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Davenport's store closed up on Monday.

Rev. Bruce Birch will preach in the Evangelical church, next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Snyder county democrats have decided against a constitutional convention.

During the storm last Sunday at Unityville several buildings were unroofed and others struck by lightning.

There will be a lawn festival at the Reformed church on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week, September 4th and 5th.

Lafayette Unger and wife of Unityville, came down Thursday to attend a re-union of the Ohl relatives at the Fair grounds. It was the birthday of Henry Ohl.

Reuben Hess' grove at Rupert was in great demand last week. It was occupied Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is a beautiful grove for family picnic parties.

Rev. D. J. Waller, Sr., has put concrete steps from the street to his lawn, and pavement inside the yard. The brick sidewalk on the street has been raised about a foot and relaid.

H. Bollini, the photographer, formerly at Roshon's gallery, is located for the present at Jamison City, in John Bush's house. He is offering a dozen \$3.00 cabinets for \$1.00 for ten days only.

Next Monday, August 31st, is positively the last day that town taxes will be received by Robert Buckingham, Treasurer. After that the duplicate will go into the collector's hands, and five per cent will be added.

Thursday of next week is the last day for registration. You must attend to it yourself, you can not leave it to a Committeeman. Examine the registry books at once and see if your name is on the book, you will find the book at every polling place.

Grand Army Day at Mt. Carmel on September 9th, will be a big day. Members of Ent Post who expect to attend, should supply themselves with a pack of G. A. R. cards with their name and Post printed thereon. They can be obtained at this office.

Hon. E. M. Tewsbury writes from Williams' Grove that the boom there for the Democratic nomination for Auditor General is for James G. McSparran of Lancaster county, a farmer, Granger and Alliance man; and for Gen. Dick Coulter of Westmoreland for Treasurer. He thinks it would be a strong ticket.

At a meeting of the Benton Agricultural Association held May 5th the following officers were elected: T. C. McHenry Pres., Elliot Lemon, vice Pres., J. B. Laubach, Treas., H. O. McHenry, Secy., Chas. Wesley, Librarian; Directors, Z. A. Butt, C. A. Belles, T. H. Edgar, F. E. Smith, Geo. Derr. Fair to be held Oct. 7, 8, 9 and 10th; H. O. McHenry, Secy.

A subscriber at Unityville has shown us a receipt for subscription signed Elwell and Bittenbender, which was given him last year by a man who gave his name as Myers, and said he was our collector. We have no such collector and we would advise our own subscribers as well as those of all other papers, to pay no bills to strangers unless they can show satisfactory authority. The country is full of swindlers.

Robert Pursell, brother of Issac and Sylvester Pursell of Hemlock township, died at his home in Vicksburg, Michigan, on the 18th inst., aged 92 years, 3 months and nine days. He was a brother-in-law of B. F. Hartman. Six children survive him, all residing in the west. He was probably the oldest Mason in the country, having been initiated in Bloomsburg when but twenty-years old. He learned the trade of a tanner with Isaiah Willits at Catawissa, and went to Michigan about 1840. His first wife was Miss Chrisman of this town.

J. S. Blue's barn was burned last Monday. On Tuesday morning three lengths of hose, 150 feet, from the Winona Hose Carriage, was stretched along Centre street on the pavement by Col Freeze's property, and has been there ever since, and was there a week after the fire. This is gross negligence, and if the council would waken up and take some interest in the public property they would appoint some one to have control of the entire fire apparatus of the town, and then such things would not occur.

A CLOUD BURST.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY MONDAY'S STORM.

Monday was a rainy day, and at about half past four in the afternoon the climax was reached. The heavens opened their flood gates and for an hour the water fell in torrents. The run coming down by the Lightstreet road became so swollen that the culvert across Main street could not carry off the water, and backing up it came tearing over the fence of C. W. Neal's lot at corner of Main and Lightstreet road, and rushed down the street in a resistless flood. Much damage was done to George Martin's property just above the Neal lot. His cow and pigs were saved with difficulty and many of his chickens were drowned. On Main street the stream occupied the entire width of the street and overflowed the pavements. The store pavement in front of C. W. Neal's lot, which had just been relaid was completely torn up. Nearly every cellar from East street to Iron on the east side of Main, was filled with water. Among those suffering the most were Andrew Solleder who had a lot of leather in his cellar. The run in the rear of his lot overflowed, and the lot was more than a foot under water.

