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NORTHERN LIGHTS.

Last Saturday evening at about seven o'clock, the sky in the northwest was brilliantly illuminated by what was at first supposed to be a reflection from a great conflagration somewhere in that direction. This supposition was soon dispelled, however, when the light began to move around towards the north and bright tongues shot up into the heavens, making a magnificent display of the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. An exchange thus graphically describes it:

"At its brightest period the whole Northwest was lit up as it were with a brilliantly wavering crimson cloud, through which shot streamers of a paler color, rose pink, sea shell and all the delicate tints of the cameo, even to an occasional ribbon of clear white. The great mass of color and the streamers at times reached the zenith, and the constellation of Cassiopeia was now and then licked by the heavenly flames. Towards the North and Northeast the 'lights' were fainter in tone, but a well defined arc of color stretched from the Northwest to Northeast, composed as it were of great tongues of light. These stretched up to the Polar Star and covered with their ruddy mist the Great Bear. To add to the beauty of the scene some filmy cirro-stratus clouds floated through the Northern sky and seemed to be lit up by the gleam of some strange sunset in which the rival sun had set in the North. To add to the beauty of the scene the full moon lit up the Eastern sky with a superb greenish golden glow, in strong contrast to the vivid flame tints that hung like some curtain of fairyland to the North. It was the curtain to the fairyland of magnetism and the strange realm of electricity."

As viewed from the top story of buildings that gave a clear view of the whole northern heavens, the spectacle was one long to be remembered. As the phenomenon faded it turned to a deep green, this color changing to a sheen of silvery white as it disappeared.

In high altitudes the appearance of aurora borealis is not an unusual occurrence, but in this latitude the phenomenon is very rare.

THEORIES OF THE CAUSE.

The cause or origin of the phenomenon is not clearly understood. It is, however, very generally explained, and accepted to be, an electric manifestation unusual to any but high atmospheric regions. The source from which the energy of this manifestation is derived is a matter of conjecture among scientists.

A German scientist, working on the theory that the manifestation is caused by volumes of electricity passing or being discharged from atmosphere of a specific density into air of lesser density, performed an experiment which went a long way toward explaining the character and cause of the phenomenon.

He passed an electric current through air of ordinary density and continued its passage through rarified air, obtaining results which closely resembled the aurora. From this he argued that an electric current passing through atmosphere at the ordinary pressure would give no indication of its presence until it reached regions less dense, where a discharge would occur which would find manifestations in the form of Aurora Borealis.

Eight years ago there was a similar manifestation noticed in this country. It lasted two evenings and was accompanied by a severe electric storm which prevented the continuous working of telegraph for two days.

A Chicago special says: It was the most wonderful exhibition of the aurora, or Northern Lights, possibly ever seen from American soil. Dispatches show that the phenomenon stretched over a great belt of territory from Iowa to the Atlantic coast.

The magnificent spectacle was scientifically observed at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Astronomical Director W. S. Hussey, of that institution, wires the result as follows: "The brilliant rose red aurora visible to-night was not altogether unexpected. In a general way auroras have been predicted for about this time. To-night's display naturally follows the appearance of the great sun spot which has been visible during the past week. Other aurora displays may be expected in the near future."

Other dispatches show that the phenomenon was witnessed at New York, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, and at Illinois and Iowa points, but not at St. Louis, Kansas City or Memphis.

Read our sale column.

Y.M.C.A. ANNIVERSARY.

Every seat in the Opera House was occupied last Monday night on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bloomsburg.

Dr. D. J. Waller Jr., President of the Association, presided. On the stage were the clergyman of the town, the officers of the Association, the Y. M. C. A. male choir, and Ex-Governor James A. Beaver. The following programme was the order of the evening:

Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"; Prayer, Rev. P. A. Heilmann; Scripture Reading, Rev. J. P. Tustin; Solo, "Because of Thee," Tours, Miss M. Beth Runyon; President's Report, Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr.; Selection, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken," Y. M. C. A. Male Choir; Treasurer's Report, E. B. Tustin; Selection, Male Chorus of Archers, from Hervey's Opera Bouffe L'OEil Creve, Y. M. C. A. Male Choir; Anniversary Address, Gen. James A. Beaver; Solo, "Deep in the Mine," Jude, Orval H. Yetter; Selection, "We are Going Home," Y. M. C. A. Choir; Benediction, Rev. I. M. Patterson.

