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A Raftman's Experience

"Altogether the most thrilling experience I ever had was in the spring of 1859, while taking a raft of pine lumber from Emporium, Pa., to Marietta," said Matthew Hays, the Birmingham contractor, the other day. "The raft was owned by N. P. Minard—'Prov.' Minard, as everybody called him—and it contained 50,000 feet of the finest pine lumber. It was 160 feet long and 16 feet wide, and was the last of many big rafts that had been sent down the Susquehanna into the West Branch of the Susquehanna that spring. Minard, who is one of the kindest-hearted and most generous men I have ever met in quite a long period of constant contact with mankind, still lives near Emporium and will readily recall the dreadful strain that was placed upon our nerves on that night of terror in the month of April, more than twenty-eight years ago. I was working for Minard and he and I had taken many a raft from Emporium to Marietta. Minard had charge of the forward end of the raft and I of the rear. Just as we were about to unfasten the raft preparatory to starting on our long journey, a poor Irish woman, accompanied by her two grown sons and a lad of twelve years, asked permission to ride on the raft all the way down. We gladly granted her the favor, of course, and they quickly tumbled all their worldly possessions on to the raft and got aboard. The woman's sons had been working on a railroad up in that section and their mother had been cooking for them. None of them could understand English very well but I learned from the woman, when we got pretty well down toward the mouth of the Susquehanna, that they had neither money or food.

She was a widow and she and the boys had been struggling to get along in a strange country. Fortune was against them up there and they wanted to go down where the country was not so rough, and where the prospects of getting work right along were brighter. It was Saturday morning when we started from Emporium and everything went along smoothly until we reached the mouth of the Susquehanna, when we fed the unfortunate passengers and took dinner ourselves.

Then we drifted into the West Branch of the Susquehanna and in the course of an hour it began to rain. I never saw rain fall faster than it did during that gloomy April afternoon. The poor woman and her sons were soon drenched to the skin, for there was no shelter on the raft for any of us, and we all had to make the best of the unfortunate situation. About the middle of the afternoon we caught up to several other rafts that had started an hour or so before we had, and we fastened our raft and three of the others together and floated on in a fleet. The bonning black bears, that some of the lumbermen had caught in the mountains at the head of Portage creek, were chained a few yards apart on one of the rafts and these bears roared, pranced back and forth, and rattled their chains as we drifted along. They made such a racket that the inmates of every house that we passed in sight of came out to see what the matter was. Some one suggested that the noisy bears be dumped into the river for a change, but the owners of the wild animals said that the bears were worth at least eighty dollars apiece and that they did not propose to throw away that amount to please any whimsical person on board. A little further on one of the bears broke his fastenings and got to the rear of the raft before his trick had been discovered, and then there was such a hooting and yelling over the bear's attempt to gain his freedom that the animal seemed to be dazed. He hesitated about jumping into the water, but every person on the four rafts, with the single exception of the bear's owner, hoped that he would plunge in. While the bear was in the attitude of getting ready to take a cold bath the man who owned him was not idle. He made a slip noose out of a piece of rope and then he slyly tipped up behind the bear and threw it over his head, as the bear was gazing into the stream from the rear of the raft. Even then the bear did not see fit to plunge. A moment later the owner of the bear and two other raftsmen rushed up and grabbed hold of the rope and it wasn't long before the bear, choking, pulling and struggling back with all his might, was yanked back to the middle of the raft by main strength and chained up again. It was an exciting incident of the journey but not nearly as much so as something that occurred before midnight. The rain continued to fall uncommodiously fast. The river was overflowing its banks and getting higher every hour. A little before sundown we undertook to land. The current was so swift that there were no eddies in the stream, and landing there seemed to be out of the question, so we waited a little while, and then one of the raftsmen took a coil of cable and leaped into the water and made for the right bank. Another followed

Bound to Succeed.

W. Ray Smith, of Huntley, was an agreeable Press visitor on Tuesday and evidently enjoyed his visit to our new home. Mr. Smith, in addition to being an expert telegrapher has passed examination as a trained nurse and mechanic-therapist and now holds a diploma. He is now taking a course in electricity. Evidently Mr. Smith intends to make his mark in the future and he certainly deserves it.

