

THE REPUBLICAN.

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FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1895

Meeting of Republican Standing Committee of Sullivan County.

On motion it was resolved that we hold the County Convention for the nomination of County Offices in the Court House at Laporte on Saturday July 20th, 1895, at

ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

and that the delegate election in the several precincts be held at places of holding election on Saturday July 13th, 1895, between the hours of 5 and 8 p. m.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

Bernice—H. G. Keller, Geo. Bowdy and Will Allen.

Cherry twp.—L. B. Yonkin, Ed Whitebread and E. W. Huffmaster.

Coley—Wm. Allen, Royal Scouters and O. Bowen.

Dushore—F. P. Vincent, F. J. Mynard and Bernard Kline.

Davidson—L. M. King, D. H. Lorah and Chas. Mead.

Eikland—H. W. Osler, U. Bird and M. O. Barnes.

Forks twp.—M. W. Farrell, E. R. Warburton and O. H. Bird.

Forksvilleboro—J. W. Rogers, Frank Hannon and F. C. Schanabacher.

Fox—A. E. Campbell, A. B. Kilmer, and Wise Hines.

Hillsgrove twp.—G. E. Darby, Vernon Hull and Lyman Norton.

Jamison City—B. F. Meyers, J. W. Harvey and E. T. Brown.

Laporteboro—W. C. Mason, W. M. Cheeseman, N. C. Shahan.

Laporte twp.—W. M. Botsford, B. B. King and W. J. Low.

Lopez—F. G. Rice, Chas. Schock and C. H. Jennings.

Mt. Vernon—W. M. Edkin, Dawson Snell and J. J. Harding.

Shrewsbury—R. W. Bennett, E. V. Ingham and C. Peale Jr.

F. P. VINCENT, Chairman.

In the Scranton Republican under date of May 9th, a communication from Mrs. Graham is found relating to the Meredith family giving reasons for a commemorative recognition.

Having in historical researches had occasion to go over my father's papers I have been able to glean some important facts in addition to those furnished by Mrs. Graham will briefly attempt from memory to give added facts of interest. Reese Meredith the father of General Samuel

Meredith was a prosperous merchant in Philadelphia, long before the Revolutionary war, and made investments in land under the Penn title, which were located within the present boundary of this county. Saml. was born in 1741 and on arriving to the age of manhood, is found among the Philadelphia merchants who in 1765 opposed the importation of tea and other goods that were stamped. In 1772 he married a daughter of Dr. Thomas Cadwalader, this will in some measure account for the very large number of land warrants taken out in the name of Cadwalader.

Shortly before the Revolutionary war Mr. Meredith made large investments in lands in different parts of the Commonwealth. When the government was dependent upon the contribution of its friends for support, Mr. Meredith and his brother-in-law, George Clymer, each contributed \$25,000.

During the war Mr. Meredith joined the army, first taking rank as Major, in which capacity he distinguished himself in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, and in Oct. 1777 was commissioned as General of the fourth brigade of the Pennsylvania militia. George Clymer becoming at the time equally prominent as a member of Congress and one of the signers of the declaration of independence.

At the close of the war and at a time that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was in great danger of losing her possessions from the claimant under the Connecticut title, Messrs. Meredith & Clymer were among those who gave large financial aid to Pennsylvania by the purchase of large tracts of land within the disputed territory. In 1789 Gen. Meredith received the appointment of Treasurer of the U. S. The following letter is under date of Sept. 13, 1789:

DEAR SIR—Permit me to congratulate you on your appointment as Treasurer of the United States and to assure you of the pleasure I feel in anticipating your cooperation with me in a station in which a character like yours is truly valuable.

With sincere esteem I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER HAMILTON,

Secretary of the Treasury."

Gen. Meredith continued in the discharge of the duties of this office for a period of 12 years when he retired on account of ill health, and to give personal attention to his large land interests; in consequence of which the perplexing questions connected with land titles, required his most careful attention.

His only son, Thomas, was born in 1779 had received a good business education and was well fitted to aid his father, having obtained both a practical and theoretical knowledge of surveying. In 1804 he accompanied his father to Wilkes-Barre, he there became better acquainted with

his father's interests and the joint property of Meredith & Clymer. These lands were in detached bodies extending all the way from the Delaware river to the East Branch of the Susquehanna. From this date for many years both Gen. Meredith and George Clymer relied upon Thos. Meredith for the care and management of this vast property. At this time there existed obstacles only known by those who have become informed of the local history of Northern Pennsylvania. Litigations arising from conflicting titles, efforts to prevent re-surveys and degradations made by timber thieves were among the things brought to the attention on the perusal of his papers. The want of roads prevented the opening of these lands to desirable settlers. To overcome this difficulty Mr. Meredith gave careful attention in his work as surveyor to the position of streams and mountain passes, to determine the most favorable locations. In this capacity he became the pioneer worker in bringing before the public the possibilities and importance of such enterprises. Two of the important Turnpike Companies were organized and largely built under his supervision, that are known as the North and South, Belmont and Oquaque, besides giving efficient aid to several others. The opening of the turnpike roads gave the first impetus to successful settlement that proved a benefit to the land holders. Mr. Meredith having located at Belmont in Wayne county, and the interests of the landed business required the attention of a man in Wilkes Barre, Mr. Henry Clymer, the father of Wm. B. Thomas W. and Mrs. Edward Overton went there to reside and jointly with Mr. Meredith for a few years to look after the interests of the Meredith & Clymer lands; among those appointed as local agents were, Bartholomew Laporte, father of John Laporte, in Bradford county and Wm. Ward, father of Christopher L. Ward, in Susquehanna county.

