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A \$10,000 fire was occasioned by fire crackers at Mt. Carmel on the 4th.

During the month of June there were fourteen arrests in Bloomsburg. Mostly for drunkenness.

Rev. J. F. Dunlap of Danville, will preach in the Evangelical church next Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The dining room at the Central Hotel was handsomely decorated on the 4th.

Hon. S. P. Wolverton was renominated for Congress by the Democratic convention in Northumberland county last week.

E. E. Cameron, who recently purchased the bottling business of Peter Gross' estate, has taken possession, and is now conducting the business.

The Rev. G. B. Smith of Lehigh Co. will preach in the Reformed church of Bloomsburg on next Sunday morning and evening, July 10th.

William Gunther, employed by G. A. Herring as a butcher, severely injured his right eye on Tuesday morning, by running against a meat hook.

The Bloomsburg Band will have a picnic at Lakeside Park, East Mahanoy on the 14th. For only \$1.00 for the round trip.

Prothonotary Weigand and Register and Recorder Weaver of Luzerne county went up the creek on Wednesday to try their luck at trout fishing.

There was a large fire at Mt. Carmel early Tuesday morning. A row of ten houses was destroyed. The fire originated from the careless use of fire-crackers.

Alexander Black of Centralia was found dead on Tuesday morning near the Catholic cemetery. He was a brother of D. C. Black Esq. Heart failure was the cause of death.

A party of about thirty Bloomsburg people spent Sunday and the Fourth at Proctor Inn, Jamison City. Some beautiful fire works were set off at night on the mountain opposite the hotel.

The Bloomsburg Base Ball team was taken to Danville Thursday by a four-in-hand team of Girton and Hilday. These gentlemen have some very fine rigs at their livery stables, corner of Third and Leonard streets.

W. H. Snyder Esq., Robert Buckingham Esq., John B. Casey, County Treasurer Kline, Register and Recorder Campbell and Prothonotary Quick went to Benscoter's Pond on Tuesday to fish for a couple of days.

A correspondent of the Benton Argus says that Mr. Hannon, station agent of the B. & S. at Jamison City has seen a large black bear on two occasions between that place and Central.

In the absence of the President of Town Council William Kramer is acting President. He is the vice President of the council. He held a hearing on Wednesday morning and fined two men \$5 and cost for drunkenness and abusing a horse they were driving.

The Bloomsburg Furniture Company is fast building up a wide reputation. Orders are coming in from almost every state. They have recently booked an order for five hundred fine bedroom suits of oak. Their chifoniers and side boards on which they have had a big run, are fine specimens of their excellent work.

The Legislative candidates now in the field are Gen. C. M. Blaker, R. G. F. Kshinkay, A. L. Fritz and Guy Jacoby from the north side, and E. M. Tewksbury from the south side. G. W. Sterner's card of withdrawal appears in this issue. Mr. Tewksbury has no opposition thus far, and probably will not have any.

Considerable excitement was caused on Tuesday by the report that a man had been killed in a fight on Railroad street. As near as the facts can be ascertained a man from Catawissa, under the influence of liquor insulted a woman, and several young men threw stones at him, and one striking him knocked him down. He recovered soon and was taken home.

Whatever musical talent there is in the country, the public schools have done much and will do still more to develop it. The American people are now in condition to cultivate literary tastes and the drudgery of labor decreased annually, are all in favor of the cultivation of music, and therefore the love of music is growing upon us strongly.

NORMAL SCHOOL.

ECHOES OF COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

Some of the Alumni who were present at the Commencement, Miss Bessie Smith ('91) having taught a successful term at Mt. Carmel renewed old acquaintances at the Normal.

Miss Belle Weil ('91) attended Commencement, having taught successfully at Plymouth.

Mr. Jos. Burke, Daniel Rinehart and Jas. O. Herman ('90) were with us and received their second degree.

Miss Belle Trumble ('91) is at present enjoying the hospitality of her classmate Miss Alice Dillon.

Miss Hannah Morrison ('90) and Miss Libbie Cavanaugh ('91) two of Shenandoah's successful pedagogues, honored the Normal with their presence.

The Davis sisters ('91) each having taught a successful term at Plymouth, attended our exercises this year.