J. H. Mercer's cellar was flooded and his loss may reach \$1000. The water was about four inches deep on his store floor. He had a large stock of wall paper in his cellar, which is a complete loss, besides oils, &c. Jerry Hess' shoe store and Evans & Eyer's clothing store were also flooded, the water running through the stores and filling the cellars. Fortunately neither of them had much in their cellars.

C. C. Marr's residence is in the rear of his store, and his dining room, kitchen and some other rooms are in the basement. The town authorities had opened a ditch to lay a sewer on Iron street across Main, and the dirt thrown up formed a dam which turned the water down Iron street, flooding Mr. Marr's store cellar, and all that portion of the basement occupied as a residence. The furniture was overturned, the carpets ruined, and about four inches of mud left on the floor. His loss may reach \$500.

D. A. Creasy's cellar also had several feet of water in it. Below Mr. Ma.'s but little damage was done on Main. The cellar of the Episcopal Rectory had about four feet of water in it, but being well drained this ran out before next morning. The water ran over the pavement at the Post Office, and if it had risen four inches more it would have gone into the basement of THE COLUMBIAN office where much valuable machinery would have been damaged.

Iron street was flooded. Every house between Main and Third had several feet of water in the cellars. Charles Krug's barn was over flowed and the horses were removed through water three feet deep. Third street between Centre and Iron came in for a big dose. W. C. Ritchie, Mrs. McBride, John Armstrong, Mrs. Watson, Fath: McCann, Mrs. Gruver, P. Unangst in fact every property along the street had water in the cellars except J. K. Bittenbender and the Rawlings property. Centre street from Third to Fifth was also flooded, and much damage done.

In Scott town the cellars of W. Fortune, Thomas Metherel and others, were full of water.

The board side walk in front of James Magee's residence on Fifth street was torn up. Big washouts occurred on Scott town hill, and on Market street at the Grange store. On Sixth-street much of the water from all the streets united and completely submerged the D. L. & W. track. Down at the School Furnishing Company's works it was like a river. The water came into the buildings and considerable damage was done to goods ready for shipment.

Along Sixth street cellars were filled, and the lot back of Giger's Hotel was covered with water after the storm had ceased. But little damage was done on East street. The shops of the Bloomsburg Car Company had a foot or more of water in them, and it is hard to estimate the loss.

The D. L. & W. train south at 4:05 got only as far as Danville. The north bound train due here at 6:30 reached here at 7 o'clock, and laid at the depot until 11:30 on account of the culvert being washed out at Creveling's side of Espy, and destruction of several hundred feet of track. There were slides below between Rupert and Catawissa, and two between Catawissa and Danville. The B. & S. evening train did not get down until Tuesday morning owing to several washouts this side of Stillwater. Trains ran on Tuesday,

though not on time. At the Y below town the embankment was torn out.

Some damage was done at the Carpet Mill, and at Mears' Factory. At the latter place the water was over the boiler in the engine house, and the horses were removed from the stables with difficulty.

The water was pumped from the cellars of J. H. Mercer, Isaiah Hagenbuch, A. Solleder, D. A. Creasy, Fath: McCann, Mrs. Watson and others by the fire steamer and members of Friendship Fire Company. At the Catholic church the steamer got stuck in the mud, and it was necessary to send for Nathan Chromis to come with his team and pull it out. The boys worked all night very faithfully. It is impossible to estimate the total damage, but it will reach several thousand dollars. No storm of recent years has been so disastrous.

A HANDY ARTICLE.

Messrs. Lockard and Oswald are the owners of a patent granted August 4, 1891, for an improved satchel and bicycle lock, which for simplicity, convenience and neatness of design, has no equal. It is an indispensable article for every person who travels. It is intended to lock a bicycle so that it can with safety be left on the street, and can also be used by travelers to lock a satchel or coat to the car seat when they wish to go to the smoker, get off the train for lunch or leave the car for any purpose. It can be used in the same way at the theatre, thus securing the seat as well as the luggage. It consists of a chain with an automatic lock, there being no key to get lost. The price is \$1.00, and it is cheap at that price. It can conveniently be carried in the vest pocket. A ranganement has been made to manufacture them in large quantities, and a liberal discount will be given to the trade. The proprietors are pushing business men, and they will no doubt make a success of it as it is an article that will sell on sight.

EAST BENTON.

