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The people of Milton are afflicted with an epidemic of cholera morbus.

The town election is approaching. What is to be done about it?

The January number of *Trinity Reformed Tidings* is out this week.

The brick work of the new Lutheran Parsonage is completed, and the slaters are now at work upon the roof.

A large sled load of young people went to Millville Tuesday evening. They were entertained at Mr. Kester's.

Get your bills at THE COLUMBIAN office. Write for prices, or call and see samples when in town. tf.

W. R. Tubbs has placed a handsome nickel plated automatic cash register in the office of the Exchange Hotel.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Reformed church will hold its anniversary, Sunday evening, February 1st.

Electric light now being an assured fact, an electric street railway will be the next move in the march of progress.

There are several cases of pneumonia at Catawissa, among them is Miss Margaret Gensil, who has a severe attack.

Silas Masteller has been confined to the house for the past week with lame foot caused by the fall of a barrel of tallow. The foot was considerably bruised but no bones broken.

During the past week many of our subscribers have called and settled up to date and paid a year in advance. This is a good example which we hope others will follow.

The house formerly of T. J. Morris in Scott town was sold at public sale on Saturday last for \$1200 to Benjamin Vinton. John S. Williams was the auctioneer.

If you do not blow your own horn, you are not likely to find anybody who will blow it for you. Merchants who do not advertise can appreciate the truthfulness of this.

The 7th semi-Annual convention of the County W. C. T. U. will be held in the Lutheran church of this place on the 12th & 13th of Feb. An interesting programme is being prepared. All are cordially invited.

There was a large sled load of young people went to Danville last Tuesday evening. They report having had a fine time, although the sleighing was not what they had hoped for.

New names are constantly being added to our list, and we are more than pleased with the encouragement we have received since the enlargement of THE COLUMBIAN. It shows that the people appreciate a good thing when they see it.

The Glenn family at Berwick has been sorely afflicted, six of them have been under treatment for typhoid fever. At this writing all are doing well, with bright prospects of entire recovery. Dr. J. C. Rutter of Bloomsburg is the family physician.

There were many disappointed people in town last Sunday. The train on the Northern Central that carries the Sunday papers was so late at Sunbury that the train on the North & West Branch did not run, and the result was no Sunday papers. Wesley Moyer went to Catawissa as usual, but came home empty handed.

THE COLUMBIAN is two inches larger each way than any of the other county papers. It is printed on better paper, gives more reading matter, and covers more ground than any other county paper. Do not take our word for it, but make the comparison yourself. The price is \$1.00 a year in advance.

There was quite a heavy fall of snow last Saturday night, though it was of a kind that did not make sleighing. It clung to the telegraph and telephone wires until they were as large as ropes, and the weight of the snow caused them to sag down. One of the arms on the pole nearest the post office was broken off by the weight.

The County Commissioners will offer at public sale at the County Jail on Saturday Feb. 7th, 1891 a lot of radiators, gas and steam pipe taken out of Jail. Also a lot of old brick, and Iron fence taken down from Court house yard.

EAST BENTON.

Last Saturday night snow fell to the depth of 10 inches in the vicinity of Van Camp while at this place it was not nearly so deep.

Elias Wenner, near Van Camp slaughtered two hogs week before last that weighed respectively 482 and 500 lbs.

Singing school is in progress at present at the Hamline church.

Observation and experience have suggested the following as the true idea of "Protection's" energy.

"How doth the" long protected thief,

"Improve each" fleeting "hour;"

"And gathers" money "all the day,"

With all his soul and pow'r.

"How skilfully he builds" his vaults;

"How neat" he levies tax;

And ev'ry golden bud extorts,

And in his coffer, stacks.

He struts about in land and town,

In search of wealth, at risk;

And robs John, James and Brown,

And makes business brisk.

In sunshine, rain and mist or storms,

With eager hands he plucks

A dollar, in all shapes or forms,

And in his wallet, tucks.

He worships at the money shrine,

And covets all the world;

He sinks his shaft deep in the mine;

The world to gold he turns.

VAN CAMP.

Mr. G. M. Howell and Mr. N. Dreisbach of this place made, a business trip to Bloomsburg on Saturday last.

Mr. H. W. Beishline, of Berwick, was visiting his parents at this place last week.

