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E. M. Kester, painter, repaired the colored windows in the Serner Hotel, Second street, below Market.

Watch for the grand street parade on Saturday noon, by the Uncle Rube Military Band.

F. C. Williams & Co. will remove their cigar factory to the third floor of the COLUMBIAN building about April 1st.

C. H. Duffy has bought Roshon's photograph gallery, and on April 1st will remove to the third floor of Hartman's store building. Mr. Duffy is an experienced photographer.

The steel casing, and file and book racks have been placed in the new vault of the Prothonotary's office, and it will soon be ready for use, which will be a great convenience.

John S. Williams, the Auctioneer is in great demand, as the value of his services is well known. His sales have all been very satisfactory. Persons who have not yet made dates for their spring sales, should do so at once, as his calendar is filing up rapidly.

"Uncle Rube" will appear at the Opera House on Saturday evening, 27th. It is full of fun and catching songs, strong situations, and refined specialties. There will be a grand street parade by the "Uncle Rube" Military Band at noon. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents.

M. C. Woodward has served as constable in this town for twenty-five years. He has done much toward maintaining peace and good order in the community, and it will be hard to fill his place. He was not a candidate for re-election this year. He has had the support of a very large majority every year, without regard to party lines. He is entitled to a rest in his declining years.

Prof. J. M. Coughlin, Superintendent of the schools of Wilkes-Barre gave an interesting lecture in the High School building Monday evening on the subject "Corner Stone of this Republic." The lecturer gave many anecdotes illustrative of Yankee pluck, endurance and determination, which were received with applause. There was a good attendance, and all felt highly pleased with the lecture.

The allegation that John S. Williams has taken poster work elsewhere which he was directed to have printed at the *Sentinel* office is untrue. Most of the bills for Mr. Williams' sales have been printed at the COLUMBIAN office, and the letters ordering the same have been seen by us, and they have all left the matter of printing entirely with the auctioneer, or directed him to have it done here. The bills printed at the COLUMBIAN office far surpass those done at any other office in the county and the people know it.

S. D. Neyhard was home with his family on Sunday. He has been located at Herkimer, Herkimer Co., New York, along the northern line bordering on Canada. Since the 10th of January they have had snow about three feet deep. On his return Monday, he went to Loon Lake, Franklin county where he will be located for six months or more. He is engaged as surveyor in the construction of a railroad, 250 miles long—175 miles is already completed. The road is known as the Adirondack & St. Lawrence Railway Co., with B. Seward Webb, son-in-law of Wm. H. Vanderbilt, as president.

The Philogian Literary Society gave their usual Washington's birthday anniversary at the Normal School hall last Saturday evening instead of Monday the 22. The exercise consisted of a mock trial of a supposed "Interference with the Mails." Mr. Neyhart acted as judge with Messrs. Romberger and Bouy as associates; Miss Reed Stenographer, and Miss Jones, Court crier. John G. Harman and Rush Zarr, were attorneys for the Commonwealth. Geo. Tiffany, prosecutor. Prof. C. E. Smith and Miss Jones were attorneys for the defendant, Chas. Hendricks. There was quite a little sport in the selection of the jury; they were sworn by the Upright piano, and stated they would not tell the truth, nor any part of the truth, etc. Objections were raised to the first person called as jurymen because of the color of his mustache, other objections equally as important were raised before the twelve were selected. The case then progressed, and the questions and answers, together with the objections, rulings of the court etc., were all given with as much ceremony as if an actual case. It was late in the evening when the trial was concluded, and all felt that the evening had been one of much pleasure and profit.

## TOWN TOPICS.

The name of E. R. Drinker has been mentioned in connection with the office of Town Treasurer. If there is to be a change in that office, it could not fall into better hands.

Down at the Fair ground on Monday a number of pigeons got away. Some of them were wounded and flew a short distance and then fell. One of them lit on the roof of the stables, and in a moment a boy was up there after it. How he got up, and how he held on to the sloping roof, no one could tell, but he did it. A man standing near us, who owns several boys, exclaimed, "That boy has pluck. Who is he?" A boy near by looked around and said, "Why that's your Sam. Don't yer know yer own kids?"

