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FOURTH OF JULY NEXT.

Next on the program of national holidays comes our illustrious and glorious Fourth of July. It comes of course with its antique relics of heathendom and barbarism still adhering to our forms of celebrating the day. Through the influence of tradition and precedent not so easily discarded by any means, we are still willing to endanger life and property by adhering to the borrowed notion that dangerous explosives are still essential to a first class civilized jubilee, and particularly a Fourth of July celebration. Property burned to the ground, smash-ups, injuries and frequent deaths from frightened and runaway horses, arms blown off and eyes put out from premature explosions, timid mothers and crying children intimidated from attending the reckless ceremonies and forms of celebration, are still the usual accompaniment of what the would be patriot calls a good, old-time Fourth of July.

The glorious "Fourth" will soon be here again to give the itching orator another chance to claw the empty atmosphere in his spread-eagle speech, all cut and dried for the occasion. In these piping times of peace with all the world, the mother country included, the Fourth-of-July orator must do something to arouse dormant patriotism. The drinking of lemonade and the reading of the Declaration of Independence alone, would of course be pronounced a little thin among those who want fire and fire-water at every celebration, and they want it, too, without regard to evil effects. Because of the fond memories of the really dangerous days of our glorious Republic (now past so far as assault from without is concerned) we shall ever continue, no doubt, to celebrate the day of our national deliverance; but as even the most sacred forms of church worship can be modified in time, so we think—and we have often wished it—that the barbarous, heathenish practice of using dangerous explosives in our forms of celebration may yet be ruled out and relegated to China from whence we Christians borrowed the idea. But for the ill becoming practice of thus commemorating the day of our national deliverance from English thralldom nothing else under the sun could have made us tolerate the dangers and folly of it thus far.

PERRY COUNTY BANK STEAL.

Frederick C. Fink, the expert accountant, who has been examining the affairs of the defunct Perry county bank, has made his report. The report shows that for 18 years prior to the time at which the bank was closed it was insolvent, and that during that period it became more deeply involved each year. Mr. Fink can trace losses of \$95,000 but there is a shortage of \$50,000 for which he can find no explanation. Over \$10,000 of judgment notes are marked satisfied on the docket, but the bank's book show no returns of the money. The money in the assignee's hands will be only sufficient to pay the preferred creditors and the expenses, leaving nothing to pay the \$110,000 due to depositors and other creditors.

Columbia County Sabbath School District Presidents.

The following is a list of the District Presidents as elected at the recent County Convention:

Beaver, F. D. Knecht; Benton, E. H. Larish; Berwick, J. E. Smith; Bloom, W. R. Kocher; Briarcreek, John Griffith; Catawissa, D. E. Rupley; Centralia, B. J. Dyke; Centre, Prof. R. Kocher; Conyngham, Thos. J. Reese; Cleveland, G. E. Pfahler; Fishingcreek, A. A. Pealer; Franklin, J. C. Heile; Greenwood W. W. C. Thomas; Greenwood E. I. M. Betz; Hemlock, C. L. Hartman; Jackson, J. Preston Yorks; Locust, C. W. Yeager; Madison, D. A. Shultz; Main, J. B. Nuss; Millin, I. W. Wintersteen; Montour, Arthur Roberts; Mt. Pleasant, Jacob Fisher; Millville, Boyd Trescott; Orange, Levi Fry; Pine, R. F. Whitmoyer; Roaringcreek, A. W. Whitner; Scott, John Craveling; Sugarloaf, A. S. Fritz.

THE RINGROSE CASE.

After quite a prolonged trial, during which some little animosity was engendered by the legal participants, the Ringrose claim against the town of Bloomsburg was given to the jury on Saturday afternoon. Reaching a conclusion that Mr. Ringrose was damaged to the amount of \$5,000 they returned into court at 8 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, and rendered their verdict accordingly. It is intimated that there is a likelihood that the case will be taken to a higher court.

PROF. L. P. STERNER VINDICATED.

We, the undersigned, members of the Alumni of the High School, do hereby take this opportunity of publicly recognizing our indebtedness to Prof. L. P. Sterner for his efficient services rendered us as Principal of the High School.

We sincerely feel that his work for us as a teacher has been all that any person could accomplish under the circumstances, and we hope that he may be retained as Principal of the schools to carry on the good work which he has begun, because we think he is the right man in the right place.

We have no reason to question his moral fitness, and we can not help thinking of the old adage: "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones." Signed,

Arthur Fortune, Arthur B. Grotz, Boyd Maize, Kate Peifer, Tillie Carson, J. G. Quick, Mae Evans, Mary Morris, Chlora Kunkel, Paul R. Eyerly, F. P. Drinker, Jr., F. Eugene Lutz, Reber Mears, Arthur Ohl.

PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Under direction of L. P. Sterner, principal, the Commencement Exercises opened on Sunday morning with a good class sermon by Rev. G. E. Weeks of the Baptist church.

