NORTH BRANCH CONFERENCE

The North Branch Conference of cal Lutheran Church met at Espy. hospitality. Monday evening at seven o'clock. The Conference embraces all the Lutheran Resolutions of Bloomsburg Council No. Churches along the North Branch of the Susquehanna from Sunbury to Berwick and including Hazleton. The opening service was a sermon by Rev. A. N. Warner of Northumberland, followed by addresses by Rev. E. A. Sharrets of Berwick, and Rev. J. Yutzy late Brother Daniel Breece and of Selinsgrove, the same Pastors administering the Holly Communion.

Tuesday morning with devotional services led by Rev. M. L. Shindel of fore Danville. The chairman and secretary being absent, Rev. P. A. Heilman and Rev. C. W. Sechrist were chosen mediate associates and Brothers apas temporary president and secretary. A roll cail of pastors and delegates showed the following to be present:

Rev. E. A. Sharrets, Delegates J. L. Wolverton Rev. M. L. Shindel, H. Morrison; Rev. C. W. Sechrist, J. D. Werkheise Rev. A. N. Warner M. H. Calhoun Rev. P. A. Hellman, J. K. Bittenbender; H. R. Miller; Rev. J. Yutzy,

Berwick Mission, Rev. C. M. Aurand with A. F. Martz as Commission-Millville was represented by A. M. Johnson and John Bruner, as Commissioners. Rev. Irvine of Williamsport, a member of the West Branch Conference as also F. P. Manhart of Philadelphia, who has surrendered his charge and taken the position of financial secretary for the Selinsgrove Theological Semmary, were both received as advisory members. The chairman appointed Rev. A. N. Warner and J. K. Bittenbender as tellers. The following permanent officers were elected: President Rev. P. A. Heilman; Secretary, Rev. C. W. Sechrist; Teasurer, Rev. A. N. Warner. The President appointed the following com mittee: On paper, Rev. M. L. Shindel, Rev. J. Yutzy, J. K. Bittenbender; On Resolutions, Rev. U. Myers, J. L. Wolverton and H. Morrison; On Minutes Rev. C. M. Aurands, W. H. Calhoun and J. D. Workheiser.

Rev. A. N. Warner as treasurer submitted his report, showing a balance of \$14.74 in the treasury; report received and referred to the following auditing committee; J. K. Bittenbender, and J. man of Committee on programme, made his report, by calling attention to sonal loss. the programme and stating that he had an expense of \$2.85 for printing and postage. The programme was prepared for the Candy church, but fearing bad roads and on account of the earnest request of the people at Espy the place of meeting was changed to the Art. XVII of the Augsbury Confession | copy sent to the family. was handled in a masterly manner by Rev. J. Yutzy of Selinsgrove, followed by Rev. A. N. Warner of Northumberland. At the third session Tuesday afternoon a report was made by the committee appointed to look after the matter of establishing a Lutheran church at Berwick. An organization has been formed with a membership of 65, and Rev. C. M. Aurands called to take charge of it. Rev. U. Meyers gave a very intersting talk on the sub ject of "How and when to read and study the Bible." The delegates from the various congregations made their reports, that of Bloomsburg was the most encouraging report given. Rev. E. A Sharretts gave a paper on the subject of "Family worship a necessity, how conducted and when," that was received with marked attention. By invitation Rev. F. P. Manhart, as financial secretary of the Missionary Institute, Selinsgrove, made a statement of the purposes and needs of that Institution, an effort is being made to erect new buildings, new library, and elevate the classical depaarment to a full collegiate institution. Tuesday evening's session was given particularly to the children, they occupied the front seats, and gave several spirited songs: Rev. P. A. Heilman handled really no compensation whatever. They the subject, "Are church Festivals and Entertainments warranteed by the Scriptures," in such a manner as to make it interesting to both old as well as young; after his discussion no one could be found who seemed willing to accept the affirmative side of the question. Very interesting talks were given else than it does to carry the editor, by Rev. C. M. Aurand, of Berwick, Rev. J. Yutzy, of Selinsgrove and Rev. Irvine of Williamsport. The Wednes-day morning session, and last one, was opened with Bible reading "The promises." led by Rev. C. M. Aurand of Berwick. Reports were made by the If all the eastern papers would refuse Auditing committee, by the committee on resolutions and the committee on Minutes. The place for next conference was not argued upon. The subject of "Catechization in the

home," received the earnest attention the very interesting subject "Result of Revivals," and the Conference adjourn-National Bank. of all present. This was followed by

ed with a feeling that it was very profitable for all concerned, and that the good people of Espy had endeavored Susquehanna Synod of the Evangeli- to out do themselves in their generous

> 146, O. U. A. M., under date of April 4th. 1893.

