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DRAGGED TO DEATH THROUGH COLEVILLE

THE UNTIMELY FATE OF MILES GEORGE MILLER.

FEET TANGLED IN HARNESS

Frightened Horse Trails the Boy Through the Town With His Face on the Ground—Frightful Sight—Witnessed by Many.

Tuesday morning, at 7:15 o'clock, the citizens of Coleville were horrified to see a horse running at a high speed through the town dragging a young boy, whose legs were tangled in the harness, and in consequence his head and shoulders were dangling on the road at every leap. The animal came down the mountain road through Coleville and passed over the railroad bridge. William Cox, the drayman, was driving along the furnace road at the railroad shops, at the time, and when he saw the frightened animal coming towards him dragging the boy, he thoughtfully turned his conveyance in the road and succeeded in stopping the frightened animal. There was no evidence of life left in the body except a faint gasp and an occasional twitching of muscles. The boy's legs and hands were tangled in the flynets and harness. Nearly all the clothes were torn from the body except the shoes and stockings, and the face was so badly mangled that Mr. Cox could not recognize the unfortunate lad at first.

Many citizens of Coleville saw the frightful tragedy and soon a large crowd assembled on the road. The horse was known to most of them as a young four-year old animal that had been broken to drive, and was owned by S. K. Miller, who resides at the upper end of Coleville, then it was possible to identify the mangled features as Miles Jacob Miller, the ten-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Miller. The body was taken at once to Nagney's undertaking establishment where it was prepared for burial.

Mr. Miller is an employee of the American Lime & Stone Company, and has lived at the upper end of Coleville for a long time, where he has reared a family of twelve children, and all of whom are living, except this unfortunate one. Used to morning Miller harnessed the horse and left for his work, and later the boy went to the barn to hitch up the animal as he had often done heretofore. Before hitching up, the boy took the horse over towards Ammon Gramley's barn to give it water at the trough, and about half way across he met little William Gramley, who was driving the cattle. Young Miller is said to have been riding the animal, and some say that the Gramley boy playfully struck the horse with a whip, while others insist that the animal became frightened and started to run. There are various reports on this point. It ran towards the Coleville road and plunged through a wire fence when young Miller was thrown off and became entangled with his feet in the harness, and with head and shoulders dragging on the hard road. This naturally frightened the animal, and it ran down through the town, at every jump the boy's head bounding on the road, cutting through the trees in the face and skin and leaving a trail of blood through the town. The features of the face were mutilated and the scalp on the top of the forehead was scrapped off, while there were numerous deep gashes in the skull, which indicated that the boy was unconscious long before the animal was stopped.

The interment will take place in the Union cemetery this Thursday morning, Rev. C. W. Winey, of the U. B. church officiating.

Hospital Notes.

Operations—Mr. McKinley Osman, of State College; Miss Ella Neese, of Rock View; Mrs. Erie Condo, Jacksonville.

Admitted for treatment—Fred Libbet, Centre Hall.

Discharged—Jonas Stine, Buffalo Run; Mrs. Ella Houser, Linden Hall; Mrs. Massey Ammerman, Pleasant Gap.

There are twenty-nine patients now in the hospital.

(From last week.)

Operations—Mrs. Mary Doughman, Curtin; Mrs. Elizabeth McBlay, Bellefonte; Miss Elizabeth Bloom, State College; Mrs. Armilla Heberling, of State College; Mrs. Mary McClellan, Unionville; Mrs. Hattie Witmer, of Hunters Park.

Admitted for treatment—Geo. Morrison, Altoona; Miss Kate Bathurst, Curtin; Mrs. Della Lucas, Milesburg.

There are thirty patients now in the hospital.

Run Down by Car.

Hazel, the 12-year-old daughter of Samuel Aitman, of Chester Hill, while crossing the street near the corner of Front and Presquele at Phillipsburg, was knocked down by an automobile driven by Albert Smyers, Thursday afternoon. The front wheels of the car passed over the child's chest. She was hurried to the McClellan Sanitarium, where it was found two ribs were broken, the lungs injured and the ligaments of the neck torn. Later she was taken to her home, Dr. Harmon, who is attending her, recently reported her condition as improved.

Young Smyers, who is a son of Lawrence Smyers, the photographer, was driving without a license. He was arrested and given a hearing before Squire Warfel, who fined him \$10 and costs—Ledger.

Dale Reunion.

The Dale families of Centre county with their friends, will hold their annual reunion this year at Oak Hall on Saturday, August 3rd. This always proves a large and interesting gathering.

