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UNITED ORDER OF BRIDGE BUILDERS

A Chapter On the Commissioners' Trip to Atlantic City.

TOOK RECEIPTS FOR BOARDING

Harter Wants us to "Put Up or Shut Up" --Miller and Bailey Were in Good Company--A Foxy Bridge Agent Joined Them at Sunbury.

"In days of old when knights were bold And barons held their sway, A warrior bold with spurs of gold, Sang merrily his lay."

"So this brave knight, in armor bright, Went gallantly to the fray, He fought the fight, but ere the night, His soul had passed away."

Excuse us for rushing into poetry, but this familiar little verse came to mind after reading the following onslaught in the last issue of the Gazette:

PUT UP OR SHUT UP.

The Democratic papers of this county start in on the fall campaign with an insinuation that the present board of county commissioners had taken a trip to Atlantic City at the expense of some bridge company. We allowed the thing to go on for several weeks, hoping that a sense of right and justice would prompt the editors to desist in their false accusations, but it seems they mean to start out with "anything to win"—their old motto.

It is scarcely necessary for us to say that the statement is a lie—pure and simple. Our commissioners would hardly be fools enough to do such a thing just now—even though they were dishonest—for no honest man would do a thing like that; and we stop to say that whatever their faults, John Bailey and Abram Y. Miller are honest men. Of their own commissioner the Democratic papers may say what they please.

We have asked both Mr. Miller and Mr. Bailey whether they had accepted any courtesies from anyone in their brief vacation to the seashore, which they took several weeks ago, and they positively say they did not.

We now ask the papers who put the lie into circulation to either present proof or acknowledge the error.

Put up or shut up!

"Shut up!" Oh no; not on your tin-type.

When an official is driven to desperation, by serious charges, invariably he howls "Liar." Have you noted that this is the favorite weapon of Editor Harter, and how often he applies it to us—always an evidence of his weakness.

It is only one square from the Gazette office to the Court House, where the "United Order of Bridge Builders"—the Commissioners of Centre County—hold forth almost 365 days per year at \$5.50 per day, and since brother Abraham and John G. are such willing witnesses, we invite Mr. Harter to continue his investigations along the same line for the benefit of the taxpayers of Centre county. In this connection we copy the following item of expenditure from the last financial statement, of 1905, issued by these County commissioners:

1905.
Nelson & Buchannon Co., balance Centre county's portion Winburne bridge and repairs Karthaus bridge..... \$1761.25
From the 1904 statement we copy:

1904.
Nelson & Buchannon Co., on account of cost of material and repairs Karthaus bridge and award Winburne bridge..... \$1761.25
Total..... \$3522.50

The above items may be disputed; it is to be hoped that our county got full value for the money paid out. We will admit that Mr. Miller, as he frequently alleges, produced money from his purse and bought an excursion ticket at Bellefonte station to Atlantic City.

We will admit that Mr. Miller brought back from Atlantic City a receipt for his board bill, and which he offers in his defense. That proves nothing.

In all our years we never heard of anyone, on a pleasure jaunt to the seashore, insisting on, securing and displaying a receipt for his boarding; and the very act is so unusual as to attract attention, even question the motive. Let us read on and see.

Wm. Buchannon, the agent for the Nelson & Buchannon bridge company of Chambersburg, who received the above \$3522.50 job from these same commissioners, by a strange coincidence, appears to have made up his mind at the same time to take a jaunt to the seashore on the same date, while in another part of the state; by another coincidence he boarded the same train on which were our Commissioners, at Montandon or Sunbury; and still stranger, Billy selected the same resort for his outing, Atlantic City. Then, as is perfectly natural, Billy Buchannon went to the same hotel, "The New Princess," and Messrs. Miller and Bailey all registered there too on the same page. Buchannon could not prevent them from coming there, and Miller and Bailey would not be so discourteous as to drive him away. Strange as all these strange coincidences may appear, there is nothing so strange, after all, when it is known that Billy Buchannon paid a visit to Bellefonte on Tuesday, August the 8th, and the following Thursday the "Bridge Builders" started for the seashore. This visit to Bellefonte on Tuesday, would properly come under the heading of "preliminaries."

Their stay by the sea was reported a delightful outing. In our minds-eye we can see Billy and Abraham roaming in the gloaming up and down the beach, feasting their goo-goo eyes on the fairies

frisking in the sparkling spray. In the midst of all the revelry the sight of those massive iron piers extending far out in the briny deep must have made their hearts sad, as it was an impossibility to bridge over this big pond. The diversions of the beach, the seductive nectar from the casinos and the soothing neectar dispensed on all sides would keep their sad hearts from repining over the loss of such a cinch. In the course of a few moons the bridge builders found there was a limit to those excursion tickets purchased at great expense. No longer could list'n to what the wild waves were saying and forthwith, renewed in vigor and strength, wended their way home. What became of Billy, deponent sayeth not—nor is it known that he also found it necessary to bring home with him a receipt from the "New Princess," for his boarding.

