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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Program For The Bellefonte High School.

DURING THE COMING WEEK

Members of The Graduating Class and Subjects—Address By Prof. Benjamin Gill—Alumni Reception In The Armory—Other Events.

The pupils of the Bellefonte public schools are now closing up the work for the term and the annual commencement exercises, which take place next week, will be of special interest. The following program is announced:

Sunday evening: Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, at St. John's Reformed Church.

Monday evening: Junior declamatory contest in Petrikin Hall for the Reynolds prize in which the following will participate:

Pyramids Not all Egyptian—Chapman E. Underwood. The Young Engineer—Myrtle E. Barnhart. The Old Musician—M. Louisa Braebill. The Rosierucian—Goldie D. Cain. The Scholar in Public Life—James B. Harshbarger. Ray's Ride—Mabel E. Wagner. Riot and Revolution—Wm. B. Kuhn. Malbran and the Young Musician—Edna E. Meyer. Our English Language—Arthur C. Thomas. Hagar in the Wilderness—Mary A. Garthoff. Deeds of Judges.

Wednesday evening: Alumni reception in the Armory.

Thursday afternoon: Commencement exercises in Petrikin Hall.

Thursday evening: Commencement address in Petrikin Hall.

The principal event is the commencement exercises May 19th, in the afternoon, for which the following program is announced:

Salutatory and Oration—A Remarkable Series, A. Trood Bidwell. Essay—An Element of Our National Character, Florence A. Tanner. Essay—Two Pictures, Jessie D. Etter. Class History, Walter B. Rankin. Music, Essay—The Hero of Quebec, Edith N. Graham. Oration—Our Territorial Development, Arthur J. Brown. Class Prophecy—H. Elizabeth Brouse. Music, Oration—The Post Office an Aid to Commerce, G. Harry Wom. Eulogy—Women of the White House and Valedictory, Alpha G. Hafer. Essay—Herodism in Wall Down, Let's E. Ardrey. Essay—National Prizes, Elsie M. Bible. Essay—Brook Farm, Helen G. Ceader. Oration—Commercial Crisis, W. Jesse Derstine. Essay—Ideal Womanhood, Laura C. Faxon. Essay—The Eldorado of the West, Mabel Garbrick. Essay—Climatic Environment, A. Augusta Smith. Oration—Japan, John A. Wood, Jr.

In the evening the commencement address will be delivered by Prof. Benjamin Gill, of State College, after which the presentation of diplomas and awarding of prizes will be made by A. C. Mingie, President of the school board.

This is the 21st annual commencement of our High School and the program insures some interesting exercises. During the past year the school has made decided advancement in various lines which is largely due to the efficiency of the corps of instructors.

Treated Smallpox for Scarlet Fever.

Several cases of sickness at the home of Calvin H. Weston and family at Tyrone, treated as scarlet fever, upon examination by the board of health physician and the state health deputy, Dr. W. N. Finley, of Altoona, has been pronounced smallpox. A sister of Mrs. Weston who a short time ago visited at the Weston home after returning to her home at Loveville, Centre county, took sick and it is reported that she is now suffering from a severe attack of smallpox.

Lutheran Conference.

The Central Pennsylvania Lutheran Conference will convene on Monday, May 23, in Emanuel's Evangelical Lutheran church at Tusseyville, Centre county. Rev. J. M. Rearick is pastor of the Tusseyville church. Those who go to Tusseyville by rail to attend the synod will buy their tickets to Centre Hall, where they will be met by private conveyances. The synod opens on Monday and will close Wednesday evening.

Her Grandfather Fought Indians.

Mrs. Katherine Messimer, aged 84 years, died at Jersey Shore last week. Deceased was the oldest living member of the noted Antes family, which is so prominently identified with the early history of the West Branch Valley. Her grandfather, Col. Henry Antes, settled in Lycoming Co., and in 1770 he built Antes Fort, which he defended against the Indians during the Revolutionary war.

Hatched Eggs Taken From Snake.

A vouched for story from Gates county, N. C., says a black snake, nearly ten feet long, swallowed 14 eggs which were taken from a setting hen and shortly afterwards was killed. The eggs were removed from the snake and placed under the hen, and in due time each egg hatched. Perhaps this snake story is true.

ONE TROUBLE SETTLED.

