

**"OLD LEE"**

By

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When friends in many parts of Pennsylvania and New York State meet me the question is often asked what became of "Old Lee" the cream colored horse with white mane and tail that father owned and worked for twenty years.

Father bought him a green western colt four years old in the spring of 1887 he weighed 1400 pounds. He gave him to a friend and admirer who lived on a farm near Laquin in 1907, where he died of old age in 1914.

This horse was never sick an hour in his life and always ate his six quarts of oats and from four to six ears of corn three times per day except when on the log drive he ate five times per day.

Conservative estimate gives him 4, 100 bu. of oats 2,000 bu. corn on the ear and 70 tons of hay as his wages while working for father. Not forgetting a pat and a kind word from everybody.

**THE INDIANS IN THE VALLEY  
OF THE 'SOCK**  
(By John S. Morgan)

Interested, more or less, for nearly half a century, in the existence and activities of the race that beat my ancestors to the valley of the 'Sock, it is a real pleasure to add my bit to the work started by my friend and former instructor, Harry H. Greene, and I trust, that "Hills-grove Past and Present", presented so well in the columns of the Review, may become the roots from which a real history of Sullivan county will grow. A work that will reflect not only the decline and fall of her chief industries, tanning and lumbering, but will mirror her human element, their toils and trials, their pleasures and achievements, their mirths and legends, together with the traditions of their heroic strenuous life.

Hills-grove's citizens and former citizens, can well be proud of the part they have taken in this work, and young and old in every section of the county would find pleasure and profit in creating a "past and present" for their locality.

I believe there is a popular call for the editor of the Review to print articles of this nature, and it is time that Francis Meylert, Esq., gave to his friends and admirers the wealth of material that his years and experience have gathered. Every section has their public-spirited men and women inspired by pride in their people in their home.

Let's go places and see things by way of "Memories Lane"—I was asked to write about my hobby—so here goes:

There seems to be little available record of the Indians in the valley of the 'Sock, but the sections drained by the east branch of the Susquehanna, particularly Wyoming county, are rich in published lore.

It is presumed that the tribes surrounding the 'Sock used this section for a "happy hunting ground." There is a record published of a village occupied by Indians of the Delaware tribe, located near the mouth of the 'Sock. It was named Ots-ton-wa-kin. This village with all its people perished in 1748, victims of twin disasters, smallpox, and famine.

Circumstances prove that the Five Nations and other tribes of Pennsylvania and New York's war paths converged in this locality. The records they left of ruined fortifications and large numbers of war arrow heads, broken spears, lances, stone axes and other implements of war which can be found after the lapse of over two hundred years, speak eloquently of these conquests. That villages of size, though possibly unimportant because of their remote situation, existed where the village of Hills-grove now stands and that Indian habitations were located on both sides of Elk Creek, and across the 'Sock on the farm owned by John