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H. W. Sloan is putting a new slate roof on his residence on Market street.

Gilmore's Band and the P. O. S. of A. went to Catawissa on the 4th.

The June number of *Trinity Tidings* appears this week.

The Reformed Sunday School will hold a picnic at Hess' Grove, Rupert, on the 16th.

The Evangelical festival announced for the 11th at Espy, has been postponed until the 18th.

A monument has been erected to the memory of the late S. V. Boone by his family, in Rosemont Cemetery.

The new tower on St. Paul's P. E. church will be built of Wyoming blue stone, as the required kind of limestone could not be obtained at Lime Ridge in time.

Michael Barrett died at his home in Centralia on the 2nd inst. The funeral took place from St. Ignatius church.

The stone have arrived and work has begun on the new tower on the Episcopal church. John Evans of Danville has the contract.

The report of Superintendent Johnston which appears in this issue, was received too late for insertion last week.

A table factory which will employ about 40 men is expected to be erected on land donated by the Land Improvement Company.

Mrs. Hester Kistler of Catawissa, died last week Thursday, aged 68 years. The funeral took place on Sunday, and was largely attended.

Mr. C. D. Spigelmeier would kindly thank friends and relatives for active part taken during his wife's illness, likewise through his late bereavement.

The late M. G. Hughes made no will. Letters of administration have been granted to Douglas Hughes, J. H. Vastine, R. Boone and E. F. Smith. It is said the estate will exceed \$200,000.

John S. Williams has the contract for digging the cellar for the new Parish House of the Episcopal congregation. Work was begun on Monday. Thomas Gorrey has the contract for the building.

There will be a festival held in the grove near Iram Derr's on Saturday afternoon and evening July 18th. If the weather should be unfavorable that day, it will be held Saturday the 25th. Proceeds for the benefit of Jackson Baptist Sunday School.

C. W. Funston and wife made a very successful catch of bass Wednesday evening at the red rocks in Fishing-creek. They were out only about two hours and caught seven, one measuring twelve and another fourteen inches. Mrs. Funston proved to be the most expert as she caught six of the seven fish.

A Commandery of the Knights of Malta was instituted here last week Thursday night, with about 75 members. They meet in G. A. R. Hall. It is called Lavalette Commandery, No. 91. Supreme Commander Wilt, of Bethlehem, and Bishop J. C. Shindel of Mt. Carmel, assisted by a staff of 13, instituted the lodge.

The Bloomsburg and Sullivan R. R. Company will sell special excursion tickets from Bloomsburg to Jamison City and return to-day, (Friday) for \$1.25, which includes dinner at Proctor Inn. The train leaves at 8.35 a. m. and returns at 5 p. m., reaching here at 6.20, thus giving all day in the mountains.

The *Hughesville Mail* entered upon its eighteenth volume last week. Since it went into the hands of its present owner, H. H. Rutter, it has constantly improved until now it ranks among the best of our rural exchanges. Mr. Rutter is an energetic editor and a progressive man, and his excellent paper is deserving of the hearty support of everybody in Hughesville and surrounding country.

General C. M. Blaker spent the Fourth in Bloomsburg. He has discarded his grey suit of military-cut clothing, and now wears a full suit of black, with a frock coat, and a high silk hat, which has changed his appearance from a confederate brigadier to the likeness of a Doctor of Divinity. The General's friends are growing uneasy about him, as he has not yet announced himself as a candidate for any office this year.

PROGRESS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

When the School Board of the Bloomsburg School District held their first meeting after the organization of 1890, the president of the Board appointed J. R. Townsend, Jos. Garrison and J. K. Bittenbender, members of the Text Book Committee. This Committee soon afterward began to inquire into the matter of arranging a course of study that would have for its aim, thoroughness, accuracy, and rapidity. Introducing those subjects that will prepare the pupils for Commercial life in as short a time as possible to insure thoroughness. Catalogues were secured, from other schools, and comparisons made, as well as close observation of the work now done in our schools.

There are three departments in the Course: The Business Course, Normal Course and Scientific Course. Beginning with the primary grade at the age of six years, the pupil may graduate in the Business Course at the age sixteen years; in the Normal Course at the age of seventeen; and in the Scientific Course at the age of eighteen years. The studies are so arranged in the Normal Course that pupils can enter the Senior class of our Normal School and complete their education for the profession of teaching in one year. Short-hand and type-writing together with practical work in book-keeping will be special features of the Business Course.

