

THE CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY.

A CHARMING AFFAIR THROUGHOUT.

For more than thirty years the Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg, has been noted for the occasional balls held there. Before the erection of the present imposing structure the parties given in the old hotel were the events of the season, and though they were few and far between, when they did come, they were talked about as social episodes of a high order, for many a long month after the reality had passed away. Then they were usually gotten up by the landlord as a personal benefit for himself. Upon the completion of the present edifice there was a grand opening. The house was thronged with towns people and many strangers from various points, and it was the unanimous verdict that this affair by far surpassed all its predecessors, and so it did. The hotel was "up to date," the orchestra of three or four pieces was considered first-class, and the refreshments consisting of a regular course dinner at one or two o'clock in the morning, were pronounced unequalled hitherto in the annals of catering in this valley.

About twelve years ago the first of the Winona Hops was given, and these were continued so long as that celebrated fire company had an existence. After it had died a natural death for want of fires, the annual Winona Receptions were continued, in form if not substance, for often times the majority of those actively interested had never been members of the company. However, as there is nothing in a name, these were elegant affairs, and far surpassed all previous efforts, the management endeavoring annually to make it more and more enjoyable. Orchestras were brought here from Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Williamsport, Allentown, (who will ever forget Rube's orchestra?) and other places at great expense, on the different occasions, and each year the whole affair was pronounced better than ever before. Up to last year it was a subscription ball. Any fellow who received an invitation and had five dollars in his vest pocket, and a best girl, was "in it." And usually any fellow who was suspected of having five dollars with him, had no trouble in obtaining an invitation. So it went until last year, when the Holly Club was organized, and the ball was given by them, and they paid all the bills. It was the most elegant affair of the kind ever given up to that time, at the Exchange. But it remained for this year to outdo all former efforts. The Christmas Club, formed on the same plan as that of last year, was organized and the Christmas Assembly on December 29th was given by them. The members of the club are the following: Frank Ikeler, J. M. Clark, T. B. Hanly, Frank Wilson, Frank Pursell, J. L. Harman, S. H. Harman, E. E. Caldwell, R. E. Hartman, J. L. Richardson, H. M. Rupert, S. A. Goodhue, F. C. Williams, E. S. McKillip and W. C. Sloan.

It will be observed that these gentlemen are all bachelors. No married men were allowed to contribute, for which no doubt they are very grateful. Over fifty couples were present. The parlor was beautifully decorated with ferns and palms and vines, by J. L. Dillon. The dining room was used for dancing, and the floor was covered with crash. The music by C. P. Elwell's orchestra of eight pieces was pronounced the best of any of the long list that has played for former dances. Frequent encores were given and two extras were played, making twenty-four dances in all.

The refreshments were served in a most satisfactory manner, and were most gratifying to the appetites of the hungry dancers. The ice cream was furnished by Jacobs. About an hour was consumed by the supper, and then the hall was cleared and the dancing resumed, and continued until five o'clock in the morning. Mr. McCloskey, proprietor of the Exchange, spared no effort or expense, and to him is largely due the fact that these parties have gained a reputation that has given to all the society men in this end of the state a desire to be invited to the "Bloomsburg holiday dance."

The following persons from out of town were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Trexler, Miss Packer, Miss Sarah Moody, John C. Essinger, C. L. Kramer, Sunbury; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Crispin, Mrs. A. K. Oswald, Miss Brockway, Alexander Jackson, Berwick; Edward Smith, W. C. Sloan, Philadelphia; Miss Blair, John Bucher, Abbott Bucher, Lewisburg; Mrs. W. Leverett, Wilkesbarre; Miss Kendig, Lancaster; Miss May McHenry, Stillwater; Miss Lewis, William Penn; W. C. Showers, Williamsport; Miss Helen Harman, Norristown; F. H. Sloan, Baltimore; S. A. Goodhue, Jamison City.