Special Trade Day in Bellefonte next Wednesday, July 17th. See inside pages for further announcement.

RECENT COURT DECISIONS.

A Number of Centre County Cases Disposed of by Judge Orvis.

During the past few weeks a number of decisions have been handed down by Judge Ellis L. Orvis, bearing on cases that have been tried out in our courts, and perhaps the most interesting one is that of Fryberger vs. Rocky, which had its beginning about eighteen years ago. The original litigants were the late George Campbell, of Milesburg, plaintiff, and William F. Rocky, the Tusseyville huckster, defendant. However, before the death of the plaintiff he assigned the case to his relative, Capt. C. T. Fryberger, of Phillipsburg. Suit was brought in 1894 by Mr. Campbell against Mr. Rocky for commission he alleged were due him for sales made by him as agent. Mr. Campbell claimed that he was working under contract, but this the defendant disputed. The case had been dragged through the courts at different times during the past eighteen years, and both the late Judge Fryberger and Judge Orvis, a number of lawyers who have since passed away, also figured prominently in the case, among them being Col. W. F. Reeder, J. C. Meyer and E. R. Chambers. Two masters also figured in the proceedings, the late John Rankin being the first and after his death Harry Keller was appointed to hear the case. The latter finally submitted a report, finding in favor of Capt. Fryberger. The finding was appealed, and Judge Orvis, before whom the appeal was argued, set aside the finding of the master and directed that judgment be entered for the defendant.

The case of T. H. Harter, the Loganton lumberman, against Nathan, Emeline, Roy and Elmer Housh, of Miles township, for trespass, was decided in favor of the plaintiff. This was an appeal by the defendants, in which the plaintiff, under the law, asked that the verdict be doubled. Judge Orvis in his opinion refused to strike off the verdict as asked for by the defendants, and directed that the verdict be doubled for the plaintiff, bringing the amount up to \$485.

In the case of J. H. Johnsonbaugh vs. M. S. Betz and Gabriel Betz, in which an appeal was taken by the defendants from the finding of the jury of judgment for \$102 for the plaintiff, Judge Orvis dismissed the appeal.

In the case of Alfred Cherry vs. W. G. Finkle, administrator for Catherine Harper, a new trial was granted by the Judge in the case of William Witmer vs. Samuel Garner.

In the case of Comm. vs. Frank McCarty a new trial was refused.

SPECIAL TRADE DAY.

Bellefonte Merchants Unite in a General Bargain Day.

In this issue the readers of the Centre Democrat will find an important special announcement from the leading merchants of Bellefonte who will have a "Special Trade Day," July 17, as a "Special Trade Day." There are two pages devoted to this feature in which the various business men announce that they will inaugurate special sales on the date, when all kinds of goods will be sold at rates that will prove exceedingly attractive to all buyers. It includes all lines of trade from groceries, dry goods, hardware, furniture, drugs, novelties, etc.; even some of the hotels announce special dinners on this occasion.

This is a mid-summer sale and at a time when real bargains can be had by all who will take advantage of this offering. This sale is announced by the business men of Bellefonte through the columns of the Centre Democrat for the reason that it reaches the greater number of Centre county readers.

This move of our merchants is one worthy of commendation as it brings Bellefonte business places to the attention of the buying public in a manner that shows that they are awake and ready to extend special inducements to come here where they have large and varied assortments and the best selections in the county.

If you want your money to go the farthest in purchasing the necessities of life, you should take advantage of this announcement. When you get here on next Wednesday we are satisfied that our people will make good every statement that is made in print in this issue.

For further information turn to the inside extra sheet with this issue.

Dying From Rattlesnake Bite.

Isaac Fields, aged 52 years, who resides with A. Guy Myton, a farmer near Petersburg, is confined to his home in a critical condition as the result of a rattlesnake bite, received Sunday afternoon while he was engaged picking raspberries on Tussey mountain, near his home. Determined that the rattler would not bite any one else Fields grabbed a club and after a desperate battle killed the reptile. Fields was in a lonely spot far from the Myton home and at first did not contemplate the serious complications resulting from a "rattler" bite; however, the wound which was inflicted by the rattler a short distance above the shoe line, began to swell and alarmed Fields, who made haste to his home, carrying the giant snake lapped about his neck. While key was taken in heavy internal doses by the man and a Petersburg physician called; however, five hours elapsed before he received medical attention and now both limbs are terribly discolored from the ankylosis of the hip. So infected is the man's system with the poison that every attempt to relieve him has proved futile. Gangrene is feared.

