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Easter comes on the 28th of this month.

Owners of stallions should see our bills before ordering elsewhere.

W. F. Bodine has been awarded the contract for the painting in the New Court House.

Within a week Bloomsburg will shine forth in all the glory of electric light.

Go hear the rendition of Queen Esther in Opera House this (Friday) evening.

The Y. P. S. C., of the Presbyterian church cleared about \$82 at their supper last Friday night.

The Bloomsburg Gun Club will soon have a game of glass ball shooting with the Williamsport Gun Club.

"Queen Esther" in the Opera House this (Friday) evening. Rendered by 80 voices. Go and hear them.

From the many seats reserved for "Queen Esther" on Thursday and Friday nights, everybody expects to attend. It will be a delightful entertainment.

Thomas Gorry secured the contract for the work on Mrs. Ent's building, making it ready for the Farmer's National Bank. Work was begun on Wednesday morning.

One of the large plate-glass windows in Blue's White House restaurant was broken across its entire width one day last week by the settling of the building.

On and after March 5th, all passenger cars of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad will start from the foot of Fifth street, instead of Main street as heretofore.

Our fox hunters have caught ten foxes this season on Brugler's Hill. Four have been taken alive. The last live one was caught Wednesday afternoon. There will be another fox chase in the near future.

Last year an edition of 2000 catalogues was issued by the Normal School. All of these have been exhausted, and an edition of 1200 mid-year circulars has been ordered to meet the demand of the school. This is certainly an encouraging indication.

The February number of *Trinity Reformed Tidings* was issued last week. The editor, Rev. W. T. Auman, is to be congratulated on the success of his enterprise. The *Tidings* is well edited, and as the subscription price is only 25 cents a year, it ought to have no lack of financial support.

Grant Herring desires to announce, that all clients desiring to have business attended to during his absence at the session of the legislature, will find competent persons at his office to attend to the same. Those desiring to see Mr. Herring in person, may do so on Saturday and Monday of each week.

The big Holstein steer, Jumbo, now being fattened by Jason Sexton, Mr. Singler's superintendent, at his farm in Gwynedd township, Montgomery county, has reached the weight of 3,333 pounds. He eats twenty quarts of corn meal daily. This brings to mind, says the *Doyelstown Democrat*, that the largest specimen of the bovine species ever recorded was the 4,900 pound ox raised by Samuel Arkley in Pennsylvania, and exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

An adjourned court was held on Tuesday, March 3d at 9 o'clock, all the judges on the bench.

C. F. Knapp appointed guardian of Mary S. and Jennie S. Knapp, minor children of Peter E. Knapp.

Ada Lewis vs. Frank Lewis, subpoena awarded.

Specific performance of contract decreed in estate of David Kocher, with C. B. Myers.

Amendment to return of sale allowed in estate of John Hoats.

Assigned estate of R. Brenner & Co., petition for discharge of assignee filed. Publication ordered.

Hearing of application for license of Manor Rest Inn continued until March 27th.

C. G. Barkley, Esq., appointed auditor in estate of Daniel Brewer.

Col. Freeze announced the death of A. K. Oswald, Esq., and Judge Ikeler made some appropriate remarks on the deceased.

Adjourned until March 27th at 9 o'clock.

## REV. DR. ZAHNER LEAVES OMAHA.

The Omaha *Bee* of recent date contains the following concerning Rev. Dr. L. Zahner, formerly rector of St. Paul's Church of this town.

"Rev. Dr. Zahner preached his farewell sermon at All Saints church on Sunday morning, and to the universal regret of his people, goes to St. Mark's church, Adams, Mass.