OPEN HOUSE AT Y. M. C. A.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Such the Y. M. C. A. had Monday, in fact, for once it was too big for its quarters. For all the afternoon the rooms were thrown open to the young men of the town and the large hall on the third floor was cleared of its chairs and neat small tables were substituted, white as the driven snow, and served by some of the handsome ladies of our town, of which we have so many. Secretary Armstrong was here and there and everywhere, and in his happy way, making everybody feel welcome. It was the Y. M. C. A. keeping open house, and right royally did the young men of the town respond. Between two and three hundred partook of the dainties provided by the Woman's Auxiliary.

But the treat of the day was saved for the evening, when three or four times as many people as could be accommodated came out to hear the lecture by the funny man of Wyoming, Mr. J. C. Hitchner, of West Pittston. At the suggestion of one of the hundreds standing, the packed audience adjourned to the Opera House and filled every seat. The lecture was one continuous vein of sparkling humor and good sense, that often convulsed the large audience with laughter and sent everybody home better for the evening's entertainment. At the close of the lecture a collection was taken that more than defrayed the expenses of the hall. The Y. M. C. A. Choir outdid themselves in rendering some choice and amusing selections, both preceding and following the lecture.

The committee on nominations submitted their report and the following officers were elected for the year: President, Prof. J. P. Welsh; 1st Vice President, H. G. Supplee; 2nd Vice President, Prof. G. E. Wilbur; Treasurer, H. V. White; Recording Secretary, A. N. Yost; Directors, W. B. Cummings and Prof. C. H. Albert; Trustee, M. P. Lutz.

The audience then adjourned, many returning to the rooms, where refreshments were served. May the Y. M. C. A. of Bloomsburg have many returns and enjoy a long and useful life.

ANOTHER PIONEER GONE.

Samuel Yost, of Fishingcreek township died last Friday at the advanced age of 88 years 6 months and 17 days. He was born in Roaringcreek June 19th, 1805, and when of proper age he was apprenticed and learned the carpenter trade, to which he was devoted until about the year 1842, when he bought a large tract of land of the Wideman estate, on the State road in the vicinity of Van Camp. At this period the surrounding country was yet a comparative wilderness. The splendid farms in this locality are mainly due to unremitting energy and toil, mastered by indomitable wills of which the Yost farms are models. He was married in 1826 to Esther Winters who died in the spring of 1865. Four children blessed the union, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Dreisbach and Mrs. Lauderbach (wills and David, all of Van Camp, and all survive to mourn the death of the departed. In 1871 the deceased was again married to Mrs. Henrietta, widow of Solomon Hartman who survives the death of her second husband.

The deceased was buried on last Monday, or New Year's Day, in the St. James cemetery, which was once a part of the old Yost homestead. J. C. W.

THE GOAT DRAWING.

For several weeks past great interest has been manifested by the boys of this vicinity in the goat outfit in Gidding & Salsburg's window. This firm has been presenting tickets to purchasers of boys' suits, entitling the holder to a chance in drawing the goat, and the drawing took place last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The sidewalk in front of the store was crowded at the appointed hour, when Edith Parks, the pretty little daughter of Mr. Frank Parks of Jac. Keller's wholesale store, was placed in the wagon and blindfolded. The box containing the numbers was well shaken up by J. C. Rutter Jr. and then opened by him, and the little girl drew out a number, which Mr. Rutter opened and handed to G. E. Elwell Esq. It proved to be 5050. The boy who held the ticket with the corresponding number on is J. Reber Terwilliger, son of Commissioners' Clerk C. M. Terwilliger. He called on Monday, and drove away with his goat, as proud as a peacock, and the envy of all the boys in town.

Paul E. Wirt has made a contract with W. O. Holmes for placing steam heating apparatus in his new double brick buildings on Fifth street.

MR. COMLY'S DINNER.