The singing by Miss Runyon, Mr. Yetter and the Male Choir was excellent, and was enjoyed by the large audience. Miss Runyon has a voice of wonderful sweetness, and wide range, and she sang with much feeling and expression. Miss Maud Runyon accompanying her on the piano. Mr. Yetter has a bass voice that, with cultivation, has a fortune in it, and he was at his best, the sonorous tones rolling out with perfect ease and accuracy.

Gen. Beaver was introduced by Dr. Waller, who said that he overheard the General say on the cars that he did not make speeches nor addresses, nor deliver lectures. "I don't know what he is going to do," said Dr. Waller, "and so I will simply introduce to you Gen. James A. Beaver."

After the applause which greeted the one legged veteran of the war had ceased the speaker began by saying that his wife had asked him at lunch that day, what he was going to talk about at Bloomsburg. He told her there was plenty of time to think about that on the cars on his way over there. When he got on the cars he met a man who talked about compromising a lawsuit until they reached Lamont; then a gentleman introduced himself who had been lecturing at the state college at Bellefonte on veterinary science, and they talked to Montandon, then he met a friend and they talked to Northumberland; from Northumberland to Danville he visited with a relative and his new wife, and from Danville to Bloomsburg he conversed with an old acquaintance, so that he did not know just what his address would be. He followed with a strong appeal for the Y. M. C. A. The business man ought to support it, ever from the lowest motive, that of dollars and cents, because he could get better work out of his clerks if they spent their evenings at the Y. M. C. A. rooms instead of the pool room or the dram shop. He showed the necessity for a good gymnasium to develop the physical nature, and for a reading room, a library, and an audience room to develop the moral nature. His discourse occupied about an hour and was listened to with deep interest throughout. It was not an oratorical exhibition, but it was a plain talk that appealed to every one present and convinced them of the necessity for the Y. M. C. A. independent of the churches.

Gen. Beaver was the guest of Rev. D. J. Waller Sr., while in town. On Tuesday he visited the Normal School and other public buildings, and went home at noon. The report of the treasurer E. B. Tustin, was as follows. E. B. Tustin, Treasurer in account with Y. M. C. A.

Report from Dr. to January 1, 1892.

To amount received from membership	\$ 198.00
" " " " music fund	1.20
" " " " Bible	6.25
" " " " towel	5.18
" " " " subscriptions	846.75
Total	\$1057.38
By Salary of Secretary	\$ 400.00
" moving expenses of Secretary	21.77
" traveling expenses of Sec'y to Northumberland	18.50
By contingent fund	19.00
" rent Opera House, Dentler & Peacock	10.00
" " " " " "	137.50
" doz. chairs	40.00
" Bloomsburg Steam Co.	30.00
" " Water Co.	6.25
" " Gas Co.	19.25
" " Electric Light Co.	1.40
" " W. H. Brooke & Co., reading room and stationery	101.43
" Music	12.84
" Bibles	6.25
" International work of Y. M. C. A.	30.00
" Printing	4.00
" Carpenter work	10.37
" G. L. Tiley, enameled sign	2.00
" School Furnishing Co., table	15.00
" Hardware	9.94
" H. V. White, & Co.	1.35
" Estleman & Wolf, bath rooms and heater	122.60
Total	\$1008.99
Balance on hand January 1, 1892.	\$19.39

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

There was a large gathering of democratic voters at City Hall Monday evening to place in nomination a ticket for township officers. County chairman Townsend, called the meeting to order, and announced that he was ready to receive nominations for President of the meeting. Mr. Townsend's name was proposed but he declined, whereupon W. B. Taylor was elected President, and J. K. Bittenbender Secretary. C. H. Reice and William R. Thomas were appointed tellers. Upon motion it was decided to make no nomination for President of Council. Wm. Kramer, Wm. H. Gilmore and Harry Rhodes were nominated as members. Robert R. Little and Peter Jones were placed in nomination for School Directors, a ballot was taken resulting as follows: R. R. Little 37, Peter Jones 24. Wesley Knorr was unanimously chosen as the nominee for Constable. The names of C. R. Housel and A. Herbine were placed in nomination for the office of Assessor; upon balloting resulting as follows: C. R. Housel 16, A. Herbine 43. For Tax collector M. C. Woodward was made the nominee. James Staver and A. L. Fritz, were made the nominees for Auditors. Election officers were unanimously chosen as follows: Judge, east district, Robert Alexander; west, W. W. Barrett; Inspector, east, Nathan Chromis; west W. E. Knorr. Mr. Taylor, as president, was prompt in his decisions and the work was thus speedily completed.

MILLVILLE.

