning. He claims the recent trial races have proven Shamrock III to be faster than any of her predecessors, and has no hesitancy in saying that his chances of "lifting" the cup are brighter this year than ever before.

### Shot at Tyrone.

Thursday night about 11:30 o'clock, John Attig, a brakeman on the run between Lock Haven and Clearfield, was shot. Mr. Attig had just stepped out of Hintzleman's restaurant when the bullet struck him. The ball entered an inch below the right eye, took a downward course through the mouth and lodged in his throat. The shot was fired by a mulatto, Robert Cadwick, from the inside. A few minutes later the man was assisted to the doctor's office where the bullet was probed for but not exactly located. He was taken to the Altoona hospital. It was the intention of the negro to shoot Ira Aults, instead of Attig, as he seemed to have a grudge at Aults, and probably thought it was he who was approaching the door.

Cadwick, after the shooting coolly walked up Pennsylvania avenue and turning up Twelfth street disappeared. He is a yellow skinned negro about 25 years old, smooth face, 5 feet 7 inches high, and stoop shouldered. He wore brown trousers, dark coat and a black cap. He is a bad man. He had been in Tyrone a month working on the street paving jobs.

Monday the bullet was located in the back of his neck, by means of the X-rays, imbedded in the flesh. The physician decided to allow it to remain for the present at least.

There was a little stir Tuesday evening when the Bald Eagle valley train arrived in Tyrone. Detective Rightmear of Bellefonte, arrested a yellow negro at Port Matilda who he thought answered the description of the man Cadwick, who shot John Attig. He brought him to Tyrone, but the captive proved not to be the man wanted.

### Golden Wedding.

Wm. Woomer and wife, of Yarnell, celebrated their golden wedding last Saturday. About one hundred gathered at their home. Persons were there from Mill Hall, Pitsburg, Philipsburg and Snow Shoe. An elaborate dinner was served and all did justice to it. Father and mother Woomer, while on the evening of life, can look back over a well spent life, they are both honored members of the U. B. church at Pleasant valley church. They also have helped much in building up their community; they have raised a large family; they are also blessed with many grand and great-grand-children. In the afternoon there was music and a few words spoken and prayer by their pastor. They received many valuable presents; it was a day that will long be remembered.

### Bellefonte Hospital Notes.

The number of patients admitted during the year have been 88, the number discharged 74, deaths 5, present patients 9. The receipts from all sources have been \$2,473.47, the expenditures \$2,406.56. Of the receipts \$1,500.81 represents income from patients; the balance being donations, etc.

## POW-WOWERS DISAPPEARING

Once a Popular Form of Treatment for all Ills

### TWO REMARKABLE CURES

Some Physicians Had More Faith in it Than in Their Medicines—Belonged to the Pennsylvania Germans—Faith of Pow-wowing

The recent death of an aged woman in Reading, who had gained a lot of fame as a "pow-wower," and died respected by all who knew her, calls attention anew to the fact that the old race of pow-wowers is dying out, and the place that once knew them will know them no more forever.

Pow-wowing, that time honored institution among the Pennsylvania Germans, has also fallen from its high estate, and the more modern school of medicine has about thoroughly established itself. Faith the sole basis of pow-wowing, may be a good thing; but the average native nowadays prefers his medicine straight.

As there are more things under the heavens than were ever dreamed of in the philosophy of Horatio, so there are more things in this pow-wowing business than the average scientific mortal wots of. Several columns could be filled with stories of alleged cures wrought through the medium of pow wowing, but that would only be heresy testimony, and would be rated accordingly. There are two cases, however, which came under one man's personal observation, and which no physician has yet been able to explain to his satisfaction. The man in question was born with two birthmarks of a deep purple hue, one on the cheek, the other on the inside of the first finger of the left hand. When he was three months old a friend came on a visit and, seeing the birth marks, said she knew an old woman who had achieved remarkable success in pow wowing for birth marks. Three times the old woman pow wowed, and each time during "the full of the moon." She pow wowed for the birth mark on the cheek only, and it gradually faded until it disappeared altogether. The mark on the finger remains to this day.

