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STATE HIGHWAY FOR CENTRE CO

This County Should Secure a Part of the Appropriation

\$85,000 SPENT ON OUR ROADS

A Sample Mile Should be Built Somewhere in the County—State Pays Three-Fourths, County and Township Balance

There has been a steady increase the last thirty days in the applications to the state highway department for state aid to build public roads under the law passed by the last legislature. The department has received in the aggregate 349 applications for the building of a total of 650 miles of road, the cost of which will be between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. These applications cover about sixty counties. The department has built and under construction about 150 miles of road in various parts of the state since the passage of the original law by the legislature in 1903.

The nearest road of this character will be found over at Huntingdon, Pa., and it is worth the while of any one to examine it. In Clinton county a strip of state road was built from Lock Haven across to Castanea and it is a model.

Down at Lewisburg a mile of state road will be built this summer, from that boro line out through East Buffalo township. Work will commence on it about Sept. 10th.

The citizens of Centre county, who are interested in the question of good roads, should make a move to secure its part of the state's appropriation. We know that the building of such roads is expensive, but then there is an awful amount of poor work done on the average road.

Temporary makeshift improvements too often is the policy pursued, and the result is nothing permanent is accomplished. Not every man knows enough about the general principles of road building to serve as a supervisor, and when that happens, the road tax is practically wasted. As an illustration, in traveling through the Bald Eagle valley you can often tell when you pass from one township to another simply by the change from good to bad roads, and the people who have the poor roads invariably have the highest road tax. Why, because they don't mix up brains with the road making.

In order to cultivate a desire for better roads and educate the people in the art of scientific road building, a mile of State Road should be built in this county as an object lesson. It should be along some prominent road where travel is heavy so that its permanency would be tested and advantages proven. In our judgment no better point for such a road could be found than to start at the Bellefonte boro line and follow the old pike down towards Milesburg about a mile and a half. Part of the road would be in Spring township and part in Boggs twp. This road is much traveled by people living throughout the Bald Eagle valley and would be the ideal point for such an experiment. Since the pike was abandoned the road has degenerated rapidly and is sadly in need of repairs.

The supervisors of Spring and Boggs twp. should take this under consideration. If other counties are satisfied that a state road can be built by them, why then can't Centre county keep in line? Let us have an experiment, near the county seat, where others can easily inspect and study the subject of good road building.

The road between Bellefonte and Milesburg could be built for less money than most anywhere else for the reason that the large limestone quarries are there where immense quantities of crushed stone for the macadamizing can be secured at the least possible expense.

As the state pays 75 per cent for such a highway and the county and the townships the balance (each 12 1/2 per cent) the expense would be small only 6 1/4 per cent for each township and the road would last for years with little or no expense for repairs.

It may surprise you to know that over \$85,000.00 are spent annually in Centre county on the public highways. That would build at least 25 miles of modern macadamized pike each year and would last for a life time at little expense. If this money, along with the present state appropriations, were used on the main thoroughfares in a few years for the same money there would be magnificent roads in every part of the county and it would not have cost any more.

Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, last week took a touring trip in an automobile across Pennsylvania, and gave it as his opinion that our roads are the worst of any state in which he has ever traveled. He says the Pennsylvanians don't know how to construct a road and as a result have nothing for their taxes. He says Pennsylvanians should mix more brains with road building—and we are not too old to learn.

WADDLE FAMILY REUNION

The annual re-union of the Waddle-Benner-Hamilton families was held on Thursday, Aug. 3rd, at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Sarah Williams near Axe Mann. Gathered with the other guests were three venerable members of the Waddle family, Thomas Waddle, aged 86 years, Mrs. Hannah Hamilton, 89 and Mrs. Sarah Williams in her 83rd year, who are the oldest surviving members of the Waddle family, and are the grand children of Gen. Philip Benner. There were present the grand children of both the Benner, Hamilton and Waddle families. The farm on which the re-union was held has been in the possession of the Waddle family and their descendants for generations.

The venerable Thomas Waddle recited a poem composed by him over 68 years ago. Dr. Alexander, of Burnham, made an appropriate address. Several hymns were sung by Thomas Waddle and sister, and the remainder of the day was spent in pleasant conversation.

Among those present from a distance were Thomas Waddle, son Benner and niece, Miss Blanche Waddle of Jersey Shore; James Waddle and wife of Lock Haven; Charles Wilson of Altoona; D. Bates Bell of Beaver; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Markle and son, Miss Rissa Griffith, Miss Helen Moore, Miss Nellie Millward, Mrs. Clayton Brown of Philadelphia; Mrs. W. T. Lathrop and children of Milesburg; Dr. R. W. Alexander, of Burnham.

