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## School Board Meeting.

There was adjourned meeting of the school board of Bloomsburg School District held in the public library room last Friday evening. Tarball's Language Lessons, Book I and Book II were adopted by a vote of four to two. The text-book committee recommended the adoption of Montgomery's primary history. A motion was made to substitute Eggleston's primary history; upon [call of vote, three voted for the amendment, two against and one refused to vote. The chair decided the motion carried. A vote was taken upon the amended motion and lost—only three voting aye. A motion was made to reconsider, but lacked one of a majority. On resolution of the opening of the schools was postponed until Monday September 12, because of the delay in the repairs of the Fifth street school building.

R. R. Little offered the following resolution which was adopted; "That the district furnish the text books adopted at this meeting, the ownership to continue in the district, and that the pupils be given the use of such books under rules to be presented by the committee on text books. The resolution not to apply to the purchase of books wherein the study is elective."

Orders were directed to be drawn in favor of Mrs. A. W. Fry for \$10 for balance due her husband for labor previous to his death; and to Even C. Jones for \$12 for cleaning the Third Street building.

Adjourned to meet October 7th at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. T. C. McHenry of Benton, died at his residence, Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock. He was confined to the bed for several weeks, with a complication of diseases. The doctor had an extensive practice in the counties of Columbia, Luzerne, Sullivan and Lycoming, he was faithful to the patients in charge, and possibly sacrificed his own life. During the heated summer, he had many serious cases of sickness and no doubt overworked himself. He was a leading spirit in all the enterprises in his locality, and his word was accepted by all. He had accumulated a large amount of money, and was generous in its use.

Mr. McHenry was born in Greenwood township, February 9th, 1844, a son of Benjamin and Lavina (Conner) McHenry. Raised on a farm until eighteen years of age, when he entered the academy of New Columbus, Luzerne county. After remaining in the academy 3 years he went to Lewisburg University and graduated 1867. He began the study of medicine with Dr. Bradley of Bloomsburg; attended lectures at Ann Harbor, Mich., graduating in 1870. He located at Benton, being married to Susan Millard in February, 1871; she died within a year. In 1874, he remarried to Lizzie Ikeler, who with two children survive him. His daughter Lulu M. is aged 17, and son, Benjamin J., 10.

The county loses one of its best citizens and his community a successful and faithful physician.

Through the kindness of L. M. Kelchner we have been furnished with the third annual catalogue of Highland Park Normal College of Des Moines, Iowa.

There are about 1300 students in attendance and 29 instructors. The departments embrace, Primary, Didactic, Scientific, Classical, Literary, Business, Civil Engineering, Electric Engineering, Special Training, Model School, Musical Education, Art, Telegraphy, Sort-hand and Type-writing, Pharmacy, Special Penmanship. We reprint the following announcement found in the catalogue:

We take pleasure in informing the public that we have secured the services of Prof. L. M. Kelchner, late of the Zanerian Art College of Columbus, Ohio, to take charge of the work in this department. Prof. Kelchner owned a one-half interest in the above named college and was one of the instructors giving all the instruction in writing in that school. He has had six years experience in teaching penmanship and pen art. He is one of the finest Penman Artists and teachers in America. He is not only proficient in the execution of every kind of penwork, but is familiar with the theory of the subject and has the rare ability not usually found in most teachers of this branch—that of imparting it to others. Prof. Kelchner devotes his whole time to this department, giving 7 to 8 hours instruction daily, four of which is personal.

The Benton Agricultural Society have concluded not to hold an exhibition this year, on account of the illness, and death of Dr. T. C. McHenry, the president of the association.

## RE-UNION OF K. G. E.

The Fifth Annual re-union of the Susquehanna District, Knights of the Golden Eagle, was held at Danville, Monday, September 5th. A great many went down from Bloomsburg. A special was run over the Reading road leaving Bloomsburg with four cars packed full, including about eighty members of the order. The excursion train from Sunbury on the Pennsylvania railroad had eight cars loaded.

