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## DEMOCRACY IN THE PAST BETRAYED

DON'T BE DECEIVED BY FALSE CRIES FOR HARMONY.

## MUST CLEAN HOUSE SOMETIME

Every True Democrat Must Meet the Issue and Make His Choice—Meaning of the Coming Primaries—Issue Is Up to the People.

"Pennsylvania Democrats who are united in the movement to purge the party in our State of its malign and destructive influences will not temporize or compromise with their adversaries upon the basis of a joint support of Governor Woodrow Wilson, nor upon any other basis. We will carry the fight right up to the primaries and let the people register their verdict upon the issues that have been made."

This declaration by Representative A. Mitchell Palmer puts an end to the rumor that the Guffeyites and the organizers in Pennsylvania's Democracy might patch up their differences with Woodrow Wilson acting as arbiter and pacifier.

"I have heard from time to time rumors emanating from goodness knows where that those who are demanding reorganization of Pennsylvania's Democracy are ready to cry quits and to enter into a harmony pact with the men who have sent the party into the ditch year after year. I deny the truth of these absurd statements.

Will Fight to the Finish. "The simple truth is that this fight must go on to the end. We would be traitors to our fellow-Democrats throughout the State if we stopped now. We would be regarded, and that justly, as men who sold out a righteous cause.

"The time has not come, and it never will come, when we should make terms that involve the abandonment of the principles for which we are contending. These principles are summarized in that of right representation for the Democracy of the State. We insist that Democracy in the past has been betrayed, sold out like so much merchandise, bargained with and traded for jobs and cash.

"Wilson has absolutely nothing to do with this issue. It is an internal affair and one that concerns only the Democrats of Pennsylvania. We must clean house some time. To our way of thinking, the accepted time has arrived and the people will do the sweeping at the April primaries."

The following able editorial from the Harrisburg Patriot states the issue.

The Democratic party in Pennsylvania was never in better condition than it is now. It was never a better organized, more harmonious, stronger militant force than it is now. It was never more hopeful, more enthusiastic, more united in purpose in the cause of decent politics and capable, honest government than it is today. The only discordant notes that are heard are cries for "harmony" from men who don't want harmony, but want discord among the Democrats of this State.

"Every cry for 'harmony' that is heard can be traced directly to Penrose and his Guffey-Hall-Donnelly-Ryan-Dewalt-Mulvihill annex and its agents. The harmony they want is of the kind that existed for years between Penrose and the Democratic organization when Penrose and his annex controlled it. It is the kind of harmony that exists between the spider and the fly after the spider has the fly entangled in his web.

"The men who are crying 'harmony, harmony, harmony' are the organizers, the same men and their agents whose treachery to party principles and betrayal of the party's interests, brought about the revolution last year which rid the party of their selfish, dishonest and ruinous control. Sincere Democrats would like to see all men who call themselves Democrats, unselfishly and faithfully supporting the party and its principles, just as they would like to see Penrose, McNichol, the Vares and the rest of the gang, repent and reform, but to urge harmony now between the enthusiastic, solidified and harmonious Democratic hosts of Pennsylvania, and the men who composed and controlled the Penrose annex, is just as absurd as it would be to recommend harmony between the reorganized, reunited, revived and inspired Democracy and the impotent and unreformed Penrose, McNichol and Vares.

"The harmony that exists among the real Democrats of Pennsylvania was proved by the overwhelming vote of the State Central Committee last July in confirming the reorganization that had been effected in March. It has been in evidence, with steadily increasing force, in every part of the State since then, and it will be again proclaimed, and unmistakably, at the primaries in April."

## CORRUPT DEALS.

We had a fine object lesson of the Guffey-Hall-Penrose annex in the last session of the Legislature. When Senator J. K. P. Hall wanted a soft place on Capitol Hill for his henchman, George W. A. McDonald, of Lock Haven, a member of the old Democratic State Executive Committee, all he had to do was to say so to McNichol, Salus and other Republican gang Senators and George Washington Asbestos McDonald, his political beeler, was awarded a fat job in the Republican camp, because he was a pliant tool of Guffey and Hall.

