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PROSPEROUS BLOOMSBURG.

The Various Industries in Good Financial Condition.

It is the universal comment of strangers visiting Bloomsburg, "What a thriving town you have! You seem to enjoy more prosperity than any other town in the State." One of the secrets of this success is because of the varied industries. While other towns suffer, our manufactories seem to thrive and give employment to their workmen. The

BLOOMSBURG CAR COMPANY have just shipped fifteen large sugar cane cars to Julio F. Sorzano, a Spaniard living in New York, and who owns and manages a sugar plantation at Cuba. They sent also four houses, which are built in movable sections, and have the contract for one hundred more. They expect soon to begin work on large contracts that will give employment to their men nearly all winter.

HARMAN AND HASSERT, who manufacture mine cars and do general machine work and make castings of all descriptions, have sufficient orders to keep their large force of men in constant employment. The character of their work, with the pushing, hustling tendency of the proprietors is assurance of continued prosperity.

WM. NEAL AND SONS have shipped several cars of pig iron from their stock on hand, and information was given us to the effect that the iron market is becoming more active, and with the prospect of still increasing.

THE BLOOMSBURG FURNITURE COMPANY will be obliged to suspend work for a short time until they complete their large wareroom, now under roof, when they will resume operations and continue work throughout the winter. The fall sales are a little dull, but they expect to make stock work and be ready for the spring trade.

CREASY AND WELLS have supplied the bill timber for the large addition to the Normal School, besides the numerous buildings in course of erection in the town. In their planing mill they have been overcrowded with orders, are running on full time, with all the men they can use. At present they are making the interior work for five churches located at Columbia, Summer Hill, Berwick, Catawissa and Roaringcreek. They make a specialty of oak stair railing, work in cypress and other hard woods. The prospect is bright for continuous work throughout the winter.

THE SCHOOL FURNITURE FACTORY have made a few suspensions of workmen in the wood-working department, because they are so far in advance of the foundry and machine shop; as soon as the latter get ahead with the work it is the intention to again give employment to all the men and work will be continued on full time throughout the winter.

THE BLOOMSBURG SILK MILL are filling orders promptly and looking forward to an early settlement of the financial situation with the jobbers when they will continue work in all the departments upon full time, and a large force of workmen. Their establishment has a reputation of doing excellent work, and is among the few that are working to day.

THE BLOOMSBURG WOOLEN MILLS resumed work Tuesday. On the general line of woollens the trade is a little dull but they have special grades upon which they are now working, and expect to give employment to a large force of workmen throughout the winter.

THE BLOOMSBURG CARPET WORKS are busy on their line of Spring samples, and giving employment to a large force of workmen upon full time and a number of others on one-half time. Their trade opens bright for the month of September, a decided improvement over the previous month. Within a short time they expect to give employment to more hands and at greater number of hours per day.

THE BLOOMSBURG WORSTED MILLS who give attention to spinning of yarns, enjoy a good trade and give almost constant employment to their workmen, they have reduced their number of employees, but will soon increase their force.

THE BRASS TUBE WORKS have suffered more than any other of our industries, one of their large purchasers was crowded to the wall in the financial crisis, and left the company a heavy creditor. Their works have been closed pending a settlement, which having been made satisfactory they will soon resume operation, with the hope of continued work through

the winter. Taking everything into consideration our people can take pride in the condition of our manufactories, and rejoice at seeing our town in its onward march to prosperity, while neighboring places, bemoan the closing of their works.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

