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A CORRECTION.

Editor COLUMBIAN:
DEAR SIR:—In the description of my farm in last week's issue of your paper, the impression is given that the poultry yards belong to me. I desire to correct this impression and say that they belong wholly to my father-in-law, Mr. Sager. I have no money invested in them, and no interest whatever in the poultry business, except that it gives me satisfaction to see Mr. Sager succeed so well in a business that is generally so poorly managed and so lightly considered. Yours Truly,
J. P. WELSH.

CHURCH NEWS.

Centennial Celebration.

Sunday, April 30th, was a memorable day in Trinity Reformed church, Bloomsburg, Pa. It was the one hundredth anniversary of the independent existence of the Reformed Church in the United States, and appropriate exercises were held in the above named church. In the morning the pastor, Rev. C. H. Brandt, preached a sermon on the history of the Reformed Church in the United States, and in the evening the Sunday School had a service suitable to the occasion, of which the following is the program:

1. Te Deum, by the choir.
2. Invocation, by the entire school.
3. Hymn 448.
4. Address of Welcome, by Anna Solleder.
5. Anniversary Hymn.
6. Responsive Scripture Reading.
7. Hymn 595.
8. Prayer, by the Pastor.
9. Song, Singing from the Heart, by Ida Smith and Helen Fornwald.
10. Recitation, Let Virtue be Your Aim, by Harry Kline.
11. Hymn, Jesus Loves the Children Dear, by the Infant Department.
12. Centennial Catechism.
13. Hymn 151.
14. Exercise and Hymn, by the Infant Department.
15. Reading, by Jessie Ent.
16. Hymn, Little Lights, by a Class of Girls.
17. Address, by the Pastor.
18. Collection, Solo, by Bessie Metherell.
19. Announcements.
20. Closing Address, by Minnie Gross.
21. Centenary Hymn.
22. Lord's Prayer.
23. Doxology.
24. Benediction.

The above programme was ably rendered, and all who took part deserve much praise. The church was handsomely decorated with evergreens and flowering plants, and much taste was displayed in the arrangements. These decorations were undoubtedly the finest that were ever in the church. The centennial exercises were a complete success, and the day will be long remembered by all who attended the services last Sunday.

The new Evangelical church at Esqy, Pa., will be dedicated on the 14th of May at 7:30 p. m. Bishop W. M. Stanford, of Harrisburg, Pa., will officiate at the dedicatory services, assisted by Rev. A. H. Irvine, P. E., of Milton, and others. Services will be held in the church on Saturday evening, May 13th, and Sunday, May 14th, at 10:30 a. m., 1:30 and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Susquehanna Synod of the Lutheran church is in session at Montgomery this week. The first meeting was held Tuesday evening. W. J. Bidleman was chosen as delegate from the Lutheran church of Bloomsburg to accompany the pastor Rev. P. A. Heilman. They will be absent a week. The synod will close on Monday, Rev. J. A. Wirt of Hughesville will preach in the Lutheran church here Sunday morning and evening. He is considered one of the ablest ministers of the Synod. Rev. Heilman will preach in the First Lutheran Church, Williamsport.

Resolutions.

The officers and members of Camp 319, P. O. S. of A. and brother members of the order who heard the special sermon delivered by the Pastor of the Baptist church on Sunday morning last are unanimous in their praise and therefore

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to the church and pastor for their cordial reception and appropriate sermon. Visiting brothers will also please accept our thanks.

C. W. McCASLIN,
O. C. WEAVER, } Committee.
C. A. RICHELDFELER }

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at the Lutheran church Saturday evening.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The school directors of Columbia county met at the Court House Tuesday, May 2d, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to the call of the County Superintendent, for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent for three years, and transacting other business that might come before them. The convention was organized by the election of Jno. R. Townsend, of Bloomsburg, as president, and J. C. Brown as secretary. Geo. W. McHenry, of Jackson, and Dr. I. B. Kline, of Catawissa, were elected tellers. The secretary called the roll of directors and the following from each district responded: Beaver, 1; Benton, 2; Berwick, 3; Bloomsburg, 6; Briarcreek, 5; Catawissa, 6; Centralia, 5; Centre, 4; Conyngham, 6; Fishingcreek, 6; Franklin, 5; Greenwood, 5; Hemlock, 4; Jackson, 3; Locust, 3; Madison, 5; Main, 4; Millin, 2; Millville Borough, 3; Montour, 2; Mt. Pleasant, 4; Orange, 4; Pine, 3; Roaringcreek, 1; Scott, 2; Sugarloaf, 2; being a total of 96 out of 155.