Mr. John Creveling who is in his 83rd year was out sleighing this week.

Irene, the little daughter of C. W. Yost has been sick for a few days but at this writing is some better.

The spelling school at Zaners on Tuesday evening of last week was well attended, there being nearly one hundred present, which filled the school house to its utmost capacity. But as Sullivan is teacher they kept very quiet while spelling.

If any one wants a sleigh I would advise them to call on Frank Richey, he says he has a Portland for sale.

Mr. Alf. Edgar is ready for the July suns he has three Ice houses filled.

The jingle of merry sleigh bells is heard in this vicinity.

Mr. N. Dreisbach and wife spent Tuesday of this week in Jonestown.

LIGHT STREET.

Rev. Whitney is holding protracted meeting services in the M. E. Church.

Miss Black a student of the B. S. N. S. spent Sunday with Hattie Ranck.

Mrs. John Kelchner of Shamokin spent a few days at home with her parents.

David Lee & Wife, J. M. Shew & Wife and Frank Lee & Wife visited friends in the vicinity of Millville last week.

Mrs. Jos. Wardin visited friends in Shickshinny during the past week.

The route for the W. & W. R. R. seems undecided as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Young took a flying visit up the Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Kester intend to start for California in the near future.

J. H. Townsend to a trip took Scranton Tuesday.

THE IRISH CORPORAL.

The Rome N. Y. *Sentinel* has the following to say: Tony Farrell and his company played the Irish Corporal to a large and appreciative audience in the Washington Street Opera House last evening. Mr. Farrell as Jerry Donovan, the Irish Corporal, gave excellent satisfaction. He is a natural, easy actor; without affectation. His songs captured the audience and he was obliged to respond to several encores. Miss Jennie Leland as Celia, Jerry's sweetheart, sang and danced herself into great favor. All the other characters were well sustained, and the entertainment gave excellent satisfaction. This most excellent military comedy will be given in Bloomsburg Opera House Monday February 2d. Tickets now on sale at F. D. Dentler's shoe store.

John B. Doak, of Iowa, is visiting friends in this county. He is looking well and happy, and speaks very encouragingly of their Democratic Governor's chance for re-election. The voters of Iowa have great confidence in Governor Bois and would like to see him as the democratic candidate for Vice President. Mr. Doak is now serving his second term as treasurer of Audubon county. The county was republican, but a few years ago a change was made and the democratic majority now is about 250. Mr. Doak's popularity makes his majority more than double what others have on the same ticket.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

AT CATAWISSA, FEBRUARY 6 AND 7.

PROGRAM; FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6, 1891.

MORNING SESSION.

Call to order at 10 o'clock.

"Wintering stock with economy and profit," by H. W. Northup, Glenburn, Pa.

"Five years with commercial fertilizers," (illustrated with charts) by J. A. Gundy, Lewisburg, Pa.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Call to order at 1:30.

Opening of Question Box.

"Agriculture as a life pursuit," by Dr. James Calder, Harrisburg, Pa.

"What next," by Prof. Heigs, York, Pa.

"Have a care," by J. A. Woodward, Howard, Pa.

EVENING SESSION.

Call to order at 7:30.

Music by Catawissa Orchestra.

"Equalization of taxes," by Senator Gerard C. Brown, Yorkana, Pa.

Music by Orchestra.

"The farmer's home," by A. C. Sisson, La Plume, Pa.

Music by Orchestra.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1891.

MORNING SESSION.

Call to order at 9 o'clock.

Opening of Question Box.

"The silo at Evergreen Farm," by A. P. Young, Millville, Pa.

"Farm conveniences—their need and value," by G. G. Groff, Lewisburg, Pa.

"Relation of live stock to fertility," by Dr. H. P. Armsby, State College, Pa.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Call to order at 1:30.

Opening of Question Box.

"How to bring up a worn-out farm," by John Hoffa, Milton, Pa.

"Fruit Culture," by F. F. Merceron, Catawissa, Pa.

EVENING SESSION.

Call to order at 7:30.

Music by the Catawissa Orchestra.

Recitation by Miss Zuie Guie, Catawissa, Pa.

Music by Orchestra.

Essay by Miss Jennie Scott, Catawissa, Pa.

Music by Orchestra.