Later in the session when McNichol, Salus and the other gang Senators from Philadelphia, wanted to defeat the confirmation of Governor Stuart's appointment of a true Democrat as a member of the Board of Registration Commissioners of Philadelphia who had served one term with great efficiency and credit, all they had to do was to pass the word to Hall and he led the fight against the confirmation, so that a henchman of McNichol, Salus, and Donnelly and Ryan, a pretended Democrat, might be put in the place to please Penrose.

It is the Brenness and the Halls, and the McDonalds, and the Donnel-

lys and the Ryans (not in Allegheny and Philadelphia only, but in many other counties) that, having rejected State Chairman Guthrie's offer of a joint convention made up only of delegates holding certificates of election, are trying to get back into power by means of a technical court ruling.

At the primaries in April it will be decided whether the Brenness, the Ritters, the Halls, the Donnellys, the Ryans, the Guffeys, the Dewalts, and the Mulvihills and their tools of the Monday type out number in Pennsylvania the decent, incorruptible men who are Democrats from principle and not for spoils.

Can there be any doubt of the result if the decent citizenship are aroused to a sense of their duty? We do not fear the result.

## NON-COMMITTAL CANDIDATE.

Wants to Go to the Democratic National Convention.

Among the political pilgrims to this part of the past week was T. E. Costella, of Bradford, Pa., who was interviewing the democratic voters of this section in behalf of William Hanley, of Bradford, who is candidate for delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore, from this congressional district. Mr. Hanley's announcement will be found in another column of this paper and, as there will be two delegates and two alternates from this congressional district he would like to be one of the delegates.

From Mr. Costella we learned that Mr. Hanley was a prominent business man of that city who had large interests in the oil business, and was one of the foremost citizens of that community. As to his position on certain issues he could only assure us that Mr. Hanley favored the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for President. In reply to the question as to whether Mr. Hanley would co-operate with the Guffey-Hall-Donnelly-Ryan brand of Pennsylvania Democracy if elected, Mr. Costella was quite evasive by saying they favored a compromise or harmony, but did not answer the direct question. By his conversation we interpreted that Costella was not in very strong sympathy with the reorganization movement in this state section of the party from the kaffey crowd. While here Costella's confidential associations were with those who are tied up with the Guffey brand of Democracy and we feel safe in classifying him as a "standpatter." Mr. Costella informed us that Mr. Hanley would be here later to personally interview our people; in that case it will give all an opportunity to inquire from Mr. Hanley as to how he stands on these issues that confront all democratic voters. If he is a Guffeyite he will not be ashamed to frankly state where he stands; if he favors the re-organization of the democratic party with a new set of leaders, there are several thousand democrats in Centre county who will be glad to make his acquaintance and give him their loyal support.

When Mr. Hanley ordered his announcement we submitted a few questions on this point and offered him the free use of this paper to tell our readers where he stood on the Guffey issue; thus far he has not taken advantage of our offer. We propose to interrogate every candidate for delegate to the state and national conventions that our readers will want to know what they stand for; and any man who will not frankly come out in the open and make his position clear should not be worthy of any man's support at the primaries.

A vote this year should not be considered as a favor to any man, but a vote of men. Instead, the voter should commission the candidate to represent the voter in the state and national conventions. Don't let the politicians pull the wool over your eyes.

## FROM WINNEPEG.

Editor Democrat: I left Bellefonte in January to take a month's course in Poultry Husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont. While I was at Guelph I accepted an offer of a position at the Manitoba Agricultural College. So last week I came to Winnepeg to take the position as foreman on the college poultry plant. I like my work and the people I have met and the country. I think the poultry industry offers excellent opportunities to young men today. It is the one great business which is not over-crowded and never will be. Hoping to receive my first copy of your paper soon, I beg to remain, as ever, your truly, Respectfully yours, GIRARD ALTENDERFER, In care of Poultry Dept. Manitoba Agri. College, Winnepeg, Man.

Married 57 Years. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons Mussina quietly celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Tuesday and are receiving the congratulations of friends. This aged couple, who are two of Lock Haven's pioneer residents, are enjoying good health and bid fair to live to celebrate quite a few more wedding anniversaries. Mr. Mussina on Saturday next will celebrate his 86th birthday anniversary.—L. H. Democrat.