At the last meeting of the Board the subject of Manual Training was considered and a Committee appointed to ascertain the feasibility of its introduction. Manual Training is now receiving the attention of the learned minds of the country. It is required in our Normal Schools and has been introduced in the high schools of Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and the counties of Allegheny, Dauphin, Chester, and Luzerne, as well as in 27 other states and will no doubt soon be found in the first grades of all our public schools.

The new course of study will soon be published in pamphlet form, and a copy placed in the hands of the head of each family, that they may acquaint themselves with the work to be done by their children, and encourage them in the work that they may reap greater profit from the time spent in the public schools.

THE FOURTH IN BLOOM.

Bloomsburg spent a quiet Fourth; nearly everybody went to Catawissa or Danville, or elsewhere, and the town seemed deserted. Many families spent the day in the woods, and fishing parties were numerous. Owing to the ordinance prohibiting fire-works of any kind, there was a Sunday stillness pervading the community. An occasional snap was heard, as the small boy touched off a fire-cracker and then ran around the corner to avoid the police. In the evening a few rockets and bombs were sent off in private grounds. Dealers in fire-works were left with a considerable stock on hand, and one of them was heard to remark that "the action of the Council sends everybody out of town to spend their money away from home to where they can have a good time, and then many of them will want credit for the necessities of life for the next three months, and we'll have to trust them."

And there is a good deal of truth in that observation. But the day passed without any accidents or fires, and after all it may be that the ordinance was a wise provision.

MRS. C. D. SPIGELMEYER.

Minnie A. wife of C. D. Spigelmeier, and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Eyerly, died at the residence of Mrs. Emery on East street, on Friday evening, July 3rd, at 7 o'clock. She had been sick about six months, at her home in Williamsport, and came here on June 4th hoping to recover her health, but she gradually grew worse, until the end came. She was born April 15th, 1862, and was married in 1883. Her husband and one son survive her. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Lutheran church, of which she was a member. The services were conducted by Revs. P. A. Heilman and F. P. Manhart.

Mrs. Spigelmeier was a dutiful daughter and a loving wife and mother and the afflicted family have the warm sympathies of the community in their bereavement.

John S. Kiene of Benton township has been in ill health for some time, and a fatal termination was not unexpected. His death occurred last week, and he was buried on Monday. He was a well known citizen, and much respected, and was prominent in all township matters. He served more than three years in the army, coming out as first lieutenant of his company.

On Mountain Top.

EDITORS' DAY AT EAGLE'S MERE.

At the invitation of the proprietors of the hotels at Eagle's Mere, and also of Philadelphia and Reading, and the Williamsport & North Branch Railroad Companies, extending courtesies to the newspaper men of this and adjoining counties on June 30th, the editors of this paper spent a delightful day at that famous resort. Bloomsburg was represented by J. C. Rutter Jr., of the *Sentinel*, accompanied by his sister Miss Maggie Rutter. The *COLUMBIAN* was represented by J. K. Bittenbender and wife, and Geo. E. Elwell and Miss E. W. McKelvy. The party left here at 8 a. m. on the Reading road, and after changing cars at Rupert, West Milton and Halls, arrived at Muncy Valley station at about 11.15.

The day was bright and pleasant, and the ride in the cars was picturesque. At Halls the party which had been augmented by the editors of many towns along the line, was met by F. I. Bausher, traveling passenger agent of the Reading, and W. D. Townsend, auditor of the W. & N. B. road, who had the excursion in charge. At Muncy Valley coaches were in waiting, and the ride of six miles up the mountain began. The road, though dusty, was otherwise in good condition.

The writer was fortunate enough to secure seats in an easy two seated carriage with a good team, and as it was the mail wagon, we were given the right of way, and reached the mountain top at 1.20, which was 35 minutes earlier than the next vehicle arrived.

The party were distributed among the following hotels: Hotel Eagle's Mere, Hotel Raymond, Lake Side and Allegheny House. After dinner everybody was free to go and do as they pleased. The freedom of the lake was given to all, and the afternoon was spent in riding on the steamboat, rowing, bathing, rambling around the lake and the lake.

Eagle's Mere is on the top of the Allegheny mountains, 2,200 feet above sea level. We are informed that it is not alone upon the magnificence of its scenery that the growing fame of this grand region rests. The testimony of scores of eminent scientists and physicians attests that these lofty forest-covered hills form one of the greatest natural sanitariums in the world.

