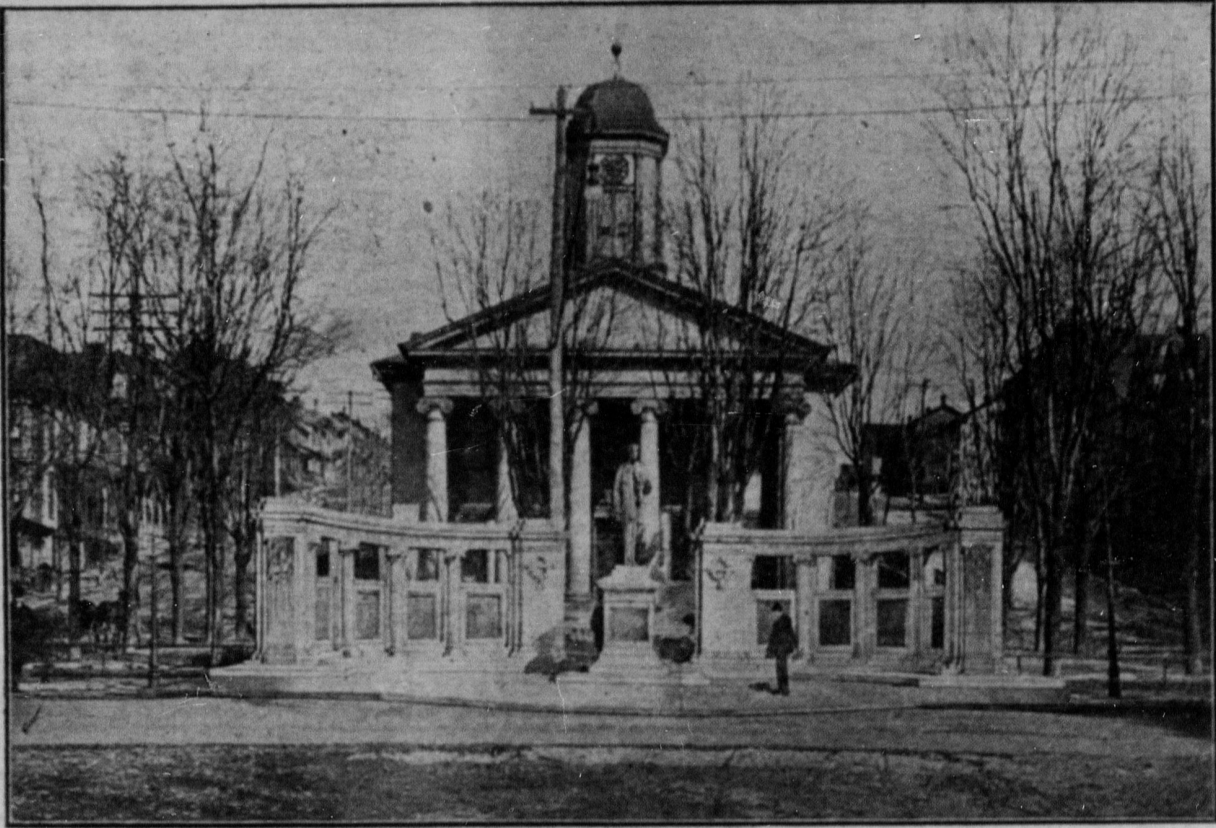


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THE CURTIN MEMORIAL.

In January, 1895, a movement was inaugurated to erect a monument for soldiers of Centre county and a memorial to Andrew G. Curtin, the famous war governor of Pennsylvania. Last week the committee awarded the contract, and when completed, one year hence, it will stand in front of the Court house, as indicated in the above picture. The monument will be located in the public square in front of the Court house, will be 54 feet long, 28 feet deep, 11 feet high, and of Barre granite. It will be oval in shape and stretch across the central pavement leading to the Court house, directly back of the fountain and even with the pavement. The soldier's monument will have 20 panels containing bronze plates, sufficient to hold the names, with their regiment and company, and the battles in which they participated, of about 4,000 soldiers, or more than the quota sent out by Centre county. On each side of the panels will be columns running the full height, and above each panel there will be an opening, so that the view of the Court house will not be entirely obstructed. On the one end of the monument will be a figure representing war, and the other end will have one representing peace. The center of the monument will be arched across the pavement, but will be open. In front of the soldier's monument will stand the Curtin statue, which will be 18 feet in height. It will include a nine-foot bronze figure of the war governor on an 11-foot pedestal of Barre granite. The entire cost of the monument and statue will be something in excess of \$33,000.

