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SOME EXTENSIVE LIMESTONE DEALS

Large Operation to be Started Next Monday.

BIG BOOM FOR PLEASANT GAP

Other Operations are Likely to Follow - a Valuable Seam of Rock Located - Causes Some Lively Dickers in Real Estate - Capitalists Interested.

One of the most reliable industries about Bellefonte these many years has been the development of extensive limestone operations. A valuable seam of limestone, at the base of the Muncy mountains, appears to extend along the northern side of Nittany valley. At numerous points it has been operated for years by individual owners. Here, at Bellefonte, the outcropping has been worked for a long time. In later years, the value of this seam has been recognized and for several miles up the Buffalo Run valley, down through Armor's Gap and at Salona extensive quarries have sprung into existence, giving employment to many hundreds of men and which monthly put thousands of dollars into circulation in this community.

This seam is said to be the purest and best quality of limestone found in this country. Its chemical analysis runs as high as 98 and over 99 per cent. pure lime, which makes it a valuable product in various manufacturing enterprises, such as paper mills, glass factories, tanneries, iron furnaces and other plants. Carloads of this famous lime are daily shipped from here far into the Mississippi valley, down South and up to the New England States. From the quarries also are produced large quantities of stone that is crushed by large breakers and is extensively used for railroad ballast, macadamizing and as a flux in iron furnaces throughout the state. On this account properties bearing this seam with a convenient location and good outcrop have been sold at fancy prices. At this time nearly all the large operations about Bellefonte are owned by one company known as the "American Lime & Stone Co." who, up to this time, secured all the desirable land and practically control the business, being known generally as the limestone trust, in which enormous sums of money are invested and has almost an unlimited supply of capital backing it.

The above is but a brief general outline of the limestone business about Bellefonte, and is simply an introductory to the good news we have to bring our readers this week. It is safe to predict that our limestone industries are but in their infancy, and we are now on the eve of some very important developments.

The geological formation, and the charts issued by the state, show that what was once the surface of our valleys has been eroded by the elements and carried away—where we have valleys originally were high elevations, and the mountains were ravines. The strata dips under our mountains like—and the outcroppings are lost at the base of the mountains. That is why no limestone is found anywhere in the Nittany valley that compares with this rich vein.

The indications are that this valuable vein of limestone, after cropping out at the foot of these mountains, originally lay above the present valley, and then dipped under Nittany mountain.

A NEW DISCOVERY.

It is hardly correct to say that a new valuable seam has been discovered. For years farmers living on the south side of Nittany valley have burned lime from seams of good stone along the base of Nittany mountains. Frequent analysis have been made of that rock and it always ranked exceeding high, but up to this time no one seemed to appreciate the value of the rock or realize that golden opportunities were deposited there by Nature, awaiting only the forethought and enterprise of some one to grasp and wrest the wealth from Mother Earth.

For some years past this vein of limestone came to the attention of L. A. Schaeffer, of Bellefonte, who carefully inspected the vein and traced it for miles up and down the valley, being able to locate it from what is known as McBride's Gap to the Perry Gentzel farm above Zion. On most of the properties he secured options and endeavored to interest capitalists for the purpose of exploiting the same. Numerous schemes were started with no success, options would expire and renewals became annoying to the owners. While Mr. Schaeffer was working and planning, merchant William H. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, was also aware of the value of this seam, had been working along similar lines—as Mr. Schaeffer discovered upon approaching him for an option on the Noll farm west of Pleasant Gap. The result of these movements attracted others, and as a

result all the land lying between the two points McBride's Gap and Perry Gentzels has been eagerly sought the past few months, some was sold at fancy prices and others covered by options.

