

REPORT OF QUARTO CENTENNIAL.

As previously announced the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. A. Houtz was observed on the 26th and 27th of July.

This social and religious festival was held in two sessions of one day each. The first session was held in the beautiful grove of Mr. Philip Creasy, in Centre township and was well attended by the members and friends of the church. The second session was held in the grove of Mr. E. M. Laubach, near Forks, and was so well attended that every available space was occupied by the vast assembly of men, women, children and conveyances. The services were opened with the invocation, a hymn, scripture reading, repetition of the Apostle's Creed, the singing of the Gloria Patri and Gloria in Excelsis with responses, and a prayer. A number of addresses were delivered in connection with the occasion.

Rev. D. E. Schoedler, of Turbotville delivered an excellent address upon the topic "The Reformed Church and Civil Liberty." This was acknowledged by competent persons to be a masterly production of scholarship. In his address the speaker proved that the Reformed churches were the forerunner of civil liberty, and that Protestantism was necessary to Democracy. Dr. J. C. Bowman, professor in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, delivered an address at both sessions. It is needless to comment upon the eloquent and graceful bearing of this speaker as he addressed in his happy manner the uplifted faces and attentive minds of the vast audience. His first topic was "The need of an Educated Ministry." After congratulating in a very becoming manner, the pastor and people on the event of the day, he proceeded to deliver his address on the designated subject. As the want of space will not allow us to give even a synopsis of this highly appreciated address, we will simply say that from beginning to the end it was decidedly clear, logical and forcible. His second topic was "The Marriage Relation of the Pastor and People." Love finds its consummation in the marriage relation. Conubial love is progressive, and its different stages of development are indicated by the terms applied to wedding anniversaries as cotton, paper, wooden, tin, crystal, china and silver wedding. As this was the twenty-fifth anniversary of this pastoral relation, he very clearly proved that this occasion was the silver wedding of Rev. A. Houtz and his charge.

The Rev. William Goodrich, a former much beloved pastor, delivered a highly appreciated address on the topic "The Reminiscences of my labors in this charge." He may be justly regarded as one of the pioneer pastors of the Reformed church in Columbia and Montour counties. His labors at one time were numerous and was scattered over a large part of these counties. Being a man of high religious culture and thoroughly grounded in the doctrines of the Bible as held by the church, he was well qualified to lay the foundation of those primitive congregations. The fact that five churches have been developed out of the former field of labor is proof that he labored hard and that his labors were blessed. Brother Goodrich has many warm friends in this country and his visit to these parts are highly appreciated by his old parishioners. Rev. A. Houtz, the pastor, in his address spoke of his invitation and call to this charge twenty-five years ago; of his first journey from Bloomsburg to Orangeville; of the first impression the country and people made on his mind, and the apparent impression he made on the people. He spoke of the condition in which he found the charge and the progress it has made under his pastorate. He feels that the long pastorate has intensified the mutual attachment of pastor and people, and that a change of pastoral relation would result in leaving his heart behind with his first love. During his pastorate of twenty-five years he baptized 350, received into the church by confirmation 300, and by certificate 113; officiated at 321 funerals and at 190 weddings; raised for benevolence \$5,000, and for home purposes \$20,500; preached 4,225 times; traveled by private conveyance 26,250 miles, and by railroad in the interest of the church, 9,000 miles.

Rev. A. Noll, of Hazleton, president of Wyoming Classis, read the action of that body in reference to the Quarto Centennial and bore its greetings to the pastor and his people. The President of Classis then assumed the office of toast-master, and the following brethren were called upon to respond to the various toasts:

To the toast, "Pastoral Care," Rev. G. S. Sorber, of Watsonstown, responded. Being brought up in a min-

isterial family and associated with pastoral life from early childhood he, from rich experience and constant observation, gave a very practicable and beneficial talk on this subject.

To the toast, "Church Finance," Rev. D. W. Elbert, of Milton, responded. This brother is good for a talk upon almost any subject, but particularly on the subject of Church Finance. If any congregation need a thorough shaking up on this subject we could not recommend a better person than this brother.