The following minute was adopted by the vestry at a late meeting: "The vestry has received with surprise the resignation of Rev. Dr. Zahner as rector of All Saints church. The vestry has felt constrained by the urgency of the terms in which the resignation was communicated to accept the same. This, however, was with sorrow. We cannot forget that Dr. Zahner came among us before more had been done in the organization of the parish than the election of a vestry; there were neither building, nor services nor people, nor any of the appliances for a parish. After four and one-half years, to-day we see accomplished among us results which are largely due to the zeal, devotion and energy of the rector. Dr. Zahner carries with him to his new home the gratitude, respect and affection of the vestry and people of All Saints church. Nor can we forget that during his brief service among us, to him and to his family and to some of us, sore afflictions have come which have bound us together by the ties of sympathy and affection. We hope and believe that the memories of these four and one-half years will help to keep alive and active the kindly feeling of this hour. For our part, we shall never cease to hold these our earthly friends in fond remembrance, and to pray that they may be the best gifts of our Father in Heaven."

## IN MEMORIAM.

Passed away at Orangeville Pa., Feb. 10th in her 80th year, Mrs. Margaret L. Ricketts, wife of E. G. Ricketts, deceased. She was the daughter of Robert and Florida Leigh Lockhart who came to this county at an early day and settled in Northumberland, where the deceased was born. Later her father removed to Columbia Co., near Kohrsburg. Her married life was spent in Orangeville where she was respected and loved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Ricketts was a member of the Methodist E. Church for more than fifty years. Her simple child like faith was only equalled by that Christian fortitude that enabled her to endure a trying illness of nearly forty years—but the "golden bowl," so shattered, is at last broken at the fountain, the silver chord is loosed, and calmly and peacefully her spirit winged its way to the God who gave it.

There is no death! What seems so is but transition. The life of mortal breath is but a suburb of the life Elysium, whose portal we call death—the vestibule to the "House of many Mansions."

"As the bird to its sheltering nest When the storm on the hills is abroad, So her spirit hath flown from this world of unrest, To repose in the bosom of God."

## PIGEON SHOOTING.

There was a match game of pigeon shooting between the Catawissa Gun Club and the Bloomsburg Gun Club, in Sloan's field, Bloomsburg, on Monday afternoon, resulting in a victory for the Catawissa Club by a score of 49 to 57. At the beginning of the game the home team were unfortunate and the visitors took the lead, which they kept to the close. Two hundred pigeons were set free, one hundred and six of which were shot and 94 escaped. The losing side paid all expenses. The following is the score in full:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
BLOOMSBURG.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C. P. Armstrong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. F. Bodine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. H. Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fleckenstine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estleman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. Freeze Quick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Killian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lowenberg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sloan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CATAWISSA.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Troy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gelger	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartman	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eyer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yetter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cherlington	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stadler	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kreigh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reitsnyder	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The statement of Bloom Poor District appears in this issue.

## EAST BENTON.

There was a sudden change in the "ground hog" period last Saturday and Sunday.

The ever recurring inquiry, how shall I raise my payments, is transferred to the never forsaking inquiry, how shall I raise my taxes? Don't worry about that farmers, the Legislature and officials will raise your taxes for you.

Alonzo Albertson has about finished his lumber job at Cambra.

Mr. Hosca Ash and Miss Marilla Hess were married last Thursday a week.

There are several more young couples would like a similar announcement but the ceremony has not gone through with yet.

Nathaniel Beishline and wife of Bendertown were called upon to mourn the loss of an interesting child last Sunday week ago.

Many farmers claim they paid a rent last year, instead of a tax. Never mind, it is not the first instance in which landlords raised their rents. There are several items in course of construction that will claim your attention for additional rent.

The blue birds looked very blue last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. S. P. Boone preached his farewell sermon last Sunday at Hamline.

Michael Wenner and wife spent last Sunday in this neighborhood.

## LIGHT STREET.

Protracted meeting still continues with good success.

Rev. Whitney's daughter Bertha is lying very sick.

Miss Banghart of Williamsport, is visiting Miss Mary Lee.

Miss Lizzie Siddler of Berwick, spent a few days with David Lee.

Miss Lillie Siddler of Berwick, visited during the past week at J. H. Townsend's.

Mrs. Sampson Townsend is still confined to the house.

John Wanich has taken a new boarder, one which came to stay awhile.

