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KNOB MOUNTAIN POULTRY YARD.

Riding along in the cars of the Bloomsburg & Sullivan or Wilkes-Barre & Western railroads, as the traveler approaches Orangeville his eye is attracted by the newly painted and bright looking buildings standing upon a prominence that seems to overlook the country for a long distance. These buildings belong to Prof. J. P. Welsh, Principal of the Bloomsburg State Normal School and are part of his stock farm. His poultry yards cover about an acre of ground and are under the supervision of Mahlon Sager—the Professor's father-in-law. A careful inspection of the place will convince anyone that no better man could be found.

MAIN BUILDING.

The main building of the poultry yards is one hundred feet long and twenty-five feet wide. Through the centre of the building is an aisle five feet wide, and at each side of the aisle ten separate apartments. The apartments are arranged so that they may be communicative or not as he may wish. His pure stock, that are as near perfect as possible, he keeps separate—allowing about ten hens and a cock; in a room ten feet square, and a yard of ten feet wide and seventy-five feet long. The eggs from these pure stock are kept especially for hatching purposes, and sell at the rate of 13 for one dollar and twenty-five cents. The writer saw a number of the Plymouth Rock roosters that will weigh over ten pounds, and hens that will weigh over eight pounds, all being almost perfectly marked. It is from such choice stock as these that eggs for hatching are selected. The plan of the building arranged by Mr. Sager is evidence of his good judgment in that line. From the centre aisle he can attend to all the wants of the place. At the front of each apartment, along the bottom the nests are arranged—about ten to each place, a lid covers these. Immediately over these is the feeding trough, and above are the roosts—with a tight covered receptacle underneath for catching the droppings. Mr. Sager believes in regularity and therefore feeds his poultry twice each day during the summer season and three times during the winter season—nor does he give them more than they can eat at one time. It is a beautiful sight to see them at meal time. They are called in by the rapping of a stick and upon the first sound everyone will start from the yards for the house. Standing at one end of the house and looking along the aisle about four hundred birds will be seen eagerly picking up the grain—nothing but the heads can be seen. In each of the apartments is arranged dusting baths, composed of lime, in which the chickens delight to dust and free themselves of any vermin. Mr. Sager also uses coal oil freely and with this precaution it is seldom even a small louse can be found about the place.

BROODING HOUSES.

The brooding houses are separate from the main building and consist of three double houses—each side having a runway of about 10 feet wide and seventy-five feet long. In these houses are the brooders or "mothers"—they consist of a large wooden box, having a water tank underneath—at the end of the box is a boiler, and underneath it a coal oil lamp, by the circulating system the water is kept at an even temperature. The box is about two feet from the floor, and for the first two weeks the chicks can not get on the floor, after that time they are transferred to another house where they can get down on the floor if desired. Until a week or ten days old they are kept at a temperature of about 90 degrees, afterward a lower temperature is provided. The brooder for chicks under two weeks old is provided with a separate apartment divided from the brooder by a piece of cloth. When the chicks become too warm they pass under the cloth into the more mild space and if too cool back again into the brooder.

THE INCUBATOR.

An incubator is used having a capacity of from 200 to 250. It is heated by hot water—the water passing over the eggs. A very ingenious contri-

vance is used, made of brass and iron, which regulates the draft. A flue opening when the temperature rises to a certain degree and closing as it falls again. The temperature is usually kept at about 103 degrees. With this incubator from 65 to 90 eggs are hatched out of every 100.

EGGS PRODUCED.

From his flock of chickens, numbering between 300 and 400 they have gathered since February 1st over nine thousand eggs, or 750 dozen. Mr. Sager is careful in the gathering of his eggs, keeping them clean and nice, therefore he receives from 3 to 5 cents a dozen more than others do for their eggs. His selection of eggs for hatching can be relied upon. His sales of 13 eggs for \$1.25, for hatching purposes are large—his customers feeling assured that they get good stock.

PURE STOCK.

The Plymouth Rock and Brown Leghorns are the only varieties that they have kept, but they are now introducing Black Minorca; this new species is said to be as good as the Leghorn in laying and a much larger chicken. It pays to keep only the best stock, whenever you attempt to mix the breeds failure will follow.