Some years ago Joshua W. Comly Esq., of Danville, retired from law practice owing to defective hearing. He was at the time one of the best known attorneys in the state. He is now eighty-three years of age, and his general health continues good. It has been his custom for a long time to give an annual dinner at this season of the year, to which he invites a number of his legal friends. On Thursday of last week one of these pleasant occasions was given by him at the Montour House in Danville, at which there were present besides Mr. Comly the following guests: Judge J. J. Metzger, Hon. H. C. Parsons, Mr. Watson of Williamsport; Ex Judge H. M. Hinckley, Jas. Scarlet, W. J. Baldy, Edward S. Gearhart, Dr. Voris of Danville; Ex Judge W. M. Rockefeller, Hon. S. P. Wolverton, J. H. Hill of Sunbury; Ex Judge J. C. Bucher of Lewisburg; Hon. C. R. Buckalew, Col. J. G. Freeze, Geo. E. Elwell, Bloomsburg; C. C. Faries and John Norris Bogle of Milton, the two latter being nephews of Mr. Comly. The dinner was an elaborate affair, and reflected great credit in its preparation upon the proprietors of the Montour House. It consisted of oysters on half shell; terrapin; fish, cream sauce; quail on toast; pheasant; venison, prepared in a chafing dish by Mr. Comly; salad, celery, jelly, cranberry, fruit, ice cream, cake, coffee. All present enjoyed themselves and some good speeches were made, and all the guests departed hoping that their host may live to enjoy many more such days.

COLUMBIA CO. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have received from A. W. Spear, Secretary of the Columbia County Sunday School Association, a table of statistics, from which the following items are taken: Number of schools..... 136 Officers and teachers..... 1882 Scholars..... 11902

Total..... 13784 This shows that more than one-third of the population of the county attends Sunday school. The Methodist Episcopal Church leads with 41 schools, and 4892 teachers and scholars. There are 34 Union schools, with 2418 attendants; Evangelical, with 932 attendants; Lutheran, General Synod, 8, with 1112 attendants; General Council, 6, with 885 attendants; Presbyterian, 6, with 856 attendants; Reformed, 7, with 768 attendants; Baptist, 5, with 509 attendants; United Brethren in Christ, 5, with 321 attendants; Christian, 4, with 320 attendants; Protestant Episcopal, 5, with 326 attendants; Methodist Protestant, 3, with 197 attendants; Friends, 1, with 198 attendants; African M. E., 1, with 50 attendants.

A CHANGE IN BUSINESS.

A change in the carriage shops of C. P. Sloan has been made. Theodore F. Smith, an employee, has taken the blacksmith shop, where he will do horse shoeing and all kinds of repairing, wood work, &c. Painting and trimming department, selling of buggies, carriages, spring wagons and sleighs will be carried on as before by C. P. Sloan. The quality of work and prices always give satisfaction at this shop. Mr. Sloan is well known, and Mr. Smith is an experienced workman, competent to fill any orders in a skillful manner. The change took place on Monday morning.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions passed by the Fowlersville M. E. Sabbath School, Dec. 29th, 1893.

WHEREAS our heavenly father in his infinite wisdom has removed by death one of our number, William S. Hess, therefore be it

Resolved, that while we deeply feel the death of our dear friend and brother, we humbly submit to the will of him who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be ever ruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that we send a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family with a heartfelt sympathy and prayers that God may sustain them.

S. W. KELCHNER, C. A. CONNER, J. A. CREAMY.

The old board of Commissioners appointed O. T. Wilson as Mercantile Appraiser, on Friday last. It has been the custom for some years back to give this appointment to a republican every third year, hence Mr. Wilson's selection. He is well qualified for it.

BLOOMSBURG'S DEATH LIST.

