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The Boys Are Old.

Fifty years ago the North and South sent out their generals to lead their armies. The battles were won and lost by boys and young men. The generals have practically answered the last reveille, taps have been sounded for about all. Those who were in rank are the only ones who are left over. Nearly all have reached the three score and ten year limit, some have reached the four score limit, and some have gone considerably beyond, but to add fifty to 1863-4 and 5, brings the age to a time when the shadows are lengthening and when the setting sun is just above the horizon, and the shades of night are approaching.

The Referendum and Initiative Not Law.

Pennsylvania is progressive, or at least it was eight months ago, and historical movements take no backward course, but always forward. The Initiative and the Referendum and the Workmen's Compensation bill were progressive ideas, but they failed to find sufficient favor at Harrisburg to become laws. When we consider however of the extreme conservative position that Pennsylvania occupied in the past, it is after all a great forward step that the state has taken, in even seriously discussing the Initiative, the Referendum and the Workmen's Compensation Bill. The reactionary will eventually give way to the progressive, and Pennsylvania law makers will meet the wishes of their constituents.

The Nation's Fourth.

The fourth of July is a date that has always been highly cherished by the American people, because the Declaration of Independence was declared from the mother country.

Two men who were prominent in the enactment of that heroic act died on that day. Thomas Jefferson, the writer of that great document, and John Adams, an advocate of its adoption, both honored with the presidency of the new republic.

The day after the great and exhaustive battle of Gettysburg the people of the North gathered together in knots and parties, work was suspended and a thanksgiving was entered into which gave expression to the tense feeling which had control of the people while the issue of the three days' battle had still been undecided.

Publicity Manager Takes Exception.

The Meyersdale Commercial has attracted the attention of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association of America, with headquarters in Cincinnati, for in a communication from the publicity manager, he tells us that he does not think that The Commercial was just either to the radical "wets" or radical "drys" in a recent article. He asks the question, "Is it not a strong indication that the people of Pennsylvania are satisfied with the present liquor laws, strengthened from time to time as may be required, when they refuse to sign remonstrances and petitions supported by the Anti-Saloon League?" If we are to judge the sentiment of Somerset county by the number of remonstrances against the granting of license, then the saloon is doomed to the deepest pit. Between 6000 and 7000 of the best men and women of Somerset county have joined the army openly and publically against the saloon and went on record with their names before the court of Somerset county. As to raising a fund to control the legislature two years hence, he says, "The liquor interests do not and have never obtained one half the amount for the protection of their business that the Anti-Saloon League has spent for its destruction." How does he know this? "The liquor people are not seeking any power in any state." How harmless they are!

They would try to make the world believe that they are the original temperance people, yet the products of their business are scattered all over the country and appear in ruined live and wretched homes.

Fifty Years Change.

Fifty years ago Gettysburg was the central town on this occasion on the map of the civilized world and especially for our country. All eyes had been turned to that place, all ears had been pricked to hear from there, all minds had been disposed to conclude that the outcome of Gettysburg would determine the future of the Rebellion.

Fifty years later again Gettysburg is on the lips of America, again the thousands are gathered on that historic ground, again the North and South meet, again it may be a crisis in our history. Most people have learned that the war is over, but with this anniversary there will be left no vestige of hatred between North and South; but a feeling of fraternity and a spirit of charity will pervade the hosts of America, where the star spangled banner waves over the blue and the gray, where all join in the fulness of spirit and with irresistible volume in singing:—

"My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.
Our Fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might,
Great God our King!"

DON'T forget tomorrow is to be a safe and sane Fourth. Help to make it such.

BILLS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

Among the important bills passed during the session are the following:
Establishing a public service commission.

Providing for statewide primaries in the selection of all candidates for office including governor, United States Senators and Presidential preference.

Providing for enrollment of voters according to party prediction.

Further legislation and additional appropriations in the interest of public health.

Establishing the Department of Labor and Industry on an advanced basis.

School code protected and \$1,000,000 additional appropriated.

Constitutional amendment permitting \$50,000,000 bond issue for good roads passed a second time, enabling voters to pass upon it in November, and liberal appropriations made for continuation of road improvement.

Constitutional amendment which will institute direct inheritance tax, graduated, passed for ratification.

Woman suffrage constitutional amendment passed the first time.

Woman's Labor bill.

Three bills of large importance on forestry passed.

Federal Constitutional Amendment providing for direct election of United States Senators ratified.

Commission Government for third class cities.

School of Agriculture Experiment Station at State College.

Policy of Governor continuing State Board of Charities with a view to encouraging participation of citizens in philanthropic work sustained.

Largest appropriation for public charities ever made, subject to revision by the governor.

Board of Censors for moving pictures.

Fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg provided for on a hospitable scale.

Pymatuning swamp drainage and reclamation provided for, the biggest conservation project east of the Mississippi and provision for storing flood waters of the Youghiogheny.

Preliminary step taken for abolishment of office of Secretary of Internal Affairs, a useless department.

Reform in corporate tax settlements.

Non-partisan elections.

The loan shark bill.

Mothers' pension bill.

Cold storage act.

Free—One cut glass tumbler with 24-2 lb. bag of our Celebrated Marvel flour or two with a 49 lb. bag, 75c and \$1.50 per bag, at Habel & Phillips.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Brethren Church:—H. L. Goughnour, pastor.—Preaching Services both morning and evening in the Meyersdale church. The services are brief and interesting, thus being appropriate to the summer season. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at the usual hours. All are cordially invited.

Miller Electric Washing Machines with wringer attached \$40.00, at Habel & Phillips. ad

S. S. CLASS MEETING.

C. W. Truxal's Sunday school class met at his residence Tuesday evening. About thirty members of the class were present and a few invited guests. An interesting class meeting was held after which refreshments were served.

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A WEDDING INVITATION.

Your presence is requested at the wedding of Mr. Tom Thum and Miss Jennie June, on next Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock, at the St. Paul (Wilhelm) Reformed church.

The ceremonies, with elaborate costumes and ritual, will be participated in by 50 children. With the accompanying choruses and drills, the whole entertainment will be worth your while to see Miss Teletta Roberts personally conduct the affair, which insures its success.

Admission, adults 25 cents; children under 12 years, 15 cents. Proceeds for the benefit of the piano fund of the True Blue S. S. Class.

Bananas, watermelons, cantaloupes, fresh tomatoes, cheap, at Habel & Phillips. ad

Bananas by the bunch for the 4th of July, at Habel & Phillips. ad

A cordial invitation is extended to the Moose and their friends and all others who will be here to attend the Moose Picnic at Riverside Park on July 4th, to make my place of business their headquarters while in the city.

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