

BRUSHVALLEY 50 YEARS AGO AND NOW

INTERESTING INSTALLMENT BY
W. R. BIERLY.

AMONG THE EARLY SETTLERS

In the Western End of the Valley—
The "Devils Race Course"—About
Elk Creek, and Another Poem in
Penns. German.

The old Jacob Wolf manor west of Rockville, one of the best plantations in the valley, was long owned by John Wolf and until his death. It was then bought by Joseph K. Meyer and after his demise it was sold to Will Rishel and it is now occupied by Arthur Cummings. One of the Wolfs sons was a minister and the other a professor in the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, until recently. The old Hubler farm west of the mill was owned for many years by John Meyer, the father of David Meyer-Centre Hall; Minerva Shook, Williamsport; Mary Bugbee Suck, Celia Eileen Powers, Bellefonte, and Joseph K. and Sarah, both deceased. After Mr. Meyer removed George Hubler, the grandson again bought it back into the family and now it is owned by Jacob Gephart. Clement Gramly owns the next farm west which once belonged to his father, Samuel Gramly the famed educator and surveyor. It was once owned by Christian Gast, later occupied by Samuel Huntington more than fifty years ago and then by John Harper, a public spirited citizen of that day. John Bierly's home is now owned by Ernest Stover. It belonged to Squire Reifsnyder, of Millheim, for a short period. But it is worthy of note that it was the birthplace of Lt. Wesley W. Bierly who was killed in the battle of Williamsburg in 1862. There were three Johns of the Bierly family, all cousins. This one was called "Buckshot Hons." After his maternal ancestor. The others were called "Horich Hons" and "Rother Hons." Both of the latter Johns lived and died in Tyersville. Schroyer's home at the gap so named, is now owned by C. A. Deobler. It was owned and occupied for many years by Christina Schroyer. Upon the south side of the big mountain which is the water shed between Fishing Creek and Elk Creek is a bare spot—not a tree or plant, but only rocks. The hunters, who up-wards of fifty years ago pursued deer and foxes over these rocks, called the place "The Devil's Race Course." At the end of the Narrows Pike was the Long manor which is now owned by Wallace Walker. For years it was the property of Emanuel Harter who was known far and wide as a dispenser of plain democratic hospitality. A part of the Foster plantation east was bought by Samuel Lose who erected buildings upon it. This farm now belongs to Titus Gramly, of Rising Springs.

Fable's Gap was so called when a German named Fable came from Lock Haven about 1860, and built a lager beer factory in the gap. Afterwards Solomon Kleckner moved there and improved it with industry. It is now owned by John N. Meyer. For a time the Frazier family, both noble souls, lived in the house in the gap. The Joseph Bierly farm is now owned by his widow Judith and sons Rev. Edwin and Prof. H. Elmer of the University at Chattanooga, Tenn. Long since it was the Nicholas Kaufman place and later Cook Long bought it for his son-in-law, Adam Boyer. Simon S. Wolf son of Paul owned it for a short period. The Tobias Bickel mill property passed to John Foster who kept a store which still stands but is used as a warehouse; Mr. Kline now owns it. Joseph K. Meyer bought the manor and mill from William Foster. Frank Foster, who was one of the heirs, moved to Millheim in the urban. The old mill is said to bear the marks upon the lime stone of which it is built where one of the powerful Bickel boys, when angry, attempted to dilapidate it with a young log. Those Bickels were said to be giants.

There is a warm spring in the mill dam that, in the coldest winter weather, sends forth a stream upon which ice never forms. Above the spring the dam is covered with ice in winter, but Elk Creek remains open for miles below. The creek below the dam is a trout stream; above only eels, catfish and suckers thrive.

Appended is a poem in the vernacular, which extols the glories of old Brushvalley, in the spring time, when hearts turn high to thoughts of love:

IM HECKDAHL.