Just before every town election there is always a great amount of talk about candidates, and just after each election the disappointed ones look on the gloomy side of life, and imagine that the local government is going to the bow wows. But, all the same, no matter who is elected, the world still moves, and the sun still shines, and things go along about as usual. In the recent town election, the main issue was that of taxes. Last year a rate of twelve mills was fixed, and some expenditures made by the Council, that were considered somewhat extravagant by many citizens, including some of our best people. A growing and progressive town like this must not stand still, and it takes money for public improvements, but a tax rate of twelve mills two years in succession was looked upon by many as oppressive, and the result of the vote for President of the Town Council showed that a considerable majority were in favor of a lower rate this year. There is no occasion to fear it at the incoming council will do anything to interfere with the growth of the town, or that they will repudiate any of the progressive measures heretofore adopted. A reasonable, fair and economical administration is expected, and there is no reason to fear that the new council will give us anything else.

The office of assessor is a difficult one to fill. It cannot be filled to the satisfaction of everybody. The differences in valuation of properties of the same value is often so great as to cause comment and create surprise. Instances can be given of a property assessed at nine hundred dollars which the owner values at more than three times that amount, while other properties located on Main street are assessed at more than half what their owners would sell them for. The equalization of taxation is a question that has received much attention of late years, and will continue to agitate the public mind so long as there is so much inequality in the valuation of property of the same class. It is not a question as to how much tax a man can afford to pay, but what is his property actually worth? We know of an instance where the town assessors made a difference of several hundred dollars in the valuation of two buildings on Main street, of exactly the same size, each costing about the same money. On being asked why they had done this, they replied that the one assessed the highest had more tenants in than the other. In other words, they taxed the owners income derived from rents instead of the building. If business buildings are assessed at half their value, private residences and other real estate should be assessed on the same basis. This would be fair and just, because while residences can seldom be sold at actual cost, business buildings are often worth considerably more than cost by reason of location, rents &c, and this would put all real estate on the same footing.

One of the members of the Town Council tells the following story on himself: "A few weeks ago a man came into my office, and after talking about some other matters, he asked me if it was true that the members of the Council had been paid by the Electric Light Company for making a contract between them and the town to light the streets. Supposing that he was joking I replied that it was true, and that we had each received \$2000, but of course we didn't want anything said about it outside. "Oh no I'll never mention it," said he, and went out. It wasn't long before I heard that he was telling that the Electric Light Company had bribed the councilmen. "The rascals got two thousand dollars apiece, and I know it, because one of them (naming me) admitted it to me."

The joke was too good to keep and the councilman enjoys it as well as anybody.

## One of our prominent business men

spent a night in Harrisburg a few nights after the burning of the Hotel Royal of New York, and everybody was talking about that fearful disaster. After registering at one of the leading hotels, he retired for the night. Soon after midnight he was aroused by a fire alarm, and about that time there was a flash of light in the hall, and he then felt sure that the hotel was on fire, and that the flames were raging on his floor. He tried to get his pants on, but the legs were twisted, and he couldn't straighten them, but as it was a matter of life or death, he concluded to escape, pants or no pants. He already had on his underclothing and shoes, so he tucked his pants under one arm, and his overcoat under the other, he rushed out into the hall, and down the stairs, meeting several frightened women on the way who were not in full dress. He never stopped until he reached the first floor and burst into the hotel office. Here he found a number of gentlemen fully dressed and showing no excitement whatever. "Where is the fire?" shouted he. The polite clerk replied, "Oh, it is out in the country about two miles, and they have sent in for assistance. The alarm was sounded to call out the department, and a steamer is going out by special train. Did you think of going along?" "Well, not until I get my clothes on," responded our fellow citizen, and he took a walk into the wash room, and when he appeared again his pants were untangled and had been properly adjusted to that portion of his anatomy for which they were intended. Then he went back up stairs and found that the flash of light he had first seen was caused by the turning on of the electric light. He carefully obliterates all tangles from his pants now, every night before retiring.

## EAST BENTON.

The protracted meeting at Hamline progresses with unabated energy and increasing interest.

