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ORGAN RECITAL.

It is not often that such an array of musical talent can be brought together in one place as was gathered in the Presbyterian church last week Thursday night. The entertainment was gotten up on short notice, and hence the attendance was not as large as it might otherwise have been, but nevertheless about fifty dollars were added to the organ fund. The local participants were Miss Maude Runyon, Miss Beth Runyon, Mr. O. H. Yetter and Mr. Chas. P. Elwell, and of these it is scarcely necessary to say anything, as their reputations are well established. Mr. Yetter sang by request a solo in the second part which was not on the program, and sang it well as he always does. Mr. Elwell besides his solos, played a violin obligato to several of the vocal solos. Miss Beth Runyon sang in her usual charming way, and Miss Maude presided at the organ with grace and skill.

Mr. J. Y. Glisson is a professional tenor. He sang two solos and a duet with Mrs. Taylor. He has a voice of wonderful purity and sweetness, and every note was as clear as a bell. He is not a stranger here, and Bloomsburg long since has learned to enjoy and appreciate his voice.

Mrs. Taylor's solo, "For all eternity," was a beautiful piece, and charmingly sang, as was also her duet with Mr. Glisson. The audience would gladly have heard an encore, but the sanctity of the place prevented applause. She has an exceptionally clear, high, sweet voice.

Miss Gladys Beach does not look as though she could reach the pedals of an organ, but she can. She plays with wonderful ease and great expression, and more than all, with the true organ touch which is lacking in so many organists who play the piano. Her management of the stops was remarkable, being done in such a way that the audience could not tell when it was done. She is an organist by instinct as well as by cultivation, and her performance was thoroughly enjoyable. Those who listened to this delightful recital are deeply indebted to the Misses Runyon for affording such an opportunity, as it was through them that it was gotten up.

Mr. E. Skyles McKillip was the efficient business manager.

BREAK IN THE RESERVOIR.

The reservoir of the Bloomsburg Water Company broke on the west side about 12 o'clock Wednesday night. The break was evidently caused by the water following around the supply pipe, and gradually washing away the earth. A hole was torn out of the embankment about ten feet in diameter, leaving the surface standing. The rush of water completely demolished the small building covering the machinery for shutting off the water. The water started down through the double gates of the enclosure, heading towards the buildings on the south, but a rise in the ground changed the current and sent it westward in the direction of the Water Company's buildings. Earth and stone were carried along with the rush of water, lodging in the public road, and lots of the Irondale Company, to a depth of fully ten feet in many places. The damage will be a heavy one, and will require a long time to repair. In the meantime water will be pumped direct to the pipes, so that the consumers will suffer no inconvenience.

SCHOOL BOARD.

The School Board met in regular session Friday evening, August 26th, with all the members of the Board and the teachers from the district, present. Agreements were signed by directors and teachers. Report was made by the Text Book Committee, when Principal Sterner was called upon to read corrections to the course of study, after the reading was completed a motion was made that the corrections be adopted. Committee on Supplies reported that Mr. P. G. Miller had delivered the coal for the winter supply. The coal was weighed at the Farmers' Produce Exchange.

A discussion arose in regard to the adoption of a language lesson, but was not acted upon, the matter having been deferred until Friday evening September 2.

A proposition was made by the School Furnishing Company to furnish desks and seats for one room in Fifth Street building and recitation seats in one room in High School. The Committee on supplies was directed to place the order.

Motion was made that the bondsmen of U. H. Ent, decd. be notified to pay balance due on duplicate before September 10th or it will be collected by process of law. G. M. Lockard and M. E. Seybert are the bondsmen.

HESS RE-UNION.

The Hess re-union was advertised to be held at Oak Grove, Thursday, August 25th, if the day was fair, if not, then on the following day. Thursday morning it rained, and had the appearance of rain for the whole day. However, the winds changed and the day proved partially fair. It was confusing to the relatives, yet about two hundred gathered at the grove. The Committee on programme anticipating a better day, on the following, with an increased attendance deferred the exercises, and announced to those present that the re-union would occur next day. Friday had the appearance of a beautiful day, but storm clouds soon gathered and prevented the usual large attendance. There were however, about two hundred present, representatives from Philadelphia, Reading, Easton, Allentown, Hazleton, Williamsport, Montandon, Watsonstown, Nanticoke, and all the towns in the county.