Miss Jennie Kline, Miss Maggie Moran, and Miss Carrie Smith members of the class of ('90) are honoring the school with their presence and expect to carry home with them their second degree.

Miss Mary Spratt ('91) one of Lewistown's successful instructors, is at the Normal.

Having completed her initial year in the teaching profession, Miss Frona Schrader ('91) of Johnstown, is honoring the school with a visit.

Miss Ella Custer ('90) is renewing acquaintances at the Normal and will also receive her second degree.

The Misses Ella and Adda Hagman ('90) are having their usual pleasant words for all on Normal Hill.

Jennie Ransom and Lulu McAlarney ('90) are here as lively as they were two years ago.

Miss Evans ('91) of west Pittston, is here fresh from her Bucks Co. school, and happy as ever.

Bridget A. Breslin ('81) of Hazleton is here to see her sister Miss Annie receive her first degree.

Fred Magrady, J. O. Herman, E. E. Reeder, D. E. Baxter and Daniel Rinehart all of '90 are here to get their second degree. It does every body good to have all these friends return and renew old acquaintances.

Miss Josephine Leysion of Kingston ('91) came Wednesday morning and will have a pleasant word for all. The noble profession evidently agrees with her.

Miss Kate Ross and Miss Annie Evans, class of '91, are among the number who have returned to share in the festivities of Commencement week.

Among those who are being entertained at the Normal, we notice the genial face of Miss Cora Hutchison, class of '91.

The Misses Hawley and Palmer ('90) are seeing old friends, and enjoying Commencement.

Mr. Wm. Kitchen ('88) and his sisters Ella ('88) and Minnie ('90) are here. Their sister Miss Annie, is a member of this year's class.

Miss Mary Stover ('90) has come from Waynesboro to attend commencement. Her long journey shows interest in her alma mater. May all these old friends return often.

ALUMNI MEETING.

The attendance at the Alumni meeting was unusually large, and the meeting was an interesting one. Supt. D. A. Harman of Hazleton was elected temporary chairman. The class of '92 was admitted to membership. Mark Creasy, the orator elected last year, made an excellent address. The essayist was absent. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, B. F. Meyers, Wanamie; Vice President, Laura M. Keene, Hazleton; Recording Secretary, Dora Marr, Bloomsburg; Corresponding Secretary, Prof. Wilbur; Treasurer, H. G. Suplee, Bloomsburg; Executive Committee, Prof. Albert, J. S. Grimes, Mark Creasy, Morgan Evans, Cora Hutchison; Essayist, Francis S. Conner, Orator, W. A. Shaffer. Speeches were called for and responses made by Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr., Prof. J. P. Welsh, Earnest W. Young, Prof. Wilbur, Prof. Noetting, Geo. E. Elwell, Esq. A committee consisting of Geo. E. Elwell, H. G. Suplee, D. A. Harman, Prof. Welsh, Miss L. M. Keene was appointed to report next year on some plan for establishing an Alumni fund. The meeting then adjourned to the Dining Hall, where nearly 300 sat down to the Alumni dinner.

THE NEW CHAPEL.

To all old students of the Normal it is unnecessary to attempt a description of the old chapel. Its ancientness has long ago made its indelible imprint upon the minds of all students prior to 1892.

In its early days it was a grand place, fully up to all requirements of the times.

But our school has grown. It has grown wonderfully; indeed, it has outgrown some of its environments and the old chapel was one of them. The spirit of progress that has of late years pervaded the hearts of the honorable Board of Trustees, could no longer endure the unsightly room with its still more unsightly furniture, and early in the Spring term just closed, they decided to remodel the room.

Plans were advertised for and those of architect Albert Kipp of Wilkesbarre were chosen.

On April 27th the contract was awarded to Mr. Long also of Wilkesbarre, requiring that the room be finished by June 15.

Mr. Long began work about May 10, and to-day we have one of the neatest and prettiest auditoriums in eastern Pennsylvania.

First in order among the improvements made was that of a splendid gallery, in the form of a horse shoe running around the entire room. This increased the seating capacity about four hundred, giving in all a present capacity of over one thousand.

That which produces the most pleasing effect in the new chapel is the elegant taste displayed by the decorations in arranging and blending the various colors in their painting.

THE DECORATIONS.

Mr. G. C. Tidden of New York city was the contractor under Mr. Long for all decorations.

