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FAMOUS TOURS BY BRIDGE BUILDERS

Our County Commissioners Did Much
Traveling.

THEY RODE IN PULLMAN CARS

Even if They Took Receipts None Will
Say Who Actually Paid the Bills—
Big Money for Bridges—Something
to Think About.

The following is a comparison of Bridge
Expenses in Centre county for the past
five years:

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| 1900—Democratic Board | \$4,412.85 |
| 1901— | 1,594.74 |
| 1902— | 4,199.98 |
| Total for 3 years | \$10,207.57 |
| Average per year | \$3,402.52 |
| 1903—Republican Board | \$9,045.97 |
| 1904— | 11,041.63 |
| Total for 2 years | \$20,803.26 |
| Average per year | \$10,401.63 |

The above shows that the present
Board has been averaging over THREE
TIMES more money spent for county
bridges annually than formerly; and
this year, from what can be learned, it
will be still higher.

CHAPTER I.

In former issues we pointed out that
of the above amount the Nelson & Buchannan
Company received the following
sums:

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| 1905. | |
| Nelson & Buchannan Co., balance Centre county's portion Winburn bridge and repairs Kathaus bridge. | \$1761.25 |
| From the 1904 statement we copy: | |
| 1904. | |
| Nelson & Buchannan Co., on account of cost of material and repairs Kathaus bridge and Winburn bridge. | \$1761.25 |
| Total | \$3522.50 |

As a coincidence we published a photo
last week showing that Wm. Buchannan,
the bridge agent who got the above con-
tract, accompanied our Commissioners
to Atlantic City, Aug. 10th, and all were
quartered at the New Princess, one of
the finest hotels in that city.

CHAPTER II.

A Memorable Trip to the St. Louis Ex- position.

In our former issues considerable at-
tention was paid to Wm. Buchannan,
one of the cleverest bridge agents who
ever came down the pike. But it would
be a great wrong to other gentlemen to
insinuate that Billy is the only pebble
on the beach—there are others, just as
sociable, kindly and entertaining; and
in awarding praise it would be wrong to
let Billy Buchannan have the whole
bakery; the dough must be distributed.
We now will again quote from the last
two annual statements issued by the
County Commissioners, in which we find
the following items:

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| 1904. | |
| Penn Bridge Co., award Everette bridge Haines Twp. | \$1630.00 |
| 1905. | |
| Penn Bridge Co., award Osceola Mills bridge and repairs Curtis, Eagle- ville, Port Matilda and Unionville bridges. | \$700.00 |
| Total for 2 years | \$2330.00 |

The Penn Bridge company is a large
concern near Pittsburg, and has had
much experience building bridges as
well as years of association with all kinds
of "bridge builders." The representa-
tive of the company in this section is
Wm. Farris, a most congenial and
agreeable young man; who has done
good work for his company. This is
evident, for he secured \$5,760 for
bridges, while Billy Buchannan only got
\$3,522—a difference of \$2,238, and naturally
Farris felt that much more gratefully.

Last year the public eye was centered
on the great St. Louis Exposition, tour-
ists from far and wide wended their way
thither. Some time near September 8th,
1904, Mr. Farris had occasion to visit
Belleville. Soon after a burning desire
was manifested among our County Com-
missioners to visit this wonderful ex-
position and see the sights. All of the
Board seem to have become affected at
the same time, and on September 10th
they boarded the train at Belleville for
St. Louis. By some form of wireless
telegraph Wm. Farris, out in Pittsburg,
became aware of our County Commis-
sioners' intentions, and evidently fearing
that they might get lost, fall in evil com-
pany or purchase a gold brick, or do
some other rash thing while alone in
that big city,—very thoughtfully drop-
ped all important business engagements,
rushed to the station at Pittsburg, and
found the Centre county tourists, all
sound and in jubilant spirits. After
some fatherly advice for not being ac-
companied by a guardian or chaperon,
they were corralled, and compelled to
get out of those dusty, uncomfortable
day coaches and from thence on with
Mr. Farris as chaperon they rode like
ords and dined like princess, on those
rolling palaces built by Pullman. Of
course it cost a lot more to travel that

way; but there is one advantage, Mr.
Pullman gives a receipt for everything
you get, except the tips to the waiters.
It was a glorious ride through the fertile
plains of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, as
from their palace on wheels they could
feast their eyes on the landscape and see
the busy husbandry toiling in the fields,
sowing grain and gathering in the corn
harvest. Same as the good old farmers
were doing back in Centre county.