A few weeks ago, John Wenner of Van Camp, aged about 75 years, from the force of circumstances, was obliged to jump off from a load of oats on the solid barn floor, or strike the same with his head. He was terribly jammed up, but no bones were broken, neither sustained internal injuries. It will be several weeks before he can walk. Fortunately he is convalescing comfortably, although it might have resulted fatally.

Week ago last Tuesday Isaiah Creveling of Van Camp and Alice Ruckel of Raven creek were joined in holy wedlock.

William Ruckle of Fairmount was buried week ago last Sunday.

A sister wrote to us from Michigan that from 3 acres, they obtained 132 bushels of wheat, and from 2 acres, 52 bushels of rye, and the weather at present, is both, hot and dry.

What is the difference of the material interests between Columbia and Montour counties that the latter should endorse Grant Herring's course in the Senate when assembled in Convention while the former was silent? Verily, a prophet is not without honor save in his own country.

LIGHT STREET.

Rev. Mendenhall of Berwick preached in the M. E. church Sunday evening.

Miss Martha Bachman, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. O. B. Melick has returned home to Shamokin accompanied by Miss Lettie Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Case of Nuremia visited their daughter Mrs. Silas Young. Mr. W. S. Melick of Wilkes-Barre is visiting his parents.

Mrs. John Kitchen of Shamokin is visiting her parents.

The severest storm of the season passed over this place Monday afternoon, doing considerable damage.

WALLER.

Miss Alverda Everhart went to Philadelphia last week, where she expects to stay for some time with her brother Charles.

Several of the young folks had a very pleasant time Wednesday evening at Mr. Thompson's sociable.

Mr. W. B. Fritz, of Kansas, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity, started for Michigan last Thursday.

About the hardest rain, that was ever known in this part of the country occurred here Sunday afternoon. A great deal of damage was done to the roads and outstanding crops.

The thrashing machines are now kept busy all the time. The crops seem to be a little above the average this year.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met in special session August 13th at call of the President, with President Harman and members Allen Rhodes, Gorrey, White and Willits.

The President announced first business to be to award contract for putting in the drain from rear of Bloomsburg Car Co's shops to North Branch Canal, the proposals having been received at last meeting.

Mr. Gorrey made a motion to reject all the proposals. Seconded by Mr. Rhoads and carried by the votes of Gorrey, Rhoads and Allen.

Mr. Gorrey moved that a meeting be made and that bids be received until Aug. 27th. Seconded by Mr. Allen and carried.

Dr. Willits moved that the Commissioner of Highways be authorized to commence work on the improvements ordered for Market St., on Monday Aug. 17th. Engineer Brown instructed to furnish grades. President Harman authorized to contract for the stone at two and a half cents per ton of 2,000 pounds. Motion seconded by Gorrey and carried.

Mess. White and Allen moved that the Secretary be instructed to order for the Fire Co's for use at fires, fourteen pair gum boots and coats. Carried.

Mr. Rhoads moved that the President be instructed to order the Com. of Highways to attend at once to paving of all unpaved portions of Eighth St., if owners after a short notice fail to attend to it themselves. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Willits moved that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare an ordinance which shall prohibit the laying of wooden pavements upon any street within the section of the Town bounded by First, Penn, Sixth and West Sts, or upon any of the streets named as the boundary. Seconded by Mr. White and carried.

On motion of Mess. Willits and White, an ordinance to widen Fifth St. between Catharine and East, was unanimously passed.

The following ordinance was passed on motion of Mess. White and Gorrey: Ordinance No. 59, to widen and open portions of West St.

SEC. 1.—That the portion of West St. from Third to Fourth shall be opened and widened to the width of 49 feet by adding to the width there of 30 feet on east side there to be taken from the adjoining properties.

SEC. 2.—That a further portion of said West St., be opened as a public highway from the north line of the right of way of the D. L. & W. R. R. southward to Eighth St. of the width of 46 feet.

The following bills ordered paid, on motion of Mess. Willits and White:

Wes. Knorr, Chief Police in June.	8.50
Peter Kehoe, police service	1.00
J. D. Jones, " "	1.00
Robt. McBride, " "	1.00
Nat. Chronis, " "	2.00
F. Drake, " "	1.00
P. K. Vanatta 130 index boards	33.80
Do. Do. painting roof	19.20
Water Co. Setting 2 fire hydrants.	21.53
" " July Water rent 50 hyds.	83.33
" " Water for Town Hall July	
1 to Oct. L.	9.73
Creasy & Wells, lumber to Aug. 5th.	52.05
C. W. Kunyon, Sundries to July 7.	35.06
D. L. & W. R. R., freight.	1.20
G. A. McKelvey, polish.	1.30
Globe Gas Lt. Co. lighting Sts., in July	102.38
Eshleman & Wolf, Sundries	77.15
W. B. Cummings, Sec. July	15.00
Total	466.85

Adjusted to Aug. 27th.

