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There are fifty-seven lawyers in Bradford county.

Dr. I. W. Willis is putting down a concrete pavement in front of his residence.

Dennis Donovan is doing a good job of sodding at the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Arthur Merrill will preach in the Evangelical church on next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A report afloat on the street on Monday morning that two boys were drowned at Rupert at the mouth of the creek on Sunday proved incorrect.

The frame work of Sheriff Casey's new house on Iron street is up. William Weaver has the contract for the carpenter work.

The vault at the Farmers Bank is completed. It is a massive affair, and was made by E. C. Morris & Co. of Boston.

The report that J. B. Knittle has withdrawn as a candidate for sheriff is not correct. He is still a candidate, and is traveling over the county, seeing the people.

On July 3rd a petition was presented to the court asking for the appointment of viewers to divide Conyngham township into three polling places.

Hon. C. R. Buckalew will probably be nominated by the Democratic State Convention as a delegate-at-large to the Constitutional Convention.

The weather continues surprisingly cool for July. The mountain resorts everywhere are longing for a hot wave to drive the people from the heated cities to the mountain tops.

The attendance at the Evangelical picnic at Oak Grove last Saturday was very large. Refreshments were served on the grounds. The supplies were secured of M. M. Phillips & Son.

Street Commissioner Cadman is at work on the streets, cleaning up the sand and filling up the holes washed out by the heavy rain of last Thursday night. The downpour was tremendous and all the streams rose rapidly next day.

The excursion of the American Mechanics at Central, Saturday August 1st, promises to be very large. An excursion train will run from Watson town over the W. & W. It is thought now that over 3000 people will be in the grove.

Campmeeting at Rupert was well attended last Sunday. It is in progress this week, and will continue over next Sunday. Joseph Artope, in charge of the A. M. E. Church here, is conducting the meeting, assisted by a number of ministers of that church.

A party of about twenty-five ladies and gentlemen reached Bloomsburg by canal boat last week Thursday evening. They were the employees of the Pennsylvania Canal Company at Nanticoke, Plymouth, and other points. The boat is nicely fitted up with berths, and other conveniences. They are on their way to Baltimore.

Letters of administration have been taken out by Elias S. Fritz on the estate of Samuel Fritz of Sugarloaf township. Mr. Samuel Fritz, who recently died, was in his 90th year, and a very active man, being sick but a day previous to his death. He was a great sportsman. At one of his trout fishing trips the past season he caught fifteen fine trout. He was one of the first members of the Episcopal Church at Coles Creek.

The planing mill of Peter J. Sult, at Jamison City, was burned last week Wednesday evening at about half past six o'clock. The mill had closed for the day, and no one was in when the flames broke out on the second floor. As there is no fire apparatus there, nothing could be done but to let it burn. Some boys were in the mill in the afternoon, and it is supposed that in some way they unintentionally left fire there. There was no insurance on the mill, and the loss is \$4000.

The first carpenter work on the new parish building was done on Wednesday, when window frames for the basement were made by Messrs Lowry and Sharpless. While at work it came to light that Lowry was a great grand-son of Rev. Mr. Hopkins who was the first Episcopal minister here, and under whose ministrations the first church was erected on the lot a hundred years ago.

## ABNER WELSH.

Abner Welsh of Orange township, was stricken with apoplexy at his home on Wednesday afternoon July 22nd, and lingered until Friday morning at 5 o'clock, when he expired. He was attacked with the grippe in the spring, and was recovering from that, though still quite weak. After eating his usual dinner on Wednesday he went to his room to take a nap, and was found at 5 o'clock, speechless, though conscious. His age was past 79 years. His wife and six children survive him. Prof. J. P. Welsh Principal of the Normal School being one of them. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at half past three, services being conducted by Rev. Dr. Davis.

Mr. Welsh was born October 10th 1817, in Greenwood township, and spent his life in this county. He was a son of John Welsh, and is the last member of the family, all his brothers and sisters being dead. He was a man of sterling worth, of strict integrity, and sound judgment, and his neighbors will mourn his loss with the bereaved family. He had been a member of the Presbyterian church for over fifty years. One of his most noticeable characteristics was his open heartedness and his fondness for the society of young people. His hospitable roof was the almost constant resort of the young friends of his children, who always left with regret.

