

Forgotten Hero's Neglected Grave

Disgraceful Condition of the Tomb of General Samuel Meredith.

HAS NO SUITABLE MONUMENT

The Last Resting Place of the First Treasurer of the United States Is Uncovered For--A Reflection Upon the Patriotism of Pennsylvania.

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But the good citizens of Pleasant Mount, the beautiful little hamlet situated about a mile from the grave, are ever ready to give information concerning the career of the patriot who spent the waning years of his life amid the delightful surroundings, and never tire of relating incidents of life at "Belmont Manor" that have been handed down from generation to generation.

Merely a Shadow of His Past. The tally-ho coach and prancing steeds are no longer daily visitors to Pleasant Mount, and the bulk of store trade which gave life to the town has drifted elsewhere.

Its availability as a home town or summer resort, however, has been heightened rather than diminished by the absence of nearly everything that would make the village attractive from a business point of view, and visitors are invariably attracted by the peaceful surroundings of the village on the hills.

General Meredith's Career. General Samuel Meredith, the first treasurer of the United States, came of an illustrious family and could trace his blood direct to the royalty of Wales.

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September, when he resigned to accept the appointment as treasurer of the United States, which had been urged upon him by Washington.

In 1774 General Meredith purchased large tracts of land in Eastern Pennsylvania lying in what are now the counties of Schuylkill, Pike, Monroe, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Wyoming, Bradford and Wayne, owning nearly 50,000 acres in Wayne alone.

Here, surrounded by the comforts and luxuries that could be obtained in the early days of the present century, the patriot passed the closing years of a life of activity amid peaceful surroundings, revered and honored by his rustic neighbors who were recipients of many kindly courtesies at his hands.

Why Not Build a Monument? The spirit of the master of Belmont Manor passed to the great beyond in 1817 and that of his faithful life companion followed in the year 1829.

In 1877 the patriotic citizens of Pleasant Mount inaugurated a movement with the view of providing a suitable monument to mark the resting place of the man whose life and purse had been ever at the call of freedom's cause.

It would seem as though a padded cap or something of that character, if extraordinary protection to the head is necessary, might improve on the appearance of a creature of the Nineteenth century--something that could be removed when not in use, thus doing away with the present appearance of the average foot ballist among us, who now looks like a relic of the remote age of barbarism dropped into the midst of an advanced civilization?

Bill Jones on Long Hair. How the Foot Ball Craze Affects the Texan Member of Our Staff. Editor of the Scranton Tribune.

Well, thinks-says-I, when they got back, your pocketbooks are dry! But little Johns was there hisse't that afternoon ago!

And fetch his mother 'long with him! And how he scold across! The fields--his low head, in the dusk, Joe like a streak o' frost!

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came an absolute necessity to her. You will admit that there are no other women who dress so carefully, so artistically and sensibly as actresses.

Miss Marlowe, Mrs. Potter, Miss Terry and hosts of well known American actresses and singers have discarded bones and steels and lacing and use some one form or another of hygienic waists.

It may be a crank on the corset question, I can't help it if I am, but I loathe and loathed the corset from its early days of the present century.

Little Johns' Christmas. We got up a-purpose, Jes' for little Johns, you know 'em, er work out, er any thing for him.

And little Johns was puny-like--but law! the nerve he had! You'd wot to 'kinto' pity him, but couldn't very bad--

And so, all on the quiet, mother she turns in and sits. Some blue-janes--cuts and makes a suit; and then sets down and knits

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EISTEDDFODIC HUMOR.

There is Plenty of It in Almost Any Welsh Gathering if You Know Where to Look for It--The Recent Allentown Song Festival and Some of Its Amusing Incidents.

With a capable conductor in charge, there is, perhaps, no public gathering so productive of amusing incidents as the eisteddfod. In fact, bright witticisms and brilliant repartee are two of the peculiar features of the Welsh musical festival--not only among the hills and dales of Wales, where many, many years ago it found birth, but also in those sections of our own land to which the eisteddfod has been transplanted.

Even more dramatic than this was the scene at the national eisteddfod in Wales two years ago, of which Dr. Edwards tells. In the little Welsh principality on the other side of the Atlantic, the national eisteddfod brings together lovers of the festival from all parts of the continent.

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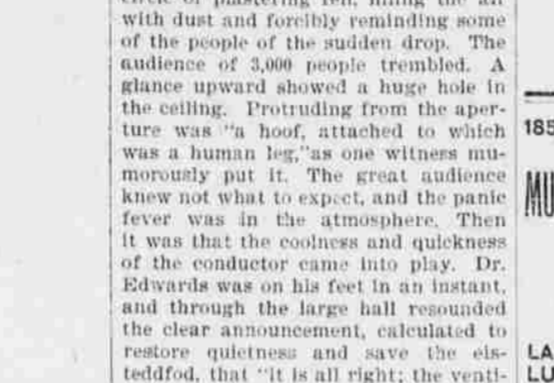
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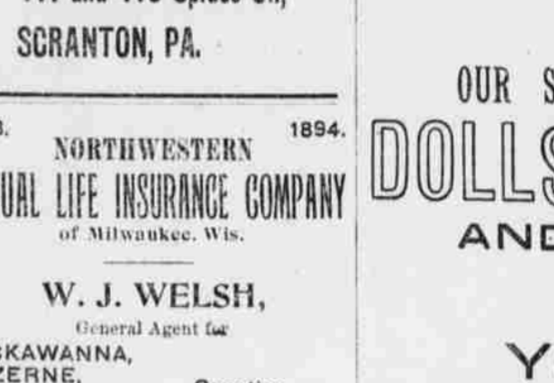
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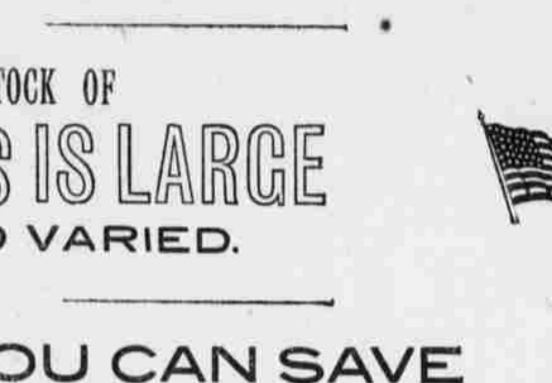
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