The parade formed about one o'clock with 300 Knights in line, four bands and a drum corps. Three prizes were awarded. The first consisting of \$20 to the best drilled commandery. This was given to the Shamokin boys, 27 in number, who went through the drills without an error; no other commandery would contest with them. The second prize was a large Golden Eagle, valued at \$25, and a pair of ivory gavels, with ebony handles, to the Castle having the largest number in line. The second prize was won by the Bloomsburg boys, who came home in the evening as proud as a boy with new shoes. The third prize was \$5, for the castle having the largest number in line in proportion to membership. It was given to the Catawissa Castle.

## TOWNSHIP INSTITUTE.

The first Sunday school township institute was held in Centre township Friday evening of last week in the Union Church.

Prof. Kocher, assistant principal of the high school at Bloomsburg, gave an interesting address on the subject, "A teacher's responsibility for a scholar's learning." First: A teacher is not responsible where there is no capacity. Second: A teacher can have little responsibility where there is no spiritual perception. Third: Where character is crystallized and fixed and settled, a teacher is not responsible for the teaching. But the teacher is responsible for the manner in which she teaches.

Rev. Sharrets told some of the needs of the Sunday School.

1. Consecrated teachers.
2. A superintendent who superintends; a man of tact, of character, of patience, an active, earnest, energetic worker.
3. A teachers meeting.
4. A library of good books.

J. L. Wolverson added as a need, the co-operation of parents. Prof. Kocher spoke of the large Bible Lesson Pictures. Myron I. Low named the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a great all important need and A. W. Spear referred to a need of deeper interest on the part of all the older members of the school.

The exercises were enlivened by cornet solos with organ accompanied by Miss Helen M. Low and Geo. L. Low, also by a solo by Miss Clara White and a recitation by Miss Lizzie Hilday and a duet by the Misses Spear.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

Myron I. Low, President; Miss Hattie White, Sec; Wm. S. Hess, Treas.

A. W. SPEAR, Executive.  
LEVI REMLEY, Committee.  
Miss H. M. Low, Committee.

## MILLVILLE.

R. B. is very happy now. I is a boy.

Mrs. Wm. Lawton Jr., and son of Derris spent a few days at the home of W. B. German this week.

The Buckwheat crop of this section looks very promising.

John Eves buried his little son Harold last Monday at 4 o'clock.

Politics seems to be in the air just now, as you can hear it most anywhere.

M. V. B. Bennet gave a prohibition lecture in the Opera house last Tuesday night, to a large and appreciative audience.

L. M. German of Unityville and W. B. German of this place spent a few days last week in Williamsport attending Christian conference held at that place.

Chas. S. Ely has taken a boarder. It is a girl.

Beny Rich from Bellefonte is in attendance at the Friends school at this place.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association will be held at Milton, beginning Tuesday September 27 and continuing until Friday evening September 30. Nearly \$2,000 is offered in premiums for Trials of speed. The great race of Free-for-all with a purse of \$300, will occur Friday afternoon, September 30.

## Vastine Will Case.

When Judge Sittser came down from Tunkhannock on Monday he was given the case of Amos Vastine against Jacob H. Vastine, Hugh H. Vastine, Simon Vastine, Ezra Vastine, Elizabeth Ann Ogleby, intermarried with Dr. James Ogleby, devisees and legatees, and Simon Vastine and Ezra H. Vastine, executors of the said alleged last will and testament of Mrs. Elizabeth Vastine. These people are from Rush township, except Dr. Jacob Vastine, who lives at Catawissa, and Mrs. Dr. Ogleby, who lives at Danville. Mrs. Elizabeth Vastine was left a widow some forty years ago, and found herself in weeds with a farm. She worked hard and was frugal and, of course, accumulated property, as people of that disposition always do. In March, 1890, she was buried in the old church yard of the Lutheran church at Elysburg, and left about \$50,000. When the will came to be read it was found that the eldest son, Amos Vastine, had been cut off with a hundred dollars. Of course he was dissatisfied; what son who had tried to be dutiful would not be? When it was sought to probate the will he objected and appealed. Judge Bucher wrote an opinion, somewhat stinging in its nature, granting an issue. So the case has at last come to trial. The plaintiff sought to establish two things: first, that his mother had not sufficient testamentary capacity to properly dispose of her estate at the time she made her last will, which was on Dec. 9, 1889, and second, that she was unduly influenced by her other sons to cut him short. It was shown that Mrs. Vastine had fallen from a hay mow and injured herself; that she had made a will in June, 1889, and in Dec., when the second one was made, she had been taken to Catawissa, and there she made the will cutting Amos short. A strong testimony was also given to show that the brothers had said they would get their mother to make a will equalizing the will made by Mrs. Vastine's sister, Mary Hurst, who had bequeathed more to Amos than the others. Conversations were sworn to in which the brothers made various statements. First that they did not know such will was made, and second it was too bad if she had made such a will, etc.

