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## COLUMBUS DAY.

of the discovery of America by great event. Christopher Columbus. In the morning appropriate exercises were held in all the rooms at the public schools. At the High School there was an interesting program and a number of members of Ent Post, G. A. R. were present. In the afternoon a parade took place at 2 o'clock, which was participated in by Prof. Brook's band Friendship Fire Company, pupils of the public schools and Normal School, members of town council, school directors and citizens generally. The procession formed on Market square and went up to the Normal School, and countermarched, and then to the fair ground, where the program announced last week was decorated with the national colors, and many carried flags. Several thousand people attended, filling the grand stand, and the track near it. F. P. Drinker, President of Council made an opening address. He said: LADIES AND GENTLEMAN:

We are here, as everyone knows,

to do honor to the spirit and memory

of Christopher Columbus. No need to rehearse the story of the superb old admiral-every bright boy and girl in the land knows it-yet we never tire of it. Foolish persons like Albion Tourjee have called him pirate, and other bad names, but they have only belittled themselves; he was all the same the great and good man who "In 1492 sailed far o'er the ocean blue and discovered America. Surmounting every difficulty, he sailed westward for and unexplored water; his men grew weary and frightened as their frail ship plunged on and on into the his Ashes!" awful unknown, and at last they mutinmind always does manage the unhandsomely uniformed orders, brave firemen and good citizen's show. His is still a nobler example for our boys to follow-not to the North pole (unless in the interest of the Bloomsburg Ice Plant) but to brave lives and deeds. The grand old man of Genoa, as has been said, died nearly 400 years ago, but the phantoms of the Santa Maria, Nina and Pinta. and the spirit of their great commander still move upon the face of the deep and there they will move so eminent townsman, Col. John G. Freeze, to speak to you, and the band to play. The next thing on the program is singing, which will be followed by prayer from Rev. P. A. Heil-

After singing and declamations, and prayer, Col. Freeze delivered an ad dress. We are permitted to produce it here in full. He spoke as follows: Mr. CHAIRMAN:

So many things are becoming unsettled in the light of late investigations, that even the day upon which ears, until the great Admiral himself Columbus is supposed to have discovered America, has come to be disputed. We have been taught that it three small vessels, Columbus set was October 12, 1492, but we are now assured that owing to the change in 1492 for Japan. He did not start to the Calendar it should be the 21st. It discover a new continent, to add Amis even gravely disputed whether Colerica to the habitable regions of the umbus discovered America at all; and Earth; but for commercial purposes, if he did, that he was not by any to find out a new way to India. means the first navigator who set foot Mediterranean Sea was blocked up by this great continent, or of its outlying longer trade with India by the route islands. The approach of this anni- which had been followed for all preversary has greatly awakened and vious generations. The jewels and bis Pars' America, after its discoverer, stimulated a re-examination of these gold, the spicery and myrrh, the silks and Americus Vespucius. He was almost questions, and the dispute is too re- purples and fine linen, all that made cent, and the field of historical relife gorgeous and pleasant and desirsearch too vast and the results as yet | full field of historical research too vast and the results as yet | full field of historical research too vast and the results as yet | full field of historical research too vast and the results as yet | full field field of historical research too vast and the results as yet | full field too uncertain to allow us to state any new way to India must be found. conclusion upon the subject, or hazard a outcome of the great debate. The foremost and probably the best equipdating the early history of America.

upon as the facts in the case, this is at the islands were called Indians. Last Friday was properly observed Day," and we make this our basis for any rate, for our purpose, "Columbus

carried out. All the students were destitution and neglect, at Valladolid, ral at Santo Domingo in the Island of this is denied, and it is alleged that Mgr. Rocco-Cocchia, bishop of Orope and Vicar of San Domingo, in making some repairs to the cathedral, found of Columbus were never to end, nei- sable Thanksgiving Turkey: on the 10th day of September 1877, a leaden chest containing the bones of Pietro Colombo, and to the right of it, ly fixed, and never will be. It is in the hidden tomb, one containing the remains of the great admiral himself. A portion of the ashes contained therein was sent to Genoa, where he is supposed to have been born, and another portion to the University of Pavia, where he is thought to have been educated. Rocked upon the seas from his fourteenth year, neither many weeks over lonely, mysterious in his life nor in his death has he found any rest-surely, however, at this time,