Examinations were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by literary entertainments in the Opera House in the evening, which afforded delight to the scholars and edification to parents.

On Wednesday an exhibition of school work was given in the High School room that was creditable to both pupil and teacher.

On Thursday the return of books was looked after, promotions announced, and the pleasing exercises closed with an entertainment in the Opera House in the evening. The orchestral music, furnished under the direction of Prof. Charles P. Elwell, was cheering and inspiring as usual throughout the exercises.

The Executive Committee, to whom the success and benefit of the occasion may be largely attributed, were L. P. Sterner, Joseph Garrison and Wm. E. Rinker.

Presbyterian Amendment.

Radical Christian amendment to the Constitution of the United States is a three-fold desideratum in the opinion of the Reformed Presbyterians. While in Synod assembled and contemplating our Magna Charta, they object to it as follows: "First, it is conservative; it aims to conserve. Secondly, it is reformatory; it aims at such development and transformation in the life of the nation that in the largest sense it shall become a Christian nation. The Supreme Court has stated that this is a Christian nation, but to us it seems different.

"A nation which has secret societies, loose divorce laws, a liquor traffic, unjust anti-Chinese laws, and which breaks God's laws of the Sabbath by having Sunday mails, is a nation laden with iniquity. Our church strives to construct a true Christian State, changing the Government from a secular to a religious base. It is grand in conception and glorious in its fulfillment. To this movement the Covenanters' Church is unalterably bound."

TRUE BLUE.

BENTON, June 5, 1894.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN:—I ask again space in your valuable paper. I wish to say to the comrades of Columbia county, in regard to my service in serving my country's call, that some of the other candidates are asking the support of the old soldiers, and that probably some think there isn't but one soldier in the field. I will say, comrades, that I served three years in the famous Buck tail regiment, faced the bullets in 21 battles, fought in the battle of Gettysburg in the defense of our own State; received a wound in that battle and carry the ball in my body, and am able to show up as good a record as any man in Columbia county. I went a Democrat and returned a Democrat. I cast my first Presidential vote for Geo. B. McClellan and voted the straight Democratic ticket down to the present day.

ALEX. KNOUSE.

I suppose we ought to feel obliged to our weather prophets for even a false prophecy of nice weather, as we seem to feel somewhat better for a while, at least, when innocently led into such a delusion.

THANKS.

At a meeting of Ent Post 250, G. A. R. on Friday evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be given to Rev. Wm. C. Leverett, for the able and appropriate sermon preached to them on Sunday before memorial day; to Rev. C. H. Brandt and Rev. Geo. E. Weeks, for their assistance on Memorial Day; to Miss Norma D. Crawford, for her magnificent and patriotic address; and we recommend her to any G. A. R. post wanting an orator of the highest order on occasions of this kind; to comrade E. J. Bowman, for his appropriate and timely remarks; to the Ladies' Aid Society, for their valuable assistance; to the school children who volunteered to carry the flowers and decorate the graves of the dead; to the Philological and Calliepan societies, and all others that furnished flowers; to the Bloomsburg Cornet Band; to the Jr. Order United American Mechanics, to the Patriotic Order of Sons of America; to the Sons of Veterans; to the Friendship, Rescue and Winona Fire Companies for their assistance and good will.

They also thank all who furnished teams to go to Afton, and to all who contributed toward the expense or gave their assistance or encouragement on that day; and especially would they thank the merchants and business men who closed their places of business at two o'clock and kept them closed the balance of the day.

The hope of all G. A. R. men is that Memorial Day will be kept sacred to the memory of our dead heroes and that all places of business will be closed during the day, and that managers of base ball clubs and other games will not arrange for games on that day, but join with us in doing honor to those who gave their lives for the land we love and the blessings we enjoy.

C. P. SLOAN,
T. M. DAWSON,
M. P. LUTZ,
W. C. SHAW,
W. O. HOLMES, } Committee.

Complimentary of B. F. Armstrong.

A member of the Board of Trustees of the Y. M. C. A. of Bloomsburg pays Ex. Secretary Armstrong quite a compliment for his efficient services as secretary of the association, now that he has changed his field of labor in the moral vineyard from here to the Wyoming Valley, where he will drive a "gospel wagon."

Under his direction the association is said to have grown from its small beginning to its present strength and wide range of usefulness.

His last annual report shows 338 meetings held; the entertainment of about 25,000 visitors; 142 spiritual consultations; 77 requests for prayer gratified; 53 professed conversions; 120 visits to the sick; and besides much correspondence and clerical work, incident to the conducting of all the temporal and spiritual affairs of the association, was punctually attended to by Mr. Armstrong.

A Musical Treat.