WHEREAS: The Allwise and beneficent Ruler of the Universe has in his Providence taken from our midst our

WHEREAS; our deceased Brother has for over twenty years been a con-The second session was opened stant and active worker in Bloomsburg

> Resolved: That we Bloomsburg Council No. 146, O. U. A. M. his impreciate most keenly his loss. In his death we are deprived of an earnest, faithful and intelligent worker, ever ready to serve where labor was to be performed, possessed of a kind sympathetic and charitable disposition, he commanded the respect and won the affections of all who knew him.

> Resolved: That we tender to the wife and family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of deep affliction.

Resolved: That our Charter and Emblems be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the town papers and a copy be sent to the wife and family of our late Brother, under seal of the Lodge. Respectfully submitted.

Ex. C. WM. E. RINKER. Com. Ex. C. E. R. FURMAN,

Resolutions of Condolence.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Society of Christian Endeavor of St Matt. Lutheran church of Bloomsburg, April 5, 1893. WHEREAS: It has pleased our

Heavenly Father in his wise Providence to suddenly cut off in the prime of his vigorous and useful manhood one of our charter members, Clarence Taylor, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we deplore the untimely death of one of our active members and while leaving to the will of Martz. Rev. C. W. Sechrist as chair- God we desire to put on record this memorial showing our feelings of per-

Resolved, that we tender to the parents and brothers of the deceased our most heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and direct them to that one whose ways are higher than ours.

Resolved, that these resolutions be placed on the minutes of this Society, latter. The subject for discussion, be printed in the town papers, and a

SD. TRAUB, MELLAH TURNBACH, - Committee. IDA HERRING.

LIGHT STREET.

A reception was held at the M. E. Parsonage on Wednesday last for Rev. Wilson and family.

Mrs. W. R. Whitney left for her new home on Monday at Clearfield, being detained on account of the sickness of her youngest daughter. Jos. Wardin of Glenn Lyon spent

Sunday at home with his parents. Chas, Eckroth moved on Tuesday

to property of G. P. Reighard. Mrs. Alfred Irvin who was burned

one day last week in trying to put out the fire of her clothing is improving slowly.

Miss Laura Brook of Catawissa called on friends in town Tuesday.

The concert given on Saturday evening by the Ikler Bros. and sister was well attended.

Just now many of the western railroads are trying to get advertising in the eastern papers by offering what is propose to give tickets to the editor for transportation over their lines, but the tickets are not transferable, and cannot be obtained by any one but the editor or some one wholly dependent upon him. As it does not cost the railroad any more to carry any body we cannot see what difference it makes who uses the tickets. The reason is however that many who accept the proposition will never get a chance to use the tickets and thus the railroad never pays for the advertising it gets. to take such contracts, the western companies would offer something on which the papers could realize their money if they could not use the tickets

A new awning has been placed over

MILLVILLE.

Charles Brink's horse that has been sick is now well enough to be driven

Kester & Son, Butchers, have purchased a new horse.

Lundy Reice is now clerking for Masters & Co.

Grant Johnson has left Masters & Co's, store on account of poor health.

Martha Eves has repaired the house recently bought of S. B. Rich, by lowering the windows and putting on a new roof.

The Lutherans organized a Church last Sunday with about seventy mem-

Mrs. Elmira Marr of Light street pent last Sunday in town at the home

of her son W. B. German. S. J. Eckman & Son will put in a cream separator at Turbotville in the near future.

The Rev. Heilman of Bloomsburg reached in the Free Church last Sunday afternoon and evening.

W. B. German made a flying trip to Light street last Monday on business. Parvin Weinman started last Monday Morning for Williamsport where he will flourish the tonsorial brush.

Kester & Son are now running a fine new meat wagon bought of J. B

Our Public Schools.