The other case was equally remarkable. This man's father one night noticed a small pimple appearing on his cheek, which was very painful. His face began to swell, and next morning he was a sick man. He had an important business engagement to meet, at a place about ten miles distant. On his way there the swelling continued to increase, and the pain became so intense that he stopped at a small village where a physician, an old friend lived, and called upon him to see whether he could not get some relief. The doctor, after an examination, declared that the case was erysipelas, and advised the patient's immediate return home. When the physician was informed of the imperative business engagement, he said:

"There is an old woman living in this village who has had great success in pow wowing for erysipelas. If you will permit me, I will call her in, and she can treat you. She can do more than I can."

The suggestion was agreed to, and the woman called in. Three times she pow wowed, and when asked what her charge was, she said she was not allowed to make any adding:

"If it cures you, you can pay me afterwards whatever you choose."

In ten minutes afterwards the pain ceased, the swelling became less, and in three hours every trace of the disorder had disappeared.

In this way these pow-wowers often gained considerable of a reputation, and people flocked to them by the hundreds and the majority of the "healers" succeeded in making a more than comfortable living. Belief in witchcraft has died out long ago, however, and the belief in pow-wowing will, of course ultimately likewise disappear, until only its memory will be enshrined in the history in the archives of the Pennsylvania German Societies.

### Curtin Statue Arrives.

A bronze statue of Andrew G. Curtin, the war Governor of Pennsylvania, arrived at the Custom House, in bond, from Rome. Efforts are being made to have it admitted free of duty because it is the work of an American artist. It is to be placed on the Smith Memorial, in Fairmount Park.

### Committed Suicide.

Harry L. Fry committed suicide by taking a dose of laudanum at his home in Altoona Monday evening. He had been unwell for a few days, and it is supposed that owing to his illness he was also suffering from temporary aberration of mind. The deceased was the son of D. R. Fry, Esq., of Warriorsmark.

## CLEVER MINISTERS.

Considerable creditable notoriety was the lot of Rev. Rhoads Un. Ev. pastor at Centre Hall, a few years ago, by the writer giving publicity to the fact that the Reverend was a genius as a maker of excellent violins, every part of the fiddle being worked out by his own hands although he never stood an apprenticeship in the art, which requires fine mechanical skill as well as musical taste. We make reference to this preliminary to mentioning that Centre Hall is honored with another Reverend who is a natural born mechanic of skill and genius. We have reference to Rev. Rearick, pastor of the Centre Hall Lutheran charge, who, by way of recreation during his spare hours, manufactures for his own use, pretty articles of furniture that would be mistaken as the output of some noted manufacturer of that line of goods. We have seen specimens of the Reverend's handiwork sufficient to warrant us in saying this. His sideboards, bureaus, sinks, and the like, could easily be put upon the market as the work of trained and skilled mechanics with the aid of the machinery that enables the modern manufacturer to put taste and beauty in the parlors of the well-to-do. This Reverend Rearick does by way diversion when wanting a rest for his mental faculties after finishing up one of his masterly sermons for a Sabbath. He has wonderful native skill as a mechanic in the line here named, but his talents run in some other direction equally as useful and creditable, but we will not mar his modesty by farther reference, thus unsolicited, by mentioning his aptness in farming, care of domestic animals, and even skill in catching "speckled beauties."

### LARGE GATHERING.

The Business Men's annual picnic, a reunion of the business men and citizens of Centre and Clinton counties, was held at Hecla Park yesterday, and was largely attended. Men, women and children were present to the number of thousands, taking the Central R. R. of Pa. to its utmost to deliver its human freight at the park, all of which was successfully accomplished and to the entire satisfaction of the crowds that reached the park by that means. Nothing was left undone by the committee to make it a day of pleasure for all, amusements of every decent description had been provided for, including the popular games of the day. It was a bedlam of pleasantries, and orderly confusion, if we may be allowed the expression, as amid all the various crowds, groups and clubs there was not a jar to mar the occasion. Baskets with good things for the inner man were opened and presented food fit for princes to partake of, prepared by the good wives and lovely daughters of Centre and Clinton counties. Everybody seemed happy. All had the opportunity, each one to his taste and liking, to enjoy themselves. This mingling, commingling and intermingling of the people of old Centre and her daughter, Clinton (a rib of mother Centre), deserves, and will have, perpetuation.

Crowds at Hecla large—breaking all previous records. The estimate may well be put at 8000. The first train from Mill Hall to Hecla Park carried 1,200 passengers, 500 of them being from Jersey and Williamsport. Up to 10 o'clock 1,100 tickets had been sold at the Mill Hall station to Hecla.