Arriving at St. Louis they stopped at
the "Southern," the famous hotel of St.
Louis where they took their first meal.
Someone must have advised them that it
was not proper to register, and their
names were not posted for the public to
gaze at, or printers to trace over. From
there they went to a select boarding
house where nice, quiet rooms for the
party were secured, and they dined *a la
carte* at a fashionable restaurant.

They spent several days at the fair
and found their friend Wm. Farris an
excellent pilot, and useful companion.
While there they saw the "whole show,"
with thanks to Mr. Farris for his kind-
ness. If the Atlantic City outing for
five was about \$200, it is nobodys dog-
goned business what this trip cost. If
Messrs. Abraham V. Miller and John G.
Bailey did award Wm. Farris bridge jobs
amounting \$5,760 in the words of the
Gazette, "What is it to the world who
they have as companions when they go
away, so long as they associate at least
with respectable people?" or travel in
Pullman palace cars with bridge agents
as entertaining as Wm. Farris.

Because persons can afford to take
such trips and associate with "respec-
table people," it is no reason why tax-
payers should get jealous over farmers
Miller and Bailey enjoying themselves.

CHAPTER III.

Attending the Inauguration at Washing-
ton, D. C.

Pardon us, but we will again indulge
in some data from the same statements,
where the following items are found:

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| 1904. | |
| York Bridge Co., award Lose Bridge, Haines Twp., and Snow Shoe Twp., bridge. | \$228 |
| 1905. | |
| York Bridge Co., award Kuhn Bridge, Liberty Twp., Houserville Bridge, Col- lege Twp., and Pine Grove Mills bridge. | \$671 |
| Total | \$900 |

Here we have the chap that beat the
whole bunch, distanced Billy Buchannan,
and makes his contracts look like
30 cents, with Farris chasing him hard
down the homestretch. The York
Bridge Company is a dandy; a mere colt,
new in the business, but it dusted all
the old-timers and won the biggest stakes
as follows: \$6,003, to \$5,760 and \$3,522
and they feel mighty good over their suc-
cess.

March 7th, 1904, the "United Order of
Bridge Builders" were patriotic enough
to drop all business, shut up shop for
the purpose of seeing Washington, York,
Pa., being on their route, and that being
the place where the \$6,003 went in the
last two years, and that much more this
year, the simple fact that the "United
Order of Bridge Builders" from Centre
county were to pass through a bridge
town, was heralded in advance, the
populace naturally became excited over
the event and none were more surprised
than the York Bridge Co. itself. Time
being short, no official reception could be
given our tourists; but the bridge com-
pany at once appropriately summoned
their leading man, Boyd A. Musser,
formerly of Belleville, and to him was
delegated the delicate responsibility of
conveying to Messrs. Miller and Bailey
the firms greetings, expressing the hope
that their years of usefulness might be
continued, and the noble order they
founded prosper. So that no harm might
befall them upon the tour to the Na-
tional Capitol. Mr. Musser, without re-
gard to time and expense, was directed
to accompany them and be to them a
pilot by day and a guard by night, lest
they fall by the wayside.

Faithful to his great trust, Mr. Musser
landed the entire bunch at Washington
and quartered them at the famous "St.
James" Hotel, an inn that has catered to
other men of fame and fortune these
many years. Mr. Musser remained with
them several days and under his direction
they were safely returned to Belle-
fonte.

So successful was this last expedition
that the senior member and president of
the Board, Mr. Miller, with Mr. Musser,
agent of the York Bridge Co., made a
second trip to the same place to attend
the inauguration in March, 1905.

Our bridge builders certainly were
with "respectable people" on this trip,
and naturally are inclined to deal kindly
with such; and that may be the reason
why Mr. Musser secured the contract,
since, for building the steel bridge across
the race in Belleville for something like
\$7,000, which some people are impudent
enough to say cost too much. But then
can you expect our United Order of
Bridge Builders to deal with anyone
else than "respectable" gentlemen, and
bridge agents are that.

Thus endeth the reading of the third
chapter.

Who would refuse
A set of driving harness,
A fine laprobe,
And a fur cap?