Mrs. Benjamin Stevens, of New Columbia died last Saturday. She was well advanced in years. Her husband died a year or so ago. She was a daughter of Andrus Fellows, late of Cambra. So far as we know, of her father's household, five sisters and two brothers mourn their loss. Of her own household, one daughter and three sons survive, one of whom operates at mining and lumbering in West Virginia. Three daughters preceded her to the spirit world. One was the wife of Isaac Appleman, of this county, and the other two were the successive wives of Russel Pealer, Esq., now President Judge of a judicial district in Michigan. A large and influential circle of friends were directly related to the deceased. Yet withal, she had chosen that good part which could not be taken from her. She was an exemplary woman, and her christian triad worthy of imitation.

"Washington's Birth Day," was a remarkably fine one.

Cleveland, yes, "first, last and all the time." Our choice of course. What of Hill? If he is the stronger man, we say Hill, Hill, Hill. But if the situation necessitates the bringing forth of a dark horse, we say drive the dark horse for all that's in it. Let us have a grand old Democratic victory *anyhow*, in this year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Should the present mild weather continue the ground will soon be in fine shape for farming. But as we had a green Christmas, a white Easter will follow, is the old adage. If this be true, Spring may not be as near by as people imagine.

Phillip Gibbons' family was severely afflicted with the grippe from which they are nicely recovering. Last week a dirty sneak thief entered their hen roost and stole eight chickens. To steal is low and debased, but to raid upon the afflicted is too contemptible for a hog. Shame on you, sneak thief.

## FAIR GROUNDS ENLARGED.

There was a meeting of the Executive Board of the Columbia County Agricultural Society, at the Exchange Hotel last Saturday afternoon. When an article of agreement was made for the purchase of an additional amount of land. Three and one-half acres were purchased from Thos. W. Gunton and five acres from Jacob Brobst. The Society now has 25 acres of land. The race course will be placed at the west of the Main building, so that people need not cross the track to enter the ground. A new grand stand will also be built outside the track, so that it also can be reached in safety.

Did you notice that fine head of hair at church last Sunday? That was Mrs. B—. She never permits herself to be out of Hall's Hair Renewer.

## SCHOOL BOARD.

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board was held in public library Tuesday evening, with all members present except Mr. Brown. The teachers and janitors were present to receive their monthly salaries. The principal's report was read, showing an attendance of 787, an increase of 18 over the past month. The report shows that the monthly institutes were well attended and much good derived. Prof. Butts of the Normal has given a half hour's instructions each day in music, this is especially beneficial to those who contemplate entering the Senior class this year at the Normal School; the class is very much pleased with the instructions. Several of the Board reported their observations in the school rooms during their recent visits.

A number of bills were presented and orders drawn in payment. The course of study is being carried out by most of the teachers; there are some who are inclined to advance the pupils faster than the course prescribes. It was the general opinion of members of the board that the schools are making progress and that more patrons are visiting them; every citizen should take enough interest to visit the schools.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The semi-annual Sunday School Institute of Centre township was held Tuesday evening of last week. Rev. Heilman of Bloomsburg assisted the local workers in making the meeting an interesting one.

The Main township Institute occurred the next day. There was no lack of local help and the large audience at the three sessions gave close attention to the many talks offered by them as well as by the efficient and popular state Secretary, Prof. Sprengel.

The workers moved to Beaver township the third day where they were met by full and over full houses. This was the first meeting of this kind held in the township and great interest was taken in it, a large number of men being in attendance.

Rev. Dry, the Lutheran pastor of Harger's church, in which the institute was held answered at length the question, "Is the Sunday School for children only?"

M. I. Low of Lime Ridge talked about keeping the Sunday School open during the winter. Secretary Spear told why the Institute was held and Prof. Sprengel talked upon various topics and answered many questions.

With this township organized Columbia county takes rank in the Sunday School world as a banner county every borough and township organized.

A. W. SPEAR,  
County Secretary.

## BENTON INSTITUTE.

Local Institute convened at Benton Feb. 20, 1892 represented by teachers from Sugarloaf, Jackson and Benton townships, with Mr. Butt, Chairman; Ira Brown, Sec'y. Teachers present were Misses Albertson, Evans, Conly, Calendar, O'Brien, Harvey, Albertson, Fritz, and Harvey. Messrs. Butt, Thomas, Beishline, Fritz, Calendar, Cole, and Brown; Also Miss Blain and Mr. Hilday of Fishingcreek, and Mr. Yorks of Main. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Hamlin; Opening address, Prof. Welsh; Music, Benton Quartette; Address, Prof. Russels, Principal Greenwood Seminary; Recitation, Miss Fritz; Address, Prof. Eves of Millville.