The point is: the man who got a nice \$3522.50 job of bridge building accompanied them to Atlantic City. Proof as to who paid the bills is impossible—bridge contractors are no fools in their business—and the public can draw its own conclusions, especially when the same Billy Buchannon, in addition to the \$3522.50, just closed another nice contract with these same commissioners, for costly repairs on the bridge at Milesburg.

Now Tommy! trot up again and interview the "United Order of Bridge Builders," at the Court House, (who traveled with Billy Buchannon to Atlantic City), and see if they also brand the above as a lie. Trot along, and tell us what they say. By the time we get through with them, you will be a sprinter, with a record.

(To be continued.)

The Big Centre County Fair.

The Big Centre County Fair has every promise of being bigger and better than ever before. The grounds are in better condition now than ever before, while the track is in first-class shape for good time. The racing is always one of the most interesting parts of the Big Fair. The events listed for this year include, for Wednesday, a 2:17 class with a purse of \$300 attached, and a 2:25 class, purse \$250. Thursday's racing will be in the 2:35 and 2:40 classes, with purses of \$250 each; while on Friday there will be the 2:27 class, purse \$250, and the great free-for-all, purse \$300. These are the standard races scheduled. The county race, to be made up of horses from out in the country and not to include horses from either Bellefonte or Philipsburg, will attract considerable attention.

The exhibit of agricultural products, stock, etc., will be larger than heretofore. This is a department in which every farmer in Centre county should be represented. In the amusement line the management promises that this year's gathering shall be plentifully supplied with clean and harmless diversions and amusements. The Big Fair will be held October 3rd to 6th; make your arrangements that you can attend and bring all your family with you.

S. S. Convention.

The two local Sunday school associations reported to the secretary of the County Association who are arranging for conventions in September are as follows: The district composed of Ferguson township will hold convention at Pine Grove Mills on Sept. 14th. The superintendent in charge is W. E. McWilliams of Penna. Furnace.

The district composed of Philipsburg and Rush township are planning for a convention on Sept. 21st. District superintendent Wm. A. H. Streamer is looking after the program and arrangements. It is hoped that all Sunday school workers and all interested in the work in these districts will plan to attend and do all they can to make these conventions a means of instruction and help to the work.

75th Anniversary.

The Centre Baptist Association is to hold its 75th anniversary meeting with the Milesburg Baptist church, beginning with the meetings on the Womens' Societies on Tuesday afternoon Oct. 3rd, continuing through Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 4 and 5, and closing with the session of the Associational Baptist Young Peoples Union on Thursday evening. This association is composed of twenty-nine Baptist churches located in Central Penna. The program for this association is packed full of good things and assures a spiritual uplifting to all who attend. Among the speakers are representative men and women of the denomination.

Deer Plentiful.

According to the report of the state game commissioner, deer will be found more plentiful in Pennsylvania this season than for many years. Some of the game wardens report deer in localities where there has been none of these animals for many years.

The reports also indicate that wild turkeys and pheasants will also be plentiful but equal unusually scarce.

TREATY SIGNED THE WAR IS OVER

Conference Concluded at Portsmouth on Tuesday

CANNONS BOOM, BANDS PLAY

Japs and Russians Drink Champagne and Clasp Hands--To be Ratified by Czar and Mikado--A Great Historical Event.

The great work of the Portsmouth Peace Conference was completed Tuesday afternoon when the envoys of Japan and Russia affixed their signatures to the Treaty of Portsmouth. The ratification of this treaty is to be followed by the negotiating of a commercial treaty whereby Russia and Japan will be bound to closer trade relations than ever before.

There were four copies of the treaty, two in French, which had been prepared by the Russians, and two in English, by the Japanese.

When all was in readiness the French copy of the treaty was laid before M. Witte and the English copy before Baron Komura, and upon each copy was laid an ordinary quill pen. Simultaneously the two envoys dipped their pens in ink and scrawled their names. M. Witte writing with the dash and hurry of an overworked business man and Baron Komura daintily painting on the Japanese characters that denote his name and rank. Then the copies were exchanged and the same thing was done again.

HAD A JOLLIFICATION.

Meantime the guests had crowded around the envoys with congratulations. Everybody shook hands with everybody else.

