L. E. Waller Esq. is repainting his!

Judge Ikeler held court at Williamsport for Judge Metzger this week.

E. S. Harrar bas purchased the Conner house on Fifth street.

H. H. Hulme and L. L. Houseknecht of Benton have dissolved partnership.

The Episcopal Church will have charge of the dining hall at the Fair grounds next fall.

Appropriate closing exercises were held in all the grades of the public schools, Wednesday afternoon.

The Methodist congregation has purchased the Bomboy lot, corner of Market and Third streets.

The fences have been removed ket street, adding much to the beauty of the street.

The Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher has Emanuel's charge, and will enter upon his labors there on July 1st.

Mrs. H. E. Smith has purchased the Brockway property on Third street, and she intends to build another house next to M. P. Lutz's.

The Town Council ought not to permit the erection of wooden buildings in the business portion of the town. They are fire traps, and are not ornamental.

Gum Williams is one of the hardest working men in Bloomsburg. His day does not end at sundown. He worked until ten o'clock on Monday night laying sod at I. W. M'Kelvey's.

There will be a Sunday School Con vention, in Fishingcreek township, on Friday afternoon and evening, May 27th, 1892, in the St. James Re-

W. H. Smith, editor and proprietor of the Benton Argus was in Bloomsburg Friday of last week, and gave us a portion of his time. He reports business good in Benton.

Mrs. Gideon Hirst died at her home on Iron street, Wednesday evening, after a lingering illness. Funeral you. You have made it possible for services will be held Saturday after- us to celebrate this first commencenoon at 2 o'clock.

leasantly. The continued rain made t necessary to have the entire exercises in doors. J. R. Townsend, member of the board, was called upon and responded in a few very appropriate remarks.

Miss Clara Suplee, daughter of William Suplee, of Franklin township, died Friday of last week, of peritonitis, after an illness of only five days. She was one of the good teachers of Columbia county, a graduate of the Normal School of the class of 1801. Aged 22 years, 3 months and 11 days.

Work on the Eagle's Mere railroad is being pushed as rapidly as possible. About twenty car loads of No. 1 steel rails and angle plate joints arrived from the Pennsylvania Steel company, Steelton, Pa. Over 20,000 ties have been delivered and about three and

one-half miles of grading is finished.

Mr. Woodrop, the president of the road says they expect to have the road done by the middle of June. - Hughes ville Mail.

The Philadelphia Record of Sunday May 8th gives a picture and sketch of the life of William F. Harrity, the present Secretary of State, and the leader of the democratic party in this state. Within a decade Mr. Harrity has risen from the ranks of the party to be a great leader. The late Convention at Harrisburg when three-fourths of the delegates rallied to his support, proved that the party was ready to trust to his generalship.

A branch of the "New York Mutual Savings and Loan Association" was organized in this town Saturday evening by electing the following officers viz: Pres. I. S. Kuhn, 1st Vice Pres. Jas. C. Brown, 2nd Vice Pres. D. W. Kitchen, Secy. M. P. Lutz, Treas. A. H. Bloom, Attorney, L. S. Wintersteen. Board of appraisers, C W. Runyon, Jas D. Shaffer and Dr. I. W. Willits. Directors, I. S. Kuhn, Jas. H. Mercer, F. D. Dentler, E. A. Rawlings, W. B. Cummings, W. H. Brooke and Jas. Magee.

The object of the organization is to assist our people in building or purdens we must bear. When we poschasing homes that they may stop the continued expense of paying rent.

PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The first commencement of the public schools of Bloomsburg was Thursday, May 12th It was intended that those who are interested in in our public schools, may it also inthe welfare of the public schools should have a comfortable seat, hence tickets of admission were provided, but with all the precaution there was a great crowd. The pupils of the high school were given the first six rows of chairs, and the patrons all in the rear; no seats were reserved. On the stage was seated the Board of Dimember; the principal of the schools, L. P. Sterner, Rev. D. J. Waller, jr., who gave the address of the evening; Prof. Butts, teacher of muce at the of the music upon this occasion : Rev. W. C. Leverett, of the Episcopal church and Rev. P. A. Heilman, of from most of the properties on Mar- the Lutheran church; the graduating class; Prof. Johnston, county superintendent; together with a number of officials of the town. It was about been elected to the pastorate of the commenced and the following programme rendered:

> Recitation, "A Convict's Christmas Eve," Emma Cadman; Essay, "I Didn't Think," Hattie F. Carpenter, Recitation, "Paul has run off with a Show," Theresa Hehl; Music, "Sweet the Angelus is Ringing," H. Smart; Recitation, "The Three Lovers," Minnie Hehl; Essay, "Beauty in its Relation to Home Life," Gertie C. Briggs; Recitation, "The Farmer and the Wheel," Kate Peifer; Music, "I would that my love," Mendelssohn; Recita-tion, "Herve Reil," Jessie B. Ent; Es-say, "Class History," Irene L. Girton; Music, "We have Wandered," Glover.

