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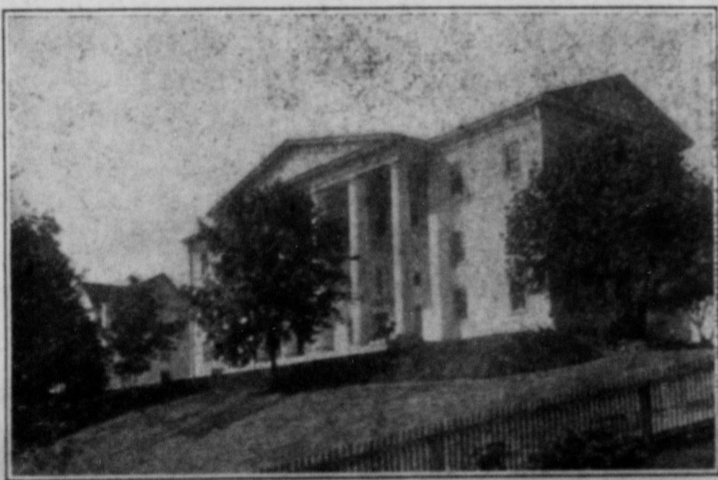
HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENTRE COUNTY

A Chapter Devoted to a Famous Educational Institution.

THE BELLEVILLE ACADEMY

Some Interesting Data Compiled by J. Thos. Mitchell, Esq.--Address at the Centennial Anniversary--Originally a County Institution.

The centennial anniversary exercises of the Belleville Academy were duly carried out last Thursday and Friday according to the programme announced. The reception of many former students added much to the interest of the occasion. The building had a string of electric lights about the edge of the roof like beads of fire, the beautiful lawn was festooned with varied colored Japanese lanterns, the fruit portico was decorated with plants and evergreens, while a full orchestra rendered rare selections. It was like a scene in fairyland--one could hardly realize that this had been the Belleville Academy of a year ago, so great was the transformation and enchanting the surroundings. The inter-



New Academy Building.

ior was thrown open for inspection and corresponding improvements in every department were in evidence.

Friday afternoon the centennial exercises took place in the opera house. The principal features were the Historical Address by J. Thos. Mitchell, Esq., which we publish complete in another column; the address of Dr. Geo. W. Atherton, of Pa. State College, and the last address by Hon. Chas. Emory Smith editor of the Philadelphia Press. The weather was oppressively warm, and for that reason the attendance was not as large as there was reason to anticipate. The address made by Mr. Smith was a masterly effort, probably one of the finest ever heard in our town and was most favorably received by all present.

The assembly in the Armory, Friday evening, was a delightful event. The interior never looked as pretty under the lavish decorations and glare of colored lights and lanterns. The attendance was large, with many guests from a distance.

Prof. Hughes is to be congratulated for the success attending his effort on this occasion, as well as the rapid development of the Belleville Academy under his able direction.

HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY.

One hundred and ten years ago, James Dunlop, deputy-surveyor for Central Pennsylvania, and James Dunlop, a colonel of the Tenth Pennsylvania battalion, prepared the original plan of the town of Belleville. Across the hills and ravines of their location they drew and marked the future streets and lots, staking off on the western side of one hill a large space for a public square, and, on the brow of another, a reservation for a place of public worship. In the cause of education, the lots to the south of the church were first marked "For the Academy" by the Scotch-Presbyterian founders, but the revolutionary idea of freedom in all things went far to change this location and the present site was finally determined upon. The crest of a limestone ridge, overlooking the junction of Logan's Branch and Spring Creek, holding in the curve of its western slope the beautiful spring from which the town derives its name, was wisely chosen for the school which was to come.

In 1800, when Centre county was erected, the enabling act provided that the trustees of the new county should be paid one-half of all the money received from sales of lots in the town of Belleville, (which it designated as the "Seat of Justice") one moiety thereof to be used for the county buildings, and the remainder applied toward the building of the academy.

The Rev. H. R. Wilson, who in 1803 came to Belleville as the first ordained minister in the central part of the state, took great interest in the proposed acad-

emy and was foremost in urging its completion. During these years the accumulation of funds justified preparation for a building project and on the 8th of January 1805 the Belleville Academy was incorporated with Mr. Wilson the first named on its board of management. A year later the legislature appropriated two thousand dollars toward the academy, on condition that not more than six poor children should receive a free education for two years each at the new school.

