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## PROF. D. O. ETTERS WAS RE-ELECTED

Meeting of the School Directors held on Tuesday

## REFUSE TO INCREASE SALARY

Will Remain Same as Formerly, at \$1680 per Annum—Directors Advised to make out Reports Early as Possible.

Tuesday morning the school directors of Centre county held a meeting in the court house, Bellefonte. There are 207 directors in the county, 139 of whom were present. The chairman of the meeting was Prof. I. L. Foster, of State College, and the secretary was H. C. Quigley, Esq., of Bellefonte. The first item of business was the election of a County Superintendent for the next three years. As there were no candidates except the present incumbent, Prof. David O. Etters, of State College, he was elected unanimously.

Henry C. Quigley then offered a motion raising the salary of Prof. Etters from \$1680 a year to \$2000. Mr. Quigley made a very nice little speech in favor of the motion, setting forth many reasons why the raise should be made. A vote was then taken and it was lost.

John P. Harris then made a motion that the salary should be raised to \$1800, but it was not so.

Prof. Etters then was called upon to make an address in which he thanked the convention for his re-election. He then stated that it was expedient for the directors to send in their reports early for their portion of the state appropriation. Some directors put this off so long that unnecessary trouble is often caused. He commended the practice made by a great many directors in school districts where certain schools are placed in control of one man. Every school in a township should be under the guidance of the entire board. When a school is given out it should meet with the approval of every director within the district. This would facilitate matters and create more general satisfaction among the patrons of the schools. After making many other timely suggestions by Prof. Etters the convention was brought to a close. They were in session just one hour.

### Hospital Notes.

The following patients underwent operations this week for appendicitis: Miss Anna Shuey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shuey; she was in a critical condition at first, but is much improved. Andrew Johnson, farmer, Bertha Detrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Detrick, all of Bellefonte.

Edward Kane, of Bellefonte, who had been very sick with catarrhal pneumonia, is better.

Miss Flora Love, operated on for appendicitis, was discharged Monday.

Joe Coughn, student of State College, infected right hand, discharged.

Adam Garbrick, of Spring twp., was operated on, Monday, and is doing nicely.

John Riter, veterinarian surgeon, was admitted for treatment.

Moses Clark, of Potter twp., infected wound in right foot, is improving.

The following patients were discharged the past week: Dora Sellers, mastoid operation, Milesburg; Verna Shope, amputation second finger, Bellefonte; Mrs. White, operation, Tyrone; Mrs. Brown, operation, Milesburg.

There are 20 patients in the hospital at present and all the rooms are filled, and on that account several patients who applied this week could not be admitted showing the need for the completion of the building.

The following were admitted the past week: Mrs. Rev. Platts, Mrs. Harry Yeager, Mrs. Albert Schadd, Mrs. Geo. Beizer, Mrs. Geo. Rowan, Mrs. Meiserve.

### Bull Attacks a Farmer.

Charles C. Burrell was attacked by a ferocious bull on his farm in Lamar township, Clinton county, Saturday. The bull knocked him down and then attempted to thrust its horns into Burrell's body. He was greatly bruised about the body and legs, but managed to arise and leap the fence before the infuriated animal could inflict fatal injuries. He carried a small axe in his hands, which he retained. As the bull made another mad rush at him, and with the fence between, the farmer hurled the axe at the animal and struck it in the forehead, felling it to the ground. The bull was afterward shot, as it was considered unsafe to allow it to roam at large.

### Built an Ice Dam.

H. E. Zimmerman, of Benner, residing at the entrance to McBrides Gap, has had a large dam built across the gully through which the stream of that mountain gap flows, and is intended for an ice dam. The breast, walled with stone, will give the dam a depth of twelve feet and cover an area of no less than an acre up the ravine. The dam is perhaps forty rods from the residence, and a most suitable spot for ice purpose, or even as a water power. Feet of mountain water will produce an absolutely pure quality of ice.

### Railroad Business Still Dull.

The movement of slow freight over the railroads continues to decrease to such an extent that it has been found advisable to lay off more men. On Wednesday morning 100 firemen were laid off indefinitely from the Pittsburgh division, and 60 engineers were demoted to firemen. As a rule most of the men laid off are "extra" men, whose places are taken by regular men who are forced to go back to "extra" work until business picks up.

At the directors convention at Lock Haven, Tuesday, Prof. Ira N. McCloskey was re-elected county superintendent of schools. His salary was fixed at \$1600.

