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The latest game being played on farmers is the telegram racket. A man drives up to a farmer's house in great haste and gives him a telegram announcing the serious illness of some relative. On the face of the envelope the charges are marked \$3 or \$5. The charges are paid and the farmer takes the first train for the home of the relative and finds on his arrival that he had been duped.

Lancaster claims to have one of the largest stocks of licorice ever made. It is on exhibition at a drug store and is seven feet long and a foot in diameter, and weighs 200 pounds, and, except at the bulging, flat part where the maker's name is found, resembles the axle of the driving wheels of a huge locomotive. It is one of six made by a Brooklyn firm for exhibition at the World's Fair.

An inquisitive critic of the Columbian stamps has made the rare discovery that while on the one cent stamp Columbus is depicted in the act of sighting land, with a clean shaven face, on the two cent stamp, he is represented on shore and in possession of a full beard. As the two events are recorded as having occurred within twelve hours of each other the critic is at a loss to account for the luxuriant growth of whiskers.

The situation regarding the Sunbury postoffice does not appear to be generally understood. Mr. Irvin was not appointed to fill out Mr. Brice's unexpired term. The department does not do business that way. When a postmaster is appointed it is always for a full four years' term; therefore, Mr. Irvin will hold on till the last year of Mr. Cleveland's term. The Jacksonian principle no longer prevails, at least not with Mr. Cleveland, although he would have the power to enforce it—*Sunbury Democrat*.

The ice has moved out of the Susquehanna river from Lime Ridge to Clark's Island, below Catawissa. A few miles below Sunbury there is a large ice gorge while below that the river is yet frozen solid. Near Columbia part of the dam has been torn out by the ice, which will admit of the shad coming north. If much of the dam is destroyed we can expect to catch some shad at this place, since no other dam intervenes until at Nanticoke.

It is now given out by experts in the beef trade that the price of meat is going to be higher than it has been for years. If this prediction should prove true there is, happily, a remedy, and that is for the consumer to eat less beef. According to our physicians the average American would enjoy much better health if he ate less of this food, and there is no disguising the fact that the pocket book would suffer less. Perhaps high-priced beef would prove a blessing in disguise.

"If you could stand on the moon," says an astronomer, "the earth would appear to you to be sixty four times larger than the sun appears to the residents of this mundane sphere; this because the earth has eight times the diameter of the moon, therefore, she must necessarily show the moonites sixty-four times as much surface as the moon shows us. The sun, on the other hand, would appear no larger to you from your observatory on the moon than it does from our globe. The earth's atmosphere being blue it has been decided that the earth must appear as a blue ball to all outside on-lookers. What a glorious sight it must be to our lunarian neighbors to look upon a bright blue, swift-revolving ball sixty-four times larger than the sun!"

One man makes all the ink with which the United States Government prints its paper money. His father invented the ink, but he never told anybody how he did it until just before he died, when he let his son into the secret. Had an untimely accident gathered the inventor to his fathers before he told his son about the ink, the Government printer would have been in a bad way, for this is the only kind of ink that will print on the peculiar surface of the fiber of which Government note paper is made. The maker employs only six men in the manufacture of his ink, and none of them is in the secret, nor has any one yet seen the interesting act of mixing the ingredients of which the ink is composed. The owner of the secret locks himself up in his own room two weeks in each year, and it is there and then he mixes stuff enough to supply the Government with ink for the ensuing twelve months.

In the issue of March 17th will be published some interesting articles on St. Patrick's Day, with illustrations.