Mr. Mussina was a native of Aaronsburg, son of the once well-known squire H. H. Mussina. He was a printer in his earlier years.

Banquet Tonight. The Ex-Sheriff's association of Centre county (which includes the ex-deputy sheriffs as well) hold their annual reunion and banquet at the Country club this Thursday evening. This is in acceptance of an invitation extended the association by Mr. L. T. Munson, who is also a member.

Cut Electric Rates in Two. The turning on of the current by the new Raystown Water Power company has caused a crash of electrical rates in Huntingdon, and the Penn Central company last week announced that it would furnish current at three cents a kilowatt, half of its former rate.

New Banking House. At a meeting of the directors of the Mill Hall State bank held last Thursday afternoon, nearly all of the directors were present. The bank stock has all been taken and the directors are now looking forward to the opening of the bank about March 1.

## A BAD MIX-UP OVER A LOAD OF HAY

A GENERAL SMASH OF DISHES AND FACES.

## BURDINE BUTLER DISFIGURED

Has His Assailant Arrested for Assault and Battery—Could not Appear at Hearing Owing to Injuries—Was Fast and Furious.

The following article appeared in Tuesday's Lock Haven Express:

One morning recently, while seated around the breakfast table, Berdine Butler, at his home just this side of Howard, brought up the subject of a load of hay which apparently was a sore point with his wife's brother, William McAleeb, also at the table. McAleeb said he had heard enough about that load of hay, whereupon one word brought on another until buckwheat cakes and sausage were forgotten and McAleeb made a flying tackle at Berdine. Evidently, in the rush that followed, McAleeb tackled higher than the rules of football prescribe, for Berdine's upper extremities were badly battered, one eye being blackened and afterwards eclipsed by the swollen flesh and one ear was torn loose and he was otherwise bruised and blackened about the body. In the scrimmage the table was dislocated and dishes scattered pell-mell to the utter ruin of the breakfast, while furniture in general suffered. Berdine alleged, in information made before the justice of the Peace George W. Eaton in Blanchard, that McAleeb was the aggressor, and charged him with assault and battery and other things, as a result of which a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of the plaintiff's brother-in-law. McAleeb, and served by Constable William Corder, of Blanchard. The case was to have been heard Saturday afternoon, but was postponed because Mr. Butler could not get there at the time appointed because of his injuries or other good and sufficient reason. Berdine is an adept at the law as applied in the "lower courts" of squires and aldermen and this case he is trying before a new justice before whom he has not before had any chance to seek justice and redress for wrongs and injuries. Mr. Butler is one of the most widely known men in the Bald Eagle valley, and is getting along well in years.

## FAMOUS BEE TREE.

February the 4th was the thirtieth anniversary of the discovery of the famous bee tree by "Uncle" Bill McClarren at Ebenburg. On February 4th, 1881, the story goes, that McClarren called his trusty dogs Prince and Albert, and set them to hunt for the elusive 'coon. After a time Albert discovered a 'coon and then he and Prince chased the wandering nomad into his home tree. Uncle Bill then gathered leaves together and stuffed them in a hole in the trunk. He applied the same method to the hole and there was a nice fire, but very little smoke. The trapper discovered that up the tree about 10 feet was a hole which acted as a chimney allowing the leaves to burn very freely. Uncle Bill saw that another foot above this hole there was another aperture and he saw a couple of 'coons stick their heads out and look him over. Thereupon the trapper took his ax and chopped the tree down. The giant of the forest split as it struck the ground. There was a scattering of 'coons and Prince and Albert took after them. Above them, where the hole there was another hollow space, and this contained upward of 200,000 sleeping bees and a great mass of honey. The honey had been accumulating there for years and there must have been 600 pounds of it. At that time honey was not considered very high class, and so Mr. McClarren had to give it away, but he kept it until today he might have got 15 cents a pound for it, or about \$198.