P. M. Music, Quartette; Address, Supt. Johnston. Teacher must know his pupils in all parts. Must be a real earnest thinker. Should consecrate his whole life to the subject of teaching; Recitation, Mary McHenry; Essay, Miss Connelly; Address, Ira Brown; Talk, Supt. Johnston; Recitation, Miss O'Brien; Address, Prof. Eves; Talk, Supt. Johnston. Appeal to parents to visit the schools; Duett, Tressie Everett and Miss Evans; Recitation, Orval Savage, Clyde Dewitt; Music Quartette; Essay, Miss Millie Albertson; Talk, Prof. Russels; Dialogue, Orville Savage and Chas. McHenry; Essay, Margaret S. Evans; Recitation, Grace Hartman; Essay, Mrs. Gearhart; Recitation, Doyle Hartman; Address, Dr. T. C. McHenry. What Directors can do for public schools; Recitation, Miss Clark; Music, Quartette; Address, Prof. Russels; Solo, Bennie, McHenry; Recitation, Luella Savage and Orpha Young; Music, Quartette; Closing Address, Supt. Johnston.

IRA BROWN, Secy.

People troubled with sick and nervous headaches will find a most efficacious remedy in Ayer's Cathartic Pills. They strengthen the stomach, stimulate the liver, restore healthy action to the digestive organs, and thus afford speedy and prominent relief.

## PARTY AND FACTIONAL LEADERS.

In these days of corruption and degeneracy there is little or no regard to personal fitness, morality, honor or decency in the race for power, place or position, party or factional control, or supremacy of leadership, neither in local nor general politics. The great army of bosses, or political generals, with their captains, lieutenants, corporals and henchmen, appear so securely entrenched in corruption, that the rank and file of voters have no alternative than to march at the command, forward, and strike the blow, and secure the trophy, (political spoils), in which the former revel with exultant glorification, while the latter only look with disgust and humiliation at the fallen condition of their once fair and free expression of their will at the polls, without dictation, threat or molestation from sneak or spy, when making a selection of their choice.

Popular government in all its details has been reduced to machine government, and the most pliable tools of political manipulation are rewarded with positions which alone should be sought and obtained, or spontaneously bestowed upon the meritorious, qualified by ability, reputation and character, commensurate to the dignity and degree of exaltation the positions command as a public trust within the keeping of faithful and honest stewardship. The system of carrying elections, conventions and primaries has become so fixed by habitual corrupt practice that the result of any contest excites little or no surprise, since boodle plays the cards of luck and the trump, or winning card always represents the most boodle. Every contest of a political nature appears to be a fight to the finish, where the knife is buried to the hilt, and many are either decapitated, or marked as "spotted men." The situation grows more desperate with every recurring occasion. Reform can play no part in the corrupt political arena. The honorable and meritorious may but lift the voice of protest against the evil practices and the target will go down with the first volley. But the end must and will come. Corruption will accumulate until it breaks down under its own weight. Parties will crumble into factions rife with corruption, when the people in their power and opportunity will relegate the corrupt ringsters and tricksters to the doom of worn out and useless party hacks, and call to the front men who will restore the machinery of government to its former prestige of glory, purity and renown. Corruption has so permeated our whole political fabric, (to sum it in a nutshell), that merit is punished and iniquity rewarded.

Rev. Jared Y. Shannon.

On Monday afternoon the remains of Rev. Jared Y. Shannon were brought here from Newport, Pa., and buried in Rosemont Cemetery. Last week Thursday morning he was crossing a street in company with a friend as a team was coming. He stepped to permit the team to pass, and stepped back just as a horse ridden by a boy named George Hombach came dashing along. The horse ran against Mr. Shannon, throwing him about twenty feet, and injuring him so badly about the head that he died in a few hours. He was pastor of the Newport M. E. Church and one of the most popular members of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. He was a son of the late Jesse Shannon, and resided for many years in Bloomsburg. His widow survives, also three brothers: Samuel, who is a minister of the M. E. Church, Joseph, who resides in Danville, and John.