FARM BUILDINGS, &c.

Prof. Welsh believes it pays to have the best and latest improvements in all things, and has carried this thought in his farm buildings as well as machinery. His house is a model one for a farmer, it is heated with a furnace, supplied with hot and cold water, bath tubs and fixtures. A tank of 250 gallons at the highest point supplying the water, which is gathered from the rainfalls. His barn is conveniently arranged for the comfort and convenience of both man and beast. In farm machinery he has only the best; one of the latest additions being a spading harrow, which is said to pulverize the ground better than any other harrow made. His stock of horses, are the best. His choice of cattle is that of a Guernsey; their milk is as rich and more abundant than the Jersey, while they are much more gentle, and larger. He has a fine flock of Southdown sheep, which have been very profitable to him—each sheep bringing in a net income of about three dollars.

There is a lesson to be learned from this modern farm, that to be successful the latest and best methods must be used and every effort made to have the ground yield an income twelve months in the year instead of only through the harvest season.

FORKS.

John Geisinger's barn in Pealertown was burned last Friday, and a colt belonging to Alva McHenry was suffocated.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shive visited Bloomsburg friends last week.

Mrs. Alvira Robbins has returned from Rohrsburg, where she was visiting her daughter.

G. B. Appleman and wife of Rohrsburg visited Asbury friends Sunday.

The recent severe wind storm took a portion of the roof off Joel Lungers barn.

It seems from present appearance of the matter that the school board of this township has got on to a toboggan and are running it backwards. In place of continuing the graded school in the Jonestown district and building a building for its use, they propose to divide the district and build two new buildings and have the "ye ancient" school system continue. There is now a petition before the people which is being almost unanimously signed, protesting against the move, which will be presented to the Board, by one of its wide-awake members at their meeting next Saturday. We hope they will reconsider the matter and continue the present graded school.

A T. Chapin, of Jonestown has the foundation for the post office well under way.

W. B. Pennington took a load of pumps to Briarcreek last Saturday.

Whoopingcough has made its appearance in this section.

Miss Mary Andrews visited in Bloomsburg last week.

At the present rate Bloomsburg will soon be paved throughout with concrete pavement. Among those who are now putting them down or intend to do so, are Dr. J. J. Brown, W. S. Moyer, L. S. Wintersteen on Market street; F. D. Dentler, J. G. Wells, Moyers, Moore and Keller's block on Main street; B. F. Zarr, W. Krickbaum on East street.

SMART FAKIRS. FOOLISH PEOPLE.

One night last week two men and a woman rode through the streets in a carriage, one of the men announcing that a free exhibition would be given on Market square. In this manner they drew a crowd, and then began selling some sort of stuff at one dollar a bottle, promising every purchaser a present. They gathered in twenty-three good, honest dollars from as many foolish men, and of course they gave no presents of any value whatever.

Weak minded men or simple children might be excused for thus parting with their money, but it is hard to understand how men of ordinary intelligence can be so taken in by such people. It can only be accounted for on the ground that they expect to get back more than they pay for, and so prefer to give their dollar to an irresponsible street fakir who promises to make them a present (but doesn't) rather than give it to a reputable physician, or spend it at a reliable drug store. But so it always has been, and so it ever will be. Every time the purchaser is bitten, because he expects to get the best of the bargain out of men whose business is to beat the public. Why is it? Can anybody tell? We can't, unless it is that Barnum was right when he said that the American people want to be humbugged.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Womans Home and Foreign Missions Society of St. Matthews Lutheran church, Bloomsburg, Pa., April 20th, 1893.

WHEREAS—It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His wise providence to remove so suddenly from our midst one of our most earnest and willing members, Mrs. Philip Moyer. Therefore, be it

Resolved: That while we deplore the loss of a fellow worker, we bow to the will of God, trusting to him to fill the broken ranks.

Resolved: That we tender to the bereaved ones the sympathy we so deeply feel in this, their sore trial, and point them to Him who sendeth the Comforter.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of our Society, printed in the town papers and a copy be sent to the family.