## CHARTERS GRANTED.

Among charters granted at Harrisburg a few days ago, are the following Centre county concerns: Eagle Electric Company, Union township, Centre county, Bellefonte, capital, \$5,000; incorporators, J. W. Wrigley, A. W. Lee and A. J. Musser, Clearfield, Pa. The New Steam Company, Phillipsburg, capital, \$16,000; incorporators, C. H. and Annie C. Rowland and G. W. Ziegler, Phillipsburg, Pa. Morris Township and Coover Township Electric Light, Heat and Power companies, Phillipsburg, Centre county; capital of each, \$5,000; incorporators, C. H. Rowland, G. B. Sandford and Thomas A. Armstrong, Phillipsburg, Pa.

## Hospital Notes.

Operations: Miss Edna Zimmerman, Milesburg; Sarah Minnemyer, age 8, Coleville; Luther Smith, Bellefonte. Admitted for treatment: Fred Sourbelle, Mrs. Susan Martin, Mrs. Anna Derr, Mrs. Anna McMullen, and Mildred Haag, aged 1 year, of Bellefonte. Nurses on sick list: Minna E. Gersgenki and Mary O. Brake. Discharged: Mrs. Emma Bathurst, Curtin.

There are thirty patients now in the hospital. Phillipsburg Paper Sold. The Phillipsburg Ledger, owned and edited by Mrs. Anna V. Williams for many years, recently became the property of Harry Boulton, former chairman of the Clearfield Co. Republican organization, and Ralph Richards, of Houtzdale. Hereafter Mr. Richards will be managing editor with John P. Ruderger, who has been with the Ledger for four years as associate editor. The paper will support the Republican organization.

Capt. Fryberger's Stable Burned. A fire of unknown origin destroyed the large stable of Capt. C. T. Fryberger at Phillipsburg early Tuesday morning, entailing a loss of about \$1000, which there is a partial insurance. His two horses, cow and carriage were saved but a calf and the grain in the stable were burned.

## A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

The Mask Ball in the Armory Last Thursday Evening.

One of the most delightful social functions of the year was the Charity Ball at the Armory last Thursday evening. For the evening the committee in charge went to unusual pains and as a result the interest of the community was aroused, and the attendance was far beyond the anticipations of the promoters.

The room never was as tastefully decorated, the entire scheme being unique and original, while the attendance brought many people from the adjoining towns in this section—combining to make it a success in every sense of the word. Owing to the rare taste shown in the decorations and the costume we will go into some detail.

The interior of the armory was decorated to represent an Italian garden. Six white corinthian pillars crowned with evergreen foliage, were placed on the floor to form a circle, while from the rafters hung baskets filled with red porcellanias and green foliage. The walls were banked with evergreen and spruce trees as a background to the garden.

The grand march was led by Edmond Blanchard and five heralds, who entered from doors on either side of the stage, and passing between two of the pillars, down the center of the room, formed several effective figures.

The maskers represented: Six English heralds of the Elizabethan period carrying gilded trumpets and banners. Following them were eight characters from "Alice in Wonderland," to-wit: The Red and White "Queen," "The Duchess," "Alice," "The Hat," "The Rabbit," "The Fish," "The Caterpillar."

Among other maskers the following were noted: Three Buster Browns, an Irish clown, Dutch girls, Swiss peasant Indians, Gypsies, several foreign officers, colonial maidens, a Pironette, a bride of the year 1820, an Eskimo, a Chinese Mandarin, etc.

The ball was given under the direction of the Woman's Club of Bellefonte. The proceeds will be about \$250, part of which we are informed will be used by the club in their work of beautifying the town. The committee was composed of the following: Miss Mary Meek, Miss Elizabeth Blanchard, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. John Lyon, Miss Mary Blanchard, who were assisted by other members of the club.

## COURT NOTES.

The following brief items are taken from opinions filed by Judge Orvis on Saturday.

On the September term John Parn, John George, and Steve Bassetta were convicted of aggravated assault; Mike Bosen prosecutor. The parties are from Snow Shoe. Later a new trial was granted. On Saturday the court held a preliminary hearing on the former case.

Geo. Page, the young man arrested for forging checks on Harry Yeaser, Sim Baum, A. Fauble, A. C. Mingle, and Potter-Hoy Co., appeared before the court, awaiting the reading of the grand jury, and plead guilty. On the charge of forgery brought by H. C. Yeaser he was sent to the Huntingdon Reformatory. Sentence was suspended on the other counts. On Monday Sheriff Lebeck escorted the young man to Huntingdon.