## BELLEVILLE

### ACADEMY

Was Damaged by Fire Tuesday morning

TO BE REPAIRED AT ONCE

Attic Burned off and Interior Flooded—Was Insured—The Origin of the Fire is Unknown—Building Erected a Century Ago

Tuesday morning the alarm of fire was sounded as smoke was seen issuing from the tower of the main Belleville Academy building. The fire departments were on hand promptly but the line of hose from the plugs would not throw the stream to the tower. Smoke was oozing out from the attic and in a short time the flames cropped out in many places. The two steamers were soon in operation, and with a half dozen strong streams the fire was gotten under control and extinguished in an hour. The tower and almost the entire attic and portions of the third floor were badly burned, and the entire building drenched with water. The first and part of the second floor was utilized for classrooms and the other portions were furnished for students. During the fire the contents of the library, school fixtures and some of the furnishings were removed, while the balance is damaged by fire, smoke and water.

On the building about \$8000 insurance was carried. James R. Hughes also had the furnishings insured.

Tuesday afternoon the trustees of the academy held a meeting. They will make an effort to have the insurance adjusted soon as possible and an architect set to work preparing plans for remodeling the building. The paper and plastering throughout will have to be replaced; the central part of the third floor is burned out. It is thought that by special effort the building can be repaired for occupancy by this fall.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Monday evening, during an electrical storm, by a flash of lightning, the fuse leading into the building was burned off. Tuesday morning Mrs. Swartz, living near the building, saw smoke oozing from the tower and gave the alarm. Persons who entered could not get into the third story, owing to the dense smoke. Some think the lightning Monday evening ignited the woodwork and it smoldered during the night. That is almost improbable.

The academy building is one of the old landmarks of our town. It was built in 1805 and since then has been remodeled. The original walls are solid and substantial.

At 96 She Smokes 24 "Pipes" a Day.

"I would never have reached my 96th birthday had I not smoked my pipe daily," said Mrs. Judith Moyer, who lives about six miles from near Kutztown, Pa., in reply to a query as to what she attributed her long and healthful life. Mrs. Moyer smokes 24 pipefuls of tobacco daily. "After I am unable to smoke I'll surely die," she remarked.

That don't quite agree with expert testimony in school text books.

## 21 YEARS IN JAIL.

Lost for thirty five years to his friends, and believed by many to be dead, David Smith, a veteran of the Civil War, turned up here to apply for a pension last week.

The story he told brought tears to the eyes of his old acquaintances, many of whom are bowed with age. Smith himself is 70.

After a service in the Union army, Smith went into the regular service and served several years. He finally got to Dallas, Texas. One night, becoming involved in a riot, in which a sheriff's deputy was killed, Smith was arrested and accused of murder. He could not prove his innocence and was sent to jail for life, although he had not fired once during the fight.

Several months ago one of the gang who was in the riot died in the South, and on his death bed confessed that he was the man who shot and killed the deputy, and not Smith. His confession proved correct and the Governor of Texas immediately pardoned Smith, who had served twenty-one years, five months and twenty days of the sentence.

When discharged Smith was given the amount of money he had on his person at the time he was sent to jail, and with this he started home. It took him as far as St. Louis, and from there he made his way east as well as he could.

When he reached here he had a faint hope of seeing his parents and two brothers, William and Philip, but they are all dead. He found several relatives, however, and he is staying with them.

## Camp Col. M. S. Quay.

The national guard encampment, which will be held this year at Gettysburg, has been named after the late Senator Quay with his military title, "Camp Colonel M. S. Quay." Encampment opens on Friday and will continue a week. Camp will be formally opened at 9 o'clock Saturday morning Sunday will be quietly spent, there being guard mounting and dress parade during the day. The annual field inspection will commence at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. Wednesday and Thursday afternoons there will be division reviews, one for the Governor and one for the Major General. It is also possible that there will be a review Friday afternoon for Secretary of War Taft, who has been invited to be the guest of the division during the encampment.

## Begged Decent Burial.

A stranger who committed suicide on the Normal school campus at Kutztown, Pa., by shooting himself through the head with a revolver while seated at the foot of a tree, left the following note signed "John A. Patton." "To Some Kind Christian Friend: Don't bury me like an animal. I am far from home, no family, no friends. I am no drunkard and no bum, but afflicted, no money and alone and forsaken and nearly blind. Oh, how hard now, please bury me kindly, and God will reward you for your kindness."

Dr. Hulley Takes Charge of Stetson.

Dr. Lincoln Hulley, of Bucknell, Lewisburg, Pa., takes charge as President of the John B. Stetson University, at DeLand, Florida, at the opening on September 28.