Will Robbins has entered upon the duties of clerkship at A. B. White's.

Mrs. Jacob Girard is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Evans of Montour township, spent Sunday with Mrs. A. B. Vanlier.

Frank Evans, formerly of Bloomsburg, has taken charge of the old wagon-maker shop of J. J. Kester.

May success attend him in his work is the wish of all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Terwilliger attended the funeral of Mrs. John Hummel at Forks on Monday.

## WALLER.

Mr. H. H. Hirlleman, one of our enterprising merchants, talks of selling his store and going west. He does quite a large business.

Messrs. B. L. and G. Hartman of Central, came home last week. Their sister who has been very ill for the past few weeks is getting better slowly.

Some of our young folks attend the protracted meetings which are going on at Benton and Guava. There is, no doubt, a great deal of good done by these protracted efforts.

Hon. E. M. Tewksbury will please accept our thanks for documents, with which he has been keeping us supplied.

Thomas Yorks expects to go south again in a few weeks.

George Hirlleman is on our sick list, but he is improving.

Rev. Shortess goes to conference this week. He will probably come back to this circuit for another year.

Winter has again visited us, but we had not entirely forgotten it, for there was considerable ice and some snow yet in this section to keep us in mind of the season.

## ANDREW K. OSWALD, ESQ.

A special meeting of the members of the bar of Columbia county was held at the office of Geo. E. Elwell, on Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Col. Freeze, President of the Bar Association presided, and announced the object of the meeting to be to take proper action on the death of Andrew K. Oswald, Esq., who died suddenly at his home in Berwick on Saturday evening last.

Mr. Maize moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions. The motion was carried and the chair appointed Messrs. Maize, Funk and Wintersteen as such committee. The following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret of the death of Andrew K. Oswald, one of our members, residing at Berwick, Pa. He was a gentleman of scholarly attainments, a lawyer of more than ordinary ability, courteous and kind to all who associated with him in professional or social life.

Resolved, That the members attend the funeral in a body, and that a copy of these minutes be presented to the widow, and tendered the county papers for publication.

J. H. MAIZE,  
L. S. WINTERSTEEN,  
N. U. FUNK.

On motion adjourned to meet at the office of Geo. E. Elwell, on Tuesday morning at 10:15 o'clock to proceed to Berwick by train to attend the funeral.

REMARKS OF JUDGE IKELER.

The following are the remarks of Judge Ikeler, from the bench on March 3d, upon the announcement of the death of attorney A. R. Oswald.

We have heard with sorrow of the death of Mr. Oswald whom we all knew so well. He was a well-read lawyer, forbearing, courteous and dignified, and his learning and obliging disposition commanded our affection and respect. His general knowledge was great. His conversation was bright, entertaining and instructive. I shall never forget how he once came to my rescue in the trial of a cause and perhaps won the case. It became important in the trial of a railroad case to prove the exact length of a freight train. We had proved the kind and number of the cars, but there was no witness, or person in the court room, on our side of the case, who could give the court and jury the exact length, in feet, of each car.

Mr. Oswald seeing the situation modestly volunteered me the desired information and on being called, was by the consent of all, without administering the oath, permitted to give the required testimony which he did with such candor and perfection as to satisfy all parties concerned. It was as such friend and brother that I knew him. He was here to see me a few days ago. He came to know when the court could hear him in the argument and disposition of an old equity case. The hearing was arranged for to-day, at this hour, and almost at the time of his death I received from him a note in these words, "I have given all parties notice and I will be there." And now reflecting on these words "I will be there" viewed in the light of the uncertainties of this life and the certainty of death and eternity, they seem significant and wise. He is "there." "There" unexpectedly; "there" forever; "there" at the Bar of Heaven; "there" in a higher court; "there" before the Judge of all the earth. Let us hearken to this voice of solemn warning, this arrow which comes so suddenly and so very near our own hearts, and ringing in your ears, "be ye also ready."