On the first Monday in May 1805 the board of trustees held their first meeting in the house of Benjamin Patton, which stood on the lot now occupied by the First National Bank. Colonel James Dunlop was the presiding officer and Thomas Burnside, afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court, acted as secretary. Roland Curtin, the great charcoal iron master, was a member of the board; as were General James Potter, of revolutionary fame, a pioneer in the settlement of this county, Andrew Gregg, afterwards a Senator of the United States, and General Joseph Miles and Captain Richard Miles, the founders of Milesburg, who were sons of Colonel Samuel Miles, one time Mayor of Philadelphia. Other trustees of prominence on the board were William Petrikin, one of the first settlers and lot owners in

Belleville, John Hall, of Haines township, one of the revolutionary committee of safety, Matthew Allison, of Bald Eagle township, one of the first county commissioners, and Judge Robert Boggs, of Spring township. Belleville was also represented on the list of trustees by Robert McClanahan and John Hall, Potter township, by the Rev. William Stuart; Haines township, by Jacob Hosterman and Sheriff James Duncan; Miles, by John Kryder; Halfmoon, by Jacob Taylor; Patton, by David Whitehill; John Dunlop was an additional trustee from Spring township, William McEwen and Thomas McCalmont from Centre, and John Pearson and James Boyd from Bald Eagle township, and Thomas Ferguson, of Ferguson township.

Steps were immediately taken toward the construction of a building, and the first academy was a rectangular, two-story structure, built of the native limestone, occupying the ground between the north and south wings of the present building. Shortly after its completion the magnificent locust trees, which it was found necessary to remove some fifteen years ago, were planted, and their steady growth matched the progress of the school.

Mr. Wilson assumed charge of the teaching department as soon as the building was ready for use and was the sole instructor until the end of his pastorate in 1810, when he was succeeded in both departments by the Rev. James Linn. Soon after his arrival in Belleville, Mr. Linn purchased the old forge mansion house on upper Spring Creek and, during the winter term, it was a common occurrence to have one of the older scholars carry fire from his house to start the early morning blaze in the academy hearths. Until 1815 Mr. Linn was both pastor and teacher, when Thomas Chamberlain took charge of the academy. Robert Baird, afterwards celebrated as the founder of the Evangelical Christian Alliance, succeeded Mr. Chamberlain in 1818; J. B. McCarrell, later prominent in the Reformed church, followed in 1820; and two years later J. D. Hickok, afterwards State Superintendent of Public Schools, filled the position temporarily when H. D. K. Cross was chosen as his successor. About this time the old bell, engraved with the word "España," bearing a cross and the date 1802, was presented by a former student, and hung in the cupola until destroyed by the fire of 1904.

Alfred Armstrong, later a professor of Dickinson College, was the first of the early principals to remain for a long term of years and from 1824 to 1831 great progress was made with the institution. Four of the original trustees, Thomas Burnside, Andrew Gregg, Roland Curtin and William Stuart, still remained on the board at this time, and among the

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SHOOTING AFFRAY AT DUBOIS

James Chambers Badly Wounded on Monday.

HIS SONS' FORTUNATE ESCAPE

Was Shot in the Forehead but Ball Did Not Penetrate Skull--A Former Resident of this County--Both Will Recover--Assailant in Jail.

James Chambers, proprietor of the Logan house, his son William, and George Harvey were shot Monday evening in the Logan house barroom at Dubois. Brint Rawland is charged with the shooting and is now in prison. It is believed the victims are not fatally shot.

James Chambers received three bullets in the left leg and two in his right. William Chambers was shot in the head, the bullet striking him above the eye, and glancing, came out at the side of his head. George Harvey received a slight wound in the leg. James Chambers' condition was considered serious on account of loss of blood and shock, but latest reports are hopeful for his recovery. His son's injuries are not so serious. Rowland entered the barroom and asked for a drink. He was refused and then went to the hotel office and demanded of the proprietor to have a drink, or he would tear out the place. Mr. Chamber's summoned his bartender and as they led the man out the front door of the hotel office Rowland made no resistance, but when he was out on the pavement he whipped out a 38-calibre revolver and began firing at the men. The shots went low and some passed through both legs of Mr. Chambers. When Rowland emptied his revolver he started to run; he was soon captured and received very rough handling from the crowd, but the police got him away and he now is in jail.