## ENGLAND AROUSED BY RUSSIA

The European Powers May Become Involved By the War.

RUSSIANS AGAIN DEFEATED

Loss Reported at 2000 in a Fierce Battle—Turkey Allows Armed Vessels to Pass Through the Dardanelles—An Unprecedented Act.

About the only important event of the past week in the war in the far East was an engagement by which the Russians suffered a severe loss. Over 1000 men fell. General Keller, with 20,000 Russians, made a night attack on the Japs in the upper part of the peninsula. The following brief account comes from Japanese headquarters, July 17:

"A Russian force, apparently about 20,000 strong, attacked the front, left and right of the Japanese positions on the western slope of Motien pass at 2 a. m. under cover of a dense fog. The sudden onslaught drove in the Japanese posts, but as soon as reinforcements arrived the Japanese gallantly advanced to the attack and after severe fighting drove off the Russians and re-occupied the position. The Russians retired, their retreat being well covered. The fighting continued until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and when I left the scene desultory firing was still proceeding."

The Russian general reports their loss as exceeding 1000.

A dispatch from Tokio says: "The Japanese losses in the fighting at Motien Pass and its vicinity Sunday were 299 killed or wounded. Gen. Kuroki estimated that the Russians lost 2,000 men."

No special news comes from Port Arthur. The situation is unchanged and the Russians are in possession of the fortifications. The reported loss of 30,000 Japanese in an attack, proves a fake.

## 4000 JAPS KILLED

A dispatch from Chefoo yesterday says: A junk with eight Russians and fifty Chinese on board arrived here this afternoon, five days from Port Arthur. The Chinese say that on July 11 and 12 the Japanese captured and occupied with four thousand men one of the eastern forts near Port Arthur.

Before reinforcements arrived the Russians cut off the four thousand troops in the fort and exploded mines, which resulted in the killing of every Japanese soldier there. This despatch is not confirmed.

## ENGLAND AROUSED.

Several armed Russian vessels were permitted by Turkey to pass through the Dardanelles from the Black sea which have been holding up other vessels searching their cargoes for contraband supplies for Japan. This act has aroused England and complications may follow.

A late dispatch from London says: In British official circles the recent seizures and overhauling of British ships in the Red Sea by the Russian Volunteer Fleet steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg are regarded as very grave international incidents.

The British law officers acknowledge the right of the Russians to seize and detain mails provided that only official communications are taken, but they take the most serious view of the status

of the two Russian ships patrolling the Red Sea, and if any official action or protest ensues it will be chiefly in regard to the passage of these erstwhile merchant ships through the Dardanelles and their subsequent transformation into ships of war. The effect on the Stock Exchange was seen in a heavy fall in Consols and other gilt-edged securities on fears of international complications.

A meeting of the Cabinet was held on Tuesday and it is understood the question of the Red Sea seizures was under consideration. As a result of the meeting a strongly worded despatch was drawn up, embodying the British Government's formal protest to Russia, and will immediately be forwarded to the Czar by a King's messenger.

The action of the Russian Volunteer Fleet vessels in stopping neutral ships in the Red Sea to search for contraband of war, that instigated by Great Britain, it will at least lead to an interchange of views between the Powers signatory to the treaty of Paris, regarding the status of the remaining ships of the Volunteer Fleet now in the Black Sea. Thus the old question of the Dardanelles may again become the subject of important diplomatic communications. Great Britain's shipping being the most directly involved, the indications are that she will insist upon a definition of the status of the Volunteer Fleet vessels still in the Black Sea.

## Business Men's Picnic.

Monday afternoon a committee of the business men, representing Centre and Clinton counties, held a meeting at the Fallon House, Lock Haven, for the purpose of arranging for the annual Business Men's Picnic this year. Both counties were fully represented and the session was unanimous for continuing the gathering. Thursday, August 18th, was the day set for the picnic at Hecla Park. Various committees were appointed and the session adjourned to meet at the Brockerhoff House, Monday evening August 21st, to hear reports from the various counties and attend to necessary arrangements.

This proves to be one of the largest gatherings at the park, and this year it will be of special interest as an elegant line of entertainments is being prepared.

Following are the committees appointed:

Arrangements—George W. Mason, J. Will Conley, J. C. Meyer.

Finance—H. Sechler, T. J. Small, Sr., John M. Bullock, Phil. D. Foster, Herbert Rothrock.

Printing—J. I. Olewine, G. W. Fredricks.

Amusements—J. D. Sourbeck, George Gearhart, Sidney Krumrine, G. W. A. MacDonald.