### Panther Attacks Team.

While George Cunningham, a Bedford county truckman, was returning from Altoona early Sunday morning, a full grown panther leaped from a tree along the mountain road and landed on the back of one of his horses. Cunningham was dozing at the time and the sudden scream of his horse scared him so badly that he almost fell out of the wagon. The panther was evidently frenzied with hunger, for it immediately began gnawing at the neck of the horse.

Cunningham seized his revolver and fired at the beast on his horse's back. In his excitement he missed the panther and shot his horse in the head. The horse fell in its tracks, and the panther escaped to the forest. Fortunately, the horse was but stunned and the trucker was able to get it on its feet and proceed home. This is the fourth panther which has been seen on the mountain roads during the present summer.

### Centre—Blair Reunion.

This coming Saturday an interesting gathering will be held on the other side of Bellwood, in Glasgos Grove. It will be a basket picnic, or reunion for all Centre countians living in Blair county. In Tyrone, Bellwood, and especially Altoona there are a large number of our people and such a gathering should prove a pleasant affair. A fine program has been arranged for the day. We would urge our readers in Blair county to attend this picnic and bring all other Centre countians along they can find.

## OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Miscellaneous Happenings of 1814 in Centre County.

### RUSH AND HALFMOON TWPS

Facts About their Names, How Adopted and Location of their Boundary Lines—Early Inhabitants of Rush Township.

We group some miscellaneous happenings in 1814, as follows:

In May 1814 the county commissioners advertised for workmen to erect the new jail—the building on the lot where the Ishler residence now is, and which was supplanted by the present jail, the old one having been torn down to the cellar.

On Tuesday, October 8th, occurred the sad accident which caused the death of John Dunlop, Esq., the prominent iron manufacturer. He was caught and severely crushed by a body of falling earth in a mine bank. James Whitehill had a tilt hammer at the end of Nittany Mountain, where he manufactured spades and shovels. He is said to have manufactured the first double-bit axes. John Anderson also erected his falling-mill on Beech Creek during this year. Job Packer also established his fruit-tree nursery on Bald Eagle.

W. H. Patterson, United States collector of Nineteenth District of Aaronsburg, gives notice that keepers of boarding-houses who also charge for liquor used in their houses, physicians, apothecaries, surgeons, and chemists are required to take out license.

At April sessions, 1814, Rush township was erected, or rather Half-Moon divided by the Bald Eagle Creek as a line. The commissioners for dividing the townships were Roland Curtin, Charles Treziulny, and John Dunlop. The petitioners had recommended the name of Perry for the new township they were asking for, with which recommendation the commissioners agreed, and recommended to the court; "and as the name of Half-Moon would not be properly applicable to the remaining portion north of Bald Eagle Creek," the commissioners suggested to the court the propriety of calling it Rush township, "as a small tribute of respect to the memory of the truly venerable and super-eminent Dr. Benjamin Rush.

The court (Walker, president) coincided with the views on the name of "Rush" for the northwestern division; but said we are sorry we cannot agree with the views as to the name of the southeastern portion and named the old Half-Moon portion "Jenner," "after the immortal Jenner, who under God has been the means of saving so many millions of lives. The people, however, were reluctant to part with the old name, and in January, 1815, the name of "Jenner" was altered to "Half-Moon."

The boundary of Rush commenced at the red-oak on the Huntingdon county line at the head of Bald Eagle Creek; thence ran along Bald Eagle Creek to where Martha Furnace is now; thence by the line of Patton township to the Moshannon. It embraced of the present townships of Taylor and Worth, except the strip between Bald Eagle Creek and Muncy Mountain, and portion of Rush west of the continuation of the line of Patton, as it then was, through present country of Rush.

At April sessions, 1815, commissioners having reported in favor of making the top of the Allegheny mountain the boundary between Rush and Half-Moon townships, the court confirmed their report and the whole of the territory of the present townships of Taylor and Worth was placed within that of Half-Moon township.

