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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Treasurer, JAMES H. FONES. Associate Judge, JACK McCRAY.

IT IS NOT TRUE.

Hon. W. O. Smith of The Pennsylvania Spirit, himself a member of the appropriations committee of the House at Harrisburg, and who knows whereof he speaks, having seldom missed a meeting of what the most arduous of all committees, corrects a glaring misstatement of fact as follows:

We have seen a statement to this effect in several of our esteemed exchanges:

"The Legislature two years ago appropriated the sum of \$552,658.26 for the payment of salaries for two years biennial. The Legislature the other day voted for the same purpose \$1,369,816.48, or 150 per cent. of an increase."

The principal trouble with this statement is that it is not true. What the Legislature actually did appropriate was \$1,012,121.40 or \$357,950.00 less than estimated by said esteemed exchanges. True, even the correct amount looks much larger than the amount appropriated two years ago, but the aggregate amount appropriated for all purposes this year was nearly two millions less than that appropriated two years ago. The apparent increase is principally due to the fact that many items that were appropriated two years ago by special bill were this year put into the general bill.

If you will compare the entire list of appropriation bills for this session with those of last session you will discover that the comparison is not unfavorable to this session. You will also discover that the State's money, with a few exceptions, has been appropriated to useful and necessary purposes, and that there is little foundation for the charges of profligacy and extravagance so freely made by our friends the enemy.

In his fight against the Magee-Martin combine Senator Quay seems to have all of the country and a large portion of both Philadelphia and Allegheny counties on his side, and friends from every quarter are sending him assurances of their support as against the "gang."

Of course Quay's enemies are trying to make it appear that he has a fight on with the Governor, at the same time Magee and Martin are hiding behind this gauzy subterfuge, but people with eyes are not deceived by such twaddle. Narrowed down to strict facts the fight made on Senator Quay is by Magee and Martin, and in such a spot it is not difficult to guess what the outcome will be. The Republicans never have been and are not now afraid to trust party management in Mr. Quay's hands, but they have no faith in Magee or Martin, whose treachery is their chief stock in trade. The Oil City Blizzard hits the nail squarely on the head in the following paragraph:

Those who are now so energetically trying to pull Quay down are men who, in a quiet measure, owe whatever of political prominence they have attained to him. In the minds of the people there is nothing so unkind as base ingratitude, and the prevailing belief seems to be that it is the coin in which they are trying to pay the Beaver man.

GOVERNOR HASTINGS having approved the bill establishing the new court, which will be known as the Superior Court, last Thursday named the following gentlemen as judges of said court: General James A. Beaver, Bellefonte; Chas. E. Rice, Wilkesbarre; ex-Judge Howard J. Reeder, Easton; George B. Orady, Huntingdon; John J. Wickham, Beaver; E. N. Willard, Scranton; Henry J. McCarthy, Philadelphia, the latter a Democrat. It will be observed that the name of S. A. Davenport, of Erie, does not appear in the above list, and since he had been looked upon as a sure winner from long before the bill passed, the dropping of his name will be a great surprise and disappointment to his friends of the Northwest, which section it seems has again been left out of the plum-patch.

On Thursday Governor Hastings approved what is known as the Garb Bill. It provides that hereafter teachers of public schools will not be permitted to wear while in the school room any garb or insignia that will indicate to what sect the teacher belongs.

The Governor brought his veto ax down on the Quay county bill last week. And now they're hot in Hazleton.

SIGGINS FAMILY RE-UNION.

Upward of 300 Relatives Assembled at Irvineton, Pa.

Irvineton, June 26 (Special).—A most important chapter in the history of the Siggins family, and the occasion of the first reunion of the race, which was held in the beautiful and picturesque Brokenstraw Park at Irvineton, Pa. There were about 300 of the connections and immediate friends present, and a more happy, pleasant and enjoyable family reunion has never been held in Western Pennsylvania. In many respects it was a most remarkable gathering, as many of the connections had not met for thirty years, while most of those present to-day had never met before.

The park which is one of nature's ideal spots, was handsomely decorated and embellished for the occasion. The Tiltoute full orchestra furnished music. The reunion found its origin in the fertile brain of M. S. Sabina Parker, of Chautauque, N. Y., who first conceived the grand undertaking by Mr. John Siggins, one of Tidoute's most influential citizens and solid business men.

