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Don't forget the big celebration at Bloomsburg on the Fourth.

A party of young people from this place expect to spend the Fourth at Proctor Inn, Jameson City.

An excellent portrait of Grant Herring Esq. appeared in the Philadelphia Times of last Tuesday.

W. S. Rishton has purchased J. G. Wells' sorrel horse. A new buggy and harness make him a fine turnout.

The Methodist parsonage at the corner of Fifth and Market streets is being remodeled, and will be much improved in appearance when completed.

A festival will be held in the grove near White's M. E. Church in Mt. Pleasant Twp. on next Saturday afternoon and evening, for benefit of the church.

H. A. Kemp, the photographer, has just completed a handsome wagon to be used for traveling through the county. It contains a dark room and all materials for photography.

Wm. Wilson, who sprained his ankle some months ago, has been compelled to take to his bed, on account of chronic inflammation of the joint. It is quite serious, but it is hoped that the limb can be saved.

The members of the vested choir of St. Paul's Church will give an entertainment in the Parish House soon. The date has not yet been fixed. The proceeds will be used to purchase furniture for the choir room.

Tuesday evening a game of ball was played at Athletic Park between the Bloomsburg nine, and a picked nine from the business men of town. The game resulted in the defeat of the former by a score of 14 to 3.

Everybody who wants to enjoy a good dinner on the Fourth of July will have the opportunity, as the Ladies of the Lutheran Church are making great preparations to feed the multitudes who will come to Bloomsburg to celebrate.

Ed. Row has greatly improved the appearance of his barber shop at the Central Hotel by papering and painting. He has also changed the position of his cases and had incandescent lights put in. Ed. always keeps abreast with the times.

Theodore L. Smith is carrying his right hand in a sling. On Wednesday morning while at work in the blacksmith shop at Sloan's carriage shops he reached in a cupboard for a plane, and a drawing knife fell down on his wrist, severing an artery. It is not serious, but will disable him from work a few days.

The first Bi-County convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Montour and Columbia counties was held at this place on Thursday, the afternoon session at the Baptist church and evening session at the Presbyterian. Interesting programs were given at each session. In the evening the exercises were interspersed with vocal music by a quartette, and solos by Miss Betsi Runyan, and Mr. O. H. Yetter.

J. B. Pratt, the dancing-master, died at the home of his father at Allegheny City on Thursday of last week. He was aged thirty one years. He, together with his wife, had conducted dancing-schools in various parts of the state, and were here two years ago, when they had a large number of pupils. Mrs. Pratt a few months ago was granted a divorce from her husband on account of his intemperate habits.

Jameson City is becoming quite popular as a summer resort and it is certainly a pleasant place to put in a portion of the hot summer months. Proctor Inn is visited frequently by people from this place. The beautiful drives in the vicinity, delightfully cool mountain air, and lovely scenery all combine to make it a most attractive spot. Anyone who has been fortunate enough to sit on the piazza at the inn and watch the moon rise over the mountains will never forget the beauty of the sight.

Misses Annie and Jennie Lockard and two other young ladies were driving to Berwick on Tuesday morning when an accident occurred which might have been a very serious one. A bolt came out, letting down the tongue of the carriage, the horses became frightened, and started to run, but were fortunately soon checked by Miss Annie Lockard who was driving. A passing teamster assisted the party to get back to town, the carriage being fastened to the back of the wagon while the horses were led behind.

## EAST BENTON.

### LIGHTNING'S FATAL AND DESTRUCTIVE BOLT.

Thursday of last week, late in the afternoon, during a severe thunder storm, Alonzo Albertson's house, a little north of this place, was struck by lightning, killing little Rhoda, a girl nearly 12 years old, and burning the house with contents except what was on the first floor, or story above cellar kitchen. The sad event called forth the sympathy of the entire community. Mr. Albertson has a large and interesting family of children, of a high intellectual order, and Rhoda was exceptionally bright and exemplary. The heart rending circumstances brought tears to eyes wherever the news was broken. The family is usually divided by reason of a portable saw mill, as Mr. Albertson is largely engaged in lumbering. Rhoda was a sister to Rev. Herman Albertson. Of the children none are yet married. After the sad event the family removed with the deceased girl to the home of E. P. Albertson, father of Alonzo. The house was partially covered by insurance, but there was no insurance on the household goods or clothing, and all the clothing they saved was on their backs. The child was sent by the father with a hand corn planter from the barn to hang it up in a room upstairs, and having performed her errand, stepped into another room when the lightning crashed through the house killing her instantly. The lightning struck the flue, or chimney, and the electric current scattered in all directions leading to different points, killing the girl upstairs, shocking Mrs. Albertson in the cellar kitchen so that she fell and setting fire to her sewing at which she was engaged. No one thinking of the child being upstairs, neither missing her, her brother Elmer went up to see whether the house was on fire, and seeing a smoke, he entered the room and found his sister prostrate in death, her clothing already consumed on her breast and one arm. But for the death of the child the family thought that they might have saved the house.