Mrs. W. H. BROOKE, } Committee.
Mrs. J. H. KESTY, }
Mrs. D. W. KITCHEN }

ESPY.

Charles Mood has been seriously ill for some time but is reported as improving slowly.

The fight for the post office has not been very warm at this place, as T. W. Hartman appears to be the only person that has made any attempt to get it.

Wm. Hummel has recently built a new fence around the front of his house which makes a great improvement in its appearance.

William Bogert and family made a trip to Rohrsburg on Sunday, behind their new team of thoroughbreds.

Dr. Redeker has made his appearance on a new bicycle which he purchased a few weeks ago. It is a nice wheel.

J. Stookey of Shickshinny made Espy a visit on Saturday of last week.

LIGHT STREET.

Mrs. Case of Numidia visited her daughter, Mrs. Silas Young last week.

Miss Carrie Reighard is attending school at Benton.

Mrs. Rebecca Mather of Benton spent Thursday with her sister Mrs. G. P. Reighard.

Jay M. Brown made a flying trip to Philadelphia last week.

W. M. Robbins has made quite an improvement in the appearance of his store by giving it a coat of paint inside and out.

Miss Hattie Ranck of Scranton visited friends in town this week.

The new school house is now completed.

Washington Camp, No. 319 P. O. S. of A. will assemble at their Hall on April 30 1893 for the purpose of attending church at the Baptist church, it being the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States. All members of the Order meet members of Camp 319, as well as the members of Camp 319 are cordially invited to join with us, and take part in the services. Assemble at hall at half past nine o'clock A. M.

School Board Meeting.

Regular meeting of the school Board was held Friday evening with all the members present.

Teachers were present with their monthly reports. They received orders for their past months work, and the treasurer gave them checks for the same.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Committee on course of study reported that on account of the resignation of Mrs. Georgia Pursel Johnston, they had promoted Miss Stella Lowenberg to A. primary; placed Miss Emma Townsend as principal of B. primary, and selected Miss Ella Hassert as assistant, on motion the report was accepted and action approved.

Secretary reported that he had negotiated the bonds for the loan of \$4000, necessary for the repairs of the Fifth Street building and had passed the money over into the hands of the treasurer.

Committee reported having received the diplomas for the class in the scientific course.

The following bills were passed and orders directed to be drawn for the payment of the same.

The Cleveland Printing and Publishing Co., for diplomas 12 00

Farmers Produce Exchange coal 127 99

Creasy & Wells lumber 1 28

C. E. Savage repairing clocks. 2 00

Water Co. for water 5 74

Wm. Krickbaum printing 19 50

J. C. Brown for frt. paid 12 11

The principal read his monthly report. He stated that much sickness had made the attendance irregular. On Saturday April 29 a literary entertainment will be held in the High School building. The principal has offered a prize for the best recitation—a prize will also be offered for the best one in debate. These prizes will remain in the library, but will indicate how won, and by whom presented. There are 18 Seniors in this year's class; 6 boys, 4 boys in the Business Course. During the past month three of the teachers were sick; their places were filled by substitutes.

The board decided upon Thursday evening May 18th as the time for holding the Commencement exercises in the Opera House.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

The following program will be rendered at the Bloomsburg Orchestra Concert at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, May 2:

PART ONE.

March.....Aladdin.....Barnes.
Overture.....Raymond.....Thomas
Orchestra.
Vocal Solo.....The old Gravedigger.....Henderson.
Mr. Yeeter.

Piano Solo.....Valse du Concert.....Winitzsky.
Gayotte.....Beauty's Cunning.....Calkbuka.
Orchestra.

Reading.....Prof. Butts.
Vocal solo.....Mrs. Gilbert.

Characteristic Piece "The Guardmount".
Orchestra. Eitenberg.

PART TWO.

Selection.....The Gondoliers.....Sullivan.
Orchestra.

Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Hodgdon.

Violin Duo.....Pette symphonie, No. 3.....Dancie.
Messrs. Ewell and Stauffer.