He engaged in the lumber and farming business most of his life, and acquired considerable property. He was a careful and conscientious business man, and his judgment was frequently sought by his friends, and was always cheerfully given. Not only his own community, but the entire county has lost, in his death, a valued and respected citizen.

## EAST BENTON.

The lecture of Mr. Tokeo Noya, the Japanese last Friday night, at St. James was instructive and highly entertaining. The audience was not large owing to a thunder storm raging at the time of the coming together of the people.

Children's day was observed at St. James on last Saturday night. The decorations were profuse, elaborate and most beautiful. The exercises consisted of singing, recitations, declamations and concert speaking. The children were appared corresponding to the decorations and occasion. All the parts were well rendered, reflecting great credit on the Committee having the entertainment in charge. Children of any community can always be relied upon when having competent leaders.

The grain and hay are nearly all gathered.

Last Thursday night week ago, a copious rain swelled the streams, washed the roads and soaked the ground, and corn took new start in rapid growth, and the outlook for heavy crops was never more promising.

Bruce Cary, the genial landlord of the Cambra hotel, has made ample provision for the accommodation of the traveling public and has also erected a platform for the amusement of the young people who are invited to indulge in a grand hop on Thursday night of Aug. 6th.

A sumptuous feast will be prepared for all comers and rates will be moderate.

William Ruckel of Fairmount is in a condition of momentary expectation of death.

From present appearances the potato crop in our community will be over abundant. Look out for peaches, they are coming too.

Herman Albertson filled the pulpit at Hamiline, Stillwater and other points last Sunday.

Rev. T. H. Tubbs superintends the Hamiline S. S.

Strange that game should disappear as the days of lawful taking and shooting draw near.

A profitable and edifying sermon might be preached by every preacher in the country from the text, "Mind your own business". And if heeded by preachers and hearers what a change there soon would be in the country. Try it.

J. G. Wells returned last Saturday from Philadelphia, where he took a special course in fitting of glasses in cases of errors of refraction. He is a graduate of Bucklin's school of Optics in New York, and this special course enables him to fit glasses for any case of error of refraction. In cases requiring it, atropine will be administered by a physician. Mr. Wells is ready to guarantee satisfaction in all cases where glasses are fitted by him. His place of business is in the COLUMBIAN building.

## HENRY MILNES OF ESPY COMMITS SUICIDE.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM.

Last Friday evening a young man tolerably well dressed went into the Bristol House, Providence, engaged a room and registered as H. R. Espy, Espy, Columbia county, Pa. At 5 o'clock next morning gas was found escaping from his room and when entrance was gained, Espy was found lying upon the bed dead, suffocated by gas. He still retained some of his outer clothing and it was evident that he had committed suicide. This belief was strengthened by the finding of the following remarkable passage written upon a table found near the bed: "Is it not a singular thing that I, who am still in the fairest months of adolescence and who so far from abusing everything, have not made use of the simplest things, have become surfeited to such a degree that I am no longer tickled by what is whimsical or difficult. That satiet, follows pleasure is a natural law and easy to become understood." A telegram to Espy failed to find anyone of that name who lived there.

The Scranton Tribune of Monday gives the following account of the suicide: Saturday morning the dead body of Henry Milnes was found lying on a bed in a room of the Bristol House, Providence. Death was due to suffocation by gas, which Milnes turned on with the evident intention of destroying himself.

Friday morning Milnes went to the Bristol House and registered as "H. R. Espy, Espy, Columbia county, Pa." Saturday morning a chambermaid who was passing by the room assigned to Milnes detected the odor of gas coming from it. She informed the proprietor, Mr. Rorick, who succeeded in gaining an entrance to the room. Milnes had not disrobed the night previous and Mr. Rorick found the body lying across the bed over the covering. From an open gas jet gas was flowing. There was no indication of suffering on the man's features.

In the dead man's pockets were found a number of lead pencils, a pocket compass, a package of cigarettes and a small sum of money. On the bureau lay a tablet on which was written some peculiar sentences under the head of "Egotism." A memorandum was also found in his pockets which showed that during May and June he had done some work for J. H. Rittenhouse, the civil engineer. It was this clue that led to the identification of the body. Mr. Rittenhouse was summoned and he said the body was that of Henry Milnes, a civil engineer, who had been in his employ.

