

Penfield was named from the fact Gould Hoyt, one of the early residents of this section, was happily with his pen composing what was called poetry. Hoyt's verses were but little more rhyme, but they gave him quite a fan and fastened upon a pretty little town not very euphonious name.

Twenty years ago, the future metropolis of Bennets Branch was only a country cross roads. The building on the site of the Hotel Penfield, the Lamb building, now occupied by Campbell's hardware store, and a portloun of what is now the residence of Mrs. Freeland was all of it. But it was a highly prosperous region. The virgin pine forests were here, and the work of cutting and putting in the logs, and of floating them to Williamsport was a very profitable one. Labor was fully employed, and most liberally paid. Men with teams earned immense wages, as much as \$27, being realized from a two-days trip to St. Mary's and return. But at times prices were high. Flour once sold for \$21 per bbl. and pork for \$40 per bbl. But generally, people made a great deal of money, and saved none of it, having a good time while it lasted. The religious aspect was *non est*. The only praying man for 2 miles each way was Franklin E. Hewitt, a local preacher at Mill Run. "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may die" seemed to be the motto of the times.

Early in the 70's there was a change. The building of the Low Grade R. R. came along. There was an influx of people. Penfield began to be a town. The splendid school building was erected, and a graded school, with Prot. Geo. Marsden as Principal was established. L. Bliss and H. P. Towns settled here and movements were made towards building a Presbyterian Church and a Methodist Church. Liberal subscription, headed by Hiram Woodward, were made, and the two churches were built. Stores and business places multiplied. The new railroad construction demands made high wages and high prices for products. Very poor hay brought \$40. per ton. No labor was less than \$2. per day. The Low Grade was completed, and shipment of lumber became possible and profitable. The Tyler became a saw mill town, and a good business there grew up. Afterwards the Laurel Run Lumber Co; placed a good mill over the hill from Tyler and more work and money was furnished and more wood products shipped from Tyler. About South Fork were acres of pine, owned by Cralg and Blanchard. These gentlemen divided up and each built a first-class mill at the town which is the only one of the kind in the

home, but when the war broke out a few years later, in 1861, there must have been a lively time, and there comes a breaking up of the land, and speculations that is not pleasant. Would that some industry would come to Penfield that would be running when the world stops.

WEEVILS WHIRLS.

D. B. Polen's little house is slowly but surely growing pretty.

Little "Jess" still keeps up his stock and reputation at the corner.

S. R' Gardner of Mt. Zion spent a few days with relatives in town recently.

We notice that the woodsmen on Kersy Run make Rome howl once in a while.

Mr. Shaffer is making things lively at Englewood with his square-timber business.

If you want to get something good and fresh in the meat line call on Gardner the butcher.

Miss Showalter of Brookville was visiting her sister who is teaching school at this place.

James Dunn has taken his seat as night watchman of the fan House and little engine at the Glen Fisher mines.

James Blake the horse jockey is doing a rushing business in horse trading; he now has a very fine trotter, it only has one fault he has to keep weights tied to its switcher to keep it from switching.

BIG WOLF.

STRAY SHOTS.

The truth is, some Free Methodists are no more free from faults than some other people.

Some Scientists say our winters will be mild for years to come. The poor will say amen to this.

Dollars are hard to get and easy to spend. It were well if many people were more of miser and less of spend-thrift.

Some folks seem to take delight in making life as hard and unpleasant as possible for other people. It is hard enough, at the easiest, and it is too bad to make it harder.

If there is so great luck in a rabbit's hind foot. James Corbett and Adlai Stevenson having each had one, all people around here should get a foot, rabbits being plenty, and have some good luck.

Wouldn't it be fine, if working five and one half days at eight hours a day, men could support their families in comfort. And so it would be, if the dickens hadn't run things so long and so well in the

These gentlemen divided up and each built a first-class mill at the town which is the only one of the name in the world, Winterburn.

Thus, when the 80's began, this region was highly prosperous. Plenty of employment, good wages, the best of employers, those were halcyon days. And had more prudent use been made of them, many would now be better prepared for poorer times.

But the industrial spread was not yet over. Hoover Hughes & Co., the great Phillipsburg lumbering and contracting firm, purchased the remaining timber on thousands of acres of the Reading and Fisher lands. An immense mill was placed on Wilson Run, and a town grew up about it. For a decade this plant gave work and money to hundreds of men, and most unfortunate was the day when it ceased to go. About the time of its inception came the new tannery project. A. D. McKinstrey went ahead and built the plant, but soon sold it to the tanner king, Thos. E. Proctor, who enlarged and improved it until it became the model leather manufactory which it is to-day, and which it is to be earnestly hoped it will continue to be for years to come.

But while the upper Branch valley was industrially alive, lower down there was a decline. Putnam, the Napoleon of hemlock handlers, had cleared the Tyler and Laurel Run hills, and the mill at Tyler and the one over the hill on Laurel Run, ran out of food, ceased to run, and were soon moved away. But the Clearfield Coal Co. came to the front. Leasing several thousand acres adjacent to Tyler station, they began mining and coke operation. Ovens were built, filled and lighted. And since the skies have been aflame with the radiance from them, and may their fires not go out for a hundred years to come. Later on and lower down the valley, Glen Fisher appeared, a plant that after many ups and downs, now seems to be on a firm basis, and destined to be of immense benefit to toilers, business men, and farmers for years to come.

A survey of the industrial work of the recent past in this section is not complete without mention of the business of cutting paperwood. This has been quite extensively followed and is capable of considerable extension. Many acres about here are covered with timber that can be used for paper making, and it is as well that it be cut, as left to decay or be destroyed by fire.

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could support their families in comfort. And so it would be, if the dickens hadn't run things so long and so well in the world.

If one has behaved himself, and has health, and don't owe anybody; he could be thankful on Thanksgiving. If it is otherwise with him he may be thankful it is no worse, but there isn't much joy in such thanksgiving.

NIMROD.

For instance, Mrs. Chas. Rogers, of Bay City, Mich., accidentally spilled scalding water over her little boy. She promptly applied De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, giving instant relief. It's a wonderfully good salve for burns, bruises, sores and a sure cure for piles. R. Smith.

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Another industry which flourished greatly at one time was the digging of ginseng roots. Some one accidentally learning its value and that it abounded in these woods. There was a great rush for the diggings, and large wages were earned until the roots were all dug out.

The history of the lumber cutting in these parts shows that it is not the best for a section to have. It is a pleasant thing for most laborers to look forward to steady employment for a long term of years. Most people wish to set-

tie down when they are in place home, but when, in a comparatively few years, lumber is out, there must be a casting about for some new means of gaining a livelihood, and there comes a breaking up of ties and associations that is not pleasant. Would that some industry would come to Penfield that would be running when the world stops.