He sent as the painter in charge Mr. Wm. Galliaer, and all are loud in their praise for this gentleman's good taste.

The ceiling and sides are in cream and salmon pink, while the stage is set in olive green with golden brown woodwork. The doors and windows and all wood trimmings, are ivory white. The columns of support beneath the gallery have beautifully silvered tops with deep red bases.

The decorations of the central dome and of all lateral or vertical figures is that of classic laurel set in white, which with the cream sides blends very prettily.

The effect of the entire room is at once restful to the eye, and speaks loudly for the good judgment and general culture of the painter Mr. Galliaer.

THE CLASS-ROOMS AT THE NORMAL.

A splendid effort was made during the past year in some of the departments, noticeably in those of Ancient and Modern Languages, and Geography, to hang the class-rooms with elegant pictures which would be at once helpful in a better understanding and comprehension of the subjects taught, and also relieve the bare and uninviting air of the average class-room.

This report of Commencement week, full as it is, would hardly be complete without special reference to the department of Manual Training.

Five years ago this feature of educational work was not known in our Normal Schools; it was indeed, by many, ridiculed as a fancy of certain innovators, that would never be realized.

But a marvelous change has come upon us. The spirit of progress evidenced in all industrial lines, has been diffused in educational affairs, until even now the former objectors say: "Well, it may have a little place in our public school work."

A visit to this department of our Normal School, will convince the most skeptical that Manual Training—or the training of the hand with the mind has a practical value, which for the good of our youth, should have been recognized long ago.

The splendid earnestness in which all the work is done alike, by Senior, Junior, and especially the model school classes is certainly proof that this work interests the student.

It is a positive pleasure to see these busy people work with such a fine spirit, sense of freedom and a determination to accomplish something.

The educational value of having a definite thing to be accomplished, or a particular piece of work to be finished and of keeping ones self down to that work, is recognized by all thoughtful persons, and that is just what Manual Training is doing for all our students.

The requirements to keep tools in order and in their proper places, the leaving of their work benches always clean, in short the entire work in this line is well and particularly calculated to develop certain much needed lines of character in our youth that would otherwise go undeveloped.

The appropriateness of this work for girls has been questioned by some, but the evident pleasure they take in all the work, and the great amount of voluntary work they all do in ample proof that they find delight in this work. And then if we measure by results, their work is fully as good as

that of the boys, and in many points they even excel.

We have not space to go into a full outline of the various steps or grades of work here presented.

It comprises all kinds of nailing, staigt, oblique, toe, blind, and horizontal at right and left hand.

Then follows a series of work in mitre, mortise, and dove-tail joints.

After this a very careful study of various woods, is taken up in which pupils are taught the uses, relative value, strength and durability of the common woods; taught what woods are useful in furniture making, building, why useful for certain things and not for others, how to tell whether dealer is giving genuine or imitation wood, and how to tell the common forest trees by wood, bark, leaf or fruit.

Thus their work is carefully graded, and measuring the adaptability of the subject by results alone, all are convinced that it is an indispensable factor in a complete education.

During the year the Seniors made a great deal of apparatus for their own use in their teaching.

Among these there was a very carefully made meter stick, of cherry wood ends bound in brass, on one side the Metric scales, on the other English scale was very neatly marked.

A splendidly made flower press for use in Botany work, in which the great majority of the Seniors have a deep interest. The presses are made of cherry or maple, and are very valuable pieces of apparatus. In addition to these some made sets of blocks illustrating cube root, finding area of a rectangle, parallelogram, triangle.

THE LARGEST AUDIENCE EVER GATHERED ON NORMAL HILL.

Although the new auditorium has a seating capacity of five hundred more than the old one, yet every seat was taken and standing room was at a premium long before the hour had arrived for the Commencement program to begin. Fully thirteen hundred people were present and manifested the deepest interest in every number of the program.

Amiration for the beautiful new chapel with its comfortable seats, and its much improved acoustic properties, was at its height. Comments from former graduates, friends of the school, and even from strangers, were heard on every side at the wonderful growth of the school.

The alumni meeting which followed the Commencement exercises, was the most enjoyable one ever held. The speeches were many and of the most loyal sort. Special reference is made elsewhere to certain actions taken by the Alumni Association.