TWO LARGE RATTLES.

Our friend D. W. McCloskey, of Wingate, at the head of Hayes Run while out on the mountains prospecting for coal on his lands, in company with a friend on Saturday, came across two rattlers of no mean proportions. The one varmint, measured 4 feet 3 1/2 inches. McCloskey told his friend to keep his eye on the snake until he could cut a fork with which to pin the head of the rattler to the ground, and returning in a moment he successfully performed this feat and then coolly reached in his pocket for his knife and cut off the head of the snake—it sported 15 rattles. This done another snake, belonging to the same species, was discovered within 20 feet of where the one already disposed of lay, and as Mr. McCloskey approached it it cleared decks for a fight by coiling itself head erect to strike. After some little effort McCloskey with his forked stick succeeded in getting the rattler out of the coil and promptly he pinned its head to the ground and also guillotined it by the same process as the first one. It measured 3 feet, 7 1/2 inches and sported eight rattles. The old mountaineer skinned the two serpents, stuffed them, supplied with wooden heads, and on Monday afternoon had them on display in his buggy, near the diamond, where scores had an opportunity to see and handle the specimens. The two rattlers were black intermixed with dark yellow patches.

A Pleasant Outing.

At the Long Homestead in the narrow fourteen miles east of Rebersburg, was held a picnic on Saturday, August 5th, it was the crowning event of the season, socially speaking, making it a Red Letter Day for all; the day was delightfully spent in indulging in the usual picnic frivolities; readings were rendered by Misses Maude Ard and Sara E. Meyer, Wilbert Chambers and Ralph Brown; fine musical selections were given by Miss Esther Zuern, Clarence Garbrick and Ralph Brown. One of the not less interesting features of the picnic was the excellent feast furnished by the young ladies.

Potter's Mills P. O. to be Closed.

The patrons of the postoffice at Potter's Mills have been notified to provide themselves with free-delivery boxes as that postoffice would be discontinued on 15 of this month, by free rural delivery from Spring Mills. There is much kicking over this as many of those interested are opposed to the free delivery and box system, but since the postoffice department has at last decreed that so it shall be, then so it will be.

Brown-Riter.

Bernard L. Brown, of Bellefonte, and Miss Wilma Pearl Riter, of Centre Hall, were married at St. John's English Lutheran parsonage, Lock Haven on Friday by Rev. F. W. Schaefer, pastor of the German Lutheran church. Rev. Parr happened to be out when the young couple called at the parsonage and Rev. Schaefer, who had called to see Rev. Parr, performed the ceremony.

Farmer's Institute.

The following institutes have been appointed for Centre county: Phillipsburg, November 23-29; Pleasant Gap, November 30; Rebersburg, December 1-2.

The times are out of joint when the poker rooms are all closed.

COMING EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

Some New Features at the Centre Co. Fair

A BIG PICNIC AT SNOW SHOE

An Exciting Horse Race Between "Frank C." and "Rebe"—Business Men's Picnic Will Draw a Large Gathering From the Two Counties

The biggest gathering of the season will be the picnic of St. Mary's Catholic church at the New Snow Shoe Driving Park, at Snow Shoe, Pa., on Thursday, August 17th. This will be a large gathering of friends of the church and citizens of Centre, Clearfield and Clinton counties. The park is admitted to be the finest in the State—32 acres in area, on the top of the Allegheny mountains, half of which is covered by a beautiful grove which supplies ample shade; many new buildings and pavilions have been erected, and elegant spring water is piped on the ground; while free seats are in abundance throughout the grove. The new race course and ball field is complete to every detail.

\$600 will be divided into purses of \$300, \$200 and \$100 each for three races, trotting and pacing, class to be arranged later. Frank C. vs Rebe on this day will have their third race, for the \$300 purse. "Frank C." is owned by Fred Mosebarger, of Bellefonte, and "Rebe" by W. D. O'Brien, of Snow Shoe; as each has won a race this season, therefore much interest will be taken in this event. They are flyers; last race "Rebe" won by 2.16 1-4 gait. Man vs horse—Joe Wade will attempt to run afoot one lap against Jacob William's running horse making two laps, for a purse of \$25.

A game of base ball will be played in the afternoon between the Snow Shoe expert ball tossers and the crack team of Lock Haven.

Admission free to park, but a fee of 25 cents will be charged for entrance to the race course which will include the ball game. The Munson cornet band will furnish choice music during the day, and an excellent orchestra will play in the pavilion for dancing during the afternoon and evening.