A committee from Newport Lodge, I. O. O. F. and many friends accompanied the remains. The members of Bloomsburg Lodge attended the funeral in a body.

## A LUCKY BOY.

Samuel Shaffer Jr., son of our townsmen Samuel Shaffer, is in luck. One day last week he was sent to the Oriental Tea Store to buy some tea. Every purchaser is permitted to guess on the number of grains of coffee contained in a glass jar, and Sam thought he would take a chance at it, as the one coming nearest to it was promised a nice tea set. He guessed 9040, and on Monday morning was somewhat astonished when informed that he was entitled to the tea set. Sam is a lucky boy.

Cease your coughing and enjoy refreshing slumber, which Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will insure you.

"Are you going to the races?" "Yes and bet on the winning horse." "Not the handsome Abdullah, he is lame. Didn't you know?" "I'll whisper in your ear, he'll win. They're using Salvation Oil."

## PERSONAL.

Bishop Rulison will visit St. Paul's Parish, Bloomsburg, in May.

William Leverett Esq., spent the 22nd in town.

John G. McHenry of Benton was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. James Brugler is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brower.

I. W. Hartman is again able to be about after a sickness of several days.

Mrs. William Bittenbender of Pond Hill, Luzerne county, visited friends in Bloomsburg, Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. W. C. Leverett went to Philadelphia on Monday, having been subpoenaed as a witness in a lawsuit.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Kuhn went to Mauch Chunk Saturday last to see their twin grand-daughters.

Mr. Clem Butler of Mauch Chunk visited friends in Bloomsburg Sunday last.

Rev. S. J. Shortess of Waller, attended the sessions of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association at Williamsport last week.

W. K. Armstrong and wife of Williamsport, came over Saturday last. They had their infant daughter baptized in the Lutheran church Sunday morning.

Judge and Mrs. Elwell returned from Towanda on Monday after an absence of more than three months. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Elwell, who spent a few days here with their relatives.

C. F. Knapp and H. A. McKillip, Esq. recently attended the annual assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania at Altoona. Mr. McKillip was elected Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.

Charles H. Reynolds, who has been a student under Dr. M. J. Hess during the past two years, and has also been attending lectures in Philadelphia graduated at the Philadelphia Dental College on Thursday. Dr. Reynolds is from Mifflin township. He has not yet decided where he will locate.

F. P. Drinker, the newly elected president of the Council, was serenaded by Gilmore's band, Monday evening.

Do not fail to hear The Grand Concert with Readings, in The Reformed Church this Friday evening. If you do, you will miss a grand treat. A fine program has been prepared. Price of admission 25 cents.

Mr. Issachar Evans has added much to the appearance of his property by removing the old barn that stood along Catharine street. Since the removal of the barn, several comfortable dwelling houses might be erected. The location is a good one.

The "Uncle Rube" company carries one of the finest orchestras on the road, consisting of eleven skilled musicians. Between the acts a program of the latest popular overtures, descriptive pieces, and solos will be rendered. Don't miss it, on the 27th.

Friday evening Jonathan Troub was taken suddenly ill, and fell with a faint on account of some stomach trouble. He soon rallied from the faint, but was in a semi-conscious condition until Sunday when a change came for the better. At this writing he is much improved, with prospect of speedy recovery.

Sunday last, February 21st, there were twenty-three persons received into membership at the Lutheran church. Five by baptism, sixteen by confirmation, and two by letters from another church. There are many more that expect soon to unite with the Lutheran church, while on Palm Sunday, April 10th it is thought from fifty to seventy-five will be received.

It was a beautiful sight to see the pigeons that were secured for the Shooting Tournament Monday. They gathered nearly 800 and had them stored in the barn of Isaiah Hagenbuch. Their cooing could be heard long before you reached the barn and sounded like a distant storm. It will be a long time before that many pigeons will be gathered in this place.

The great Irish Comedy Drama, "More sinned against than sinning, or the Hilton Estate" will be presented in the Orangeville Opera House on Saturday evening, February 27th. A. Y. Bardon fills the bill as Teddy O'Neil, and is supported by a company of competent actors. A number of specialties will be given, among them being the star Quartette, Silver star orchestra, Star Guitar and Harmonica Club. The admission has been placed at the low price of 25 cents.