## RECENT DEATHS.

**CALVIN J. PORTER**—died at his home in Mackeyville Thursday evening from blood poisoning due to a bealing in his ear. Several years ago Porter lost his left arm in a fodder shredder. Two weeks ago the interior of his ear became sore, causing blood poisoning.

**WILLIAM BOWES**—formerly of Snow Shoe, died at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. Evert Daugherty, in Clearfield, on April 17th, 1908. Deceased was aged 60 years, 9 months and 15 days. His wife preceded him in death about seven years ago. One daughter and one son survive. Mr. Bowes was highly respected in the community in which he lived. The remains were taken to Snow Shoe for interment in the Askey cemetery.

**VICTOR HOY**—the oldest son of Mrs. George W. Hoy, died at his home, near Pine Hall, Tuesday afternoon 28th, of pneumonia, aged 17. He had been ill several weeks and had partially recovered so as to be able to sit up when he suffered a relapse, which proved fatal. He was a member of the Lutheran church at Pine Hall and is survived by his widowed mother, two brothers and five sisters. Burial was made Thursday afternoon at two o'clock in the Pine Hall cemetery.

**MRS. CHARLES AMMERMAN**—died in Phillipsburg Sunday morning at 7 o'clock after an illness of a little over one week with scarlet fever. Two children were down with the same disease but in the case of the mother the attack was not so severe, but on account of being run down through the attention she had been obliged to give to her children, and the setting in of other complications of a more critical character, she could not throw off the power of disease. Her age was about 30 years.

**WILLIAM C. EMENHIZER**—died at his home in Boggs twp., Centre county, April 26, 1908, aged 75 years, 7 mo. and 5 days. In the year of 1855 he was converted and united with the U. B. church making a record of 53 years service in the church. In Sept. 1864, he enlisted in Co. A, 97 Regt. Pa. Vol. and was discharged June 1865 making 9 months service. He was mustered into Dr. G. L. Potter Post, No. 261 Dpt. of Penn. on June 12, 1886; served as Jr. V. C. and Sr. V. C. at the time of his death. His wife preceded him just five weeks to the home of the good and true. They left seven children and a host of friends to mourn their departure. Interment was made at Fairview cemetery, Rev. O. T. Stewart officiating.

**WILLIAM K. STOVER**—died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gephart, at Wolf's store, on Sunday, 3rd, of cancer in the jaw. The trouble had started on his lower lip some ten years ago, and was arrested by having the physicians cutting it out which relieved him until more recently when it again made its appearance under the jaw and spread through his cheek, causing him much suffering which he bore with christian fortitude, and longed for death to end his pain. He was a native of Haines township and resided at Feidler and was aged about 73 years. Mr. Stover lived the life of a good, peaceable citizen, and was highly esteemed—kind as a neighbor, and charitable. A widow, and a son in Wyoming, and a married daughter survive. Funeral on Wednesday, interment in the St. Paul cemetery near his home.

**SOLOMAN WISE**—died at his family residence in Union Star, Mo., April 27, 1908. He was born December 14, 1838, in Centre county, Pa., and aged 69 years 4 months and 13 days. He was united in marriage with Rebecca J. Roler, of Centre county, Pa. In this union there were, born six children, four of them are now living, and present, to follow their father to his last resting place. His wife, Rebecca, died in Union Star, Tuesday March 8, 1904, April 25, 1907, he united in marriage to Mrs. Nancy Kelley, of St. Joseph, Mo. Six sisters deeply mourn for him, namely: Mrs. J. Fidler, at Coburn; Mrs. Margaret H. Rote, Curwensville; Mrs. Ellen C. Shuey, of Linden Hall; Mrs. Julia A. Brungart, New York City; Mrs. Alice J. Myers, of Boalsburg, Pa. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow for their only brother.