For some years the question of water power in the Bellefonte printing offices has annoyed the publishers. Especially so was the experience of the Centre Democrat several years ago, when a statesman on the water committee advanced our rate, apparently on the basis that we could pay, not knowing nor willing to accept any information or explanation what uses were made or quantity used for fear he might have to change his ponderous mind. Some time later a few decent councilmen took up our case, seeing the unfairness, and the rate was reduced. Later water meters were installed, the contention of the publisher was fully upheld that we were using only about one-third as much water as other printing offices, because a gas engine drove our newspaper press and folder.

Since we have been in our new quarters, our machinery is being run by a 2½ horse-power Fairbanks gasoline engine, which supplies about twice as much power as necessary. Last week several tests were made as to the expense of water meters at 5 cents per 1000 gallons, and our engine using gasoline at 12 cents a gallon. At the Watchman office, where the pressure is the best, to print and fold 1000 papers 2121 gallons of water passed the motor costing about 11 cents. In this office, doing the same work, a little over 3 cents worth of gasoline was used to print and fold 1000 papers. That means that watermeters are about four times as expensive as gasoline engines, and other publishers will have to pay about \$100 per year more for water power, than gasoline would cost them.

There can hardly be a mistake in the tests as the calculations were made on four different occasions. Further, we find our gasoline engine steadier than water and about as easily controlled.

BABE DROWNED.

The body of a newborn babe was found in Buffalo Run, near Hastings station about four miles west of Bellefonte, on Sunday morning by John Lannon. There were evidences on the banks of the stream that the child was born there the night previous and thrown into the creek. A physician who examined the body of the little innocent asserts that the child was alive when it was born. Who the guilty mother is may remain a mystery. This was murder, and the mother had better outlive her shame rather than commit so heinous a crime to hide her error.

District Attorney Spangler, Coroner S. M. Huff and Detective J. W. Rightmour went up to investigate the affair.

The body was at once removed to land and Coroner Huff empaneled a jury composed of the following gentlemen: John Lannon, Harry Young, Lowery Justice, Ed. Gill, David Hampton and Herce Corman. The body was turned over to the Overseer of the Poor of Benner township, Wm. Witmer, Jr., for burial.

Four Years in the Pen.

The four men, Oscar Gardner (white), and Edgar Rhodes (white), of Camden, and New Bruswick, N. J., Wm. Atkins (colored) of Jersey City, and Thomas Barnett, (colored) of Kentucky, who were implicated in the attempted murder of Harry Heinmann, near Warriors-mark, Wednesday, April 21, when Heinmann lost a leg and was robbed, plead guilty to two charges at Huntingdon. The first charge was assault and battery with intent to kill, and the second highway robbery. The court sentenced them each \$25 fine and four years at separate and solitary confinement in the Western penitentiary.

Celebrated Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Leathers of Curtin Station, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary 4th. Mr. Leathers is in his 80th year and his wife is in her 76th year. About 80 guests were present and a dinner was served for all in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Leathers received many presents as remembrances of the occasion, one of the gifts worthy of special mention being \$85 in gold coin. Mr. Leathers was born on the site where he now resides and has lived there ever since. The third generation was represented and the occasion was a happy event for all.

Y. M. C. A. Contract.

For a long time the Y. M. C. A. of Bellefonte has contemplated the erection of a modern gymnasium and at last actual operations have been begun. Wednesday morning ground was broken for the building which will be erected on the association property known as the Irvin home on High street, next door to this office. The structure will be at the rear of the present stone building. The contract was awarded to Samuel Gault, of this place, and calls for the completion of the building by October 1st.

RUSSIANS RETREATING

The Japanese Army Invading Manchuria

PORT ARTHUR BOTTLED UP

The Russians Have Abandoned Danly, Niuchwang and Other Strongholds—Port Arthur Likely to Fall—Determined to Win.

During the past week some lively work has been going on in the far East, in which the Japanese have won important victories. During the past month great secrecy was maintained by the Japanese war department as to the movement of their troops, so that the enemy might not be aware of their plans. In that time many thousand troops, were transported from Japan, westward across the Sea of Japan, down the coast of Korea and then up the Yellow Sea, landing mostly in the vicinity of the Yalu river which is the boundary between Korea, and that part of Manchuria recently occupied by the Czar's army. Last week several fierce battles were fought there, resulting in the Japanese effecting a crossing of this river and driving the Russian army before them, which was forced from every position taken. The Russians are now thought to be retreating far in the interior to Mukden, a stronghold on a branch of the Siberian railroad that leads from Harbin, down to Port Arthur, the Russian seaport.