We may pass over, as a thrice told ied outright, but his will and mind tale, the many weary years of waiting managed them, as one great will and and importuning of one sovereign, then another, for consent and equipment to thinking crowd. He kept them on make this long considered and contheir course till his weary and anxious templated voyage. Think of it-eighspirit was cheered by the cry of teen years patient soliciting, but they "land ! land !" He did not reach the were not idle in one sense. He was main land on his first voyage. not hanging about the king's ante-Amerigo Vespucci first reached that chamber - he was sailing the seas -- he and wrote about it, and so it happens was making and studying maps -he was we now live in North America in- fighting the Moors: He was acquiring, stead of North Colombo. The brave perhaps, the patience and self-disci-Christoforo died 386 years ago, but pline which enabled him, when the we can and do still honor and hour came, to manage, to subdue and by him. venerate him in our hearts and lives control the mob of vagabonds who as the goodly turnout of our splendid- manned his ships: And indeed, conly conducted schools, our fast thin- sider for a moment what these ignoning G. A. R. ranks, Sons of Veterans rant men thought and believed they were about to encounter and be subjected to: Hardened as they were, jail birds, insolvent debtors, the very refuse of sea coast cities, careless of life in broil or battle when the blood was hot and the plunder in sight, they had no stomach for that day by day waiting in expectation of the horrible and awful which they believed was in store for them, and an hourly possibility. They believed that the world was flat, and that at any moment they might sail over some dreadful declivity to cerlong as wind and water meet. And tain and awful destruction, or if not so we meet to-day as is meet to that, that the declivity would be so honor him. Our Public and Normal steep that once sailing down it there schools to entertain you with pleasant singing and declarations, our ors of "Happy Islands" it is true, but nobody had ever seen them or landed upon them; and there were much more positive stories and tales of islands where the inhabitants were not only giants, but cannibals; islands where the very dogs were man-eaters, upon some one of which they were sure to happen. Hence mutiny and murder were ever in the minds of commanders and crews, and if the day was awful the uncertainty of darkness was horrible,- hence the curses and the groans which were constantly in his

was almost in despair. With such a crew of ninety men in sail from Palos on Friday, August 3, upon some part, portion or place of the unspeakable Turk, there was no

Hence, Columbus sailed for Japan conjecture as to what may be the and he would have found Japan too if long and with him will remain the ples. America had not been in his way. It is not likely that he ever knew what he limitless patience, of indomitable perped write upon the questions here had discovered, and that he died unmentioned is Mr. John Fiske, but a number of other historians, both native and foreign are engaged in elucimentioned is Mr. John Fiske, but a der the impression that the lands or

However, America was discovered, in volume if not in importance. in this town as the 400th anniversary our observance and celebration of the known whether it was an hitherto unknown region, a terra incognita, a the course of trade and commerce. But who was Columbus? There is large collection of islands or a great It would be a mere rehearsal of dry etc., it required scientific knowledge as much difficulty about that as there is about the question "Who discovered was slow 400 years ago? Perhaps it of square miles of arable and habita-America?" It is said that he was was, but how much do we know to ble land the discoveries of Columbus members of the family, the true and both in Genoa, and it is as strenuously day of the interior of Africa, a conti- opened up to the use of the human the false. The trees are an everdenied, and some twenty different nent known to exist for 4000 years? race-to estimate the value of gold green often of great magnitude, the places claim the honor of being the It is but as yesterday since we knew and silver and of the baser metals, and flowers are white, rose-colored or birth-place of the "Admiral of the any thing of our own great west; and of the precious jewels and stones purplish and very fragrant. The trees He himself claimed to be it is not long since that an eloquent which have been yielded to the uses, Genoese, and he ought to have known, member of Congress from an adjoin arts and luxuries of mankind. but whether he did or not, it is impossible to tell. It is said he was "the far, far west!" We smile now World had a supply sufficient for its by the British in India and Ceylon. born in 1446 or 1447, and it is also at the remark, but it was true then. It needs, though not perhaps for its wants, There are large plantations at Trinidad, denied and contradicted, and it is took Columbus from August 3rd to and the abundance made things easier Manritius and St Helena. Agues, asserted that he was born at least ten October 12th to come from Palos to for peasant and prince. years earlier. The only fact about the Bahamas-71 days to make a trip Let us consider what America gave his personal history that seems to be now made in 7: But notwithstand to the older continents, which they did to Quinine: No eulogy need be prosettled, is that he died in sickness, ing all that, we are yet sending expe- not have: In point of variety and of nounced on that, but that America ditions of discovery to Greenland and number we got more than we gave, gave to the world this grand specific May 20, 1506. He was buried there, Labrador, and making great demons but notwithstanding that, the Old but in 1513 his remains were removed trations and receiving back the ex- World is our debtor in many ways to Seville, and thence to the Cathed- plorers as if from the dead! We do and with a large balance in our favor. thankfulness and gratulation. well to laugh at the fears and groans Hayti. Some authorities say there of the crews of Columbus, and to Hayti. Some authorities say there of the crews of Columbus, and to was a further removal to Havanna; smile at the immense excitement with tered within the next 90 days—a bird world an example of a government of to Palos, March 15, 1493.