The following list of deaths in 1893, was kept by Wm. G. Girton:

- January 19, Mrs. B. W. Jury.
 - " 22, Mrs. Wes. Hollingshead.
 - " 25, George D. Butler.
 - February 12, Mrs. Mills Chamberlin.
 - " 16, William Wilson.
 - " 25, Mrs. David Hunt.
 - March 9, Mrs. Anna Beers.
 - " 18, B. F. Hartman.
 - " 23, Mrs. Harry Brittain.
 - " 26, Miss Libbie Howell.
 - " 31, Daniel Breece.
 - April 3, Mrs. Bell Haze.
 - " 17, Mrs. Philip Moyer.
 - " 17, Mrs. Ephraim Armstrong.
 - " 25, Mrs. Charles Armstrong.
 - May 2, Mrs. Gilmore.
 - " 2, Mrs. Caroline Smith.
 - " 26, Andrew Eckenrote.
 - " 31, Wm. Shafter.
 - " 31, Rev. John Donahue.
 - June 22, James K. Eyer.
 - " 22, Mrs. A. C. Freas.
 - " 24, Ira Sears.
 - " 26, Carrie Jamison.
 - July 3, Mrs. C. D. Lentz.
 - " 5, Mrs. B. F. Hicks.
 - " 14, Mrs. J. J. Brower.
 - " 14, Miss Lillian Boice.
 - " 21, Mrs. W. H. Jacoby.
 - " 30, Mrs. J. L. Dillon.
 - August 3, Mrs. Wm. Rupert.
 - " 16, Mrs. Thomas Gunton.
 - " 16, Mrs. John Cadman.
 - " 24, Rodman Drinker.
 - September 19, Zachariah Moore.
 - " 20, Mrs. Samuel Trump.
 - " 20, Miles Ohl.
 - " 22, Miss Georgia Cadow.
 - October 21, Wm. Brewer.
 - " 26, Mrs. John Whitenight.
 - " 30, Mrs. E. Jacobs.
 - November 2, Patrick Dillon.
 - " 16, Charles Dawson.
 - December 5, Evan C. Jones.
 - " 7, Rev. D. J. Waller.
 - " 11, Mrs. Geo. A. Herring.
 - " 11, Mrs. Benjamin Eshleman.
 - " 14, Miss Clara Shaffer.
 - " 17, Mrs. Thomas Metherel.
 - " 19, Mrs. Benneville Rhodes.
 - " 31, Mrs. Martha Pifer.
- Two died on each of the following dates: April 17, May 31, July 14, Sept. 20 and Dec. 11.
- 34 women, 17 men; total 51.

Mr. J. M. Gidding was married to Miss Flo. Goldsmith at the home of the bride's parents in Danville, on Wednesday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in the presence of the near relatives of both parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Adolph Meyer according to the rites of the Hebrew church. The house was beautifully decorated with palms, smilax and flowers, and the wedding march from "Lohegrin" was played by Miss Rose Gidding of Scranton, sister of the bridegroom. The bride was attired in a gown of white silk, with veil, and carried a small bible. The bride entered with her father, Mr. Samuel Goldsmith, preceded by the bridesmaid, Miss May Goldsmith, her sister. Mr. Gidding entered with his brother, Mr. Ben Gidding of Scranton. A fine wedding dinner was served, and at six o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Gidding departed on the D. L. & W. train for an extended tour. The bride received many beautiful and costly gifts. On their return to Bloomsburg they will move into a new house on East street ready furnished, and begin housekeeping.

DR. F. C. HARRISON.

Dr. F. C. Harrison, of Lewisburg, whose illness was announced last week, died on Friday. The funeral took place on Monday at half-past two, at the family residence in Lewisburg. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. D. S. Monroe. Those who went from Bloomsburg to attend the funeral were N. U. Funk, Esq., A. Z. Schoch, Mrs. Petrikin, Mrs. M. E. Ent, Mrs. Fred Ikeler, Mrs. Sarah Brown, Dr. J. J. Brown, and J. C. Brown.

James S. Wilson, Laura L. Wilson and C. C. Kesty have purchased the Hess Manufacturing Company, and will continue the business of manufacturing castings of all descriptions and general machine work. Miss Laura Wilson is made president of the company, James S. Wilson, secretary and treasurer, and C. C. Kesty, superintendent and general manager.

