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HON. E. M. TEWKSBURY.

One of the representatives of this county, Hon. E. M. Tewksbury, has attracted wide-spread attention from the newspapers, because of a card published by him, addressed to his constituents, and because of the introduction of a bill by him in the House, providing for a lien on tombstones that are unpaid for. He has been misrepresented, and has been subjected to much unnecessary and unjust criticism. But he needs no defense; he is able to take care of himself, and before the session is over he will demonstrate that fact to his constituents and his fellow members.

His card contained much valuable information, and plainly stated the course which he intends to pursue. It was honest and straight forward, and these are the features perhaps which attracted public attention, because they are so unexpected in a member of the Legislature.

Whatever may be the merits of the tombstone bill, Mr. Tewksbury has gained a point on those who first laughed at it. When the bill was presented it was referred to a committee and railroaded through in a hurry, coming back to the House with a negative recommendation. Its present status is shown by the Philadelphia *Press* of Monday as follows:

"There is a tall gaunt man in the House who will be heard from frequently this session. Previous to last Monday night he was known as 'Tombstone' Tewksbury, by virtue of a bill which he had introduced. The alliterative grisliness of the title struck the wits of the House with irresistible force. Since Monday night the title has been changed by common consent, and he is now known as 'Tewksbury, the wit.' It is a deserving title. He won it fairly, and if he only sustains the good impression that he has created, Hon. E. M. Tewksbury, of Columbia, will go down in legislative history as one of the brightest, kindest, wittiest fellows that ever drew free stationery or dodged a vote. The manner in which he obtained a change of name was like this: He had introduced a bill, about the first in the session, providing for a mortgage on tombstones and vaults. It was jeered down and negatived in the committee. Tewksbury had faith in the merits of his bill, so he persisted in an attempt to get it on the calendar. On last Monday night the word was passed around that there was to be a circus—an event that usually characterizes Monday night sessions—and that Tewksbury and his graveyard bill were to be the victims for the sport of the House. When 'Tewks' rose to ask the favor of placing his rejected measure on the calendar, a general but good natured guffaw went up. He took it in good part. When Stocking, of Washington, however, got up and convulsed the house with a speech on the bill the eyes of the gentleman from Columbia flashed. He replied in a vein that turned the tables on Stocking, flooded Lytle, and made the house yell with his spontaneous wit. When he sat down Tewksbury had won his spurs and his derided bill went on the calendar."

LETTER FROM MRS. JAMES B. NEAL.

CHI NAN FU, Sept. 6th, 1890.
MY DEAR BROTHER:
I promised to write to you about my fine new Chinese friends. When we first came Dr. Neal found a small present of eight taels—a tael is an ounce of silver, equal to about one-fifth of a dollar—that had been given for the use of the dispensary here by a local magistrate, named Chin. The local magistrate is called Hsien Kwan, and has control of one Hsien, a district about corresponding to one of our counties and he manages in a poor Hsien to "squeeze" about 1000 to 1500 taels a month out of the people, getting far more in the richer ones. He gets his appointment from the governor of the province, as do the higher officers, so this city being the Capitol is full of office-seekers of all sorts. This Mr. Chin is very friendly to foreigners, seemingly he is very fond of us, and shortly after our arrival Mr. Chin called on Dr. Neal, and asked him to call on and doctor his mother, whose case he thought a pretty hopeless one—she has paralysis—but he promised to do what he could for her. In a few days word came that the Tai-tai, meaning something between our Mrs. and the English Lady, and pronounced tie tie to rhyme with die or high, was very much better, and asking for another visit and a fresh supply of medicine. After several visits they commenced to be sure the old lady was getting well and their gratitude began to show forth. Mr. Bergen and Mr. Chin had been good friends for years but the ladies had never exchanged visits. One dreadfully hot day she came to call on