The chairman announced that the first to receive consideration was the matter of salary. W. S. Fisher, of Main township, said that as the salary had remained as now fixed for so many years, and because of the growth of the schools, adding more work to the Superintendent, he therefore moved the salary for the next three years be fixed at \$1250 per year. His motion was promptly seconded. C. C. Evans, Esq., of Berwick, moved to amend by fixing the salary at \$1500. He further stated that the salary of \$1000 had been the same since 1869 when we had but 161 schools, where there are now 68 additional schools; besides there are now local institutes, longer sessions, and the Superintendent devotes more of his time in visitation—his labors are greatly increased. The amendment was seconded by several members. Peter Hower, of Roaringcreek, made a few rambling remarks, occasionally touching upon the question. J. C. Brown, of Bloomsburg, stated that the minimum salary for Columbia county was fixed at \$1000, and any increase would come out of the annual appropriations for the county, and would be given pro rata by the number of schools in each district—the larger towns giving the most. The chairman called upon the amendment with the result: 28 for salary of \$1500, 58 against it. The original motion of fixing the salary at \$1250 was then called and agreed upon unanimously.

The name of W. C. Johnston was placed in nomination. No other name being given, the vote was taken viva voce with the following result: 93 favoring the nomination, 3 either being absent or not voting.

There being no other business before the convention, the chairman declared it adjourned.

ORANGEVILLE NEWS.

A quilting party gathered at the home of Jno. K. Dildine Saturday, to complete another of the beautiful quilts that Mrs. Dildine has prepared during the winter. She has certainly a unique design—the patches are arranged in squares, of dark and light patches, forming what seems to the eye perfect blocks standing upon a level surface. The quilt when completed will be given to a Mrs. Fisher who recently lost all by fire. Mrs. Dildine has made two other similar presents.

The Heckman House still maintains its reputation as being a first class hotel in every particular. An excellent table is spread and everything done to make guests comfortable. H. A. Shaffer, a son-in-law, has charge of the hotel, for the present. He is a very accommodating man and would make an acceptable landlord.

The Messrs. Pitts & Co. have leased the Orangeville Shoe Factory for another year. In addition to making shoes they also attend to dressing leather.

NORMAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

At the election held by the stockholders of the Normal School last Monday in the library, the following persons were elected trustees for the next three years: William Neal, Geo. E. Elwell, J. C. Brown, W. M. Reber. The following were nominated for appointment by the Superintendent of Public Instruction: C. G. Barkley, R. R. Little, I. W. Willits, and P. S. Harman, two to be selected. On Wednesday C. G. Barkley and R. R. Little were appointed.

ESPY.

Parvin Groh of Berwick was in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Purman of Northumberland, is at present the guest of Mrs. M. Q. White.

The dedication of the new Evangelical church will take place on Sunday, May 14.

Mr. Alfred Mood of this vicinity spent last Sunday at Wilkesbarre, with his son Charles.

Mrs. Reimensnyder of Milton spent Sunday with her brother E. K. Creveling at this place.

Mrs. Mary Frane is suffering with erysipelas, and has been quite sick for several days.

Miss Delia Geisinger went to Light Street on Wednesday to spend a few days with Miss Nettie Hagenbuch at that place.

Albert Stookey of Shickshinny was among the visitors to Espy over Sunday. He returned to his home on Monday.

Mrs. E. D. Hagenbuch and son of Light Street made a short call on her sister, Mrs. M. R. Geisinger, on Saturday of last week.

Mr. James Fowler, one of our oldest citizens, was taken very ill on last Sunday, and at this writing is in a precarious condition.

Phillip Graham is putting up a brick new structure on the opposite side of the canal, near the bridge, in which he intends following out his trade, that of boot and shoe making.