Dr. Waller, state superintendent of Public Instruction, then gave an in-teresting address to the graduates, members of the school and the patrons. The Dr. is very enthusiastic in his work as a public educator, and is trying to bring the Public Schools of Pennsylvania, first of any state in formed church. All are most cordially the Union. We should like to give his address in full. Following the cluded with benediction. address was a choice selection of music, entitled, "Voice of the Western Wind." The president of the President The president of the Board of Education, after thanking the principal and instructors of the Normal School for the valuable assistance given them, addressed the graduating class as follows:

To day marks a step of progress for us to celebrate this first commencement of the public schools of Blooms-Arbor day exercises at the High in the branches of study set apart for burg, because you have been proficient School last Friday, passed off very the senior class in our high school. It is therefore especially proper that lasting impressions should be made upon this occasion.

A little over a year ago the School too long remained in a comatose state; that we had kept schools long enough, and now we must start out with a distinct purpose. A course of study was prepared, printed in convenient form and freely distributed throughout the town. Imperfect though it may be, it was the first step in the right direction, and the Board feel gratified at the result-a class of eight marking the first commencement of the Public Schools.

It is a matter of history, that in the towns where Normal Schools are located, the Public Schools have been insize or smaller. The only reason that can be assigned for this is that of patthe Public Schools take care of themselves, and the breech widening between the two. The past has shown us the error. The two should work in at the Normal School and graduate in

the Elementary course in one year. work been applied in the past, instead of a class of eight we might have had a score or more. This march in our Public Schools we hope will move on, the lowest grade, may continue step by step, with no interruption, until they take part in these commence-

ments. It seems strange that events of this character, when pupils have completed the branches as prescribed in the highest department, should be called com-mencement. The word climax would seem more appropriate. But the ex- thirty thousand feet of glass. When perience of those who have endured the struggles of life teach us that capacity he has at present. Mr. Dilwhen we have completed an education in an institution of learning where-in a specific course of study is taught, risen to be one of the foremost in the that then only are we fitted for the bursess such an armor then we are ready to commence the active realities of a light frost in this section.

life. These diplomas should mean more than a certificate of having completed the Normal course of instruction in the Public Schools, but they held in the opera house last evening, should mark a new growth—a forward step. As this day marks a great stride culcate a desire to make life a success. Your teachers have labored industriously that you might make this initiative step in life. They also, no doubt, cherish the hope that you may continue to advance. We all expect to see you enter the Senior class at the Normal school and in one year complete rectors, including the newly elected fitted for the commencement of the the Elementary course, being thus noble profession of teaching. How-Normal School, and who had charge teachers of our Public Schools. In this age of electric power, there is a rapid thinkers and accurate account-They must understand the eight o'clock when the exercises were methods of teaching and apply the temperaments, and that one who is certain persons have a special talent as an instructor. Do not let these

> fession. Let your aim be to be first, be quick, be ready! be active! and success will follow. Seek thorough education, take advantage of every opportunity offered, it is the weapon of wartare in life with which you can win every battle.

Immediately after the presentation of diplomas, the "Class Song' a beautiful selection, by Mozart, was rendered. The evening exercises were con-

CHANGE OF TIME B. & S.