Successful Revival.

The Keystone Gazette, Bellefonte, Pa., of Dec. 24th, says: "The big revival meeting in the Methodist church in Milesburg closed Wednesday evening with 62 conversions. This is considered the greatest revival in the history of Milesburg Methodism. The meeting was conducted from beginning to end by the pastor, R. S. Tyler. It has greatly strengthened and revived the church and we trust that the great religious awakening to the town will prove to be permanent."

Homely Arguments of Local Merchants.

Many examples of this interesting and valuable literature might here be introduced, but the following random selection—the advertisement of a merchant in an Illinois town of 5,000 inhabitants—will serve as a sample and at the same time give our readers the keynote to the campaign:

We propose to meet the prices of the catalogue houses.

All we ask is that you deal with us on the same basis that you deal with catalogue houses, and give us the same amount of time to get the goods which it would require to get them from them.

Plank your money down when you order the goods and we will meet each and every price they make and furnish you the same goods at the prices they offer you.

We will go further.

We don't ask you to take any goods where mistakes are made in ordering. We'll shoulder the mistakes.

In any of you have ever had anything come wrong you know what a nice little job it is to have it corrected, no matter how willing the firm is to do so.

It take correspondence, stamps and freight on the goods to get them exchanged, to say nothing of the loss of time.

Some people prefer to buy away from home because it sounds big to be able to say they ordered from Chicago, etc.

We know of one party who is actually paying more for goods bought away from — than he could buy them of his dealer here.

This kind of people we can do nothing for, but the kind who are making the dollar go just as far as they can, we can and will do something for.

Give us a trial on the proposition we make, if you are one of those who are buying away from home.

Bring your catalogue with you.

If we fail to furnish the goods without a reasonable excuse don't give us your confidence again.

Try us once.

We don't fear the result.

We are your home merchants.

We help pay taxes.

We have to live and consume some of our product.

Is our proposition wrong?

The whole trouble about our people is the same with which so many communities are suffering.

The old slow-coach, credit.

Some of it so slow we never get it.

No merchant can sell goods cheap on that plan.

The dollar invested in goods to-day and sold for cash to-morrow can be invested in more goods the following day, and the same process may be repeated, but the dollar invested in goods to-day and sold on credit to-morrow is tied up just as long as you don't get it back and its earning capacity is stopped for the merchant until he gets it back again.

Can you wonder why the catalogue house has the advantage in price over most of your home merchants?

The catalogue house won't trust you; even demands the money in advance with no goods in sight.

This is the kind of argument that appeals to plain country folk, and its cumulative effect soon became apparent.—Dry Goods Economist.

Dental Parlors.

Dr. E. D. Newton has opened dental parlors at his home on West Allegheny Ave., and will be there the balance of week and hereafter every alternate week until further notice. Balance of time is taken up in looking after his office in Johnsonburg.

Bridal Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Marshall, of Paradise, Lancaster county, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan'l Downey, West Fifth street. This pleasant couple are enjoying their honeymoon trip and stopped here to visit the Downey home, the bride being a niece of Mr. Downey. The Press was favored with a call by the bride and groom, accompanied by "uncle Dan," who is hale and hearty. The bride having only recently resigned her position in a large publishing house, her visit was doubly welcome. May they always reside in paradise.

Central Literary Society.

The people from Sinnamahoning together with a few from along First Fork and Driftwood, have organized a debating Society. The constitution and by-laws were adopted Dec. 17, 1909. The Society is proving a success, and people are taking an active part. Not only the young are helping, but the older ones are becoming interested. The Society meets every two weeks on Friday night. On Jan. 14, a lively time was aroused. Recitations, music and a paper were rendered. The question whether United States Senators should be elected by the people or by the State Legislatures was discussed. The next meeting will be held Friday night, Jan. 28th, 1910 at the school house in Sinnamahoning, 8:00 P. M. sharp. A special program has been arranged for the occasion. The question relating to woman suffrage will be taken up. Some of the married women have consented to debate. They have the right spirit, and hope the husbands may also become interested in this work. Let everybody lend a helping hand in this educational movement.