The ladies of the church will serve dinner and supper in the large dining hall, and will be amply prepared for the occasion. All kinds of refreshments, ice cream, confections, etc., will be continuously sold from booths in the park.

Two special trains: Penna. R. R.: Special train starts from Lock Haven at 7:30 am. over B. B. V. R. R., leaves Bellefonte 8:30 am. and arrives at Snow Shoe at 10 am. Fare from Lock Haven \$1.50; Bellefonte 50c, and proportionate rates from all intermediate points. New York Central: Special train starts from Clearfield at 7:30 am.; Phillipsburg at 8:00 am.; arrives at Snow Shoe 10 am. one fare for round trip from all stations. Returning both trains will leave Snow Shoe at 9 pm.

CENTRE COUNTY FAIR.

Several New Features Will be Introduced This Year.

The directors of the Centre County Fair Association have thus early begun preparations for their annual exposition on October 3, 4, 5, 6th, and this season something bigger and better than ever will be presented to the public. A new feature is the townships competitive exhibits, which, if carried out will make one of the most interesting exhibits ever made in the county. Among the three new and novel features for this year will be:

A COUNTY RACE.

Open for all horses in the county outside of Bellefonte and Phillipsburg, that have never been raced on a track. No entrance fee will be charged for this event and the prizes offered will be a fine set of driving harness, a handsome blanket and a whip. No conditions other than that the horses must be owned by their drivers, and that they have never been entered in a race for money will be imposed. Already a number of gentlemen in the county have signified their intention of entering this contest. Those desiring to enter should write D. G. Stewart the track secretary, Bellefonte, Pa., as early as possible. Another event proposed will be a

COUNTY BAND CONTEST.

Open to every band in the county without entrance fees. In order that all bands will have a fair chance at the large cash prizes to be offered they will be classified, according to their standing; making two or three classes and the same selection, suitable to the classes, will be sent to each band. For each class the same cash prizes will be offered and it is desired that the bands desiring to enter will address George R. Meek, the secretary, in charge at once, for details of the plans for the contest.

These three new events, in addition to the usual attractions offered by the fair association will undoubtedly make the forthcoming exposition the greatest ever held in the county.

When the people of Centre county come to realize what a great institution for education and amusement the Centre County Fair is destined to be, they will join in with the spirit of the enterprise and help to make it the great gala event of the year.

BUSINESS MEN'S PICNIC.

That the business men of Centre and Clinton counties are desirous of continuing the annual outing, in the shape of a large picnic, was evidenced by the large attendance at the Bush House, last Thursday evening, of members of the executive committee to hear reports and make final arrangements for the annual gathering to be held at Hecla Park, Tuesday, August 22nd. In all there were about forty present from the two counties.

Among the amusements on the program for that day will be a game of base ball, between the Sunbury and Mt. Carmel teams, and it will be a regularly scheduled game of the Susquehanna League. These are two snappy teams and fine playing is assured. A tug of war between six big, strong men of each county will furnish some fun. Diving for money thrown in the lake will be sport for the boys.

The clay pigeon shoot between teams of each county will attract interest as the Lock Haven sports think they are strictly in this time. In the evening a fine display of fire works will be under the direction of John Sourbeck.

Several bands will be present and the Germania Orchestra of Lock Haven will play for the dancing in the pavilion. Other features for the day will be announced later.

The business session was concluded by an elaborate banquet which Supt. Warfield had arranged for the occasion after which the Lock Haveners returned by special train.

Accused of Taking \$100,000

The following dispatch appeared in the Philadelphia papers last Thursday: John G. Platt, who for many years was the secretary and treasurer of the Platt-Barber Company, one of the largest wholesale grocery houses of the State, with principal warehouse and offices at Phillipsburg, was on Tuesday arrested the charge of embezzlement and falsification of accounts. The information was made solid by present secretary, R. H. Zerby, and sets forth items aggregating over \$100,000.

Mr. Platt entered bail for appearance at the August Quarter Sessions at Bellefonte. He has for many years been one of the foremost citizens of Centre County; he took a prominent part in the politics of this Senatorial and Congressional district, and was at various times honored by the Republican party.

The affairs of Platt Barber Company have been undergoing a careful examination since last December when John G. Platt withdrew from the firm. It is alleged that Mr. Platt, who was manager of the concern, used large sums of money of the company in personal investments that are not properly accounted for on the books. Platt Barber Company did a large wholesale grocery business throughout the central part of the state for years, and these legal proceedings come as a surprise to the public. The matter will be presented in detail later in our courts.