JACOB KELLER'S WHOLESALE STORE

Mr. Jacob Keller has moved into his new store room at corner of Main and Iron streets, Bloomsburg, Pa. The first floor is 22 feet wide and 110 feet deep. The cellar being the same dimensions, and well lighted, makes a most desirable store house. An elevator is provided for hoisting from the cellar to the first floor, or to the second or third floors. His first floor room is probably the best lighted room in the town and is especially adapted for him with his varied goods. Mr. Keller is the largest notion dealer in this section, having his salesmen upon the road, he supplies many of the country stores, who know of his excellent line of goods and the close margin at which he sells them. A visit to his store room will surprise you. We cannot enumerate all the articles, suffice to state that any store may be supplied with the necessary staple goods needed in every home. His stock of clothing consists of Cottonade pants and overalls; linen, cloth and flannel shirts; cotton and flannel underwear. Water proof duck coats for hunters; and game coats of all kinds. He has an immense stock of cotton and woolen stockings, gloves collars, cuffs, suspenders, laces, yarns, corsets, thread, buttons, hooks and eyes, needles, silk thread, cotton batting, towels, napkins, blank-books and stationery of all kinds, shoe-dressing, blacking, pocket cutlery, razors, &c., &c. Mr. Keller began this business a few years ago with Mr. Hartley in the store room now occupied by Mr. Stecker as a grocery. By perseverance, he has progressed rapidly and to-day occupies his own building in one of the most comfortable rooms to be found. Ten months ago the site of the building was an old frame; a shame to the town—now it is one of the most imposing structures of Bloomsburg.

MILLVILLE.

Who said the old fashioned winters were played out?

Why is this deep snow like a tree? Because it will leave in the spring.

Jacob Stauffer from Benton moved into D. W. Kitchen's house on Main street the latter part of last week. He has hired to work on Henry Robbins' planing mill.

W. B. German and James Rote had a tie vote for tax collector.

Howard Lyons moved last Tuesday in part of J. B. Eves' house on Main street.

Frank and Orpha Masters buried their infant son last Sunday in the cemetery. One more jewel plucked for the Master's diadem.

R. L. Rich has been suffering for two weeks with something like a carbuncle on his neck.

Many boys signed the pledge at the Loyal Temperance Legion meeting last Sunday.

Wm. Masters started for Philadelphia last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Howard Masters which occurred on Wednesday, March 1st.

CENTRAL.

Thinking some news from this section not out of place in your valuable paper I write you. This section at present is about snowed under. The lumber traffic is stopped and everything looks gloomy, all on account of the heavy snows.

The Pentecost Lumber Company has stopped running their daily train to Central Junction, and the woodsmen have gone to their homes for a vacation.

The Spring election has passed and gone. Mr. Henry C. Hess, who is past seventy-one years old was our late Judge and was ready to take the returns as promptly through the heavy snow drifts from his place to the depot as a young man of twenty-five years, and by the way under our new ballot system made an excellent official. J. W. Perry, the Judge elect, being an old time deer hunter, will probably be able to accomplish as much if the deep snows occur again next year.

Miss Ida Hess is quite sick and has been for a long time. Hope she may recover.

Several accidents within the last few days through scuffling have occurred. The Doctor was called in one instance; in the other instance it was a severe reprimand.

John C. Herring has gone to house-keeping and now feels happy.

L. C.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will in the near future adopt the two cent rate on all its branches. This will do away with excursions and round trip tickets. There will be but one style of tickets sold, and they will be unlimited as to time.

BERWICK.

H. W. Bower was triumphantly elected on the Board of Town Council without any solicitation on his part. Mr. Bower is an old citizen, and this shows his popularity. The whole citizens' ticket was elected.

W. S. Oswald now occupies pleasant rooms on Front street. His is a large shoe emporium. Mr. Hockman has delayed completion of his elegant house on Front street, owing to a delay in the plastering. Mr. Purcell is under full headway with his picture gallery on Front street. The best improvements have been made in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. Oh! let us have the town clock.

E. J. Bowman is now a citizen again of Berwick, having had a good time at Forks fishing and hunting for about six months.

B. F. Roberts has been again supplying the market with some of the finest cattle. He is one of our best farmers.

Mr. Fairchilds, on the old Bowman farm below Berwick, will have a vendue soon and sell off his loose property. He has rented his farm to Morris Rittenhouse's son. Ill health the cause.

C. W. Hoster, Foundryville, has engaged in the carpet weaving business. He has a machine that would supply carpet for two or three counties, weaving ten yards in an hour, and does it up satisfactorily.

G. W. B. Hosler is under full headway in the carriage making and repairing business on Second street. He is identified with Furman who does the ironing business. They doubtless will succeed. George has built 3 fine houses in town.

Miss Annie Jacoby was elected delegate as Secretary to Benton from town, and reports a lively time. It was the Young Woman's Temperance League.

