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Negotiations are pending by which Dr. Shattuck expects to have the Sanitarium property turned into a hotel.

Friday evening, December 25th will be your only chance to see the court of Christmas.

Alfred McHenry, the Benton merchant, has opened a fine display of holiday goods. Call and see them.

Mr. Edward Flynn, accompanied by Miss May Langdon and Miss May Sweeney, three of the popular school teachers of Centralia, gave us a pleasant call Wednesday afternoon.

The following comes by mail without any signature:

Five per cent will be added to the state and county taxes of Greenwood township after Dec. 24, 1891.

Instead of a half sheet, or no sheet at all during the holidays THE COLUMBIAN will publish an extra Christmas edition, larger than usual. Watch for it.

Do not fail to hear Hettie Bernard Chase at the Opera House next Thursday evening, December 24th. You will miss a treat if you fail to go. Secure your seats early at F. D. Dentler's.

The work on Market street is approaching completion. The weather has been very favorable thus far. A snow storm and a freeze up would have stopped travel on the street the remainder of the winter.

The interior of the vault for the Phonotary's office has arrived. It cannot be put in place until the office is moved to the front room in the new part, when the present office will be made into a vault.

The sermons on the Ten commandments by Rev. P. A. Heilman in the Lutheran church have awakened a great deal of interest. Large congregations fill the church every Sunday evening. The last one of the series next Sunday evening.

The Calliepan Society of the "Normal" will hold a public entertainment in Institute Hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 19. A special programme has been prepared, and a good time may be looked for. The public are cordially invited to attend.

There is some talk of forming a new county out of portions of Northumberland, Columbia and Schuylkill, with Shamokin as the county seat. Centralia borough and Conyngham township would probably be cut off from Columbia by this move.

The Teachers' Institute has been well attended, and the proceedings have been highly instructive and entertaining. Superintendent Johnston is entitled to much credit for his excellent management. The proceedings will be printed in full as soon as they can be obtained.

Rev. Russel H. Conwell's lecture on Monday night was listened to by a large and attentive audience. For two hours he held his listeners, and no one thought of being tired. His subject, "A silver crown" was handled in a novel and entertaining manner.

The show windows of the merchants, the jewelers, the stationers and the confectioners have all put on a holiday appearance, and present a most inviting aspect. There ought to be no difficulty, even with those of expensive tastes, to find suitable Christmas presents at home this year.

Though there has been a full week of entertainments, that which will be given this Friday evening in the Opera House will be different from any of them. The Hotchkiss Sisters Bell Ringers have a high reputation, and the price of admission has been put down to 35 and 25 cents. Go and hear them.

Our sale register is beginning to fill up. Those who contemplate having sales in the spring would do well to have it announced now, so that no one else in the same locality will select the same date. A free notice is given in this paper for every sale for which bills are printed at this office. A charge of 25 cents is made for announcing sales when bills are printed elsewhere.

"Santa Claus chimney" will be the scene of interest at the Lutheran church on Christmas eve. Every child will have a brick in that chimney and Santa himself is expected there. The exercises will be principally by the infant class. The anniversary proper will be held on New Years night when the school will be represented in twenty-five "Bible Designs" lighted with a gas Christmas tree.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The teachers of Bloomsburg held their third monthly institute, Dec. 12. After the call to order by the Principal the institute gave the opening song. Rev. Heilman conducted the devotional exercises. The Sec. then called the roll and all the teachers responded. This feature proves beyond a doubt that the teachers are alive to the great value of these meetings where an exchange of ideas, methods, and thought may be given. Miss Anna Fox and Mr. John Fox entertained the institute with a well rendered duet. Prof. Welsh of the Normal was introduced and spoke on the subject of applied psychology. He spoke eloquently in behalf of a deeper study of child life; he said that teachers sometimes deal with that which they do not understand. Children can not be well developed if put under the instruction of one who does not understand their natures. We should study self before we study the minds of others. No teacher should stay long in the profession without knowing what is placed in his hands. We sometimes think that the end of education is imparting facts. This is wrong, let us develop mind. The first power to be attended to is attention, children have weak attention; exercises will strengthen it. Teach to see by the mind, we see a great deal every day, but only see it half. Knowing all about the powers of the mind is of no avail unless we use them. Misses Fox and Jones and Messrs Yost and Yetter charmed the institute with one of their famous quartettes. Prof. Butts was then introduced and addressed the institute on music. He said that character is the saving element of the individual. The state is composed of individuals and as the character of her individuals so is the State. Music wedded to the school will raise the moral tone of the community. Music is a heart language and as such has great disciplinary power. He also gave his method of teaching music in a grammar grade. Prof. Sterner called the attention of the teachers to the propriety of having a course of study for the teachers. After a short discussion voted upon by the teachers, a committee was appointed to report at the next meeting. It was agreed that at the next meeting the teachers discuss the notes taken at the county institute.