CZAR OPPOSED TO PEACE.

A long cipher dispatch from the Czar was sent to Mr. Witte on Sunday. It is declared in court circles to place on record finally the fact that General Linievitch has succeeded in persuading the Czar to rely absolutely upon him.

In military circles it is believed that the present peace negotiations are destined to be fruitless, in view of the candor that Linievitch has acquired. Even the bureaucracy, which has hoped for peace, is now pessimistic. Its organ, the "Novoe Vremje," says that President Roosevelt's correct and reserved greeting, so framed that it cannot offend either side, still gives a lifeless impression. One does not feel in it a belief of success in the task before the delegates.

After Smoot.

During the past few days a large number of Phillipsburg ladies have signed petitions to the United States Senate protesting against the seating of Bigamist Smoot. Similar petitions were largely signed by Bellefonte ladies within the past two weeks. That's right; have Smoot put out of the Senate.

Peach Crop Sold.

Col. Fred Reynolds, of this place, sold his peach crop to Henry Diehl, of Howard, at price to be determined later on. The crop is estimated at five thousand bushels, and Col. Reynolds is to deliver the fruit on board the cars.

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENTRE CO.

Some Interesting Events During Period of 1864-68.

TELEGRAPH LINE EXTENDED

Organization of Bank and Other Enterprises—Erection of the County Jail—Disastrous Fire and Flood—Political Notes and Elections.

The chief notable events of 1864-68, were political and financial, as summed up in the following data:

June 8, 1864, the First National Bank of Bellefonte was organized under laws of the United States. The board of directors included all the stockholders save Governor Curtin, who was residing at Harrisburg. E. C. Humes was chosen president, and J. P. Harris cashier. The capital stock, originally fixed at fifty thousand dollars, was, in January, 1865, increased to one hundred thousand dollars, at which it now remains.

In October the Democratic candidates were: For Congress, Theodore Wright; Assembly, C. T. Alexander; for Commissioner, John L. Gray; and for Auditor, John Kishel.

Stephen F. Wilson, of Tioga, was the Republican candidate for Congress. Wright's majority in the county was 920; Alexander over Forster, 886; Kishel, for auditor, 895. The army vote, however, reduced Wright's majority to 687; Alexander to 650, and Kishel's to 727.

The official home vote for the McClellan electors in November was 3256; for the Lincoln electors, 2410; majority, 846 for McClellan for President.

The Democratic Convention this year was presided over by William F. Reynolds. Frederick Kurtz was nominated for Assembly, J. D. Shugert for county treasurer, H. V. Stitzer for district attorney, and Joshua Potter for county commissioner.

The Republicans nominated Gen. James A. Beaver for Assembly, Capt. R. G. Cheeseman for treasurer, Thomas Hosterman for county commissioner, R. G. Durban for district attorney, and Job W. Paeker for auditor.

The total vote polled for Col. W. W. H. Davis for auditor-general was 239. Total vote for Gen. John F. Hartranft was 274.

Frederick Kurtz' majority over Gen. Beaver was 186. Shugert over Cheeseman 235. Potter over Hosterman 134. Stitzer over Durban 254.

The Democratic Convention held on the 14th of August, 1866, nominated Frederick Kurtz for Assembly; J. P. Gephart for register and recorder; James H. Lipton for prothonotary; Daniel Z. Kline, of Howard, for sheriff; John Hosterman, of Potter, and William Allison, Jr., of Howard, for associate judges; William Furey for commissioner; and John H. Orvis, Esq., was appointed chairman of the county committee. At the conferees' meeting Theodore Wright was nominated for Congress.

At the October election Clymer's majority over Gen. Geary was 471; Kurtz over Stuart for Assembly 502; Gephart over Miles 473; Lipton over Benner, 480; Kline over Whippo, 504, etc. Total vote, 6656.

On Sunday, April 7th occurred a disastrous fire at Stormstown, in Half-Moon township. It commenced in the public house of George Mattern, and in less than three hours the entire portion of the town lying between the Port Matilda road and Capt. Hunter's residence, being two-thirds of the place, was destroyed.

In May, 1867, the erection of the new jail at Bellefonte was commenced by Charles McCafferty & Co., and June 20, 1867, the Bellefonte Glass-Works was started, and completed in November. In June, 1867, occurred a big flood in Bald Eagle, sweeping away a good deal of railroad track and many small bridges. Prices of products reached the highest figures known heretofore in October, 1867. White wheat, per bushel, \$2.25; red wheat, \$2.20; rye, \$1.25; corn, shelled, \$1.20; oats, 55; barley, 90 cents; buckwheat, \$1.10; clover-seed, \$7.50; potatoes, 90 cents; eggs, 30 cents per dozen; butter, 35 cents per pound. In June, 1868, however, wheat reached \$2.70, rye, \$1.50; corn, shelled, \$1.10; and potatoes, \$1.75 per bushel; oats were 65 cents.