The morning was devoted to general hand shaking, preparations for dinner; while the younger people indulged in dancing, C. P. Elwell's Orchestra furnishing the music.

After dinner an excellent program was carried out. The exercises were opened with music by the orchestra, followed by prayer by the Rev. E. F. Roberts; the president, J. Wilson Hess of Montandon then addressed the relatives as follows:

I think every true and responsive sentiment uttered comes from the depths of the heart and when I say to you all welcome a hearty welcome to each and every one, I think I am only voicing the sentiment of every one present. We have not met here this day for any political discussions, or to settle religious differences nor for any personal aggrandizement or to settle strikes or disagreements among each other, but I do think that all who attend these meetings do so from a pure motive of the heart.

All who have appeared here to-day no doubt came for the purpose of re-uniting and strongly cementing the bonds of relationship. They show by their presence their fealty to the name and relationship of the Hess family.

It also very clearly shows to me that there are a number who are willing for one day to lay aside their business and contribute their time and money for the pleasure they may give to others who meet with us. We sometimes find fault with our friends, relations, upon the very slightest provocation and begin to berate them. Now when we are guilty of such conduct we fail to follow the injunction given us by the Master.

Let us like good people take our fallen brother or estranged sister by the hand and redeem them and again restore them to Brotherhood and Sisterhood and then can we feel conscious of having performed our mission and duty to our common family. Now then possibly I have already overstepped my boundaries and taken up more of your time than was allotted to me for a Welcome address. But you all know the word Welcome is a very short one that every school girl and boy can spell and comprehend. But when the word is used without explanation it sometimes appears a meaningless motto on our arches spanned across the streets.

When we use the word Welcome we should use it with a hearty handshake that comes from the innermost feelings of the soul and not simply outward formality. Now I am about done with my Welcome address, a few more words and I am through.

1st. Don't go away without shaking hands with every person you possibly can.

2nd. Don't shake hands unless you can extend a friendly hand.

3rd. Form all the new acquaintances you possibly can and extend to each a hearty welcome. Lastly encourage future friendly relations among friends and relatives and you will thereby gain an abundance of pleasure that you have heretofore not enjoyed.

Now then kind friends thanking you for your uninterrupted attention and extreme courtesy I have received at your hands I shall close with many, very many pleasurable emotions associated with the Hess Re-union, and I hope when my body shall be mouldering in the dust, that the future generations of the Hess name and Hess Re-union will continue those beautiful associations and perpetuate the name of Hess and all the relatives. I thank you for the honor that was conferred upon me by calling me to preside over these meetings and I hope that all imperfections that I am guilty of will be not viewed with the critic eye, but gracefully forgiven and forgotten, and whoever you may select as your future presiding officer please accord to him the same courtesies you have me and

I am confident you will have no cause for regret. I now again say Welcome thrice welcome to all.

The president's address was followed by a song from the boys quartette, when Mr. A. C. Frees, Esq., in a pleasant style gave an impromptu response, his address met with general applause. The remainder of the program was as follows: Music, Orchestra; Oration, Carl Brown; song, boys' quartette; Oration, Charles Spear; Music, Orchestra. A collection was then lifted to defray expenses, to which there was a hearty response.

The following were elected as the officers for the next year: President, J. Wilson Hess, Montandon; Vice President, Stephen Hess, Easton; Secretary, Geo. W. Hess, Watsonstown; Assistant Secretary, Harry Hess, Berwick; Treasurer, Reuben Hess, Rupert; Committee on programme, A. C. Frees, Bloomsburg, Harvey Hess, Berwick, Charles M. Hess, Rupert, J. K. Bittenbender, Bloomsburg, D. L. Hess, Berwick; Committee on Music, Wm. Ikeler and Otto Ikeler, Rohrsburg, Harry Hess, Rupert; Committee on time and place of next re-union, H. C. Hess, Mifflin, Geo. P. Hess, Espy, D. A. Hess, Mifflin.

J. K. Bittenbender was elected historian with privilege of selecting any assistant he desired.

THE ICE PLANT.

