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## The End of Irondale Furnace.

### OLD BUILDINGS BEING TORN DOWN.

#### NEW INDUSTRIES TO BE STARTED.

#### Pease's Purchase.

The furnaces at Irondale were built about fifty years ago. At that time iron ore was to be found in large quantities near Bloomsburg, and the company made up mostly of Boston and Philadelphia capitalists, prospered greatly. During the war there was a mint of money in the iron business, and the two furnaces at Irondale were kept going steadily, turning out thirty tons or more a day, which at that time reached as high as \$40 per ton. C. R. Paxton was President of the company and resided at Irondale. On his removal to Virginia nearly twenty years ago, E. R. Drinker became Superintendent, and moved out to the Irondale mansion. But the iron trade had declined, and the ore having been worked out in this section, most of the ore had to be transported by boat or car, from Snyder county and Maryland, which increased the cost of production. It has been said that for the last dozen years or more of its existence the company did business at a loss. In 1889 the plant was purchased by Messrs. Knorr and Wintersteen, and the entire management changed. But iron still continued to decline in price, and Col. Knorr's death occurring soon afterwards, the furnaces were shut down, and have been operated but little since then.

Recently the entire plant has been purchased by H. C. Pease. The sale includes the furnaces and shops, store, residences and Morgantown houses, railroad tracks, and everything connected with the furnaces. The work of demolition is now going on. One of the furnaces has been torn down, also the blacksmith shop, and on the site of the latter foundation walls have been laid for a three story brick building, which Mr. Pease says will be under roof in thirty days.

In order to raise money to carry on his enterprise Mr. Pease is circulating a subscription paper which reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, agree to take the amount of bonds drawn by H. C. Pease and to be secured by a first lien mortgage to be executed by the said H. C. Pease on all that certain real estate in the town of Bloomsburg known as the Bloomsburg Iron Co's. Property now held by H. C. Pease under article of agreement with the said Company. Said mortgage to be in the sum of \$75,000 and the bonds to be issued as hereinafter set forth and to bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum payable semi-annually, the principal made payable in equal annual installments of \$3,000, the first thereof payable January 1, 1897. Same to contain the usual insurance clause for the benefit of the bondholder, which insurance shall not be for a sum at any time less than the amount of the bonds that may be unpaid at such time. Also containing the usual clause providing for fore closure in case of failure, &c. Bonds to be issued as follows: \$25,000 upon the execution of the mortgage and \$1,000 for each 1000 square feet of floor space that may be erected on the premises for factory purposes, provided that such additional building shall be fitted up with shafting to connect with power to operate the same, and the rental value of same including power and heat shall not be less than \$100 for 1000 square feet of floor space. The mortgage to be made payable to trustees to be named by the subscribers."

There is no reason why this should not be a profitable investment. It is supplied with excellent railroad facilities, good water power, and everything complete for the operation of large manufactories.

Irondale was the centre of attraction on Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of towns people walked out there to see what is being done.

### STEALING PIGEONS.

Last week Thursday, Roy Crossley, Arthur Krug, Thos. Metherell 3rd, and Gurley Lyons were arrested and taken before Guy Jacoby Esq., charged with stealing pigeons. They confessed to taking birds from Samuel Pursel and Geo. Moyer, and C. M. Creveling, and admitted that they had stolen over 300 altogether in Bloom and the surrounding country. They sold them to the Bloomsburg Gun Club. The boys were sent to jail to await trial at December court.

Whiskers that are prematurely gray or faded should be colored to prevent the look of age, and Buckingham's Dye excels all others in coloring brown or black.

## BLOOMSBURG IS A BOROUGH.

The Town of Bloomsburg is the corporate name of the municipality and has no other significance than to give it a name. By the Act of 1834, Purdon 196 pl 1 (1833) the courts were empowered to incorporate any town or village and any town or village became a body corporate and politic by the name so given or sanctioned by the court. The Act of 1870, organizing the Town of Bloomsburg, in the 12th Sec. speaks of the "corporate name of said town" and provides for suits and defenses.

The Act of May 5, 1876, Purdon 205 pl. 81, speaks of a borough or incorporated town. The word is not *and* but *or*, and the word used is significant in this place. It groups them together as coming under one general head, as hotel, inn or tavern; horse, mare or gelding; and the Acts of Assembly concerning boroughs are no doubt applicable to all municipal organizations which exist at the date of the Act. When the Town was organized the Legislature could and did subject it to certain of the general borough laws, and relieve it from others; but it does not follow that general municipal regulations passed afterward do not include it, although not mentioned by name or other designation.