Another son, Walter Chambers, who had been sitting on the opposite side of the street saw the assault, knocked Rowland down and a crowd of angry men closed in who would probably have beaten him to death except for the timely appearance of the Burgess with the police officers. The man who tried to make a murderer of himself, is a married man and has a family and has always been a worthless fellow who has many of the instincts of the hobo within him.

James Chamber's is a native of this county, is a brother of Col. E. R. Chambers and Wm. Chambers, of Belleville. Some years ago he conducted a livery at the Bush House, and is an expert horseman, having driven a number of fast horses at our county fairs.

JOHN FELDING MISSING.

For several weeks the family of John Felding at Linden Hall has been much exercised over the disappearance of Mr. Felding. All that section has been searched to no purpose. This week the following was received from the family for publication:

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of John Felding, of Linden Hall, will kindly communicate with the family at above address. He left home on Memorial evening, and it is thought he is temporarily demented. Description: 5 ft. 8 in., 55 years, medium build, weighs 150 lbs., brown beard and mustache turning gray; forefinger on right hand off at second joint. Was formerly a woodsman, may have gone into a lumber camp. Kindly address the undersigned if having knowledge of his whereabouts. Wm. H. FELDING, Linden Hall, Pa.

Clearfield Democrats.

The Clearfield County Democracy made the following local nominations on Tuesday. Cornelius Allen, of Houtsdale, was named for Treasurer; B. F. Wilhelm, of Cooper, and R. E. Shaw, of Clearfield, for Commissioners; A. H. Rosekrans, of Huston, and Lynn S. Better, of Curwensville, for County Auditors. John F. Short, of Clearfield, was unanimously chosen County Chairman. A resolution was adopted endorsing John Stewart, of Franklin county, for judge of Supreme Court.

Large Orchard.

According to report Col. Reynolds has the record breaking peach trees. On the 10,000 little three-year old trees on his farm, in Benner, there are so many peaches that workmen are pruning them off to prevent breaking down the trees; yet there will be 5000 bushels. This makes by far the largest peach orchard in our county. Averaging a bushel to a tree when two years older--being three years now--would not be a mean crop and a handsome investment; better than Angola goats.

Will Wear Caps Hereafter.

The employees of the Adams Express company will hereafter wear a uniform silk cap of neat design. The caps for the force at the Lock Haven office arrived last week.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

State Fisheries Association now Meeting in Belleville.

The State Fisheries Association of Pennsylvania is in session in Belleville. The report of the department for the six months ending May 31 was made public Wednesday by Commissioner Meehan. From Dec. 1 to June 1 there were hatched and distributed from the five hatcheries 145,157,918 fish, with probably several millions more eggs hatching after that date. From all appearances, at the end of the calendar year the output will exceed that of any year in the history of fish culture in Pennsylvania and exceed by many millions the best efforts of any other state last year. Of the fish hatched and distributed the last six months, 124,079,000 were white fish, lake herring, walleyed pike and blue pike 8,950,000 pickerel, 8,800,000 brook and lake trout and 3,326,900 shad.

The fish wardens made 202 arrests and secured 185 convictions and imposition of fines amounting to \$3920. Seventeen cases were discharged and seventeen defendants went to jail, nine in lieu of payment of fines.

This Thursday morning there will be a meeting at the Bush house and in the afternoon a visit to Penns Cave. Friday the association will devote to fishing in the streams adjacent to Belleville.

THE MONUMENT.

The location of the Soldier's Monument has been definitely settled--it will be erected in front of the Court House, in the yard, as originally designed. That matter was definitely settled last Thursday, and since then no opposition has been made by the public to alter these plans. The plot for the monument has been staked out, but owing to errors in the drawing for the foundations, nothing will be done until orders are received from the architect. The proper lines for the monument foundation were laid out by Kline Woodring, surveyor, assisted by D. W. Zerby, Esq. They found that our street lines, the building lines, and the Court House building lines were irregular--nothing was straight or accurate. For that reason the monument location is a sort of a compromise on location. We mention this simply to show that from a surveyor's point of view there is "nothing straight or square" about our Court House, and there are many crooked things on the streets of the town. These are of such slight extent as not to be noticeable to the ordinary eye and do not mar the beauty of our thoroughfares and are detected only by the professional individual.

Contractor John Noll is ready to tear up the sod when he gets his bearings, and this delay has not mellowed his disposition--for there has been a noticeable improvement in his vocabulary, due to answering the interrogatories from the corps of public inspectors who hover about the Court House yard.

Insurance Board Meets.