me just after I had undressed for my afternoon nap; I was so sorry for it I made it impossible for me to go out to the inner gate to meet her as etiquette requires in this part of the world. But I did my best to entertain her, gave her—as we do everybody here—tea at once, and tried to make the strange frightened feeling she apparently had wear off. I am the first foreign lady she ever saw and I know I looked odd enough to her. It was so funny to see her trying to be cordial. Evidently her husband had told her of our custom of "dragging hands," as they call shaking hands, and after she had been here a minute she suddenly seemed to recollect her instructions for she leaned over towards me and squeezed my hand quite hard, catching hold of it as it lay in my lap palm down. When she left she gave another queer little plunge for it and got hold of four fingers that time and pressed them in hers three times. But on making her three final bows (of which there are always a good many, one in the room, on at the door, and the other all along the way to the chair, whither one is always expected to escort her guest but is constantly begged not to) she returned to her own graceful native style of folding her hands together and bringing them three times to her breast, though the hands ought to be hidden in the wide flowing sleeves. She was much interested in seeing my piano, my bed room and everything else in the rooms she saw, and exclaimed continually, "so clean, so clean, how can I ever ask you to my house which is so very humble and untidy." She was gorgeously dressed in red silk embroidered shoes (not more than three inches long) and a skirt stiff with black satin trimmings and embroidery, with a blue gown having a broad black satin collar and trimming around the bottom and down the front, headed by a pink ribbon border and pink sleeve trimmings. I ought to have insisted on her taking off this garment to be cool and comfortable, but I didn't know enough then. Now I just fall on a guest and begin unbuttoning her gown for her in spite of her protests that she isn't hot at all, at all. She went from here to call on Mrs. Bergen, and in two days we returned the call. They were very cordial. We saw the Itai-tai (I pronounced E, and means the secondary wife) and the old or Lao tai tai (pronounced Low to rhyme with how) whom James has been doctoring, and the two young tai tais, married daughters of a first wife, who died several years ago, and the little Miss Chin who has been adopted by Mr. Chin (a brother's child, given them because neither Mrs. Chin has a child). They gave us tea and sweetmeats, tried to make us take off both our Chinese garments and our dress skirts to cool ourselves, made no end of apologies about "our dirty home" and were on the whole most friendly. I then went with Mrs. Bergen to pay a call on a friend of hers who did not live so well as the Chin family but who was cordial and kind. The Chin house was very like our own would be if we had not put in board floors and doors of our style, with glass windows. The floors were brick and not clean though the tables and chairs were dusted and shining bright. We were received of course in the house farthest off from the street, in the centre room of the three that always connect in the main building of a Chinese home. On either side were the bed rooms, divided off with a curtain over the door way, of the Lao-tai-tai and first wife. I-tai-tai, who wasn't so well dressed and had always to take a low seat near the door, had one of the side rooms, and the young married daughters an inner room opening out of Lao-tai-tai's.

Lao-tai-tai has two women who never leave her side, she cannot walk without their help and they wait on and feed her like a baby. My lady has her maid servant, poor I-tai-tai has hers, the two young tai-tais theirs, and the little girl whose name is "precious" her little slave girl who though scarcely taller than she, must carry her round and dance attendance upon her from morning to night. Little "precious" has just had her feet bound, she is about five years old, and so too has "slave" who has no other name. "Slave, do this," slave sweep up Miss Precious' things, throw away her play things and the litter she's made," slave bring Miss Precious' toys" etc, etc, is the way the poor, plain, small-pox pitted girl, is ordered about all the time. About a week after our call, an invitation came to spend the day and listen to the singing of a blind minstrel, but the day was so hot and I wasn't very well, so refused the invitation as politely as I could. Mrs. Bergen wouldn't go without me and she was afraid they were offended, but all the

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NOTES FROM ESPY.

Rev. Sones, pastor of the Evangelical church of this place is now holding religious services in the school house, their regular place of worship.

Mr. Thomas Rutledge, one of our esteemed citizens, who about six months ago, while absent looking after his interests in the State of N. Y., was seriously paralyzed, has sufficiently recovered to return, a few days since, to his home here. His many friends were glad to meet him again, and rejoiced to see him looking so well. It is hoped by all that he will fully recover.

The parishioners and friends of Rev. A. R. Glaze and family made them a donation visit on last Thursday, from all points of the pastorate. The large house was well filled with people who spent the day very pleasantly together, and furnished the minister and his family with useful supplies to the amount of \$40.00, about half of which was in money. For this kind remembrance, as well as for other valuable presents received during the past several months, the kind donors have the sincere thanks of the grateful recipients.

There will be no services in the Lutheran Church on Sunday, as Mr. Glaze expects to visit his father and will not return till after the Sabbath.