Marriage Licenses.

Thos. S. Vanboskirk Northumberland
Susan E. Shope - - - Bellefonte
Walter E. Holte - - - Moshannon
Roy J. Fye - - - Moshannon
George Zetts - - - Moshannon
Julia Galden - - - Moshannon

A Democratic Cocktail.

Here is the recipe: Take a Champagne Clark glass, the kind used for Kern jelly, mix Underwood, and that it will properly harmonize then you will be the Gaylor. Tell James not to put any salt in it, for it may turn to Bryan, and a little Wilson, that's all.

A LITTLE BOY WAS COOKED TO DEATH

MOTHER FINDS CHILD IN KETTLE OF BOILING WATER.

SON OF WM. CLEVENSTINE, JR.

Who Resides Near Zion—Happened on Monday Morning—Mrs. Clevenstine Was Alone—An Unusually Sad Affair.

On Monday morning Mrs. William Clevenstine had a most heart-rending experience at her home near Zion, when she found her little son literally cooked to death in a large kettle of boiling water.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clevenstine, Jr. reside on a farm about a mile north-east of Zion. Their family consists of three children, Fred, William and little Lewis Lloyd, the latter aged 16 months. Monday morning the father and the two older boys were out in the fields engaged in cutting hay while Mrs. Clevenstine was busy with her domestic duties, and was preparing for the regular weekly wash that morning. Some distance from the house on the lawn they had a fireplace built of masonry where several large iron kettles were located. The fire place was in a recess of the lawn and a stone retaining wall was built up behind the kettles that came up even with the lawn. The kettles were about two feet below the level of the lawn. Under one of the kettles she had built a fire, and water was heated ready for the washing.

The little child had called to the mother for something to eat and she sat on the kitchen steps at the rear of the house while she went about her work. About five minutes later she returned and, falling to find the little boy where she had left it, she at once became concerned and began a search about the premises, and naturally went to the fireplace as the first point of danger.

Her surmises were only too true, for there she found the body of her dear little one floating in the kettle of boiling water where it had been for at least five minutes. The sight almost drove her into a frenzy. She quickly pulled the kettle to the rear of the house and, screaming at the top of her voice, started toward the hay field where the other members of the family were engaged. They first heard her screams and then saw her running towards them, which attracted their attention, realizing that there was something unusual had happened, they hastened to meet her when they saw that she was carrying the steaming child in her arms. Exhausted and distracted she sank down with her head buried in her hands, and the little one had been in the boiling water long enough to make death a certainty as its flesh was completely cooked on the outside of the body. It was an awful summons to the entire family, and a most pathetic gathering out in the fields, that that a few moments prior had been the life and inspiration of their happy home. They at once tenderly took the body to their home and sent the sad news to neighbors and friends who soon gathered to extend sympathy and consolation in their terrible bereavement.

Wednesday morning the interment took place in the cemetery at Hubersburg, services being conducted at the house, Rev. Schmidt, of Bellefonte, officiating. The interment was held at the house of the bereaved, the sympathies of the entire community were enlisted for those who were so sorely bereaved.

BREAKS BACK BY FALL.

State College Man Now in Bellefonte Hospital Fatally Injured.

An unfortunate accident occurred at State College on Wednesday morning of last week in which Mr. Kling, a student of that place, is probably fatally injured by falling from a cherry tree. Mr. Osman fell a distance of about fifteen feet, alighting on his shoulder blades, and fracturing the vertebrae so seriously as to leave his body paralyzed from the arms down. He now lies at the Bellefonte hospital, practically helpless, with the chances against his ever being able to walk again.

Mr. Osman is past 50 years of age and resides in State College borough. On the morning of the accident he started early to pick cherries from a tree in his yard. He had been on the tree but a short time when he was standing on a broken and precipitated him to the ground. He was picked up and Dr. Dale of State College summoned, who gave the injured man first aid. The next day Mr. Osman was brought to the Bellefonte hospital, and this week an operation was made in the hope of reducing the fracture. What the outcome will be can only be conjectured, but it remains a serious fact that Mr. Osman's chances for recovery are very slight.

Warrant for Philadelphia Broker.

There is a warrant out for L. V. Gilliam, a Philadelphia stock broker, alleged to have defrauded Jersey Shore residents out of seven or eight thousand dollars, according to information received by Chief of Police Harder, of Williamport, from officers of the Pennsylvania Hotel Men's association. It is stated that he is charged with passing a fraudulent check at the Bush House in Bellefonte. Gilliam secured bail a few days ago and was not taken to Williamport to answer to the charges preferred by Jersey Shore residents.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NOMINEES

CHOSEN AT THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION.