The Public Schools of Bloomsburg will close Wednesday May 17th. Appropriate exercises will be held in the Opera House. There will be a graduating class this year in the "Business mal Course." The classes are larger than a year ago, and it is thought more will be able to pass a successful examination. There is one thing yet that some of our able citizens could the part of the pupils. In Berwick the people, and to call attention to was ordered to be laid on Iron street and other towns prizes are offered for their fine stock of clothing, hats, caps, the best pupils in some particular branch of study. For example, one citizen will select Penmanship, another Mathematics, another essay or oration. If one or two of our liberal citizens would begin, others would soon fol-low, and the good derived from such a stimulus can not be estimated. Besides it would add much to the interest of the annual commencements. Who will be first to offer a prize next year? The announcement ought to be made at the commencement held next month.

Mrs. Catharine Coleman, widow of has therefore severed his relations with the late Jessie Coleman died at Ash- this society. land at the home of her daughter, Mrs. aged 75 years. The remains will be and bow to His divine will. brought here to day (Friday), on the Reading road at 11:48, and be taken ces will be held before burial.

Mrs. Coleman was a daughter of George Kelchner of Briarcreek township, this county, and two of her sisters are still living, Miss Hettie Kelchner of Briarcreek, and Mrs. Reynolds of Bloomsburg, Her husband was Pro-thonotary of this county for six years, toration to health. and died six years ago. Her remain-Huntington Mills, Luzerne county, and sorely afflicted family. Mrs. Kester of Ashland, George Coleman, another son died about twenty MR. M. B. PATTERSON, Com. Mrs. Kester of Ashland, George Coleyears ago. The family lived at Orangeville for many years, and Mrs. Coleman will be remembered by very many of the older people of the county She was an estimable lady, and a consistant member of the Lutheran Church.

Water was let into the Pennsylvania Canal Saturday. The boating season trade as good as it has been for many years. Each year we hear it said that neighboring towns, and while Bloomsthe canal will be abandoned, but as long as the cost of transportation by boat is not more than one half what it will determine whether these pestilenis by rail, the canal will be kept in use. In former years it was the only means the Pennsylvania railroad had of reaching the coal fields, but since they now have such a network of railroads they reach the coal fields with their own rails and leave the traffic on the canal almost exclusively to a few individual coal operators. Very little repairs are being made upon the canal from year to year, and as soon as it can be utilized for a road bed for a railroad we can look for the abandonment; which may come in a short time and may be deferred for years. The only indications of abandonment is the fact that few new boats are being built and the old ones are run as long as possible before they are called in for repairs.

The row of five double houses on Sixth street, near the Silk Mill, being erected by Joseph Ratti are progressing nicely. The brick work will soon

STILLWATER.

Columbian.

Mr. J. W. Rhinard and wife have gone to house keeping. We expect to have the Post Office

moved in the near future at the old place in the store of J. G. McHenry's. O. D. Hagenbuch and wife called

on his brother, having moved on the Russ Karnes farm above Benton, on Sunday last. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Edgar got a

fine Easter present, a daughter weighing 10 lbs. Mrs. Amos Drescher and daughter, Miss Lizzie, spent Easter visiting rela-

tives in Orangeville. Mr. and Mrs. John Knorr drove up from Orangeville to visit his uncle

Miss Anna Seibert of Millville made week's visit among friends at this

Mrs. Millard Golder and niece, Miss Lula Raber, are visiting friends at

Plttston. Miss Nellie Cole of Jamison City is visiting her Aunt Maranda Hess.

GIDDING & SALSBURG'S OPENING.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain, the new store of Gidding & Salsburg was crowded full, and as many more people were in front unable to get in, on Wednesday evening, their opening night. The store and windows were beautifully decorated with lilies, ferns and flowers, and the new and attractive goods were very tastefully arranged. Chas. P. Elwell's orchestra was stationed in the rear of the store, and played excellent music during the entire evening. The proprietors, Messrs Gidding & Salsburg, appeared in full dress suits, Course" as well as also in the "Nor- and welcomed all their visitors in a very courteous manner. All the ladies rey; Sanitary Committee, Drs. Arwere presented with souvenirs.

These young men come here as entire strangers, and they took this novel and attractive method of opento the Rawlings property. neck-wear, gents' furnishing goods, &c. They are very energetic, and if push will accomplish success they have come here to stay. Read their big advertisement in this issue.

Resolutions on the withdrawl of Presbyterian church.