Commencing at McBride's Gap, going eastward along the base of the mountain, the following properties are valuable on account of this seam cropping out almost 80 feet wide and assaying around 98 per cent. pure lime:

1—H. E. Zimmerman; 2—Woodring, sold to L. E. Rerick, with the limestone owned by the American Lime & Stone Co. 3—Catherine Speer farm. 4—Eph Keller, stone secured by Am. Lime & Stone Co. 5—Elizabeth Croter farm, stone secured by Wm. H. Noll. 6—Wm. H. Noll farm. Across the ravine next comes Abr. V. Miller, then the following: Mary Valentine, Michael H. Spicher, Chas. Eckenroth, W. H. Coldren and the J. H. Herman. Mr. Schaeffer holds options on most of the latter properties, some of which are in dispute, especially the Wm. H. Coldren, which the Bellefonte Lime Co. appears to be interested in, and it also controls the Charles Eckenroth farm.

During the past month there has been some lively dickering going on over these properties, and as a result a number of owners got good money.

Now we come to the best part of the story. We believe we are safe in saying that in a very short time three large limestone operations will be started there employing hundreds of men and it will be a big boom for Pleasant Gap.

The first company to begin operations will be the "Whiterock Quarries" who will operate the Noll and Croter farms west of Pleasant Gap. They applied for a charter last week, the promoters of which are Wm. H. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, Noah H. Swayne, Supt. of the Nittany Furnace, John Blanchard, Esq., of Bellefonte, and others. They have contracted with T. A. Shoemaker to build a connection of about a mile to the Pa. R. R. Eighty men with carts will arrive there on Monday.

Large buildings are now being erected there for housing and boarding these men, who will commence work on next Monday. Stephen B. Finnegan, for years employed by the "Am. Lime & Stone Co." has resigned his position to accept the superintendency of this new operation.

Eight steel-cylinder wood burning kilns, stone crushers, and other machinery have been contracted for and will be erected at once. Much of the stone from these quarries will be used by the Nittany Furnace, while the other products, the lime and crushed stone, have a good market secured elsewhere for the entire product.

Mr. Schaeffer informs us that capitalists associated with him will have large works installed as soon as present legal difficulties are adjusted, which has interfered with and delayed their proposed plans.

The eagerness displayed by other parties in purchasing properties indicates that they propose to operate as soon as possible. Experts on the lime question claim that this seam is the best quality in the valley, and its location makes it easy of operation.

A Dangerous Point.

While attempting to ford above Beech Creek near the Brady farm last week, Mrs. Joseph Gussallus' horse frightened at a passing train and ran off, throwing out Mrs. Gussallus and two children and a quantity of produce and peaches. The horse ran into a barb wire fence and was somewhat cut about the legs. The old fording at the Hubbard bridge having been closed, Mrs. Gussallus attempted to cross the creek further up stream. The people of that district are practically blockaded, unless they take the road over to Marsh Creek, having a long way around. Trespass notices have been put up on the east side of the creek at the old ford by J. W. Hubbard, owner of the land. Both sides are now closed. It is time for the county officials to look after this crossing.

Clinton Co. Veterans.

The old soldiers of Clinton county will rally around the "camp fire" at Agar's park on Thursday, August 21, with their families and friends. This will be the twelfth annual picnic held under the auspices of the Veterans' Association of Clinton county. Among the noted speakers secured for this occasion are ex-Governor James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte; Captain W. C. Kress, of Lock Haven; and Comrade John Daly, of Romola.

Took Carbohc Acid.

Miss Ida Yost, daughter of George Yost of Lock Haven, took her own life on Saturday night by swallowing carbohc acid. The real cause for the rash deed is unknown. Miss Yost's mother died several years ago and she had the care of a number of younger brothers and sisters resting on her young shoulders.

SOME DOINGS IN STATE POLITICS

Candidate W. H. Berry Makes a Ringing Speech.

INDEPENDENTS WILL REVOLT

Will Not Stand by the Penrose Gang of Plunders—The Organization Plea - Harter and Tuten are Hirelings for the Gang.