A vote of thanks was extended Miss Maud Runyan, Messrs. Yost and Fox, and Prof. Butts and Prof. Welsh and Rev. Heilman for their assistance in making the institute a success. Visitors present, eight and directors one, Mr. J. K. Bittenbender.

SAMUEL PURSEL, Sec'y.

## RESOLUTIONS.

At a recent meeting of Benton Lodge I. O. O. F. 746, the following resolutions of condolence on the death of Brother Elias Fritz were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, The Great Master of the universe has called from our midst Brother Elias Fritz who departed this life suddenly Dec. 9, 1891. Therefore Resolved,—That in the death of Brother Fritz, our lodge has lost a faithful member, his family a loving husband and father, society an ornament and the church a diligent and earnest worker.

Resolved,—That we tender to our bereaved Mrs. Fritz and her children our heart felt sympathy in this their sad affliction.

Resolved,—That our hall and charter be draped in mourning for the period of three months, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased, and copies sent to the county papers for publication.

C. F. MANN, }  
S. S. FRITZ, } Committee.  
JNO. A. CHAPIN, }

## RATS! RATS! RATS!

The largest catch of rats was made Tuesday evening by W. H. Housel, Steward at the Normal School. Their cook, a Frenchman, called his attention to a large wire rat catcher made in France. Mr. Housel called upon J. R. Schuyler, the Hardware Merchant to inquire if he knew where they could be secured. Mr. Schuyler sent for the trap which arrived Tuesday. It was taken to the Normal School and at once put into use. At seven o'clock one rat had entered the trap, an hour later there were sixteen in it. The trap is made of wire, is about two feet long and one foot in diameter, has drop lids which prevent rats from escaping when once they enter.

Mr. Schuyler has ordered a smaller size which will be on sale in a few days.

Don't miss seeing the pack of fire-crackers and hearing the turkey's gobble at the court Christmas, Opera House, Friday evening, December 25.

## FIRE AT CENTRALIA.

Centralia was the scene on Monday night of the most disastrous fire that it has ever witnessed in its history. At 7:30 that evening a large engine passed up the Lehigh Valley Railroad which runs directly through the town and a few minutes later a flame was seen issuing from under the roof of James Haggerty's dwelling. The bucket brigade turned out. Word was dispatched to Ashland summoning the fire department.

By the time they arrived the fire had enveloped two double blocks, and threatened to wipe out the entire place. The department was unable to use their hose, owing to a lack of force, and their only means of fighting the fire was by tearing down two houses.

The buildings destroyed were owned and occupied as follows: James Haggerty occupied the corner house and John McNeilus the next. These two were owned by Haggerty and were partly insured. The next two houses were owned by Irvin Bros., and occupied by Martin Hagin and Alfred Towers. These were also insured. The next two houses were owned by James Grant and occupied by himself and Charles Miller. These were insured.

The houses adjoining, which were pulled down, were owned by O. B. Millard and occupied by Mrs. Foley. One-third of the tenant's household goods were consumed.

While William Thomas, of Centralia's bucket brigade, was fighting the flames he fell from the roof, sustaining serious injuries. It is supposed that the passing engine caused the fire.

When the fire broke out an entertainment was in progress in the Opera House and the people rushed from the building. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, and is partly covered by insurance.

## EAST BENTON.

Ed Laubach of Cambra, son of Andrew Laubach Esq. of Guava, met with a sad accident week ago last Thursday. His left hand was caught in a corn husking machine and literally torn to shreds. The hand was amputated at the wrist joint, Dr. Bonham performing the surgical operation. Mr. Laubach exhibited rare presence of mind and heroic bravery by giving directions how to unfasten and remove parts of the machinery in order to get him loose from his perilous position. He said, "what will I do? I needed both my hands." The entire community sympathize with Mr. Laubach in his distressing misfortune.