An important change of time will be made in the schedule of the B. & S. railroad, to commence Monday, May 16th. The train south will arrive at Fifth street at 11:36, making connection with the Philadelphia & Reading road for Philadelphia,

WORLD'S FAIR FUND-

tary Robert E. Wright, of the board better title. The evidence closed on of World's Fair managers of Pennsyl- Wednesday morning, and the opening vania, has issued to the members of argument for the plaintiff was made the board a statement of its expendi- by Judge Ryon who is considered one tures since the organization. Of the of the best land lawyers in the state. Board thought that our schools had \$300,000 appropriated to the board He was followed by Mr. Baer in a by the legislature \$30,000 has been very able and eloquent argument for paid to the officers of the board by the defense, and Judge Brewster closed State Treasurer Boyer. Of this the case for the plaintiff in one of amount \$18,867.49 has been expend- those very forcible and entertaining ed, leaving a balance of \$11,132.51 in speeches for which he is so celebrated. the hands of Treasurer Mercur of the board, and \$270,000 in the keeping of and after going over all the points in the state treasurer.

The expenditures have been as follows: Expenses of members of the board in attendance, upon meetings, \$2,457.93; expenses of committees and attendance at meetings, \$3.747.78; salaries of executive commissioner ferior to those of other towns of same and employees of the board, \$7,443.74; executive commission, for incidentals, \$2,000; Pennsylvania building at Chironage of the Normal School, leaving cago,\$2,7c5.59; miscellaneous,\$512.45.

George W. Dreisbach, died Monday evening, at his home in Jersey City, aged 77 years. He had charge unison. Not more than four pupils of of the red mill in Hemlock township the Public Schools of Bloomsburg an for nearly fifty years. He was marnually enter the Normal School. This ried four times, was the father of year we advance eight, all of whom thirteen children. His last wife, and we believe will enter the Senior class nine children survive him. E. B. Dreisbach of Montgomery Station, is the only surviving son of the first Had the same earnest thought and wife. The body was brought to Bloomsburg Wednesday evening on the 8:18 train, D. L. & W. railroad. They were expected at four o'clock. but the Lehigh Valley road did not and on, until every child who enters make connections at Scranton. The body was taken to the home of Jacob Keifer. Funeral services' were held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Patterson of the Presbyterian Church.

> J. L. Dillon is building more new Green houses on his land above Oak Grove Park. It will require about completed, he will have double the lon began in a very humble way a few line of florist.

Monday morning May 9 there was

INPORTANT LAND SUITS.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1892.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, the case of the city of Philadelphia, Trustee under the will of Stephen Girard, against Benjamin Goodman, was called in court before Judge J. J. Metzger, of Lycoming county, speci-ally presiding for Judge Ikeler. There appeared for the plaintiff, Hon. F. Carroll Brewster, of Philadelphia, ex-Attorney General of Pennsylvania, Judge James Ryon and Samuel H. Kaercher, Esq., of Pottsville and Col. J. G. Freeze. Judge Elwell was also concerned for the plaintiff as advisory counsel, but was unable to appear in court. For the defendants appeared ever stale it may seem, yet I can not upon this occasion, refrain from say- gressman S. P. Wolverton, of Sunbury, L. E. Waller and Geo. E. Elwell, Esqs. Hon. C. R. Buckalew was also concerned for defendant, but was abdemand for teachers who are quick to sent from town. Heber S. Thompson, catch the best method of discipline, of Pottsville, agent of the Girard esand who can impart instruction in that tate in Schuylkill and Columbia manner which will make the pupils counties, was present in behalf of rapid thinkers and accurate account. Bethlehem, represented E. P. Wilbur, trustee, and others, the actual defendmethods to those under their care. No ants, Benjamin Goodman being merely one-form of teaching can be followed; the tenant in possession, residing on there are as many forms as there are the lands. Most of the evidence was documentary and all of Tuesday was quick to grasp the situation will send occupied in presenting it. The land out such a magnetic power over the in controversy is located in Conyngpupils that disorder will not be known. ham township, contains 400 acres, You have no doubt been told that and has coal on it. The title to the land was taken out of the commonwealth in 1784 by a survey to Thomas reflections interfere with your choice Hiltzheimer, and a patent was issued in the teacher's profession, for it is to Robert Morris, who with his wife conveyed the same to John Nicholson. generally conceded that those who are foremost in the teacher's profession The plaintiff claimed title under a mortgage given by Nicholson to the would be foremost in any other proofficers of the Bank of the United States to secure his debts On this mortgage the property of Nicholson was sold and bought in by the Bank, among others, the Hiltzheimer tract, known as Blamont. The Bank sold to Stephen Girard, and he by his will gave it to the city of Philadelphia for Girard college.