In the case of the Boalsburg Water Company vs. the State College Water Company, in which a preliminary injunction had issued last December, on Saturday the court made a final decree in which the preliminary injunction was made perpetual. This case will be appealed to the higher courts this spring.

## ALL LICENSES GRANTED.

For some time numerous hotel men throughout the county were on the anxious bench, owing to the court withholding decision on the application for liquor license. As some places in the county had been a little careless about the dispensing of liquor, in the past, it naturally was concluded that the same were undergoing investigation. Just what they were, and how many, we have no direct information. Evidently the court has been fully satisfied that certain abuses will be checked and a stricter compliance with the law will prevail in the future.

All the applications were granted, which means that Centre county will have no new liquor licenses, and will be the same number as last year. As a rule liquor license houses in Centre county are conducted in a more orderly manner than in most places, and as long as the law of the state are not amended, these places can expect to retain the privilege if they conduct their houses properly.

Real Estate Deal Closed. All formalities were gone through with Wednesday by which O. Edward Haupt and T. Clayton Brown of this place, became the real owners of the 90 acres of land on Halfmoon Hill, the young men having held an option on the same for the past six weeks. The deal is a large and weighty one, and if the optimistic views of the promoters are half realized there is going to be some "dealings in dirt" in that section of Bellefonte in the near future. They are now ready to sell you a lot from \$100 up—either in price or altitude. The new addition will be known as "Halfmoon Terrace" and is one of the healthiest and most desirable places in Bellefonte to reside.

The boom is on! Sad Affliction. Mrs. Isaac Walters, of Lock Haven, is sadly afflicted. Five years ago her husband committed suicide and a few days ago a son, 21 years old, took the same gun and killed himself, presumably because he had told his mother a lie about his wages. An older son, her main support, is just recovering from a long siege of typhoid fever and pneumonia. A grand-daughter is critically ill of scarlet fever. A daughter whose 17-year-old son was scalded to death on Christmas is lying at the point of death.

Shaffer's Hardware Store in Bellefonte, sells the well known Burpee Garden seeds. They are known as the seeds that grow.

## 5 KILLED, 67 HURT IN PENNSY WRECK

LIMITED DERAILED AT WARRIOR RIDGE, PA.

## THREE CARS WERE OVERTURNED

Were Hurled Down River Bank and All Steel Coaches Prevented Greater Loss of Life—On Bank of the Juniata.

The Pennsylvania Limited, east-bound, one of the fast Chicago-New York flyers, was wrecked at Warriors Ridge, four miles west of Huntingdon last Thursday.

A dining car and eight steel Pullman sleeping cars left the track and fell upon the river, passed over it, plunged down a thirty-foot embankment to the edge of the Juniata river. Of the 102 persons on board the train, 5 have died and sixty-seven injured, several of these seriously.

Of those hurt, all of whom are at the hospital at Huntingdon, is serious. The wreck was caused by the equalizing bar of the second of the two locomotives on the train breaking. It fell upon the track, and although the first car, a postal car, passed over it, the next a steel coach, was derailed. The locomotives and the postal car pulled free, the coach and the nine cars following it leaving the rails.

The dining coaches, each well filled, were hurled down the bank, and would have been much heavier. As it was the all-steel equipment of the train probably prevented greater loss of life. The cars held together and there was no splintered wood to wound or mangle the passengers.

Several of the coaches, turning over and over, rolled down the embankment towards the river. In their plunge they broke off the railroad's telephone poles like grass stems and actually cut the scene of the wreck from telegraphic communication. Immediately cries and groans arose from the overturned cars. Being all steel, they had not splintered, however, and most of the horrors of a big railroad smash were absent. Those who were injured had been hurled from their seats to the floors of the coaches or were caught and crushed in the wild fall down the embankment.

Nearby, practically the only building outside of shacks in sight, is the big pumping station of the Juniata Power Co. Men from there rushed to the aid of the wrecked train, and the single telephone wire was loaded with messages for help to Altoona, Huntingdon and Tyrone.