MEN WITH NOBLE CAREERS

Wilson and Marshall Have Eminent Qualifications—Bring Strength to the Ticket—Tried and Not Found Wanting—Rendered Public Service.

Woodrow Wilson, Democratic nominee for President of the United States, was born in 1856 in Virginia, where he was baptized under the full name of Thomas Woodrow Wilson. He dropped the Thomas about the time that he completed his first book and took his first position as teacher. His father, the Rev. Joseph Ruggles Wilson, moved to Georgia when the boy was two years old and later preached in various churches in North and South Carolina. Davidson College at the age of 17. After two years he entered Princeton, from which he was graduated in 1879. He then studied law in the University of Virginia, receiving the degree of bachelor of law in 1882. He received the degree of bachelor of philosophy from Johns Hopkins university in 1886, that of doctor of laws from Wake Forest university, N. C., in 1887 and that of doctor of literature from Yale university at its biennial celebration.

Prof. Wilson occupied the position of adjunct professor of history in the Law College and was afterward professor of history and political economy in Wesleyan university. He became the thirteenth in the roll of presidents at Princeton in 1902 and the first layman to hold this office, all his predecessors having been Presbyterian clergymen. He is a prominent Episcopalian and the Second Presbyterian church of Princeton. As a professor he was very popular and his elective classes were always among the largest.

When Mr. Wilson, after 25 years of service as an educator, resigned the presidency of Princeton in 1910, to accept the nomination for governor of New Jersey, there was a general tendency to look askance at the "schoolmaster in politics." However, he was carried into office by a plurality of 49,000 votes and became the first Democratic governor which New Jersey had had for 16 years.

GOV. MARSHALL'S CAREER.

Vice Presidential Candidate Carried Indiana in 1908 by 15,000.

In 1908 the Indiana Democrats elected Thomas R. Marshall governor, and he has been in power since that date. Marshall was elected by 15,000 when four years before the state had given the Republicans 9,000, and in the 1908 election gave Taft more than 10,000 plurality. It was the thinking, indeed, upon his back that split its ballot between Marshall and Taft.

Thomas Riley Marshall was born in Manchester, Ind., March 14, 1854, so has just turned 58 years of age. He took the bachelor's degree at Washburn College in 1873, and in 1875 the master of arts degree, was conferred upon him. He was elected a Phi Beta Gamma and is a thirty-third degree Mason. In after years honors continued to come to him. In 1899 his alma mater conferred the degree of doctor of laws, which was followed by a similar one from Notre Dame university in 1910, and another from the University of Pennsylvania in 1911. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 and practiced at Columbia City, where he makes his home. He is a trustee of Washburn College and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Governor Marshall's career in Indiana, where he was elected in 1908, at the same time the Republicans carried the state, has been brilliant. What the Hoosiers wanted at that time was a man who could handle the reforms needed then, put a few patches on the state constitution and restore popular government, so that the "Little Republic" could be what they are glad they did it.

So important was this work regarded by the country that the University of Pennsylvania invited him to be their orator and in turn the University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. Governor Marshall, like Governor Wilson, is a progressive who selects from the mass of so-called "fads" in legislative remedies those he thinks will effect a cure. It has been this wise choosing of his in Indiana that has endeared him to the people of that state which Republican electors and a Democratic Governor.

Personally, Marshall is plain, simple, direct and sincere in manner and easily approached. He is the same man now that he was before he became the governor of a great state. At his request his inauguration was simple without pomp, and the people, not the militiamen, surrounded the stand from which he delivered his address.

(For a report of the proceedings of the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore last week, turn to page 3 of this issue. Also turn to page 4 for editorial and press comment.)

Credits Given.

All persons who remitted to this office on subscription during the past month of June will find that credit has been given for the same by a change of the date on their label this week. Remember that we make these credits at the end of each month, on our mailing list.

If you sent us any money in that time you will find that the date after your name is changed on the label this week. Look at it now, and in case of an error kindly notify the office at once and the same will receive our prompt attention.

All the leading merchants in Bellefonte will make special reductions next Wednesday, July 17th.

MARRIAGES.

Perry—Watson.

James F. Perry, of South Renovo, and Miss Maude Watson, of Snow Shoe, were married recently in the former place by Rev. Father Harkins.

Ewing—Evey.