The ceremonies were to have commenced at 11 o'clock, but owing to a refreshing shower, it was nearly 1 o'clock before the guests gathered. The tables were handsomely decorated with flowers and spread with all the delicacies of the season, and it was not until 2 o'clock that the first order of business was read. When the inner man had been satisfied all retreated to the large platform where the program was carried out to letter with, but one exception. The orchestra rendered a piece of music entitled "Flower and Fruit" after which all joined in the doxology. A feeling and appropriate prayer was then offered by John W. Siggins, of Bradford, Pa., followed by the address of welcome by Mr. John Siggins, of Tidoute. Mr. Siggins in substance said:

"Dear Relatives—I have been waiting this one quotation for the last six months, and even my wife says that I wake her up nights saying: 'Dear Relatives' and 'Siggins Reunion' and 'Now Dear Relatives'." As General Manager of this Siggins Reunion, I have the pleasure of extending a cordial welcome to you all.

Year by year this reunion has been talked and planned, but nothing came of it, until last November, when Mrs. Sabina Parker was visiting in this vicinity. Then it became a settled fact that by her perseverance and helpful suggestions, we would have a Siggins reunion this year. So many of us did not think that "old acquaintances should be forgotten" but that all of the numerous branches of this family should know each other, and the easiest way to accomplish this, was by a reunion of the Siggins family. After a great deal of consideration, this place was selected, not only because of its beauty, but also because of the railway conveniences. The poet, Lowell, has said: "And what is so rare as a common thing, then if ever, come perfect days." So following up this line of thought together with the fact that June was the month that our ancestor, John Siggins, emigrated to America, it was decided that this month might be chosen for the annual reunion of this great family, which is hoped will be continued for years to come. It is our earnest desire that no one will be so formal, as to wait for an introduction; but, that young and old, one and all, will join together to make this day, long to be remembered; and one of the most enjoyable of their lives.

Mrs. Sabina Parker, of Chautauque, N. Y., also made a short address of welcome which was of rather a humorous nature and well received. George Young, of Tionesta, Pa., and a journalist of some note, delivered the response in a very acceptable manner; when "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by the entire audience.

The Siggins Family History. Miss Justina Siggins, a talented young lady of West Hickory, then read a carefully prepared history of the Siggins family, which elicited the closest attention. Following is a summary of her remarks: This is not the history of some renowned family whose valorous deeds consisted in destroying peaceful villages and laying waste the fields of their neighbors, but rather it is the pleasant story of a family who went as pioneers to a strange and inhospitable country, who tilled the soil, who laid the foundations of future villages and who fought and bled only when the honor or peace of their country demanded.

We cannot ascertain positively to what country we owe our origin, but the account as given by James Young Siggins and others directs us to France, where the family is supposed to have belonged to the persecuted French Protestants or Huguenots. If we can trace our ancestry to these people, the record of whose endurance is among the most remarkable and heroic of religious persecutions, it is indeed all reason to be proud of our origin. Our account as handed down tells us that our family, leaving intolerant France, settled in Scotland and the Calvinistic views were more respected. How long they stayed there we do not know, but some reason, religious or civil, they again emigrated, this time to the north of Ireland, where our authentic history begins.

Here, in County Sligo, Parish of Drumahaire, Ireland, lived his first land, which was probably a grant from the crown in return for military service. Nothing more is known of William Siggins until the death of his wife, Mary, when we are told had the title of esquire, and an income of £200 per year, and was altogether pleasantly situated. He was married and had a family of five children. About this time the Holland Land Company were offering inducements to any disaffected people of Europe to buy up land in the New World. Small wonder it was that John Siggins chose to turn his back on the limited resources of Ireland and seek new fortunes in America. In vain his friends tried to persuade him to give up this plan. America had become his god-star and nothing was to set aside his purpose. He looked beyond all near obstacles, all present difficulties, to a time when his children's children should be citizens of a free and contented in that wonderful land of promise.