On last Wednesday, Elizabeth Ruckle, wife of Wesley Ruckle, while on her way, accompanied by her grandson Harry Rice, to attend the wedding of her niece, near Williamsport, Pa., was smitten with apoplexy soon after alighting from the carriage at Bloomsburg, and died in a few moments. Her remains were borne to her home in Espy, and her funeral was held on last Saturday at 2 p. m. The sermon was preached in the Lutheran church from I. Samuel, 20-18, by Rev. A. R. Glaze to a crowded house, which showed the esteem in which she was held by the community. She was born in upper Mt. Bethel township, Northampton county, Pa., Nov. 23d, 1824, and departed life at the age of 66 yrs., 2 mo. and 11 days. Her husband with whom she lived happily for a period of 40 years and more, and her three children, 2 sons and 1 daughter survive her death, and have the sympathy of the community in this sudden bereavement.

MIFFLIN.

By all appearances our new clerk at A. W. Snyder's store is getting there in good shape.

We believe the band is improving under the leadership of Profs. Emeric and Hess.

Rev. Metzler is conducting a very successful series of meetings, and we trust much good may be done.

Rev. Glaze, of Espy, preached an excellent sermon to an appreciative congregation Sunday evening, 8th inst.

School No. 3, gave their patrons and others quite a treat last week. The teacher, Miss Cora Hess, and pupils, all deserve much credit.

Our schools, we believe, are all well conducted and well attended.

Mrs. Phoebe Miller, of Hetterville, is quite sick at present.

Among the visitors to our town and vicinity are George Hess and wife, of Watstown, B. S. Werkeiser and wife, of Berwick, Mrs. James Pegg and son, of Berwick, Daniel Fedderoff and wife, of Catawissa.

Mr. Chas. Raup, of Norwich, Kansas, is visiting Charles Klingerman and others in this vicinity.

Daniel Nyer and wife visited friends at Reading last week.

Miss Sallie Schweppenheiser and Miss Cora L. Hess visited the latter's father, Reuben Hess, of Rupert, on Saturday last.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica is now on the shelves of the library in the High School building. Last week the State Superintendent made a gift of the State Bird Book. Our citizens should take pride in this library and rapidly fill the shelves. Contributions are solicited from everybody. Any book of information will be gladly received. If all who can would visit the library at the High School building, we are satisfied such an interest would be awakened that the entire library would be filled.

G. W. Sterner's hotel was opened on Tuesday night. The house is well furnished and conveniently arranged. It has a large parlor on the second floor, with bed rooms, bath rooms &c., on the second and third floors. The office, bar room, dining room, and kitchen are on the first floor. John Bobb has charge of the bar, and his wife, who is a fine cook, looks after the kitchen. They are well prepared to entertain guests on the European plan.

NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES.

Principal Welsh returned on Thursday of last week from Harrisburg, where he had been in attendance at the Normal School principals of the State. The meeting was called by State Supt. Waller, and was for the purpose of consulting in regard to measures that would add to the efficiency of these schools.

All the principals were present except one. The most important action taken was the adoption of a one year's past graduate course.

It consists of five points, as follows:

I. MATHEMATICS—1, Solid geometry; 2, Plane trigonometry and surveying.

II. LATIN—1, First three books of Caesar; 2, First three books of Virgil.

III. PEDAGOGY—1, Advanced psychology; 2, Moral philosophy; 3, Logic; 4, Practice teaching; 5, Reading of Quirk's Educational Reformers, Fitch's Lectures on Teaching, and Payne's Contributions to the Science of Education, with written notes and criticisms.

IV. NATURAL SCIENCE—1, Chemistry; 2, Zoology; 3, Astronomy.

V. HISTORY AND LITERATURE—1, General History; 2, History of English and American literature; 3, A careful study of four classics with written notes and criticisms, and a course of general reading.

The Bloomsburg school will organize a class in this course next fall, and it is hoped that many graduates of the school will avail themselves of this opportunity to give themselves additional culture, and prepare for higher positions. There is a growing demand for Normal School graduates in the higher positions, and many have not sufficient knowledge of mathematics, and the sciences to take and hold of these positions. At least five applications for teachers of a higher grade were made since last September to Prin. Welsh, the salaries ranging from \$50 to \$85 per month; but no graduates in the elementary course that were on his list could teach all the branches required.