C. C. Heacock of Williamsport spent a few days in town, this week. Eddie and Pliny Eves met with quite an accident last Sunday, while out riding. In trying to pass another buggy, their buggy began sliding on the ice and struck an obstacle in the road upsetting and throwing them both out and almost demolishing the buggy. Pliny was thrown against a post and has quite a gash cut on his head. He was unconscious for a time but from present indications there is nothing serious.

Andrew Beagle of Buckhorn spent Sunday in town. Mrs. T. W. Smith of Lightstreet has been spending a few days in town with relatives.

The W. C. T. U. are making preparations to accommodate all who care to attend their convention which begins Friday. Everybody welcome.

ONLY TWO AUDITORS.

The republicans made a great mistake at their caucus last Saturday evening, at City Hall. They placed in nomination for auditors, W. E. Rinker and H. D. Edgar. On election day they concentrated their votes on Mr. Rinker thus giving him a great majority over Mr. Edgar. Mr. Rinker is at present a school director, and therefore cannot serve as auditor. The position will be filled by appointment.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Miss Minnie Davis who attempted suicide a few weeks ago by taking laudanum, made another attempt Wednesday evening. After she was rescued a few weeks ago Father McCann took charge of her. In his absence Wednesday, and while the housekeeper was in the cellar she made her escape. About eight o'clock in the evening she was found hanging over a yard fence on Iron Street, and immediately taken to the City Hall. Dr. Gardner was summoned, and after an unsuccessful effort to get her to take an emetic, the Dr. went after his stomach pump and forced about five gallons of water down, when vomiting ensued. After the Dr. had threatened to use the pump again the girl started to walk the floor, being led by two attendants. She was kept walking until morning, when she had about recovered. The proper authorities should ascertain where she belongs and send her home before she becomes a public charge.

A man was run over and killed by the down train on the D. L. & W. road at Taylorville last Friday evening. He was walking on one track and stepped off to the other track to get out of the way of a freight train, and did not see the passenger train approaching. His head was crushed. We have not been able to learn his name. C. W. Neal and John Wanick were on the train at the time.

The Bazar at the Parish House will be open until Saturday night. Among the articles for sale are silk shawls, shoes, clothing, quilts, pictures, stationery, brooms, coffee, tea, soap, furniture, notions, fruit, silverware and many other things.

BERWICK, EVANSVILLE AND VICINITY.

EDS COLUMBIAN:

We thought that we would occupy a fragment of this week writing for the columns of the COLUMBIAN, which is a weekly welcome visitor to many homes of Columbia county. The first faint glimmerings of spring are coming with the sunshine and the notes of the bluebird, we feel assured that most people welcome the departure of winter, so pregnant with sudden changes of the weather and the vicissitudes of gripe, death and "fat grave-yards," and the advent of spring time with its balmy breath, singing birds, green lawns, fields and trees and blooming and fragrant flowers; and the health of the people will be on a sounder basis too, more desirable than all else beside. Evansville still nestles among the hills, but shows signs of activity, and improvement.

F. D. Fowler is running the mercantile business with a good line of goods, and is also post master; he hails from Berwick, and has become a flourishing citizen of Evansville. Dr. Adams is full of medical practice; Jas. Adams runs the flouring mill, and not far away is the steam saw mill of Mr. Mack who is busily engaged shaping lumber for the surrounding country. The thriving farmers hereabout are Joseph Lamont, Eliot Adams, Silas Moyer, Gideon Michael and Wm. Walp, who proposes to sell his excellent farm and retire from agriculture. His farm is not so large, but in excellent condition, a chance for somebody. Wm. Lamont one of our leading citizens, aside from agriculture, is busily engaged as Supervisor and Assessor.

Geo. W. Miller still keeps the Mountain hotel on the old Tioga turnpike with a large farm attached. His place is a winter and summer resort for pleasure parties. The young people of Berwick and vicinity pay him visits and have a good time generally. By the way he owns the Gunter's chain that measured out the dimensions of Berwick over a hundred years ago; also a bureau desk made in Germany over two-hundred years ago, which are valuable as antique heirlooms and objects of curiosity. Philip Sponenberg not only a farmer, but busily engaged huckstering to the people the necessary blessings, and ailments of life. We have a prominent citizen of Berwick with us ruralizing, E. J. Bowman. He lectured to us on last Wednesday night to a full house on "Our impressions make us what we are." The audience was delighted with his eloquence. He spoke an hour, and many expressed themselves as wishing to listen to him, at least an hour longer. This lecture would stamp him as an accomplished orator himself, though we have had the privilege of hearing him upon other occasions at Farmer's Institutes at Berwick where he acquitted himself in the finest style. Without his knowledge or consent we say it without hazard that he is not only one of the first orators of the State, but any where else. The Y. M. C. A. of Berwick has had series of lectures for years, yet there are not a few citizens of the town and vicinity who say that we have home talent in the person of E. J. Bowman equal to any lecturer that has ever appeared in Berwick. He will lecture for us on the evening of February 22nd, on "Washington and our Country," and a large audience is expected.