Mayor W. H. Berry, of Chester, in accepting the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer, opened his campaign with a vigorous attack on the Gang. His speech abounded in striking blows at the Penrose-Durham Machine, some of which follow:

"A body of grafters are in control, fattened upon the salaries they have voted to themselves, and armed with the favors dispensed through legislation and the privileges that the railroads allow them, as well as the graft in public contracts; they have bought their safety and have usurped the power of the people."

"The men who are good in private and grafters in public life; saints in church and sinners in politics; stuffing contribution boxes on Sunday and ballot-boxes on Tuesday; padding subscription lists with one hand and registry lists with the other, are to be ostracized by the decent citizenship of this state, without regard to party."

"Benedict Arnold was a patriot compared to the men who have persistently debauched the ballot in this State."

"The remedy is to smash the ring; restore the rule of the people; rout the ringsters root and branch and cut off their supplies, for without the spoils they are powerless."

"If I am to be elected, it must be by the same clean methods. I will not be a party to the purchase of votes, either with money or by the promise of patronage. All men and all banks look alike to me."

The nomination of Mr. Berry is an assurance to every citizen of this Commonwealth that if he is elected, the Philadelphia bootlers and grafters will not handle the state funds during his term for their personal advantage. From all over the state come reports that independent republicans will oppose the election of Plummer, for State Treasurer, as he belongs to the Penrose gang; is their tool and helped to promote all their vicious work in the last Legislature.

Last week a republican rally was held in Chester county, originated by the machine, to line up voters with the Penrose organization, but the machine organization was so badly worsted that the independent republicans got control of the meeting. Charles Emory Smith, editor of the Philad. Press and General Wayne MacVeagh, both leading republicans of national fame, addressed the gathering. The following is an extract of MacVeagh's address:

In referring to Senator Penrose and his political machine in our state he said:

"Everything is now to be sacrificed to preserve the State organization, an organization fitly described by Secretary Root's burning words: 'A corrupt and criminal combination masquerading as Republicans.' Compromise! Why, they will offer you everything on earth."

"All that they wish is to keep their hold on the county machines throughout the State, as in that manner they control the Legislature, and in that manner they continue to rob the Commonwealth and its great cities. You are but a fly upon their wheel."

"They are looking for the continuance of the great plunder they have so long enjoyed. They offer to you to repeal the infamous bills they infamously passed, to give you on their knees the personal registration bill they infamously refused you and offer you joint primaries."

"Why, the Arcade building (Penrose's office) can send enough money here in an hour to buy every venal voter in every primary in this county."

"Offer to you? Why, they are nothing compared to the offers they have been making for three months to John Weaver."

"There would have been no offers to you if he had failed you."

"First they said to him: 'Don't you want to be a judge?'"

"Yes, but not from you."

"Don't you want to be governor?"

"Yes, but not from you."

"What do you want?"

"Nothing under God's heaven from you, but to see you quit your dirty work."

"We Lincoln, Roosevelt Republicans, hold in the old reading taught us in our youth. It reads for us, 'Thou shalt not steal.'"

"But the grafters in city, State and Nation, the grafters whom Roosevelt is uncovering, the grafters whom John Weaver is uncovering, the grafters everywhere, have long been teaching their followers their own revised version of that commandment. They read it: 'Thou shalt not steal unless thou art a politician.'"

This is what Charles Emory Smith said, and he is one of the stalwart members of the republican party.

"Pennsylvania has all the elements of greatness, and yet its politics are low and debasing. We have had a boss-governed party and a boss-ridden Commonwealth."

"We need what Lincoln called a new birth of freedom. 'A government by, for and of the people.' We need to be baptized anew, with the pure spirit of 50 years ago. We need to rise to the lofty heights of our Republican fathers. 'The machine, with all its boasted power, is only a house of cards, it has no impregnable bulwarks. It has maintained itself solely because passive Republicans tolerated it. Exercise your manhood now and it will fall a crumbling fabric.'"