Der Schnee ist fast Freijohr kummt, Un's ist ja warm schneit aber nicht, Die fröhlich Fessant so fein und feucht, Ein eweds greischt die Wipperwill, Der Eechhaas un des Fenssemiehl, Sie Hoopse rum un mache 'n Laerm; Hornaseul haue schun ihr Heisil; Die Eeme fliege rum bei Schwerm. Mer haert im Feld de Dodeleldau, Im Busch 'm Thrush sei freihlich Lied; Der Weide driebt schun grüne Laub, Die Kerschebeim sin weiss mit Bleed. Der Bauerhuh is draus im Feit, Mit Geil un Plug bal Dag un Nacht, Es schafft sehr hat für wenig Gelt, Doch is er froh, un singt un lacht, Die Meed, so heebsch wif Flettermelz, In grüne Wisse rum spaziere, Wann net ah Buwe he're waere. Die Maud un ich, 's is unsir Wahl, Zog geh noch unser eigne Bliez, Da scheene Bliez im Heckedahl, Bedeckt mit Moos un Violets. Mir such' selle grummre Pehd Wu haue de Ficks de Haase jage; Ach, 'wir ums jo zu arg verließ, Wann mer ken G'spash ebmols kennt hawke.

Mir schlippe durch de Hecke, weit, Trailing Arbutus drin zufinne; Un veil zu schnell geht rum de Zeit Dewell mer Blumme summe blinne. Mer dehte glichele welder lehnich Geh suchte die Erbree Bliez; Mer gingte ob so frisch un ehinch, Un dehte awer gar nix letz.

Mir picke giel de rothe Beere Un achte net wie sie befeckle; Un dudne wieder kareissere Im Schattu vun de dicke Hecke! Als wann mer neschl bei nanner sin, Guck ich in ihre bloe Aage, Un seh ah Sachet diet darf drin As sie zu blehd is mer zu sage. Ach, 's is mer doch en fremme G'sicht,

Dass wann als jusczt en Hummel brummt.

De Maud verscheckelt ihre G'sicht In mei zwee Aerm, so oft as'r kummt, Ich haeb sie fern, weil's mit G'sicht Biss dann der Hummel wieder geht; Ihr Hohr, dewell, schwetbt mer ins G'sicht.

So dick as wie wann's schnehee deht, Ach, ihre Leife sin so wohr, Gedute wilde Rose gleich;—

Un nergets wos sin in G'föhr So oft as wie in sellen Deich!

Die Maud hut Backe roht wie Blut,

Un hut en Schtimm wel'n Nachtigall Un ihre Kisses, wees ich gut, Sin Honig seens im Heckedahl.

A BIG VERDICT AGAINST PENNSY.

Beulah Coal Co., of Ramey, Was Awarded \$338,728.13.

The discrimination suit instituted by the Beulah Coal Co. of Ramey, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and which has been on trial in the courts of Clearfield county, after a hard-fought battle of about fifteen days, was brought to a close at 9 o'clock Friday morning when the jury brought in a verdict of \$338,728.13 against the Pennsy.

The case was given into the hands of the jury last Thursday at 11 o'clock. The trial occupied a longer period and the verdict was by far the largest of the kind in connection with any case ever tried in the courts of Clearfield county.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company will naturally appeal the case to the higher courts.

Mrs. Hackenberg's Body Recovered.

The body of Mrs. Hackenberg, wife of former State Senator William Hackenberg, of Milton, who committed suicide on the morning of January 23, was found yesterday floating in the river at a point opposite the Pennsylvania freight transfer about three and a half miles above Northumberland. It was identified by Henry H. Purdy, formerly of Williamsport, and word was at once sent to Mr. Hackenberg at his home in Milton.

Mrs. Hackenberg, who was about five years of age, had been ill for several weeks before her disappearance and arrangements had been made to take her to a sanitarium. At 5 o'clock on the morning of January 23 she left the house, clad only in a nightgown. It was a half hour later when she was missed and a search begun.

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War on "Turkey Trot."

"Altoona has declared war, genuine, downright, unequivocal war on the "turkey trot," says the Tribune. The opening gun of the battle campaign will be fired tonight, when at the beginning of a public dance to be held in Jaffa temple, Chestnut avenue and Seventh street, under the auspices of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, formal announcement will be made that the "turkey trot" and other wildcat dances will be strictly forbidden. This was stated last evening by one of the members of the committee in charge of the reception."—Altoona Tribune.

The Democrat would add, "The Turkey Trot is a discredit to any drunken set."

Old Enough to Retire.

Shem Spigelmyer, the veteran merchant of Millheim, has decided to retire from business. He is ninety-two years of age, but is still in good health. For over sixty years Mr. Spigelmyer was a traveling salesman and at the time of his retirement from the road had the distinction of being the oldest traveling salesman in the United States. For the last year and a half he has been conducting a news stand.