The event was bereavement, destruction and destitution combined. Three of the deceased sisters are teaching school in Fishingcreek and when the sad intelligence reached them, they were overcome by the shock. Mr. Albertson desires through this communication to express his thanks and gratitude to the neighbors for their assistance and sympathy in this, their bereavement and great trial. He spoke in particular, and in an affecting manner of the heroic deeds of two young masons whom he employed in building a stone spring house, one Mr. Hoppins Tubbs and the other name we have forgotten, in saving of furniture &c, and of all the goods that was gotten out of the house.

## THE PHILOLOGIAN ADVANCE.

The Philologist Society of the Normal School has commenced the publication of a paper called "The Philologist Advance" which will be ready for delivery in a few days. It is a magazine of about fifty pages, and will be published annually in June. The editorial staff consists of I. L. Deaove, editor-in-chief; Miss Mabel Westover, assistant editor; M. L. Willier and Miss Ada M. Lewis, personsals; G. W. B. Tiffany, Business Manager; E. W. Romberger, Treasurer. It will be printed in an attractive form, and the reading matter will be of interest not only to members of that society, but to every one who has any interest in the school. Orders for the paper should be sent to the business manager, or the paper can be procured at the school in a few days.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS.

There was a meeting of the School board last Friday evening, June 17th when it was decided to remodel the Fifth Street School Building. The wings of the present building will be extended, so that the entire frontage will be about 100 feet. There will be eight school rooms, instead of four as at present. A contract was given to Smead, Wells & Co. for the warming and ventilation of the building. The new building will be completed in time for the opening of the school.

On Monday evening after the selection of teachers president Townsend appointed the following committees: Buildings and Grounds, Townsend, Brown, Bittenbender; Supplies, Brown, Rinker, Little; Text Books, Townsend, Brown, Bittenbender, Garrison; Grievances, Garrison, Rinker, Little.

The ladies of the Lutheran Church are helping on the repair fund by giving a Lunch supper Friday and Saturday evenings.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE BUILDING AT CHICAGO.

The accompanying cut represents the Pennsylvania State Building now in course of erection on the grounds of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. It is located on a delightful site, near the 57th street entrance, and commanding a view of the lake and the Art Palace. The style of architecture is Colonial, reproducing the salient features and especially the historic clock-tower of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, in which will be hung the old bell which "Proclaimed liberty throughout the world"—thus constituting a local landmark that will be a source of gratification to thousands of visitors. It is being constructed by Pennsylvania mechanics, exclusively of Pennsylvania material. The first and second stories will be of Philadelphia pressed brick. The floors will be of native marble and woods, and the walls will be ornamented with wainscot panelings taken from Pennsylvania forests. This resting place for Pennsylvanians at the great fair will cover an area of 9,000 square feet, and the broad and graceful piazzas by which it will be surrounded will duplicate this space. The front entrance opens into a central rotunda, 30 feet in diameter and 40 feet high. To the right and left will be general reception rooms, with toilet and dressing room accessories. In the rear the exhibition room will extend the entire width of the building. The walls will be ornamented with the portraits of distinguished Pennsylvanians,

and many rare documents of historical interest will be displayed. Stately and imposing as will be the exterior of the building, its interior recesses will be crowded with objects of absorbing interest, not only to Pennsylvanians, but to the people of the entire world.

Broad, winding staircases lead to the second story, where the waiting rooms and offices of the Executive Commissioner will be located. There will also be a room devoted to the use of press correspondents, and a room furnished with newspaper files for the use of the general public. The doors and windows of the second floor open upon broad verandas, admirably arranged for promenading and sight-seeing, and outside staircases lead to the roof garden, which, besides furnishing a bird's eye view of the grounds, will be in itself a spot of floral loveliness and quiet retirement from the busy throng below.

From the brief description it will be seen that the main purpose held steadily in view in the design and construction of the State Building is to furnish spacious and comfortable quarters where Pennsylvanians, in attendance at the Exposition, may meet each other and seek relief from sight seeing in social intercourse, amid historical and other surroundings which will tend to illustrate the influence of the Commonwealth on the development and growth of the country.