"The wine," said M. Witte, "the champagne."

Half a dozen waiters pulled corks out of bottles. The glasses were filled and health drunk to the new peace, to the Emperors of Russia and Japan, to President Roosevelt and to universal amity.

Amid the rejoicing Baron Komura made a short speech in English and Baron Rosen replied. Both read their speeches, which were purely formal and conventional, but expressed the utmost good feeling. The Russians hurried a message to the Czar, signed by M. Witte and expressing great joy at the conclusion of a peace. The Japanese also called the Mikado. At the instant the great ceremony was completed the guns of the Navy Yard battery began booming forth a salute of 18 guns, and their thunder was the signal for the ringing of all the church bells in Portsmouth and Kittery and the display of flags from all business houses. The Treaty of Portsmouth, due to the statecraft of the President of the United States, and putting an end to a tremendous war, was an accomplished fact.

The Russians remained to attend a thanksgiving service at Christ church. Both parties will call on President Roosevelt before leaving the country.

As he was entering the hotel one of the chief members of the Japanese mission said:

"The treaty signed may be the most important historical feature of the twentieth century."

The signing of the treaty puts into effect the armistice arranged for several days ago. It will not be effective until the treaty receives the final consideration of the Emperors of Russia and Japan. They are to ratify it within 50 days. The treaty itself will not be made public, at least, before it is ratified, and may never be given out in full.

For State Road.

Petitions are being circulated among the property owners of Spring and Boggs townships for the purpose of making application to the State Road Department to have a piece of modern road built connecting the boroughs of Bellefonte and Milesburg, as provided by a recent act of assembly, all of which was fully set forth in a recent issue of this paper. Centre county is entitled to several thousand dollars from a state appropriation for building roads and our people are among the last to make application for their share. In case they do not accept soon, the money will be used elsewhere. The building of a state road between Bellefonte and Milesburg will prove one of the best investments ever made by those townships.

Band Festival.

The Zion band will hold a festival in the grove at Gentale's school house, in Spring township, on Saturday September 9th in the evening. Refreshments of all kinds will be served consisting of ice cream, confections, tropical fruits, etc. Music will be furnished during the evening for the entertainment of the crowd. All are invited.

The blind man finds it hard work to get up stairs.

FAVORS PURE FOOD.

For the first time since his accession to the bench Judge Orvis, of this county, heard of and disposed of a number of pure food cases last week. The first case heard was that the commonwealth against Henry Emery, of Philipsburg, charged with selling cherries containing coal tar to dye color and benzoic acid to preserve them. In charging the jury Judge Orvis stated that man's eagerness to deceive the public made it very necessary that the state should enact and enforce such laws as the one under which the prosecution was brought to protect health and prevent or punish deception. He added that under the evidence the only verdict they could render was a verdict of guilty, and this was done. The judge put himself on record as emphatically in favor of the enforcement of the pure food laws.

George Richards, of Philipsburg, charged with selling oleomargarine at wholesale without a wholesaler's license, submitted and paid a fine of \$100 and costs as did also Mock & Moore, of the same town, on the same charge.

W. O. Robinson, of Philipsburg, charged with selling cherries colored by coal tar and preserved by benzoic acid, submitted without going to trial and paid his fine of \$50 and costs.

An interesting circumstance developed in the trial of the case against Orrin Vale, of Philipsburg, charged with selling cherries colored by coal tar and preserved by benzoic acid. The attorneys for Vale moved the court to direct the commonwealth to turn over part of its samples to the defendant's chemist, alleging that the cherries in question were pure and free from drugs. The defendant had employed Dr. Sadler, an eminent chemist from Philadelphia, and Dr. Tuttle, an equally eminent chemist and instructor from State College. A. H. Woodward, Esq., attorney for the pure food department, protested and read an opinion of Judge Bell, delivered in the Blair county court, refusing to grant a similar request. Mr. Woodward then made the following proposition: That Mr. Vale's two chemists and Dr. Ashman, chemist for the state, should take the jar of cherries to State College, where it should be analyzed by all three. The proposition was accepted and the gentlemen took their departure, bearing with them the fruit whose character was in question. At the expiration of four hours they returned with the unanimous statement that the cherries were found to contain everything charged by the state, that is to say, the coal tar to color and the benzoic acid to preserve. Whereupon the defendant submitted and paid his fine of \$50 and costs.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

The Linn Historical Society held its regular meeting in the court house on Monday, opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. Israel Brown. An increase in charter memberships was reported, and with assurance that it will soon attain to large numbers, since citizens from all over the county cordially approve of it and need scarce any urgency to enroll as members. This meeting was the most interesting yet held, and as the Society grows in membership additional interest will manifest itself at the meetings.