"The farm and the public schools," by Hon. David J. Waller, Jr., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa.

Music by Orchestra.

Any desired information may be obtained of Luther Eyer, Catawissa, or Chandler Eves, Millville.

Vicinity of Taurus.

Jan. 27th 1891.

Amos Conner and family, formerly citizens of this place, have moved from Northumberland to Taurus.

They are welcomed by their friends and neighbors.

Foxes are numerous in this vicinity. Hunting them affords much pleasure to the farmers.

A shooting contest took place at Fairmount Springs, last Saturday. Silas McHenry won the game.

The citizens near Cambra are frequently aroused from their midnight slumbers by the noise of Lonzo Albertson's steam saw mill.

Mr. Albertson is an industrious man, and has done much to thin out the woods of this valley.

Last Saturday, the snow fell to the depth of seven inches. It makes good sleighing again.

Jackson Knouse and Peter Nagle and wife, of Bethel Branch County, Michigan visited relatives in Jackson and Benton townships the past month. This is their first visit to the county for twenty-four years. They came to Bloomsburg Tuesday in company with their brothers Alexander and Wash Knouse, remaining in town until Thursday forenoon, visiting relatives.

At eleven o'clock they started on the north bound train for their home, expecting to arrive Friday afternoon. They were accompanied in their visit around about Bloomsburg by Mrs. James Lake. The party were looking well and hearty and enjoyed their eastern trip.

Mr. Howard J. Kline and family started on Monday for their home in Wood county Ohio. Their friends in Columbia county enjoyed their visit of one month and regretted that their stay could not be longer. We hope they had a safe arrival at their home.

The "Soap Bubble" play last Thursday night, was very good of its kind, but many people want to see something quite different from what they did see, and were therefore disappointed. There were many laughable situations, but on the whole it was nothing more than a variety show.

MARTHA J. EDGAR.

Mrs. Martha J. Edgar died at her home in Espy on Wednesday, January 21. She was one of the oldest residents of Columbia county, being 85 years and 9 months old. The funeral services were held on the 23rd, five of her grandsons and one great grandson acting as pall-bearers. She was a daughter of Uriah McHenry, and the widow of Capt. John Edgar. She was the mother of five sons, Thomas, Silas, Butler, Uriah and Washington, all living, and of one daughter, Mrs. C. S. Fowler, now deceased. Twenty-four grand-children and fourteen great grand-children survive her. Mrs. Edgar was a woman of lovely disposition, and though it was her lot to suffer more than the usual amount of trouble, she was always patient and submissive, and bore up with fortitude that could come only from perfect faith in her Master. For nearly her whole life she was a consistent member of the M. E. Church.

As some of the oldest people may remember her husband, we reprint an article that appeared in the *Columbia Democrat* in 1834, when Henry Webb was its editor, concerning the death of Captain John Edgar. It is headed, "Melancholy Accident," and reads as follows:

"We regret to learn that Capt. John Edgar, of Espytown, while attempting to get on board his boat at the wharf in Philadelphia, on the evening of the 3rd inst. fell into the water and was drowned. Mr. Edgar was a good mechanic, and a good citizen. He built the first boat that ran upon the North Branch Canal, and laid the rails upon the Mauch Chunk R. R. which was about the first R. R. built in the United States. He leaves a widow and a large family of children to mourn their loss.

After the above was in type, on Thursday afternoon, we received the following letter from Judge Donaldson which we publish for the gratification of the friends.

Merchants Hotel, Phila. July 7th, Col. H. Webb:

I have been absent for several weeks to new England, and on my return to this city, I learned that Capt. John Edgar, of Espytown, was drowned on Thursday evening last at Bolton's Wharf, on the Delaware at this place and that his body was found yesterday.

As Capt. Edgar was from our County, I went down to the wharf this morning to learn what disposition had been made of his body, and was gratified to learn that Major J. M. Bolton had made all necessary arrangements for his burial. He had his remains taken to Ronaldson Cemetery and there interred in his family vault. I attended his funeral this morning, and while I regretted a casualty which had deprived our community of a useful citizen, and an interesting family of an affectionate husband and father, I was pleased with the kindness and attention of Maj. Bolton, to an unfortunate stranger in a strange place. Such disinterested conduct so seldom exhibited, merits and should receive our highest commendation.