WHEREAS:-It has been our Heavenly Father's will that our dear Pastor, by reason of declining health and strength, has been obliged to retire from the active duties of Pastor, and

Resolved: - First, that we acknow-B. F. Kester, on Tuesday morning, lege our Lord's hand in this seperation

Resolved: Second, that as a Christ ian Endeavor Society, we express our to the Lutheran Church, where servi- love and gratefulness to him for organizing this society, and for his loving watchfulness over it, his wise teachings and earnest endeavor to interest our hearts in this work, and we do commend him to the care of the Good Shepherd, praying that a blessing may rest upon the means used for his res

Resolved:-Fourth, that a copy of ing children are S. Bruce Coleman of these resolutions be presented to the

MISS. MIRA V. WELSH,

Every precaution should be taken to keep our town clean. Filth of every character ought not to be allowed in any part of the town. It will breed disease of some form. The experience of the past winter teaches us that all forms of contagious diseases are lurking about us. Epidemics of measles, will soon open, with the prospect of scarlet-fever, small-pox, and all forms of throat troubles, have prevailed in burg has been practically free from all these troubles, cleaniness alone ces shall be kept out. Our Board of Health should keep on the lookout; and if any mild form of these dread diseases make its appearance, a strict enforcement of the ordinance should be resorted to before it fastens upon

> Father McCann has engaged Prof. Beard, of Reading for April 21st at the Opera House, to give his illustrat ed lecture on the celebrated Passion Play which brings thousands to Ober-Ammergau every ten years.

> This will be welcome news to many of our citizens who have read and heard considerable of this play. full description of the play is given by this most popular lecturer aided by brilliant, correct and nicely colored views.

> Tickets at Dentler's, Mrs. C. Stohner's Millinery store, or any of the parishioner's and Chas. Reice's Meat Market.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Regular meeting of the Council held last Thursday evening.

On petition sewer was directed to be laid on Seventh street between East and Catharine street. Eshleman & Wolf awarded the contract for laying sewer on Iron street at 30 cts a foot. Ordinance passed imposing a tax of 1.00 on first dog owned, and 2.00 on second. Secretary's salary was fixed at 20.00 a month, and R. H. Ringler elected Secretary. W. O. Holmes was chosen Vice-President. Treasurer's commission was fixed at 1½ per cent. and J. H. Maize unanimously elected Treasurer. Solicitor's salary fixed at \$25.00 and Fred Ikeler Esq. was elected solicitor. C. R. Housel was elected street commissioner with a compensation of 1.75 per day. M. C. Woodward was chosen high Constable, salary \$50.00. The salary of paid policeman, was fixed at \$40.00 per month; William Thomas was re-elected. Thomas Jones was chosen chief of police, salary \$10 00 per month. Town engineer instructed to fix grade for Sixth street from Market to West. The following policemen were appointed with salaries of \$5.00 per month, and district, John Welliver; 3rd district, Francis Drake; 4th district, Peter Kehoe. David Coffman was appointed policeman for Court House. Wages were fixed: laborers \$1.25, onehorse team \$2.00 two-horse team \$3.00 per day. J. C. Brown, was chosen town engineer and Supt.of Sewers. The following committees were appointed: Streets, Alleys &c.,—Gorry, Holmes and Swentzel; Fire Water and Light, Knorr, Housel and Gorrey; Finance, Peacock, Holmes and Swentzel; Board of Health, Housel, Peacock and Gorment, Willits, and Reber; Building permits granted to Lafayette Creasy, E. B. Brower, and Elmer Mears. Holmes and Gorrev appointed a comdo as an incentive to harder work on ing, in order to get acquainted with mittee on Electric railroad. A sewer

CHURCH GOING.

A Philadelphia pastor is making some pertinent inquiries into the reason why men do not go to church. He thinks that the proportion of men in Rev. Dr. Davis from the Christian that city who attend church is not Endeavor Society of the Orangeville above ten per cent. and is anxious to learn why this is so. Philadelphia is not singular in this

matter. Everywhere the congregations are made up largely of women. Bloomsburg has a population of 6000. It is considered a church going town. It contains nine churches, with a seating capacity of about 2000. On pleasant Sunday mornings or where there in attendance, population. Estimating the number of children who are too young to go to church at two thousand, leaves still three thousand people who for some reason or other do not attend. Why is this? Most of the churches are attractive, the pastors are able, the music is good. And yet there are hundreds of young men who prefer to stand around the streets on Sunday &c., and will be prepared to make night for a couple of hours, when there is plenty of room for them in the churches. It is a subject worthy of public attention, and a discussion of the subject is invited in these columns.