Subjects of interest to the Society were discussed, and participated in by General Beaver, Clement Dale, Rev. George Israel Brown, George Bush, Col. J. L. Spangler, Prof. Wagner, J. J. Bower, by the Chair and Secretary.

Papers prepared for the occasion were, one by the secretary, Thomas Mitchell, upon the organization of the townships, which was of such deep interest that on motion of Gen. Beaver, the author was requested that he elaborate further upon the same subject at some future meeting. Next, the President, Fred Kurtz, read a paper, (Col. Spangler in the chair), "Brief Sketches of Eminent Men," produced by our county and Bellefonte, from the early days to the present time," which was intently listened to. On the motion of Rev. Brown, the papers read were ordered to be filed in the archives of the Society. After the reading of papers there were brief talks upon business matters pertaining to the Society, when a motion was carried to adjourn to Wednesday, December 27, in the court house, at which time the annual election for officers will be held.

Persons from distant parts of the county desiring to have their names enrolled as members prior to this meeting, can do so by written request to Secretary Mitchell, or the President Frederick Kurtz, or by appearing in person. Several ladies added their names and were present at the meeting. A life membership is only \$10, and no other demand will be made upon those. Other members will pay a small fee annually as the running expenses may require. On motion, the Chair was requested to appoint two members to prepare papers to be presented at the December meeting; in compliance with which the following were appointed, viz: Rev. Dr. D. M. Wolf and Clement Dale.

OSCEOLA MURDER TRIAL ENDED

The Court Finds the Evidence is Insufficient

CLOSES SATURDAY MORNING

There was no Evidence of Malice or as to the Cause of Death--Judge Orvis' Ruling and Charge to the Jury Dismissing the Case

(Court notes continued from last week—Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.)

In the case of the Commonwealth vs Charles H. Andrews, betrayal, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Commonwealth vs Harry Emery, indicted for violation of Pure Food laws; prosecutor, James Foust. This case is from Philipsburg and grows out of a bottle of preserved cherries bought by the Pure Food Agent from the defendant and submitted to a chemist for analysis, who found the cherries preserved by benzoic acid and colored with coal tar. No contest was made in the case as the chemists agreed. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the sentence of the Court was, costs of prosecution and \$50.00 fine. (This case is more fully reported elsewhere in this issue.)

Commonwealth vs Daniel Knauff, indicted for escaping board bill; prosecutor, C. B. Garman. This case is from Bellefonte, and the defendant sometime during the latter part of June came to the Garman House and contracted for boarding at a certain rate per week, paying part of the board and then, as alleged by the Commonwealth, left the Hotel without making any arrangement for his board. The defendant alleging that he intended to pay this board bill, but that parties for whom he had worked had not as yet paid him, and that he intended to come back and pay the bill, Jury returned verdict Thursday afternoon of guilty.

Commonwealth vs Jerre Flack, indicted for assault and battery; prosecutor, Emerick Heaton. This case is from Spring township and grows out of an altercation between the families of the prosecutor and the defendant, who lived in a double house, on or about June 30, 1905. Verdict, not guilty and divide all costs equally between the prosecutor and the defendant.

During the afternoon the grand jury made their final presentment which in substance is as follows:

"That they passed upon twenty-nine bills of indictment, twenty-two of which were found true bills and seven ignored.

And further report that they find the county buildings all in good condition, excepting the floor in the main corridor of the jail, which we recommend be repaired; also the stairs leading to the second floor, and further recommend new conductor on front of corner of Court House, and that the toilet room in the ladies' waiting room is in bad condition, and recommended it be cleaned up and kept in a more sanitary condition."

OSCEOLA MURDER CASE.
James A. Gleason, an Attorney-at-Law from Houtzdale, was admitted on motion of W. G. Runkle.

The next case called was the case of Commonwealth vs Charles Stewart, Howard Stewart and Winfield Gregg, the grand jury having found two indictments, one for conspiracy to commit assault and battery, and the other for murder; prosecutor, Barney McHugh. The Commonwealth is represented by District Attorney W. G. Runkle and James A. Gleason, Esq., of Houtzdale. The defense is represented by James A. B. Miller, Esq., Col. E. R. Chambers, the Hon. John G. Love, and George W. Zeigler, of Philipsburg. The Commonwealth selected to go to trial on the charge for murder. The defendants elected to go to separate trials, the two Stewarts to be tried together and Gregg to be tried separately, whereupon the Commonwealth elected to put Gregg on trial first. Gregg was brought into court at 3:30 Thursday afternoon and arraigned at 3:55, and the challenge of the jury was at once proceeded with, and at 6:30 pm., eleven of the jury had been selected, after calling and examining upon their voir dire forty-one of the panel. At this time court adjourned until nine o'clock Friday morning.