Milnes was 25 years of age and the son of the late William Milnes. On May 10 he was married to Miss Grace Eaton, daughter of James H. Eaton, of the West Side. The marriage ceremony took place in Binghamton and was kept a secret until June 9, when Miss Eaton's parents were informed of what had taken place.

The funeral was held at Espy on Tuesday afternoon.

## WALLER.

Several candidates passed through here last week, each wanting the same office. Some will have to be left.

Elmer Strauch's children who have had the scarlet fever, are getting about well.

A great many are now taking advantage of the huckleberry crop. They are real full in some places on the mountain, but are now getting pretty well picked. Rattle snakes are scarce this year, but some take a bottle of medicine along and use it whether they are bitten or not.

THE COLUMBIAN is improving all the time and is certainly taking the lead as a newspaper.

Mrs. Paul Klinger, who has been seriously ill, is improving slowly.

Mr. William Butt was visiting friends in Bloomsburg over Sunday.

During the shower on Saturday afternoon the lightning struck a tree near J. P. Yorks' house, and splintered it to the ground.

Messrs. M. S. Remley and B. L. Englehart have been helping some of the "expect to be sheriffs" hunt up the democrats.

Special arrangements have been made for excursions to Scranton on August 4, 8 and 13, to witness Pain's Last Days of Pompeii. On those dates trains will leave Scranton at 11:15 p. m. for all points to Northumberland. The rate is single fare for the round trip. See advertisement for further particulars.

Henry Hetler of Hetterville has repainted his residence, a portion of which has been rebuilt. It makes a fine appearance. The painting was done by Rudy Berninger of Mifflin.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

BLOOMSBURG PA. July 22, '91.

Council met pursuant to adjournment with all members present except Allen. George Shultz representing Rescue H. & L. Co. reported their leather hose in poor condition. Rest of hose, the new, 500 feet, good. Need a short service rope, for horse carriage, about 20 feet 3/4 rope. A. M. Wintersteen, representing Friendship Fire Company reported leather hose, 350 feet, fair condition. Have only 500 feet hose that can be used with steamer pressure. Should have 500 feet more for use, in case reel was empty with other hose drying. Need 100 feet cotton street rope. Would like to have six suits of rubber coats and rubber boots for Company's use at fires.

Mr. E. C. Wells appeared and asked Council to take steps soon toward the repairing of Sixth street, and have same in good condition before wet weather set in. He suggested cinder-ing.

Mr. Charles Kunkle appeared and asked that a crossing be placed across alley on Catharine street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, on West side. On motion of Messrs Rhodes and Furman it was ordered to make crossing.

Messrs C. W. Miller and C. C. Peacock appeared and made proposition with reference to a bridge across canal at foot of Catharine street. They stated if Council would have the bridge constructed all the property owners on Eighth street from Iron street to D. L. & W. R. R. switch, had agreed to pave with same paving as was now around the new Presbyterian church.

Messrs Gorrey and Willis moved that the town engineer be instructed to make a survey of Market street and propose plans and specifications for its improvements to be forty feet in width from D. L. & W. R. R. to North side of Rock street, except at street crossings and Market square, which are to be improved full width. Plans and specifications to be submitted at next meeting of Council. Carried. Mr. Rhodes voting no.

Dr. Willis moved that the drain, from rear of Car Company's shops to Canal, be ordered put in, according to the survey made. Seconded by Mr. White. All voted in favor except Mr. Rhodes. President decided motion carried.

On motion of Messrs White and Gorrey secretary was directed to advertise for bids for the construction of said drain. Bids to be received until August 6th.

Mr. Furman moved that the solicitor be instructed to prepare an ordinance directing the opening of West street from Third street and Fourth street, and from North side of D. L. & W. R. R. to Eighth street. All voting aye except Mr. Rhodes.

On motion of Messrs White and Gorrey iron crossings across gutters were ordered placed at P. O. crossing and Farmer's National Bank and at Jefferson street crossing on Second street.

Adjourned to July 29, 1891.