The Lutheran Aid Society held their monthly entertainment on last Saturday evening. The programme was both instructive and entertaining, and was well rendered—owing to the absence of the Pastor, the services were conducted by Mrs. J. D. Werkheiser.

A night school has been opened in our town for the benefit of the young men and boys who do not have the advantage of attending school through the day. The first session was held in the school house on Tuesday evening with Monroe Lehman as teacher. This is an opportunity that should be taken advantage of by all whom it is intended to benefit, as an education is certainly essential to the welfare of the human race.

School Board.

There was a special meeting of the School Board held in Public Library, Friday evening, April 28th, to consider the question of programmes, invitations and other necessary arrangements for Commencement day.

The secretary reported that Thursday evening, May 18th, the Opera House would be engaged for another purpose, therefore by motion it was unanimously agreed to hold the exercises on Friday evening, May 19th.

J. C. Brown, J. K. Bittenbender and J. R. Townsend, appointed a committee to arrange program, and attend to the printing.

On motion the President was authorized to confer with Prof. Butts and secure his services as musical director for the Commencement exercises.

It was unanimously agreed that admission tickets be secured and distributed among the patrons.

THE BEAMLESS BRAKE.

J. K. Lockard went to New York on Monday. He and R. W. Oswald are interested in the Beamless Brake Company. This car brake was patented February 3, 1893, and does away with the brake beam suspended across the track, which has been the cause of so many accidents. It has been tested thoroughly and proves to be a valuable invention. A car equipped with this attachment has been sent to the World's Fair at Chicago and can be seen in the exhibits of the Bloomsburg Car Co. in the Transportation Building.

DEATHS.

On Monday Judge Elwell received the sad news of the death of his brother, Judge Edward Elwell of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. His age was 77 years. He was born in Bradford county, Pa., but went west when a young man. He held the office of Mayor for a number of years and served one term on the bench, and held many other positions of honor and trust. He was a lawyer with an extensive practice.

Mrs. Hester Gilmore, mother of William H. and Frederick M. Gilmore and Mrs. Verdy, of this town, died at the home of her son Frederick M. on Tuesday morning, aged 80 years. She had been feeble for several years. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon.

THE CONCERT.

The members of the Bloomsburg Orchestra have every reason to feel well satisfied with themselves. Their concert on Tuesday night was a great success in every respect. The program was performed in a most pleasing manner, and the audience which was one of the largest that has gathered in the Opera House for some time, as well as one of the most select, was enthusiastic in its appreciation. The orchestra is a credit to the town, and well merit the encouragement they have received. The singing of Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Hodgdon and Mr. Yetter, and the piano solo by Miss Runyon and Prof. Butts' recitations were all excellently done, and hearty encores were given each one. The ladies were the recipients of handsome bouquets. The gentleman who played the drums, triangle and castanets so well, is a member of Bauer's orchestra of Scranton.

The convention of school directors on Tuesday increased the salary of the county superintendent from \$1000 a year to \$1250. School directors appreciate more fully than any one else can, the amount of work necessary to be performed by the Superintendent, and their unanimous action in increasing the salary ought to be the most satisfactory evidence that he earns what they have agreed to give him. The Superintendent must be absent from home much of the time for seven or eight months of the year, he must keep a horse and pay all his own traveling expenses, and when the increased number of schools in the county is considered, and the rapid progress of the public school system, it would seem that the convention acted wisely. A man who is qualified to fill the position of Superintendent can easily earn as much or more in some other calling. We are not advocates of high salaries, but we do believe that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and the person who fills the office of County Superintendent ought to be paid a salary sufficient to enable him to live comfortably and maintain his position properly before the public.

A GOOD SALESMAN.

LESS ALEXANDER WILL GO TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Last November Bland Bros. & Wright, tobacco dealers, of Petersburg, Va., made an offer of three prizes to persons handling their goods, who would sell the largest quantities of the "Filly" brand of tobacco during the succeeding four months. The first prize offered was a trip to Chicago including two week's expenses; the second was the same trip with one week's expenses, and the third was a railroad ticket to Chicago and back.