The Bloomsburg Ice Plant is now about completed and ready for operation. It has a capacity of 15 ton daily output. The ice is formed in large zinc pans which are 11 inches wide, 22 inches long and 44 inches deep. When the water in these are frozen solid they weigh about 300 pounds. There are 221 pans for freezing, and it takes 48 hours to freeze them solid. There seems to be no waste in the operation. The amount of ammonia gas for first charging the apparatus is about one thousand pounds. The ammonia gas is first compressed by means of an immense engine of the Corlis pattern built especially for this work, it then passes into a cooling tank, and from thence through pipes in the brine tank, where the ammonia regains the heat it lost. The large cans are lowered into the brine and between the coils of pipe, the ammonia in gathering the heat it lost, absorbs the heat from the water in the can and it is left a solid piece of ice. The ammonia gas is used over and over for years, with but little waste. The water in the cans from which ice is formed is almost absolutely pure. It is first received from the exhaust steam of the engine, then passes through an oil extractor, so that no oil may be found in it, then through a coke tank holding about 40 bushels of coke, then through a boiler tank, where the air is expelled, then through a charcoal filter, containing 30 bushels of charcoal, then through cooling coils to make right temperature, then through bone-black filter into the cold storage tank, from thence it is drawn into cans for freezing.

There was a re-union of the Ohl family at the fair grounds last Friday, this was the second re-union of this large family. They have not chosen officers, but one of the oldest of the family, Henry, now 75 years of age, interests himself sufficiently to get them together. This year he had a notice inserted in the county papers that there would be a re-union at the Fair Grounds, and accordingly about 200 were in attendance. Henry has had charge of the grounds and through his influence the Fair Association allowed the relatives the use of the large exhibition building. Swings were erected for the little folks. H. V. White, a relative by marriage consented to give an address at the conclusion of which he presented Mr. Henry Ohl with a purse of money contributed by the relatives and friends, as a token of friendship and respect. It was certainly a successful re-union.

The improvements at the Fair Grounds are completely changing the old site. The removal of the Judge's stand to the new race course, gives one a fine chance to compare the present enclosure with the old. When a person looks at the grounds now they are led to wonder how such vast crowds could be held in the old ground without some serious accident. Under the present plans, a much larger grand stand has been built, and no one will be allowed upon the race track. In fact, the articles of exhibition and the races are now two separate things. The new course is being tried almost every day by some one wishing to try the speed of their trotter, Pacer, or running horses. Some good races can be expected this fall.

COMMUNICATED.

Saturday morning Aug. 20, begun with a cloudy sky and the gentle rain moistened the dry and parched earth. And the farmer in these and other localities looked out over the land scape that surrounded his domicile with half self satisfied content while on his countenance was depicted gloomy disappointment. But after a few hours the clouds broke away and the blue sky, then the sun appeared. What a change has come over him, he is all astir, his voice is to be heard like the sound of many waters. Bill hitch up the percheron to the carriage for Betsy and I and Joe. Hitch the greys to the carry-all and take the rest of the family and let us all be off to Central, it is going to be a fine day and we want to hear what Mr. Ailman and the Judge has to say to us to-day. And now wherever you look whatever road you are on, dog carts and big wagons, spring wagons and carriages line every thoroughfare leading to Central Park. Soon the woods are full of snorting pawing steeds, while happy farmers and their wives, sons and daughters make the welkin ring with their merry laugh and voices.

About ten o'clock the iron horse drove up with his regular load and an hour and a half or so the special train came with a car loaded like bees in buckwheat time and soon after another train came loaded in similar manner but these hung out on top, they being open cars. We think the managers of the B. & S. R. R. ought to be prosecuted for cruelty to animals for bringing men, women and children in open cars exposed to coal ashes, dust and such a hot sun.

The woods was now crazy with the moving mass of humanity, it looked as if the hay crop got very ripe and the seed was all fallen off and flying in every direction.

Dinner was the first thing in order after which the Ikeler Cornet Band of Rohrsburg gave some splendid music at the stand and by the way, let me say that this band certainly is a credit to itself.