Orvis C. Ewing, of State College, and Miss Ethel B. Evey, of Lemont, were married on Wednesday morning, June 19th, at the Redwood parsonage in Bellefonte, by the Rev. Dr. Ambrose Schmidt.

Price—Smith.

Robert Price and Miss Ada Smith, both of Snow Shoe, were joined in wedlock in the evening of Monday, July 1st, at the residence of Robert Cooper, justice of the peace of Snow Shoe. They will make their future home in Snow Shoe.

Holt—Fye.

Walter E. Holt and Miss Rosa J. Fye, both of Moshannon, were married at the residence of Justice of the Peace T. D. Weaver, in that place, on Tuesday evening, July 2nd. The young couple have many friends who extend their best wishes for a happy future.

Smith—Dale.

Rev. G. E. Smith, the popular young pastor of the Houserville charge of the United Brethren church, and Miss Bertha Dale, of Johnstown, were married at the home of the bride on Wednesday, June 26th. The young couple have many friends who extend congratulations and best wishes.

Lyst—Ward.

A pretty wedding was held in St. Mary's Catholic church at Snow Shoe on Wednesday morning, June 26, at which time Adam Lyst, of Blandburg, Pa., and Miss Mary Ward, of Moshannon, were united in holy wedlock by Rev. Father J. H. Farran. Miss Ella Ward and Thomas Ward, sister and brother of the bride, were the attendants of the bridal party. The bride is a daughter of Hugh Ward, a prominent Moshannon resident, and her many friends attest to her popularity by the united wish for her future prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Lyst departed the same day on their wedding tour and upon their return will reside in Blandburg.

Vonboskirk—Shope.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Shope, Thomas street, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding on Saturday evening, June 29th, occasioned by the marriage of the daughter, Miss Susie E. Shope, to Mr. Thomas S. Vonboskirk, of Selinsgrove. Promptly at 8 o'clock the bridal couple, attended by Miss Mamie Shope, sister of the bride, and Harry Fisher, of Bellefonte, presented themselves before Rev. C. W. Winey, of the United Brethren church, who pronounced them man and wife according to the rituals of the church. Following the congratulations, a delicious wedding supper was served to the invited guests. The groom is employed as a railroad brakeman with headquarters at Northumberland, and will go to housekeeping with his young bride at that place in the near future. May their journey through life be one of prosperity is the united wish of their friends.

PICNICS AT HECLA PARK.

July 11th, Lutheran Sunday School of Bellefonte.

July 12th, Episcopal Sunday School of Bellefonte.

July 13th, Mill Hall Sunday School.

July 14th, Tyrone Shops.

July 17th, Altoona Machine Shops.

July 18th, St. John Evg. Lutheran Sunday School of Lock Haven.

July 20th, Evangelical Sunday School of Bellefonte.

July 23rd, Great Island Presby. Sunday School of Lock Haven.

July 24th, Milesburg Sunday School.

July 25th, Evangelical Sunday School of Lock Haven.

July 27th, Zion Sunday Schools.

July 31st, Reformed Reunion.

Aug. 1st, A. M. E. Sunday School of Bellefonte.

Aug. 3rd, Lamar Sunday School.

Aug. 7th, Mackeyville Sunday School.

Aug. 8th, Salona Sunday School.

Aug. 15th, United Brethren Sunday School of Bellefonte.

Aug. 28th, Altoona Erecting Shops.

In addition to the above gatherings, considerable headway will be held at the Park on Friday evenings.

Home of Jerry Roan Burned.

Jerry Roan, the well known Buffalo Run farmer, suffered a severe loss by fire on Saturday afternoon, July 30th, in which his home near Meyer's corner, which he had just purchased, together with the contents of the house and about twenty-five dollars in money. The house was occupied by Mr. Roan and his son-in-law and family. When the fire started the men were working in the harvest field, and had gained considerable headway before the women of the house noticed anything wrong. It is supposed to have originated in a defective flue. As quickly as possible the women summoned help, but by the time the men got to the scene the structure was a mass of flames. The money, together with insurance policies and other papers belonging to Mr. Roan, were in a second-story room, but their rescue could not be effected owing to the fierceness of the flames. The loss will reach almost \$2,000, with \$600 insurance.

Sugar Valley Campmeeting.

Sugar Valley campmeeting, Booneville Grove, Booneville, Pa., will be held beginning Saturday evening, August 3, and ending Sunday evening, August 11, 1912. Nightly services will be held on each week day night, including both Sundays. The camp meeting will be held under the management of Rev. T. L. Wentz, presiding elder of Allentown district, East Pennsylvania conference, of the Evangelical association. Able pastors will be present and preach the word. Tents may be rented on reasonable terms.