The banquet followed the Alumni meeting, and fully three hundred sat down to a feast of good things. Yes, good things for the physical man, for the social, and the varied "toasts" that followed were indeed, well calculated to do good mentally, to any who would but take with him the happy suggestions and wise counselings that were given.

This was indeed a glad Commencement week. The faculty was glad because every part of the week's program was gone through without a single mishap or failure, the students were glad because of the hundreds of people who came from near and far to see our school and hear the various entertainments; the returning Alumni were glad because of the permanent growth of the school as evidenced on every hand.

Thus closed the 23rd Annual Commencement of our Normal School. The wishes and desires of all her faithful children are that she may go on from present successes to greater and still greater, and win for herself a name of which she may be justly proud in years to come.

A Little too Out.

Two young men from Danville drove to Bloomsburg on Tuesday night to paint the town red, and have some fun with our police force. They were disorderly and noisy, and were hunting for a policeman. It was about midnight, and as everything had become quiet before their arrival, officers Chromis and Thomas had gone home. They seemed so anxious for a policeman however, that word was sent out to Constable Woodward who got out of bed to accommodate them. He found them creating a disturbance and arrested them both and locked them up in the cooler over night. Next time these young men want to have some fun with the Bloomsburg policeman they should send word in advance that they are coming and the whole force will be on hand to be entertained by them.

The cleaning up of the loose stone on Market street which was done this week by Street Commissioner Huosel is a great improvement to the street.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

A BIG TIME IN BLOOMSBURG.

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS THROUGH THE STREETS—A FINE PARADE.

The Fourth of July, 1892 will long be remembered in Bloomsburg. It is sixteen years since the day has been observed by any public demonstration.

Once in that time, Grand Army Day, has the town been gaily decorated, but never more profusely than on Monday. An arch representing granite and marble, decorated with flags, portraits, eagles, banners &c. spanned the intersection of Market and Main streets, erected by the P. O. S. of A. Another one was erected by the Knights of the Golden Eagle across Main at Odd Fellows Hall. It was covered with the colors of the order, black, orange and blue, and the pillars were surmounted by large century plants. Two figures, one a high priest and the other a Knight of old stood on brackets on each pillar. An eagle surmounted the centre, and across the arch were the words "Welcome Sir Knights. Both were greatly admired. Evergreen arches were sprung across the street at Main and Iron, and at Main and West. With the arrival of the first morning trains the crowd began to come, and by noon the town was a lively scene. The arrival of the visiting bands kept up the excitement during the morning and the booming of big fire crackers everywhere made the day smack of an old-time Fourth. All the places of business and residences along the line of march were handsomely decorated with the national colors.

At 1:30 the Court House bell rang, and the different bodies assembled at Market Square to form for the parade. Col. A. D. Seely of Berwick, Chief Marshal, performed his duties admirably, and the procession was quickly formed in proper military style. The assistant marshals were C. P. Sloan, C. B. Ent, T. M. Dawson, D. R. Coffman, T. C. Fisher, H. M. Grotz. The procession was formed as follows:

Berwick Band,
G. A. R. of Berwick,
Ent Post G. A. R.
Drum Corps.

Milton Commandery, P. O. S. A.
Knights of the Golden Eagle,
Catawissa Band.

P. O. S. A. of Catawissa,
Lightstreet Band,
Espy P. O. S. A.,
Wapwallopen Band,

P. O. S. A. Wapwallopen,
Shickshinny Band,
Shickshinny P. O. S. A.
Lime Ridge Drum Corps,
P. O. S. A. Lime Ridge,
Gilmore's Band.

Bloomsburg, P. O. S. A.
Washingtonville Camp,
Bloomsburg Band,
O. U. A. M. Bloomsburg,
Citizens Drum Corps,
Junior American Mechanics,
Rescue Hook & Ladder Co.,

The weather was all that could have been wished for, and the streets were not dusty, so that the march though long, was comparatively an easy one. After the march, the crowd gathered at the speaker's stand on Market square, and listened to eloquent addresses by Fred Ikeler, Esq., of Bloomsburg, and Walter Shipman, Esq., of Sunbury.

Prizes were awarded as follows: For the best drilled commandery twenty-five dollars, to Milton; second best to Wapwallopen, prize being a parade flag; for the largest number of men in line the prize, which was an officer's chair, went to the Camp at Catawissa. The judges were Hon. E. R. Ikeler, J. C. Brown and T. E. Geddis.

