ABOUT PENNYPACKER

Some Interesting Facts in the Life of the Judge.

IS A VERY MODEST GENTLEMAN

He Is a Grand Army Man and a Su vivor of Gettysburg-His Famous Defense of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians That Awoke Criticism. (From Our Own Correspondent.)

Philadelphia, July 15.-The candidacy of Judge Samuel W. Pennypack er for governor is bringing to the surface a vast number of clever, inter-esting and characteristic stories of his life. Men who have known him for years never fancied that there was bound up in his personality so much, that, in any other man with less modesty, would have kept his name continually before the public.

Judge Pennypacker is not only a learned and upright judge, but he is an antiquarian, a member of a number of learned societies, the author of a number of legal works, a historian of the Pennsylvania Germans, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a member of at least half a dozen of the great patriotic and hereditary societies of the United States. Above all, he is a companionable, modest man, who has never presumed upon his distinction in gublic or in private life. A capital and characteristic story of his good nature was published some time ago, as follows:

Judge Pennypacker's summer home is out in Montgomery county, on the banks of the Perkiomen. It was owned by his ancestors and was once the headquarters of General Washington. The region around the Perkiomen is very popular with fashionable Philadelphia summer boarders. On his way to and from his farm these summer days no one would suspect that the unobtrusive gentleman, deeply engaged in the perusal of a book or magazine in the car seat was the distinguished Judge Pennypacker, of Philadelphia. Going out home the other night, seated directly behind Judge Pennypacker, was a fashionably dressed woman from the city, who carried a small hand satchel, and had beside her in the seat a very large dress suit case.

As the train approached College-ville, the woman began to get ready to leave the car. As the train slowed up she reached over the back of the seat, tapped Judge Pennypacker lightly on the shoulder, and said: "I wish you would carry my dress suit case out for me, please."

suit case out for me, please." The judge, who was busy reading a magazine, looked up, and thinking some mistake had been made, re-sumed his book. The woman persist-ed, and again tapping him on the shoulder, said sharply, with something like command in her tone: "I wish you would carry this dress suit case for me to the platform."

suit case for me to the platform." Laying down his book, the judge arose, seized the grip, carried it out, sat it down on the platform and was about to re-enter the car, when the woman offered him a piece of silver for his trouble. The judge raised his

hat and laughingly said: "No, I thank you; it was not a trouble, but a pleasure."

As the train pulled away and the woman was told who her distinguished burden bearer was she became so flustered that she walked all the way to the hotel instead of going in the bus.

Judge Pennypacker's full name is Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker. On his father's side he is a descendant of his father's side he is a descendant of Hendrick Pannebecker, who was sur-veyor for the Penns, and who came to this country the latter part of the seventeenth century. On the same side he is descended from Samuel Richardson, an early settler in Phila-delphia, a provincial counsellor, a member of the assembly, and a judge of the court of common pleas quarter of the court of common pleas, quarter sessions of the peace and orphans' court, his commission for the latter

office dating from December 11, 1688. By the marriage of Samuel Richard son's son, Joseph, to Elizabeth, daugh-ter of John Bevan, who came to this country in 1683 with a party of Cymric Quakers and settled in Merion, the line is preserved intact. The Pennypackers and their kin on collateral lines

public, and in 1869 was elected com-mander of Frederick Taylor Post, No. 19, of Philadelphia. His position as a member of the bar was recognized even at that early age

and in 1869, when only 25 years of age he was elected president of the Law Academy of Philadelphia.

tified with the Grand Army of the Re-

Academy of Philadelphia. In the ensuing twenty years, Judge Pennypacker as a member of the Philadelphia bar, advanced steadily in his profession, gradually fitting himself by experience and contact with the world for the high place that was wait-ing for him. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1887, and during the same year received from Franklin and Marshall College the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

In 1887 Judge James T. Mitchell, of the Court of Common Pleas of Phila-delphia county, was elected to the supreme court of Pennsylvania. The fill-ing of this important place fell to the lot of Governor Beaver, who had been greatly impressed by the eloquence and legal acumen of Lawyer S. W. Penny-packer, who had appeared before him to plead the merits of a certain measure that had just passed the legisla-ture. He was accordingly appointed judge in place of Justice Mitchell. He was elected in 1889 to the same

position for a term of ten years, and succeeded Judge John I. Clark Hare, who had resigned as president judge. When the campaign of 1899 opened the merits, fairness and ability of Judge Pennypacker were so generally recog-nized by both political parties that in August of that year he received the unanimous nomination of Democrats and Republicans and was re-elected in November for another term of ten years. At present he is president judge of the Court of Common Pleas Number