Moreover, Judge Elwell decided in an opinion filed by him, that the town of Bloomsburg was to all intents and purposes a borough; and it would be curious if a general Act should not include, under the constitution of 1874, all the organizations and incorporations of municipalities within the State. Local and special legislation is forbidden, and the Act of May 23, 1893, is a step in the direction of bringing all municipal governments of that class—those less than cities—in to uniformity.

Bloomsburg is a borough under the name, style and title of "The Town of Bloomsburg;" and since 1874, at all events, subject to all the general laws passed relating to boroughs. If so, then we are subject to the Act of May 23, 1893, and must look out for a change in the officers and management of our local affairs. The coming election must not be neglected. Its importance is manifest. We are more than ever needing clear heads and steady hands. Let us look to it in time.

QUERIST.

### KELLAR.

That Man of Marvels, Kellar, whom some experts think something more than a man, will give in Bloomsburg, his new and wonderful entertainment. We are prone in these material times to decry magic and deem its professors humbugs. The fact is that the advance of science continually reveals to us novelties such as the story books of old never dreamed of and goes far towards strengthening our belief in the almost supernatural powers of such gifted men as his greatest of American magicians. He comes to Bloomsburg direct from Daly's theatre after an extraordinary season of 3 months in that dramatic temple of fashion in the metropolis. His performance will be fully equal to his great reputation. Among his novelties are, Nana Sahib, Cagliostro, Astarte, the Maid of the Moon, "Oh," or the Mysterious Disappearance of a Human being from a brilliantly lighted stage, "Out of Sight," "Flyto," Mrs. Kellar's marvelous performance in Kamos, and other feats of ancient and modern mysticism which must be seen to be appreciated. Kellar will be at the Opera House on Friday evening, Nov. 3rd.

### RAILROAD DIFFICULTIES.

It seems there has been a dispute between the Lehigh Valley and the W. & N. B. concerning the right of way at Satterfield, and on Monday night, October 16, the latter company took possession of a strip of ground where the Lehigh Valley was grading for a switch. The W. & N. B. put down their own ties and rails and took other steps to make their occupancy permanent. On Friday, the 20th, a large force of Lehigh Valley men appeared on the scene, tore up the disputed switch and laid one of their own, laying a temporary switch right over the site of the new depot, an old locomotive was run onto the site, jacked up, the track pulled out from under it, and the locomotive dropped down in the mud. All this looks as if there would be no understanding reached between the two roads as to running trains to Towanda over the Lehigh Valley tracks. The trouble is greatly regretted in this locality.—*Du-shore Review.*

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Third Annual Conference of the North Branch of the Susquehanna Synod of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church met at Catawissa, Tuesday evening, Oct. 31, 93, with a goodly number of delegates present.

The meeting was opened by singing "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken." Mrs. J. R. Dimm, president of the conference presiding. Mrs. Dimm chose for the scripture lesson of the evening, the story of The Good Samaritan as found in St. Luke 10: 25-37 and made some very practical remarks on the same as applied to ourselves as to who is our neighbor in a missionary sense of the word.

This was followed by prayer by Mrs. G. P. Frymire of Bloomsburg. Miss Martha Berninger, in the name of the Missionary Society of Catawissa gave the visiting delegates a cordial welcome which was responded to by Mrs. J. L. Miller, of Sunbury. Recitation "Thora" by Miss Hattie Abbott of Catawissa.

Mrs. Wm. Chrisman read an excellent essay "The Christian Spirit a Missionary Spirit," in which she set forth very clearly that if we have the love of Christ in our hearts we will be ready to do what we can for those who do not know him.

A collection was then taken up to defray the expenses of the conference.

After singing by the choir "Under the Shadow of his Wing," Rev. S. E. Bateman, of Philadelphia, one of our home missionaries who now has charge of the mission of which Rev. F. P. Manhart was formerly pastor, was introduced. Rev. Bateman gave a very encouraging report of the returns for money expended in Home Mission work, both in souls brought to Christ and money paid back to the Mission Board by those helped.

He spoke very forcibly of the need of more churches, especially in the large cities, and the difficulties our missionaries have to contend with in establishing them. After presenting the needs of the work in general he presented the needs of the work that lay nearest his own heart, the needs of his own work, and asked the delegates to present the matter to their respective societies and ask them to do what they can for them.