**MRS. HELENA DALE**—wife of George Dale died suddenly at her home at Dale's Summit, on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. She had been ill for about eight weeks with heart trouble. Helena Musser was born at Penn Hall on February 21, 1830, making her age 78 years, 2 months and 13 days. On December 27, 1855, she was married to George Dale, at Lewistown, Pa. On April 1, 1856, the spring after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Dale moved on the farm, at Dale Summit, where they have since resided and enjoyed a peaceful and happy life. On December 27, 1905, they held their golden wedding at the home where they went to housekeeping. Mrs. Dale was a member of the Lutheran church and was well known throughout the community in which she lived. She was a woman who had endeared herself to many by her kind disposition and respect for others and her death is cause of mourning for all who knew her. Besides the husband the following children also survive: H. C. Dale, cashier of the Rushville, Neb., National bank; Blanche, married to F. W. Musser, Bellefonte; John S., and William Dale, Dale Summit (State College); and Lillie, at home. The following brothers also survive, Daniel Musser, Orangeville, Ill.; Michael Musser, Rushville, Neb.; William Musser and Benjamin Musser, Jewel City, Kan.; and Charles Musser, Pearl City, Ill. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. I. J. Stonecypher, pastor of the Lutheran church. Interment was made in the Shiloh cemetery.

### Reformed Classes.

The fifty-second annual convention of the West Susquehanna class will meet in the St. John's Reformed church, at Coburn, May 6-8.

## MORE ABOUT THE KING SPLIT LOG DRAG

Remarkable Results From its use in Lycoming County.

## IS BETTER THAN A MACHINE

Strongly Endorsed by Col. John A. Woodward—Used one in Howard Twp. Recently—Supervisors Should Adopt it.

The article published in our last issue relative to the split log drag for improving and maintaining our clay roads elicited much favorable comment from many of our readers, and we look forward to seeing a number of experiments made in our section this season at this time of the year we expect to see frequent rains and soft muddy roads just in the proper condition to begin effective work with the drag.

We would like to hear from any supervisor who may take up this idea and give it a fair test. This week we received an interesting letter from Hon. John A. Woodward, of Howard, who is an advocate of good roads, and an enthusiast upon the advantages of using the "King Split-Log Drag" on earth roads. Read what he says:

### STRONG ENDORSEMENT.

HOWARD, PA., APRIL 30, 1908.

EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT:—My long and active interest in public road improvement is stimulated and enlarged by your extended and intelligent treatment of an important and special phase of the subject in to-day's issue.

The impulse recently given to the movement for State and County roads will eventually work out that side of the problem all right, but with all the official and association expenditure of energy and money that it may be possible to centre upon these, it will be very long before the old "mud road" terror, even upon lines most traveled, will be entirely eliminated, and in the lanes, by ways and back roads, will continue indefinitely unless special attention is given them by local authorities.

And here is where the King Drag comes in with its minimum of cost, both in construction and in use, and its maximum of effectiveness. It costs so little that the poorest road district can easily afford a half dozen of them, and any ordinary farm team with an intelligent driver will easily handle it and make it efficient after a half-day's use.

Too much should not be expected of it. It cannot make a macadam road any more than a bicycle can draw a railroad train, but it will do its own appointed work in its own excellent way, quite as well as either the bicycle or the locomotive can do theirs. It will not crush stone nor roll them down, nor will it work on a road which has been stoned either wholly or in part, but on a dirt road, whether it be clay, shale, loam, sand, slate or fine gravel, it will make a better road with it. Then I made the steel shoe—an old iron wagon tire—the whole length of the front slab. However, these differences in detail are not essential, and though I think them desirable I want to quote right here, for the purpose of emphasizing it, one of Mr. King's most pregnant sentences: *Never forget that the poorest drag used in the poorest manner by a man who wants to learn, will surely improve the highway.*

I found the drag somewhat inconvenient to transport from place to place, so I took an axe and rounded one end on the top side of each slab, making an upside down sled of it. Turn it over, put a small chain around the front rung and there you are. Runs from place to place with ease and makes a pretty fair substitute for a plow sled if need be.

I do not believe there is a road district in Centre county in which there is not enough "mud road" to make the cost of one or more of these "King Drags" the best expenditure the township ever made in the direction of road improvement, and I would like to make this suggestion to progressive supervisors:

After a careful investigation of conditions have as many of them made as in your judgment will be useful, and place them in the hands of public-spirited farmers who live near and drive the mud roads to which these implements are adapted, and suggest to the farmers that they make roads for a few hours after each rain, while the roads are just dry enough to work well and the farm land is yet too wet to plow. Then, let me suggest to you, Mr. Editor, that you constitute yourself a road improvement missionary and provide the supervisor of each township who will apply for them and pay the postage upon them, a few slips printed from last week's issue of the Democrat containing the whole of the road article, cut and all, which they may distribute to these same public spirited farmers, who will gladly make the experiment of using the drag for their own benefit.

Yours for road improvement  
JOHN A. WOODWARD.