The Japanese are in possession of the entire Manchuria coast from near Port Arthur to the Yalu river. Another bombardment of Port Arthur is in progress. It is reported that the Russians were defeated at Liao Yang.

Port Arthur is on the end of a peninsula west of Korea that extends down into the Yellow Sea, and great numbers of Japanese have landed on both sides of this peninsula. Danly, the "Magic city" on the railroad above Port Arthur, is a magnificent modern city built recently by Russia, but they had to flee from it. Above that, Port Adams was also taken, and the Japanese also captured Niuchwang. By rail the Russians shipped their artillery to the north and the army is moving the same direction; at Niuchwang hordes of bandits surround the city ready to pillage and plunder when the army leaves. It looks as though the retreating forces from the Yalu river and those of the Port Arthur peninsula were moving to concentrate in one immense body at Liao Yang, Mukden or further north at Harbin which is the junction of the branch railroads connecting the two Russian sea ports, Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

PORT ARTHUR BOTTLED.

It seems certain that the Japanese succeeded in closing up the entrance of Port Arthur which holds the Russian warships. In addition, the Japanese have landed above Port Arthur at Pitscwo and other points and have cut off Port Arthur from all communication by rail or wire and that a siege will be instituted against this famous Russian stronghold which has a limited supply of food and a very small garrison. The downfall of Port Arthur seems certain.

As the Japanese have crippled the Russian navy they have no trouble in transporting their army which is swarming into Manchuria by the thousands, driving the enemy before them. Many engagements have taken place in the past week and losses were heavy on both sides, but the Japs keep pushing after the enemy with increased vigor.

The immense Japanese army landing in such a short time, was a complete surprise to the Russians, who have been outwitted in every movement as well as suffered a humiliating defeat in every battle.

The defeat of the Russians has been a great humiliation to the Czar and he has issued a call for 100,000 reinforcements to proceed at once to the front, with more to follow, determined not to stop until they have driven the Japs back to the sea, even to their native land and not to stop until they have completely conquered them and exacted an indemnity that will be of enormous amount and dictate terms of peace that will insure no future interference with Russia's policy of expansion in the East. That is what Russia declares will be done before the war is over, and has warned other nations that no interference will be tolerated until this end has been attained.

When it is remembered that Russia has a war footing of 5,000,000 men, the end of the war may not be as close at hand as the present victories for Japan indicate.

Mrs. Confer, wife of the tenant on the farm of Rev. Samuel Creighton, near Mackeyville, died suddenly Saturday night.

COL. REEDER AHEAD.

The fight that was brewing among local republican leaders for the county chairmanship seems to have been amicably adjusted, and Col. Reeder will be accorded the leadership for another year without a contest. Last week we announced the fact without any comment. The other candidates have withdrawn their announcements and given various reasons for so doing. Col. Chambers says, since he secured his re-appointment as an assistant to the Auditor General, under Wm. P. Snyder, he is satisfied. Edward intimates that he had to stir up some fellows at home, to get his old position. Not a bad idea. Clement Dale, Esq., gives us his reason, that he was entirely too busy with surveying this spring to give any attention to politics. That seems quite plausible, for we know that he has the work to engage his time.

Henry Quigley, Esq., seems to have gotten out of the road because he would have been lonely, when all the others had fled.

Now the fact of the matter is, Judge John G. Love is credited with straightening up matters. He does not want any more trouble than possible this fall, and especially in his own party, knowing that there will be sufficient from other sources. His Honor realizes that all is not lovely, and no doubt the shades of a departed Governor haunt his dreams to remind him of the past, and that others live who will have a reckoning at the proper time.

A RELIC OF DANIEL BOONE.

Abs. Harter, of Millheim, has in his possession a block taken from a beech tree which has plainly cut on the bark the following: "D. Boone, 1754." The tree was cut in Georges valley, this county, by Mr. Harter, who further stated that close by stood another tree with this inscription cut on it: "D. Boone, January 2, 1754, 1 Deer 1 Large Elk."

There is no doubt from the date of the inscriptions that they were made by the great hunter himself, as Abbot's Life of Boone states that at that time Daniel lived with his father in Northampton county and spent most of his time hunting. He would make long excursions into the central parts of Pennsylvania and stay for months at a time.

Boone must have been one of the pioneer discoverers of Penns valley and it may have been his descriptions of the country that induced so many from Northampton county, shortly after the Revolutionary war, to emigrate to Penns valley. Mr. Harter takes great pride in this relic of the celebrated pioneer and values it very highly.—Journal.

CHURCHES CHANGE THEIR FAITH.