Closing—T. H. Harter, D. I. McNaull, J. C. McCloskey, E. C. Tuten.

Music—P. P. Rittman, George R. Meek, H. P. Harris.

Speakers—J. T. Copper, W. Harrison Walker.

## Wreck on the Mountain.

Saturday evening as the local freight was coming down the mountain from Snow Shoe a flange on a car wheel broke and six large coal cars toppled over the side of the mountain. The accident happened on No. 4 switch. Bud Lucas, the flagman, was on top of one of the steel cars and jumped a distance of 30 feet and was badly hurt. Scott Walker, brakeman, was thrown a distance of 40 feet and completely covered over with coal. He had to be dug out and was found uninjured.

## Snake on the Nest.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Amelia Bartholomew, of Mill Hill, went into her chicken coop for the purpose of putting some eggs under a black hen, which had been setting for a day or two. She carefully placed a couple of eggs under what she supposed was the hen, when she saw the head of a snake slowly raised up and turn toward her. She ran from the coop and called to Frank Emerick, a near neighbor, who came and killed the reptile, which proved to be an immense blacksnake a little over six feet long.

## Bush Meeting.

The Evangelical Christians will hold a bush meeting in Moyer's woods, one mile east of Colyer, to begin Friday evening, August 12th. The Rev. Thos. A. Elliott, of New Buffalo, Pa., and Rev. David Brouse of Port Royal, Pa., will be present to assist Rev. A. J. Horner in preaching. All are invited.

## Tabernacle and Two Tents Destroyed.

The tabernacle and two tents at the Sugar Valley campmeeting grounds, near Booneville, accidentally caught fire Saturday morning about 2 o'clock and before sufficient help arrived burned to the ground. Work on reconstructing the same was commenced.

Tell your troubles before other people have a chance to tell you theirs.

## OUR HISTORICAL

### REVIEW

Lumbermen Organize to Keep Timber at Home.

THEY OPPOSED RAFTING

A Remarkable Snow Storm in 1854, Remembered By Many—Political Happenings Fifty Years Ago—Favored Prohibition.

In 1853 came the era of log floating which encountered violent opposition. A large meeting was held in Snow Shoe at the Askey school house, presided over by (Perry) John Lucas; William Holt, Esq., and William Askey, vice-presidents, and William Stewart, secretary. Dr. James Irvin made an address setting forth the grievances and injurious results of floating loose logs, and one of the resolutions "determined that all hazards to our person and property the floating of loose logs in the Moshannon Creek shall from this night cease." John Askey and eleven others were appointed a committee to stop the grievance, "peaceably if they can, forcibly if they must."

An able address by Thomas H. Fulton, Esq., of Clearfield county, made to a lumberman's meeting in Karthaus township on the Fourth of July, states the settlers' side of the argument: "Let us examine for a moment the ruinous effects log-floating would have on the development and prosperity of our now flourishing and interesting county if our ancient system of lumbering must go down and be superseded by the floating of loose logs out of the river.

"The question naturally suggests itself, Who will buy those logs, who will pay for them, and where are they to be run to and manufactured into lumber? Will they be purchased, owned, floated, and manufactured into lumber by the labor and capital of the citizens of our county? Will the net proceeds derived from the business be brought back and divided among the bone and sinew of our country, the hardy sons of toil, as it now is under our present system of lumbering? The whole working of the system will be the very reverse. The business of buying must all be done by mill-owners and boom-owners. The whole thing must be monopolized by a few foreign capitalists, who must locate themselves along the river from Lock Haven to Northumberland, erect booms in the river, and build mills sufficient to saw up, through the course of time, all the pine-trees in our country. Under an arrangement of this kind the whole lumbering business of our country will be monopolized and controlled by a few wealthy, aristocratic capitalists, who are strangers to us, who will not become citizens of our county, whose feelings, sympathies, and interest are not with us, but naturally be directed against our interest and prosperity.

Time has long since silenced these objections. The anticipated curse was a blessing. The rafting business, which kept half the people of Clearfield drunk down the river several of the best months of the year, has well-nigh disappeared. The boom that swept away their lumber disclosed at its roots coal that has made or will make Clearfield one of the richest and most prosperous counties in the state.

In October, Monday 23d, occurred the earliest snow storm of which we have any record here. It commenced in the morning and continued falling all day, clothing the earth in the habiliment of winter, and anticipating the bleak weather of December.