A relief train with doctors aboard was dispatched from Altoona, where twelve doctors were taken on at Tyrone. They found plenty for their hands to do when they reached Warrior Ridge.

On the relief trains that had brought the physicians and nurses the first of the injured were taken to the Huntingdon Memorial hospital, in Huntingdon, and an emergency call was sent out to every physician and surgeon in the town. Fourteen doctors, representing the entire medical staff of the place, responded by hurrying to the hospital equipped with instruments and remedies, well knowing that the institution would not be sufficiently supplied for the rush.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Buddinger, of Snow Shoe, were on the rear coach but escaped injury.

## PENNSY FLYERS IN HOODO.

Third Wreck Within a Week Occurs on Tuesday Morning.

The third serious accident to complete the hoodoo that has hovered over the fast Pennsylvania flyers running between Chicago and New York, occurred at 6:15 o'clock Tuesday morning when the crack 18-hour flyer between Manhattan and the middle west met its end on the Pennsylvania cars being shifted on the Pennsylvania tracks at Middletown, nine miles east of Harrisburg. Two firemen were injured and two engines and one of the coaches on the passenger train were badly wrecked.

On Thursday last Pennsylvania Limited No. 2 was wrecked at Warriors Ridge, near Huntingdon. Three persons were killed outright and three others have since died as the result of their injuries. Sixty-seven persons were hurt. On Saturday Pennsylvania Limited No. 5 ran into a work train near Fort Wayne, Ind., and four trainmen were killed and 10 others were badly hurt. Railroaders of a superstitious turn of mind have been looking for accident No. 3 and since it has come without loss of life they will now feel somewhat relieved. Up until the present chain of disasters the Pennsylvania railroad has enjoyed remarkable immunity from serious accidents to their fast trains running between New York and the middle west.

Store and Property Sold. This week W. A. Odenkirk was in town looking after the details of his purchase of the store property and the stock of goods at the Centre Hall station where Register Frank Smith had been in business for several years. The property had been purchased recently by Arthur Kilmort, who later sold to Mr. Odenkirk while the stock of merchandise was secured from Mr. Smith. Mr. Odenkirk is a native of Centre Hall, who for some years was the station agent on the Lewisburg railroad at Glenn Iron. He has a good stand and should be able to secure a good trade at that place.

Marriage Licenses. Wm. T. Bryant - - - Bellefonte  
Mary E. Flack - - - Bellefonte  
Geo. R. Borland - - - Pittsburg  
Evo. R. Mowery - - - Aaronsburg  
Jerome G. Harper - - - Bellefonte  
Lula M. Smith - - - Bellefonte  
Vernon G. Cowher - - - Bellefonte  
Mary Solt - - - Bellefonte  
Wm. W. Bickett - - - Snow Shoe  
Helen T. Hull - - - Bellefonte  
Jos. E. Thompson - - - Bellefonte  
Estella Brown - - - Bellefonte

Frank Fafko, of Snow Shoe, was admitted Monday morning as an operative patient in the Lock Haven hospital.

## LECTURE ON FORESTRY.

J. L. Harris Presented With a Fine Diamond Ring.

Friday evening a small audience assembled in the auditorium at the High school building to hear Hon. S. B. Elliott's lecture on the conservation of our forests.

The opening address was made by Prof. Fulton, of State College, who devoted his time to a discussion of the chestnut blight, the new disease that is causing so much destruction to our forest lands, and suggested various remedies.

He was followed by Mr. Elliott, who is a member of the State Forestry Commission and a man who, as an extensive lumber operator, has spent most of his life among our trees and forest lands. He was familiar with his subject and drew with much emphasis upon the rapid depletion of our forests by fire and reckless cutting of young trees. His talk was supplemented with illustrations by lantern slides, showing the barren areas in this state due to willful destruction.

He paid a high compliment to the work of J. Linn Harris, of Bellefonte, recently appointed a member of this commission, and announced that he had also been delegated to perform another pleasant function. That in order to show his appreciation of Mr. Harris' untiring efforts towards securing the new penitentiary near Bellefonte, the business men of the town by popular subscription had purchased a beautiful diamond ring which was presented to him for his successful termination of his efforts. Mr. Harris briefly responded to the compliment, but insisted that great credit was due others in that effort, in fact all who aided, but especially mentioned Col. W. Reynolds, Holt, F. Hunter and Henry C. Quigley, Esq.