Thin, cool, pure atmosphere of these high altitudes, impregnated with the healing and invigorating essence of the hemlocks and the pines, has been found to be infallibly effective in the amelioration and cure of hay fever, asthma, and similar catarrhal ailments, as well as those of a malarial nature, while the restful influences of the air and the surroundings produce instantly beneficial results in cases of insomnia and nervous prostration.

But this resort is sought not only by invalids. There are about fifty cottages owned by individuals, which are tenanted by the owners each summer.

Among the most picturesque of these is the cottage of Henry C. Clay of Philadelphia, a large and beautiful villa surrounded by well kept lawns, and that of C. Larue Munson Esq., of Williamsport, which is built of stone just as they were found on the mountains.

The hotels are large and handsomely furnished, and provided with sewerage, water, and all modern conveniences. The rooms are spacious and the beds very comfortable.

Messrs. Ingham & Laird of the Hotel Eaglesmere are affable gentlemen who know how to keep a hotel, and the table is set with everything the season affords. Mr. Kirk and his wife, of the Lake Side also devote much time to the comfort and pleasure of their guests, and one cannot help but feel at home. W. L. Laird of the Hotel Raymond is an energetic young man, who leaves nothing undone for the success of his house and the entertainment of his guests. His hotel is roomy, and beautifully located.

The Allegheny house, conducted by Peale and Dickson, is a large house, and enjoys a fair show of the patronage.

There is not a licensed house in the place, all deeds for land sold by the land company containing a restriction providing that the purchaser will never ask for a liquor license.

There are three churches, the Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopal, the latter being built of uncut stone. Services are held in all of these during the summer season.

The participants in the excursion, besides those already named were: W. H. Smith, J. A. Logan, Milton; G. L. I. Painter, Muncy; V. A. Lotier, Thos. Chalfant, Danville; O. S. Brown, J. J. Galbraith, D. Lamade, Geo. S. Lenhart, George Groff, J. P. Deyer, Williamsport; E. L. Brice, J. E. Eichholtz, T. J. Silvius, Sunbury; F. O.

Whitman, Lewisburg. All were accompanied by ladies. Most of the party expected to get home the same night, but on arrival at Eaglesmere it was found they would have just forty minutes before the return coach started, and so it was decided to remain all night. The Sunbury editors however, concluded to catch the cannon-ball train and reach home at midnight so they left the lake at 8 o'clock and started down the mountain. We found them at Muncy Valley station the next morning; they missed the train by five minutes. Mr. Brice was especially anxious to get home, and when he found they were left, he was restrained only by the presence of the ladies, from expressing all he felt. Had he spoken, his remarks would have been something like this: "!!! We beg to be excused from translating the above."

It rained in the early morning so that the ride down the mountain was cool, and free from dust. Our party arrived home on Wednesday noon well pleased with their trip.

The only oversight in the management of the excursion was the failure to arrange for a meeting of the editors so that they might become acquainted with those they didn't know, and to give them an opportunity to formally express their thanks to all who were instrumental in affording them so much pleasure. The season for pleasure seekers has now fairly opened, and the hotels will soon be filled. People who contemplate visiting this famous spot should secure rooms in advance.

EAST BENTON.

"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth."—Luke 12: 15.

A most enjoyable event was the silver wedding of Mr. & Mrs. W. Kase, of Fairmount Springs, on Saturday, July 4, 1891. The union of this quarter of a century's wedded life was conceived and matured during trying and peculiar circumstances, but not solemnized until July 4, 1866, hence it is of a somewhat romantic nature. Mr. William Kase was in the army, facing and braving all the dangers of its horrors, fighting for his future home and fireside, while a most tender and earnest correspondence was kept up between the soldier and his affianced, ever full of apprehension and solicitude. The maid was then a pupil of the writer and often expressed to him her fears of his safe return, and her hopes and aspirations of her future life. We congratulate and rejoice that they (the wedded pair) have fully realized all the hopes and aspirations that they then entertained. Their garden, however, was devoid of flowers. By this we mean no children were born to their union. A few weeks ago the father and mother of Mrs. Kase, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Albertson celebrated their golden wedding. To the invitations sent out for the silver wedding the following persons responded: Herman Albertson, J. C. Rantz and wife, Jersey Shore, Schuyler Cramer and wife, John Kline and wife, William Keeler and wife, Cincinnati, O., Alvin Harvey and wife, F. I. Shultz and wife, Albert Hartman and wife, H. W. Smith and wife, A. H. Follmer and wife, Miner Suttiff and wife, J. C. Wenner and wife, A. B. Albertson and wife, E. J. Albertson and wife, J. W. Keeler, Cincinnati, O., S. P. Krickbaum and wife, I. K. Laubach and wife, Mrs. Andrew Bellas, J. W. Winley, L. B. Stiles and wife, Mrs. R. L. F. Colley, Mr. David Albertson and wife, Mrs. M. L. Wilkerson, Miss Sue Ruckle, including smaller people and children, in all about 60 persons. Mr. and Mrs. Kase were the recipients of many handsome presents and a nice sum of money. The guests partook of a sumptuous dinner. That the honored couple may live to enjoy their golden wedding was the wish of all present.

