

THURSDAY, AUG. 4, 1898.

Ignorance is the mother of  
scepticism. Ignorance does  
not abound to any great extent  
in Sullivan County.

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County Seat Indices.  
AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Miles has run out of flags.  
—Porto Rico tumbles like a ripe peach.  
—Atty. F. H. Ingham is on the sick list.  
—Griffith Phillips of Sonestown, was in town Monday.  
—Mrs. M. P. Gavitt is convalescing after the past week illness.  
—These daily irrigations makes the corn crop look promising.  
—Mrs. Jno. P. Kennedy is visiting Dushore friends this week.  
—Mrs. W. J. Higley is recovering from a short spell of sickness.  
—Miss Jennie Thomas of Tamaqua is the guest of Mrs. Cora Stormont.  
—M. J. Phillips of Muncy Valley was a business man in town Saturday.  
—Prof. M. P. Gavitt visited with his parents in Laporte twp. on Sunday.  
—J. Harry Spencer of Williamsport is visiting friends in town this week.  
—John S. Hunter of Nordmont, was transacting business in town on Saturday.  
—John Krause of Lycoming Co., was among the visitors in town on Monday.  
—Hon. John S. Line was on official business at the temple of justice Saturday.  
—Mrs. E. P. Ingham has gone to Eagles Mere to spend the remainder of the summer season.  
—Several of the Normal School students were out of town Saturday, visiting at their homes.  
—Whoever has had any experience with a hornet's nest appreciates the problem of the Philippines.  
—Mrs. M. A. Cheney and Mrs. C. F. Cheney of Eagles Mere were calling on friends in town Tuesday.  
—Philip Peterman of Nordmont was transacting business with his lawyer, A. J. Bradley, on Monday.  
—An orchestra from Dushore will furnish music for the dance to be given in Kennedys Hall Thursday evening.  
—A social hop was given in the Mokoma Pavillion Tuesday evening which was enjoyed by a large number of young people.  
—C. M. Yeager was suddenly called to Lock Haven Monday by the serious illness of his mother. E. C. Zinn, of Harrisburg, is taking his place during his absence.  
—The Bernice base ball club was pleasantly entertained by the Laporte team on the latter's diamond last Saturday. Score, 8 to 15 in favor of Bernice.  
—H. A. Karns, District President of the P. O. S. of A., is placing the officers in their stations in the several Camps of the county.  
—Prof. Chas. Lewis, accompanied by his cousin Mrs. John Shaw, were the guests of Hon. and Mrs. Russel Karns on Saturday and Sunday.  
—Mr. John P. Kennedy has made final arrangements for opening a steam laundry business in Hughesville. With best wishes from his many friends he left Tuesday morning for his new home.  
—Able Gritman, D. D. S., of Buffalo, accompanied by his father, D. S. Gritman, of Nordmont, was shaking hands with old friends and school chums in town Monday.

## THE PARTY OF THE SOLDIER.

How the Republican Organization  
Has Stood by the Boys in Blue  
From the Beginning.

INTERESTING TALK WITH  
COLONEL A. K. MCCLURE.

The Sage of Political Journalism Recalls How the Act Was Passed Giving the Soldier in the Field the Right to Vote, and Tells How One of President Lincoln's Paroles Was Stretched From Twenty-four Hours to Twenty Years.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Aug. 2.

"That resolution adopted so enthusiastically by the Republican state committee brings to my mind the early sixties as though the years since then had been weeks."

It was in the course of a chat with Colonel A. K. McClure, most brilliant of free lance editors, that he said this, and we happened to be discussing the resolution by which the Republican party, now, as in the sixties, and in all the intervening years, has been distinctly the party of the soldier, whether in maintaining him in his full right of suffrage or in standing guard over the legislation out of which have come pensions, soldiers' homes and soldiers' orphan schools.