While the kindred and friends of Capt. Edgar mourn his untimely departure they will have much consolation in knowing that his body reposes quietly in Ronaldson Cemetery one of the great and beautiful cities of the dead. Very Respectfully Yours etc. W. Donaldson.

J. R. Townsend is now serving the close of his first term as school director of the town of Bloomsburg. He was elected February 1888 and entered upon his duties June 1st. During the three years he has served he has given much of his time, and many important suggestions in the school work. We are pleased to learn that he is a candidate for re-election at the February election, and believe the people will show their appreciation of a good school director by electing him a second time with an increased vote.

Joseph Lockard of Derr died at Jamison City last Saturday about five o'clock in the morning. He was in the employ of Edward Albertson the butcher. His death was caused by Pneumonia, being sick only about a week. He was well beloved by all who knew him. The body was taken to his home near Derr on Saturday. The funeral took place Monday morning at 10 o'clock. He was about twenty-four years of age. He had been working at Jamison city only about a week.

The ladies of the Reformed church will serve chicken and waffles, ice cream, cake, &c., in the basement of the church, on Friday and Satuaay of this week. The King's Daughters will have for sale, fancy articles, candies, &c. A Gypsy Countess will supply the thirsty with lemonade, chocolate and coffee.

FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK.

The stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg met at the Exchange Hotel parlors on Saturday. The stock is divided up so that no one holds more than ten shares of one hundred dollars each. There are nearly seventy five stockholders and many others were anxious to get stock. The capital is \$50,000, and it was all taken in a short time with but little effort. It is likely the capital will be increased. The following persons were elected Directors: W. S. Moyer C. A. Kleim, William Kramer, C. M. Creveling, G. A. Herring, William Gingles, C. W. Runyon, J. W. Eves and P. A. Evans. The directors elected W. S. Moyer President, and G. A. Herring vice President. The resident members of the board were appointed an executive committee to secure a banking room. Mrs. Ent's corner, now occupied by Mrs. Watson is talked of as the probable location.

The Fishings Creek Poet.

It is gratifying to know that Columbia County and particularly Fishings Creek township has a true poet in the person of Mr. John Sutton. His poetical effusions have for years appeared in our local papers. They were read with interest and appreciation. Fearing that the author on account of his old age might at any time be called to his long home, a number of his friends urged him to collect and publish his poems so that they might thus be put in permanent form. With some modest hesitation he consented to do so. As a result we now have fresh from the press a neat little volume entitled, "Songs and Poems by John Sutton." We look upon this poet as a great credit to our county and his little book of poems as a rich treasure in our home. It is said that the best poet is the most natural. In reading his poems we are constrained to say, How natural! how life like! how very true! They so clearly express our inner life and feeling, that we naturally ask, "How did the author enter the secret chambers of our hearts and divulge their hidden secrets?" In his "Lyrics of the Susquehanna" he leads us back over a hundred years and reproduces the historic scenes of long ago. In "Fond Memories, he calls up the dear associations of the past. Every farmer and granger will be delighted with his "Harvest Thoughts and Hymns." In "A Sell," the panther again startles the inhabitants of East Benton. How tenderly, too, does he speak to the erring, how consolingly to the bereaved, and how kindly to the aged! The book contains about one hundred poems. While it is adapted to general circulation, a number of the poems have a special local interest. There should be one volume in every home in the county. A mother sent a copy to her honored son who stands at the head of an art college in Ohio. In response he said, "I highly appreciate the gift first, because it is from my mother, secondly because of its intrinsic value, and thirdly, because it has to do with my native county." To friends who have moved from these parts to the far west, no gift perhaps would be more appreciated than this book. It would enable them to live over the past and make them feel that they are again among the hills and streams of Pennsylvania and again among their eastern friends. The book can be had of John Sutton, Stillwater, Col. Co. Pa. Price \$1.00.

A. HOVZ.

The Rev. W. H. Bates, of Johnstown, Pa., will deliver a lecture on "The Johnstown Flood," in the main auditorium of the Reformed church, Wednesday evening, Feb. 4th, commencing at 8 o'clock. The lecturer will throw upon canvass, by the aid of a stereopticon, 84 different views 12 feet square, of the horrors of the great flood. There will be no admission charged. The public is invited to attend this lecture.

