

site of an ancient Indian village. He was a New England man, and brought with him all the energy peculiar to the people of that section. Clearing up a farm at Oldtown, he left it with a couple sons and removed to Tionesta village and purchased the farm of Jas. Range. He devoted himself to farming and preaching. It must be remarked, however, that he came directly here from Franklin, where he preached about a year to the Presbyterians of that place. He was a man of great conversational power, and fond of a joke. As a writer, his descriptions are living pictures. His description of the Burnt Woods of Maine for his friend Jedediah Morse's General Geography is a notable instance. He was endowed by nature with an excellent constitution, with excellent mental characteristics. He was a graduate of Yale College, and excelled particularly as a linguist. He died July 4, 1843, aged 70 years. His wife, Margaret White May, a lineal descendant of the Pilgrim Peregrine White, was a woman of excellent attainments, and died lamented by many kindred and friends on July 4, 1868, surviving her husband just a quarter of a century. Of their sons, 3 are living—H. H. May of Tionesta, and Benj. and Selden T., who now reside at Norristown, Pa., all of whom have been prominent actors in the business of reclaiming the wilds of Forest Co.

Hon. Cyrus Blood, the founder of Forest Co., as it originally stood, was born in N. H. in March, 1775—was a teacher in Chambersburg Academy when only 22 years old—was afterwards Professor of a College at Hagerstown, Md. While there he married, and was offered a Professorship in Dickinson College, but declined it. His health failing, he concluded to visit Western Pa., and finding an unbroken wilderness, at once conceived the idea of locating a new Co. This was in the year 1833, when he hewed his way thro' the woods with his family, finding no roads to what is now known as Marienville, called after his daughter, Mrs. Marion F. Hunt, wife of Col. John D. Hunt, who came also in 1833, and who is a man of prominence, having filled many important offices. He now resides on the site where Blood located. The settlement for many years was known as "Blood's Settlement." The details of the life and experience of Cyrus Blood would fill a volume, but space will not permit. He expired Jan. 12, 1860, and as his physician remarked, "he lived an hundred years in 64 years and 10 months." He died at his home among his kindred. He was a man of varied acquirements, and in his time was a scholar, farmer, surveyor and Associate Judge, and more than all this an honest man. After a few years Blood was followed into the wilderness by James Eldridge, Jacob Mercillott and John F. Gaul from Philadelphia, S. F. Rohrer from Lancaster, and Aaron Brookway from Ohio.

Wm. Patterson of Howe township came early, too. This old patriarch still lives where he settled, and is now almost 87 years old. In his veins flows the blood of the Covenanters of Scotland, and he is imbued with their spirit, too, reading daily the books handed down by his fathers, some of which are nearly 200 years old. In 1840, solitary and alone, without "click or child," came Thomas Nugent and built a cabin in the wilds of Jenks where he still resides. He has performed the parts of farmer, surveyor and hunter. He once by way of digestion crawled under a ledge of rocks and captured a den of young wolves—there were 5 of them in the lot, "of which," he says, "I killed 4, but saved the 5th for luck for a pet, but it soon became ugly, and killed my dogs and cats, when I cooked his hash with a bullet." "The latch string of Tom's cabin is never pulled in," and to arrive at his cabin is the weary fisherman's hope and hunter's delight.

Of all the hunters that ever roamed the woods of Forest, the name of Uncle Billy Grove is the most familiar. He is now 78 years old, and comes and goes as regular as the spring birds. Although not a citizen of Forest, he has done his most mighty works here. He is a genuine Leather-Stocking on a hunt—none of your dress-parade, feather bed style of men. The name of Samuel Felton, who was a still hunter of great reputation, is familiar to many; while the name of Robert Guyton suggests the camp in the woods and the deer hanging on cross poles before the door thereof. Guyton is "McGregor on his native heath." Dan Black, too, is an old hunter of merit. Ben Chilson, too, let us not forget him, who was at home in the woods, and who, like Mike Fluk, "could sing the eye-winkers of wolf at 150 yards."—Who always came out neck and shoulders ahead on a hunting story, which stories were a burlesque on the braggadocio stories often told. While remembering him with a smile, remember him with sadness too. Remember that on the morning of Dec. 25, 1856, near the headwaters of Queen Creek, the dead man was found by Jacob Shriver and Tisdale, close by a dry pine stub, which he had backed with his tomahawk to start a fire to save his life. He had been frozen to death. Time fails me to tell of McBride, Selders, and Maj. Goodman. One word in regard to the Major, by way of digressions. He