The crowd having gotten under the stand Rev. Sutton led in prayer and then read one of his poems by way of welcome, after which the Pres. introduced J. T. Ailman, of Thompsonstown, who gave a very forcible address on the Topics of the day that interests farmers but in a nonpartisan style. He reviewed the acts of our national Legislature condemning the Democratic bill for not passing the pure food bill and the Republican Senate for not passing Hatch Bill. That the Grange Legislative committee were doing a great deal for the farmers by way of Legislation, while the organization was doing a great deal socially. He was followed by Judge Ikeler, who gave a very interesting talk reviewing the position of the farmers, his relation to the town folk and urged that a friendly spirit ought to exist between the two. Urged the parents to look well to the bringing of their children and to see that their minds were set in the proper direction and that they be trained for the calling for which they were the best fitted, etc. This ended this part of the program.

At 5 the trains began to move and the people began to leave, feeling that they had had a pleasant time, and as night brings all straglers home, everybody left.

H. Freas Hicks of Harrisburg and Miss Annie, eldest daughter of J. K. Lockard, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening August 30th, at six o'clock, by Rev. I. M. Patterson. The attendance of relatives and friends was very large. The bride was accompanied by her father and the groom by Dr. McAllister of Harrisburg, Messrs. Frank Wilson, Frank Pursel, Frank Ikeler and Samuel Bidleman were the ushers. Miss Maude Runyon played a beautiful wedding march as the bridal party approached the altar. A grand feast was prepared at Mr. Lockard's beautiful home on Fifth street, where the party and friends wended from the church. Mrs. Phillips was the caterer, she made preparations for three hundred guests. The bridal couple took the 8:18 train south for an extended wedding trip.

Grant Herring and wife returned Monday from their trip to the Pacific coast. They were away from home since the middle of June. They traveled about ten thousand miles by rail besides nearly five hundred by stage coach. In their visit through the Yosemite valley they saw snow banks, and the Senator had the novel experience of throwing snow balls on a hot summer day. They were on Mt. Hamilton and took a peep at the planet Mars through the great Lick telescope. We hope to persuade them to give us some letters before long describing some of the wonders of those great Western states.

WALLER.

The prospect of a good crop of buckwheat is encouraging as there seems to be above an average amount of straw.

Extensive repairs have been made by Ira J. Thomas on his gristmill, which had compelled him to shut down for some time. He commenced grinding again last week.

The hardest rain of the season passed over this vicinity last Thursday doing considerable damage to the roads and plowed fields. Several of the smaller bridges were swept away.

J. Preston Yorks from this place was one of the winners who received a prize for the best short story written the Williamsport Sun.

The new post office at Divide is expected to be served with daily mail after October 1st. Proposals are now being received for a carrier to that effect.

School teachers seem to be more plentiful than they were a few years ago. The schools in this and adjoining townships are either supplied or have a number of applicants for them. This gives the school directors some choice and it looks as though the time was coming when we can have experienced and professional teachers in the country districts.

It looks as though the politicians were needed to quell strikes during this campaign. Now since the Empire and Keystone states have both called out their entire armies of national guards it would seem more like preserving liberty and a union for all the great leaders to exert their utmost energies in the solution of the great problem which is causing so much trouble and already some bloodshed between capital and labor.

While traveling near a rocky and rather isolated portion of a railroad and noticing some men cutting weeds and briars and carefully gathering them in bunches for some distance on either side of the track we were curious enough to ask the apparent boss what it was for. He said they don't do any good and it makes it look better. If every farmer would have that much pride at a very small cost a wonderful change for the better would be noticed and all noxious weeds would soon be exterminated.

Patterson Grove camp meeting has been pretty well attended by the people from this vicinity and they report a large attendance and an excellent meeting.

Mrs. Mary Mendenhall and daughter from Bloomsburg are visiting relatives in this part of the county.

Clarence Butts went out in Indiana Monday where he expects to attend school for a few years. His absence will be much felt by his many friends, who wish him abundant success in his studies.

Special Base Ball Notice.

The tie game with Bloomsburg for the championship of Columbia county will be played on the Berwick grounds on Saturday, Sept. 3. The management has guaranteed the Bloomsburg nine a square game in every respect and the understanding is, that the umpire shall forfeit the game to Bloomsburg if at any time Berwick spectators interfere with the game. The citizens of Berwick are therefore earnestly requested to treat the visitors with every courtesy and consideration. It is hoped that there will be no hooting or objectionable demonstration of any kind on the part of Berwick spectators other than applause for brilliant plays. Any such display of hard feeling will only result in the ruining of Berwick's chances of winning the championship.