## Bloomsburg's Sweet Singers.

The Bloomsburg Y. M. C. A. male choir drove over to this place on Wednesday evening of last week and treated our people to a delightful serenade of sacred music. The young men were all in good voice and their sweet music was highly enjoyed by all. Rev. Myers and Butz, A. S. Truckenmiller, A. H. Sharpless, J. R. Diemer, Dr. L. B. Kline, C. L. Geyer, Esq., Maj. I. H. Seesholtz, Rev. J. B. Mann, C. C. Sharpless, J. B. Yetter, Dr. C. C. Willis, Dr. Jno. K. Robbins, the editor of the NEWS ITEM and E. B. Guic were especially honored by the serenaders. The circuit of the town ended at the residence of the latter gentleman where refreshments were served. The party was composed of Prof. I. N. Niles, A. N. Yost, W. G. Brooker, F. B. Hartman, O. H. Yetter, S. R. Bidleman, B. P. Foulk, J. E. Sterling, E. H. Ent, R. Frank Colley and Harry Houck. Come again gentlemen; you will always be cordially welcomed.—News Item.

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Medical Society was held at the Exchange Hotel on Tuesday. The following medical men were present: Drs. Arment, Brown and Reber, Bloomsburg; Dr. O'Brian, Benton; Dr. Sharpless and Kline, Catawissa; Dr. Rodeker, Epsy; Dr. Shuman, Jerseytown; Dr. Wintersteen, Nunda; Dr. Montgomery, Backhorn; Dr. Christian, Millville; Dr. Hower, Millville. The doctors after an interesting meeting, called in a body on Dr. J. B. McKelvey, a member of the Society who was unable to be present. The next meeting will be held in August at Jamison City.

Bloomsburg promises in a few years to bring to the front one of the finest base-ball nines in this section of the state. Some interesting and exciting games are played on the grounds near the corner of Main and East Streets, and the boys play good ball too.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held Friday evening, all the members present except Mr. Gorrey. Building permit granted H. J. Clark for a two story building 16x45 to be erected on Centre street. The private sewer of Mrs. Finney, from her residence to the alley accepted by the town for sum of \$17.60.

As D. J. Waller, Sr. intends building some houses on Jefferson street between 5th and 6th the town Engineer was instructed to give him the grade. On motion of Holmes and Gilmore the citizens on Second street between East and West were required to clean the gutters in front of their respective properties every Friday, and put the refuse in piles to be hauled away by the Street Commissioner on Saturday. Upon motion of Peacock and Holmes the President and Secretary were authorized to issue an order for ninety days payable to finance Committee for an amount not exceeding \$2,000, and to be negotiated by them for the purpose of paying off as many of the floating orders as in the judgment of the President, he may deem expedient and that this order be the first one paid out of the taxes to be received. Kramer, Peacock and Holmes, aye; Gilmore, Rhodes and Drinker, no. Upon the Solicitor informing the Council that this did not create a new indebtedness, Mr. Drinker withdrew his vote and the motion was carried. The committee on suburban lines made the following report:

Beginning at a point, the southwest corner of farm of Eyer & Pursell, thence by the west line of same northwardly to north line of land of A. Z. Schock, thence by the same westwardly to Fishingcreek, thence down the same to east line of lands of Mrs. Evaline Rupert, thence by the same southwardly to Second street, thence along Second street, westwardly to Barton street, thence by same southwardly to Columbia County Fair Ground, thence westwardly to Caleb Barton farm, thence by west line of Fair Ground, southwardly to south line of said Fair Ground, thence eastwardly to Leonard street as proposed, thence southwardly to Sixth street, eastwardly to line of Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad, thence southwardly along said property of Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad Company to North Branch Canal, thence eastwardly along berm bank of same to line of Park street, thence northwardly by same to Fifth street, thence westwardly on same, to and along west and south lines of McKelvey & Neal to Chestnut alley, and by same to south side of east Third street, thence along same eastwardly to line formerly of Hoyt farm thence along same northwardly to Normal School lands, thence by same eastwardly to east line of same, thence by line of Normal School northwardly to Light Street road, thence westwardly along said road to east line of Joshua Fetterman, thence northwardly to line of D. W. Armstrong, thence northwardly along east line of D. H. Creveling to rear of said lot, thence westwardly along same and south line of Michael Casey others to the west line of said Casey, thence northwardly by same to line of Eyer & Pursell, thence westwardly by said line to place of beginning which was adopted.

Committee on Oak Grove reported progress and were continued. Adjourned.