## SCHOOL DAY PAPERS.

Davy McCloskey Was a Good Boy and Can Prove It. That well known old Centre coun-tian, David W. McCloskey, left some ancient papers with the Centre Democrat, dating to school days away back. We present to you some of the certificates of merit, with other details by Mr. McCloskey, now residing in Bellefonte, and who is a link between the past and present generations:

"Presented to David W. McCloskey, by his instructor, J. Shank, January 15th, 1846."  
"Presented to David W. McCloskey, by his instructor, J. Shank, April 3rd, 1846."  
"Presented to D. W. McCloskey, by R. A. Bathurst, instructor. (No date.)"  
"A New Year gift. A. D. 1856, to Mr. David McCloskey, by Jacob R. Leathers. (Inst.)"  
"Presented to David W. McCloskey, by Jacob R. Leathers, Feb. 18, 1848."  
All the above "Certificates of Merit," have printed on each an appropriate illustration, and go to show that when the venerable "Old Davy" McCloskey was "Sonny McCloskey," he was a truly good boy.

Hon. J. H. Orvis, Hon. Ira C. Mitchell, Fletcher Riddle, Lindsey Riddle and others were among his schoolmates at the Sand Hill school house, a log building near Howard, which, as known the three following are among the living: Jonathan Shank, Christopher Holter, and Andrew Boon, of Romola, who with Mr. McCloskey attended the school where the Shanks now hold their reunion, 1 mile above Howard.

## Birthday Party.

A delightful birthday party was held last Thursday evening, February 15th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Meyer, Lemont, it being in honor of Mr. Meyer's 53rd birthday anniversary. About 50 neighbors and friends were present. He was greatly surprised when he came home and found the room filled with guests. Those present were: James Osman and wife and daughter Helen, Frank Wasson and wife, Mary Rayne, Kyla, Mrs. Margory Boyer, Mrs. Julia Shuey and Sarah Eiters, Henry Eyer and wife, Daniel Weaver and wife, William Rishel and wife, John Shuey and wife and daughter Helen, Mrs. Alice Williams and grandchildren, Mary, James Lenker and wife and daughter Sarah, John Schreck and wife and daughter Madeline, George Nearhood and wife, Howard Boyer and wife and daughter Margory, Misses Mary and Hazel Rishel, Bertha and Grace Bud-ford, Ruth and Mary Rayne, Kyla, McClellan, Mary and Roxie Shuey; Forest Eyer, Oscar Rishel, Ephraim Klinger, Elliot Armstrong, Gilbert Boyer, Paul Shuey, Boyd Williams.

## Coasting Accident.

Last Saturday evening the young folks of Centre Hall, were enjoying the fine coasting on the mountain road leading into the town. They had the customary long bobbed coasters that will carry about a dozen persons. One of these sleds was coming down the road at a swift pace when it broke and threw coasters with considerable violence. Another large sled followed at a high speed and could not be stopped and ran into them. One of the unfortunate ones was Paul Shaffer, a young man of about 18 years, who was struck on his face and sustained a broken and dislocated jaw bone, and other injuries.

He was given medical attention, but his injuries were of such a serious nature that it was deemed advisable to remove him to the Bellefonte hospital for proper care, and on Monday his father, N. B. Shaffer, brought him to this place. None of the others on the broken sled received any serious injuries.

## Parents Are Both Dead.

Last week we mentioned in connection with the tragic death of Earl Beckwith at D. O. Downing's saw mill, that the young man was survived by his parents. We have since been requested to state that the parents have been dead for several years. The names of the parents were also omitted from the notice, which corrected should read as follows: Mrs. Cora Lawson, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Blanch Fink, of Hannah, and Mrs. Annie Riggleman, of near Tyrone.

The live stock sale of Harry A. McClellan, at Tusseyville, on Saturday will draw a large crowd as he has some very fine stock and a large variety.