Let us fashion our lives and direct our course so that if the stern summons shall come to us as suddenly and unexpectedly as it did to our generous friend and brother we may be found ready for eternity and be "there" in harmony with the Divine will. We wish this minute to be recorded as our tribute to his memory.

By THE COURT.

## BRIARCREEK.

Mrs. Mary Sterner who has been sick for some time is around again.

Mr. Daniel Pursell will sell his personal property on the 24th of March. A. P. Hess will take charge of his farm on the first of April.

Mr. Enoch Rittenhouse killed a hog recently that weighed 559 lbs. Keeping registered stock accounts for this.

Mr. Conard Hippensteel has dug a few under-drains through his farm, which improves it very much, through the wet weather we are having.

Mr. McClellan Yohe moved on the 3rd of March, on Mr. Isaiah Bower's farm. He says he is going to find out whether there is anything in farming, but don't say what; whether it is hard work, money, or a lot of tax to pay, we have failed to find out as yet.

## WILLIAMSON H. JACOBY.

On Monday night the news was received by telegram that Williamson H. Jacoby was dead. He died at the Soldiers' Home at Erie, of which he had been an inmate for nearly a year.

Mr. Jacoby was for some years the editor of *The Star of the North*, a weekly newspaper that was subsequently merged into THE COLUMBIAN in 1866. He was drafted during the war, and closed up his printing office until his return. The office of *The Star of the North* was in the building now occupied by S. C. Creasy as a dwelling. After his return from the army the office was moved to Shives' block. Mr. Jacoby was elected a representative in the Legislature in 1864-65 and Register and Recorder of Columbia county in 1869, and held the office for twelve years. Since then he filled the position of editor of the *Nanticoke Sun* and did some work on THE COLUMBIAN. He was a man of most genial disposition, generous to a fault, and perhaps his own worst enemy. He had many friends through the country who will regret to hear of his death. The remains were brought here on Wednesday morning.

A man of more happy disposition under adversity was hard to find. He leaves a family consisting of Mrs. Belle Jacoby, widow, Guy Jacoby, Esq., justice of the peace of this town, Mrs. May Shuler, and Miss Bessie Jacoby, clerk in the post-office. The remains were buried in Rosemont Cemetery on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Ent Post G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans attended in a body, in uniform.

## Dr. THOMAS J. SWISHER.

It is with feelings of unfeigned sadness and sorrow that the people of Jerseytown and his many friends elsewhere learn of the death of Dr. T. J. Swisher.

For some time he had been unwell and recently for a short time was seriously ill, but his friends entertained the hope that he might recover. Although he had the best medical care from Dr. Hoffa of Washingtonville, and a former student of h. s. Dr. Essick of Picture Rocks, yet on Thursday night last he fell into a deep sleep from which he never awoke but quietly passed away at 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Dr. Swisher was educated at Dickinson Seminary Williamsport, was a teacher in the public schools of this county for several years when he went west. Returning he read medicine with Dr. Cotner of Jerseytown, and received his collegiate training at Jefferson.

As a student he was thoughtful, earnest, persevering, and conscientious manifesting superior judgment and rare common sense. These characteristics continued through his entire life.

He commenced the practice of medicine at Jerseytown with his preceptor and continued on his own account almost up to date of his death. For some time he was a member of the I. O. of O. F. taking great interest in the order.

He was a tender and indulgent father, a kind and affectionate husband, a true and trust worthy friend, a sincere man having the courage of his convictions, and a devoted and self-sacrificing physician.

Scores of persons who have received relief from him and comfort and encouragement, from his official visits bear testimony to the genuine worth of this ever ready, ever faithful, ever sympathetic one whose life was cut short at the age of fifty three largely because of his great care for his patients and his fidelity to the profession that his early ambition led him to choose and his manly convictions caused him to follow so faithfully.

The funeral services were held at his residence in Jerseytown on Tuesday last. Rev. Mr. Decker of Jerseytown, Rev. M. Mace of Danville, and Rev. M. Jameson of Hughesville were present.

The last named preached an excellent and effective sermon.