Prof. L. C. CLEMENS, President,
MABEL BUCHANAN, Secretary.

Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Carrie Julian, of Ashland, Pa., well and favorably held by Emporium people, who was called to Bradford, Pa., on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. H. Clint Olmsted, was taken seriously ill last week, Monday afternoon. We are informed at the hour of going to press that this good lady is somewhat improved. We all hope she may be restored to sound health.

Hamilton Annual Dance.

The Hamilton Hose Company will hold their annual dance and supper at the Opera House on Thursday evening, February, 3rd. Keating's Celebrated Concert Orchestra, of Olean, N. Y., has been engaged to furnish the music, which alone assures a good time. The Hamiltons are always on hand in case of fire and our town's people should turn out and help them to make this dance and supper a success. Don't forget the day and date and tell all your friends about it.

The warm-hearted and enthusiastic expression of approval of the four-year pastorate of the Rev. Oliver S. Metzler, of the Mulberry Methodist Episcopal church, on part of the official body of that congregation, is a deserved recognition of the services and character of an agreeable pastor. That a request is made of the governing conference for his return to the pastorate marks anew the regard for him had by his own congregation as well as being very pleasing news to his large circle of personal friends outside of his congregation.—Williamsport Sun.

Company M Attention.

There will be an important business meeting of Company M at the Parish House next Monday evening, at 7:30 sharp. The company need not appear in regulation uniform. Parents will please see that the members of the Company attend this meeting.

MARK ELLIS, Jr., Captain.

Coat and Fur Sale.

You can buy \$5.98 and \$6.50 Fur Scarfs for \$3.98, and \$7.50 to \$9.50 Fur Scarfs for \$5.00. Beautiful Black Caracul Long Coats which were \$30.00 for \$20.00; those that were \$22.50 and \$20.00 are now \$15.00 and \$13.50. All other Coats and Suits are reduced away below cost. At Emporium's Greatest Store.

R. KUEHNE.

Will Retire.

Hon. John McDonald, Supervisor of middle division, was a Press caller on Tuesday and we enjoyed his visit very much for the Judge is a very genial gentleman. He has been in the service of the Pennys for 38 years and will be retired next Dec., having then reached the age limit.

The great fire at Ashland we notice destroyed L. C. Voshage's drug store. A awful sorry, friend.

CRUISE AROUND THE WORLD.

Interesting Letters From Hon. George J. LaBar and Wife.

On Board the Steamer "Cleveland," Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean, December, 3, 1909.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Well, once more we will try and tell you something about our trip. On the 26th, we sailed along without incident until about 12 o'clock when we dropped anchor not far from the Hoogly river, awaiting the tide, that we ascend the river, a distance of some 90 miles, from Calcutta. At about five we raise anchor again and start on our way up the river, which we find very muddy. We proceed slowly until 11 on the 27th, when we drop anchor again about 40 miles from Calcutta. Thanks to the wireless station on board as we had communication with the city and as we get through lunch we find a large tender to take us up the river. We are soon transferred and we start on the trip for the city of Calcutta. We find it a very beautiful country on both sides of the river, no hill in sight, nothing but green fields with great herds of cattle, also many native villages, thatched with straw, or something of that kind. The river is filled with craft; many fishing, also ships of all nations of the world going to and from the great Indian City. About six we find ourselves at the wharf and on landing make a grand rush as only Americans can do, I think, and soon find ourselves seated in carriages driving to the Continental Hotel, at which place we are soon at home, for our stay while in the city.

November 28.

We are up again good and early and after a fine breakfast we are once more in carriages for a drive around the city. There is not much difference in the cities of the Orient to write about, but after driving through the better part of the city, we soon come to and drive through miles of native huts, all looking alike. At last we came to one of the grandest Temples that we had ever seen, it was the Temple of Jain, covered all over, inside and out, with colored glass of every conceivable shade, marble floors of different colors, great covered elephants, standing around.