On the same day one of John Hirlinger's girls, of Fairmount, had two fingers cut off by a fodder cutter machine. Dr. Bonham also dressing her wounds. A gala day for Dr. Bonham, but not for the unfortunate victims of accident.

George Carv, of Cambra, has been engaged for some time as clerk for Stevens, Shonk & Co., in West Virginia, and is now home arranging to move his family in the course of a week or so.

The republicans of New York have found it up Hill business to steal the Legislature.

Many Christmas presents are looked for, and also forth coming, but the most unnatural feature of the Christmas festival is the turkey offering himself a living sacrifice by strutting about and almost continually gobble, gobble, gobble, and after the roast, the guests giggle, giggle, giggle.

## LIGHT-STREET.

The Millwrights at Lockard's Mill are about through with their work and are preparing to leave. The expert to try the mill in all its workings is expected to begin operations next week.

G. M. Lockard purchased a pair of horses from a drove on Thursday last.

Rev. W. R. Whitney began his protracted meeting on Sunday evening.

The public schools are closed this week, the teachers being in attendance at the County Institute.

The squeal of the porkie can be heard on all sides, furnishing the necessities of life in that line. As far as heard from, John Eckroth leads off in weight, Jacob Terwilliger second, and A. F. Terwilliger coming in third. Weights as follows: 400 each, 730 for two and 677 for two.

The case of J. W. Hoffman vs. the Bloomsburg & Sullivan R. R. Co., is being tried this week. It was tried once before, and the Supreme Court reversed it, and sent it back for another trial.

The best and surest dye to color the beard brown or black, as may be desired, is Buckingham's Dye for the whiskers. It never fails.

## THE COURT OF CHRISTMAS.

It is not often that we are permitted to see the crowning of the May Queen, take part in a Fourth of July celebration, participate in a Thanksgiving dinner and attend Christmas festivities all in one evening, and yet this is what the M. E. Sunday School proposes to do in presenting the fascinating cantata—The Court of Christmas. King Christmas wishing to reward only the good children of his realm, calls upon Santa Claus to help him determine who shall be rewarded, and who deprived of the royal favors. Jolly old St. Nick knowing he cannot give an impartial verdict calls upon the Queens of the seasons, to watch the children and report the good and bad at court. Tiny flower-sprites sport about, a cluster of beautiful sunbeams throw light upon the scene, delicate moon beams assist their Queen in her mission, bluff old Winter will be there with a good word for everyone.

Notwithstanding that our Town Council has forbidden the use of fire-crackers within the city limits, there will be a live pack at court. As you listen to their "boom, bang" you will surely think our national holiday is taking place in mid winter. The crack of the fire-crackers hardly dies away until you listen to the gobble of the turkeys and get ready for Thanksgiving dinner, before your appetites are satisfied. King Christmas calls his court together, Santa Claus and all court attendants assemble and amid much rejoicing, reward all the children. Come one and all—embrace this one opportunity of a life-time of seeing King Christmas, Santa Claus, the seasons, flower-sprites, sunbeams moonbeams, &c., assembled together in the Court of King Christmas.

At the Opera House, Friday evening, December 25th. Admission, Adults 25 cents, children 10 cents.

## OBITUARY.

On Dec. 10, occurred the death of another of the Fritz family. Elias S. Fritz, a man who lived all the days of his life near his native hills in Sugarloaf passed away to his happy rest. He was aged 59 years, 10 months, and 21 days. His sickness was short, but few knew that he was ill until death had done its work. A widow and two children survive him, Americas S. Fritz, and Esther A. Fritz of Centralia. Elias S. Fritz was a son of Samuel Fritz, who died last summer at the age of 99 years. The funeral was held on Saturday at St. Gabriel's church, Rev. Rockwell officiating.

A gang of thieves broke in Ash & Bros. mill in Briarcreek, Col. Co., Pa., and stole an overcoat, box of cigars, paper of smoking tobacco and some whiskey. They broke six locks in all, and made a general search through all papers in safe and desks. They left two chisels, one is three-eighths of an inch wide and three-fourths of an inch thick and is welded in the middle and has two rings around the wood on the handle; a chisel that is mostly used in making door frames and window sashes. The other one is two inches wide, and both chisels have an indication of being used.