It is evident that the patrons see the marked improvement in the Bloomsburg public Schools. The fall term has opened with the greatest attendance known—several rooms in the High School building being so crowded that the Board of Directors will be compelled to furnish desks for another room and secure an additional teacher. Two causes may produce this over crowded condition. First, the systematic work that is being done in our public schools, give inspiration to the patrons; and again the free text books and supplies will no doubt add much to the attendance. Second, it is an evidence of the rapid growth of the town; for, while several rooms are crowded in the High School, every room in the Fifth street building has the maximum number, and yet when the building was remodelled a year ago, the Directors judged that the additional room would be ample provision for four or five years. It is quite evident now that steps must be taken ere another school year begins, to enlarge the Third street building. The army of children in attendance, numbering almost one thousand, must be given every advantage the district can afford, because good schools mean good citizens. No child in the town should be allowed to remain away. Any one knowing of children employed in any of the factories contrary to the Act of the Legislature, will be doing a good work for the community by giving information to any member of the Board who will gladly take the case in hand. The public schools of Bloomsburg are on the onward march, and the time will soon come, when ample provision is made, and every child at least between the ages of 6 and 14 will be in attendance.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS SENT TO THE POOR PEOPLE AT MILTON.

Forty-one years ago in the summer of 1852, Isaac Diett and his wife came to Milton. They were penniless and Mr. Diett was ill with the ague. Being Germans they were taken care of at the homes of several Milton Germans, and also received about fifty or seventy five dollars from the Borough Overseer of the Poor. When he recovered he and his wife continued their way westward and in a short time were forgotten by the majority of the Miltonians. They located at the city of St. Paul, in Minnesota, and by the dint of many years of labor managed to lay by a handsome competency. During all this time they had not forgotten the Borough of Milton and its citizens. Thirteen years ago when the cruel flames swept the town they read of the terrible calamity, but at that time were still struggling to get on themselves and could not aid in swelling the fund to relieve the fire sufferers. Several years ago Mr. Diett died and by frugality and perseverance his wife managed to add to the snug sum laid by for her old age. Not many days ago she wrote a letter in German to County Commissioner John Roney, telling him of the occurrence and two hundred dollars to be given to the poor and sick of Milton. She did not know Mr. Roney's address and took the letter and money to Rev. J. Trobee, rector of St. Agnes Catholic church of St. Paul. She is a member of his church and asked him to see that the money and letter was sent. He did not know the commissioner's address, but sent the letter written by Mrs. Diett, a letter written by himself, containing a translation of Mrs. Diett, and a draft for the two hundred dollars drawn to the order of John Roney to Father Maher. He delivered it personally to the Commissioner, who has the draft yet. He intends giving the money to the Overseer of the Poor at Milton for distribution among the needy. In her letter Mrs. Diett says that she will visit Milton in a few years. Such gratitude as hers is rare in these days and shows that she is a woman of true Christian character and who believes in the Golden Rule "to do unto others as ye would have others do unto you."—*Sunbury Democrat*.

Julius Lindergren, piano tuner, will be in Bloomsburg the latter part of September. Orders may be left at S. F. Peacock & Co.'s store.

THE SUNDAY MOVEMENT.

[The following article has been handed us by a Bloomsburg clergyman with the request that it be published.] Inquiries have been made as to the authors of the Sunday movement recently begun in Bloomsburg. It is right that to these questions the general public should receive a frank answer, and also know the spirit in which the work is conducted. One paper stated that it is the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. The following answer will show this to be entirely a mistake. It is the direct work of the American Sabbath Union, a national association. The Rev. Mr. Dony of Scranton is the secretary of this society for North-eastern Pennsylvania. In its interests he visited Bloomsburg and preached in four of the churches. He urged the importance of the Sabbath upon the several congregations and sought to interest them in its observance and protection. At his suggestion requests were sent out to a number of persons supposed to be interested to attend a meeting and take such action as seemed best to secure a day of rest and quiet in accordance with the constitution and laws of our state. About forty responded. They met in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. at the close of their regular prayer meeting on Sunday afternoon, July 9th. This hall was chosen as a convenient place. The Rev. Mr. Dony was present at this meeting. He stated the value of the Sabbath to the welfare of the community, its importance to the working men as a day of rest from labor giving the necessity of guarding it against the inroads of business. After several addresses it was resolved that the different churches in Bloomsburg be requested to appoint two persons to form a committee to take the matter under its care, and endeavor to secure the Sabbath against unlawful and hurtful encroachments. All the Protestant pastors in town with a single exception were present at this meeting and approved the measure. The churches complied with the request and the result is the Sabbath Protection Committee of Bloomsburg.