In 1828 a commencement was made in operating the extensive coal fields of Lackawanna Valley at Carbondale. Mr. Meredith at that time made a personal investment of the property below the opening and soon after changed his residence to that place. He then commenced the undertaking of securing a railroad charter which he subsequently obtained, known as the Lackawanna railroad. At this time he had in his employ as clerk Christopher L. Ward who wished to engage in other business, but with the desire of promoting the interests of his employer, recommended Secku Meylert as a man well fitted to take his place, and in May 1830 Mr. Meylert engaged in his service, residing with him for three years, when the landed estates were separated between the heirs of Samuel Meredith George Clymer Wm. B. Clymer, John Reed and Philomena Dickens, representing the divided interests and Mr. Meylert acting as their agent. As this required for number of years the joint labor of Mr. Meredith and Mr. Meylert, their intercourse was kept up and their correspondence furnishes one of the most fruitful sources relating to the progress of public improvements in North Eastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Meredith like many others who have labored for the welfare of those who were to reap in the future, gave too little thought to his present needs and as a consequence when undertakings for want of financial help had to be deferred, was for many years compelled to suffer the reverses of fortune, but after the expiration of over twenty years improvements in the Lackawanna Valley has so far progressed that he began to believe fortune's favor would again return to him and about 1854 old friends who felt a deep interest in his welfare again began to rally around him; among those most prominent are found his nephew John Merideth Reed, Christopher L. Ward, Wm. B. Clymer and Michael Meylert; adjacent to part of the Merideth coal field was the Seymour lands under the care of Hon. Wm. Jessup. A company was organized and a railroad constructed, connecting with the D. L. & W., at Dunmore, and with the coal mines opened, all moved hopeful for one or two years, when the pressure fell so severely in the Pennsylvania coal fields came upon them and Mr. Merideth and friends were compelled to suffer very heavy losses. The writer here will be excused for alluding to the losses of Michael Meylert, by which he was compelled to sell and mortgage nearly all of his Sullivan county property. The tannery and adjacent lands passing into the possession of Gillispie & Pierce Co., Clarkson & Nicol and other lands to Samuel Stevenson, and Dexter Conklin and John Brown and others. But to resume as to the reason why the Merideth family are well deserving a commemorative recognition, they were eminently patriotic, relied upon by Washington in the years when the nation was in the greatest need of help, generously aiding the Commonwealth when its credit was the lowest.

By all means let the new county be named Merideth.

W.M. MEYLER.

Observe R. L. Marks' new ad in the REPUBLICAN this week.

SONESTOWN ITEMS.

Our farmers are getting along very well with their farm work.

There is talk of having a good time here on Memorial Day.

A party of nearly a score of persons from Hughesville, were at the Margolin Hotel on Sunday for a trout and frog dinner. All reported a good time, and will no doubt repeat the trip in the future.

Eli Brown has his Blacksmith shop completed and is now at work in it.

The E. M. R. R. trains run to Eagles Mere regularly, and soon the City people will be ascending the mountains.

There is a petition in circulation for a county bridge across Muney Creek at this place. A bridge of that kind is much needed.

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Farmers and Horsemen.

A revival in the price of heavy draft horses has already commenced. The great falling off in the breeding which has taken place during the past two years is going to make them scarce and in active demand by the time that business shall have fully recovered from the late depression. In view of these facts it is therefore a good time to commence the breeding of the above mentioned class of horses.

The undersigned will have on exhibition three stallions whose superiors have never been seen in this locality and whose pedigrees and descriptions are annexed.

At Dushore, Overts Hotel, May 13, 15, and 17th; Colley, Hunsingers Hotel, May 14th; New Albany, Wells' Hotel, May 16th; Overton, Hannon's Hotel, May 17th; Forksville, Seelye's Hotel, May 20th, and 21st. Terms etc., can be ascertained at these places.

DESCRIPTION.

UTIL. No. 2210. Norman Percheon Draft imported; registered in both stud books. Foaled 1886; weight, 1600 lbs; coal black; stylish, good life and active.

UTIL. No. 2210, dam Bechette No. 644, Foaled, Oct. 1890; weight, 1450; will weigh 1700 when developed. A chestnut well gaited horse.

HONEST TOM. English Shire registered Blocky brown horse, heavy mane and tail; weight, 1400; good life and well named.

We have worked all of the above horses since last fall, in the woods and elsewhere. They are all sound, good disposition and good workers.

JENNINGS BROS.

Note.

Taxes are assessed by the county and districts and must be collected. Some collectors are lenient others are unmerciful in their work. We think we should be quoted in the former class, but there is a time for all things and we are of the opinion that the time is ripe for those of our Davidson twp. individuals who have not paid their taxes for 1894 to call and settle the same. To this end we will give our delinquent friends until the 1st day of June, 1895. JAMES MORAN, Collector.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, HON. E. M. DUNHAM, President Judge, Honorable John Yonkin and M. J. Phillips, Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Trial, Deliverer, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, has issued their precept, bearing the date the 3d day of Mar. 1895, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the borough of Laporte, on Monday the 27th day of May, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Therefore, notice is hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper person at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions examinations and other remembrances to those things to which their offices appertain to be done. And to those who are bound by their recognition to prosecute against prisoners who are or shall be in the jail of the said county of Sullivan are hereby notified to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.

THOMAS MAHAFFEY Sheriff, Sheriff's office, Laporte, April 15 1895.

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