A new time table went into effect on Monday on the B. & S. Trains leave Bloomsburg at 7.25 a. m. and 4.10 p. m. South bound trains leave Jamison City at 9.10 a. m. and 6.00 p. m. On Saturdays an additional train is run between Bloomsburg and Orangeville leaving here at 6.10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; returning leave Orangeville at 6.40 a. m. and 8.00 p. m.

THE NEW COUNTY OFFICERS.

On Monday morning the newly elected county officers entered upon their duties.

G. M. Quick succeeds himself as Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts. He needs no introduction to the public, as he is known to nearly every man in the county. He was deputy in the office during a portion of W. Krickbaum's terms, and during W. H. Snyder's two terms, and his knowledge of the duties of his position is unsurpassed by any similar official in the state. He will retain Freeze Quick as his deputy. His bondsmen are J. B. McHenry of Benton; J. G. Freeze, J. K. Grotz of Bloomsburg; and A. J. Derr of Jackson.

J. R. Fowler was sworn in as County Treasurer on Monday. He brings to the office the experience of a successful business man, and has the ability to perform his duties with entire satisfaction. John B. Casey will act as his deputy until he becomes thoroughly acquainted with the routine work. This is a good selection as Mr. Casey has had long experience in the business. Mr. Fowler's bondsmen are Jesse Rittenhouse, B. F. Edgar, C. L. Sands, Alex. Knouse, Charles Gibbons, Davis Gardner.

Charles B. Ent took the oath of office as Register and Recorder a couple of weeks ago. He is a young man of excellent antecedents and has energy and ability, and will make a popular official. He has appointed Dr. P. H. Freeze as his deputy. Dr. Freeze has had many years experience in the office and knows all about it. Mr. Ent's bondsmen are William Krickbaum and P. A. Evans.

County Commissioners Joseph G. Swank and G. M. Ikeler assumed the responsibilities of their office on Monday, Mr. Utt, the republican member of the board, was unable to be present, as he is sick with the grip, and confined to the house. The bondsmen of Mr. Swank are Col. A. D. Sealey and Hudson Owen, both of Berwick. Mr. Ikeler's bondsmen are G. W. Ikeler and Daniel Mordan, and Mr. Utt's are F. P. Grover and J. B. Nuss.

The Commissioners made the following appointments: Clerk, Charles M. Terwilliger; Solicitor, W. H. Klawm Esq.; Janitor at Jail, G. M. Holdren, salary \$32 a month; Physician at Jail, Dr. T. C. Harter.

NEW YEAR NUPTIALS.

A very pretty wedding took place Monday night, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Appleman, of Wellersville, this county, when their oldest daughter, Miss Fannie Udella, was married to Mr. W. Ernest Utt, of Jeddo, Luzerne county, Pa., formerly of Greenwood.

The parlors were beautifully decorated with cut roses and evergreens. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. A. Straub. The bride wore a gown of Cream Surah silk, trimmed with Point lace, and carried a bouquet of bride roses. The bride's maid, Miss Lulu, sister of the bride, was dressed in pink and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink roses. Mr. Curtis Utt, brother of the groom, was best man. Mr. Miles Beishline, Miss Ada Herring, Mr. Wilbur DeMott, and Miss Anna Gillaspay, were the ushers. The Mendelssohn wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Fannie Sterner, Bloomsburg. The ceremony was performed at 5 o'clock, after which, excellent refreshments were served.

About one hundred guests were present. Among those present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. James Gillaspay and family, and Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, of Orangeville; Oscar Vastine and lady, of Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. George Grimes, Miss Mira Grimes, and Byron Grimes, of Lightstreet; George Appleman and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sloan, of Orangeville; Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Demott, of Millville; Mr. and Mrs. Turner Eyer, of Eversgrove; Wm Utt and lady, C. A. Gillaspay, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gillaspay, of Rohrsburg; Isaac Appleman, Jennie Utt, Mr. and Mrs. N. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Appleman and daughter, and Harry McBride, of Bloomsburg. The bride's Sunday school class of fourteen young ladies came in a body and presented the bride with a handsome parlor lamp. The bride received a very large assortment of useful and valuable presents.