Republicans in Centre county who only read the "Gazette," or the "Bellefonte Republican," never learn what is going on, for Harter and Tuten are hirelings for Penrose's corrupt gang. They never let their readers know what is the actual condition of affairs, and instead are diligently striving to cover up, conceal and smear over all this corruption. They are the shameless apologists of the political crime in our state, for the articles they publish is the proof of their guilt.

A BIG CROWD.

Business Men's Picnic at Hecla Park was a decided success this year. The attendance was large from all sections of Centre, Clinton and adjoining counties, that meant probably 10,000 people on the ground.

The weather was ideal, neither warm or cool, except at about 5 p.m. rain set in and that brought things to a collapse. There was a scramble for shelter and a crowding to get aboard the trains. The management had all arrangements completed for comfort and entertainment.

The amusement program began by the Coleville band from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The game of base ball then took place between Bellefonte and Lock Haven by the score of 7 to 3.

At 11 a.m. the great inter-county clay pigeon shoot took place between Lock Haven, Bellefonte and Snow Shoe. The teams and their scores were as follows:

Bellefonte—Haines 23, Zimmerman 10, Quigley 19, Bower 16. Total 68.

Lock Haven—Kidd 15, Shade 24, Johnson 22, Schroat 24. Total 85.

Snow Shoe—Uzelle 23, Chambers 19, Watson 21, Warfield 24. Total 87.

Each shot 25 balls. C. F. Rothrock was referee. Hayes Stewart scorer.

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. there was a contest of the Castanet band.

At 3:30 p.m. the event of the day took place. It was the ball game between Sunbury and Mt. Carmel it was a fine game and was won by Mt. Carmel, by the score of 3 to 1.

WILLIAMS REUNION.

With most favorable weather and a large gathering of friends and relatives from far and near, the Williams' reunion at Martha, last Saturday was an enjoyable occasion. The reunion was held in the John Q. Miles' grove near the station which made it easy of access. The opening exercises were called to order by President W. S. Williams with some appropriate remarks. Rev. A. C. Lathrop then offered a prayer.

The address of welcome was delivered by Gordon Williams which made all feel at home. Hon. John G. Love was the first speaker in the afternoon and dwelt upon the elements of good citizenship. J. I. L. Hare, of Flemington, Pa., gave an address on the early ancestry of the Williams' in Centre county. Clement Dale, Esq., delighted the audience with some clever sayings. Then followed by Misses Mabel Gates, Lydia Miles and Nannie Hoover, Rev. A. C. Lathrop made the closing remarks.

There were two games of ball. The first was between Buffalo Run and Port Matilda and the score was 14 to 3 in favor of Buffalo Run. The second game was between Scotia and a "picked-up-team" and the score was 9 to 8 in favor of Scotia. The attendance was large. The Scotia band enlivened the occasion with some choice music.

OUR BRIDGE BUILDERS.

The United Order of Bridge Builders, officially known as the Commissioners of Centre county, left on Tuesday noon for Erie, Pa., where the State Convention will be held. At former conventions the glib-tongued bridge contractors were on hand lavishly entertaining these officials, in every form imaginable. To a bridge builder there is nothing too good for a county commissioner, and especially those who have done business the past year. From the number of bridges awarded in Centre county last year, in various parts of the county, they should be thoroughly enjoying the lake breezes while at Erie this week.

The Prohibition State convention which meets in Williamsport will be the centre of interest in political circles of the state. The fight over the endorsement of William H. Berry, Democratic candidate for state treasurer, will arouse great interest. There is every prospect that it will be a real fight, with plenty of argument on both sides of the question.

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENTRE CO.

A Former Editor of the Centre Democrat who Became

THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Made the Long Journey to the Pacific With Wagon—An Interesting Sketch of a Famous Man—Was one of the Pioneers.