PUBLIC RECORD OF J. LEE PLUMMER

Proof that He Was Aiding Vicious
Legislation.

WAS OBEDIENT TO THE BOSSES

Voted for all Forms of Machine Bills in
the Last Legislature—In League
With the Philadelphia Roosters—
Hostile to Honest Elections.

J. Lee Plummer's rapid progress into
the affections of the Republican
machine managers was in reward of
his servility. His first service in the
legislature was in the session of 1903,
in which he was chairman of the house
committee on elections. The sinister
service required of him in that capacity
was the unseating of two Demo-
cratic representatives who were hon-
estly elected and giving their places
to Republicans, prevent the passage
of ballot reform and personal registra-
tion legislation and promote the in-
iquitous measures of the machine. The
members were unseated the day be-
fore the close of the session, in order
that the claimants might get the salary
of \$1500 each and the perquisites
of the office.

Base Use of Political Power.
Political iniquity was never in-
voked for a baser purpose. The testi-
mony was overwhelmingly in favor of
the sitting members, and during the
inquiry offers were made to abandon
the contest in consideration of sup-
port of certain legislation by the gen-
tleman concerned. Even the most dar-
ing of the machine leaders hesitated
about perpetrating so palpable an out-
rage. But when the offers of compro-
mise were indignantly refused, Chair-
man Plummer commanded the admira-
tion of the banditti by boldly declaring
in favor of the contestants and award-
ing the seat of Francis X. Blumie, of
Cameron county, to H. H. Mullin, and
that to which Bernard J. Ferry, of the
Fourth district of Luzerne county, was
fairly elected, to James G. Harvey.

Plummer, who prepared the report
by perversion of the evidence, was
the only man who defended the in-
iquity, though it was assailed with
great emphasis and considerable ve-
hement by both Democrats and Re-
publicans on the floor. Frank B. Mc-
Clain, of Lancaster, floor leader of the
Republicans, was justly indignant at
such a betrayal of honor and honesty.

"If I felt that the sitting member from
Cameron (Mr. Blumie) was not hon-
estly entitled to his seat," said Mr.
McClain, "I would vote to unseat him.
But after diligent and unprejudiced
inquiry and examination of the evi-
dence submitted, I can find no reason
for thus dealing with him." Thomas
V. Cooper, the veteran and eloquent
representative of Delaware county in
house of representatives, also spoke
earnestly against the adoption of the
report, saying that he would cheer-
fully vote for it if any member of the
elections committee who had signed
it would give even a shadowy reason
for it or produce a scintilla of evi-
dence that Mr. Blumie was not entitled
to his seat. Neither the report nor the
speech of the chairman of the com-
mittee does this, he continued. Plum-
mer's record on this crowning outrage
may be found on pages 3729 to 3740 of
the Legislative Record.

Further Proof of Turpitude.
Though Mr. Plummer's efforts in those
cases would have entitled him to the
everlasting gratitude of the machine
pirates they are not the sum and sub-
stance of his infamous achievements.

He was in full accord with all the
machine legislation and voted for the
Susquehanna river grab, which involved
the repeal of the canal company's
charter.

He supported the notorious Kingston
Dam bill which was intended to bestow
on machine favorites authority to seize
the canal as well as all rivers and
streams of the commonwealth.

The iniquitous filtration bill, which
was designed to enrich certain favor-
ites of the state machine and would
have put the people of all parts of the
state under the mercy of the "gang,"
received his active and earnest sup-
port.

Those bills were subsequently stricken
from the calendar of the senate for
the reason that Governor Pennypacker
served notice on those concerned that
he would positively veto every one of
them. Even to oblige Quay and serve
the conspirators who had gone to dan-
gerous lengths to help him to the gubernatorial
nomination the servile Pennypacker
would not approve such mon-
strous measures. But Plummer had
no qualms of conscience. He was cordially
for them and his record to that effect
will be found on pages 1620 and 1621,
1689, 2431 to 2435 of the Legislative
Record.

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TELL THE TRUTH.

The time has come for plain talk
regarding some of the candidates who now
are traveling the county soliciting sup-
port from the people. Some men seem
to think that politics grants them a
license to slander and besmirch oppos-
ing candidates, in which some papers
and individuals will engage to win an
election. That is a mistake; the public
should condemn such methods.