It was also decided at the Harrisburg meeting to abolish the fall examination for the Senior Class. All who wish to enter the Senior Class must now pass the State examination in June. And students who have been denied admission to or who have been rejected from the Junior Class of any State, cannot be admitted to the Junior Class of any other State Normal School during the same year.

The members of the faculty are in great demand over the State for institute work.

Prof. Coughlin and Prof. Hartline have been called to Chester county this week, to address an institute at Malvern.

Prin. Welsh is to address the institute at Orangeville on Saturday of this week. On Friday evening he will deliver his lecture with the phonograph, at that place. He lectured on Saturday evening of last week at Millville.

Prof. Albert instructed at a local institute at Steelton, Pa., last week, and was at Benton the previous week.

Mrs. Welsh goes to Jenkintown, near Philadelphia on Saturday evening of this week to give readings. The people of that place give her a call every year.

The work of providing additional rooms for the large spring attendance, is progressing.

Room for about 30 additional students will be provided, and they are nearly all engaged. Almost every mail brings news of a new student.

Prof. Welsh's correspondence has grown to such enormous proportions that he now sends out from 75 to 100 personal letters per week, to say nothing of the catalogues. The entire edition of 2000 catalogues is exhausted, and an elaborate circular is now being printed to supply the demand for catalogues. Catalogues have been asked for from the following states and territories:

Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, New York, New Jersey, Iowa, Michigan, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Washington, South Carolina, Florida, Maine, California.

When catalogues are asked for from Maine to California it is certainly no assumption to claim that **our school has a national reputation.**

State Supt. D. J. Waller visited the school this week, and made one of his happy and helpful addresses.

Since the new department of shorthand and typewriting was started, many inquiries have been made by those who contemplate a course of this kind. Two new Remington machines are now in use.

The teacher is a practical teacher, and a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Phonography—the original Ben Pitman school. When the pub-

lic find out what can be had here in this line, it is believed that there will be a large class.

The next lecture of the course will be delivered on Friday evening, the 20th, by the Hon. Wm. Blakie of New York City. His subject will be "How to Develop our Bodies."

Mr. Blakie has been a great athlete in his time, and was one of the referees in the celebrated Hanlon and Courtney races. He has seen both the foolish and the sensible side of athletics, and speaks with authority. He will doubtless draw a big house, and he'll send every one home with a recipe for his own physical development. He gives directions for breathing, sleeping, &c., and will tell how to strengthen the lungs, expand the chest &c.

Increased in Size.

The Bloomsburg *COLUMBIAN* has been increased in size and its mechanical appearance is of the finest description. It has been made an eight-page paper with six columns to the page. Its local, editorial and miscellaneous matter shows that no novice is at the head of the paper. The *COLUMBIAN* is the oldest weekly published in Columbia county, has a healthy growth, and the proprietors certainly are deserving of a great deal of credit for the admirable taste and judgment they are displaying in issuing such an admirable newspaper. May success continue to crown all their laudable efforts—*Lebanon Daily Times*.

Prof. Welsh of the Bloomsburg Normal School will deliver his lecture on "The Age of Inventions," in the Academy at Orangeville on Friday evening, Feb. 13. The Phonograph will be exhibited and explained. Talking, singing, and noises of various kinds will be made, and the instrument will produce them so that all persons in the audience can hear. Music that has been 'bottled up' for years will be reproduced. A large horn 18 inches in diameter is used to throw the sound out. By competent judges this lecture is pronounced a rare treat, and all should hear it.

J. B. Lippincott Company has published a new number of the American Novel Series entitled "The Romance of a Spanish Nun," by Alice Montgomery Baldy. The story is said to be well told and to possess many features that will gain the favor of that class who seek in novel reading a pleasing diversion, rather than a discussion of knotty social, political and religious problems.

The author is a daughter of Edward H. Baldy, Esq. of Danville. She was married on Monday last to Mr. Hartman of France.

Judge J. C. Bucher of Lewisburg, who is holding court this week, is serving his second term. He is one of the ablest and best known jurists in the State. This is his first official visit here, and he has made a strong impression. He was one of the board of Judges which heard the contested election case of Judge Metzger and decided in his favor.

It is evident that the industries of Bloomsburg will be increased by the addition of the Brass Tube Works. Messrs. Wintersteen & Beckley as agents for the firm of Richardson & Richards have advertised for proposals for the erection of the necessary buildings. Bids can be sent in before February 10th.