Berwick is on the improvement plan. The Car-works firm are enlarging their capacity to turn out 18 cars per day. They are about to put up an annex foundry to make malleable iron so that they can strap and line every car with iron of their own make. Large steel works are going up in the spring at the rolling mill. Mrs. Lizzie Jackson's son-in-law and C. R. Woodin's son, William, are to be the proprietors, we understand. This is a great impetus to Berwick, and will almost double its population. Berwick can boast of a nice cemetery, good churches, good preachers, a fine Opera House excellent Y. M. C. A. Hall, good hotels, water works, stores &c., but one thing she lacks. She has not kept up with the times, or with her prosperity, in the shape of a good newspaper, edited with ability. There is a chance for somebody to walk into Berwick and plant a newspaper that will reflect credit and character upon the place and its growing interests. We have never been a citizen of Berwick, but we reflect the sentiment and opinion of not a few of its citizens and the surrounding community.

C. R. Woodin is an exceptional case. He does not make money in Berwick and then run off and spend it elsewhere. On "Berwick Heights" he has built a monument with many outside improvements. In this monument he proposes to live, and make it especially a summer resort. It commands an extensive view from all

points of the compass; mountain, river, town, woodland and valley scenery for miles in every direction. He has invested large money in this enterprise, and while it pays him it pays Berwick and vicinity. Telephone wires extend to "Berwick Heights," and electric lights flash out their fires nightly.

Berwick is approaching the near future when she will have electric lights, and as we understand it, it is high time. She has fooled away big money on town lamps that have done about as well as "fox fire". Her streets are so thick with darkness that you could carve it out into blocks with a case knife and build the town a respectable lockup with them. We allude to the advancement of her schools and her general prosperity otherwise, however. We have an idea our communication is long enough so we will close for the present. We may go west ere long and then will write you on occasionally from toward the setting sun, but don't rely on this as we cannot tell the shape of the clouds for tomorrow. QUILLDRIVER.

EAST BENTON.

Severe headaches and terrible coughs still linger in the lap of grip.

A very successful protracted meeting has for a long time been in progress at the M. E. Hamline church. About thirty conversions are reported.

A few weeks ago Willie Ashelman had a narrow escape which might have proved fatal. While at Wilkesbarre with a load of produce he led his team behind a vicious horse which kicked him on the cheek bone, the shock of which prevented him from swallowing any food, for a week or more, except in the form of soup. Had he been struck on the temp'e, or neck, he would have been killed instantly.

The winter has been remarkably open and mild with the exception of an occasional cold snap.

Will some reader of the COLUMBIAN answer the question why our taxes gradually increase in the same, or greater proportion than the increase of population?

The taxes on the same properties and in the same condition to-day are from two to three times as high as they were thirty years ago; notwithstanding the fact that there are nearly twice as many tax payers. Why should an increase of population be more burdensome upon the general public? The increase should be the result as produce is lower than at the period mentioned, and an increase of population should be hailed as a relief instead of being deplored as an additional burden. Let every taxpayer pause for a moment and reflect where we are drifting.

Bruce Cary of Cambria also had the grip. He said he was the sickest man that lived, and then the Doctor laughed. But from all reports Bruce was sick.

John Barret runs the furniture and undertaking business successfully at Cambria.

It is now over a month since we were at the Post Office. So much for grip.

The World Almanac is an encyclopedia within itself. Price 25 cents. Thanks, Editors COLUMBIAN, for a copy. The New York World is the greatest paper in the world, and we could not be without it.

An easy and simple cure for bunions is a strong tea, or lye, boiled from the inside bark of a tough white-oak sapling, in which soak the feet while hot as can be endured, for four or five evenings in succession. Try it, afflicted ones, and report in the columns of THE COLUMBIAN what effect it produced.

"Yes," she said, "I am ready whenever you are. Name the day and I'll be there." It was ever thus. Yes, and ever will be, so long as love and matrimony bless humanity.