The quarterly meeting of the Directors of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was held in its rooms in the Reynolds' building on Monday last. Applications, new and for renewals, were passed to amount of \$110,371. Premium notes to amount of \$9316.72 were recorded, and amount of cash premium received was \$465.16. Damage by lightning to the Boalsburg Lutheran church, amounting to \$44.41 was ordered to be paid, also damage to the Foust house in Potter township, by fire to amount of \$16.41. Board adjourned to meet again 3rd Monday of Sept., 18th.

Easter Egg 77 Years Old.

Miss Charlotte Bressler, of Mill Hall, has in her possession an Easter Egg 77 years old that she prizes very highly. It is dyed a yellow color, onion skins were probably used in the dying process and is marked with the year 1828. It originally belonged to Sarah M. Bressler, mother of Mrs. C. R. Gearhart of Lock Haven and Miss Bressler. The egg is in a perfect state of preservation, but is as light as cork and requires very careful handling. It is safe to venture the assertion that Miss Bressler has the oldest Easter egg in the county.

New Cure for Gaps.

Mrs. Charles B. Yeakel, of Hughesville, uses air slacked lime as a cure for her chicks that get the gaps. She places them in a box or barrel a few minutes at a time, where they are compelled to breathe the lime, with the result that the worms are all sneezed out. She says that the chicks must not be left in the dust too long, or they would smother.

President Sent Two-cent Stamp.

President Roosevelt sent a two-cent stamp to Postmaster Bowman, of Berwick, Pa., for an unstamped letter which had been mailed there for him. In accordance with the postal regulations, the postmaster notified the President that the postage was due and that he would not receive the letter until the amount was forwarded.

SHAFFER-HAZELS' HOLD A REUNION

Large Gathering of Relatives at Grange Park.

FAMILY HISTORY REVIEWED

Interesting Addresses Made and Familiar Incidents Recounted--The Association Will Be Continued--Held last Wednesday.

The Shaeffer-Hazel Reunion in Grange Park on Wednesday last week was a success. The day was bright and the attendance of friends large. The Penn Hall band was present and furnished excellent music. The large auditorium was used for holding the sessions of this, the third, reunion of the association, and the large boarding hall was used for dining "purposes at noon and evening, two long rows of tables were loaded with the best of the valley and season affords in all that was needed to make a royal feast, and so well prepared and elegantly served by the ladies.

President Benj. F. Shaeffer, of Nittany, at 10 a. m., called the assembly to order and submitted some well-timed remarks in so doing. Miss Allison of Nittany then was called upon and read an interesting paper of the Shaeffer family from the early days down to the present time. Next A. J. Hazel, of Madisonburg was called upon and read a paper prepared by him giving a history of the Hazel family from the grandfathers down to the present generation so far as any data could be found, and this furnished a high complete history of what might become a "lost tribe" for want of interest in preserving records of the Hazel family tree. With music by the band the adjournment was had for lunch, and to present an opportunity for social chat and handshaking and making acquaintances among Shaeffer and Hazel friends.

At 2 p. m. the meeting was called to order in the auditorium to listen to brief addresses by speakers who were called upon in the following order: Frederick Kurtz, Hon. W. C. Heinle, Rev. J. M. Reaick and Prof. C. M. Gramly; short speeches were occasionally added by the chairman, Ex-sheriff Shaeffer. New officers were elected for the ensuing year, being about the same as those last year. Many had their baskets and spread their cloths under the shade trees. To make a full day of the enjoyment quite a large number remained in the park for an evening lunch all having partaken of pleasure, enjoyment, and of the good things the ladies had provided for the tables.

Game too Interesting.

Because the glass plant in which they were employed would not close down long enough for them to witness a ball game without losing time, Harry Brown, Andy McTiernan and John Larkin, aged from 11 to 14 years, practically disabled the works owned by Brice & Higbee at Homestead, Pa. The boys were very anxious to attend the ball game and asked the foreman to shut down. He refused. The boys then threw some scraps of iron into the glass pots. This worked through the white hot clay and the glass ran out. The factory shut down, but \$5,000 damage had been done. The boys were arrested but were released after a severe reprimand. McTiernan offered to work six months for nothing to pay for his share of the damages, but the foreman refused to accept the proposition.

Goes Crazy at Sight of Auto.