Heller & Schenke opened up auspiciously their elegant restaurant and saloon on Front street, near the Post Office on Saturday night last. There was a great throng—all had the drouth, and beer flowed copiously. Sauer Kraut was surrounded by the ton. We feel assured cabbage plants will grow on some of the parties and they will be enabled to supply most of our gardens this spring. This saloon is adorned with large mirrors, marble columns and marble railing along the counters. It is one of the best along the river. Beautiful flowers adorn the place.

We call the attention of the Supervisors of roads of Briarcreek township to the bad and sunken condition of Trout street, in front of Andrew Fowler's residence and Crissman's mill at the lower end. Every rain there is a mill dam so that the inhabitants must either wade or swim out. Attend to it at once.

Jas. Wright has done a fancy business with his livery stable since the recent snow. Every available horse and sleigh has been engaged. Wright is doing a fine business.

The miscreant that attempted the conflagration of the Baptist church on Saturday night of pay day has escaped detection thus far. Almost every pay day there is a fire in town. The church would have been burned had it not been for the promptitude and efficiency of our Fire Department.

On Sabbath last two excellent patriotic sermons were preached in Berwick. One by Rev. Mr. Stephens before the American Mechanics in the Presbyterian church, the other by Rev. Mr. Zaner in the Evangelical church before the P. O. S. of A. The church was largely attended.

As Mr. Heller has joined Mr. Schenke in the saloon business C. J. Heller, his son has taken the father's place in opening up tonorial rooms just above the Post Office with the father's custom and patronage. He has fine tonorial rooms in the central and business part of the town, and is bound to succeed. His efficient assistant is W. H. Stout. Their many friends wish them abundant prosperity.

Alonzo Sult is now fully established in the laundry business at his residence at the upper end of Berwick. We visited his establishment recently, and we find him fully equipped in doing some of the completest work in his line we have ever seen. All the compartments are complete, and he has a large force of experienced parties who understand all the details of the business, including men and women. We congratulate Alonzo on his new enterprise. He is an old resident of Berwick; has hosts of friends, and will doubtless, succeed. This is another important accession to the

growing prosperity of Berwick.

Doc Hess took 13 couples to Beach Haven recently through a blinding storm. A man having all the eyes of Argus could not have seen the snow drifts in front of him that choked his four horse team and caused an upset that spilled out every inhabitant of his large sled; they came closely identified with the fleecy immaculate snow, but they soon recovered and the Doctor went on his way rejoicing. Mark you Doc is one of the finest drivers that has ever pulled the reins in this section.

C. M. Sittler is engaged in the foundry business of small castings. As a young man he is progressing finely. Success to him.

Friday, March 3rd in the afternoon has been set aside as Tennyson Day, by our High School; a week later William Cullent Bryant. Extracts of these great Poets will be given by the members of the High School on these respective afternoons.

An Answer to "Old Fogy."

MR. EDITOR;

I am a reader of your valuable paper and, I have recently had the pleasure of reading in your columns a couple of excellent (!) articles on the School Question.

Now since the writer of the last article has become very out spoken, not to say abusive, I crave a little space in your paper for the purpose of answering a few of his remarks. "The Old Fogy" will begin to think that they are quite philosophers and that theirs is the only side this question has if they are left alone much longer.

"Old Fogy" says that he likes the ring of the articles on Educational Despotism. Yes, I like it too (!); and I think the term despotism, applied to our school system, has about as much significance as the braying of a donkey. I do not maintain that our school system is perfect. No one does. Perhaps something about it are not as they should be; but to go into a frenzy and condemning the whole business as an Educational despotism is the last degree of puerility.

"Old Fogy" appears to be very much alarmed at the rapid strides in education. He seems to be afraid that the people are getting too smart. He says "even a little learning is a dangerous thing"; and further he says "Forgers and defaulting cashiers and many other smart rogues were not so abundant until the schoolmaster went abroad throughout the land." What wonderful arguments against long terms and too much education. The adage about the learning is an old, exploded theory, and it has been out of date for many years. I believe that the position of its author was somewhat similar to that of the fox in the vineyard. He had no learning and wished that he had. The statement concerning the defaulters, I will not hesitate to pronounce the most striking piece of imbecility that I have ever seen. No, Mr. Fogy, men do not turn defaulters because they have too much learning, but because they have not enough, and that of the right kind.