By this article we wish to call atten-
tion to the methods used by L. E.
Swartz, the republican candidate for
County Treasurer. Recently persons
from various parts of this county have
called at this office and related Mr.
Swartz's manner of approaching people.
The following are some of the stories
credited to him:

SWARTZ'S STORIES:

Dr. White is a wealthy man; in addi-
tion he has a profession that yields him
over \$3,000 annually and his income
now is more than the salary of a county
treasurer would be.

He will not take personal charge of
the office if elected, and has selected G.
W. Rumberger, of Unionville, as deputy.

Dr. White is a drinking man—is not a
sober man.
Dr. White is a rich coal operator.
The above statements have been sub-
mitted to Dr. White and, with much
feeling, he has pronounced them posi-
tively untrue.

THE ACTUAL FACTS:

We will answer Mr. Swartz's allega-
tions:

1st—Dr. White is not a physician, but
a dentist; and by actual labor must earn
every penny that comes to his bill; and
his income is nothing like the figure
named. If it was, would it be a dis-
grace or a reflection, if by honest effort
and diligence he could have such an
earning capacity. If true, did not Mr.
Swartz have the same opportunity?

2nd—Dr. White is not a wealthy man;
nor is he going around making a
mealy mouth for public favors. If he is
not elected he can and will earn his
living, same as now, working daily as a
dentist. From what we can learn he
has a modest residence in Philipsburg
which he can not entirely call his own,
at this time; and that is the extent of
his great wealth that Mr. Swartz has
been dilating about.

3rd—Mr. White positively denies that
if elected he will leave the office in
charge of a deputy; never mentioned
this matter to G. W. Rumberger; and
the latter gentleman has positively
denied the same story peddled by Mr.
Swartz.

4th—The dirtiest charge of all is that
"Dr. White is not a sober man," and
this Mr. Swartz is using. We have
known Dr. White for years and we are
astonished that anyone would be so de-
perate as to make such a charge. We
do not know it to be true, and from
considerable inquiry are unable to find
anything to warrant Mr. Swartz in such
a course. It is a wicked falsehood.

5th—The last statement is that he is
a rich coal operator. Mr. White is no
owner of a coal mine. With another
gentleman he is engaged in a small
operation, in which Mr. White devotes
parts of his evenings to keeping the
books. His income from this source
never was above \$15 per month and
most of the time is from \$6 to \$9, often
nothing.

6th—Mr. Swartz's campaign thus far is that
of scattering falsehoods. If he believes
what he has peddled, he is a reckless
man. It was his duty to know what he
was saying. He was backed up in this
work by the Gazette which repeatedly,
and just recently, has been proven guilty
of perpetrating these and other political
falsehoods on this community.

To our readers we say, if L. E.
Swartz comes your way mouthing the
above falsehoods, look him square in
the face, tell him he is a falsifier.

That will be the truth; and if the
truth hurts, he need censure no one but
himself.

Let there be a "Square Deal"—above
all, "Tell the Truth."

Notice to Voters.

Persons who have not paid their taxes
between October 4th, 1903, and October
7, 1905, cannot vote. Let every Demo-
cratic voter attend to this, and especially
those who voted on age last year—as
they must have a tax receipt before they
can vote this fall. October 7th is the last
day for paying taxes.

One of the most important things in
selecting men for public office is their
fitness for the position named. It is
highly important that in the office of
Register we have a man of clerical
ability so that the records will be kept
in a neat, orderly and systematic man-
ner; above all that the work be under a
careful, reliable man. In all Centre
county not a better man than Harry J.
Jackson can be found for that place and
very few are his equals. In addition, he
is obliging, courteous and a perfect gen-
tleman. You will make no mistake by
giving him your vote, and he will ap-
preciate it, too.

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENTRE COUNTY

A Brief Sketch of Some Eminent
Citizens.

READ AT THE LAST MEETING

A Long Line of Men Who Were Prom-
inent in the State and Nation—A
Roll of Honor—Centre County's
Pride—Familiar Names Re-called.

For the Democrat's Historical Review
in this issue, we think it appropriate to
give space to a paper headed "Biograph-
ical," giving a brief reference to distin-
guished citizens of Belleville and Cen-
tre county, from the days of the early
settlers to the present. The paper was
prepared by Frederick Kurtz and read
before the Linn Historical Society, at its
recent meeting:

BIOGRAPHICAL.