It was early in the summer of 1783 that John Siggins sailed for America with his wife and five children, the sons, George, John and William, and the daughters, Frances and Sarah. They had been on the ocean four weeks and still had two more weeks to reach Philadelphia. When a very important event occurred another son was born into the family. This was John Alexander; it may be because he had before him a new world to conquer.

After her husband's death she made her home with her eldest son, Benjamin, but the last part of her life was spent with her daughter, Mary, at Lock Haven, where she died after having completed her three score and ten years. She was a woman greatly loved by all who knew her, and was blessed with sterling qualities of mind and heart, which descended to her children, and to their children in turn.

George, the eldest son of John Siggins, was born in County Sligo, in 1778, and was 15 years of age when he came to America. In 1800 he married Jean Young, daughter of Rev. William and Jean Young, that family having emigrated from Ireland in company with him. In 1801, after his father's death, George Siggins removed to Pithole, where he bought a tract of land from the Holland Land Company. This country was then even wilder than Center county.

The severe winters and frosts made it hard to get along during the winter, and short of flour and had to cook the unripe grain. There were seven families at Stuart's Run beside the Siggins—they were: Two Dawsons, two Allenders, two Kinnears and one Middleton. They were all Methodists, and held meetings from house to house. George Siggins being their class leader. From Pithole he moved to a farm below Tidoute, now owned by his grandson, John Siggins, our manager.

In 1818 he moved for the last time to Hickorytown, where he spent the rest of his life. Recognizing the advantages of improvement, he never failed to have a care to that end, and wherever he went, there we find archaistic and other evidences of his forethought.

At Hickory he was instrumental in having a little meeting house built, and a school house, the seats and desks of which were made of slabs and the windows of oiled paper. He organized debating clubs, and encouraged his sons in taking part, thus training them to public speaking, which in later life proved a most useful acquirement.

In his George Siggins had been given a license to exhort. There are still people living who can recall his kindly words as he used to address them as "dear children." This good man died January 17, 1868, leaving a family of six sons and two daughters. The sons, John, William, Nathaniel, Hord, George Simpson and James, married young and raised large families, all of whom live in this part of the country. Isaac Connelly Siggins remained single. They all were farmers, all were men of high morals and fine taste.

John, the second son of John and Sarah Siggins, came from Center county in company with his mother, and also went with her from Pithole to Brokenstraw. In May, 1818, when about 23 years of age, he left home to go down the Allegheny. He fell a victim to yellow fever and died on the Ohio river and was buried on Leart Island.

Sarah Siggins, the younger daughter, married Isaac Connelly, an exhorter of remarkable eloquence. They settled at Cobham and raised a large family, most of whose children still live in that neighborhood. We have an interesting account of the life of William, best known as Judge Siggins, written by himself in his 84th year. He was born May 12, 1789, and was but four years old at the time of their emigration.

He stayed in Center county, till 1803, when he went to Pithole with his brother George. He went to school, using as text books, Webster's spelling book and the new testament. In March, 1807, when the snow was three feet deep, he went to Brokenstraw, where for some time he had a saw-mill, running his lumber to Pittsburgh. At one time a man from Allegheny, offered him four acres of land for his raft. This offer was at once refused. He says: "What a foolish man I was to suppose that that land is now worth a million dollars."

Some time after this he and Judge Connelly bought a grist-mill on Stuart's Run. They had to bring their mill irons from Bellefonte. In 1812, he married a little girl named Polly Wilson. She was sixteen years of age, fair and handsome.

He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1827, and during his term he entered about four thousand acres of land, which was reversed by the court. He was later appointed associate judge of Warren county. He served as justice of the Peace twenty-five years, and was a grand jury man at the first court held in Warren county in 1819, in all serving 60 years in Warren and Warren county courts. The life of this useful man ended July 13, 1873 in his 84th year. He had a family of eight sons and four daughters. Alexander, the youngest son of John Siggins, was born on the voyage to America in 1792. When quite young he learned the trade of blacksmith at which he worked till the last year of his life. Being a man of industrious and steady-going habits he became quite well-to-do. He bought a tract of well timbered land, and in process of clearing cut down the fine oak trees and burned them with the brush. In 1816 he married Margaret Kinneer, whom he had known since childhood, she being the daughter of Henry Kinneer, one of their fellow pioneers at Pithole. Alexander Siggins was a man of serene temper and calm judgment. In 1858, Alexander Siggins died, leaving a large family to honor his memory.