The evening of the 4th of July was celebrated at Bruce Cary's, Cambra, with a "grand hop."

Herman Albertson, son of Alonzo Albertson, has entered the ministry of the M. E. Church and will preach at Hamiline next Sunday. He is an exemplary young man.

The grain harvest is now here in its golden array, full and bountiful. Oats and corn promise a better return than for some years past; the hay however, will be a short crop.

Vice and crime stalk along in the busy marts of life and ply their vocation here and there until the air resounds with scandal.

This has been a great season for bees, many colonies having swarmed twice.

Judge Krickbaum took a trip to Williamsport on the 4th.

Work is suspended on the court house for lack of material.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

An adjourned session of court was held on July 3, all the judges on the bench.

Elijah Hess vs. Theo. M. Houser, ejectment, on motion, judgment for land described in the writ.

G. B. Reimensnyder, administrator, vs. S. A. Petriken, opinion filed.

W. A. M. Grier vs. James McAlarny Executor, et al, opinion filed, new trial refused.

P. & R. R. Co., vs N. & W. B. R'y Co., petition for appointment of viewers to assess damages.

Estate of Reuben O. Davis, petition for specific performance of contract with G. W. Farver, decree made.

Petition of county commissioners for appointment of inspectors of a bridge in Locust near H. M. Yocum's saw mill, Adam Rarig, Simon Carl and Peter Swank appointed.

Also inspectors of a bridge in Sugarloaf near Bacon Hess' Jesse Hartman, H. H. Hulme and Brad Long appointed.

Estate of Simon Fetterman, petition for citation to file account.

Estate of Clarke W. Longfield a minor, petition for citation to guardian to file account.

Francis Lafountain sworn as a citizen of the U. S.

Judge Metzger of Williamsport went on the bench at 11.45.

Exceptions to report of auditor in estate of Ann Young, argued and submitted.

LIGHT STREET.

Henry Miller of Watsontown spent a few days with A. B. White.

The home of Rev. Whitney gladdened a few days ago by the arrival of twin girls.

The excursion to Central was pretty well attended on Saturday last.

We noticed quite a number of citizens from Bloomsburg pass through town on Saturday last, who attended the picnic near the Paper Mill dam.

Mr. Moat and Miss Welsh visited at G. P. Reighards the past week.

Mrs. Gibbs of Ohio is visiting friends in this community, this being her birth place, formerly Anna Eyer.

Master William and Miss Mattie Bachman are visiting their sister, Mrs. O. B. Melick.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Young attended a picnic at Mill-Grove on Saturday last.

WALLER.

This year's Fourth has passed and the good with it, while some of its evil still mark the "eyes."

The rattle of mowers and reapers are the joyful sounds in the farmer's ears.

Mr. G. W. Yorks met with a misfortune while celebrating the Nation's birthday, his horse became frightened at the small boys' fire crackers and ran against the trees, tearing buggy and harness, but luckily no one was hurt.

W. B. Fritz and H. E. Yorks were camping in the mountains last week and passed their time in catching the speckled trout.

Mr. Abner Everhart is home for a few weeks, visiting parents and friends.

Quite a number of young people took dinner at Samuel Roberts' on Sunday. It was to remind his son of his birthday.

KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.

The following are the officers of Theta Castle, No. 276 of Bloomsburg Pa., for the ensuing six months' term:

Past Chief, W. J. Shutt; Noble Chief, Josiah L. King; Vice Chief, Jerome P. Woodring; High Priest, Daniel Laycock; Venerable Hermit, J. S. Blue; Master of Records, Guy Jacoby; Clerk of Exchequer, C. B. Lutz; Keeper of Exchequer, C. W. Funston; Sir Herald, Chas. T. Hendershott; Worthy Bard, W. D. Cosgrove; Worthy Chamberlain, Joseph R. Bidelman; Ensign, Frank Moyer; Esquire, Geo. Sterling; First Guardsman, C. A. Pollock; Second Guardsman, Geo. Stineman; Trustees, J. S. Blue, W. D. Cosgrove and J. L. Harman; Representative to the Grand Castle, W. H. Brooke.