If any one can give any statement showing our estimates to be incorrect: or if any one can give reasons why so many do not go to church, or why they ought not to go; or if any one will give reasons why every seat in every church should be filled every Sunday, the articles will be printed without the names of the writers, if desired. Let there be a general talk on the subject.

CLOSING LECTURE.

The last lecture for this season, of the Student's Lecture Course, will be given this Friday evening, April 14.

The talented young orator James M. Beck, Esq. of Philadelpeia will deliver his wonderfully fascinating lecture entitled "The Stranger with the Thread bare Coat."

Diagram now open at Brooke &

The Assessors are on their rounds now. They should not torget to hunt up all the dogs in town, and tax them to the fullest extent. With few exceptions the hundreds of dogs that infest our town limits are of no earthly good. They destroy flowers and keep people awake nights with their baying at the moon, and otherwise make nui sances of themselves. Tax them.

Mrs. A. A. Butler is breaking ground for a new house, adjoining her brick residence on Fifth street.

PERSONAL.

M. F. Eyerly of Williamsport, visited friends in this place Sunday.

Franklin W., son of Isaiah Hagenbuch of Montour township, is a student at the Normal.

Alfred McHenry, the Benton merchant, went to Philadelphia on Monday to buy new goods.

Miss Mary Unangst started yesterday (Thursday) for New York City to spend a short time with her brother Charles Unangst, Esq.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Driefuss, of Milton, have gone to house-keeping. They moved into the Minich property on Centre street, Milton, last week.

S. Bruce Coleman was in town on Wednesday making arrangements for his mother's funeral. He is living at Huntington Mills, where he keeps a fine hotel and all the year round re-

The bids for repairs to the Lutheran Church will be opened this (Friday) evening by the building committee.

W. S. Rishton has improved his show windows by enclosing them with sash inside.

Work in the Espy boat yard will be commenced in about a week. About ifteen workmen will be employed.

Charles Krug has the contract for outting up the bulletin boards for the Barnum Show to be held in Bloomsburg, May 11th. Boards three hundred feet long and twevle feet high will be erected in Bloomsburg, and twelve hundred feet in the prominent places surrounding the town.

Mr. Ralph Phillips entertains his friends to-night at Moyer's hall. Refreshments will be served at Phillips' Cafe. Ralph has attained his majority and this party is given in honor of his twenty-first birthday. About one hundred guests are invited. An orchestra will be present, and dancing will be one of the leading features of the evening.

There will be a Sunday School convention in the M. E. Church at Jonestown in Fishingcreek township on Thurs ay afternoon and evening, April 20th. Able speakers will be in attendance. All are most cardially invited. The arrangements are in charge of Cyrus Robbins, Warren Edgar and Isaiah Raber.

The Odd Fellows' Hall and Lodge Room at Espy is fast nearing completion. The first floor will be used is some special attraction at the for entertainments and will seat about churches, there may be as many as 250. It will be furnished with chairs. The second floor will be used as Lodge but this is unusual. This is only about rooms. The delay in finishing is 17 per cent. or one-sixth of the entire caused by the scarcity of chestnut lumber in this section.

> The Mears Manufacturing Company are making rapid progress in the erecwill soon be prepared to make their washers complete, including castings. light casting for all parties who desire a good quality of iron and fine finish.

> The Columbian stamped envelopes have made their appearance. They are of eight different sizes and four denominations—one, two five, and ten cents. The stamp is oval as usual, but about twice the size of the ordinary one. Across the top are the words "United States of America," and on either side of a shield the dates "1492-1892". Upon two globes in the centre are the profile heads of Columbus and Liberty above a figure of an eagle with outstretched wings. At the bottom are the words "Postage two cents.

An aerolite fell near the town of Osawatomie, Kansas, last Saturday afternoon striking the monument to John Brown or "Osawatomie Brown" as he was sometimes called, erected to him by private subscription origi-nated by Horace Greeley in 1863. The meteor broke off the left arm of the statue and passed through the dome and nave in a slightly southeasterly direction and through six feet of clay just south of the Crypt, stopping only at bedrock. Experts say the aerolite is composed of pelium metal known to exist only in the sun.

Y. M. C. A.

The hall of the Y. M. C. A., was well filled on Monday evening. The programme consisted of recitations by Prof. W. H. Butts, and Miss May Evans, singing by the Male choir, and a lecture by Fred Ikeler Esq, subject, "Agitators." The entertainment was an interesting one throughout.