So too, as if disputes on the voyages ther the place nor the island where he first set foot has ever been certain agreed that it was one of the Bahama by Dr. Franklin as the emblem on and educated them in the proper Islands, but as there are nearly forty our national flag, instead of the eagle, duties of citizenship and manhood. of them, the choice is quite wide.

The natives called the island Guanahani and Columbus called it "San nations ancient and modern. Salvador." His log book describes it very green trees and abundance of itt would be in order to say, "Peace to reef of rocks entirely surrounds it, "although there is within it depth vessels of Christendom, but the en-

> log-book of Columbus and sailing by newly discovered land has ever been that, endeavored to definitely fix and so welcomed as this so-called noxious Ireland years ago and within the last locate the point and island first made weed. No new faith has ever travell-

> with any particularity. I may say that the result reached by it was, that "Watling" island is the Guanahani of half the people in the Old World."
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> ship load after ship load of food were given to the starving men, women and children, when there was no other possible source of supply. The 'Watling" island is the Guanahani of the natives, the San Salvador of Columbus The exact spot of landing to the people of Europe, Asia and cannot be ascertained, but the Herald Africa: Hundreds of millions of expedition fixed it for good reasons, bushels are grown annually. Its range off the Eastern shore. They raised a is almost universal. It produces more monument at the spot, a rectangular food for the care, labor and time exstructure, flanked at the corners by pended than any other food product eight buttresses, faced with an appro-priate tablet of marble with the ins-licious. Whether in the milk or in cription: "On this spot Christopher the ripened grain it is an article of Columbus first set foot upon the soil food and commerce, and ninety days of the new world. Erected by the after it is put into the ground it is Chicago 'Herald,' June 15, 1891." available. It is easily harvested and The monument is about 20 feet in easily kept, and if there is any more

the discoverer of America did not give and rich silk and green leaves and his name to the continent, and we sturdy stalks loaded with swelling ears, turn now for a moment to glance at it has never been my lot to meet it. the voyages of the man, Amerigo Ves- And not only the grain but the leaf pucci, who gave a name to the new and the stalk properly cut and cured world, which, in the form Americans are second to no other winter food for has been specifically and exclusively appropriated by us, citizens of the sgrown more successfully here than Canadians, Mexicans, Brazillians, Col- the agriculture and food products of umbians, Chillians, &c., but we are the world is of an importance to the known to ourselves and to all the domestic animals, horses, cattle and world as "Americans."

Amerigo Vespucci was born at Waldscemuller, and it is proposed by him in a small work on cosmography, article of diet. Its cousin and conpublished in 1507, to designate this Fourth Part of the World Quarta Or

honor of a clearly defined purpose, of

subsided, but seems to be increasing tree.

which he was received on his return beautiful and brave, and affording for the people, for the people, by the the table two kinds of delicious meats: people" which has arroused their The suculent, the glorious, indispen- enthusiasm and emulation and raised where on the globe is there any thing ance and happiness. We have shown to match him. And on account of his being native here he was named having taken them in the mass Thursday, the last in the evening when which was then and had been in such use among the Romans and other ual energy can accomplish when not