A great throng of natives are going in and out all the time, attired in their peculiar garbs and last, but not least, a large bunch of Americans, bent on seeing all that was to be seen and more if possible. We are told to take off our shoes if we wished to see the inside, but we were too independent to do that as we thought our shoes were about as sacred as their floors. We contented ourselves by looking around until the ones that did pull off their shoes returned, and lo; they only got as far as the door and could go no further, as they were just doing some worshiping. Then went to the botanical gardens and saw the largest banyan tree in the world. This tree is about 139 years old, circumference about 5 1/2 feet from the ground is 51 feet and it is 97 feet high, and has 562 roots actually rooted in the ground.

November 29th.

Today we have independent action and can spend the day enjoying ourselves as we please and do so to our hearts content, and put in a very enjoyable day, shopping and looking at the pretty things in the stores, of which there is an abundance.

November 30th.

We are again on the move. We took the steamer about eight o'clock, to go down the tide and the shifting nature of the channel has dropped down the river about 40 miles farther than where we left it, but we get there about 4, and to be at home again and rest, for this sight seeing at lightning speed is tiresome.

December 1st.

Now, at 4, the last boat has joined the ship and at 10 o'clock the anchor is again hauled up and we are ploughing our way the white capped billows, of the Gulf of Bengal, on our way to Rangoon, which will be our next stop. We expect to be there on Saturday morning, about ten o'clock. Now, in closing, will say our health is good and we certainly are enjoying the trip. We have had no storms yet and no rough sea, still some of our ladies are a little seasick, but not many of them. I will also mention that Messrs. Matson and Felt are again with us after a trip of 17 days across India, which we did not take. They are well and in the best of spirits. Good by for this time.

Yours Respectfully,
MR. and MRS. GEO. J. LABAR.

Shippen Township Announcements.

The following candidates have filed their names and they will be placed on the Primary election ballot to be used on Saturday, Jan. 22, 1910:

- Supervisor—Jacob Andrus, Lindon Lewis.
- Constable and Collector—Elihu Chadwick.
- School Director—A. H. Davis, Frank Lockwood, Delbert Townner.
- Assessor—Charles Barr, Frank J. Lewis.
- Poor Master—Geo. W. Nickerson.
- Supervisor—C. W. Spence.
- Judge of Election—Lee Lewis.
- Inspector of Election—Chas. Wiley.

Annual Meeting.

At the stockholders' meeting of the Emporium Power Mfg. Co., held on Tuesday, Jan. 18th, the old board of directors were re-elected and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Josiah Howard; Vice-President, Joseph Kaye; Secretary, Geo. J. Smith; Treasurer, W. H. Howard.

Basket Ball.

The game of basket ball played between Emporium High School and Hicks Run teams last Friday evening was a little one-sided with a score of 40 to 9 in favor of Emporium. The line up for game was as follows:

- Emporium: Edgar, R. F., Harper, Foster, L. F., Welton, Vogt, C., Patchell, Blumle, L. G., Hicks.
- Hicks Run: Edgar, R. F., Harper, Foster, L. F., Welton, Vogt, C., Patchell, Blumle, L. G., Hicks.

The high school team has a fast bunch of players and the playing by Frank Blumle, who made six field goals, Gordon Vogt and Oscar Foster, each with three field goals and Henry Edgar with seven field goals and two fouls to their credit, deserves special mention. The nine points for the Hicks Run team were made by two field goals and five fouls. The high school boys always put up a good game and should draw a better crowd of spectators.

Farmers' Institutes.

The farmers of this county will be interested to learn that there will be held this year a series of Farmers' Institutes at: Ebersole Hall, Sterling Run, on Monday, Feb. 7th; School House, Sizerville, on Tuesday, Feb. 8th; Rich Valley Church, on Wednesday, Feb. 9th; Truman School House, on Thursday, Feb. 10th.