At an ecclesiastical council of the Congregational churches held at Milroy the Free Presbyterian churches of Milroy and Siglerville, founded by the Rev. J. M. White, of Milroy, and officiated over by him during his life, were admitted.

Pastor White, who was a brother-in-law of former Governor Beaver, was convicted by the Presbytery for heresy, but he refused to renounce his convictions, and established the church at Milroy, which was known for many years as White's Free Presbyterian Church. Later Mr. White established another church at Siglerville.

Upon his death, four years ago, these parishes were unable to obtain suitable ministers, and at last decided to join the Congregational denomination, which was close to the doctrine preached by Pastor White.

The Rev. Raymond C. Drisko, of Maine, was on 2nd inst. installed as minister of both churches. The Rev. C. L. Kloss, of Philadelphia, delivered the installation sermon, and many pastors and delegates from Johnstown, Ridgeway, Wilkesbarre and Mt. Carmel attended the exercises.

CLEARFIELD OBJECTS.

The political wholesale license located along the Moshannon a few weeks ago by Judge Love will be compelled to live up to the laws of the State and to Judge Smith's rules as far as their business in the county is concerned or Judge Smith will know the reason why. The constables of the districts affected were all ordered to investigate the methods pursued and report to September court. Selling off cars in this county and using private cellars in Clearfield county for storage vaults are flagrant violations of law.—Clearfield Republican.

A New Street Car Line.

A charter has been granted to the Clearfield & Curwensville Street Railway company. The proposed line will be 12 miles in length and will extend through the borough of Curwensville, follow a route along the river, pass through Clearfield, and will be constructed at once with all the improved methods.

HISTORICAL REVIEW

Notes About the Harrison-Van Buren Campaign.

CELEBRATING 4th OF JULY

How Various Parties Observed the Day Over the County—The Fiedler Homestead in Haines Township of Some Interest.

In 1840 the population of Centre county was 20,492, of whom 290 were colored. The colored population of Bellefonte alone now is said to be over 600. The population of the borough in 1840 was 1032; the last census, 1900, 4216, and of the county, 42,894.

The Van Buren and Harrison campaign was opened in Centre county by a large meeting, held April 28th, at Bellefonte. Col. William Smyth presided, with Andrew Hunter, of Potter, Cornelius Dale, of Harris, Anthony Wolf, of Miles, Samuel H. Wilson, of Potter, Maj. Henry Barnhart, of Boggs, vice-presidents; Secretaries, Dr. Jacob Forney and S. T. Shugert. Col. James Bainside and James Macmaus, Esq., were the speakers.

The Harrison men held their meeting the next evening; Dr. John Harris and James T. Hale were the orators. One of the Democratic resolutions was, "We dare the Federalists to deny that William Henry Harrison was, in the days of the Reign of Terror, a Black Cockade Federalist." Another declared that Richard M. Johnston was the real hero at the Thames.

The Democratic young men celebrated the Fourth of July in a grove on the banks of Spring Creek. Hon. George Kremer, of Union county, was present by special invitation and addressed the meeting. Capt. S. Hunter Wilson was chief marshal, and Hon. Thomas Burnside presided. Addresses were made by H. N. McAllister, Esq., Col. James Burnside, and E. V. Everhart. Dinner was taken at the Mansion House, W. D. Rankin, proprietor.

The citizens and soldiers celebrated the day at Milesburg. The Centre Guards were in attendance, under the command of Capt. A. G. Curtin. Henry Barnhart presided, assisted by William Hiddings and George Graffus; Constans Curtin and Zachariah Miles, secretaries. The Declaration of Independence was read by John Watson. Capt. A. G. Curtin made a patriotic address, and a dinner was served up by James McMasters.

The Democrats of Miles and Gregg townships also celebrated the Fourth at Aaronsburg; John Hosterman, president; Adam Sunday, John Homan, and Peter Zeigler, of Gregg, Anthony Wolf, of Miles, Philip Dinges, Jacob Lutz, George Hubler, and H. Getzell, of Haines, vice-presidents; Leonard Leidy, of Gregg, Jacob Wolf, of Haines, and Thomas Wolf, of Miles, secretaries. The committee on resolutions consisted of Dr. Jacob Forney, of Aaronsburg; Philip B. Musser, John Shook, Sr., and Henry Winkelman, of Gregg; Adam Harper, Adam Stover, Jr., T. Hubler, Leonard Kerstetter, and Thomas Harper, of Haines, and George Shaeffer, of Miles. B. F. Swartz, of Lewistown, addressed the meeting. Ancient Federalism, Bankruptcy and Abolition were condemned, and log cabin, with hard cider heroes, were at a discount.