"That resolution reaffirming as sound Republican doctrine the declaration that 'the right of suffrage keeps step with the American soldier wherever he follows the flag of his country,'" continued the colonel, "affirms a fact in law, so far as Pennsylvania is concerned, and one which the Republican party, after a determined struggle, put into the very constitution of the commonwealth. The sub-committee to be appointed by State Chairman Elkin 'to take such steps as may be necessary to see that this right is insured to every Pennsylvania soldier who is now in the service of his country, wherever he may be, without regard to zone or hemisphere,' will have no heavier duties than merely to remind the governor, if any reminder had been necessary, as I don't suppose it was in the present case, of his prerogatives under the act of 1864, passed in pursuance of the amendment to the constitution adopted in the same year. That is still the law of the state, and while I do not fancy that the result of the election in Pennsylvania this fall will be so close that we will have to wait in uncertainty until the official returns from the Manila bay precinct are received and counted, there is no question in my mind as to the right of the Pennsylvania soldiers to vote, whether they are in the Philippines, in Cuba or in Porto Rico. For this purpose the American flag makes everything in sight of it American territory on election day."

"What a rousing majority there is likely to be in Cavite township for Aleck Hawkins for state senator from the Washington-Beaver district, by the way, for he is the Republican candidate, and has his Tenth regiment there with him. And there is Willis Hulings, who is somewhere in Porto Rico with the Sixteenth, and may be Heaven knows where on election day. If they don't make peace too fast at Washington the returns from Barcelona or Cadiz, or even the Madrid districts, may have an interesting bearing on the next representation at Harrisburg from one of our old country districts."

"The question of the right of the soldier in the field to vote was raised in the congressional election of 1862," continued Colonel McClure, "in a case where some soldier votes were the balance of power in one of the Philadelphia districts. On a contest the question got to the supreme court of the state, and the soldier votes were thrown out in pursuance of an opinion written by Woodward. The Republican party immediately accepted the issue. The necessary resolution for submitting a constitutional amendment to the vote of the people was passed through two successive legislatures, as required; it went to a vote of the people in the early summer of '64, was carried, and the legislature convened in special session to pass the act required to carry it into effect."

"I had some influence in Republican councils at the time," he added, modestly (he was chairman of the Republican state committee in 1860, had a latchkey to the White House so long as President Lincoln occupied it, and was the power behind the throne in both the Curtin administrations). "I did the best I could, and so did Governor Curtin, to make the bill far-reaching. It was war times then, as now. The Republicans, of course, had the people overwhelmingly with them in Pennsylvania, and while they had not the relative numerical strength they have now, the war swept all other questions out of the public mind. It is as Shakespeare put it in what might be the saying of a shrewd and observing politician of today—'uncommon things make common things forgotten.' The Republicans could have passed any sort of an election law they pleased, if they had seen fit to take unfair advantage of their strength."

"After the law was passed I suggested to Curtin that he appoint some representative Democrats among the election commissioners provided for, and among others he appointed Jerry McKibben, of this city. McKibben hesitated about accepting, and said to me: 'If Stanton catches me in Washington he'll put me into the capital prison, sure,' but on my assurance that he would be properly supported and protected, he went. There was an old feud between the secretary of war and the McKibbens, and Stanton was not only a zealous official, but one of the best haters of a time when animosities were especially hot. Well, I got a telegram a few days later, saying:

"I am in capital prison. Come and get me out"—and signed McKibben. "I telegraphed the president, saying 'I must see him that night, and went over. I found that one of the printers, in setting up the blank tally sheets

furnished to the commissioners, had inadvertently dropped off the name of one of the Republican candidates for elector. McKibben knew nothing of it, and it could have had no effect on the result, but Stanton, with that microscopic eye of his, detected it, and had promptly stuck Jerry in jail on the charge of putting forth fraudulent election papers. All that President Lincoln could do that night was to order his release temporarily on parole. I was to see Stanton next morning and get a full discharge. I saw him, but after considering the matter three days the secretary wrote me saying he had concluded that in the public interest he ought not to do so."