To the toast, "Hold the Fort," Rev. Dieffenbacher, of Strawberry Ridge, responded. He stated that Christ had certain principles to be maintained and defended by his people, and that all christians should hold the fort as good soldiers of the cross. He reminded the audience in an admirable way that the pastor, Rev. A. Houtz, had written a book titled, "Hold the Fort," and that as it was so well adapted to the wants of all christians every family should procure a copy, as it is sold for the nominal sum of fifty cents. This brother also replied in a very intelligent manner to the toast, "The Relief Society for Aged Ministers and the Widows of Ministers." On this occasion there were recited two original poems, written especially for the occasion. The one, titled "The Anniversary Poem," was written by Prof. A. U. Leshner, of Berwick, a grandson of the pastors' immediate predecessor, Rev. Wilson.

This poem was pronounced by the ministers present one of a scholarly merit and was appreciated by all. The poem, "The Pastor," was written by an aged friend of the pastor, Mr. John Sutton. This poem was recited by Miss Annie Ammerman and made a good impression. Mr. Sutton has printed a volume of original poems, all of which are beautiful and instructive. A very affectionate address to the pastor, and represented as coming from the children of the charge, was delivered by Miss Daisy McHenry, a grand-daughter of Rev. Wilson, a former pastor of this charge. This address spoke of the attachment of the children to the pastor and made grateful acknowledgement of his care over his spiritual children who were looking forward with joy and hope when they would be received into full membership by confirmation. Near the close of the services the president of Classis, Rev. A. Noll, assumed the attitude of a commander, and commanded the pastor to stand up. He, like an obedient servant, stood, but for what purpose he knew not. He was to stand up in the presence of the audience to listen to a little talk on the silver question. The pastor was told that this was a silver wedding anniversary, and that the people so regarded it and had thrown their silver mites together to make a silver offering to the pastor as a token of their appreciation of his pastoral love and care over them. To this address the pastor replied in befitting terms.

All who were on committees performed their duties admirably and everything was done with decency and in order. The dinner was in the form of a basket picnic. Every family seemed to have prepared enough for itself and a half dozen others. If the tables on this occasion are a fair sample of the peoples' living, they certainly are good livers, good cooks, and most generous in their hospitality. There were to be seen great stacks of cakes, pies and chicken and turkey and the only apprehension that was felt was that there might be a chicken famine next year. Near the close of the service nature seemed to come to the relief of the pastor from Bloomsburg and Danville by depriving them of their ten minutes speech and substituting a little thunder and rain, and dictating the expediency of hastily concluding these pleasant and long to be remembered exercises.

The funeral of D. A. Beckley was held at the house of his son W. D. Beckley, on Iron street, last Thursday at four o'clock, the services being conducted by Revs. W. G. Ferguson and R. E. Wilson. Mr. Beckley was at one time the most influential republican in the county. He was postmaster of Bloomsburg for seventeen years, and editor of the Republican for several years. His age was sixty-one years. He leaves a widow and three children, W. D. Beckley of this town, Mrs. Leidy of Harrisburg, and Jennie. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum, in which he had a life insurance policy of \$1500.

DELEGATE ELECTION.

On next Saturday, the 11th inst. is the date of our delegate election, remember.

BRIDAL TRIP SPOILED.

Charles Fox Taken into Custody by a Wilkes-Barre Detective.

The bridal trip of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox had a sad ending in Wilkes-Barre on the 4th inst. just as it was about to begin.

Fox was the Lehigh Valley agent at Lopez, Sullivan county. While there he met and became enamored of one of the village belles. She was young, handsome, susceptible and her heart was his. The whole affair was arranged in a way satisfactory to both. But a cloud came over their path to darken the brightness of this happy dream. One day in an unlucky moment Fox, it is said, committed a forgery that got him into the hands of the law. He was arrested, bound over to answer the charge and C. W. Crump, of Lopez, became his bondsman.

Charlie went to visit friends at Pringleville until the trouble had blown over. He had left his lady love in tears, but they could not remain separated. She came on to join him and they agreed to be married quickly and quietly. Coming to Wilkes-Barre the couple went in to purchase tickets at S. S. Chan's office. The man inquired the nearest point in New York State. Being told he purchased two tickets for Waverly. A bystander overheard the inquiry and made up his mind to see them off, if no one else did.

At the depot for some time previous to the time the train started, the couple sat in the corner of the ladies' waiting room, being content to escape the observation of the throng on the platform. The train came in and they stepped aboard and the only one who seemed to know their mission secretly wished them bon voyage.

There was another who watched, however, as the sequel of this story will show. Detective O'Brien got on board a moment before the train's departure, and before the bell rang for starting out the couple were on the platform with Mr. O'Brien. They were, of course, very much disappointed and felt very keenly the turn affairs had taken. They were invited to the office of Mr. O'Brien, where an explanation was made.