While the National Editorial Association was touring the Pacific Coast States a few weeks ago, Editor Butz, of the *Huntingdon Globe* saw a painting of Governor John Bigler, of California, in the State Capitol building at Sacramento. He inquired concerning his antecedents of the Secretary of State. That official promised to write him later on the subject.

In the *Globe* last week Editor Butz published the following letter from his Sacramento friend:

Executive Department, State of California, Sacramento, July 18, 1905. Mr. Howard E. Butz, Editor *Globe*, Huntingdon, Pa.

Dear Sir:—I remember that when you were in Sacramento, not long ago, I promised you that I would look up the history of former Governor John Bigler, and would give you some facts regarding his birthplace and his career.

He was born near Carlisle, Penn., January 8, 1805. The family was German and settled in Pennsylvania in early times. Both paternal and maternal grandfathers of John Bigler fought under Morgan in the Revolutionary War. His father was a farmer and a miller, and John was the eldest of five sons. William Bigler, so noted in Pennsylvania history, was a younger brother.

John Bigler entered Dickinson College, but before he had gone far with his studies the family moved to Mercer county, and the young man was compelled to give up his college course. He learned the printing trade in Pittsburgh, and when his apprenticeship expired, in 1827, he became editor of the Bellefonte Centre County Democrat. He went into the Jackson campaign of 1828 with enthusiasm, and continued the publication of his paper until 1832, after which he studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1830, and some time after removed to Illinois, whence he came to California by the overland route, accompanied by his wife and daughter, in 1849. It is related that during the weary march, of 3000 miles, the wife often relieved Bigler in the driving of the ox-team and that sometimes she took his place in standing guard over the camp at night.

The party arrived in Sacramento, August 31st, 1849, and it is said Mrs. Bigler and her daughter were the first white female immigrants. Legal talent being in no great demand, Bigler worked at any kind of employment he could get. He cut wood and hauled it into the city to sell. He also unloaded river steamers for \$2 per hour—in those days only a fair rate of compensation for manual labor.

The same year he was elected a member of the Legislature, and when the Speaker who had been elected at the opening of the session resigned, a few weeks later, Bigler was chosen to succeed him. The humble printer, attorney and steevedore had thus early impressed the pioneer population of California with a sense of his ability and energy. One of Bigler's first legislative acts was to produce the passage of a series of resolutions urging Congress to provide for the construction of "a National Railroad from the Pacific Ocean to the Mississippi River." Twenty-eight years later this railroad was built and opened to traffic.

This first Legislature has passed into State history as the "Legislature of a Thousand Drinks," and it is said that there was not a member in the body who possessed a white shirt.

The following year Bigler was a second time elected to the Legislature, and in 1851 he ran as the Democratic candidate for Governor, and was elected. California Governors were then chosen for term of two years, and at the expiration of his first term Bigler was re-elected. And here it may be noted that Bigler is the only one of all California's Governors who has had a second term, although a good many years since the length of term was increased to four years.

In 1855 Bigler ran for Governor a third time, but this was a Waterloo, for the Know Nothing organization had now been formed, and it swept the State. Being thus put temporarily out of politics in California, Bigler paid a visit to his old home in Pennsylvania, and while there he plunged into the Presidential campaign of 1856. He went on the stump and helped to carry the old Keystone State for her favorite son, Buchanan. The favor was soon returned, for Bigler had not much more than reached Sacramento on his return when he was appointed Minister to Chile. He held this position four years, manifesting his usual energy in the discharge of his official duties, and one of his achievements is of peculiar interest to Pennsylvanians. He arranged for a competitive test of American and English locomotives, in which American locomotives won, and thus paved the way for the general use of American-built locomotives on Chilean railways.

Returning to California in 1861, Bigler made a forlorn-hope race for Congress in 1862 and was defeated; California during the Civil War was thoroughly Union and Republican. In later years he served as delegate to National Democratic conventions and held one or two appointive offices of a non-political kind, but in the main he devoted himself to

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

MAN, PROUD MAN.