Twice within the period of this history did our country call for soldiers. The first time was in the war of 1812, when men were needed to reinforce General Peter Perry, at Erie, in 1813. There were then four sons of John Siggins to respond. They were William Siggins, who was first sergeant, George, John and James. They marched to Erie but were not called upon for active service.

In the late war there was a good representation of the family, notwithstanding their deserts as brave soldiers to a full account of their heroism, it is only possible to give a brief mention of each one, and it is hoped that none are here omitted. Of the grandsons of George Siggins, there were Nathaniel Simpson Siggins, James Patterson Siggins, who was wounded, Isaac Wilson Siggins, William Young Siggins and William Parker Siggins, a soldier honored for his dauntless courage. Sarah Connelly's grandsons, Isaac and Wilbur Magee also served in the war. Judge Siggins had two sons, Nathaniel and Irvine, and two grandsons, Irvine and Walter Mead. Alexander Siggins son, John and his grandson, Vincent Trask also. Of these who married into the family are Captain Perry and Captain Peter Trask of Jamesstown, Colonel W. C. Howe, of Montpelier, Ind., Clinton Smith, John Gillilan and Cyrus Richardson.

But there are other names which though no longer often on the tongues of men, are yet above all deserving of our tender memory. They are Augustus Trask, killed at White Mountain; Isaac Richardson, killed at the battle of Gettysburg; George Siggins, died in the hospital of wounds received at Dallas, Georgia; Captain Benjamin Smith, killed at Hatcher's Run; Jefferson Magee and Porter Siggins, killed at Atlanta, Ga., the bible in his pocket not being sufficient to stop the fatal bullet on his way to that young hero.

At present the descendants of John Siggins are scattered from Canada to Mexico, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, while Ireland seems well supplied with those of other branches of the family.

The Siggins as soldiers was to have been discussed by Comrade Isaac Siggins, of Shoustown, Pa., but in his absence, on account of sickness, Comrade John Siggins, of Converse, Ind., was substituted and in a happy vein entertained his hearers for half an hour. Mrs. E. H. Harris, of the colonel's amiable better half, then read an original poem which was highly complimented. Dr. J. B. Siggins, of Tionesta, Pa., then read letters of regret from the following connections: Dr. E. L. Siggins, Omaha, Neb.; C. C. Siggins, Boise City, Iowa; John A. Siggins, New York City; Mrs. E. F. Clearfield, Clearfield, Pa.; Mrs. Sarah Connelly Webster, Bloomfield, N. J.; Mrs. B. Connelly Patterson, Middletown, O.; Isaac Siggins, Bradford, Pa. This concluded the programme when the question, "Shall We Have a Reunion Next Year?" was discussed at considerable length. It was finally settled by the chairman appointing John W. Siggins, of Bradford; H. B. Siggins, of Youngville, and David Siggins, of Warren, a committee to fix the time and place for the reunion next year.

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ADMINISTRATORS' SALE. Estate of Junia Campbell, Deceased. Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Forest county, to the undersigned Administrator of the estate of Junia Campbell, deceased, directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Tionesta borough, Forest county, on Monday, the eighth day of July, A. D., 1895, at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following described premises:

All the undivided one-fourth of all that certain leasehold estate, situate in Howe township, Forest county, State of Pennsylvania, in the east part of warrant number two thousand nine hundred and ninety-one (2901), being one hundred (100) acres off the east end of said warrant, part of a certain leasehold created by oil lease from J. M. Bonner to C. A. Shultz, dated October 21st, 1886, together with a like interest in six (6) oil wells, and pipe, machinery, tanks, etc., to same belonging on said leasehold. This sale is made subject to the deed of trust made by Junia Campbell in her lifetime of all her interest in said premises for the payment of certain indebtedness. Said deed of trust being dated May 17th, 1888, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Forest county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th day of May, 1888, at the date of the sale, and one-half (1/2) on the confirmation of the sale. P. H. FRELMAN, Administrator. The above sale adjourned to July 30, 1895, at 3 o'clock P. M. at the same place. P. H. FRELMAN, Administrator of Junia Campbell.

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