The Freas Brown monument is completed, and is a massive and beautiful piece of work. It is of granite, with granite posts and markers, and large urns of the same material at two corners of the plot. The rail between the posts is of galvanized iron. The entire weight of the granite is nineteen tons.

T. L. Gunton had the contract for the work, and went to Vermont to select the material himself. The cost of the monument complete was about \$3000.

The Knights of Malta will have a reunion at Oak Grove Aug. 59. The following Commanderies will be present from abroad.

Berwick, Naticoke, two Commanderies from Wilkesport, Hobbie, Nescopeck, Danville, Lewisburg, Edwardale, Hazle on and D. ft. o.

There will be a grand parade in the afternoon at 2 P. M. The parade will form at Oak Grove, and march out Fifth street to Market, up Market to Third, out Third to West, out West to Main, up Main to East, down East to the Grove. Should it get dry and become dusty parties are requested to sprinkle the street.

The Normal School on Wednesday received a large steam ironing machine weighing 3200 pounds. They will get a mammoth washer in a few days.

THE BUTZBACH HOMICIDE.

THE CENTRAL POOR DISTRICT SEND MARX LONG TO INVESTIGATE—THE REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT SCHULTZ.

The recent death of Anthony Butzbach, at the Danville hospital for the insane, under circumstances which pointed to homicide at the hands of a keeper, prompted the Central Poor District, whose charge Butzbach was, to send one of their number to Danville to investigate. Marx Long went thither, and has returned with the following report from Dr. Schultz, giving a full and fair statement of the unfortunate case:

THE STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, DANVILLE, PA., August 13, 1891. HON. MARX LONG, Director Central Poor District, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dear Sir: In compliance with your request personally addressed to me this morning in behalf of your board, I give you below the facts concerning the death of Anthony F. Butzbach, recently an inmate of this hospital, committed and maintained by the Board of Central Poor District of Luzerne County.

At about 6 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, August 1, Andrew Brown, an attendant in the employ of the hospital, heard a shriek for help coming from an apartment some ten yards away from where he was at the time occupied. When he came to the place from whence the call proceeded, he found the patient, Butzbach, and Marion B. McHenry, another attendant, engaged in a struggle with each other, the patient apparently having the advantage of his attendant. Before Brown had completely separated the two Butzbach had sustained injuries from which he died in about thirty-three hours—that is, at 3 p. m. Sunday. Violent assaults were made on Butzbach by McHenry after the latter had been rescued from danger by Brown. The above facts appear from the sworn testimony given in the coroner's inquest. The verdict of the inquest was to the effect that Butzbach died from the shock of physical injuries inflicted by McHenry. Brown had been in the service of the hospital, as attendant, about twenty-one months, and McHenry fourteen months.

Butzbach was considered a more than ordinarily dangerous patient from his bodily strength, but much more from the nature of his insane delusions. He was, therefore, not allowed to mingle with the other patients in his ward, as is usually done, but he was secluded alone during the day in a hall 8x26 feet. The attendants were instructed not to go into this hall unless at least two were together, for natural protection in case of trouble with the patient. McHenry took the risk, at this time, of entering this hall and doing the work in Butzbach's room alone, or unaccompanied by another attendant. As soon as it was ascertained how the trouble had arisen McHenry was discharged. As near as I can recall this was done by noon.

As early on Monday as the attorney of the hospital could be communicated with, arrangements were made for the inquest, with the exception of the hour. This was fixed later, after the friends of the deceased had been informed of the cause of death and consulted when they, or their representatives, if they wished it, could be present. A nephew of the deceased was present at the inquest at 2 p. m. on Tuesday.

From the time of the injury to the hour of death the unfortunate man received such medical and surgical treatment and care of attendants as his condition seemed to require.

The information before the justice of the peace, on which the warrant of McHenry's arrest issued, was made by one of the trustees of the hospital.

A report of the whole matter, so far as I thought it called for or desired, was promptly made to the Committee on Lunacy of the Board of Public Charities, as the law requires.

Should your board desire any further information on any point relating to this affair, I need hardly add that I will cheerfully give it so far as I can.