Now as to the spirit of the movement. It is not as has been asserted a revival of a puritanical spirit, but one of an earnest regard and sympathy for the interests of all concerned. It was felt that in the competition of business there is a danger of our losing the weekly rest day. Nothing is more important to the busy laborer than this season of rest and opportunity to enjoy his home as well as attend church services. There are several occupations which are especially in danger. The public do not realize that men engaged in business as druggists, bakers, retailers in cigars, etc., are entitled to this day of rest as well as themselves. Whilst they would regard it a hardship to be compelled to work on this day they seem to think that these others should continue to do so for their convenience. It is of course understood that the public necessity calls for the opportunity to purchase medicine and fill physician's prescriptions. But this can be done by having their stores open for certain hours without compelling them to remain in their places of business the entire day. Those engaged in these several occupations feel compelled to yield to this unreasonable demand lest others less scrupulous should step into their business, and by unfair advantage secure their trade. It is to the credit of all those hitherto so engaged in Bloomsburg that with three exceptions they have expressed a readiness and even gladness to join the movement if all would participate and they would thus be protected against an unequal competition. Previous to this movement the barbers united in refusing to surrender this day of rest, at which no doubt, many selfish patrons felt greatly aggrieved. When the ice company superceded the private delivery it also abandoned Sunday delivery and this without anyone suffering any inconvenience. When you note that often it is the clerk who suffers the privation for which the proprietor secures the benefit it is evident where the hardship lies. He can retain his position only at the cost of his Sabbath, which his employer enjoys.

If it is asked who is back of this movement the answer is the churches which appointed the committee. Its spirit is pure, gentle, and earnest, and it appeals to all the citizens of Bloomsburg to aid in the securing of a day of rest for all by words of approval and acts of encouragement so that the precious heritage which we obtained from our fathers may be transmitted to our children.

The Harrisburg State League club did not reach here on Friday, and consequently there was no game.

FRESH AIR AND COLD WATER PARTY

The fresh air and cold water association made their second annual tour the 3rd of September. A. M. Derr's team of four fine horses, drawing Wm. Gilmore's band wagon, was the conveyance used. The party consisted of A. M. Derr, Chas. Fornwald, Thomas Colgan, Paul Armend, J. W. Mastellar, Andrew Solleder, Chas. H. Reice, Lemuel Drake, W. H. Gilmore, W. B. Taylor, Theodore McIlheney, Jerome Woodring, Fred Gilmore, Wm. Millard, David Edwards, J. W. McKinney, Harry Rinker, Perry Freas, M. Ellenbogen, and John Ehrhart. Twenty more jolly souls never went out of this town. They started early in the morning, having Benton as their place of destination. Upon arriving at the thriving town of Benton they sought the popular landlord Boyd McHenry, and enjoyed one of his rich dinners. They returned in the cool of the evening, all pleased with the day's trip, and refreshed with the pure air of the rural districts.

Milton's Big Fair.

The management of the Milton Fair Association have about completed all the arrangements for the Fall meeting which occurs on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of October. Unquestionably it will be the best exhibition in all departments ever held by the society. The premiums have been increased, the speed programme revised and negotiations are now pending to secure some entirely new and novel attractions for each day's entertainment. The grounds are being improved, the buildings put in excellent repair, and everything will be done to assure its patrons a good time. There will be trotting, running and pacing races, bicycle races, and delightful band concerts each day. There will be excursion trains and excursion rates on the railroads. Remember the dates—October 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Farmer's Institutes.

The State Board of Agriculture has changed the method of dividing the appropriations for expenses of holding farmers' institutes among the counties by adopting as a basis the number of farms in each county, as determined by the census. Each county will be given a minimum appropriation of \$75, and in addition to this will receive an additional amount proportionate to the number of farms. The average amount appropriated to single counties will be about \$150; but, in accordance with the new plan, the actual amount will vary from \$85 to \$200, according to the number of farms in each county. This plan, it is thought, will be more satisfactory generally than the old one, which gave \$100 to a majority of counties and \$150 each to a few of the larger ones.