The above is the father of merchants of R. G. Spigelmyer, Bellefonte; Jerome Spigelmyer, Millheim; and Shem Spigelmyer, of Antis Fort, and is well known throughout the country.

Will Build New Bridge.

The steady increase in the traffic on the L. & T. railroad and the construction of more massive and powerful engines and rolling stock is a matter that has been giving the board of managers of the Lewisburg bridge company and those of the railroad some concern these days, and it is likely that during the coming summer months work of reconstructing the bridge will be started, and one of steel will replace the present wooden bridge. The traffic on the railroad has steadily increased until it has assumed such proportions that the old bridge shall be replaced with a more modern structure of steel.

Spring Mills Academy.

Monday, April 8, 1912, will be the opening of the Summer Normal school in Spring Mills Academy for a term of eight weeks. The purpose of the school will be to review thoroughly the so-called "common branches," and to lead students so they may find how to gain the mastery of things pertaining to their studies.

U. A. MOYER.

May Get the State Grange.

Williamsport, says the Sun, has an opportunity to secure the 1912 convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange, which meeting would bring to that city for several days at least two thousand visitors, representing one of the largest convention gatherings within recent years.

If horses are bred in Kentucky, where is rye bread?

OVER THE COUNTY.

Recent births in Centre Hall have been, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Witmer Meyer, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Walker.

Mrs. Annie Glenn, who was seriously hurt some time ago by the falling of a clock, while clerking in Budinger's store, is improving very slowly.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kins in Blanchard was made brighter Friday by the birth of the fourth daughter, adding to the majority over a single son in this family. Mrs. Kins is one of the partners of Kunes Bros. merchants in Blanchard.

Show Shoe Times: The mines in this locality are good just now. The greatest draw back is a shortage of "flats," steels' or cars, as the miners say. There are no indications of a prolonged shut down although there may be a few "off" days after April 1st.

The C. E. society of Centennial will hold a chicken and waffle supper at the home of H. B. Waite, March 29, 1912. Ice cream and cake will also be served. The price is not great; you may think it is awful, but come and enjoy a good waffle. By order of committee.

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After Non-Tax Payers.

Tax Collector John B. Hoffman, of South Phillipsburg, is getting after the single men for non-payment of taxes. He had Charles Katen arrested for failure to pay his 1910 taxes, and as had Charles before Squire Hawkins the young man was not only compelled to pay the taxes, amounting to \$2.35, but the costs as well, aggregating \$4.12, or a total of \$6.47.

OLD TIME CRUELTY.

One Time When Surgery Is Often Needless Torture.

Many operations for piles are simply needless torture, for when it's all over the piles come back.

The one fine way to be rid of piles for good is to use Dr. Leonhardt's HEMI-ROID. It cures piles by doing away with the cause—poor circulation.

\$1 for 24 days' treatment at Green's Pharmacy Co., Bellefonte, Pa. and all druggists. Satisfaction guaranteed. Dr. Leonhardt, Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y. Prop. Write for free booklet.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE

of Real Estate.

In the estate of Sarah A. Witherite, deceased.

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court, Centre County, made the 25th February, 1912, the undersigned administrator of the goods, chattels, etc. of the estate of Sarah A. Witherite, deceased, will offer at public sale or cut-try, on

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1912.

at 2 o'clock P. M. on the premises, in the Borough of Snow Shoe, the real estate bounded and described as follows:

"All that certain messuage tenement and lot of ground situate in the town of Snow Shoe, County and State aforesaid, known and called in the general name of said town as lot No. 61, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the corner of Fourth Street and an Alley, thence south forty-six degrees thirty minutes west, two hundred and twenty feet, thence south forty-five degrees thirty minutes east to a point on the corner of Fourth and Second Streets; thence north forty-three degrees thirty minutes west, sixty feet along Seyamo Street to a post; thence north forty-three degrees thirty minutes east, two hundred feet, thence on a line to a post, thence south forty-three degrees thirty minutes east, sixty feet along Alley to place of beginning."

Thereon erected a two-story frame DWELLING HOUSE.

and outbuildings.

TERMS OF SALE: The purchaser to pay upon day of sale \$100.00 and half of the one-half upon confirmation of sale and the remaining one-half in one year with interest to be secured by bond and mortgage upon the premises, providing if purchaser desires to pay cash he may have the privilege of so doing.

J. B. SHANKS, Administrator.

I. S. JOHNSTON, Attorney.