April 15, 1854, occurred the remarkable snow-storm. The buds and blossoms were unfolding and garden being made after a season of very fine weather. On Friday a cold rain fell, which changed on Saturday, 15th, to sleet, which continued to fall all day; on Sunday the snow was nine inches deep. It continued to snow until noon of Monday, reaching a depth of twenty inches. The storm was accompanied by wind from the northeast. On Tuesday, 17th, the sun came out, and it soon disappeared. A similar storm is said to have occurred on the last of March, 1807.

July 26, 1854, Hamilton Humes & Son completed their Logan Mill, a stone flouring-mill on Logan Branch, beyond Mann's axe-factory, and commenced grinding flour there.

The Democratic county nominations were made in August. Hon. S. Strohecker for Congress; Assembly Maj. John Neff, of Potter; Sheriff, J. G. Larimer; Prothonotary, J. S. Barnhart; Register and Recorder, Michael Shaeffer, Jr., of Walker; Commissioner, D. Kimport, of Harris; Auditor, Christian Marks, of Half-Moon, M. P. Crothwaite, it was alleged, failed to get the nomination for register and recorder because he had voted for Andrew Gregg, temperance candidate

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Originated.

### LATER ON.

There'll be kicks about the heat  
Later on;  
There'll be growl from all we meet  
Later on;  
Every fellow will declare  
That it's mighty hard to bear,  
And will wish for chilly air,  
Later on.  
They will oft express regret,  
Later on;  
When their brows and cheeks are wet,  
Later on;  
That rude jibes they used to fling  
At the backwardness of spring,  
And they'll yearn for winds that sting,  
Later on.  
High the mercury will rise  
Later on;  
And Old Sol blaze in the skies,  
Later on;  
All electric fans will whiz,  
All the soda fountains will sizz  
Later on.  
They'll be sorry that they growled,  
Later on;  
And at fuel dealers scowled,  
Later on;  
For the man who sells them ice  
Will exact a heavy price  
For a measly little slice,  
Later on.  
Bear in mind that 'twill be hot  
Later on;  
Comfort vainly will be sought  
Later on;  
So when springtime days are cold  
Don't about the weather scold,  
For there'll be heat uncontrolled  
Later on.

To be asked to tender a resignation is often tough.

A young flirt usually develops into an old maid.

Most of us would go to St. Louis if it wasn't for the fare.

Patronizing saloons has gotten many a man into a tight place.

The reformer who would stamp out an evil must be well-beeled.

A woman is a delusion that every man bugs at some time or another.

There is no reason why eating water-melons should make one feel seedy.

Any fellow who is in debt will tell you that it is better to do than to be damned.

The Baron Rothschild's propose to distribute \$3,000,000 to the poor. Holders of Steel stock should forward their names and Postoffice addresses.

An Indiana physician claims that animal life may be created from liquids. Many a man has been branded as a beast when full of certain liquids.

In applying for some additional life insurance recently, William Jennings Bryan had to fill up the usual question as printed on the application sheet. One query was: "Have you ever suffered from fever of any kind?" To this Mr. Bryan replied: "Yes, from two attacks of presidential fever, both of which were followed by severe chills. Have completely recovered."

This story is a little "fishy": "Three years ago the home of John Biddle, of Morristown, N. J., was robbed of a lot of jewelry, including a gold watch belonging to Mrs. Biddle. Later when the burglar was captured he said he had thrown the plunder into Bad's lake. For the first time in her life Mrs. Biddle went fishing the other day in the lake, and her only catch was a 12-pound pickerel. When the fish was cleaned the missing watch was found in its stomach.

## Jersey Shore Gypsy Party.

A big gypsy party left Jersey Shore Tuesday afternoon and will spend the next ten days on the road, camping out in tents, trading horses and enjoying themselves generally, says the Herald.

The party is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hepburn and daughter, Foretta, Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Larimer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Shannon and son, Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Childs, John Humes, of this Jersey Shore, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Larimer, of Belleville. Clarence Malson will cook and Frank Harris, Arthur Allen and William Foote will look after the stock.

The party left in half a dozen wagons and on the side of one is printed in large letters: "If you want to swap horses say whoa." Twenty-five horses comprise the swapping material.

The party camped between Liberty and English Centre Tuesday night and pushed yesterday on to Blossburg, Tioga. From there they will proceed to Elmira, camping close to the village nearest them when night overtakes the band. The party promises to have a thoroughly good time and many important "boss" deals are looked for.

## Fair Grounds Under the Hammer.

The Lycoming county fair grounds were knocked down at sheriff's sale Saturday for \$5,000. When the purchaser learned that the mortgages on the same footed up \$8,400, he threw up the purchase. The property will be sold over.