It is sweet to live, but oh! how bitter—to be troubled with a cough, day and night. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, however, is a sure remedy, 25 cents.

"I can't sing to-night! My throat is sore." "Of course you haven't tried Salvation Oil!" "No." "Then get it and you will sing like the birds."

Electric wires and lamps are being placed in business places and private residences, by skilled workmen. Those who desire to introduce this light in their buildings can do so now at cost. Later on it will cost more.

Friendship Fire Company will hold a Grand Ball in Grange Hall on Wednesday evening, February 25th. The patronage of the public is earnestly solicited.

Mears & Son have been idle for several days owing to a breakdown in their engine. They started up again on Wednesday.

An interesting letter from China, written by Mrs. James B. Neal, is printed in this paper by kind permission of Mrs. William Neal.

H. V. White & Co. have put up a private telephone line from their Main street office to the warehouse at the railroad.

PERSONAL

State Superintendent Waller, spent several days at home this week.

Miss Annie Maize spent last week in Hazleton as the guest of Mrs. Rogers.

Miss Lilla Sloan is visiting friends in Lancaster and Philadelphia. She will be absent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wells have started housekeeping in their new home on Fifth street.

Dr. Robbins went to Iowa on Saturday to accompany home her mother who is visiting there.

Frank Aurd came up from Jersey City on Wednesday, and spent the day here.

Miss Annie Hassert entertained about thirty of her friends on Tuesday evening in a very agreeable manner.

Miss Nettie Croop of Briarcreek, recently spent a few days with friends at Shamokin.

Judge Iram Derr was in town on Wednesday. He is remarkably vigorous for one of his age.

Mrs. Judge Bucher, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Ada M. Slenker, of New Berlin, spent Wednesday and Thursday in town.

Miss Annie Ent returned home from Boston last Saturday, having completed her course at the New England Conservatory of Music. She is an accomplished musician.

Judge J. J. Metzger of Williamsport, who presided for Judge Ikeler in court last week, impressed the bar and public very favorably. He is an able lawyer and courteous gentleman, and despatches business rapidly.

Fred T. Ikeler made an address at the Farmers' Institute at Millville last week, entitled "The New vs. the Old." It has been very highly commended. Though scarcely out of his teens Fred has already made a reputation as a public speaker.

Saturday is St. Valentine's day.

There will be a Grand Hop at the Exchange Hotel, Benton, on Thursday the 19th inst.

Next Tuesday is election and yet everything is perfectly quiet in town. There is apparently no interest in the matter.

It is said that there are seven candidates for sheriff on the south-side of the river.

Services will be held in the Reformed church during the Lenten season on Wednesday and Friday evenings and every evening during Passion Week.

There will be a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. in their new rooms in Dentler's building on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by W. H. Brooke. Subject, "Enemies to whom we must give no quarter."

Burdette's lecture was well attended and highly enjoyed. A reception was given Mr. Burdette at the residence of H. V. White Esq., after the lecture, at which the committee and a number of ladies and gentlemen were present.

Prof. D. J. Waller, Jr., Superintendent of Public Instruction, visited our High School last Friday afternoon, in company with the Secretary of the School Board, J. R. Townsend. The Superintendent expressed himself as thoroughly pleased with the work of the High School. There are few towns in the state that can boast of as fine public school buildings as Bloomsburg.

A gun club was organized last Friday evening to be called the Bloomsburg Gun Club. The following officers were elected: President, J. H. Mercer; Vice President, Wm. Snyder, Secretary and Treasurer, W. B. Allen; Captain, Fred Ikeler. Charles Armstrong and W. F. Bodine were appointed to act with J. H. Mercer, Wm. B. Allen and Wm. Snyder as Board of Directors. The Club is now ready to receive challenges from neighboring towns for any kind of trap shooting.

A dancing party was given by the young society men of town on Tuesday night in Miss Armstrong's school room. Excellent music was furnished by Prof. Kline's orchestra, of Wilkes-Barre. The strangers present were the Misses Paeker, the Misses Moody and Miss Bucher, Mr. Mackay all of Sunbury, Mr. Backus, of New York, Mr. Renshaw, of Plymouth, Mr. Killeen, of Philadelphia. It was a full dress affair. Refreshments were served at Phillips' Cafe.