The Centre Reporter was established at Centre Hall in April, 1868, by Frederick Kurtz. The Phillipsburg Journal was established in September, 1868, by Ellsworth & Dutcher.

The Centre County Banking Company was organized Jan. 6, 1868, under articles of partnership between H. N. McAllister, James A. Beaver, A. G. Curtin, James Milliken, E. C. Humes, Henry Brockerhoff, J. P. Harris, P. B. Wilson, J. T. Hoover, Adam Hoy, Constans Curtin, W. P. Wilson, J. D. Shugert, and F. S. Wilson, under the firm-name of Milliken, Hoover & Co., or the "Centre County Banking Company," with a capital stock

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

LOGIC.

The Farmer was swinging his scythe with a will; His Donkey was turning the primitive mill; The Learned Logician of Lalli-bazan Stood watching the labors of Donkey and Man. "My friend," quoth the Solver of Tangled Affairs, "What use is the bell that your animal wears?"

"Why," answered the Farmer, "it tells on the brute; It rings while he moves; when he stops it is mute;

"And so, though I'm acres away at my work, I'll know if the gray-coated scamp is a shirk."

"Right well!" cried the Sage, "but supposing instead, Of working, your Donkey just wagged his head;

"The bell would still ring like a steeple-dos seased, And how would you know he was taking a rest?"

The Farmer looked hard at the Sage (it appears Suspecting the length of the logical ears), Then, giving the haunch of his servant a slap—"This Donkey don't know any Logic! Gid, dap!"

If at first you don't succeed don't succumb. When a sailor is on land he feels all at sea.

An ounce of intuition is worth a pound of tuition. Happiness is the reward of being commonplace.

A crank is a man whose head is more or less turned. Even the plasterer may feel that his work is sub-lime.

The best way to disperse a crowd is to take up a collection. The man who has never been jealous has never been in love.

There are no two ways about it when a man and wife are one. The fellow who is lucky at cards is the one that lets them alone.

The colors in your shirt won't run if you wash them in stationary tubs. If a clock didn't strike once in a while it wouldn't know it was working.

Don't get blue over small matters; the large ones take care of themselves. The spinster is generally willing to accept an apology, even an apology for a man.

When a clock is fast you can turn it back, but it's different with a young man.

A colored football player is not necessarily a blackguard. He might play tackle, you know.

An exchange tells about a woman who stepped into a Judge's office of a nearby county seat and said to his honor, "Are you Judge of the reprobate?" "Well, I am Judge of the probate if that is what you mean, replied the Judge. "Yes, I guess that is it," replied the old woman. "My husband died detested and left me three little infidels and I want to be appointed their executioner."

A lady living near Lewistown who is very deaf, stopped a milkman as he was passing the house the other day to ask him how much he charged for a quart of milk, and then put up her ear trumpet to catch the reply. The man drew a quart of milk and emptied it into the trumpet, and the result has been that he has to go three miles out of his way to keep out of sight of the lady's son who sits on the porch with a shot gun waiting for him to pass.

Cut it Out!—Going around with a gloomy face. Fault finding, nagging, and worrying. Talking offense where none is intended. Talking big things and doing small ones. Dwelling on fancied slights or wrongs. Scolding and flying into a passion over trifles, Carping and criticizing. See the best rather than the worst in others. Dreaming that you would be happier in some other place or circumstances. Belittling those whom you envy because you feel that they are superior to yourself.

16 BUILDINGS BURNED

Fire which originated about 2 o'clock Sunday morning in the warehouse of the general store of Cohn Bros. at Orbisonia spread with remarkable rapidity and before it had burned itself out had consumed 16 buildings. The fire destroyed a whole block, included in which were the post-office, a number of stores and the Ashland Hotel. Lack of fire fighting apparatus gave the flames full sweep, the townspeople, who were aroused by the fire, looking on helplessly. The aggregate loss amounts to \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.

Howard Next Saturday.

Don't forget that there will be "some doings" at Howard next Saturday when the Good Will Hose Company hold their annual picnic. For program see large posters. There will be lots of fun and a good time for all, only take a little coin with you to keep things a movin and supply the elephant with peanuts.