Mr. Crump had written Mr. O'Brien on July 7 to the effect that he had discovered enough to warrant him in withdrawing the bonds. He said he was a poor man and if it happened that Fox did not appear at the proper time it would ruin him. He asked that Fox be at once turned over to the Sheriff. In pursuance of this order the detective was on the lookout for his man.—The Press.

A GREAT ATTRACTION.

The greatest attraction that has been in this town for a number of years is now drawing immense crowds in front of the large show window of J. M. Gidding & Co the clothiers. It is certainly worth ones while to stand and watch the antics of these creatures as they are the next thing to human beings. They will be here just one week more from next Saturday, and they should be seen by every man, woman and child in town.

There will be a Reunion of the Girton family held at Oak Grove, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Wednesday, August 23, 1894, at 10 o'clock, a. m. All Girtons and their families, and their descendants are requested to attend and bring refreshments with them for the day. And if wet on the above date then on August 30th 1894.

There are prospects of a big picnic at Oak Grove on the 25th. A committee from Pittston visited Bloomsburg on Tuesday, and after going to the Ruptert Grove, they were taken out to Oak Grove by P. D. Heddens, and were much pleased with it. If they come here, there will be at least a thousand.

The following letters are advertised Aug. 7th. 1894. Miss Vernie Crawford, Mr. Edward Cox, Miss Minnie Cox, Miss Martha Girton, Mrs. R. G. Swartz, J. C. Sweppenheiser, Mr. Chas. Turnbach. Will be sent to the dead letter office Aug. 21, 1894.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

J. G. Wells has put in a fourth handsome new show case in his jewelry store. It is the one he purchased from P. E. Wirt, and is the one used by the latter at the World's Fair last year, in Chicago.

T. L. Gunton has the contract for laying an Ohio stone pavement along Mrs. Butler's properties on First street.

The homes of S. Knorr and Edward Searles on Third street have been newly painted.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

Mrs. J. M. Gidding has been quite ill during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rishton returned home on Wednesday.

Joseph Purcel, of the Normal, is paying his Maryland home a visit. Mr. J. E. Fritz, of Benton, visited Bloomsburg on business on Monday.

Mrs. John Wolf is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Emma Wagner, of Boston. I. W. Hartman and wife are spending a couple of weeks at Ocean Grove.

Mrs. Henry Hodgdon, of Scranton, is visiting at Mr. Layton Runyon's. James Trump, of Forks, was a caller at the COLUMBIAN office on Tuesday.

Mr. Richard Stiles and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives here. Samuel H. Harman is taking a vacation, and is passing it at the sea-shore.

Mr. Dimmic Warner, of Jonestown, was a caller at the county seat on Monday. Mrs. Win. Brooke, is entertaining Richard Stiles and daughter from Philadelphia.

Miss Clara Rutter, of Hughesville, is visiting her grand-parents at Dr. Rutter's. Judge and Mrs. Elwell went to Proctor Inn last Saturday and spent several days.

Mrs. Jane Barnes Grum preached at Ruptert Camp-meeting on Saturday evening. Boyd Cadman is spending this week at Washingtonville. He went over on his bicycle.

Mr. M. L. Staver, of Jersey Shore, with his daughter are visiting his brother, J. M. Staver.

Mrs. C. Watson McKelvey went to Spring Lake, N. J., on Thursday, to spend a couple of weeks. Mrs. J. G. Wells and son Stephen, are visiting S. B. Henderson's family at Montgomery Station.

Among attendants upon Camp-meeting at Mountain Grove we mention Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hess of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eyer, took leave of Bloomsburg on Tuesday morning for an extended trip at the summer resorts.

Mrs. F. M. Leader recently entertained Mrs. Thomas Wilson and daughter Bess, and also Miss McCleary, of Milton, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Hellman have gone to Clifton Springs, N. Y. for a few week's rest and recuperation. They expect to return about August 24.

S. A. Goodhue of Jamison City went to Salem, Mass. the home of his parents, to spend a few weeks. District Attorney Hanley went with him as his guest.

William Chrisman Esq. and his brother C. B., went to Philadelphia on Saturday and returned on Tuesday morning. Charley bought a thousand water-melons.