Any one missing such chisels will do the firm a favor by letting them hear from them. It was only on last October the 30th, when the mill was broken in before and a similar search was made by some unknown persons.

## THE BELL RINGERS ARE COMING.

HOTCHKISS SISTERS UNDER AUSPICES OF EPISCOPAL LADIES' GUILD.

Swiss bells, chime bells, Munich bells, Russian sleigh bells, Norwegian call bells. Violins, cornet, flute, zither, xylophone, auto harp, mandolins, guitar and piano. Bloomsburg Opera House, this Friday, Dec. 18. This rare company has been secured for one night only, and you will be given an opportunity to hear them for half their regular prices. Tickets for sale at Savage's Wells' and Bernhard's jewelry stores. Prices: General admission 25c. Reserved seats 35c.

## THE TOWN CLOCK.

The new town clock has been a public nuisance ever since it was put in. This is either owing to the fact that it is good for nothing, or that it has not had proper care. We believe the latter to be the case. Part of the time it has been ten minutes too fast or fifteen minutes too slow. On Sunday night it stopped altogether at 10:20. If the county commissioners will either employ a competent man to attend to the clock, and keep the proper time, or stop it entirely, they will be doing something that the public will appreciate.

## TEACHERS' LOCAL INSTITUTE

The teachers of Centre and Scott townships convened as per announcement at Fowlersville on Saturday, December 12th, 1891. Miss Anna Kistner gave an interesting talk on teaching Physiology to primary pupils, developing the thought step by step in having them learn the names of the skeleton as we know them simply and then as they are known physiologically as given on the chart. Miss Fister read an essay, subject, Attention, by which suggestions were given to show that merit wins to the cultivation of the child's attention. Miss Hattie Hinkelman recited a German poem Lorelei, in German then in English, much to the delight of all. As some of the teachers were not able to get there to whom the various parts of the work were assigned, the teachers as a body engaged in discussions on Language and Reading much to the delight of all. The hour having arrived for adjournment, adjourned to meet at Light Street, January 9th, 1892 at 1 o'clock.

A. F. TERWILLIGER,  
Secretary.

## THE STROUP SALE.

The sale of properties of the late David and Hester Stroup, by the executors, H. H. Grotz and C. A. Kleim, took place in the court room last Saturday. It was well attended, and the bidding was lively. J. S. Williams was the auctioneer. The properties were sold as follows: Main street homestead to J. A. Hess for \$1100; double house and lot on Main street, corner of Catherine, to E. B. Brewer for \$1275; house and lot on Iron street next to William Kramer, to William Kramer for \$1100; lot on corner of Fourth and Iron, to C. L. Sands, for \$805; lot adjoining last named to C. W. Miller, for \$435; adjoining lot to P. S. Harman for \$505; house and lot on Seventh street near Neal's furnace to John Galligan for \$510; house and lot on Seventh street to Misses Sidler for \$775; house and lot on Centre street to Mrs. Anna Riley for \$900; two double houses on Fourth street between Centre and Iron, to H. J. Clark for \$3500; house and lot Third street to Adam Utt for \$885. It was the largest sale of the kind ever held in Bloomsburg, and it is quite remarkable that every property offered was sold the first trial, at good prices.

## Uncle's Darling.

"Uncle's Darling," which Hettie Bernard Chase will present, is a comedy quite different in construction from any other that has been given here. The scenes are laid in British Columbia and Alaska, and its characters are all sea-faring men. Miss Chase takes the part of "Little Dar," a regular sea nymph, who can row a boat with the most expert oarsmen and swim like a fish. The part is particularly fitted for Miss Chase, who clothes it with a free, easy, honest grace that charms her audience and stamps her as one of the finest of soubrette artists.

Bloomsburg Opera House, Thursday evening, December 24th. Popular prices of admission.

The M. E. Sunday School of Buckhorn will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on Christmas night, Dec. 25. The Cantata, Santa's Surprise, will be played. This is one of the most acceptable cantatas ever produced, full of pleasant surprises, charming music, merry songs, appreciative recitations, enjoyable dialogues. Everything will be done to make it an evening of pleasant enjoyment. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Proceeds for Sunday School.