Waltz....."All in a Garden Fair".....Roeder.
Orchestra.

Vocal Duo.....Mrs. Hodgdon and Mrs. Gilbert.

The Night Alarm.....Descriptive Piece.....Reeses.
Galop.....In the Whirl.....Krahl.
Orchestra.

Reserved seats now on sale at Dentler's, 50, 35, and 25 cts.

STILLWATER.

We had a beautiful snow squall on Saturday which makes the weather some what colder.

The carpenters have commenced work building a new barn for Joseph Myers.

Prof. E. B. Beishline has gone to Pleasant Hill, Luz. Co. to teach a term of school. Wish him success.

Miss Josephine Drescher is attending the Graded school at Benton.

Miss Clara and Lula Raber are also attending the Graded school at Benton, Prof. Harkins teacher.

J. G. McHenry was in Philadelphia last week laying in a stock of new goods.

Mrs. Warren Edgar has been seriously ill. She is improving slowly.

Mrs. John Sutton is dangerously ill. Her case has been serious for many weeks.

W. C. McKinney's new shoe store is now open. The room is newly papered and painted and the floor is covered with linoleum. The entire stock is new, and the entire establishment presents a very attractive appearance. The show windows are handsomely arranged. See his new advertisement.

DAMAGE BY WIND.

The wind was rampant last week Thursday night. It howled and moaned and sometimes fairly shrieked as it whistled through the trees. Between ten and eleven o'clock it reached its height, and finding its way under a corner of the tin on the roof of the Bloomsburg Silk Mill, it lifted it like so much paper, and carried off not only the tin, but every timber in the roof, and lifted it bodily over on to the lot of the Woolen Mill. It made a tremendous crash as it fell, and many who heard it mistook the rattling of tin for thunder. The rain had nearly ceased at the time, but at about two o'clock in the morning, it began again and drenched the third floor of the Silk Mill, wetting the looms, and spoiling the silk on them. The damage will reach several thousand dollars. A contract was made with B. W. Jury to put a new roof on, and early on Friday morning a large force of brick-layers and carpenters went to work to repair the building. The work was pushed with vigor, and as the weather continued showery, it was a matter of necessity to get the building under cover before further damage could be done, and so the work did not cease on Sunday. There being no canvas in town large enough to cover the building, a car load was at once telegraphed for to Philadelphia, and was brought here in a freight car attached to a passenger train on the P. & R.

The Silk Mill is one of the leading industries of the town, and is in a prosperous condition. Very many expressions of sympathy were heard for the owners, who have suffered a heavy loss by damage to building and stock, as well as by the stopping of the mill when they are crowded with orders. This is the second time the roof has blown off. The new roof is of different shape and is so firmly bolted down that it is deemed impossible for a similar mishap to occur again.

WHITE & CONNER.

One of the oldest and possibly the most widely known firm in this section is that of the above named, manufacturers of agricultural implements. Mr. White the senior member of the firm has been at the head for many years; his familiarity with the needs of the farmer, that may gather their crops in the most economical way has led to the development of their agricultural works. The White & Conner Thresher and Cleaner is almost a household word. Improvements have been constantly made to this machine until now it embodies all that can be desired in a first-class thresher, cleaner and separator. In addition to this large trade in this essential article for the farmers they also manufacture tread powers, large or small, plows, harrows, land rollers, cultivators, feed cutters, wood saws, &c. They have excellent facilities for repairing and attend promptly to all the wants of the farmer. They have a greater variety of patterns for all kinds of agricultural implements than can be found anywhere else in this section.

CENTENNIAL EXERCISES.

Next Sunday, April 30, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the Reformed church in the United States. Exercises suitable for the day will be held in Trinity Reformed church, Bloomsburg. The feature of the morning services will be a sermon by the Pastor, Rev. C. H. Brandt, on the history of the Reformed church in the United States. In the evening the Sunday School will have appropriate exercises. The morning service will begin at 10:30, and the evening service at 6:30. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend. The "Hymnal of the Reformed church in the United States," which was recently adopted by this congregation, will be used for the first time on these occasions.