Before concluding this communication I wish to assure you, that with the exception of the immediate relatives of Mr. Butzbach no one can more sincerely regret this deplorable occurrence than I do. I am also sure that the trustees of the hospital as well as my colleagues in the administration of its affairs and the care of its inmates share the same feelings.

Very truly yours,
S. S. SCHULTZ, M. D., Supt.
—Wilkes-Barre Record.

The Bloomsburg School Board will meet this (Friday) evening, when all the teachers are expected to meet with them and sign the agreements for the year.

PERSONAL.

Miss Madge Campbell has been visiting friends in Mahanoy City.

J. G. Wells went to New York on Wednesday.

F. H. Brumstetler has moved from Orangeville to Williamsport.

Miss M. J. Hess of Benton is spending a month at Eaglesmere.

Miss Margery Metzger of Williamsport was the guest of Miss Dillie Robbins during the past week.

Hon. E. M. Tewsbury and family of Catawissa are spending the week at Williams' Grove.

Mrs. Moses Kinsey and Mrs. O. Taylor of Newark, N. J. are guests of Mr. L. Runyon and family.

Mrs. White and children, of Philadelphia are visiting at Mrs. M. E. Ent's.

Judge and Mrs. Ikeler spent a few days at Mt. Gretna Farmers' Encampment last week.

Frank P. Pursel and Frank A. Ikeler attended a hop at Hotel Shikellily last Friday night.

Dr. B. F. Gardner returned Wednesday afternoon from a visit in Delaware and Maryland.

Dr. H. W. Buckingham of Phillipsburg in visiting his mother. He recently met with an accident breaking his leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Hand, Miss Laura Waller and David J. Waller 3rd went to Eaglesmere on horse back on Saturday, returning on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Wolf started for Germany on Monday morning to visit her brother and sister whom she has not seen in thirty years.

Mrs. Annie Scott and daughter, Miss Emma Eden, Miss Annie Hassipin and Morris Early of Philadelphia are the guests of C. E. Reice.

Robert and Mrs. J. McBride have returned from their visit to Easton and Ocean Grove. They report a pleasant time.

Prof. and Mrs. Pratt leave Bloomsburg on Friday for a visit to their parents in Pittsburg. They teach in Reading, Allentown and Bethlehem this winter.

Miss Dora A. Niles has just returned from Southampton, Long Island, where she has been spending the summer attending the Shinnecock Hills Summer Art School, under the tuition of the renowned artist, Mr. Wm. Chase of New York.

The Democratic State Convention will be held at Harrisburg next week Thursday. The delegates from this county are Daniel McHenry, Luther Eyer, Jerry Fowler, and D. F. Curry. The death of S. P. Hanley has caused a vacancy in the delegation, to be filled by the county committee.

There will be a Grand Musical and Literary entertainment for purpose of painting the A. M. E. church of Bloomsburg, Thursday evening Sept. 3rd 1891, at Bloomsburg Opera House. This will be one of the best ever had by colored people. An Oration will be delivered by J. H. Artopp of Yale Seminary.

The entertainment given by Misses Runyon at the residence of Mr. L. Runyon on Market street last week Thursday evening was a most enjoyable affair. There were nearly one hundred guests present, those residing out of town being Mrs. Moses Kinsey and Mrs. Orriana Gilbert of Newark, N. J., Miss Sarah Taylor of Catawissa the Misses Davis and Mr. Morton Davis, of Orangeville; Miss Gould and Mrs. White of Philadelphia, Mrs. C. P. Hand of Brooklyn, Mrs. Shipley of Cincinnati and Mrs. J. Shuman of Catawissa.

Chairs were arranged in the parlor, and the guests were treated to a musical program of eleven numbers consisting of selections by the orchestra led by Charles P. Elwell, vocal solos by Miss Ella Fox, Mrs. O. A. Taylor and Miss Beth Runyon; duets by Misses Fox and Runyon; Instrumental solo by Miss Annie Ent, and quartettes by Mrs. Taylor and Misses Runyon, Fox and Miller.

The last piece on the program was a waltz by the orchestra, and as this began the chairs were removed and those who wished to indulge in dancing were given an opportunity, until the party broke up well into the morning, at an hour that indicated that everybody had enjoyed themselves immensely. The refreshments were delicious, and nicely served, and altogether it was one of the most enjoyable social events for many seasons.

The Berwick fair will be held September 2, 3, 4, and 5.