

**PENFIELD:**

Chas. H. Coryell began his career as a Penfield merchant during these times. I have a vivid picture of him on the night when his first goods were unpacked. He was then in his prime, an imposing and handsome figure, with no hint in his appearance that the deadly Bright's disease would in a few years lay him low. I also well remember when an irate man from Tyler, angry at some matter of deal, walked to and fro in the store telling what he would do and Uncle Charlie paid no attention whatever to him which was an evidence of wisdom

In the general swell of ideas in those days, two churches were planned in the town. The Presbyterian church got entirely finished, but the Methodist church did not get so far then, and even yet the steeple is not up.

Thus passed the '70s in prosperity, the panic of 1873 not being very harmful to Penfield if indeed it hurt at all. When the '80s began there was a new development for Penfield. L. Bird, agent for Reading, Fisher & Co. negotiated the sale of the thousands of acres of hemlock and other timber to Hoover Hughes & Co. This firm brought and put up a large and complete mill on Wilson Run, one mile North of Penfield. About 200 men were given employment in the woods and about this mill, the hills were stripped of everything and business was very lively.

The cutting of so much hemlock had another effect. A. D. McKinstry took the building in South Penfield, put up by O. Dodge for a grist mill, and proceeded to build a tannery around it. This was bought by Thos. E. Proctor, and is now in possession of the Elk Tanning Co. This plant furnished a large market for bark and much employment for labor was created by its starting, and now as the only plant we have it is still in the this beneficent business.

led in the vale. The smooth streets are bordered by beautiful shade trees. The buildings are of a good quality. The Alicia Spring flows forth to quench thirst and give health. In summer the atmosphere is delightfully pure and not extremely hot, there never being any difficulty about sleeping at night. If one wants to be rested, refreshed and delighted all around, let him come to Penfield this summer and sojourn a while. We will guarantee to return him in better order than when we get him.

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That potatoes are chasing beef upward.  
That work is none too plentiful.  
That 'Squire Hoover is kept pretty busy in law business now-a-times.  
That Geo. Bliss' buggy wheels are rather gay.

That there was quite a pilgrimage to Mill Run on Friday and afterwards.

That we will go courting in May.

That the Star clothing tailor did some business here.

That Wm. Roberts is well posted on the Eastern question.

That if you dont advertise you won't be rushed to death with trade.

That without the tannery we would be down flat.

That the fishers are more numerous than the fish.

That Ham like wine sometimes improves with age.

That youth is the best time to get into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

That it dont pay to take things even in a job.

That our School Board could easily give us two month's school this summer and six next Winter.

That if any man can shout, it is he who owes no one.

That the farmers are not standing about the stores much at present.

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ment for labor was created by its starting, and now as the only plant we have it is still in the this beneficent business. The Hoover & Hughes plant kept operating until all the timber on Wilson Run was sawed. Preparations were then made to bring over the ridge the millions of feet on Mountain Run. But meanwhile the company became involved in a lawsuit with Huston township over damages to the public road. It cost H. H. & Co. a large sum of money. They declared that they would get out of a township that treated them thusly as quickly as they could. Some people say that they found that they could not well bring logs over the mountain. Be that as it may have been, the sad fact is that Hoover Hughes & Co., sold their timber on Mountain Run, to Troxell & Co., it was cut and floated to Williamsport, and the big mill like grand-pap's time piece, stopped to go no more.

This was a serious blow to the prosperity of the town, and soon its effects began to show. But in some way or other the Lord will provide, and when this door shut another opened, and then the paper-wood business become quite an industry as it still is. Then, too, the saw mill of R. B. Stewart on Laurel Run was quite an industry. Several millions of feet were sawed and hauled to the depot at Penfield for shipment.

Once there was a lively attempt to make Penfield a borough. The large property owners rallied in opposition to the effort and defeated it in the Court at Clearfield. Now I dont say it to advertise the town especially, but I say it because it is so, that the eye cannot rest on a prettier town than Penfield. The clear and beautiful Wilson River flows through the centre north and south. The larger stream of Bennet's Branch flows through from West to East. Prospect and Fairview Hills, north and west, stand like giant sentinels guarding the hamlet nest-

owes no one.  
That the farmers are not standing about the stores much at present.

That how to get the silver is the burn- ing question with most of us.

That it is hard to write that which is easy to read.

That the market for rags and gum shoes has been good.

That our carpenters are having some work at present.

That you can keep alive on quite a little if you have to.

That to co-operate is better than to compete.

That the stir of more business life is seen all around.-

That we are willing to pay higher for coal oil if it makes times better.

That people are bound to have a stimu- lant.

That the patient is getting better.

That our stores seem to be holding a large trade.

That the best of all is yet to come.

That the man busiest doing good is the best off.

That you can't keep some people from going up and some from going down.

That the tongue is a terrible tangler.

That lo's that's said isn't so.

That water sometimes kills people, but not often by drinking it.

That its a good help to have a little farm.

That it's the hand brain and muscle labor that makes the real wealth.

That our roads have had a good chance to be good this spring.

That Joseph Williams has the material of a good public speaker in him.

That our shingle mill will be a help to the town this summer.

That we must have milliners if the times are hard, and we do dress plainly.

That every one hopes Rev. Hibbard may get well.

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