"And," concluded the sage of political journalism, with one of those rich but quiet laughs of his which seem to come from the heart, "by George, he never did do it, and Jerry McKibben died 20 years after, still at liberty under Lincoln's temporary parole, which was intended to last only over night."

GEORGE H. WELSHONS.

### AN EDITORIAL OUTING.

The Editor Attends the Pleasant Annual Excursion of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Press Association to Geneva, N. Y. Notes of What He Saw and Enjoyed.

At the outset it is refreshing to note the deliberate preparation which a thorough newspaper man makes at the out start of his journey to permit nothing whatsoever to interfere with his pleasure. He simply puts his business aside and forgets everything else except two facts, that getting out his sheet is the most important thing in local happenings, and that he is out for a good time, nevertheless. This is his objective point and he "gets there," as the sporting editors say, "with both feet."

The fact was amply illustrated last Friday by the newspaper men of Bradford, Wyoming and Sullivan counties on their trip to and from Geneva, N. Y., where the Northeastern Pennsylvania Press Association held their annual outing. It was a happy gathering of big toads in a small pool, a big talk, a big eat, and a big time generally. No people know better how to have a good time than quill pushers. They prepare for it elaborately and they carry it out on the wholesale plan. Unlike some other organizations the N. P. Press Association does not object to the presence of ladies on their junket. Each member starts out with the intention of enjoying himself to the fullest extent, but he does not calculate that anything will happen which could in any sense be offensive to a lady, and therefore nothing of the kind occurs. The fun is unlimited but it is of that character which the wives and daughters of the members may participate in if they desire, which they all did with but two exceptions. Our reasons being the most critical, while Editor McKee of the Towanda Daily Review, who, consistent with a due regard to the laws of economy is not the person to hide his light under a bushel, took advantage of this great occasion where the whole function is expressly designed to create a maximum amount of sensation with a minimum regard for the almighty dollar, left his wife at home and prepared himself for any emergency and headed the delegation. Mr. McKee is one of the solid men of the metropolis of Bradford. He is not only a shrewd newspaper man of long and high standing but prominent in other local business affairs. It was he who had the burden of the management of the excursion on his broad shoulders, and he carried out his undertaking without a flaw, and in such a systematic and business like way and so thoroughly without ostentation that he was not only enabled to enjoy the trip himself but kept from the others any suggestion of the worry and trouble which they would otherwise have undergone. At Sayre a number of his flock boarded a wrong train but he discovered the mistake in time to save several "forms of body type" from being "piled" along the track a few miles above.

We arrived in Sayre 5:15 a. m. and in company with Brother McKee enjoyed a pleasant hour's walk through this town of beautiful homes. In the meantime parties of the association with their better halves assembled at the station, where we spent another hour in greeting old friends and forming new acquaintances among men who are wielding the editorial pen and conducting newspapers, and the attractive ladies that walk by their side. Oh those glorious never-let-go-hand-shakes when every Editor who has been pummeling the other fellows across the way for a whole year, says how glad he is to see him, and shake hands with him, and eat with him, and well, literally hug him. Talk about lawyers badgering each other in court, and then swapping yarns over a friendly lunch together—why lawyers are mere novices at this sort of thing—it takes full-fledged, fighting, fire-eating Editors to give points on "harmony" and "re-construction," and olive branch bouquets, after a rough-and-tumble for the county printing, and the Sheriff's notices, etc.; ever ready for a scrap over the leaves and fishes dealt out by politicians, and never object to a bit of set-to in politics at any time, when "their man" is looking for a change of base. But all this must now be forgotten for we are

OFF FOR A LOVE FEAST.

At 7 o'clock the party boarded a fast express train on the Lehigh Valley at Sayre and started for Odessa. Here the party was met and conveyed to Montour

Canon by the Hathaway stage line. After a delightful ride through farming country we arrive at the mouth of the famous Havana Glen, later known as Montour Canon. As we left the train at Odessa a polite gentleman approaches and offers each of the party a duplicate key to the Canon, assuring them that so long as the Editors remained in his excellent care they shall own the beautiful glen. This affable gentleman was Mr. C. W. Hathaway who is ably managing the affairs of this grand canyon.