A number of instructors from other parts of the State will be present to join with the farmers of this locality in the discussion of topics relative to agriculture. These meetings are free and open to all, and we have no doubt the farmers of this county will avail themselves of the advantages to be gained by attending these meetings.

W. H. HOWARD,
County Chairman.

Union Friendly Society.

The Union Friendly Society was entertained last Tuesday evening, by Miss Ethel Fisher, at her home at Howard Siding and to say that all present had a good time would be putting it mildly. The party, numbering twenty, departed on the six-thirty train and returned on mail, arriving here at eleven p. m. Four new names were added to the list of members. After the regular business of the society was transacted the balance of the time was given up to a good time. Refreshments were served. The next meeting of the society will be at the home of Miss Verena Hertig and will be held February 17th, the third Thursday of the month.

Attention Men.

If you shave yourself get a box of Colgate's New Shaving Powder; its the finest and most sanitary preparation made. It makes shaving a pleasure; enough for 150 to 200 shaves in a box, price 18c. New "Slidewell" Collars just received. These collars cannot catch in your collar button, cannot tear your scarf. Scarf responsive to the merest pull. 15c each or two for 25c. At Emporium's Most-up-to-Date Store.

R. KUEHNE.

Lost.

A round gold locket, on Fourth St., on Christmas day, between the residence of Dr. Smith and Mr. Henry Farr. There is a lock of hair inside. Finder will please return to PRESS office.

Teachers Entertained.

The Y. P. S. C. E., of the Baptist church entertained the principal and teachers of Emporium last Thursday evening.

THE WEATHER.

FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Rain or Snow.
SUNDAY, Snow Flurries.

ASSETS

First National Bank,
EMPORIUM, PA.

At the close of business, Jan. 19, 1910.

\$891,295.90.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

In turning over a new leaf for the new year among the good resolutions that you will form don't forget to resolve to save something every week by depositing your money in this strong bank. You will then begin each week richer.

\$1.00 Starts an Account.

3% INTEREST PAID ON SAVING BOOK

ACCOUNTS AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.

Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

DR. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST.

(Successor to Dr. A. B. Mead.)

Office over A. F. Vogt's Shoe Store
Emporium, Pa.

OPERA HOUSE

Thursday Night, Jan. 20

Harry Scott Co.,

Present the Mythical and Tuneful

Musical Fantasy

THE WIZARD OF WISELAND

The brightest, snappiest, most up-to-date musical offering of the season.

Prices, \$1.00; 75c; 50c; 35c, and 25c.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Announcements under this head must be signed by the candidate and paid in advance to insure publication.

FOR CONGRESS.

Editor Press:—

We are authorized to announce the name of HON. CHARLES F. BARCLAY, of Cameron county, as a candidate for Congress, upon the Republican ticket, in the 21st Congressional District, subject to the decision of the voters as expressed at the Primary Election, to be held in June of 1910.

Yours truly,
CHAS. E. PATTEEN.

Curwensville, Clearfield Co., Pa.,
November 30th, 1909.—t. p.

Republican Primaries.

The Republican electors of Emporium Borough are requested to meet at the usual place for holding the Caucuses in their respective wards, on Saturday evening, Jan. 22, 1910, between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the several ward offices to be filled at the election to be held on Tuesday Feb. 15th, 1910. Also to elect three delegates in each ward to attend the Republican Borough Convention, at the City Hall, Monday evening, Jan. 24th, 1910, to nominate candidates for Borough offices.

G. F. BALCOM,
H. O. HAUPP,
W. H. HOWARD,
Ward Committeemen.

Jan. 6th, 1910.

Shippen Republican Primaries.

Notice is hereby given to the Republican voters of Shippen township that the primaries will be held at the Court House, Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 1910, between the hours of two and four o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the several township offices to be voted for Feb. 15th, 1910. The last day for filing names for announcement and getting names on the Republican caucus ticket will be Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 1910. Names and fees to be deposited at PRESS office.

F. K. ZIMMER,
Committeeman.

Shippen, Pa., Jan. 6th, 1910.

12c Chambray, all colors, for 8c, at KUEHNE's this week.

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