After a vote of thanks to Rev. Bateman for his encouraging and instructive address the meeting closing by singing the Doxology, and the benediction by Rev. Myers.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The morning session was opened by about twenty minutes' devotional exercises, after which the business of the conference was begun with roll-call of delegates and reading of the minutes of Tuesday evening's session. The president appointed the necessary committees.

Mrs. J. Anna Kistner of Selinsgrove and Mrs. Weaver of Sunbury each read a paper on the subject, "Should our contributions for Church Extension be made, in every case, an unconditional gift to the church aided?"

It was Mrs. Kistner's opinion as well as Mrs. Weaver's, that in the main it was more beneficial to give our contributions as a loan to be returned to the Board of Missions when the church aided is able to do so, as by so doing the fund can then be used to help other struggling churches.

After these papers the matter of helping some particular mission was discussed. The conference had no authority to take any definite action, but a motion was made and carried that each society do what it can to help Rev. Bateman in his work at Philadelphia.

Although this was the third meeting of the conference it had not as yet adopted a constitution, and Mrs. P. A. Heilman then presented a constitution for the consideration of the conference. The constitution was first adopted item by item and then as a whole.

Mrs. A. N. Warner of Northumberland, gave a talk on "Synodical Contingent Fund," which was followed by remarks by several of the ladies on the subject.

Reading by Miss Ella Knittle of Catawissa. Singing, "I need Thee precious Jesus," and prayer by Rev. Griffith closed the morning session.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Yetman Kistner of Hazleton conducted the devotional exercises. The committees appointed during the morning session reported immediately after the devotional exercises. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next in order. The former officers were all re-elected, viz: Mrs. J. R. Dimm, Selinsgrove, president; Mrs. F. H. Jenkins, vice president; Mrs. M. L. Shindel, Danville, secretary, and

Mrs. Weber of Sunbury, treasurer.

Miss Kate Hummel of Northumberland, read a paper on "How can we perpetuate our organization and its work?", followed by Mrs. Kistner of Hazleton on the same subject. To perpetuate our work we must make our society meetings interesting, we must instill in the hearts and minds of the children a love for the work and we must educate the young people to the needs of the work.

The president called on Rev. A. N. Warner for remarks on the subject; he said he thought the work could be perpetuated by establishing a mission within the bounds of our own Synod.

Dr. Anna S. Kugler, medical missionary in India, having arrived, Mrs. J. R. Dimm formally presented to her the \$1000 contributed by the Susquehanna Synodical Society to endow a bed in the hospital to be built at Guntur, India, Mrs. G. P. Frymire and Mrs. P. A. Heilman unveiling the tablet that is to be placed beside the bed in the hospital.

Dr. Kugler was then introduced and gave a very interesting and encouraging report of the work in India. To give an account of her address would occupy too much space, but no one could hear her without feeling that every effort that has been made to christianize heathen India has been more than repaid both to the missionary in the field and the church at home.

About half-past four the children came in and Dr. Kugler told them of her Sunday School in India and many other things equally interesting to the children. She also showed the girls a dress, such as they wear in India, made by one of the boarding-school girls. It was very neatly done and would have done credit to one of our high school graduates.

The afternoon session was closed by singing by the children and prayer by Rev. Heilman.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The evening session was opened by a voluntary and an anthem by the choir followed by devotional exercises.

Mrs. F. H. Jenkins, of Bloomsburg, gave a Bible Reading on prayer. It was very well prepared and showed clearly that it is our duty to pray; that in prayer we should give thanks as well as make petitions; that we must pray often; that if we would have our prayers answered, we must comply with the conditions as set forth in the Bible, that is, we must pray in faith; we must make our lives conform to our prayers, we must pray in sincerity and we must pray in Christ's name.

Mrs. Dimm, delegate of the Synodical Society to the General Convention at Omaha, Neb., June 22-26, 1893, then gave a report of the convention which was full of interest and contained many suggestions in regard to the work.

A number of the children and young people of the Sunday School then rendered an allegory, "Crowning the Sunday School Angel." This allegory set forth the fact that while order, literature, music and love are all important the Bible is the essential factor in the Sunday School, before which all other factors must bow in humble submission.

A reading "Put Your Heart in It," by Miss Ida Walters. While the collection was being lifted the conference was favored with a duet "Lead Thou Me On," by Mr. and Mrs. David Derr. This was followed by two recitations, "Tommy's Prayer," by Miss Lillie Fahringer and "Jamie" by Miss Bessie Harder.