Mr. Fogy's next statement would be a gross insult to every man engaged in the work of education, and to educated men in general, if there was any reason to believe that it emanated from a sound mind. He says "Normal Schools, Colleges and Universities attract large number of young men too lazy to work."

Mr. Fogy also speaks about the teacher's wages. I know that this question is a thorn in the side of all such men as "Fogy." He says, "the teachers are now too big to accept the wages that used to be paid, and they can't even think of boarding around. Yes, Mr. Fogy, that is true, I myself am a teacher, and I am decidedly too big to accept the wages that used to be paid, and I am growing so rapidly that I will soon be too big to accept even the magnificent (!) stipend of \$210 per year. As for the boarding around, a man like "Old Fogy" would find fault, if, when the teacher came to his house, the vacuum in his (the teacher's) stomach was a cubic inch greater than it was at his neighbor's.

In conclusion Mr. Fogy yells "Down with educational despotism. Let us have shorter terms." Yes, Mr. Fogy, let us have three months school in a year and treat our pupils to a liberal dose of Cobb's Spelling Books and Dabold's Arithmetic, as you evidently have been.

EDUCATIONAL THEORIST.

The deep snow fall of about 10 inches in this section last week was nothing compared to what it was in Luzerne county where drifts formed as deep as ten and twelve feet, the snow being about two feet on the level.

School Board Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Bloomsburg School Board was held Friday evening February 24th, all the members present. The teachers presented their report books, received their orders and checks for the month's work. Principal Sterner gave his monthly written report, which was full of lively suggestions, showing the interest he takes for the welfare of the schools. He announced that he had ordered 12 volumes of historical and other works for the Lyceum Society which would be presented to the Library. He recommended that the Board prepare rules giving use of books, and numbering and cataloguing the library. He gave reviews in several of the schools during the past month in figure work, and test of knowledge of the alphabet in regular order. The test of figure work is to make the pupils accurate and ready thinkers, and that of the alphabet to thoroughly familiarize all with it in regular order. He stated having found a number of children in great want of clothing, and unable to attend school. The committee on text book was instructed to prepare rules & governing the library. The following bills were presented and ordered paid: W. O. Holmes \$23.01 Bloom Water Co., \$3.85; J. W. Mears & Co., \$15.23; Moyer Bros., \$20.18; J. C. Brown \$8.00. The committee on supplies reported having ordered coal of the Farmers Produce Exchange.

Second Anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association.

An interesting meeting will be held in the Opera House Monday evening March 6th 1893 at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of this place. It is their second anniversary. Dr. D. J. Waller Jr. will outline the work performed by the association during the past year, and the address of the evening will be delivered by Mr. George G. Mahy General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Scranton. He was for several years General Secretary of the Association at St. Jones and until recently Assistant Secretary of the State association. He comes highly recommended as a speaker, and all who attend will have a fine treat. Admission by tickets which can be procured from the General Secretary.

A NEW CLOTHING FIRM.

Articles of co-partnership were drawn up last Wednesday between J. M. Gidding of Scranton and F. J. Salsburg of Philadelphia, for the purpose of carrying on a retail Clothing, Hat and Mens' Furnishing Business at Bloomsburg, Pa., Columbia county, under the firm name of Gidding & Salsburg. Mr. Gidding has been identified in the retail clothing business all his lifetime and Mr. Salsburg is a clothing manufacturer of Philadelphia. They intend giving their personal attention to the business and if hard work and capital counts for anything they will certainly make a success of their new venture. Their opening will take place about April 1st.

MRS. JESSIE J. SWABY.

Mrs. Jessie J. Swaby, wife of Frederick J. Swaby, died at her home in Seneca Falls, N. Y. on February 19th, of Bright's disease, after a prolonged illness. Mr. Swaby was seriously ill with pneumonia, and was unable to attend the funeral. He was reported as being better on the 25th. Mr. Swaby is well known in this county. He built the house above Espy recently owned by the Milnes estate. The Seneca Falls *Reveille* speaks very highly of the many good qualities of Mrs. Swaby. She was nearly 70 years old.