The defendants proved that Mrs. Vastine was a woman of strong will and strong prejudices; that there was a family feud among the Hurshes, her brothers and sisters, dating back 50 years, and when one of the bachelor brothers would die he would divide his property equally among the other members of the family, excepting Mrs. Vastine, and to her perhaps a dollar would be left with the advice that it be used in the purchase of a Bible; that the last of the Hursh family was Mary Ann and, Amos Vastine, her nephew, had a great deal to do with dictating Mary Ann's will; that he had told Mrs. Vastine this will was all right, but unfortunately for him Mary Ann died before Mrs. Vastine and it was discovered that the will was all wrong, and that Amos had got too much from his aunt Mary it was the pleasure of his mother to cut him short in her will. The defendants also showed that there was no influence brought to bear on their mother to induce her to make the will she did, and that it was made of her own volition. At last the counsel for the defendant dictated the following to the reporter.

Now, to-wit, September 1st, 1892, the appeal of Amos Vastine from the decree of the register admitting the will of Elizabeth H. Vastine to probate is withdrawn, the jury discharged and the case settled in the following manner:

The defendants to pay to Amos Vastine \$4,000, less the amount of a judgment in favor of Elizabeth H. Vastine against Amos Vastine, and interest only to be computed on said judgment up to the time of the death of Elizabeth H. Vastine; the plaintiff to pay his own witnesses, and the defendants to pay all court charges and their witnesses fees. Upon the payment of the sum of \$4,000, less the judgment aforesaid, Amos Vastine to execute and deliver to the defendants a release in writing of all his right, title, and interest whatsoever in the real and personal estate of said Elizabeth H. Vastine under her will or otherwise.

Thus has happily ended what might have been another family feud, growing more bitter as the years rolled by. All have conceded something and now that a compromise has been effected it is to be hoped that brothers and sisters may meet under the old roof tree, and vow that years to come shall only bring them nearer together and cement the ties of brotherly love. —*Schenectady daily.*

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

F. M. Leader, Supt. of B. & S. railroad with wife and two children met with an accident Wednesday evening. They were driving with a single horse, from Mainville toward the Espy ferry. When coming down the steep hill approaching the river, the horse, without any apparent cause, began to kick and run. In his effort to control the horse Mr. Leader was thrown from the wagon where he remained unconscious. The horse ran about a quarter of a mile further when the wagon upset with Mrs. Leader and the two youngest children. The smallest child "Max" had his leg broken, while Mr. and Mrs. Leader received severe bruises. The wagon was considerably broken. The family was brought home in a spring wagon, and are getting along well.

## A JOLLY CROWD.

Last Sunday morning about 8 o'clock a four horse load of jolly men started for Benton. Two large greys of George Chromis, and two blacks of W. H. Gilmore, were hitched to Mr. Gilmore's band wagon. On the front seat as drivers were W. H. Gilmore, George Chromis and A. Noble. W. O. Holmes, Charles Reice, M. Ellenbogen, J. W. Masteller, Lewis Lowenberg, Wm. B. Taylor, Andrew Solleder, J. S. Blue, Charles Taylor, Wm. G. Rodomoyer, David Edwards, Conrad Breidbender, C. E. Dieterich, Harvey Taylor, Henry Rinker, and Wm. Millard occupied the other seats. They reached Benton about half past eleven, and drove to Drake's hotel where they registered at the Bloomsburg Pure Air and Cold Water Club. They started on their return about three o'clock and reached Bloomsburg at 6.30 in the evening.

## Scenery, Props &c.

Special new Scenery and Props on the same style exactly as that used in the London production has been painted by Seavey & Co., of New York City for the American performance of Col. Theodore Hoppenheimer's great London production of Widow Murphy's Goat. This is purely a comedy-drama in three acts. It is extremely funny and is full of songs, Irish reels, dances etc. In fact there is not a dull moment in the play. The action of the play causes laughter from beginning to end. The scenery is made to fit any stage in America and will positively be used in our city during the presentation of Widow Murphy's Goat. Bloomsburg Opera House, Wednesday, September 14th.