and Alex. Henage were soldiers of the Mexican War. They are the only Mexican veterans that live within the borders of Forest. They were with Taylor first, and Scott afterwards—were present at Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Molino del Rey, and the taking of the City by Scott. Henage belonged to the 4th Regular Infantry, and Major Goodman was in Garland's Reg't, and a Major in the last war. Among the comparatively early settlers was Quintain Jamieson, who hailed from the Land of Burns. He came from Arrsbire, and was a man of some note there, where he had held the offices of Factor of the Markets, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, &c. He settled on the land improved by Middleton. He was a man of energy and firmness. Of his sons, only one remains in the county, Gilbert, who is one of our prominent citizens and lives on the place his father settled, and can point out the apple trees planted by Middleton that escaped the vengeful hand of Tubbs. George Siggins, the common ancestor of the extensive Siggins family of Forest and Venango, was born in Sligo Co., Ireland, of Scotch-English ancestry, in 1778, emigrated to America in 1783, and in Center Co., Pa., married Jane Young in 1800. Coming West, he settled first at Stewart's Run, Pa., in 1801, where he took up a farm on a settler's right, that he ascertained to his mortification was within the broad acres of the Holland Land Co. Grant. He then removed to West Hickory. In 1815 he became a soldier, and was marched to the frontier. After the War he cleared up the Flats at the mouth of West Hickory, and there resided until his death, that occurred in 1865. Six sons and three daughters constituted his family. He lived to see each of his sons the owner and cultivator of a farm, according to his wish. His father and mother were original Methodists under John Wesley's ministrations. Of his sons only 2 survive, Isaac and John Y. His descendants are numerous, and partake of the spirit of their worthy ancestor. A few words in regard to the German Settlement. The first to arrive from the *Fiederland* was Henry Zuedell, who located on the farm on which Henry Kiser now resides, with his brother Adam. Among those who followed soon after was Herman Blum, who came from the village of Sebta in Hesse Cassel. He was enrolled in the levy of Hesse Cassel, Germany, to resist the invasion of Bonaparte, and was in the campaign against Napoleon during the years 1813-14-15. Coming to America, he settled at Tionesta, almost detached from his countrymen. He was aided in requiring our language by the assistance of Rev. Hezekiah May, who spoke German, and Thomas O. Morgan. Friends soon followed him from Germany, about in the following order—Jacob Wenk, (who settled beside him) John Shellhouse, Bernard Bush and Henry Eichenburg. Then came Nicholas Matha, George Babendorf; Henry Glassner followed in 1844; about the same time came the Winegards; afterwards in 1848 came Ferdinand Smearbaugh, John Weyant, Melehor Holsbine, Henry Sipple, with their families. A little later Ernest Behrus, Rudolph Kanman, Ed. Walker or Vockroth, founded a settlement on Tubbs Run, and the 2 Kropp families—these were from the Province of Hanover.

The first coal mine in the county actually worked is the Balltown mine on the waters of Salmon Creek. The second coal mine was opened by Wm. Hoath on his farm about a year ago. Another coal mine has been opened by Peter Youngk on Coon Creek. Iron was manufactured at the Old Forge at Tionesta near the mouth of the Creek about 1821, and carried to Pittsburgh in boats and canoes. Great quantities of metal were manufactured about 35 years ago by Mr. Cross on Little Hickory. The history of lumbering in Forest would be too tedious to relate. The first mills were those built by Middleton, just below the Jesse Dale farm about 1800, and one built by George Siggins at the mouth of West Hickory in 1803. Among the early and successful lumbermen on Tionesta Creek might be barely mentioned, Isaac Ball, Ford and Lacey, the May Brothers, Hamilton Stow and Charles J. Fox.

Gladly would I relate of those who participated in the Late War from our county, but their names are many, and I am not all this recorded in Bates' History of the Pa. Vols. In taking a retrospective view, we must confess that the strides of progress have not been as rapid as could be devoutly wished, or as would seem warranted by our vast timber and mineral resources. Yet we are justified in hoping greater national prosperity at an early day, and behold even now that day dawns.

General Custer occupies a soldiers grave in the far west. Himself and his entire command were butchered by the Sioux Indians under Sitting Bull. A brave officer never draw a sword. The nation mourns his loss, and the whole country demands the complete extinction of the lawless savages who thus brutally murder our best soldiers.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 12, 1876.

Republican National Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT
RUTHERFORD B. HAYS,
of Ohio.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT
WILLIAM A. WHEELER,
of New York.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For Congress,
GEN. HARRY WHITE,
(Subject to action of the district conference)

For State Senator,
JAS. GREEN
(Subject to action of the district conference.)