A lazy Iowa editor wails forth the following: "The lark came to meet the sun and carol forth his lay; the farmer's son took down his gun and at him blazed away. The busy bee rose at five and hummed the meadows o'er; the farmer's wife went to his hive and robbed him of his store. The little ant rose early too, his labor to begin; the greedy sparrow outward flew and took his antship in. O birds, and ants, and bees be wise, in proverbs take no stock; like me refuse from bed to rise till half past eight o'clock."

PERSONAL.

Joseph Lowenberg was one of the visitors to town last week.

Prof. Cope and family are spending the summer vacation at West Chester.

Prof. J. P. Welsh is attending the State Teachers' Association this week.

Prof. Noetling has gone to his home at Selinsgrove for the summer.

Rush Zarr and Frank Miller are at home from college for the summer.

G. W. Bertsch spent the 4th in Mauch Chunk with his parents.

Miss Annie Sellers of Altoona is the guest of Miss Edith Reber.

William Leverett Esq. came down from Scranton to celebrate the Fourth.

J. Allen Staver of the Jersey Shore *Herald*, is visiting his cousin James Staver.

Mr. Newton Wigfall of Philadelphia is spending a few weeks with his brother, Mr. Samuel Wigfall.

Judge and Mrs. Elwell and Mrs. Funk have been in Elmira, N. Y. the past two weeks.

Louis Townsend was at home last week to see his sister graduate at the Normal.

Judge Ikeler held argument court at Williamsport, for Judge Metzger, last week Thursday.

R. C. Neal came up from Harrisburg on the 3rd, and spent the Fourth here with his family.

Mrs. John Moran, Edward Hughes and Michael Ryon of Centralia, were in town on Tuesday.

Prof. O. H. Bakeless is attending the summer school of Philosophy at Northfield, Mass.

Judge Murphy was in town on Wednesday, accompanied by Dr. Thomas Curry of Philadelphia.

L. N. Moyer and C. C. Peacock spent part of last week at Atlantic City and Gettysburg.

Mr. Robert Harrar of Newark spent the Fourth in town with his brother, Ed. Harrar.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wells spent the Fourth in Mauch Chunk with Dr. Kirby and wife.

Earnest Rice, son of J. P. Rice, of Millville, is spending a few weeks at Harrisburg.

The scar on W. H. Brower's nose was caused by his getting off from a bicycle rather hastily on the 4th.

Mrs. J. G. Freeze started on Tuesday for Des Moines, Iowa, where she will spend several weeks with relatives.

Frank Patterson has completed his college course, and has accepted a position in New Jersey as civil engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharpless arrived from the west on Tuesday, and will remain in Bloomsburg most of the summer.

Julius Lindegren, the piano tuner and repairer, is in town, and will remain about two weeks. Orders left at Peacock's Hardware Store, will be promptly attended to.

Mr. Ralph Snyder was in town on Monday. It is a number of years since he called on his Bloomsburg friends. He is located at Williamsport.

Rev. Thomas F. Logue, of Harrisburg, has been appointed assistant to Rev. Father Kennedy, of St. Ignatius church, Centralia, vice Rev. Simpson who has gone to Mt. Carmel.

Dr. J. H. Vastine has been elected President of the Catawissa Bridge Company, and also of the Catawissa National Bank to fill the vacancies caused by the death of M. G. Hughes.

Ex-Sheriff Aaron Smith is tendered the thanks of this office for a lot of delicious cherries left here on Tuesday. They were of the black variety, and very large and sweet.

On Monday last the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg elected Hon. C. R. Buckalew a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. G. Hughes.

Mr. J. S. Hill of Wilkes-Barre spent Monday in town attending to business as assignee of the firm of Steltz & Co. formerly of Jamison City. Mr. Hill was manager of Manor Rest Inn for more than a year, and made many friends in this county.

Mrs. H. G. Ort died at Jerseytown on Wednesday of last week, aged about 51 years. The remains were brought to Bloomsburg on Friday and buried in Rosemont. Mrs. Ort resided here many years, and was a member of the Reformed church. Her husband and one daughter Mrs. Alonzo Ent survive her.