All the leading merchants in Bellefonte will have special reduction sales next Wednesday, July 17th.

CALL ISSUED FOR ROOSEVELT'S PARTY

SIGNED BY TEDDY'S FOLLOWERS IN FORTY STATES.

WILL MEET IN CHICAGO AUG. 5

"National Progressive Party" the Probable Name—Many Notable Men in the Movement—Resent the Chicago Convention.

Supporters of Theodore Roosevelt will meet in national convention in Chicago on Aug. 5 to organize the new party. Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, Chairman of the Provisional National Committee, on Monday issued the call to "the People of the United States" for the convention.

Signatures of Roosevelt followers in forty states are attached to the call. Three of the original "Seven Little Governors"—Johnson of California, Vessey of South Dakota, and Carey of Wyoming—signed their names to the proclamation, which Senator Dixon characterizes as "a second Declaration of Independence."

Three Democrats are among those who signed the call—Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Colorado, Julian Harris of Georgia, and the late Joel Chandler Harris, and John M. Parker of Louisiana. Included among the signatures are those of two United States Senators—Dixon of Montana and Poindexter of Washington, James R. Garfield of Ohio, Charles J. Bonaparte of Maryland and Oscar S. Straus of New York are the only members of the Roosevelt Cabinets who are afflicted with the new movement.

"President Taft will not carry one Congressional district in the nation," Senator Dixon said. "The fight for the Presidency is going to be a contest between Gov. Wilson and Col. Roosevelt. Before Sept. 1 the nation will wake up to the fact that Col. Roosevelt is going to be a great factor in the contest. Because of the refusal of the Republican organizations in a number of states to recognize the validity of the Taft nomination we are assured that the contest will be decided by the vote of the people."

The call lays down no rules as to the methods of choosing delegates, since each state will be expected to select its delegates by its own paraphernalia. The representation will be cut down to just one-half that of the previous conventions.

After the National convention in Chicago, similar organizations will be effected in nearly every state in the Union, and an aggressive campaign is to follow until the regular election in November. This movement arises from the action of the National Republican Convention in Chicago where the progressive element of the Republican party were denied a square deal, by the representation of delegates who favored Roosevelt for president and a progressive platform.

Just how formidable the new party will become is uncertain, but back of it is an array of prominent men who are prepared for serious business, and a determination to go to work at once.

The call is the political sensation of the week, and has caused great anxiety among the standpaters.

Here in Centre county, where there are many ardent followers of Roosevelt, there will be many who will give the movement their hearty support, as prominent men have already openly declared their sympathy for the new party.

WANT TAFT TO WITHDRAW.

A nation-wide movement to petition President Taft to withdraw as the Republican Presidential candidate is being backed by a large number of Republican office-holders, who feel that they face defeat in November unless the breach in the party can be healed.

These men include members of Congress, members of State Legislatures which will elect Senators, State and county office holders and party candidates. If the movement to petition Mr. Taft to withdraw succeeds in gaining any volume, it is said these same men in the interest of party harmony, may ask Colonel Roosevelt also to withdraw as a prospective candidate for an independent nomination and permit a compromise selection of some man agreeable to both factions of the party.

It is the desire of the promoters of the scheme that a decision be reached before August 5, when the Roosevelt faction plans to hold a convention in Chicago.

Midnight Blaze.

Fire, which seems to have had considerable headway before an alarm was sounded, rendered useless the building owned by Mrs. R. L. Pierce, on Front street Phillipsburg, Laurel and Pine, and occupied by the Boston Candy Kitchen, midnight Thursday, July 4th.

By one o'clock the fire was completely under control. The building, which was aged and dilapidated, was damaged apparently beyond repair, but the adjoining buildings were all saved. Mrs. Pierce's residence on the north side was burned some, but it can be repaired.

There was some insurance on the building and the Candy Kitchen carried a small amount of insurance on the stock.

The annual basket picnic at Warrior's Mark, under the auspices of Warrior's Mark Grange No. 974, will be held in the M. L. Beck grove on Saturday, August 10. The committee have been busy perfecting arrangements, and anticipate a large gathering in this beautiful grove. There are excellent arrangements for horses—in shade. Trains will stop at point near picnic grounds. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Come to Bellefonte next Wednesday, July 17th, when all the merchants will have a special sale day.