The defendants also claimed under John Nicholson. He was Comptroller General of the state, and on the settlement of his accounts in 1786 it appeared that he was largely indebted to the state, and an act of assembly was passed to secure the state, and providing for the appointment of commissioners to se'l the property of John Nicholson. Under this law the land was sold and among other tracts Bla-mont was sold to Philip Meyer, and the defendants show title by a long chain of deeds from him. The main question in the case was whether the sale on the Bank mortgage, or the Jacob S. Dillinger, clerk to Secre- sale by the commissioners, made the

Judge Metzger charged the jury, the case, directed a verdict for the defendants.

In the case of City of Phila. trustee, against James Boucher, a verdict was taken by the same jury for the defendants, it having been previously agreed that the finding in the one case should rule both. A jury was called in the case of City of Philadelphia vs. George Roup, on Wednesday afternoon. This Involves title to the Besely tract in Conyngham township. The same counsel were concerned as in the other cases, except that Mr. Waller was for the plaintiff and Col. Freeze for the defendants. The case is on trial as we go to press.

EAST BENTON.

Jesse Albertson of Cambria was born Nov. 7, 1797 and died April 6, 1892 aged 94 years, 4 months and 29 days.

Ralph Cary Gibbons, of Salem, Luz. Co is seven years old, and is 4 feet, 5 inches tall : girts 35 inches and weighs 110 lbs. His face beams with a very intelligent expression and he writes a legible hand. He is handsome and well built, and bids fair to become a muscular and very powerful

The prospect is good for another peach crop.

A good deal of the grain looks hard and winter killed, while some very excellent pieces greet the eye as you travel through the country.

The unending fish stories never cease nor lose their interest, as the yarns are spun after the fishes are eaten.

Forepaugh's circus will exhibit at Wilkesbarre this Friday.

ST. PAULS.

The Young Ladies' Guild had a large attendance at the Parish House last Saturday night on the occasion of their tenth anniversary. Bishop Rulison made some very pleasant remarks in which he referred to St. Paul's as the banner parish of the Diocese in

the work done during the past year.

A letter was read by Rev. W. C.
Leverett from Rev. Dr. Zahner and wife, expressing their regret at their inability to be present. Re'reshments were served in the dining hall. The tables were abundantly supplied with beautiful roses contributed by Mr. J. L. Dillon from his green houses On J. J. M'Henry's store. the platform was a floral design with the figures 1882-1892 thereon.

One of the pleasant surprises of the evening was the fine Gerrish organ home Tuesday, that was placed in the Parish House Mr. Fred E. on Saturday, by Rev. and Mrs. Lever-ett, through a friend.

The church was well attended on Sunday both morning and evening, at the latter time there being only standing room. Bishop Rulison confirmed 27 persons, and one in private in the afternoon.

The singing by the surpliced choir has become very popular, and the beauty of the service has been increased by the introduction of this choir.

MILLVILLE.

Perry Dodson is driving a creamery wagon for S. W. Eckman & Son. He commenced last week.

Town council met last Friday night in V. P. Eves' building. There of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at was not much business done, as they Chambersburg this week. met for the purpose of organizing. They made the following appointments. Sec'y. of council, G. A. Potter, street commissioner, Francis P. Eves.

J. A. Howard, auctioneer, has some properties for sale. Those contemplating the purchase of homes should give him a call.

Ice Cream was served last Saturday night at W. B. German's and they expect to serve. Cream, Cake and Coffee every Saturday night the balance of the season-

V. P. Eves is the owner of a very fine pair of match colts. The colts are black.

Arthur Eves has left the employ of the W. & W. Railway. He was operator at Jerseytown.

Judging from the appearance of the blossoms at the present time we will again be blessed with an abundance

of fruit. Miss Irene Eves was taken quite

sick last Sunday. F. W. Heller, bought the one-half interest in Woodpatch, the colt that McHenry & Smith paid five hundred dol'ars for about 4 years ago.

Everybody knows where "Johnny" is in town, when he gives his war whoops, he's a jolly boy, he is, and don't you forget it.

C. S. Ely, our druggist is having quite a trade and well he deserves it for his efforts to please and accommodate the people are certainly worthy of patronage.

OBITUARY.