And now we are here, with three hours before us with one of the world's greatest scenes as our tarrying place with Manager Hathaway prepared to add special courtesies to the marvelous pleasure of such a visit, and there is little for us to do but to place our ship in the care of this good pilot and sail joyously over the peaceful sea of mirth and recreation while the soul revels in nature's sublimest grandeur, making one grow exhilarant by the journey. Neither pen nor tongue can describe this scenery, nor can it be comprehended in one, nor two, nor a dozen views; for every time one looks he sees new beauties to charm the vision and enchant the mind. They are indescribable and incomprehensible to those who have not visited the place, so without further description we will journey on.

After leaving the Canon with reluctant steps, the party is taken on to Watkins by stage, a distance of three miles. The drive is enjoyed immensely, being by the way of the old town of Havana. It was learned that the town was well fortified but the citizens realizing the pen mightier than the sword, surrendered with open arms. The brave boys under the leadership of Mr. Hathaway, who is known throughout the country as the prince of excursion entertainers, captured and sunk several schooners. A short distance further and the pretty homes of Watkins dawn upon our vision, and soon we see business houses and dwellings gaily decorated with flags and bunting, a band of music preceding us as we pass through town and porches and balconies are seated with occupants who waves a welcome to Pennsylvania Editors. Presently we come to the Glen City Hotel. Here we landed and invaded the hotel, receiving a courteous welcome from the landlord, C. J. Lobdell. The place is elegant in all its appointments. While the ladies were above-stairs the men reconnoitered one of the back rooms which is provided with a large mirror and cut glassware, and they seemed well satisfied with what they found there. No further time was lost in placing our shins under Lobdell's table, where we enjoyed viands of endless variety most tastily prepared. With this sumptuous meal over the gentlemen were escorted to the Democratic office, the leading newspaper of Watkins. It is a model of convenience, equipped with splendid machinery and all the accessories to a first-class printing establishment, bearing indisputable evidence of business thrift and prosperity.

It is now nearing 2 o'clock the hour for the departure of the steamer for Geneva. We accordingly embarked upon the commodious boat and soon steamed away at a lively speed. This sail was a truly delightful one, and gave us a chance to view a most prosperous farming section as the boat made stops at various points touching on either shore. We can not describe the beauties of this magnificent body of water over forty miles long and four miles wide in many places. After a two-hour's sail by looking on the hill-side upon our right, we discern the imposing and architecturally attractive WILLARD ASSYLUM

with its spacious, well kept grounds that border along the lake, presenting a most pleasing background. So inviting are the premises that they almost tempt one to wish himself an inmate, to enjoy the peace and comfort it seems to suggest.

An interesting and profitable business meeting of the Association is called to order by President Day in the cozy cabin of the boat, where matters were discussed for some time. Evening is now upon us and the glorious sail has revived the appetite we lost at Watkins. The boat arrives on due time in Geneva at 7 o'clock. We at once direct our steps toward THE RENDEZVOUS.

By pre-arrangement The Nester Hotel had been secured as the place to terminate the journey and take refreshments. A short walk from the wharf and here we are, in one of the grandest hotels outside the City of New York. After the evening meal short walks about the city were enjoyed until 8:30 when the party joined the throngs that were taking The Nester elevator carrying them to the roof garden on top where artists with string instruments discourses music of the rarest and sweetest kind for the delatation of those who group around the many small tables enjoying liquid refreshments. This pleasant place was enjoyed until 9:30 when an electric car was boarded bringing us up at the Lehigh Valley station and soon a night express train is whizzing us homeward. Sayre and Towanda were reached in the early morning hours, where the party began bidding each other a farewell, hoping to meet again on these memorable editorial outings.

No sooner do the good bug insurgents surrender to Guffey than the Gordonites become riotous.

## Williamsport & North Branch Railroad

### TIME TABLE.

IN EFFECT TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1898.

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