## Commencement Week at the Normal School.

The following is the program for next week at the Normal:  
 SUNDAY, June 27, 3 P. M. Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. P. A. Heilman, in the new Auditorium.  
 MONDAY, June 28, 3 P. M.—An Evening with Whittier. Class of '93.  
 TUESDAY, June 28, 8 P. M. Address before the Literary Societies by Supr. J. M. Coughlin, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.  
 WEDNESDAY, June 29, 2 P. M.—Reunion of the Class of '90.  
 WEDNESDAY, June 29, 4 P. M.—Class Day Exercises.  
 WEDNESDAY, June 29, 8 P. M.—Reunion of Calliepan Literary Society.  
 THURSDAY, June 30, 10 A. M.—Commencement Exercises.  
 THURSDAY, June 30, 1 P. M.—Alumni Reunion and dinner. (Tickets to the dinner free to Alumni.)  
 Exhibits of work in the Industrial Department may be seen throughout the week.

## A BIG ISSUE.

The issue of THE COLUMBIAN for next week will contain ten pages, and an edition of three thousand copies will be printed. Besides the usual amount of news, it will contain a full report of the Chicago Convention, and a complete account of the Normal School Commencement exercises. It will be ready for delivery on Thursday morning. Single copies, 5 cents.

## PERSONAL.

J. P. Hill, proprietor of Proctor Inn, at Jameson City, was in town Tuesday.

Paul Shultz began an apprenticeship at J. G. Wells' Jewelry store this week.

Senator Herring will go to California before his return from the West.

D. J. Waller, Jr. and family have gone to Jamison City for an outing.

Mrs. Dr. Brown has gone to New Jersey to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Runyon returned on Friday from their Minneapolis trip.

C. G. Barkley, Esq., and wife returned last week from a month's visit in New York State.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Hartman went to Ocean Grove on Tuesday, where they will remain for some time.

E. V. Hartman returned on Monday from a trip to Cape May, N. J. He reports a pleasant time.

Geo. Verdy, of the firm of Cummings & Verdy, returned on Wednesday from a trip to Ohio.

Harry F. Sharpless and wife of Pueblo, Colorado, are visiting at Mr. Joseph Sharpless'.

Col. Jameson and family went to Ganoga Lake Wednesday, where they expect to remain for some time.

Mrs. Grant Herring has gone to Chicago, where she will meet her husband and accompany him on his western trip.

Judge and Mrs. Ikeler and Thomas B. Hanley, Esq., are at Chicago this week to look on at the Democratic Convention.

Chas. Lutz spent this week in Wilkes-Barre, attending the Bicycle Meet and West Side Park races at that place.

Lloyd Kelchner, formerly of this place, now proprietor of P. Kiles old place along the headwaters of Fishing creek, was in town this week.

W. H. Brower will be a delegate to the National Convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies, which takes place at New York city in July.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sharpless, Mrs. J. W. Eyer, Mrs. T. J. Vanderslice, Frank Eyer and Geo. Vanderslice are camping along Fishing-creek above Baumtown.

H. W. Sloan went to Elkhart, Ohio, on Monday. His brother William has charge of a large boarding house or hotel, and Mrs. Jane Brown went with him to act as housekeeper.

Natalie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Foulke, started for Syracuse on Monday morning to visit her aunt, Mrs. Shaw. It is quite a journey for a little girl of eleven years to undertake alone.

Remember date of O. U. A. M. Picnic at Lakeside Park—Aug. 13.

Why cook your own supper these hot evenings when you can get one in the old Presbyterian church and help the ladies in raising their part of the Repair Fund.

There will be a public letting of the work for remodeling the Fifth Street School Building within a few days. Plans and specifications are now being prepared.

There will be children's services at St. James on Saturday evening of this week, at Zion on Sunday at 12:30 p. m. and at Orangeville, in the Union church on Sunday evening.

A. Houtz.

The ladies of the Lutheran Church will give a Lunch Supper in the old Presbyterian church building on Friday & Saturday evenings. A good supper with tea and coffee for 15 cents. Strawberries and ice cream will be served extra. There will also be an Apree Bazaar, and other useful and fancy articles for sale.

The election officers for the new districts have been appointed by the Court, as follows:

First District—Judge, F. B. Hartman; Inspectors, W. E. Knorr and J. E. Wilson. Voting place at the Court House.

Second District—Judge, W. W. Barrett Sr.; Inspectors, Jackson Hower and Chas. Hendershott. The voting place at corner Fifth and West streets, at the store of E. E. Mears, or in a building erected by the County.

Third District—Judge, C. P. Armstrong; Inspectors, Peter Freeze and B. W. Hagenbuch. Voting place Town Hall.

Fourth District—Judge, Robert Alexander; Inspectors, Nathan Chrony and F. C. Williams. Voting place Wm. Giger's Hotel.