With a view to all possible brevity,
this paper is prepared to be read at the
meeting of the Linn Historical Society
of Centre county. It presents a galaxy
of distinguished sons of our county, from
the early day down to this date.

General Potter of Revolutionary fame,
a Major General under General Wash-
ington, was with the Father of his Coun-
try at Valley Forge, Brandywine, Ger-
mantown and in New Jersey. He erect-
ed the fort known as Old Fort, in Penn-
sylvania.

General Philip Benner, an early set-
tler and prominent citizen, also of Revo-
lutionary fame—erected the first forge
in Centre county. He held the rank of
Major General of Militia. His descendants
are in this county and are among
our most esteemed citizens.

Andrew Gregg, born in 1756, at Car-
lisle; in 1788 moved to Pennsylvania, set-
tled in the woods in Potter township,
and commenced farming two miles from
Potter's Fort, now better known as Old
Fort. Was elected a member of Con-
gress in 1790, and re-elected several
times—serving in all sixteen years, and
in 1807-7 was chosen a member of the
United States Senate. In 1820 he was
appointed Secretary of the Common-
wealth by Governor Hiester. He was
the great-grandfather of the present
well-known Greggs of our county.

General John Patton built the first
furnace in Centre county; was a Major
of Colonel Miles' regiment in the war of
the Revolution, served a long time and
became commander of several other regiments.

Colonel Samuel Miles, founder of
Millsburg, participated in the Revo-
lutionary war; was engaged in the crea-
tion of Port Augusta in 1786. He was
prominent as an iron manufacturer in this
county in its early days.

Of the Potter family it may be said, it
became of prominence in the state. One
of the General's sons also became a Gen-
eral, and another, James, Jr., became
deputy surveyor of the State.

Col. John Holt, ancestor of the Centre
county Holts, was a Revolutionary sol-
dier; in 1782 settled near Curtin's iron
mine.

James Dunlop and James Harris laid
out Belleville in 1795; they were the
ancestors of the prominent families of same
name in this county and Belleville. The
beautiful spring, (*belle-beautiful, fonte
fontaine*) induced Dunlop and Harris to
select the location as the site of a town.

Belleville gained much prominence
by producing distinguished men. To
those already named there were: Hon.
Charles Huston, Judge of the Supreme
Court. Judge Jonathan Walker, and his
son Hon. Robert J. Walker, the most
distinguished Secretary of the Treasury
of the United States. Thomas Burnside,
Judge of the Supreme Court, and his
son, James Burnside, at one time Presi-
dent Judge of this Judicial District.
Judge William W. Potter, grandson of
Gen. Potter.

In addition to the distinguished legal
minds above mentioned, Belleville's bar
had Hon. John Blanchard, (grandfather
of John and Ned, Blanchard), who was
elected a member of congress. Bond
Valentine, ancestor of the present Val-
entines of this place. Ex-Governor Cur-
tin, who lives in history, as the "great
war Governor," Minister to Russia, and
elected several terms to Congress. Hon.
James T. Hale, appointed President
Judge and elected a member of Con-
gress. Hon. Samuel Linn, elected Presi-
dential Judge. Hon. H. N. McAllister,
who was elected a member of the Con-
stitutional Convention of 1877, and was
the author of some of the wisest pro-
visions offered in that august body. Hon.
James M'Manus, prominent attorney
and elected a member of the House at
Harrisburg; where he was the democratic
leader upon the floor.

"The old bar" composed of the above,
with others of less prominence, was, in
its day, considered the ablest in the
state. The bar later became ably man-
ned by Hon. J. H. Orvis, appointed As-
sociate Law Judge and thereafter be-
came President Judge. General Beaver,
served in the civil war, lost a leg in bat-
tle, was elected Governor, and is now
serving his tenth year as one of the
Judges of the Superior Court, and has
been nominated, and will be re-elected,
to the same high position at the coming
November election.

Other able members of the bar, who
served as President Judges, were Hon.
Adam Hoy, by appointment; elected for
full ten year terms were, Hon. A. O.
Furst, Hon. John G. Love, and Hon.
Ellis L. Orvis, at present on the bench.