There has been an abundance of snow and excellent sleighing in the northern townships this winter. The snow in the mountains now is about four feet deep—interfering very much with lumbering. The last snow fall was ten inches deep.

J. F. Derr expects to go to Brighton N. Y. about March 1st to assist Messrs. Leclare & Manning in the nursery business. He will be away about two months. They have made a good selection in Mr. Derr as he is thoroughly competent for all office work.

We would again call the attention of our people to the necessity of looking about for suitable persons to fill our township offices. The election occurs two weeks from next Tuesday. The progress of every township depends upon the selection of good officials.

PERSONAL.

Theo. Riley of Centralia, spent Sunday at the Exchange Hotel.

Mrs. Chas. Spiegelmeyer is seriously ill at her home at Williamsport.

Agib Ricketts, Esq., of Wilkes-Barre, had legal business in town last Saturday.

Hudson Owen, one of Berwick's oldest and best citizens, has recovered from his recent illness.

Frank Bertsch of Mauch Chunk, spent last week in town with his brother, G. W. Bertsch.

Mrs. Mary E. Moyer and son from Centre county are visiting friends in and about Orangeville.

E. C. Wells who has been seriously ill for several weeks is slowly improving in health.

Arthur A. Clark has purchased a house in Harrisburg and will begin house-keeping in April.

Judge Krickbaum and Thomas Edgar of Benton township, were in town on business last Saturday.

Geo. E. Elwell spent several days in Towanda this week, engaged in the trial of a law suit involving title to coal lands in Sullivan county.

Hon. A. L. Fritz's new house on East street is rapidly approaching completion. When finished it will be one of the handsome houses of Bloomsburg.

Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Arment have presented a handsome pair of brass altar vases to St. Paul's church as a memorial to a deceased sister of Mrs. Arment.

S. W. Edgar, Esq., of Scranton, and Thomas W. Edgar, of Espy, were in town on Saturday to take out letters of administration in the estate of Martha J. Edgar, deceased.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Mr. Samuel Wigfall to Miss Helen R. Belfield of Philadelphia, at the Church of the Advent, on February 4th. They will reside in Bloomsburg, and will occupy the new house of W. R. Tubbs on North Main street.

EXCITING FOX CHASE.

The fox that was caught on Brugler's hill a week or so ago was dropped to the left of Rawlings slaughter shop on Saturday at half past one o'clock, and after giving him some few minutes start the hounds numbering some sixteen in all were loosed and taking the trail at once were soon out of sight. They were pursued by a number of the sporting fraternity as well as boys of all ages. The fox ran toward Light street but upon reaching the top of the hill turned in the direction of Lime Ridge. After traveling some six miles he spied the hill across the river and made for it but upon reaching the river decided not to cross, and turned again toward Bloomsburg. Coming down about two miles he again decided to climb the ridge and crossed over by Hilday church and to Summer Hill being closely pursued by G. B. Hunt's dog "Ring" who is acknowledged by all (with two or three exceptions) as being in the lead. He left Summer Hill and made for Nob mountain where he is supposed to be yet in all his glory. Thomas Vanatta's dogs "Jack" and "Nellie" and J. H. Mercer's dogs "Frank" and old "Nigger" were the last to return getting back on Sunday and Monday. They are supposed to have been in at the end of the chase.

BRIARCREEK.

Briarcreek was raging on the 22 inst. It was considerably over bank full but did not do much damage.

Mr. C. C. Kelchner took unto himself a wife on the 19th inst. May their lives be as brilliant as the sunshine.

Mr. Charles Haus, of Berwick, purchased the Emmer Deitrich farm at Briarcreek on last Saturday the 24th. Ash and Bro are still busy burying hogs; they say they have buried forty-three since last June.

Mr. Emmer Deitrich is bed fast at present but hope Dr. Freas, of Berwick will be able to have him up and around again soon.

It looks favorable for another railroad through Briarcreek. The surveyors have passed through from Light Street to Berwick and are now about Beach Haven. They say they are going to intersect with the Lehigh Valley road.

Several new correspondents have been secured at different points in the county and we hope to hear from them often. Centralia, Berwick Benton, Catawissa and Jamison City are still open. We want the news from these points every week. Who will send it?

Jan. 29th, 1891.