The Berwick Independent says: Stephen Butel, of Jersey Shore, was taken from the Mary Packer hospital in Sunbury and lodged in the Danville asylum on Saturday. While sitting on the doorstep of his home at Green Ridge recently Butel saw a bright red touring car rapidly approaching, the chauffeur wearing a big pair of goggles, with a cap pulled over his ears. Butel having never seen such a car before, fell to the floor in fright and astonishment. The machine passed with a roar and Butel imagined a red devil was pursuing him. The thought constantly preyed on his mind until his mind collapsed.

N. G. P. Encampment.

General orders were issued by Adjutant General Stewart to the Pennsylvania National Guard announcing the details of the coming brigade encampments. The First brigade will encamp at Perkasie, July 8th to 15th; the Second brigade at Erie, July 15th to 22nd, and the Third brigade at Mount Gretna, July 8th to 15th. No enlistments except re-enlistments will be made within thirty days prior to the close of the brigade encampment, and in the naval force within thirty days prior to the close of the tour of duty. Company B, therefore goes to Erie.

--Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

They say there will soon be peace 'Twixt Russia and the Japs; They say that trouble soon will cease Among those Norway chaps; They say that Hyde will sink from view, 'Cause he's put to rant; But if these things can all be true-- What will we talk about?

You can't compel respect with a club, Jewelry is vulgar--if you haven't any. The mosquito is no respecter of blue blood.

Hope springs eternal in the old maid's breast. No man can be popular and tell his troubles.

There are lots of good fish in the sea of matrimony. Lots of men are liars who never even tried to catch fish.

If it wasn't for hope there would be no disappointment. All men have wishbones, but only a few have backbones.

Men are what women make them, and the world is full of fools.

Only a fool will rock the boat, especially on the sea of matrimony.

We are told to say that if some of our young men would stick to their work like they do to their girl they would soon be rich.

John Kausius, of Detroit is seeking a divorce because his wife refuses to take a bath except on national holidays. Some of these Michigan men are getting too particular for any use.

The average wife may spend more than \$65 a year for clothing and dry goods, but there are a good many husbands who also spend considerably more than this for wet goods.

Treasury officials traveling on public business are allowed to charge the cost of their baths to the expense account. This demand for a clean administration is far-reaching in its effects.

A medical journal has a story to the effect that a woman who was seriously ill awoke one night to find the nurse sitting at the foot of her bed smoking a cigarette and reading a novel. Greatly startled, the patient raised herself up in bed and cried out: "What in the world are you doing, nurse?" To which the nurse, dropping cigarette and novel in amazement, replied: "God gracious! I thought you were dead!"

She Shyly Succumbed.

Slender Sarah saw Sandy Simon sitting sadly. Simon said, "Sweet Sarah, so sunny, sing something soulful." So Sarah sang, "Sweethearts Still." Simultaneously Simon sang stentoriously.

Suddenly Sarah stopped singing. She saw snakes sliding sidewise. She screamed, "Snakes, Simon! Strike strongly!" Simon's single shot struck squarely, Sarah shudderingly said, "Saved, skilful Simon!" Simon simply said, "Serving Sarah seems sweet." Sarah simpered. Simon stood stupidly staring. Sarah satirically said, Sappy Simon, so silent, skip! Simply scoot!" Simon snrewly scorned scooting.

Suddenly Simon spoke suppliantly solving Sarah's sunny strands. Sarah's senses scattered. Simon stammered, "Speak, seraphic Sarah!" Sarah shyly succumbed.

A Real Case of Easy Money.

W. K. Vanderbilt was autoping up a Long Island road the other day. Ahead of him was a man and a dog. The dog was nosing around the bushes, and just as he started to cross the road the motor car hit him amidships, and doggie gave up the ghost straightway.

Mr. Vanderbilt stopped the machine and, taking out his wallet, gave the man a \$50 bill, remarking: "It was my fault; I insist that you take the money."

As the car rolled away in a cloud of dust, the man looked at the dead animal and said:

"I wonder who owned that dog, anyway."

Millions of Fish Eggs.

According to Commissioner Meehan's report to the state fish commission, in session on Tuesday at Belleville, 145,157,918 eggs were hatched at the five state stations during the six months ending May 31. It is thought several million more have been hatched during the present month.

Of 202 arrests by wardens during the same six months, 185 convictions were made.

Flagged Train for a "Chew."

A fast freight train on the New York Central railroad was flagged by a man at East Rome, N. Y. The train was running rapidly, when the engineer noticed a man in the middle of the track waving his hands frantically. The train was brought to a halt and the engineer climbed down to see what the obstruction was. "Give me a chew of tobacco," said the man.

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