## THE SPLIT LOG DRAG.

A Few Points in Economy in its Use on Roads.

The "split log drags" for improving roads have one great fault. They only cost about three dollars and eighty-five cents. The method for operating them is for a man to hitch his team to one, place a loose board across the top of the drag, mount it to hold it steady, and drag it along one side of the road in his two mile district, cross over and drag it back on the other side. From the time of hitching up and starting to getting the team back in the barn, it ought to take about two hours. This should be done after every hard rain or when the roads are real muddy. A regular "road scraper" has several advantages over the split log drag. They cost seven or eight hundred dollars. To run one it takes a boss to go along and see that the work is not done too rapidly. Then it takes a good man to manage the machine who stays on the wheel and socks the plow point up or down, whichever way he thinks will change the appearance of the surface most. Then another man stands on the front of the machine and drives the wheel team. Two other teams, six horses in all, are hitched to the thing, and each has a driver. Trailing along behind come five or six other men who are out of any other kind of employment, and who have consented to occupy a place on the corporation pay roll at \$1.75 a day. To sum it all up, a regular road machine will cost \$800 and at least \$20 a day to run it. It will tear up the ground and kill all the shade trees that it gets near it. A split log drag will cost less than five dollars, and one man and a team can operate it at a cost of about three dollars a day. If the split log drag was run six days in a week the cost would not equal the cost of the regular road machine for one day. And those who have watched the operations of the two say that for ordinary dirt roads the split log drag beats the machine in the first round. We have watched the roads in this section getting worse and worse for a good many years, and we are convinced that there is something wrong with the system. The split log drags do not cost much. Why not at least investigate? Who will be the first in Centre county to put it to a test?—Ex.

### Hard as Adamant.

The following little extract is clipped from Monday's Williamsport Gazette & Bulletin: "P. B. Shaw and S. V. Brown made a tour of inspection by auto on Tuesday of some of the roads of Lycoming county."

"In talking about the ride after their return Mr. Shaw said that they found a stretch in Eldred township that is absolutely better than the best drive in Lycoming county. The road is a revelation to any one who will take the trouble of driving over this road. It is perfect, as hard as adamant, smooth and clean, and reflects credit on the gentlemen whose intelligence and skill have brought it up to such a state of perfection."

"There is a rapid growth of sentiment throughout the county which is sure to be prolific of results. The Good Roads Association has started the movement, the farmers and all others who use the roads are being aroused to action, and this means that Lycoming county will soon be the garden spot of the State for perfect highways. Mr. Shaw says with a little effort Lycoming can beat Lancaster or Clinton county, already noted for their fine highways."

### Cost Per Mile Per Year.

Cost, the dollars and cents view of is always important. The care of the road with a split-log drag is not only the best method.

Mr. J. M. Smith, of Brookfield, Mo., says: "I have been dragging the road with a cheap drag for two years. I kept close tab on my time and found that it required 33 hours work for one team and man to care for three miles of road for one year. The road gets harder, smoother and higher all the time."

In Ray county, Missouri, a stretch of road was hired dragged. The cost was \$1.66 2/3 per mile for the year.

Sac county, Iowa, dragged 28 miles in 1904. Kept it like a race track. Cost, \$2.40 per mile for the year.

### The Reunion of Elks.

The annual state reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be held in Scranton on May 12, 13 and 14; and plans are rapidly being made for the visiting Elks and their wives. The Women's auxiliary of the Scranton lodge are preparing to entertain the feminine delegations who visit the city at that time. One of the big events of the week will be the ball and reception in the Thirteenth regiment armory.

### Shaeffer-Hazel Reunion.

The fifth annual Shaeffer-Hazel reunion will be held at Grange park, Centre Hall, June 11th, next. This organization has made a grand success of its former reunions, and this year's gathering will excel any former reunion of these people, to which all relatives and friends are cordially invited.

### Mrs. Rentschler Ill.

Mrs. M. J. Rentschler, of State College, who in company with her husband has been in Gottingen, Germany, since last commencement, has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis. If their present plans are not disarranged Mr. and Mrs. Rentschler and son expect to sail for New York on Aug. 2.

### Credit Given.

All persons who remitted on subscription during the month of April will find proper credit given by a change of date on the label with this issue. Look at it now, and in case of an error notify us at once.

The annual convention of the county Sunday School association will be held in the State College M. E. church on May 19 and 20.

## OUR MERCHANTS WERE EASILY DUPED

Two Clever Fakers Collect a Nice Sum of Money.