We gave to the Old World, Tobacco: as "very large and very level, and has good or bad it is our contribution. - blessings and advantages of a free Is woman the last best gift to man? water and a very large lagoon in the It may be so-but surely tobacco from three millions to sixty millions middle, without any mountain, and all comes next. A woman may be an and from a small belt of land along is covered with verdure most pleasing irritant, but tobacco is a sedutive. the Atlantic we spread from Ocean to the eye"-he says further that a The Prince and the Peasant, the to Ocean, from the lakes to the Scholar and the Student, the Philoso- gulf, still one and indivisible, and pher and the Soldier, the Editor and stronger and greater for the more enough and ample harbor for all the vessels of Christendom, but the enof "Our Lady Nicotine." It seems to conditions of intercourse have given trance is very narrow." The choice have created its own want ; but never- to us. had settled down to one of five of the theless, although an acquired taste, the Bahama group-to wit: Cat, the San use of it, in one form or another, now Salvador of our geographies, Watling, Grand Turk, Mariguana and Samana family. It is charged with all the vices family. It is charged with all the vices and credited with all the virtues that In June 1891 the Chicago Herald flesh is heir to. "No contribution, says those countries hundreds of millions of sent an expedition, which taking the a learned writer and observer, from ed so fast and far among men as the Without following the expedition habit of smoking. In scarce a century ship load after ship load of food were

beautiful sight than a hundred acres Equally by an untoward accident, of growing corn with its golden tassel United States of America. We say elsewhere, but its introduction into sheep, beyond estimate.

The world is indebted to America Florence, March 9, 1451 and died at for the Potato: In what region is it Seville, February 12 or 22 1512. So not cultivated, and in what one is it you see that these two great naviga not held to be an indispensable article tors, adventurers and discoverers were of food. Millions of lives have been contemporary. They were born five saved by it. Its varieties are almost done by a young professor of geogra-phy at the College of Saint Die in tables or with sundry meats, it is althis underground product is a chosen gener, the Tomato, is also the gift of America to the world. Almost as value as a food product, it enters into ember 8, 1892, constantly on the ocean, had nothing a variety of dishes, soups and relishes The name will remain. But after to be placed all the varieties of cocoa Mrs. Martha Jones Wm Littery Mrs. all, to Christopher Columbus will be and chocolate, vanilla and pine ap-

Think what the world would be now if at one fell swoop we were to be deseverance and of a success in his en- prived of all these articles, not to

the early history of America.

Whatever may hereafter be settled gion for which he had sailed, and hence the inhabitants whom he found upon discovery, as has not yet, not only not favor of human life. The Cinchona A. B. CATHCART, P. 1

It is native to Peru, and while its as "Peruvian bark" and "Jesuits bark" in their native habitat are becoming scarce, but extensive plantations are neuralgia and all sorts of intermittent fevers and of nervous troubles yield against so many diseases that oppress the race should be a source of Let us begin with a bird, hundreds

But besides all these things, we for all time the plane of human existwhat their own citizens are capable of, We have shown them what individover weighted and not hampered by be present during all the meetings. conditions. In a hundred years the government raised our population

We have given to the subjects of the government of the Old World another example of our greatness as a nation and as individuals. Not onbushels of root and grain foods: but when the cry of starvation came from year from Russia; when there was nothing to eat and no money to buy, other possible source of supply. The We furnished Maize, or Indian corn three little ships of Columbus, empty of every thing, have grown into immense vessels, and not only once or twice but year after year bear back to the sick the means of health. wine which gladden the heart of man.

The selection of the fair ground proved an unfortunate one. It was cold and the wind blew and nobody could hear the speeches or any thing else. The Opera House would have been much better.

# NOT SO EASY.

People are beginning to understand that the new ballot law is an intricate piece of machinery, and that a good many mistakes are going to be made unless voters will take pains to learn beforehand. THE COLUMBIAN has printed a sample ballot, and given repeated instructions about the manner tains a form of ballot with all the offices to be voted 'or in this county, but with fictitious names. Study it carefully, and if you do not underhow to mark it.