Rev. Griffith, formerly a home missionary in Nebraska was called for and was asked to tell us something of Home Mission work in the west. He spoke particularly regarding sending boxes to the missionaries in the western field and gave some very timely suggestions on the subject.

A male quintet sang "Nearer My Home" and Rev. Griffith pronounced the benediction. May the information gained at this Conference and the inspiration received be carried by the delegates to their respective societies and may it be productive of a greatly increased interest in mission work at home and in the foreign field.

Kellar, the Magician, will appear in the Bloomsburg Opera House this week Friday evening. Last year when he was here every seat was filled. His tricks are certainly wonderful, and if it were not known they were performed by sleight of hand, it would seem that he must be assisted by some supernatural agency. Reserved seats at Dentler's.

A house belonging to Dr. H. A. Robbins on Rock street, occupied by Mrs. Ella Kline caught fire from a fue on Monday morning. It was extinguished with a garden hose and buckets, but considerable damage was done by the water.

## BRIEF MENTION.

### About People You Know.

Rev. F. W. Hiller is visiting Prof. and Mrs. G. E. Wilbur.

Hon. A. L. Fritz returned from the World's Fair last Saturday.

William Gilmore was in the city this week buying new Christmas toys.

C. A. Kleim is the happy father of a second daughter, born on Monday.

Ex-Sheriff Samuel Smith of Stillwater, spent last Saturday in town, and was warmly greeted by his many friends.

B. F. Dreisbach of Berwick, was in Bloomsburg on Tuesday. He handles musical instruments and sewing machines.

Benton was well represented in town last Saturday, among the visitors being Editor Smith of the *Argus*, Eli McHenry and G. B. McHenry.

Mr. Edward B. Tustin, cashier of the First National Bank, and Miss Helen E. daughter of Rev. W. G. Ferguson, will be married in the M. E. church on November 9th at nine o'clock.

### TEACHER'S LECTURE COURSE.

The Teacher's lecture course has been arranged with great care. The very best available talent has been secured:

Monday evening. Illustrated lecture. John B. DeMott.

Prof. DeMott is the most scientific and highly entertaining lecturer on the platform of to-day in America.

Wednesday evening. Levin Irvin Handy.

Mr. Handy's lecture on "Patrick Henry" is a lecture on an orator by an orator. DR. T. B. NOSS, Prin. Cal. State Normal School.

Wednesday evening. Col. Geo. W. Bain.

Unequaled in humor, he is also unapproached in pathos. Logical to the core. To a pictorial memory, keen, incisive judgment, and a sunlit imagination, Mr. Bain adds a pleasing presence, faultless manner, and a voice of mellow compass and subtlest sympathy. MISS FRANCIS MILLARD.

Thursday evening. The Ollie Torbett Concert Co.

Miss Ollie Torbett succeeded in extracting more of the concord of sweet sounds from the most musical of all musical instruments, the violin, than even a cultured and charmed audience could admit the possibility of.

The audience listened spell-bound to Mr. Isidore Moquist's exquisite piano playing. N. Y. Sun.

The famous Luttelman Sextette given voices of unusual sweetness and power, such as seem the product of the land of Jennie Lind, cultivation and association has blended them so that they seem to respond to a thought. St. Paul Press.

Tickets for the course \$1.50. The public can purchase tickets on and after 10 o'clock A. M., Thursday, Nov. 2nd.

### RETURNED HOME.

Mr. F. M. Hartman of Salida, Colorado, who has been visiting friends here for some time, left on last Wednesday for Mosoria, where he will stop a few weeks with his parents.

From there he will go to Salida, which he now calls home, having held a position there as clerk for the Rio-Grande Hotel Company for nearly four years.

On his way here he took in the World's Fair; and will stop at many other places of interest which he enjoys very much.

Mr. Hartman left Pennsylvania for the far west nine years ago. (then a boy.) During his absence he has been through many of the western states, and he came back a gentleman in every respect, which friends as well as himself can be proud of.

He leaves many warm friends here who wish him abundant success through life, and hope that he will make many more visits.

This is a touching poem from the Lawrenceville *Herald*: Who weeps with you when you are sad, and laughs with you when you are glad, and smiles at you when you are mad? The editor. Who has to be both kind and wise, and never (hardly ever) lies, and when he does creates surprise? The editor. Who owns a heart as well as cheek, is possessed of spirit, proud, yet meek, and lives on forty cents a week? The editor.

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