M. ELLENBOGEN.

There are few stores in this section that contain such a fine line of notions as that of M. Ellenbogen. He came to our city a short time ago with his specialty and has shown that he understands the wants of the people. His experience of over six years as window trimmer for Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia, makes him an expert in that line. His window decorations are exceedingly attractive. This week he shows in one window general fancy goods, embroidery toilet articles, jewelry, &c., &c. In the other window are shirt waists and children's head-wear. The prices named are exceedingly low for the quality of the articles. His store room is filled with fancy goods of all descriptions for ladies and children. A visit to his store will be a pleasure, if you only want to see and examine a beautiful line of fancy goods, gloves, hosiery, &c.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Schoch of Selingsgrove is visiting her son, A. Z. Schoch and family. Myron I. Low and wife went to New York on Monday.

Mrs. Dr. Frantz is seriously ill at her father's, Dr. Rutter.

Wm. Gilmore went to Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Nellie Ent fills the post of assistant book-keeper at I. W. McKelvy's store.

Mrs. William Woodin of Berwick spent Monday in town with Mrs. R. W. Oswald.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Buckalew and Mrs. L. E. Waller went to Philadelphia on Monday.

H. H. Rutter, editor of the *Hughesville Mail* spent Sunday in Bloomsburg.

Miss Mary Unangst returned from her visit to her brother in New York City last Saturday evening.

Mrs. E. Jacoby and daughter Mrs. Shaw, have returned home after an absence of several months in the west.

A. W. Snyder, one of Mifflin's prosperous merchants came down on the morning train on Tuesday on business.

Hon. Iram Derr of Jackson was in town on Monday, and while here called on Judge Elwell with whom he occupied the bench some years ago.

Charles H. Reice and wife went to Philadelphia on Tuesday to attend the wedding of Mr. Reice's brother John which took place on Wednesday.

James Hendershott, who for many years has been clerk at the Exchange Hotel resigned his position last Saturday night.

Ramsay Ent, who has been living at Dagus Mines for some time past, came home on Sunday on a visit to his mother.

Dr. Edward F. Smith was recently elected a vestryman of the Episcopal church at Goshen, N. Y. He also holds the position of Health Officer of that town.

W. B. Taylor has sufficiently recovered from his sickness to be upon the street again. He is very much reduced in flesh, having lost thirty-nine pounds.

Thomas McBride, steward of the Bloom Poor House, has been ill with the grip for some weeks, but was able to come to town on Saturday. We are glad to note that he is improving.

Miss Annie Fox, one of the teachers in the Fifth Street building was taken seriously ill Friday. She was accompanied home by some of her larger pupils, and her school was taught the remainder of the day by another.

The Episcopal Rectory is being painted by Peter K. Vannatta and his hands. It will be of stone color to correspond with the church and Parish House.

Eli Jones is one of the busiest builders and contractors of the town. He has just completed the moving of a building for A. C. Freas Esq., is moving and repairing a building for Mrs. Seesholtz on Iron street, is erecting a new dwelling of his own on Third street extension, and has many other jobs on hand.

There is much more interest shown by the patrons of our public schools than ever in the history of the town. The attendance is much larger and fewer absentees. They see that the schools are better managed, more systematic work done—and therefore much greater progress made. The pupils are anxious to enter the senior class and carry off one of the High School diplomas. If a few prizes were offered, it would still further stimulate the pupils.

The last week in May will be a great occasion in the history of St. Paul's church. On Monday evening, May 29th, the Archdeaconry of Williamsport will convene. On Tuesday the sessions will continue, day and evening. On Wednesday the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the admission of the Parish into union with the convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania will occur. The Bishops of Central Pennsylvania, and about thirty clergymen are expected to be present. Among the latter are expected nearly all of the former Rectors, including Rev. Mr. Russell, Rev. Mr. Parker, Rev. A. A. Marple, Rev. T. H. Cullen, Rev. John Hewitt, Rev. Dr. Zahner, and others.

Don't forget the Orchestra Concert at the Opera House next Tuesday evening. Procure seats at Dentler's, 50, 35, 25c.