Notwithstanding the great crowd, there was but little disorder, and but few drunken men were seen on the streets. Only one arrest was made.

Altogether it was a success, and those having the management of it are to be congratulated.

A SLIGHT FIRE.

About five o'clock on Monday afternoon the fire alarm was sounded, and the fire companies went tearing down Main street to Scott town hill when they found the fire was out. The roof of a house occupied by Wm. Brooking that stands up high on the bank below the Pursel property caught fire and was slightly damaged. Mr. Brooking discovered it in time and with the help of the neighbors extinguished it with buckets. The origin is unknown. There was no fire in that part of the house, and no fire crackers had been thrown there.

Blue and Heddins are serving their customers with oysters, clams, chicken, frogs, and other delicacies of the season. They keep a first class restaurant.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lockard and Miss Annice are in New York this week.

D. E. Whitenight of Tamaqua is in town on business.

Hon. James Fritz of Nanticoke spent the 4th in Bloomsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Drinker of South Bethlehem spent the 4th here.

Dr. J. B. Neal and wife are with their Bloomsburg friends again.

Dr. D. J. Waller Jr, has been elected a trustee of Lafayette College.

Miss Grace Neal expects to spend several weeks in Towanda this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Laycock of Wilkesbarre were in town last week Friday.

Ex-Superintendent Grimes was in town several days this week. He seems to be enjoying good health.

Mr. E. Vanderbort and wife of Locoming county spent the 4th with Dr. and Mrs. W. H. House.

Misses Helen and Mary Walters of Milton, are visiting friends and relatives in town this week.

C. E. Yorks Esq. of Central was in town on Wednesday. He is one of the leading men of that section.

J. H. Mercer and family have gone to Ohio to spend a few weeks with relatives there.

W. H. Rohrbach of Crowl, Northumberland Co. one of our old subscribers, was in town last Saturday.

Prof. G. E. Wilbur and family will spend their summer vacation visiting among friends at Drayton, N. Y.

Miss May Keene of Hazleton, visited J. W. Eyer's and other friends in town this week.

Harvey Koehler of Kingston was in town Monday and Tuesday attending to business and visiting among friends.

Mr. Norman Walters, wife and daughter of Milton were visiting friends and relatives in town on the Fourth.

Prof. Wm. Neotling left for his home at Selinsgrove, Friday of last week. He will remain there during his summer vacation.

Prof. Cope and family, went to West Chester Saturday of last week, where they will sojourn among friends until the commencement of the fall term at the Normal.

R. C. Neal, A. Z. Schoch, Peter Solleder and Robert Neal went out hunting on the 4th and got three woodcock. They say the birds are scarce. They saw but five.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Biddle of Ashland sailed for Europe last Friday to be absent about three months. Mrs. Biddle was formerly Miss Agnes Buckingham of this town. Their many friends wish them a safe voyage.

The American Mechanics will have a picnic at Lakesid Park on August 14th.

Over seven hundred people were fed at the Lutheran Church dinner on the 4th.

Charles Girton at the St. Elmo is fast increasing the already large trade of that popular hotel. He is just the man for the place.

C. A. Kleim has been making some fine improvements in his house in the way of paper and paint. P. K. Vannatta did the work, and it is nice.

LEG AMPUTATED.

On Saturday last Dr. Arment, Brown and McReynolds amputated the leg of William Wilson son of J. D. Wilson of this town. Last fall he sprained his ankle, and it gradually grew worse until the bone softened, and amputation became necessary to save the patient's life. It is a most unfortunate accident and he and his family have much sympathy from their friends.

IT WAS LOADED

Christ K. Reice, son of C. E. Reice, the butcher, met with a serious accident on the Fourth. A large fire cracker was being fired in front of Phillip's Bakery Establishment: Christ was with the crowd, and the cannon cracker, was slow in igniting. He, supposing the fire was out, picked up the cracker, the explosion occurred, a scream rent the air while blood flowed freely from the lacerated hand. An examination showed that the thumb was broken while the fingers were almost torn from the hand. Drs. Arment and Brown were immediately called, sewed up the torn flesh and dressed the broken finger. At this writing he is suffering very much with pain.