Less Alexander of the enterprising firm of Alexander Bros. & Co., who has been travelling for that firm for several years, and who is well known and has friends wherever he goes, concluded to tackle the job, and the result of his efforts shows that as a salesman he has few superiors. A few days ago he received notice that he was the second prize winner, and he is therefore making arrangements to spend a week in Chicago at the World's Fair, just as soon as the weather moderates, and every thing at the Exhibition is in good working order. Among those who were competing with him for the prize were representatives of large houses in Philadelphia, Reading, and other cities. This speaks well for the Bloomsburg firm which evidently sells more tobacco than some of its city competitors. Less is to be congratulated on his success, and his many friends will wish him a safe and pleasant trip.

Thomas Chalfant, the venerable editor of the Danville *Intelligencer*, who served as postmaster of that city during the administrations of Buchanan and Cleveland, is an applicant for re-appointment. George Majers, a brother-in-law of Representative Geringer, County Superintendent William Steinbauch, Grocer Edward Corman, Merchant Charles Erbson and Insurance Agent George W. Miles have also declared their willingness to take charge of the Danville post office.

On this week Saturday night Mrs. Phillips will open her upstairs ice cream parlors to the public. They have been newly and handsomely furnished. She has also rented the rooms in H. J. Clark's building, recently occupied by E. H. Little, and furnished them with antique oak sets, thus enabling her to accommodate six more boarders. They are very desirable rooms for single men or for married couples.

The Calliepan Society gave a very interesting entertainment at the Normal last Saturday evening.

Knights of Golden Eagle.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CASTLE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The annual convocation of the grand castle of Pennsylvania, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will be held in Lancaster on May, 9, 10 and 11. The headquarters of the grand castle officers will be the Stevens House and the sessions of the grand castle will be held at the Fulton opera house.

The grand pageant of the afternoon of the 9th will start from the corner of North Queen and Chestnut streets at two p. m., J. A. Hollinger acting as chief marshal. The military branch of the order will compose the first division. Carriages conveying officers, &c., will be in the second division.

After the parade a competitive drill will take place. The prizes offered are as follows: Best drilled commandery, \$50; to commandery coming the greatest distance, \$25; to commandery having largest number of men, fully equipped in parade, \$40; to castle making finest appearance in parade, \$50; to battalion or regiment making the finest display in parade, handsome regulation officer's sword and belt; to castle of Lancaster county turning out the largest number of men in parade, \$25; to regiment or battalion making the finest appearance on dress parade, which takes place after the competition drill, \$36. No commandery may receive more than one prize, and castles and commanderies of Lancaster county will not compete for any of the prizes but the one especially offered for the castles for county, and in this castles of Lancaster will not compete. The day will conclude with a grand ball at Maennerchor hall that evening. Geo. C. Roan will go from Bloomsburg as a representative of Theta Castle.

RAILROAD NEWS.

A number of Lehigh capitalists are endeavoring to make a deal with the Locust Mountain Coal & Iron Co., for three tracts of land in the counties of Columbia and Northumberland, between Mt. Carmel and Centralia. The prospectors have been at work on these lands for some time and have found considerable coal. A line was surveyed and chartered in 1868 for the purpose of crossing this tract. It runs from a point on the Catawissa road to a point on the Pennsylvania, or Northern Central, near Mt. Carmel, and it is known as the New York and Middle Coal Field Railway. The charter was renewed in February, 1892, by Messrs Wilbur, Broadhead, and Blaklee. The country over which the surveyed route runs is absolutely untenanted from one end to the other, crossing through woodland.—*Ashland Advocate*.

A Hazleton despatch says work has again begun on the railroad, for which a line was surveyed last Fall between White Haven and Berwick, and in a northerly direction toward Wilkes-Barre. To-day a corps of ten engineers arrived at White Haven. The charter name of the road is the Orangeville & Lehigh Railroad. At Wilkes-Barre, it is believed, connection with the Wilkes-Barre & Eastern Railroad will be made. The location of this new road is already made from Orangeville, Columbia County, which place is the eastern terminal of the Wilkes-Barre & Western, to Berwick, where the line crosses the North Branch of the Susquehanna River.—*Ex.*

The Wilkes-Barre *Record* of the 27th ult. says: "The Wilkes-Barre & Eastern will extend its line from Wilkes-Barre to Williamsport by way of Harvey's Lake and North Mountain, they already having a charter for that purpose. What connection they will make at Williamsport remains to be seen, but they will find an outlet somehow. The entire project is a big one. The Wilkes-Barre & Eastern is not being cheaply constructed, but will compare favorably with any existing railroad in this region. It has come to stay. Inquiry here of the gentlemen interested elicits no other information than that it is an independent road, to work in harmony with connecting lines, but owing allegiance to none. As to whether the Vanderbilts are behind it, nothing can be learned. The only statement is that it is backed by men having ample means, that it has a big business guaranteed it and that it is to be an important road."