At the Bloomsburg fair the votes cast at the booths erected there, show years apart and died six years apart infinite, and like Indian corn in two the necessity for instruction in this Amerigo never proposed giving his or three months from the planting it matter. There were 857 ballots name to this continent. This was is on the table at nearly every meal. Marked. Of these 212 were marked wrong, being a little over 25 per cent. were wrong, while of the Lorraine. His name was Martin ways welcome. To man and beast republican votes there 32 per cent. wrong. Study up the ballot law.

The following letters are held at the

A. W. Long Mr. D. McGary Mrs. Matzdorff O. H. Ostrander Mr. Martin Rhoades Mr. Wes San Mr. John A. Sandherr Miss Daisy Womelsdorf.

please say they were advertised Oct-

A. B. CATHCART, P. M.

#### PERSONAL.

Julius Lindegren, the piano tuner, will be in Bloomsburg next month. Reserve your order for him.

Mr. Levi Beishline of Van Camp, one of our oldest subscribers, and a staunch Democrat, was in town on

Miss Annie Bidleman of School craft, Michigan, is visiting her relatives In Bloomsburg. She is at present with Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Foulk. She is a daughter of Ellis Bidleman.

Chandlee Eves left Millville on Tuesday evening to attend the autumn meeting of the Pennsylvania Board of agricu'ture held in Indiana Pa. this week. Mr. Eves was elected member of this Board by the Columbia County agricultural society at its annual meeting in May 1878 and by re-elections has held the office continually since that time. He is now the Republican candidate for Congress in this district.

The Presbyterians are expecting a feast of good things next week. The Decennial Meetingof the Home Missionary Society of the Northumberland Presbytery (it includes eight counties) will be held in their church. The 1st session will be Wednesday evening and there will be three sessions on Dr. McMillan of New York, a Secretary of the Board of Home Missions will make an address. Mrs. Dr. Vose a Missionary Teacher from Alaska will

Every one is cordially invited to be

## Resolutions of the W. H. A. F. Society of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Bloomsburg, on the Death of Mrs. W. R. Tubbs-

WHEREAS, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His allwise dealings, to remove from our Society, after a lingering and painful illness, a faithful and honored "member", Mrs. W. R. Tubbs, to the rest prepared for those who love Him.

Resolved: That whilst we submissively bow to the decree of Almighty God, we sincerely mourn the loss of a loved Sister; a loss which can only be compensated for by the assurance that it is her everlasting gain.

Resolved: That we extend to the bereaved husband and friends our sympathies and commend them to the mercy of our kind Heavenly Father, who doth not willingly afflict.

Resalved. a copy of these resolutions be placed upon our records, a copy sent to the bereaved family and published in our Town papers.

MRS. A. J. WILLIAMS, MARY M. UNANGST, MRS. G. P. FRYMIRE,

A New Book

We received a copy of a book, entitled, "Hold the Fort," from the publisher, Daniel Miller, of Reading, of which Rev. A. Houtz is the author. It is a neat little volume, in size 16 mo. and contains 165 pages. It can be obtained by sending the price, which is 50 cents to Rev. A. Houtz, Orangeville, Pa. The title is suggestive of watefare and will naturally enlist the youthful mind to a careful perusal. The parallel between the natural and spiritual is so distinctly and vividly drawn in the "evening talks" by "Grand pa and the children," on every topic that the reader cannot than otherwise conclude that of marking the ballot. This issue con. the natural is but the shadow of the spiritual, and only a likeness of the reality. It is rich with introductory matter, every instance of which the author skillfully illustrates every point stand it, ask some one to show you in question by comparison between the temporal and eternal. Its moral worth cannot be measured with gold, and the book ought to be in every home. It is highly entertaining to the young. It would be a valuable addition to every Sunday School li-

# JOHN C. WENNER.

THE COLUMBIAN has the contract for printing the ballots for this county. We are running day and night to complete the work in time. The oriical America to the world. Almost as Bloomsburg, Pa., post office and will certificate was not received from Fiarlargely used as the other, but of less be sent to the dead letter office Nov- risburg by the Commissioners until risburg by the Commissioners until Monday night, which delayed the printing several days,

> The new fountain has too little action for its size. At the top there is nothing but an invisible spray, and the streams flowing from the basins are too sluggish. There is not a jet of water that goes up in the air about the entire structure.

The most expensive legislature in the world is that of France, which eosts annually \$3,600,000,000. The Italian parliament costs \$430,000 a