The inhabitants in Rush township in 1814 were as follows:

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| Allen, David.                  | Phillips & Dewees, grist  |
| Craddock, Thomas, and sawmill. |                           |
| tavern.                        | Phillips, Hardman.        |
| Crowe, Basil.                  | Rees, John Christian.     |
| Dewees, William F.             | Simler, Charles, tavern.  |
| England, Job, black.           | Simler, Henry, shoemaker. |
| England, Nun, miller.          | Shultz, John.             |
| Kephart, Andrew.               | Spangler, George.         |
| Lorain, John, store.           | Weid, John, carpenter.    |
| McCoy, Dennis.                 |                           |
| Turner, Samuel.                |                           |

In 1817, Jacob Test is assessed with a tavern, and James McGirk established his store. In 1819, Henry Lorain is assessed as postmaster, and Philip & Dewees with a forge; William Bagshaw, clerk and manager. James McGirk is assessed with a tanyard in 1822, and Thomas Hancock, tavern. John Flegal, tavern, in 1824, and John Matthias, schoolmaster, the same year; and Phillips, Plumb & Co., with screw-mill and machinery, tilt-hammer, and wire-drawing machinery. Screw-factory is assessed in 1822.

As being worthy in connection with last week's Review, relating to the Centre Bank of Pennsylvania, we are in-

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

How often are we told that death Doth love a shining mark; Yet how much better it would be To love the mining shark.

A promoter is generally a financier without any finances.

Lots of things are done well that are not worth doing at all.

The people who pray for things often forget to work for them.

It is perhaps better to be in the soup than to be merely in hot water.

The hardest work some people have to do is looking for a good time.

It isn't necessary for a dry goods store to deliver stockings in a hose cart.

Many a man has been boosted to the top, only to fall off with a d—l, s—g t—d.

It's all right to make hay while the sun shines, but don't loaf when it rains.

Even the pugilist realizes that you can reach a man's heart through his stomach.

There is something of a difference between going straight home and going home straight.

Chas. M. Schwab is out of a job, but he probably knows where his next meal is coming from.

It is possible for baseball to be on the square in spite of the fact that is played on the diamond.

There are 175 parts to a watch, and the first thing a boy does when he gets one is to satisfy himself that they are all there.

Nearly one-half of the mortality in the United States is from disease of the lungs and 75 per cent of it, it is claimed, preventable.

### ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The Hebrew congregation of Lock Haven will build a Synagogue, having been presented with a lot by Harris Cluster.

In ten years the population of the United States has increased 21 per cent. In ten years the beer consumed has increased 44 per cent.

Cupid plays strange pranks occasionally. The other day a widower with five children eloped with a married woman with 14 children. And they took both broods with them.

The barn of George Anstadt, at Clearfield Center, burned to the ground. The crops were destroyed but the stock saved. It is thought that children playing with matches caused the fire.

The masonry work for the new iron bridge at Creighton's in Nittany valley is completed, and ready for the iron superstructure, which is expected daily. The approaches are now being filled.

A colored woman, Maggie Walker, of Richmond, Va., has the distinction of being the first woman, white or colored, ever elected president of a bank in that region. She was formerly a teacher in the public schools of Bellefonte.

The prospects are that there will be a large potato crop in Union county this year. The early ones are being brought to market in large quantities and are selling for 40 cents per bushel. They are of a fine quality and are turning out well.

Who says William Mons, of near Kylesport, is not a progressive farmer. This year he raised from one-half acre of ground \$100 worth of potatoes. This shows that Mr. Mons is a farmer by practice as well as by name. Besides this he is a jolly good fellow.

John Laubscher, who died in Woodward township, August 12, at the age of 91 years 6 months and 3 days, was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, emigrated to America in 1843 settling in Woodward township, Clinton county, and lived there up to the time of his death.

Mrs. Maria Nestlerode, of Beech Creek, died very suddenly Thursday night of heart disease. She felt as well as usual when she retired. About 11 o'clock the family heard her coughing and on going to her room found her suffering for breath. She was only sick a half hour. She was 65 years of age.

The twin ox roast, which will be given at Agars' park on Labor day, September 7, by the members of the Good Will hose company, of Lock Haven, is intended to eclipse any former efforts. Heretofore but one ox was roasted, but this year in order to give all an opportunity to get a slice of the palatable critter, a double quantity will be supplied.

A record of nineteen murders in Schuylkill county within a short time led the County Commissioners on Friday to offer rewards aggregating \$9,500 for the arrest of the murderers. This is \$500 for each case. The persons murdered include citizens in all walks of life, from a deputy sheriff to a little girl. Five of the murderers were committed at Shenandoah; three at Mahanoy City; three at Tamaqua and three at Ashland.