Court convened on Friday morning at nine o'clock; all civil cases for trial at this term of court were continued generally, after which the homicide case was again taken up, and after the calling of the second jury the twelfth man on the jury was selected. The jury trying the case is as follows:

Adam Fisher, farmer, Boggs.
James A. Decker, butcher, Ferguson.
William A. Bodle, farmer, Spring.
John J. Osman, farmer, College.
W. H. Comley, mechanic, Unionville.
W. C. Kline, shoemaker, State College.
Curtis Meyer, laborer, College.
F. M. Fletcher, teacher, Liberty.
Michael Heaton, farmer, Boggs.
A. J. Johnson, carpenter, Worth.
Andrew Shook, gentleman, Gregg.
Michael Woomer, stone mason, State College.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

Stolen sweets are hard on the digestion.

It isn't always the clumsy fellow who breaks the Sabbath.

A girl may be known by the company she declines to keep.

You can't make a fireman mad by telling him to go to blazes.

The trouble with family jars is that they are so seldom corked up.

Even when our prayers are answered we are tempted to wish we had prayed for more.

PLUMMER'S APPEAL.

J. Lee Plummer made a speech at the Grangers' picnic at Williams Grove on Wednesday, in which he avoided every question that is at issue in this campaign, and indulged in glittering generalities. He claimed that the prosperity of the farmers was due to the Republican party, and lauded the taxation system of the state and its financial condition. He omitted to state, however, that the corrupt machine leaders, whose candidate he is, had nothing to do with the shaping of the National Republican party, and that their conduct had been denounced by and disapproved by the chief leaders of that party. Further than that he neglected to state that the expenditures and taxes of the state were much greater than they should be because of the extravagance and grafting propensities of the machine leaders. Upon the question of personal registration he had nothing to say. Neither had he a good word for the men who are making the fight for honest government in Philadelphia. He also gave no pledge to take the lid off the state treasury, and let the people know just how much money the machine leads have really left in it.

A SAVING SYSTEM.

The Bellefonte Trust Company is inaugurating a new department in its business that is commendable, a "Home Deposit Bank System." This feature is being introduced for the purpose of encouraging people to establish a saving fund, and as they make deposits of small amounts, all will be allowed interest at the rate of 3 per cent.

Each depositor is given a handsome little metal bank to be taken home in which small sums can be dropped daily and this can only be unlocked at the office of the Trust Company, who alone have the key. It teaches all, and children especially, to cultivate thrift and economy which is the royal route to financial success.

A complete announcement of this feature appears in another part of this issue. Representatives will call on you to explain this saving system and it is worthy of your attention.

Killed in a Wreck.

Reuben E. Fink, a brakeman on the Pittsburg division, residing at Altoona, was caught beneath the wreckage of several cars and an engine at South Fork Saturday morning and so badly injured that death resulted in the afternoon at the Cambria hospital. Brakeman Fink was born at Hannah Furnace, Centre county, November 18, 1876, and had resided at that place all his life except the last four years, when he moved to Altoona. In October 20, 1902, he was married in Bellefonte to Miss Margaret A. Kehoe, of Altoona. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Fink of Hannah Furnace, who survive, with his wife. The following brothers and sisters also survive: John, of Clearfield county; Frederick, of Osceola; David, Asbury, Hiram, Isaac and Sylvester, of Hannah; Mrs. Catherine Naylor, of Tyrone; Miss Jennie Fink, of Tyrone; Mrs. Melvina Watkins, of Axeman. The remains were taken to Hannah on Tuesday morning for interment.

Quietly Wedded.

On Thursday at 10 o'clock am. Aug. 31st, Jacob S. Williams and Miss Hannah Newman, both of Port Matilda, were quietly married at the parsonage of the Baptist church, by pastor A. C. Lathrop. They are both well known and highly esteemed young people and their many friends will be glad to congratulate them upon their return from a brief wedding trip to Altoona, South Fork and other places. May they have many years of happy wedded life.

Pushing Work.

Operations are booming out at the new "Whiterock" limestone operations near Pleasant Gap. A force of almost a hundred men are grading the bed for the railroad connection down to near the fish hatchery.

Stephen Finnegan, the superintendent of the new operation, has about twenty-five men at work locating the foundations for the kilns and necessary buildings, and the work will be pushed right along from this time on.