Leland T. Powers gave one of his unique entertainments last Friday night at the Normal School. It was the fourth and best number in the Students' Lecture Course. He presented the comedy of "David Garrick," and impersonated ten characters. From the start to the finish every person in the audience was delighted. Each character was brought out prominently, and one could see the stage full of people all talking and acting their different parts. He is a whole troupe himself, and is a star of the first magnitude. By request he recited the chariot race from Ben Hur, and did it in a manner that elicited the highest commendation. Mr. Powers is a favorite here, and we hope he will come the third time.

Valuable information to all raisers of poultry: Bull's-Head Poultry Powder cures at once leg weakness, cramp, scurvy, loss of appetite &c. A trial will convince you of this assertion.

PERSONAL.

B. F. Barch and family started on Tuesday for Idaho, where they will make their home.

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Perry of Elk Grove went to Wilkes-Barre Wednesday.

J. F. Rink was in town on Monday for the first time in several weeks, having been ill with the grip.

Miss Carrie Rudy, of Vineland, New Jersey, is visiting relatives in Bloomsburg and vicinity.

Mr. Daniel E. Whitenight of Tamaqua, was in Bloomsburg on business this week.

Lloyd Kelchner will take charge of the Kile Hotel above Elk Grove, on March 1st. Mr. Kelchner has been living in Bloomsburg the past two years, working in Roe's barber shop.

Cards have been received from Dr. and Mrs. D. Harrison Billmeyer, of Missoula, Montana, announcing that they will be "At Home" after February 13th. They were married within the past two weeks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of Sunbury, a noted Soprano, will assist at the Grand Concert, with Readings, to be held in Trinity Reformed Church, Tuesday evening, Feb. 23. Do not fail to hear her.

The steam flour mill at Jerseytown was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. The fire was discovered at about three o'clock, and in a couple of hours the flames had done their work. The mill was owned by Wyman & Co., of Wilkes-Barre and was insured for \$400. The loss is several thousand dollars above insurance.

VOTE IN BLOOMSBURG.

Those marked thus † are elected. East West Total

President of Council.			
F. P. Drinker, †	279	170	449
I. D. White,	148	143	291
P. S. Harman,	1		1
G. W. Supple,	1	1	2

Members of Council.			
C. C. Peacock, †	247	235	482
W. O. Holmes, †	189	186	375
Josiah Ralston,	193	134	327
Wm. H. Gilmore, †	542	205	747
Wm. Kreamer, †	469	224	693
Harry Rhodes, †	504	186	690
Thomas Gorrey, †	479	369	848
J. W. Meents,	119	127	246
W. H. Swartzel,	57	285	342

School Director.			
Joseph Garrison, †	216	273	539
R. R. Little, †	587	379	966

Constable.			
Wesley Knorr, †	569	293	862
Daniel Laycock,	133	171	304
M. C. Woodward, †	122	194	316

Assessor.			
Isaiah Hagenbuch, †	201	259	460
A. Herbine, †	581	366	947
C. R. Housel,	4		4

Tax Collector.			
M. C. Woodward, †	403	294	697
L. N. Moyer,	35	35	70

Poor Director.			
O. T. Wilson,	283	346	629
J. M. Larish,	197	77	274
A. C. Hilday,	462	221	683
F. D. Dentler,	268	288	556
G. W. Kelchner,	177	4	181

Auditors.			
Jas. M. Staver, †	396	250	655
A. L. Fritz, †	395	211	607
W. E. Rinker,	270	230	500
H. D. Edgar,	177	161	338

Judge of Election.			
Thos. Geddis,	106		106
Robert Alexander, †	283		283
C. P. Sloan,		145	145
W. W. Barratt, †		150	150

Inspector.			
B. W. Hagenbuch, †	143		143
N. Chromis, †	231		231
C. T. Hendershott, †		143	143
W. E. Knorr, †		148	148

The Daily of Monday says: "The Poor Director ticket is voted on a separate ballot and deposited in a box by itself. It cannot be voted on the twp. or borough ticket. We make this statement because it just came to our notice that some had the Poor Director ticket printed on the twp. ticket."

There is no authority for such a statement. A careful examination of the law will satisfy anyone that the proper way to vote the ticket for Poor Director of Bloom Poor District is on the township or borough ticket, though if voted for separately they should be counted. There is no more reason why the Directors of Bloom Poor District should be voted for separately, than that the overseers of any other township should be voted for on separate tickets.

Don't waste time, money, and health trying every new medicine you may see advertised in the papers. If the cause of your trouble is in the blood, liver, stomach, or kidneys, take Ayer's Sarsaparilla at once, and be sure of a cure. Take no other.