

The Columbian

BLOOMSBURG, PA. FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1887.

CONDUCTOR: RICHARD W. VALE

Trains on the Philadelphia & R. R. leave

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Remember, Abbey's Double Mammoth

Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. Opera House

Thursday evening, January 20

The County Auditors are making a very

searching examination of the accounts in

the Commission's office, being occupied

all of last week, and several days of this

week. Everything was found satisfactory.

The young folks are enjoying the excel-

lent sleighing. A party of girls and boys

went to Danville Tuesday evening of last

week, and on Saturday the girls reported

the trip themselves. They took meals at

the City Hotel.

We were presented last Friday with a

beautiful calla lily, by Charles A. Die-

bach. It is of very curious formation, be-

ing a double lily with a third leaf just

starting. Miss Diebach has had a num-

ber of these beautiful flowers this winter.

The Perfect Hatch Incubators left on

exhibition at the Sanitarium opposite the

depot for sale and the most favorable

terms as to time will be given reliable

parties who wish to try the new and easy

method of raising chickens, if applied for

soon.

Miss E. V. Keen is prepared to fill orders

for dress making and plain sewing, either

at her residence, C. C. Galligan's house

on Third street, or at Catholic rectory, or

at the customer's house, as desired. Spe-

cial attention given to children's clothing.

Her charges are reasonable, and she sol-

icits a share of patronage.

Francis P. Quinan advertised himself

extensively last night at an entertainment

at the Opera House on Saturday night. As

no one knew what his performance would

be, there was no audience and the show

did not take place. Subsequent events

lead conclusively to the fact that Francis P.

Quinan, "the eminent orator and actor," is

a fraud.

There will be an entertainment at Derry

Church Saturday evening January 15th

consisting of vocal and instrumental mu-

sic and reading. Prof. L. W. Niles' Or-

chestra will render the music, while the

reading will be given by Mrs. Enola Gule.

The entertainment promises to be a good

one and deserves the patronage of all that

neighborhood.

Blitz's Dime show exhibited in this place

Monday evening, to a moderate sized au-

diences. The trained dogs did some excel-

lent performing, and considerably amused

the audience. Mr. Blitz has exhibited sev-

eral times in this place. His entertain-

ments are always well patronized, because

they are such a well varied pleasure. The

admission of 10 cents makes it within the

reach of all to attend.

William Hilday of Centre had a runaway

on Tuesday a week. His horses became

frightened at the cars at the Espy depot

and ran over the bill and did not stop

until they reached the intersection with

the main road at Lightstreet, where they

ran into the fence. They tore loose from

the sleigh, but Mr. Hilday hung on to

the reins and stopped them. But little damage

was done.

List of letters remaining in the Post Of-

fice at Bloomsburg for week ending Jan.

11, 1887:

Giuseppe D'Arzento, (ship) Mr. Galles

Girtan, J. G. Girtan, Mr. K. H. Gule,

Mrs. Blatte Heimbach, Mrs. Susan Hines,

Mr. John S. Shultz, Mr. Felt, Stroenz,

Roberto Toranico, Capotack Wassil, (ship)

Henry Wanich.

CARDS.

Mr. John Jones, Angelo Nicola Zappone.

Persons calling for these letters will

please say "advertised."

GEORGE A. CLARK, P. M.

Abbey's Double Mammoth Uncle Tom's

Cabin Co. will appear at the Opera House

Thursday evening, January 20. They

come with two military brass bands and

have an original troupe of South Carolina

Jubilee Singers. In reference to an enter-

Fire in Dentler's Building.

When Bloomsburg woke up on Tuesday

morning nearly all the inhabitants were

awakened to hear that there had been a fire

during the night. About half past twelve

as Watchman Howe passed Dentler's store

he smelled smoke but saw no fire. He gave

an alarm, and the Friendship hose carriage

was soon on hand. Hose was attached to

the plug at the corner of Main and Centre

and a stream was turned into F. P. Bil-

lmeier's law office, front room, second

floor, where by this time flames appeared.

The hook and ladder truck was not on

hand, and it was impossible to tell in what

part of the room the fire was. As the wa-

ter was thrown through the front window

from the ground the flames did not appear

to diminish, and it was soon evident that

the stream did not hit the right spot. By

thrusting the truck up to the window, and

a ladder put up to the window, it was

discovered that the table in the centre of

the room was on fire and the flames had

communicated with the floor. The hose

was carried up into the hall, the door burst

open, and in a very few moments the fire

was extinguished, and what might have

been a disastrous conflagration was pre-

vented. The Winona hose carriage was

second on the ground, and hose attached

to the plug at the corner of Main and Mar-

ket, but the plug was broken in the effort to

turn on water, and no stream could be ob-

tained. Fortunately, it was not needed.

The fire is supposed to have originated

in a wooden spittoon near the table. Mr.

Franklin is secretary of the School Fur-

nishing Co., and a number of letters were

paid in the office on Monday evening. It

is supposed that some one threw a cigar

stump, or burning tobacco from a pipe into

the spittoon which was partly filled with

saw dust, and that this smoldered until

midnight when it acquired sufficient head-

way to set fire to the table. The table was

entirely burned up with all the books and

papers on it, a hole burned through the

floor, all of Mr. Bilmeier's law books were

burned, and the large stock of boots and

shoes in Dentler's store badly damaged by

water. The stock and building were in-

sured, but the damage has not yet been as-

certained. The ceiling of the store will

have to be entirely re-plastered.

If the fire had not been discovered when

it was, Dentler's building, Knorr & Wint-

stein's, Rawlings', the Columbia office,

McKinley's, possibly the Exchange Hotel,

and there is no telling how many more

business places, would have been destroyed.

The night was clear and cold, and

there was no wind, but the insufficiency

of these would not have permitted more

than three streams of water, and these

would have been entirely inadequate, had

the fire not been discovered. It took all

the hose of the Friendship, four hundred feet,

to get one stream on the building. The

Winona might have put two streams in

play, if the plug could have been opened.

This would have taken the two nearest

plugs, and the hookmen could not have

reached the fire from the next nearest plug.

The town council should at once procure

more hose.

No bells were rung, because there was

no one out who could get into the court

house, or any of the churches, and there

was but few cries of fire, so that not over

fifty people knew of it until morning.

This is a bad time of year for a fire to

break out, and the fire companies should

keep themselves in readiness for a hard

fight at any time.

—Since writing the above we have learned

of the following additional facts. The ta-

ble in Bilmeier's office belonged to M. F.

Eyerly. Both Mr. Bilmeier and Mr. Eyer-

ly lost many valuable papers on which

there was no insurance, and which cannot

be replaced. They were the minutes book

of the Board of Trade, minutes of the