J. M. Gidding & Co., the zealous clothing merchant of Bloomsburg, gave the populace quite a musical treat on Wednesday evening. He had promised it and he fulfilled it. The music being rendered on fine stringed instruments by colored men, was listened to attentively by a throng of people filling both the street and the pavements in the front and close proximity of his business stand on Main street, near the Court House. As near as we could determine from below (the musicians being located on an improvised platform above) the instruments used were the guitar, the mandolin or zither, and the violin; besides there was bottle-music that was rendered in a novel and pleasing manner. Gidding & Co. advertise.

Death of Mrs. M. G. Vance.

On last Monday morning, Mrs. Almira Vance expired at her home near Orangeville, being about 72 years of age. Her death was rather anticipated because of age and length of sickness. She is survived by her husband and two daughters Mrs. J. L. Moyer, of Bloomsburg, and Mary, still at home. She was an estimable lady who had won the esteem of many friends, being noted particularly for her christian graces and generous hospitality. The interment took place at Orangeville on Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Wm. Hartman, an East Street resident, having set the old house in the back-ground, is now building a new one in front.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

See Gidding & Co's. new advertisement. Mr. Frank P. Bidleman, visited Danville relatives last Sunday. I. M. Demott, of Millville, was in town last Friday on business. Wm. Gilmore paid Philadelphia a visit the early part of the week.

Mr. Walter L. Stevens, of New Columbia, spent a day in town on Monday last. Mr. Will L. Crist, of the Daily, paid his home at Pine Summit, a recent visit.

Fred Edgar of Brooklyn, has been visiting friends in Esby during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Fornwald spent Decoration Day with Editor Bidleman, of Shickshinny.

Among those who have been abroad and recently returned home, we mention Miss Myrtle Bidleman.

Mr. Wm. D. Cosgrove, of Wernersville, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday calling on his many friends.

J. M. Gidding went to Philadelphia, last Sunday evening on business and returned home on Tuesday morning.

Mr. J. J. Brower is among the early ones out for a summer outing. He is taking a trip of several weeks' duration.

Dr. Harter is attending the division encampment of the Sons of Veterans at Johnstown, which began on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jones drove from here to Jonestown last Sunday to spend a short time with their many friends there.

Rev. Heilman attended the laying of the corner stone of a Missionary Institute at Selingsgrove, Pa., the early part of the week.

Prothonotary G. M. Quick, W. H. Snyder, Esq., and Thos. Gorrey attended the funeral of John P. Hannon, at Centralia, last Thursday.

Miss Hal. Sharpless, who rendered good service to the boys in blue during the war, is again at home in Bloomsburg after a recent visit at the national Capitol.

Mr. J. Reese Killgore, who has hitherto assisted his father at teaching in the New Columbia Academy, will study law in the office of D. O. Coughlin, of Luzerne, Pa.

Editor Elwell, of the COLUMBIAN, paid the city of Philadelphia a visit the early part of the week for the purpose of purchasing some new printing material for book work.

Ellis Eves, Levi Fester and W. Smith were the three delegates chosen last Saturday to represent the Columbia County Agricultural Society at the State College Commencement.

Mrs. Z. H. Stevens, of New Columbia, who has been bed-ridden for years with spinal affection, is undergoing successful treatment in Philadelphia. After surgical operation she was tied on her bed face downward for three days. Her many friends are much pleased to hear of her rapid improvement and of the assurance given her husband that she will soon be restored to health.

See Gidding & Co's. new advertisement.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL-WORK EXHIBITS.

If this initiatory exhibition does not quite come up to that of the county Fair, we still believe it fully as interesting to the parents and pupils who attend both. The writer having visited the exhibit must say candidly that he feels his utter incompetency to pass a creditable criticism upon such school-work, for the simple reason that the three "Rs"—readin, ritin, and rithmetic—were about all he got except the "gad," occasionally, when he went to school. We will venture to say however, from what we saw, that in Bloomsburg youthful lads and lassies may easily be found the germs of genius—presuming of course that cultivation bears a stump-pulling leverage of value to the natural born genius.

We found not only original design displayed, with the architect or artist's name attaching, but substantial manufacture was also exhibited, along with quite sufficient evidence, in black and white, to show the anxious parents that their children were doing quite well enough in every branch of modern educational advancement. Very neat and tastily arranged and classified exhibits of scholarly attainments in the various courses of study were spread upon tables for the edification of parents and pupils, along with a very fair display of clay mouldings, insect collections, &c., all very creditable, indeed, to teachers and pupils alike.

Through the kindness and direction of the efficient first assistant, Prof. Mauser, the COLUMBIAN was permitted to see the exhibits and to have the various features of the work fully explained. We believe the High School teachers have in this exhibit struck a popular innovation, and one through which dormant talent may be stimulated and developed.

In being still a candidate for nomination to the higher office of State Senator while holding the lower office of post-master, it is just as well that Mr. Chalfant did not let the bird in his hand escape in the hope of securing the more attractive one in the bush. Mr. Gearinger secured the nomination by two votes perhaps.

The time is near at hand when the small boy, green apples and diarrhoea usually enter into unhappy combine.

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