Dr. Carey had a crowded house at the Opera House last Saturday evening. He gives a ten cent show, but those in attendance say it far surpasses many of the so-called 50 cent shows. It took about twenty minutes to empty the Opera House Saturday night. If the Dr. should remain here long the Opera House would be enlarged, and additional entrance doors made. Some provision ought to be made for large audiences to get out of the hall in a quick time.

The Danville democratic club swung a magnificent sign last Thursday, bearing the portraits of Cleveland and Stevenson. In the evening they had a great meeting and banquet. Senator Herring of Bloomsburg gave an interesting address that held the closest attention of the audience and called earnest applause. Montour county democrats are wide awake and seem determined to raise their democratic majority so that it will require four digits to count it.

The brick work of the large new building at corner of Main and Iron streets is completed and the scaffolding removed. The front presents the finest appearance of any building in the town. The first section on Iron street will be used as a general store room by Mr. Moore of Fairmount Springs; the second section by Jacob Keller as a wholesale notion store and the third section by Moyer Bros. We are informed that a number of the rooms on the second and third floors are already engaged.

F. D. Dentler, manager of the Bloomsburg Opera House, has secured an engagement with the Alfred Keley Co. for next Wednesday evening, September 14th in the great comedy of "Widow Murphy's Goat." This Company appeared in Bloomsburg last season in the play of O'Flynn in Mexico. All who were fortunate enough to hear that play pronounced it the best ever given in Bloomsburg. Reserved seats on sale at Dentler's Shoe store.

Court will convene Monday, September 26th.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened Saturday 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. All the Judges on the bench. Charter granted to Grozier's Military Band of Berwick. John Nertney vs. Ella Cain; appeal by defendants. Perfected appeal filed. Petition of Geo. W. Suplee, Guardian of Frank Patten, minor, for periodical allowance which was decreed. John W. Fortner appointed tax collector of Centralia Borough.

Dr. J. Garrison while making a professional call at the home of Mr. Leader, corner of Centre and Fifth Streets on Tuesday, tied his horse at the post. The man trimming the electric lights suddenly raised the apparatus which frightened the animal, causing him to break loose. He ran down Fifth, up Market, and in making a sudden turn near the Drs. office, he fell, cutting himself badly and sustaining many bruises.

The fight between John L. Sullivan of Boston, and James A. Corbett of California, at New Orleans, Wednesday, September 7th, resulted in the defeat of Sullivan. Twenty-one rounds were fought. Corbett did not get a scratch—the purse was \$25,000 and \$10,000 a side. The betting was 3 to 1 in favor of Sullivan. The result was a surprise to everybody.

Will T. Snyder, resigned as democratic Committeeman in Berwick. Mr. Snyder has served on the committee for several years and his past experience has taught him that a good committeeman means plenty of work and few thanks. We are sorry to know that he could not be persuaded to remain on the committee, because he has been a good worker, and through his influence, a large democratic vote has been secured.

The Luzerne County republican Convention was held in Wilkes-Barre, September 6th. The following ticket was placed in nomination: For Congress, Twelfth district, Hon. Charles D. Foster, of Wilkes-Barre; sheriff, Williams Devans, of Pittston; recorder, S. W. Sutliff, of Nanticoke; coroner, Dr. Frank L. McKee, of Plymouth; surveyor, Frank Silverward, of Kingston.

One of the oldest couples that have been married in this section for some time was that of J. K. Sharpless and his housekeeper Mrs. Boden, both of Catawissa; the former was 74 years of age and the latter 48. They were married last Saturday evening.

## The Cholera.

Last Wednesday morning the emigrant steamship Moravia, arrived at New York with cholera victims on board, 22 deaths occurred during the voyage from Hamburg.

Upon the arrival of the emigrant vessel, and because of others sailing enroute for America, President Harrison at once called the cabinet together and passed a resolution that all vessels must be held in quarantine 20 days.