## A WELL LIGHTED TOWN.

It is the purpose of the Town Council of Bloomsburg to have electric light on all the streets of the built up portion of the town. There will be 51 lights, which will probably be placed within the next thirty days. The lights will be located as follows: On First Street,—at corners of West street, Market street, Centre street, Iron street, North street; On Second Street,—at corners of Leonard street, Railroad street, West street, Jefferson street, Market street, Centre street, Iron street, East street, Penn street, and at corner of Wood street and East Second street; On Third St.—at corners of Barton street, Leonard street, Railroad street, West street, Jefferson street, Market street, Centre street, Iron street, East street, and Penn street; On Fourth St.—At corners of West street, Market street, Centre street, Iron street, Catherine street, East street; On Fifth St.—at corners of Railroad street, West street, Market street, Centre street, Iron street, Catherine street, East street, at bridge on Fifth street, and two lights in Oak Grove Park; On Sixth St.—at corners of West street, Market street, Iron street, Catherine street; On Seventh St.—at corners of Catherine streets, East street and corner of Spruce street and road leading to Berwick; On Eighth St.—at corner of Catherine street, and East street; In Port Noble at corner of Market street.

The editor of the Dushore Review says that he is not a candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention. B. F. Collins and A. Logan Grim are the Democratic candidates in Sullivan county.

## TWO VOTING DISTRICTS IN SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP.

On the 22d of September 1890 a petition was presented to the court asking, for a division of Sugarloaf township into two election districts. On the same day, Samuel Neyhard, J. H. Maize and C. A. Kleim were appointed commissioners to report upon the expediency of dividing the said township into two election districts. Their report was filed at December court and confirmed absolutely at February court last, finding in favor of a division. The line as adopted is as follows: Beginning on the line between Luzerne and Columbia counties at a point twenty perches north of a marked ash tree, thence on land of Frank Getz and others south 89 degrees west 170 perches, thence south 84 1/2 degrees west 64 perches, leaving house of Lloyd Giberson on the right in 547 perches, leaving house of Abraham Hess on the right, in 748 perches, leaving house of George Fritz on the left, in 1006 perches, leaving house of J. W. Diltz on the right, 1804 perches to the line between Jackson and Sugarloaf townships.

The following decree has been filed by the court:

And now July 24th 1891, the report of the commissioners dividing Sugarloaf township into two election districts having been confirmed on the 4th day of February 1891, the division as made by said commissioners lying south of the division line shall be known as South Sugarloaf District, and the other shall be known as North Sugarloaf District.

In South Sugarloaf District the elections shall be held at the house of Albert Cole, where now located at Cole's Creek, and in North Sugarloaf District the elections shall be held at the hotel or public house of Elijah Albertson, where now located in Central. At the next election, and until others are duly elected and qualified, the election officers in South Sugarloaf District shall be as follows, viz: Jessie Hartman, Judge; H. S. Cole, James N. Pennington, Inspectors, and in North Sugarloaf District the election officers shall be as follows, viz: Peter K. Shultz, Judge; Joshua B. Hess, Ezra Stephens, Inspector.

## EPHRAIM PARKS.

"Old Ephraim" as he has been for many years familiarly known, has gone the way of all men, and his mortal remains were buried on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the house of his son-in-law, Glasco Cameron. For several months he has been suffering from the effects of grippe, but was able to be up and dressed. On Tuesday he remained up stairs, eating his dinner there. About two o'clock his daughter found him lying on the bed, and a moment later he gave one gasp and died. His age is not surely known, but it is supposed to be about seventy-three years.

Everybody knew Ephraim. His quaint speeches had made him a unique reputation. No one else could ever make the same speech, and he never attempted to reproduce exactly the same words, for they were not in the dictionary. He found much enjoyment in thus amusing others. Parks was born in Carlisle, but he lived here for a long time. For nearly twenty years he was employed by Judge Elwell as gardener and hostler. At one time Ephraim started to have a history of his life written out, and had got along far enough to tell some interesting incidents, but literature was not in his line, and he gave it up.

He voted the Democratic ticket for many years and rejoiced in the reputation of being the only colored Democrat in the town. Though luring baits were sometimes offered to shake his political faith, we believe he always stood by his convictions.