The prohibition people are now making an effort to secure a column for their use in the different political papers. It will be known as the Prohibition column, and they expect to pay for the use of such space.

PERSONAL.

Rev. A. J. McCann witnessed the naval review in New York last week.

Obedjah Yocum, of Elysburg, spent Monday in Bloomsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Perrin, of New York, are visiting at Mr. F. P. Drinker's.

John Reice and wife of Philadelphia, visited his brother C. H. Reice and other friends in this place during the past week.

John Wolf of the firm of Eshleman & Wolf, was at Harrisburg, Thursday of last week and secured a first class plumber. He will be here to begin work Monday of next week, May 8th.

William F. Stohner, of Central, was among the visitors to Bloom on Saturday. He is the obliging postmaster of Central and is in business there. He was formerly the station agent of the B & S. and a railroad man of long experience.

C. W. Funston went to Chicago last week in charge of the exhibit of the Wirt Fountain Pen for the World's Fair. He was accompanied by John Davis, an employee in the Wirt factory who will remain in charge of the exhibit during the Fair.

Hon. Grant Herring and wife attended the naval review at New York City last week. They returned Saturday evening. The Senator expressed himself as being delighted with the trip—that the review was grand and surpassed his expectations.

Frank Cooley, who was an assistant editor of this paper some years ago, is alive and well. He was in Harrisburg last week and called upon Mr. R. C. Neal. His home is in Chicago, and he is engaged in writing up the iron mills of the country for a publishing house, and it was this business which brought him east.

NEW STEAM BOAT.

M. C. Dawson of this town is constructing a steam boat on the canal bank, near the Electric Light engine house. Its dimensions are, length of deck 52 feet; width 9 feet; depth 4 feet. There is a cabin 32 feet long. The boat will be operated by an upright marine boiler and engine, and will undergo government inspection. Mr. Dawson is organizing a stock company, and has already sold a number of shares. The value of the vessel is \$1000. Its object is to take out pleasure parties on excursions, and it will navigate the canal any where between Wilkesbarre and Baltimore. T. C. Fowler, father-in-law of Mr. Dawson, planned the boat. He has had many years experience in boat building at Espy, and has assisted in making four similar vessels. Mr. Dawson expects to make a trial trip inside of two weeks.

The Locust Mountain Fire.

The Locust Mountain fire is still burning, and refuses to respond to the efforts made to extinguish it. The pump that is being erected at the old Replifier workings to force water over the hill to the burning vein is almost ready, and it is expected that additional water will be gotten on the fire in a day or two, and this with the water from the Brush Valley Water works it is thought will speedily accomplish the desired end.—*Ashland Advocate*

GAS COMPANY ELECTION.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Bloomsburg Gas Co. was held in C. W. Miller's office. The following persons were elected: President, L. E. Waller; directors, L. N. Moyer, R. H. Ringler, C. G. Barkley, C. C. Knorr, C. W. Miller; treasurer, W. H. Hilday.

J. G. Wells has just received some Bloomsburg souvenir spoons that are likely to be in great demand. One style contains an excellent representation of St. Paul's Church and Parish House, and another shows all the buildings of the Normal School. The spoons are of solid silver and the work is beautifully done. Mr. Wells presented J. P. Welsh with one of the school spoons.

The viewers of a bridge over the Susquehanna at Bloom Ferry met last Saturday, and after viewing the ground made up a report in favor of a bridge. They assessed the damage to the Bloom Ferry Company at two dollars a share.

Bloomsburg is well represented at the World's Fair. The exhibits sent from here includes the Mears Manufacturing Co., the Wirt Fountain Pen and Bloomsburg Car Co.