The bride and groom left Tuesday morning on an extended trip, and expect to stop at Harrisburg, Carlisle, Philadelphia, and other places of interest before returning.

The many friends extend to them their best wishes, and sincerely hope they may live a long and happy life.

The county auditors are at work this week, auditing the accounts of the commissioners and Treasurer.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

W. S. Fleckenstine spent a few days in Reading last week.

I. W. McKelvey went to Philadelphia on Thursday.

Miss Corolla Kitchen is visiting friends in Williamsport.

Col. J. G. Freeze, has been elected President of Rosemont Cemetery Co.

W. H. Beck of Orange was among the visitors to Bloomsburg on Saturday.

W. M. Weaver has accepted a position with the Bloomsburg Carpet Works as travelling agent.

Charley Thomas is no longer employed at the D. L. & W. depot. He quit last week Wednesday.

L. M. White began an engagement on Monday as travelling salesman for the Bloomsburg Furniture Company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson McKelvey went to Selingsgrove on Monday to attend a party given in the Opera House by the Owl Club on that evening.

Chas. P. Elwell was telegraphed for on Monday to go to Selingsgrove to play with Reitmeyer's Orchestra, of Lewisburg, at the Owl Club hop.

William H. Magill, Esq., of Danville, has rented an office in Mrs. Ent's building, second floor, and hung out his sign as a practicing attorney.

Miss Agnes Fortune is at home again to visit her parents. She has been engaged as stenographer and type writer on a Brooklyn paper for the past two years.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Margaret D. Bright to Alfred Johnathan Day, at Trinity Church, Trinidad, Colorado, on January 11th. The bride is a granddaughter of Miles Abbott, formerly of Bloomsburg. It is to be hoped that she will have a Bright Day for her wedding.

Prof. W. H. Butts spent a few days in town this week. He is a student at the General Theological Seminary in New York, preparing for the Episcopal ministry, and still keeps up his music by playing the organ in the church of St. John the Evangelist. He expects to return to New York on Saturday.

J. Howard Kline came in from his home at Weston, Ohio, to visit his mother at Orangeville, arriving on Christmas. He was accompanied by his daughter. They returned on Monday last and were joined by ex-commissioner C. L. Sands, who went to Bowling Green, Ohio, to visit his brother Joseph. Howard is looking well, and is a prosperous farmer. His many friends here were glad to see him.

William Goodman, land agent for the Girard Estate, was in town on Wednesday. He was agent for twenty-two years for E. P. Wilbur, trustee of Asa Packer's estate, and had charge of all land belonging to that estate in Columbia county. There was a considerable amount of litigation between the Girard estate and the Packer estate, concerning the title to these lands, and on its termination the Girard estate purchased the lands owned by the Packer estate, and appointed Mr. Goodman agent. He has been a subscriber to the COLUMBIAN for over fifty years.

The second shooting contest for trophies was held by the Bloomsburg Gun Club last Monday. Fifteen persons entered for the first event, which was ten live birds for the championship of the county. Mr. Doan of Berwick took the medal, killing eight birds. G. Freeze Quick won the target trophy and championship in the afternoon.

An arbitration was held at the court house last week Wednesday, in which R. C. Howell of Mt. Pleasant claimed damages from the county for injury to his horse at the Shaffer bridge last October. The arbitrators were W. Kreamer of Bloom, W. S. Fisher of Main and Lon Kressler of Mt. Pleasant. The plaintiff obtained an award of \$125.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., post office and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 16, 1894.

Mr. F. E. Cochren, Mrs. Ann E. Girton, Mr. N. T. Hart, Mr. Samuel Kerchner, Mrs. Jane Yeager.

Cards—P. Cohen. Persons calling for these letters will please say they were advertised Jan. 2, 1893. One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

A. B. CATHCART, P. M.