On Saturday, two other vessels arrived from Hamburg with cholera patients. Normania having four patients on board and five buried at sea; the Rugia, with five sick and four buried at sea. The Normania carried first class passengers as well as emigrant, and have on board over 1000 persons. They were all held at quarantine in the bay at New York. Among the passengers were Senator McPherson of New Jersey, A. M. Palmer manager of a theatrical company with Lottie Collins, of "Ta-ra-ra boom de-ay" fame. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Leisinger of Mauch Chunk, Mr. Leisinger has friends in Bloomsburg, he was to Europe on a wedding trip. The Cabin passengers protested at being detained so long in quarantine, but they were obliged to submit. Some of them said that when they took passage upon inquiring they were told that no steerage passengers would be carried. There was about 400 steerage passengers.

The total number of deaths at present are, Moravia, 23; Normania, 11; Rugia, 8; making a total number of 43. Besides these 19 have been sick and are recovering.

No cases of cholera have yet appeared in New York city.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is an honest medicine, honestly advertised for those diseases which it honestly and absolutely cures.

In another column we give the rules governing the voter under the new ballot law. These rules will be posted in every voting district, but we publish them now in order that every voter may become familiar with them.

## PERSONAL.

Chas. Unangst Esq. has returned to his home in New York city.

Miss Sadie McHenry returned home Monday from a visit in Philadelphia.

George Hart, and brother Sam. of Bellefonte are visiting their uncle Mr. Blunt.

B. R. Davis, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Ereeland, visited friends in this place Monday.

Camden Mears of the firm of C. Mears & Son is attending a State Fair in Massachusetts introducing his Perfect Washer and Propeller Churn.

Prof Niles, D. A. Creasy and J. Logan attended a meeting of wheelmen at Island Park, Harrisburg, Monday.

Prof. G. E. Wilber and family returned Saturday from New York State where they have been spending Summer vacation.

Mrs. C. H. Reice returned to her home Thursday of last week after a visit of about seven weeks among her relatives in Potter county.

Frank H. Sloan, son of our townsman C. P. Sloan has accepted a position as chief engineer of the City Suburban Co. of Baltimore Maryland. He is at work on a road of 60 miles length.

J. C. Biddle and wife of Ashland, returned home from their European trip last Sunday. They left Glasgow on Friday, August 26, and reached New York the next Friday night, Sept. 2. They were detained in quarantine until Sunday morning. Mrs. Biddle is a daughter of Mrs. Buckingham of Bloomsburg.

Dr. Redeker of Espy came down to Bloomsburg Wednesday on a bicycle. He rides as well as any of the experienced wheelmen.

County Chairman, James H. Mercer, has appointed Theodore F. Berger, as Committeeman in Berwick, in place of Will T. Snyder, resigned.

Samuel Bogart died at the residence of his Son William in Espy Friday last. Funeral services were held at Rohsburg, Sunday.

THE COLUMBIAN will be sent for the next three months, covering the campaign and election to any address in the county for 26 cents. 9-2-4t.

S. B. Arment has moved his office to his residence, on Fifth street, between Centre and Market street. His office hours will be from 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m.

The school directors of Reading purchase their lead pencils, rulers and slate pencils for use of the children attending the public school in the district.

The entrance to the Chapel building of the Normal School has been repaired to correspond with the new work done in the chapel last fall. P. K. Vanatta done the work.

A democratic Club will be organized at Benton, Saturday evening September 10th. Addresses will be made by E. M. Tewksbury of Catawissa and Fred Ikeler of Bloomsburg.

Fire was discovered in the Catawissa wagon bridge Saturday, and quickly put out before any damage was done. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young woman's Christian Association of the Normal School gave a reception Monday evening. It gave excellent opportunity for all the new students to become acquainted.

Committeeman J. W. Pery of Elk Grove was in town Wednesday. He says all the democratic voters in North Sugarloaf are registered and anxiously waiting to cast their first ballot under the new law. He says they have a large number of young voters.

The Young men's Democratic club of Bloomsburg at their meeting last Friday evening selected the following persons to represent them at the meeting of the Democratic societies in Scranton September 20th; W. B. Taylor, Wm. Rhodomoyer and Freeze Quick.

The Normal School began Tuesday with the largest attendance ever known for the fall term. There were as many girls as last spring term, and the boys only fell a little short of it. This large attendance gives assurance of the patronage to the Normal School, and the new wing will soon be begun and completed as rapidly as possible.