Among Judge Pennypacker's many important decisions, affirmed by the supreme court of the United States, are the cases of Mullen vs. Doyle in re Melon street, a case of great importwhich before being finally deance. cided had been heard by seventeen judges. Another was the Arch Street Museum case, the Carter will case, the Irwin will case, Barr vs. the city, involving the right of the city to borrow \$11,000,000, and Commonwealth vs Davis, the defendant in which was the first person convicted of murder in the first degree in the City Hall, Philadel-

In 1886 upon the death of Hon. John Welsh, former minister to England, Judge Pennypacker was elected a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania and since then has been one of its most enthusiastic friends. In the course of his historical researches Judge Pennypacker became possessed of facts which he embodied in a learned and convincing brief, which was accepted by the trustees, showing that the university's origin should date from 1740 instead of from 1749.

Reference has already been made to the societies, learned and otherwise, of which Judge Pennypacker is a member Among the more prominent ones are the American Philosophical Society, tc which he was elected May 21, 1886; the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which with the Pennsylvania German which with the Pennsylvania German Society he has presided over as active president. He is a member of all the leading patriotic societies, a founder of the Pennsylvania Society of the Revolution, of the Netherlands Society of Pennsylvania, and of the Colonial So-

ciety of Pennsylvania. As an author of standard legal works Judge Pennypacker is widely known. He has published jointly with E. G. Platt, Esq., and S. S. Hollingsworth, Esq., a digest of English Common Law Reports that was begun by Judge Sharswood; a volume of Pennsylvania Colonial cases, four volumes of Su-preme Court Records, known as Pennypacker's Reports, and has aided in the preparation of forty-four volumes of the Weekly Notes of Cases, having charge of the cases from the Courts of Common Pleas Nos. 2 and 3, Philadelphia

As a historian Judge Pennypacker has shown with equal brilliancy. He is a clear, concise and entertaining writer. Many of his monographs and historical papers and addresses have been translated abroad into German and Dutch. His most imposing work, possibly, is one recently issued and en titled the "Settlement of German-tcwn." Judge Pennypacker spent years in gathering material for this work went personally over the ground with the result that it has found high favor for its comprehensive, thorough and accurate statements and description. Prince Bismark personally thanked Judge Pennypacker for his address in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, in 1883 on the Bi-Centenial celebration of the beginning of German emigration to America

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early education in Saunders Institute in West Philadelphia, a famous old institution in its day, and at the Grove-mont Seminary at Proenixville, Pa. He began the study of law in the office of Hon. Peter McCall, of Philadelphia, who was his office preceptor; al-though at the same time, in 1864, he entered the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in July, 1866, with the degree of bachelor of laws

It was the year before he entered the university that there occurred one of the thrilling episodes in his history. In 1863 Lee's army was sweeping up from Virginia and Maryland to over whelm Pennsylvania. Young Penny-packer answered the call to arms and enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Emergency Regiment. His first experience with war was when he met tysburg. Judge Pennypacker has al-ways been closely and earnestly iden

Judge Pennypacker married on October 20, 1870, Virginia Earl, daughter of Nathan D. Broomall. His city residence is on North Sixteenth street. Philadelphia, and his summer residence at Schwenksville, Montgomery county, Pa.

A great deal has been said and written by the opponents of Judge Penny-packer about his so-called "Eulogy of Quay," and attempts have been made to belittle his candidacy on this ground. The fact is that the paper referred to was one of the ablest, most eloquent, and most convincing arguments for the dignity and supremacy of Pennsylva-nia in the galaxy of states that was ever written. The title of the paper was "Pennsylvania and Massachu-setts," and its object was to demonstrate the supremacy of Pennsylvania. and the fact that in every great histhe enemy on the bloody field at Get | torical crisis Pennsylvania had taken the lead over many of her sister states, and particularly Massachusetts.

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