For Assembly,
J. B. AGNEW.

For District Attorney,
S. D. IRWIN.

For Coroner,
W. C. COBURN.

For Jury Commissioner,
P. V. MERCILOTT.

The Democratic Nominees.

Samuel J. Tilden, Governor of New York was nominated by the National Democratic Convention, recently held at St. Louis, for President, and Gov. Thos. H. Hendricks, of Indiana, was nominated for Vice President. Tilden is for hard money and Hendricks is for soft money, so the thing is kind of arranged, As Petroleum V. Nasby advised, the head, tail, hide and inward of the platform is "Reform." Personally we have not time to give our views of the ticket, but reproduce the following from the Brooklyn Argus, (Dem.) in regard to Tilden:

Where Governor Tilden is not known his word is credited; where he is known public sentiment is setting pretty nearly one way. He has lost the confidence of reformers, and has been brought forward by as bad a set of men as ever undertook to bribe a sheriff or knock down a turnkey. If there ever was a machine nomination for President of the United States it is the present one. The texts for antagonizing Mr. Tilden will be: Personal insincerity to pledges of reform, inconsistency on the money question, an unsatisfactory railway record and his affiliation with corrupt ring men. None of these are very hopeful texts upon which to bid for Republican votes which alone can elect any candidate.

Our Washington Letter.

SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLICAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7, '76.

"All quiet along the Potomac, this morning. The city seems to wear its usual garb of quiet serenity. The crowd of strangers which has thronged the streets for the past week or ten days, has grown small by degrees and beautifully less." The celebration of the "Glorious Fourth" produced its usual number of accidents. Two downright murders. One man shot through the brain accidentally. One boy's head blown off by the explosion of a toy cannon and several youths of tender age slightly scratched by the premature explosion of the powder with which they intended to proclaim their intensified patriotism and heartfelt joy at the passing of the Centennial birth day of their country.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Sherman of Ohio submitted the following concurrents, and I said he had no doubt their passage to-day would be a matter of great gratification to the people of the whole country. Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to guide the United States of America safely through one hundred years of national life, and to crown our nation with the highest blessings of civil and religious liberty. Therefore, the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, in the name of the people of the United States in reverent thankfulness acknowledge the fountain and source, the author and giver of all these blessings, and our dependence upon his providence and will. And whereas we recognize as our fathers did that George Washington "first in peace, first in war and first in the hearts of his country men, was one of the chief instruments of Divine Providence in securing American Independence, and in laying broad and deep the foundations of our liberties in the Constitution of the United States. Therefore as a mark of our sense of the honor due to his name and to his compatriots and

associates, our revolutionary fathers, who the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, in the name of the people of the United States, at this the beginning of its second century of national existence, do assume and direct the completion of the Washington monument in the city of Washington, and instruct the committee on appropriations of the respective Houses to propose susceptible provisions of law to carry this resolution into effect. Passed by a unanimous vote. It is really gratifying to know that some action has at last been taken that is likely to result in the completion of a work for the commencement of which it is exceedingly questionable at there ever existed any necessity. George Washington needed no puny shaft to commemorate his fame. The entire country is his monument, and the city which bears his name will hand it down to posterity making it a familiar sound to the ears of man while time shall last. But having been once begun, the shameful manner in which it was allowed to linger incomplete was simply a monument of a peoples ingratitude and a disgrace to the nation. Mr. Sherman deserves great credit for the step he has now taken.

The democrats hold their ratification meeting to night. It looks as though the tickets that was given them at St. Louis required some consideration before it was decided to be worth the time and expense incident to its ratification. But the cry of reform which in its democratic acceptance simply means break up and for again or in other words turn him out and put me in has had its effect. And the hope that their cherished style of reform may possibly come to pass has given them heart after this long delay to make a feeble attempt at ratification. As the word reform properly means to change for the better—to amend ones ways, what a prostitution of the word it would be to use it in the installation of democratic officials. Their style of reform was fairly exhibited in certain transactions, now just discovered to have taken place during the administrations of Pierce and Buchanan. The Indian trust funds amounting to \$1,500,000 in addition to the seventy thousand alleged to have been taken by Jacob Thompson Sec'y of the Interior under Mr. Buchanans, were it seems by various democratic Secretaries of the Interior invested in bonds of the Southern States in defiance of the law which expressly provides that all such appropriation shall be invested in U. S. stocks. The loss to the Government by this procedure of the democratic Secretary's principal and interest will amount to at least five million of dollars. A telegram has just been received announcing the death of Gen. Custer and the entire destruction of his command by the Indians.

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