A large number of friends assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to him who had served them long and well. After the services at the house silently and sadly they followed to his last resting place, the cemetery at New Columbia. Peace to his ashes.

The sad intelligence of the death of Dr. Swisher brought sorrow to many hearts in Bloomsburg, where he had a host of friends. He was a genial, social gentleman, of broad views, and keen intellect, and we were pleased to number him among our friends. The loss of such men is always a blow to the community. The memory of his face and jovial disposition will linger long with all who knew him.

## PERSONAL.

Paul E. Wirt, Esq., was in New York this week.

W. Clark Sican spent Sunday in town. He was on a business trip.

Mrs. Harold Rogers returned to Hazleton on Monday, after a visit of two weeks with her relatives here.

Jerome Woodring is clerking at Sterner's Hotel. He is a popular assistant and understands the business.

## GLASS BALL SHOOTING.

The Bloomsburg Gun Club went up to Benton Saturday last where they met the Cambria Gun Club in a game of glass ball shooting. It was the first game of glass ball shooting for our boys and they were easily defeated. Score 47 to 91. Another cause of defeat was that the best shooters of the home team could not be present. It is expected that another challenge will soon be given when the Bloomsburg Gun Club will meet them with their best men.

The following is the score.

Bloomsburg	Hit	Missed.
W. F. Bodine	9	16
F. Quick	11	14
C. P. Armstrong	6	10
W. Fleckenstine	12	13
J. H. Mercer	3	22
W. B. Allen	0	25
F. H. Sloan	6	19
	47	128
Cambra	Hit	Missed.
J. Potter	13	12
C. Bonham	15	10
S. McHenry	14	11
J. Harman	14	11
B. Lewis	11	14
S. Seward	10	15
E. Hess	14	11
	91	84

## Suing for Big Damages.

REV. WILLIAM HOLDEN, OF HAZLETON, ASKS TWO RAILROADS TO PAY HIM \$100,000.

Rev. William Holden, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, Hazleton, entered suit recently against the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. for \$100,000 damages for injuries received at the Cranbury Crossing of these railroads near Hazleton, on Aug. 31, 1880. He states in his affidavit that while driving across the tracks at that place in company with Mrs. Hayden, their carriage was struck by a train running at an unusually high rate of speed. The horse was instantly killed, while the carriage was smashed to pieces and thrown alongside the track. The crossing, he says, although extremely dangerous, has neither gates nor flagman to warn the people of the approach of trains. The injuries received by Mr. Holden were serious. He was confined in the hospital for a long time, and it became necessary to amputate one of his limbs near the thigh, his hip having been broken by the accident. His earning power has, therefore, been almost totally destroyed and he is unable to resume his former calling. It is charged that the companies were guilty of negligence in failing to provide safety gates or a flagman at the crossing, and that the train at the time was running at an unusual and dangerous speed through a thickly populated village, and over a crossing traversed by a large number of people every day. Mrs. Hayden who was driving at the time of the accident, saw the train bearing down upon them and tried to back the carriage off the track, but before it could be done, wagon, horse and occupants were thrown into the air and fell in a confused heap nearly twenty feet distant. The plaintiff claims that the engineer did not blow his whistle; and that he had no warning of the danger until too late to save himself. John T. Lenahan and William Dryton of Philadelphia represent the plaintiff. — *Wilkes-Barre Record*.

The stockholders of the Bloomsburg Library Company elected John G. Freeze, M. P. Lutz, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Eyer, Mrs. Frymire, Mrs. Anna Waller and Miss E. Rupert the Board of Managers for the ensuing year. The Board organized by electing John G. Freeze, President; Mrs. Walker, Vice President, Miss E. Rupert, Secretary, and E. H. Little, Treasurer.

William Perrine who has been in the habit of visiting Bloomsburg frequently in the interest of his firm, M. & J. S. Perrine of Philadelphia, died at his home in that city on Monday, of pneumonia. He was a genial gentleman whom it was a pleasure to know.