Services in Trinity Reformed Church Next Sunday.

The Services in Trinity Reformed Church next Sunday will be conducted as follows: Preaching in the morning at 10:30; and in the evening at 7:00. The Sabbath School will hold its annual Children's Day service. Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Churches in the U. S., will be present and address the congregation morning and evening. A collection will be taken for the benefit of foreign missions. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

BIG FISH.

Dr. B. F. Gardner and his son Frank spent last Thursday and Friday at Lily Lake, and came home with seventeen large pike, the longest one being nineteen inches. This was the result of their own skill as fishermen, and the Doctor says he had ten more on his hook, but they got away. There were eighty pike caught in the lake on Friday.

THE SQUIRREL SEASON.

The season for shooting squirrels began Friday September 1st. A number of our hunters were out. W. H. Snyder and S. M. Hess returned from the day's hunt with seven large grey squirrels, and J. A. Hess succeeded in bagging three.

Mrs. Lena Gidding died at her home 111 North Main Avenue, Scranton, Pa., Saturday of last week, September 2d, aged 43 years. Funeral services were held at her late residence, Monday, September 5th. She was the mother of J. M. Gidding of the firm of Gidding & Salsburg, of this place.

D. F. Herring has been appointed postmaster at Millville.

ANOTHER ENTERPRISE FOR BLOOMSBURG.

Negotiations are about concluded with the Eastern people who will locate a Tool Manufactory in Bloomsburg. Work will be commenced on the buildings within the next ten days and pushed as rapidly as possible to completion. Employment will be given to one hundred skilled laborers. This will be a valuable addition to Bloomsburg, as all the employees will probably be men.

LABOR DAY.

Labor day was generally observed in Bloomsburg, all the factories closed for the day. The parade was under the management of the Jr. O. U. A. M. They formed at 2 o'clock on Market street, and after parading through the principal streets went to Oak Grove. There were visiting members of Fire Companies, American Mechanics, and Patriotic order Sons of America from Danville and Berwick. Over one thousand people were at the grove in the afternoon.

A disgraceful affair was participated in last Monday night in the Opera House, by two colored men and six white girls. They were having a performance of some kind on the stage, which included singing and high kicking, when they were broken in upon by a crowd of men and boys who entered through the windows from the Exchange stable roof, and broke up the performance. It is due to the manager of the Opera House to say that this motley gang entered the hall without his knowledge or consent, and were trespassers. A second like offence will be punished to the full extent of the law.

It does not seem to have been generally known that the banks would be closed last Saturday, Labor Day. One director of a bank who was going to Chicago on Saturday forgot to draw money out the day before, and he had some difficulty in getting checks cashed to a sufficient amount, by individuals. Another director who resides out of town, drove in on Saturday morning, and finding his bank closed, he was alarmed, and hunted up the President to ascertain why it was closed. Many others were caught in the same way.

The season in the Opera House was opened on Wednesday by Paul Barnes and company in the play of the Chamois Hunter. It is a pathetic play, with enough of humor and sensation to catch the popular taste. Mr. Barnes has an excellent voice and sings his songs very sweetly. The company is a good one, and the manager H. T. Thompson is a very pleasant gentleman to meet with. The play is a new one, and ought to meet with success.

On Tuesday afternoon as the steamboat Columbia was passing the Espy boatyard, the rudder became disabled and refused to respond to the wheel, and the steamer ran into a canal boat knocking a hole in the side of the latter and bursting a steam pipe on the steamer. There was a party of twenty or more on board, and there was considerable excitement for a little while, caused by escaping steam. The party walked to Espy depot and came home on the cars.

Messrs. W. L. Devaree and Silas Kitchen are busy getting their lumber yard in shape near the Philadelphia & Reading depot. They began operations the first of August, and after the close of the first month feel very much encouraged with their new enterprise. Mr. Devaree is from Newport, Perry county, where he has resided for the past eighteen years.