## OPERATED IN OTHER TOWNS

Pretend to be Opposing the Mercantile Tax-Law—Proved a Popular Plea—Their Stay Was Brief but Profitable.

Last week just as we were closing up our forms to go to press, we learned of a clever trick which cost our merchants a considerable sum of money to learn its secret, and now they are feeling like getting a little boy, like Johnny Folk, to kick them up and down jail hill a couple of times for being so easy. Tuesday evening two young men arrived in Bellefonte and registered at the Brockerhoff House as H. J. Limeburner and C. W. Dickenshede, of Philadelphia. Both were smooth talkers, especially the latter gentleman who did most of the talking. Wednesday morning they started out among our merchants with a very plausible story, but if they had put on their thinking caps for a moment they might have discovered a "nigger" in the wood pile. Dickenshede claimed that he was vice president of the "Business Men's Association of Pennsylvania" whose object was to have the mercantile tax law repealed which had become a burden to the merchants throughout the state. He stated that one million and a quarter dollars were collected each year, and after the commissioners and advertising had been paid, only \$20,000 was turned into the state treasury. He said they proposed stopping this graft, and after finishing his little song and dance a petition was presented to the merchant to sign. The next thing the merchant had a subscription book pushed under his nose and asked to subscribe two to five dollars which would be used in defraying expenses in getting the repeal act through the legislature. As easy as ducks going to water our merchants pulled out their good elegant cash and forked it over to entire strangers. It is said they secured between \$200 and \$300. This was only the result of about three hours work in the morning, and in the afternoon they skiddooed to new fields of labor.

After they had gone our merchants began to wake up to the fact that they had been probably stung. On Tuesday the same fellows were in Lock Haven and in a few hours cleaned up about \$300 in a couple hours and then disappeared as suddenly as they appeared. It is claimed that they worked Tyrone and Altoona in the same way. They are moving westward through the state, and if they are swindlers and fakers they should be placed behind the prison bars. It is said that a fellow's hind thoughts are often better than his forthoughts, so instead of our merchants biting as trout to a new bait and being worked by strangers to the extent of several hundred dollars all that they would have needed to have done was think a little bit; then petitioned the members of the legislature from Centre county to vote for the repeal of the mercantile tax law. But P. T. Barnum, the great showman, told the truth when he said, "The American people like to be humbugged."

### State Commencement.

The board of trustees and faculty of the Pennsylvania State College are planning to make the 1908 commencement one that will eclipse all others. It is the intention to dispense with much of the class work and routine exercises, make it somewhat a reunion of former students and especially those who have interested themselves in the future welfare of the college. The most notable and elaborate part of the commencement exercises will be the installation of the new president Dr. Edwin Earle Sparks. Many prominent men such as Andrew Carnegie, Charles M. Schwab, Gilbert White and a number of college presidents will be invited, some of whom have already signified their intention of being present.

### Fisherman Missing.

Thursday Clark Chase, son of postmaster Chase, of Clearfield, went on a fishing expedition, stating he would return either Friday night or Saturday morning. Failing to put in appearance Saturday afternoon his wife and parents became alarmed and soon one hundred men in Clearfield formed a searching party who have been out in the woods searching for the lost man. Tuesday morning a knife belonging to Mr. Chase was found along Lick Run, but no further trace of the missing man has yet been found. It is feared that something serious has happened, or that he has become lost in the dense underbrush in the section where he was thought to have been fishing.

### Sheatz Takes Oath.

John O. Sheatz Tuesday at noon take the oath of office as state treasurer for the term of two years, succeeding William H. Berry. The induction of Mr. Sheatz was without any ceremony except the administration of the oath. Mr. Sheatz will personally direct the affairs of the department. He has named six new attaches of the department. Joseph P. Gates, of Bedford, being the new cashier, succeeding B. F. Measey, of Ridley Park.

### Invalid Burns to Death.

At Millburg, Miss Estella Herr was accidentally burned to death at a lime kiln. Miss Herr, suffering from a violent nervous ailment, had long been under the constant surveillance of watchers. But some time Wednesday night she got out of the house unobserved. It is presumed that because of the cold air she sought the warmth of a nearby lime kiln. There her clothing caught fire, and when she was found she had burned to death.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

The luck that seems to come easiest is hard luck.