To him at last is "Justice revealed."

## CAMBRA ITEMS.

Mr. Clark Callender has just finished his new barn. They say that it is complete in all parts. He even has water which is carried in pipes at the side of each horse's manger.

Mr. Bruce Carey seems at home in the hotel which he keeps in nice order. James McHenry seems to have a very large trade. The closing of the upper store has increased his business.

The people of this place are beginning to make calculations on attending the Patterson Grove Campmeeting. We hope that campmeeting time will not bring another cyclone, for some people of this section who had such an experience last year in the cyclone storm are quite frequently frightened when they see a heavy shower rising.

All crops of this section, except hay are seemingly good.

Berries are abundant, and are generally taken care of.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Ella Fox is home from Philadelphia for six weeks' vacation.

Miss Beth Runyon is at home from Philadelphia on a visit.

W. B. Cummings and B. F. Armstrong are at Northfield, Mass.

Mrs. Weigand of Hazleton is visiting her parents here.

Mrs. Clarissa Peacock and daughters are camping at Mountain Grove.

Charles Unangst Esq., of New York is visiting in town.

J. R. Fowler of Pine Summit spent Monday in town.

Miss Hattie Sloan is visiting at Wilkes-Barre.

Rev. W. C. Leverett is visiting in Boston and other eastern cities.

Dr. G. Stuart Kirby of Mauch Chunk is visiting at Mr. I. S. Kuhn's. His wife is at the sea-shore.

E. E. Bittenbender of Grand Rapids Michigan, will visit friends in this section Friday and Saturday.

Ex-Commissioner Washington Parr was among the visitors to town on Tuesday.

Hon. E. M. Tewksbury shook hands with his friends in town on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Little spent several days during the past week, at Proctor Inn.

I. M. Demott of Greenwood township was in town last Friday on business.

Miss Carrie Jameson who has been ill for several weeks, is able to be out again.

Mrs. C. E. Whitesell and daughter of Roaring Brook are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Miss Lizzie Rosenstock of Philadelphia is spending a few weeks with her brother, George Rosenstock.

Mr. Richard Kitchen, one of Greenwood's most substantial residents, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. E. M. Sheldon of Hughesville, and daughters, Annie and Laura, are visiting at Bloomsburg.

Edward S. Moyer returned home on Saturday after an absence of three months in Michigan and Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Elwell of Towanda, are visiting their relatives in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Pennepacker of Philadelphia, mother of Mrs. W. S. Rishton, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rishton and Miss Sade Sloan.

Dr. H. W. Buckingham is laid up in the hospital at Phillipsburg with a broken leg, the result of a fall. It is a simple fracture, just above the ankle.

W. T. Creasy of Catawissa township was in town on Wednesday. Mr. Creasy is among the most intelligent farmers in the county, and is one of the champions of the farmers' interests. He thinks straight and talks it well.

Miss Nancy Mary Sisson, of Tenny, N. J., Miss Louise Robinson, of Binghamton, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sisson, and Mr. Hodgdon of Scranton, are visiting Mr. E. P. Williams and family.

Mrs. Wolf, the milk-woman, expects to sail for Germany soon to visit her friends. She has never seen them since she came to this country many years ago. She will be accompanied by a friend from Hazleton.

Mr. William L. Manning and family, of Brighton, N. Y., are visiting relatives in this county. They formerly resided in Jackson township, and removed from there to Brighton several years ago. Mr. Manning is extensively engaged in the nursery business and it is very gratifying to his many friends here to know that he is prospering. He was among the most reliable democrats of the county, and his departure was regretted by hosts of friends. However, he returns about once a year, and a call from him is always highly appreciated.

Wait for the Golden Eagle Pic-Nic at Harvey's Lake, on August 14.

Guide boards have been put up at all the street corners in town.

A young man named Hosler, who works for R. Seybert in Mifflin, on the Horace Schweppenheiser farm, cut his foot seriously one day last week.

Daniel Knorr, candidate for sheriff, was kept at home last week by a large carbuncle on his neck. He is on the road again and will try and make up lost time.

Col. Freeze has ordered, at considerable additional expense to himself, that the tower to St. Paul's Church be raised to seventy feet, instead of sixty-eight as at first intended.