The following is taken from the Harrisburg Patriot Wednesday, Sept. 6th:

Representative Fritz, of Columbia, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the senate in the Lycoming-Montour-Columbia-Sullivan senatorial district to succeed Grant Herring, whose term expires next year.

In another column will be found the advertisement of Dr. Bierman, homeopathic physician. Dr. Bierman has taken up his abode in Bloomsburg at the corner of Third and Jefferson streets. He makes a specialty of children's diseases.

The cellar is about completed for the three story double frame dwellings of Louis Gross on East street. They will both be fitted up with all the modern improvements and be desirable houses for rent. Thomas Gorrey has the contract for building.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Mr. Edward W. Walton spent last Sunday in Bloomsburg.

N. U. Funk went to Chicago last Saturday.

W. S. Moyer and family left on Monday for the World's Fair.

Miss Agnes McReynolds went to Chicago on Tuesday.

Mrs. Belles of Philadelphia is the guest of Miss Sade Sloan.

Judge Ikeler returned Wednesday evening from his trip to the World's Fair.

Miss Lizzie Hartman of Williamsport is visiting at Mrs. H. C. Hartman's.

Montgomery Smith will go to Carlisle next Monday and enter Dickinson college.

Prothonotary G. M. Quick spent last week at Williams Grove, Cumberland county.

Rev. I. M. Patterson and daughter, Miss Nellie, returned from their eastern trip last Saturday.

George Tustin with his sister Ruth and mother started for the World's Fair Tuesday.

W. L. White of the firm of H. V. White & Co., together with two sisters are at the World's Fair this week.

W. H. House and family have gone to the World's Fair. Their address for the next three weeks will be Riverside, Ills.

James I. Campbell of Orangeville, was among the visitors to Bloomsburg on Monday. A communication over his signature appears in this issue.

Rev. W. C. Leverett has returned from New England where he spent the past three weeks, and services in St. Paul's church will be resumed next Sunday as usual.

Rev. I. M. Patterson returned from his summer vacation. He had a delightful time during his absence, but was glad to get back to this beautiful town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rishton returned from the seashore on Tuesday. Mrs. Rishton's mother, Mrs. Pennepacker of Philadelphia, accompanied them.

Isaiah Hagenbuch went to the World's Fair Tuesday. He expects to meet his wife who has been visiting for some time in the west.

Mrs. Ida Kunkle who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Turnbach for several weeks, returned to her home in Brooklyn Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Unangst, who have been visiting their parents and friends in this place returned to New York City Monday.

Misses May and Bessie. Kuhn returned Monday from a visit of two weeks among friends in Mauch Chunk and Hazleton.

Dr. Graydon has moved from Philadelphia to Bloomsburg, and occupies the residence of D. J. Waller Jr. on Market street. Dr. Graydon is an allopathic physician.

E. C. Wells was again on the sick list several days this week. At this writing he is very much improved and hopes soon to be out again.

Mrs. Jane Brown has moved into the McKinney building next to E. Jacobs & Son's bakery, where she expects to have a boarding house.

Mr. Earnest A. Millard, son of Judge Mordecai Millard, was married last week Wednesday to Miss Edna Moore at Nanticoke, the home of the bride. They are now visiting at Judge Millard's in Centre township.

Rev. E. H. Yocum, presiding elder of the M. E. church of this district, was in town Monday. He may soon locate in Bloomsburg if he can find a house in which to move. Dwelling houses are scarce in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. J. W. Scott and Miss Theodore McHenry, of Philadelphia, who have been visiting their brother Chas. H. Reice, will return home Saturday. Miss Emma Eben will visit among friends here for the next two weeks.

The following persons started for the World's Fair Tuesday: L. Gross and wife, Mrs. Lizzie Allen, J. S. Blue and wife, J. D. Staffer and wife, Theodore Garrison, John Lewis, and John Jones. They all left on the 10:49 a. m. train via Scranton.

Mrs. Jennie Vanatta, daughter of the late T. J. Morris and sister of A. J. and G. H. Morris, died at Flanders, N. J., September 4th. Interment at Easton September 7.