O. W. Ent is spending a three week's vacation at home. He is entertaining his friend F. W. Anton, a mail transfer clerk at the Broad street station, Philadelphia.

D. L. Brown, of New York, was among the visitors to Bloomsburg during the past week. He is connected with the fashion house of A. McDowell & Co., New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sharpless are now absent from home enjoying a bit of sight-seeing and visiting in New York, Ocean Grove, and other points of attraction in eastern states. They will be absent several weeks.

Mrs. Sanford Runyan, having met with a fall while visiting her home and mother at Jerseytown, is again in Bloomsburg, but is so seriously indisposed as to be bed fast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Smith.

In Memory of M. W. Jackson.

BERWICK, Pa., July 26, 1894. Mordecai W. Jackson died July 18, 1894, after almost thirty years continuous service as President and director of the First National Bank of Berwick, Pa.

The Board of Directors in special session this day realize the sad and solemn duty they owe to his memory, that of placing on record their sincere expressions of sorrow at his death.

It is the unanimous sentiment of the board and also the stockholders that they have lost an able and efficient officer.

He was unexcelled in executive ability, judgement and decision, and contributed largely to the success and management of the affairs of this bank with which he has been identified since its organization.

Kind and courteous to all, he was universally esteemed and widely known, unassuming in manner and highly respected by all classes. While we shall miss his genial greeting, wise counsel and able administration, we shall remember with pleasure his kind treatment, his courteous bearing, his strict integrity and social and business qualities.

The board hereby tenders the bereaved family sincere sympathy and directs the Secretary to publish the foregoing in the county papers and to transmit a copy thereof to the family.

S. C. JAVNE, Secretary.

THE RAIN.

The grateful and heartfelt sentiment expressed in the song of "the beautiful snow" might well be reiterated over our recent fall of rain so essential to the growth of late vegetation. Bloomsburg and vicinity, at least, has much to be thankful for as regards the kindness of the heavenly elements which are so necessary for her happiness and comfort.

GREATEST BARGAINS OF THE SEASON AT LOWENBERG'S.

During the next 30 days we will sell all clothing
REGARDLESS OF COST.

We want to sell out everything.
All light weight coats and vests at slaughtering prices and
On all men's, boy's and children's suits.

The Wholesale Cost no Object

We intend to have an entire new stock of goods this fall. Just a few sample prices of the sacrifice sale:

- White vests - - - - 25c.
- Boy's linen long pants suits - 50c.
- Men's linen suits - \$1.00 and upwards.

LOWENBERG'S THE CLOTHIERS OF BLOOMSBURG.

Russet Shoes

Owing to the lateness of the season, we still have a large stock of

Russet Shoes and Oxfords,

and, in order to make sure of closing all out before the season is over, we are offering several lots at greatly reduced prices. It will pay you to see them if you are thinking of buying a pair of **RUSSETS.**

W. C. MCKINNEY.

Clarks' Building, Main Street.

August Clearing Sale. UNMATCHABLE PRICES.

Every pair of russett shoes, every pair of men's, women's, boy's and children's slippers and oxford ties, at prices that certainly will prove to be great bargains to buyers. We close our eyes to cost and former price—determined to sell.

For instance, in ladies' fine shoes, genuine dongola—solid in every part. 98c. the pair; not one-half their actual value. Ladies' bright dongola opera slippers, solid, 50c. the pair; regular value 85c. Misses' bright dongola and pebble goat button boots, 75c. the pair, sizes eleven to two, common sense and operas. We guarantee these to be as good quality as any \$1.50 shoe you can buy. Men's russett shoes, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50. All at sweeping reductions. Ladies' fine button boots, common sense and opera toes, patterned tips or plain toes reduced to \$2.00 the pair. These are first-class goods and regularly sell at \$3.00 and \$3.50 the pair. All sizes and widths now in stock.

Ladies' fine shoes, hand welts and turns, common sense, square and opera tip and plain toes; all regular \$4.00 and \$4.50 goods, reduced to \$3.00 the pair. These are elegant goods, up to date in every respect. No better goods can be found.

A lot of women's good everyday shoes, 50c. the pair. Lace, regular price, \$1.20. One lot children's fancy colored shoes, 50c. the pair; regular price, \$1.25, and other goods at the same sweeping reductions.

Avail yourself of the rare opportunity and save some money on shoes. To continue through August.

JONES & WALTER, SHOE HUSTLERS, Main Street, BLOOMSBURG.