Asa Yorks, a well known and respected resident of Jackson township died Monday morning May 9, 1892 at the age of 72 yrs. 8 mos. and 4 days, after an illness of little more than a week with grip. He has filled several important township offices, such as school director and Justice of the Peace and had a wide circle of acquaintancee. Asa was the oldest of three brothers, Thomas the next oldest lives in Michigan and Joseph lives ou an adjoining farm. Mr. Yorks leaves a wife and eight

children all of whom are grown up. children all of whom are grown up. E. E. Mears is now nicely located Philip is a lumberman in Center in his grocery at corner of Fifth and county. Sarah, wife of Silas Hess, lives near the deceased's residence Hannah wife of George Hummer lives at Central, Samuel and Silas, have a saw mill and live at Central also; Thomas is working in Virginia; George and Mary are living at home. All are married except the four last named. The deceased was very fond of children and had some of his grand children with him almost constantly. He was also a great friend of his domestic animals, always insisting on helping care for them. Interment took place at the Waller Cemetery on Wednesday.

SUNDAY TRAIN.

A Sunday train will be put on the Phil'a. & Reading road, Sunday next, May 15, which will run between Bloomsburg and Rupert as follows: NORTH. - Arriving .- 7:57, 10:20, a.

m.; 4:27, 7:02, p. m. SOUTH.—Leaving.—7:58, 10:21, a. m.; 4:28, 7:03, p. m.
They will connect with the regular

Sunday trains for Williamsport; and dinner at his hotel above Elk Grove at West Milton for Philadelphia.

PERSONAL.

I. W. M'Kelvy spent a couple of days in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. M. Drinker of Kingston spent Sunday with his parents and friends returning on Monday.

The pleasing face of Ex-Sheriff Smith of Pishingcreek was seen on our streets Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Elwell of To vanda, spent several days in town during the past week.

H. O. M'Henry of Benton was in cities last week buying new goods for Dave Montgomery and wife of

Hughesville were in town Monday night visiting friends. They drove Mr. Fred E. Drinker of Scranton

gave the COLUMBIAN a call on his return home. He returned to Scranton on Monday. Charles P. Elwell returned on Friday from Boston, where he has been

studying music for the past three Conrad Kreamer, of Jerseytown,

paid a visit to the county seat Wednesday. He came on the W. & W. and B. & S. railroads. Judge Murphy was called home

last Monday by the serious illness of his brother. Finding the latter better, he returned on Tuesday. George C. Roan, foreman of the

COLUMBIAN office, is in attendance at the meeting of the Grand Lodge I. H. Mercer, and Clark Hagenbuch went to Williamsport on

Tuesday to attend the Fourth Annual Shooting Tournament of the Williamsport Rifle and Gun club-They all expect to take part in the shooting. John Reice who has been visiting his brother C. H. Reice, the butcher,

returned home Wednesday. He took with him the butcher's large black horse, and thinks he can find ready sale in Philadelphia for such a fine C. C. Trench returned from Florida

Orange Grove last Saturday. The Sunny South had its effect upon him. His face has tanned and his general appearance shows good health, notwithstanding he has lost in weight.

C. A. Moyer intends to erect a new dwelling house on his lot on Third street adjoining his residence.

The new bar-room in the Exchange Hotel was opened last Saturday The office will undergo an overhauling next week.

Creasy & Wells have the contract for making six thousand voting booths to be used in carrying out the provisions of the new ballot laws.

Mr. McFadden has had the appearance of his house greatly improved by placing a veranda in front. It was built by his son James.

The widow of James Dennis (Colored) received a pension this week. She gets nearly two hundred dollars back pay and a monthly allowance during the rest of her life. It was secured through Wm. Christman, Esq.

A "mum" Sociable was held at the home of Miss Hattie Richardson last Friday evening by the Young people of the Lutheran Church. There was a large attendance. All who talked paid a fine of ten cents. Nearly four dollars was realized.

West street. He has placed a delivery wagon on the road, and will receive orders by mail and deliver promptly to any part of the town.

Wm, M'Dowell writing from Minneapolis to a friend says; "I have never seen in any city, more elegant office buildings, public library buildings. School buildings, Churches, nor more comfortable houses, than here in Minneapolis." Every preparation is being made for the republican convention. He thinks Harrison will be the republican nominee.

Wednesday evening was a delightful occasion for the pupils of the high school. All united and prepared a treat of ice cream and cake. Such a variety and fine quality of cake is seldom seen. It was after eleven o'clock when the farewells were said, but even then they were reluctant to give up the festivities. It was a grand social gathering.

Lloyd Kelchner will have a trout on Saturday.