A man can't live on love alone,
A man can't live on thought;
A man can't live on liberty,
No odds how dearly bought.
All these are nothing to a man—
I don't care what you say—
Unless he manages to get
Three good square meals a day.

A man can lose his pile entire
And never turn a hair;
But if the ham and eggs are cold
There's brimstone in the air.
A man can lose his hair and teeth,
And friends, and still be gay
If he is fixed so he can get
Three good square meals a day.

A man can wear a smiling face
Above a broken heart;
A man can grin and bear the pain
When fondest hopes depart.
The only thing that downs a man
And puts him out to stay,
Is separating him from keeps
From three square meals a day.

—Washington Post.

He rails at luck who never had any.
The man who never flatters rarely succeeds.

A hobo gains ground every time he doesn't wash himself.

The married man doesn't believe in paying to hear a lecture.

Money makes the mare go, but it is sometimes a nightmare.

Many a politician who is in the hands of his friends sighs for deliverance.

A small boy always envies the fellow in the band who plays the big bass drum.

When a woman is inclined to be masculine she may attribute it to the fact that half her ancestors were men.

A private mailing card which is being circulated through the country contains this Atchison Doggerel: "There was a man in Atchison whose trousers had rough patches; he found them great, he'd often state, to scratch those parlor matches."

President Roosevelt, in a recent conversation with Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, asked the Senator what he thought of his appointment of Charles J. Bonaparte to a place in the Cabinet. "You have heard of the man McGinnes," replied Mr. Knox, "who kept a saloon. One day his bartender shouted upstairs: 'McGinnes, shall I trust Tim O'Leary for a drink?' 'Has he had the drink?' called back McGinnes. 'He has.' 'Thin trust him.'"

The late John W. Mackey was attending to business at the Great Comstock Mine one day when a party of tourists approached and asked if he knew of a guide who would take them around. Mackey offered to escort them, and did so, explaining the whole mystery of gold and silver quartz mining. When they emerged the visitors clubbed together and made up a small sum for the guide. Among them was Andrew D. White, recently ambassador to Germany, and at that time president of Cornell university. "Well, it ought to be," replied the guide, as he slipped the half dollar in his overalls pocket; "I dug 'em and I own 'em."

Mad Dog at Mill Hall.

About 10 days ago a pet dog belonging to George Russel, of Mill Hall, bit his son aged between 6 and 7 years. Mr. Russel called a physician, who cauterized the wound. Later he called Veterinary Surgeon Dr. John Riter, of Centre Hall, who, when examining the dog, was also bitten. He, after giving his wound the same treatment, killed the animal and sent the head to Leonard Pearson, an expert at Philadelphia. A day or two ago Dr. Riter received a telegram from Mr. Pearson, stating that the dog had been afflicted with rabies. The case has been receiving treatment and no danger is apprehended.

The Odd Fellows Re-Union.

The Odd Fellows re-union at Grange park last Thursday was well attended. The principal speaker was Rev. Miles O. Noll, formerly of this place, but now of Carlisle. Among the other speakers were J. C. Meyer and J. Kennedy Johnson, Esqs., of this place, Laird Holmes and Mrs. Tillie G. Haines, of Altoona. About one thousand were in attendance from all parts of Centre county.

A Good Game.

The Louisville, Ky., team of the American association, will play ball in Lock Haven Wednesday afternoon, September 27. "Davy" Dunkle is a member of this club, and will occupy the pitcher's box. The opposing team will be selected from the best players of the Dodgers, Renovo and Jerry Donovan, Johnny Lush or Ritchie will be the battery.

A Curiosity.

Monday the writer was shown a fully developed apple blossom taken from Levi Grubb's apple tree at Milesburg, which is bearing a large crop of apples. Wm. T. Hall had the blossom and vouches for the story being correct. He says there are more blossoms on the same tree.