Of Governors, Belleville produced
the following: William Bigler; John Big-
ler, Governor of California, and a brother
of William aforesaid; Andrew Gregg
Curtin, elected two terms; General James
A. Beaver; General Daniel H. Hastings,
elected by one of the largest majorities.

Last, but not least, this county is
proud of having been the home of a dis-
tinguished historian, who filled import-
ant positions in the government.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected
and Original.

ISN'T IT ODD?

When a fellow owes you money
You will seldom see the chap,
It is really very funny
How he dodges off the map,
Other people seem to find him
As he goes along his way,
But you're always just behind him.
And you miss him every day.
If you owe a fellow dollars
You will meet him everywhere;
In a store you go for collars
And you find him waiting there.
Visit plumber, visit grocer,
Visit any place you may,
He goes every place you go, sir,
And you meet him every day.

EMPHATIC.

There was an old lady of Lincoln,
Who said, "Now to my way of thineoil,
The horse is the best;
He has long stood the test,
And these zanolene autos are stinolene!"

WHAT WE LEAVE.

Lives of great men remind us,
As their pages o'er we turn,
That we're apt to leave behind us
Registers that we ought to burn.

A hungry man is hard to reason with.
The real Christian does not have to
tell it.

The girl who powders and paints sticks
to her colors.

The fellow who travels on his face nat-
urally has a hard cheek.

A good employe is worth something
besides the wages paid him.

One of our county exchanges contains
the following adv.: "For Sale—Double
barrel, harmless gun. Good as new."
"Harmless" gun must be something new.

GIGANTIC ANGLO-JAP ALLIANCE

By the announcement in London on
Monday evening of the terms of the new
treaty of alliance between the British
Empire and the Empire of Japan tacit
notice is served on the world that here-
after the two contracting nations purpose
dominating the Far East; maintain-
ing the general peace in Asia and India
and the preservation of the interests of
all the Powers in China by insuring the
integrity of China and principle of equal
opportunity for the commerce of all na-
tions; maintaining the territorial rights
of Great Britain and Japan in Eastern
Asia and India and the defense of their
special interests therein.

By the terms of the new treaty nego-
tiated by the British and Japanese Em-
pires the two contracting nations aspire
to dominate very nearly 800,000,000 out
of a total of 850,000,000 people living
within the confines of Asia.

KILLED AT MILL HALL.

John Kesigle, a patent medicine ven-
der of Howard, aged about 60 years, was
struck by the Bald Eagle valley passen-
ger train at Mill Hall passenger station
Thursday forenoon and had both legs
cut off below the knees, dying in the
Lock Haven hospital Friday morning.

The man was standing behind a box
car which was on the siding at the lower
end of the depot, and just as the train
approached he stepped from behind the
car on the outer track on which the train
was running. As the man leaned for-
ward to step on the track the pilot struck
him and he fell backwards with his legs
extended across the rails. He was sent
to Lock Haven hospital. Mr. Kesigle
has been a vender of patent medicine
for several years. His home is at How-
ard, where his wife died and was buried
Sunday, Sept. 17th. He has a daughter,
Mrs. John Lee, who lives near Zion.
Some say he was demented and delib-
erately stepped in front of the train.

The Stray Bull Case.

The case of Berdine Butler, of Marsh
Creek, vs Henry Potter, of Beech Creek
township, in which Butler sued to re-
cover the cost of maintaining Potter's
bull during the winter months before
Justice of the Peace Edwin S. Mobley,
has not yet reach a finality. The justice
ruled that there was no cause for action,
in as much as Butler had not complied
with the law in advertising the stray
animal, and placed the costs, amounting
to \$17.32, on Butler. The latter did not
appeal or pay the costs within the 20
days allowed, and now Potter has given
the bill of costs into the hands of Squire
W. I. Harter, of Blanchard, to collect.

"Poor Papa" Cries Suicide's Boy.

"Poor papa! Come quick, mamma—
come and see him!" lisped four year old
Georgie Mench, running out to his moth-
er, who was hanging up the clothes in
the door yard last Tuesday morning at
Cove Forge, near Altoona. "Papa,"
who was Andrew Mench, a disconsolate
blacksmith, had just called out sadly, in-
doors: "Good-bye, Georgie," and had
slashed his throat with a razor from ear
to ear. He died soon afterward, despite
the efforts of his grieving wife and child
to stay the flow of blood from the awful
gash in his throat.