The "Smoker."

Last Monday evening after the regular meeting of the Castle, the K. G. E. gave their first entertainment called the "Smoker." It consisted of speeches, music, lunch and a smoke. Addresses were given by Sir Knights F. B. Hartman, W. H. Brookes, Guy Jacoby and Charles Funston. Each speech was followed by vocal and instrumental music. At the conclusion of this part of the programme, sandwiches, lemonade, oranges, bananas and apples were served. This followed with the use of pipes, cigars and an abundance of tobacco. There were about 100 persons present.

Quarterly Meeting.

Quarterly meeting services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday, Sunday School 9 A. M. Sacrament of Lord's supper at 10 1/2 A. M. Love Feast 5 1/2 P. M. Preaching at 7 A. M.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Dreifuss of Milton spent Sunday in town with the bride's parents, Mrs. Lowenberg.

W. K. Armstrong and wife of Williamsport visited friends in town last week.

Mr. B. F. Hartman is confined to the house on account of sickness. He is past 87 years of age.

Pompeii Ratti last Friday evening, returned from a journey to his home at Milan, Italy. He was absent about six months.

Harry and Carrie Aurand attended the funeral of Miss Sarah Aurand, a half sister of George Aurand, at New Berlin on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert have gone to housekeeping in Philadelphia. They reside at No. 2359 North 18th street.

Alfred Crawford of Mt. Pleasant was among our callers on Monday. He has been a COLUMBIAN reader for many years, and also gets the *World* at our reduced rates, and has the benefit of the *American Farmer* by paying in advance.

Mrs. E. C. Blackmar of St. Louis, Missouri, is a guest at the home of E. C. Caswell. Mrs. Blackmar is a cousin of E. C. Caswell's, and has frequently visit here, until she has formed a number of acquaintances in this place, who are always glad to have her come.

C. H. Dildine of Greenwood was in town on Monday and gave us a call. He is a fine specimen of manhood, large, robust and good looking. He is interested in the improvement of horse breeds, and is the Secretary of a company that owns a blooded stallion.

Conrad Kremer of Jerseytown visited Bloomsburg last Saturday for the first time in a long while. About six weeks ago he was hurt by a steer, which knocked him down and kicked him. He is much better, but still limps a little. We hope he may soon entirely recover.

Mr. C. H. Dorr, editor and proprietor of the *Berwick Independent*, was in town on Saturday, and we were glad to meet him in our office and shake him by the hand. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and has made a decided change for the better in the *Independent*, both in appearance and contents. He has our best wishes for success.

It may be interesting to our readers to know that the New Merchant Tailoring Establishment of Jno. R. Townsend will be opened in a few days when everything will be new but the man—his long connection with the well known firm of D. Lowenberg will be a sufficient guarantee that all garments made by him will be just as represented. While in the employ of D. Lowenberg for 22 years the business largely increased, the reputation of all garments made in that establishment became a household word. His long experience and well known taste has won the confidence of a large circle of friends. We understand he has taken special pains this season in the selection of spring goods and his stock will contain a choice selection of styles that cannot fail to please, and we feel assured that any customer who may place himself in his hands can rest satisfied that he will be clothed in correct City style.

The Calliepan Society gave an excellent entertainment at the Normal School Auditorium last Saturday evening. It was their eighteenth anniversary. The exercises begun with an address by the president J. Harding Shaw, followed by music by the Bloomsburg Cornet Band, oration by Wm. E. James, music by the Normal Orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. Butts, and concluding with an interesting drama, entitled "Esmeralda". After the entertainment the members of the Society and near friends went to their rooms in the upper building where refreshments were served.

A number of families are afflicted with sickness, Mrs. F. L. Faust, on West Second street, Mrs. J. L. Dillon on East Main street, and Prof. Albert and son on Normal Hill being among them, great many children have colds and sore throats, but no serious epidemic is known in the town.

INAUGURATION DAY.

Our readers will find on the inside pages some very interesting reading concerning Inauguration Day, with pictures of all the Presidents, from Washington to Cleveland. Also a report of the details arranged for the coming inauguration on Saturday.