S. H. WATTS, M'gr.

A wreck occurred at Bloom Ferry Station along the N. & W. branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, Saturday evening about midnight. It was an empty train going up the river, and when at the station, from some cause, one of the cars near the middle of the train was thrown from the track and dragged with it nine others. The cars were literally smashed into splinters. Two crews were summoned at once and cleared the main track in time for the newspaper train Sunday morning. No one was hurt. A great many people from Bloomsburg went over Sunday to see the wreck.

Have you examined the registry list to see if you are assessed? If you have, then inquire of your democratic neighbor if he is registered. If not, then attend to it at once. Thursday September 8th, is the last day to be assessed. The assessors will be at their respective election districts on Wednesday September 7th and Thursday September 8th between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. and 6 p. m. and 9 p. m.

PERSONAL.

Robert Runyon is taking a trip in New York state.

Mrs. J. K. Bittenbender is visiting relatives at Mt. Carmel.

G. W. Bertsch, the clothier, returned home Tuesday from a short vacation.

Mrs. H. S. Reay of Baltimore is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Dr. James B. Neal intends to take a special course in medicine at Philadelphia this winter.

J. G. Wells spent a few days in New York city this week making purchases of new goods.

Mrs. F. P. Billmeyer and Helen, went to New York on Monday, to spend several weeks with Mr. Billmeyer.

W. J. Barry, clerk at the Girard House, Philadelphia, was in town Friday evening of last week. He spent the week at Ganoga Lake.

H. E. Meade, of Philadelphia, visited his cousin C. E. Savage this week. Mr. Meade is a grand-son of General Meade.

Prof. J. G. Cope and family returned to the Normal Tuesday afternoon. They came early to get in readiness for the opening of school next week.

S. F. Peacock and family and H. G. Eshelman and family returned Tuesday evening from their vacation at Asbury Park.

Dr. B. F. Gardner, G. M. Quick and A. J. Derr took a few days outing this week. They are all active workers and a few days recreation fits them better for their various duties.

Miss Gladys Beach who was the guest of the Mrs. Runyon, returned to Philadelphia last Saturday. Mrs. Taylor departed for her home in Newark on Monday.

Geo. E. Elwell started on Monday for Wisconsin, and will be absent two weeks. His wife and son, who have been there several weeks, will return with him.

W. R. Rupert and wife of Paris, Texas, are visiting friends in this place. Mr. Rupert is conductor on the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad. He says he sees great improvement in Bloomsburg in the last few years.

Joseph Lowenberg, who is in the drug business at Norrisstown, came home Tuesday to visit his mother, brothers, and sisters. William came home last week. All the children are now at home, and are truly a happy family.

Alexander Knouse of Jackson township was in town Wednesday. He has made the new election law a close study and is ready to lend assistance to all who desire. While on a visit to Indiana last summer he obtained much information of the new manner of voting.

The Concert given by Dr. B. F. Carey company is an excellent entertainment. The Barcliff Bros. are of few superiors if any as well as the rest of the company.

The national encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Washington from September 13 to October 18th. Fare for the round trip will be \$6.08 via Harrisburg.

The Water Company met last Saturday evening and passed a resolution that was acceptable to the Town Council, in reference to the public fountain. The Council have renewed their order for a fountain, and expect to have it in readiness for water by the first of October.

Dr. J. J. Brown has purchased a lot of H. W. Sloan with a frontage of 50 feet, adjoining Mr. Sloan's residence on Market street, and will erect a handsome dwelling house thereon for his own occupancy.

About twenty of the Friendship Fire Company No. 1 of Bloomsburg were entertained by the Friendship of Millville last Saturday evening. They report having an elegant time and say Millville can well be proud of their company. There is about thirty-five uniformed men, of which all are active members.

M. F. Eyerly, of Williamsport was in Bloomsburg on Sunday. He came down Saturday evening to close up bargains in the sale of his fine property on Market street. The property was sold to Simson Richard. After completing his business transaction, on Tuesday he returned to his late home at Williamsport. Mr. Eyerly was a resident of this county about all his life, and it seems hard that in his latter days he must leave behind him all his old associates and former ones in another city. We wish him success in his work.