**WEALTH AND MARLBLES.**  
"Why get together any more money?" asked a friend of the late Russell Sage. "You can't eat it. You can't drink it. What good will it do you?"  
"Ever play marbles?" Uncle Russell asked.  
"Yes, when I was a boy."  
"Couldn't eat 'em, could you? Couldn't drink 'em, could you? No use to you, were they? What did you play marbles for?"

### WEDDINGS.

**FLECKENSTEIN—SHEEHAN.**  
Robert J. Fleckenstein, President of the Phillipsburg Brewing Co., has just taken to himself a bride in the person of Miss Minnie Eleanor Sheehan, a very estimable young lady of Punxsutawney; after the honeymoon they will be at home at Phillipsburg.

**HAINES—SCHRECK.**  
Harry Haines, of Bellefonte, and Miss Emma Schreck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Schreck, of Meadville, were united in marriage at the rectory of the Immaculate Conception, Lock Haven, Saturday evening, by Rev. Father J. N. Codori. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few personal friends. The bride formerly had charge of the Theatrum in Bellefonte.

### MEYERS—PAUL.

Claude E. Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Myers, of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, and Miss Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Paul, of Liberty township, Centre county, were married at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening of last week, at 7 o'clock, by the Rev. W. H. Patterson, pastor of the Disciple church. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends of the contracting parties.

### WIGTON—PASSMORE.

Mr. Samuel H. Wigton and Miss Mary Passmore, both of Phillipsburg, were married in the St. Paul's P. E. church in that place Thursday evening at 6.30 o'clock by Rev. Franklin T. Eastment. The bride is the pretty and accomplished daughter of James Passmore, and the groom is employed in the Union Petroleum Co's. office in that place. After a wedding tour to eastern cities the couple will return to Phillipsburg and take up housekeeping. The groom is well known in Bellefonte and his friends here wish him and his fair bride much happiness.

### ROOT—RICHTER.

A wedding of more than passing interest to the people of Centre county was that of Eugene Root, son of Edward W. Root, of Bellwood, Blair county, and Miss Elsie Richter, of Cumberland, Md. The ceremony was performed in Tucson, Arizona, where the bridegroom is employed, and whither the bride journeyed to meet him. Mr. Root has many relatives in Centre county. His mother was a Miss Idings, formerly of Unionville and Halfmoon township, and is a nephew of Mrs. B. W. Rumberger, of Hubersburg. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College class of 1907, in the civil engineering course, and is now holding a good position in his profession in Arizona.

### Sons of Veterans Assemble in June.

The twenty-eighth annual encampment of the Pennsylvania Division of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be held at Williamsport during the week beginning on June 8. The camp will open on Sunday, June 7, in the afternoon, with religious services, conducted by Chaplain Kelley, Camp No. 44, of that place. On Tuesday afternoon the sham battle takes place, in which several thousand of the reserves will participate, as well as the four companies of N. G. P. located at Williamsport. Twenty thousand rounds of shell will be used. On Tuesday afternoon the parade will start and the route covers all the principal streets of the city. Five hundred tents will be pitched on the camp grounds for the use of the use of the Sons of Veterans. Besides the numerous bands, there will be at least 3000 men and 150 horses in the line of parade, which will make it a spectacle equal to the sham battle on Tuesday afternoon.

### Spectacular Religion.

Mayor Isaac Smith of Bromide Oklahoma, swore in to additional police officers Tuesday, two preserve the peace. A band of "Holy Rollers" landed in that town last night and took possession next morning of several springs without regard to common usage and the ordinance of the new town. The "happy band of religionists," as they call themselves, proceeded to make the new town hideous by their loud acclaim and the beating of drums and the tooting of brass horns. They actually removed their clothes and waded into Bromide spring, which had recently been enlarged and made several feet deeper. Five buxom young women horrified the residents of the town by disrobing and wading out into the cold spring water, singing and praying all the while at the top of their voices.

### A Roosevelt Stamped.

A small political bomb was exploded in Pittsburg when Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, the President's son-in-law, in an interview let drop the thought that perhaps Mr. Roosevelt might not refuse a re-nomination if the National convention stamped to him. When asked "Is there any chance that Mr. Roosevelt may be the nominee of the Republican party at Chicago?" Mr. Longworth replied: "All I know is that the President is undoubtedly sincere in his declaration that he does not wish to run again. He is sincere in this, as in everything else he says or does. If the Chicago convention stamped to him, though, I do not know what his attitude will be, but I am sure that if he has his way he will not be the Republican nominee."