FIEDLER HOMESTEAD.

In a recent issue the Democrat gave a history of the occupancy of the George Wolf farm in Haines township. Following we give a brief space to the Fiedler family history in Penn and Haines townships. The great grandfather of J. J. Fiedler and ex-commissioner Michael Fiedler, was Jacob Fiedler who put up the buildings on the old Fiedler farm in Penn township and occupied the place a number of years. He was followed in the occupancy of the farm by his son Henry, who lived upon the farm about forty years; it was then occupied by Michael, son of Henry, one year. The next occupant of the farm was Jacob Kerstetter, son-in-law of Henry Fiedler, who married Harriet, a daughter of Henry Fiedler. Next it was occupied by J. W. Kerstetter, then by a Mr. Rishel, of Georgesvalley. The farm is still in possession of one of the Fiedler family, being in the name of Mrs. Jacob Kerstetter, nee Fiedler, and is occupied now by J. W. Kerstetter, son of Jacob Kerstetter above named.

Henry Fiedler afterwards purchased the John Hosterman farm in the lower end of Haines township with which there is also some interesting history connected. There is a large brick house built on the farm. A board on the barn bears the initials "J. H.—M. 1811," indicating that the buildings were erected in 1811 by John Hosterman. The house, a large brick, is still in good condition. Reliable.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in Heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

THEN AND NOW.

In days long ago (in the sixties you know) when gr a n d m a went walking she held her skirts so.	What would she say if she saw girls to-day with skirts clutched so tightly they all look this way? —Inland printer.
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The leap year girl should have engaging manners.

The doctor who lances an ulcerated tooth cuts quite a swell.

It is telling a boy that he will never amount to anything and he generally won't.

The leap-year girl should realize that four years is a long time to wait for another chance.

Generally when people are too proud to beg and too honest to steal they are also too lazy to work.

The same play that brings tears to a woman's eyes will cause a man to sneak out between the acts for a "smile."

"I've come to kill a printer," said the little man. "Any printer in particular?" asked the foreman. "Oh any one will do, I would prefer a small one, but I've got to make some sort of a show at eight or leave home, since the paper called my wife's tea party 'a swill affair.'"

The editor of a southern exchange says: "Let the young man in town out of a job try a year on the farm. Plowing behind a brindle mule will take the kink out of his top knot, the frog out of the throat, the gas off his stomach, the weakness out of his legs, the corns off his toes, and give him a good appetite, an honest living and a sight of heaven."

THE GREAT EXPOSITION.

The St. Louis fair, called also the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, celebrates the Centennial of the purchase of the vast domain from France known as the Louisiana territory, in 1800, under the Jefferson administration. It will be of interest to the readers of the Centre Democrat to know what that means. The purchase price was \$15,000,000. The country embraced all land between the Mississippi river and the Rocky Mountains, and between the Gulf of Mexico and the Canadian boundary line, being more than a million square miles in extent. In 1900 this territory produced \$152,000,000 worth of wheat, and \$34,000,000 worth of corn—in all \$77,000,000 of wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, potatoes, cotton and hay.

This territory now embraces the states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, the Indian Territory, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana. This Louisiana territory is about one third larger than the territory of the original Thirteen Colonies.

This was the act of the Democratic administration of Thomas Jefferson, and was opposed and derided by his political enemies—just as these same elements opposed the annexation of Texas, the acquisition of California and the great North west Territory embracing the Ohio valley.

By the St. Louis Fair, therefore, is celebrated one of the brightest pages in the history of the Democratic party, by which this country has been raised to one of the greatest powers of the earth, and 75,000,000 of people have been made wealthier and happier than those of any nation since Adam was created. This sets in the shade all the tariff acquired wealth of the few, the Carnegies, Morgans, Rockefellers, and a score more of the like.

Had the opposition to Jefferson been able to defeat his measures, and the measures of succeeding Democratic Presidents, the United States proper would to day be only the narrow strip of land along the Atlantic coast that made up the thirteen original colonies.

The St. Louis Exposition, the greatest of the kind in the history of the world, celebrates great deeds of the Democratic party—for the general good—that alone have made this country great, powerful, wealthy, happy, beyond what any nation upon earth ever could boast of. Reader of the Centre Democrat, when you go to the great celebration at St. Louis, don't you forget it.