## THANKS!

Last week's COLUMBIAN contained a very complete illustrated article upon the Normal School. The COLUMBIAN is fully up with the times in enterprise, in which particular it leads its county seat contemporaries—*Catawissa News Item*.

The Comedy of Hettie Bernard Chase which will be rendered in the Opera House, Thursday evening of next week is said to be one of the best that has been in this section. A number of our citizens have heard the play and pronounce it great.

Rev. T. A. Lloyd of Conshohocken, will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday, morning and evening.

The new furniture for the ladies' waiting room in the court house, has been purchased and has arrived.

You can get a big stew of oysters and a hot cup of coffee for 25c., at Housel's.

## PERSONAL.

W. A. Marr, Esq., of Ashland was in town on Monday.

Mrs. Charles Watson McKelvy spent last week in Philadelphia.

Geo. L. McHenry of Benton was a juror this week.

Dr. I. A. Shattuck was in town this week.

David Welsh of Centralia, spent part of the week in Bloomsburg.

Miss Josephine McKelvy has been confined to the house this past week by illness.

Hon. E. M. Tewksbury attended the State Grange at Harrisburg last week.

Mrs. F. H. Jenkins returned from her visit in Philadelphia Monday evening.

Jno. R. Townsend and L. Bernhard, went to Scranton Wednesday, to attend the funeral of a friend.

Mrs. Mary Hess of Benton is spending a few days in town with Mrs. Jane McBride, and friends.

John W. Heilman and wife from Muncy have been the guests of their brother, the pastor of the Lutheran church for the past few days.

James McFadden who has been kept in doors for the past two months with rheumatism, is now able to walk out.

Charles B. Ent of Lightstreet, who has been sick for several weeks, is able to be out again and was in town this week. He looks thin, but is rapidly improving.

J. W. Perry of Elk Grove was in town Thursday. Mr. Perry shot a deer two weeks ago Tuesday at a distance of 83 rods. This is the longest shot ever made by any one in this section.

The arbitrators in the suit of E. W. M. Low vs. B. & S. R. R. company have filed an award in favor of the plaintiff for \$1000. The suit was for damages to plaintiff's farm by the construction of the railroad.

Ex-sheriff H. P. Carter of Wyoming county was in town on Monday. He is now living at Wilkes-Barre, and is agent for the United States Life Insurance Company of New York. He also deals in real estate, and does a collection business.

Miss Lizzie Kline of Orangeville, and Miss Bertha Wright of Millville, both engaged in teaching school in Mt. Pleasant township, called at THE COLUMBIAN office on Thursday and inspected the process of printing a newspaper. They are bright and agreeable young school-marks.

Columbia county was represented in the State Grange last week by William T. Creasy and Adam Rarig from the other side of the river, and on this side by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Laubach, Mr. and Mrs. Bogart, Mr. and Mrs. Barton, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Creveling.

La Vallette Commandery Knights of Malta, will hold their regular holy day services, in their council chamber, Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock. All Sir Knights are requested to be present.

After much persuasion and many consultations with St. Nick, King Christmas has consented to present his entire court to the public, Friday evening, December 25th in the Opera House.

The Eleventh Winona Reception will be held at the Exchange Hotel on Monday evening, December 28th. The music will be furnished by Bauer's orchestra of Scranton. Charles Watson McKelvy, will be Master of Ceremonies; F. P. Pursel, Fred Ikeler, F. H. Wilson, assistants, J. M. Clark, Fred Williams, A. W. Duy, W. P. Meigs, S. F. Peacock and E. S. McKillip, Committee of Arrangements.

Col. A. K. McClure was prevented from keeping his engagement to lecture before the Institute on Wednesday evening by illness. This was a great disappointment to Supt. Johnston as well as to the public, but he succeeded in securing Dr. Phillips, Principal of the West Chester Normal School, for the evening, and the audience was treated to a very interesting discourse.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., post office and will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 29th, 1891.

John Aindt, Mr. Geo. S. Creasy, Miss Emma Dyer, Miss Julia Price, Mr. P. C. Pursel.

Persons calling for these letters will please say they were advertised Dec. 15, 1891. One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

A. B. CATHART, P. M.