

BRIDGE MATTERS.

Quite a number of representative citizens of Bloomsburg assembled in the Court House at the ringing of the bell last Friday evening to get an expression of sentiment upon the matter of the disputed roadway on the south side of the new bridge.

Organization was effected by the election of Paul E. Wirt as Chairman and J. C. Brown as Secretary of the meeting.

Chairman Wirt gave a concise statement of the object of calling the interested citizens together, and for a more minute explanation of the standpoint of a civil engineer he introduced Secretary J. C. Brown. This gentleman, being familiar with the original survey, and having been identified with the building of the bridge from first to last, gave a minute explanation of grades of the higher and lower roadways, either of which is possible to effect an outlet, but showing that to cross over the railroad track, and not under it, was in accordance with the original design and anticipation, and in harmony with the views and reviews taken, as well as the courts' decision when right of way was granted.

The President explained that though as yet no overt act or contrary verbal expression from the railroad was blocking the way of crossing over their tracks, there were certain indications pointing strongly in that direction. In anticipation of opposition the following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is making strenuous efforts to construct an undergrade crossing from the south end of the Bloomsburg bridge, in defiance of the orders of the Court of Columbia county, and against the best interests of the traveling public, and believing that such crossing would greatly damage and in a measure destroy the usefulness of said bridge,

Now, therefore, we, citizens and tax-payers of Bloomsburg and vicinity, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby **Resolve**, That we most emphatically protect against such interference on the part of the Railroad Company, and as emphatically endorse the action of the County Commissioners and the supervisor of Catawissa township in preventing such undergrade crossing, and urge them to exhaust all legal means to construct and maintain a grade crossing in conformity with the decree of the Columbia County Court, so that the \$75,000 of public funds expended in the erection of the bridge may not be wasted.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be printed in the county papers, and also a copy sent to G. W. Creighton, Supt., and another to Samuel Rea, President of the North & West Branch Railway Company.

The Phillips Cafe

If an attractive appearance has much to do with the success of business generally, then it applies with full force to bakeries, boarding houses, restaurants, &c. This domestic bakery is not of mushroom origin, but an old and well-conducted establishment, favorably located and easy of access. It is now being enlarged. Upon its reputation for purity and wholesomeness of food rests its liberal patronage. Its prominent location is greatly in its favor, being on Main street between Center and Iron. Its lunch-room is ample for the accommodation of 60 persons, and a full corps of assistants and waiters are always employed. Mrs. Phillips & Son are the proprietors of the establishment, and they are willing caterers to the wants not only of boarders, but also of parties, balls, weddings, &c. They also deliver goods to regular customers. The rear addition is being built of brick, and will add greatly to the convenience of the patrons and the proprietors.

Congressional Conference.

The Democratic Congressional Conference will meet Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at Sunbury. The Conferees are: Columbia—Rohr McHenry, John G. Freeze.

Montour—George W. Miles, Alex. Billmeyer.

Northumberland—J. H. McDevitt, Voris Auten.

Sullivan—John W. Flinn, A. L. Smith.

The candidates are: C. R. Buckalew, W. D. Steinbach and Lewis Dewart.

The finest specimen of fruit—grapes, peaches and plums—that we have seen this season were those recently gathered by Mr. George Robbins of Normal Hill. They were simply grown to perfection and were therefore more beautiful than art could picture them.

Luzerne's Rival Camp-meetings.

The old Patterson Grove camp, which was burned out some time ago (presumably for the insurance money that some folks owning tents there wanted to secure through fire), was again open for the salvation of sinners and the display of dress, &c., this season. In consequence of the burn-out the camp seemed to be in sack-cloth and ashes, as well as in mourning over the loss of many old-time and reliable camp-meeting worshippers. Among the unfortunate results of the fire is a permanent split and a red, rankling quarrel between the mountain worshippers and the river and valley worshippers. The split is no doubt permanent; and we fear there is some justification for the red, rankling quarrel among the zealous brethren.

Since competition is the life of trade in temporal affairs, why may it not be in spiritual affairs? We believe that Christ's independent example was the greatest blessing the world has ever known, and later on, but right next to it, was the independent and evolutionary example of such men as Martin Luther, John Wesley and other special agencies in the hands of God. There was not one of the special agencies we have mentioned but what died leaving the world the better for their apparent rebellion against the abuse of trust as they discovered it among the church rulers and regulators of their day. So it is possible that this split may prove a blessing in disguise because of misrule.

Whether the present insignificant split of this camp-meeting can be justified or not we do not know, but we do know that there has been much complaint about the conduct and management of the financial and temporal affairs of the old board of managers, and hence, indeed, the permanent split. The firing of the old camp we somehow regard as but incidental to the previous discontent which was founded either upon fact or fancy. Since the harvest is plenty and the willing laborers rather in each others way in this peculiar case, the old board of managers will continue to hold the fort at the old stand, by building anew and planting half-grown trees, while the new management have selected what they are pleased to advertise as a much better ground in every respect.

Sizing the rivals according to collections (and that's the way spirituality is too often measured these days) the old ground is behind some distance; for there was a collection of \$800 raised on the new ground last Sunday, we are told. This amount rightly applied will go a great distance toward putting the new ground in very good order. As it generally happens that only about one-half of the attendants ever hear a camp-meeting sermon, we rather apprehend that the split will prove a blessing in disguise, inasmuch as it will diminish the amount of the root of evil reaching the boards of managers through the medium of the commissaries.

A Master Workman.

The Bohemian who has been engaged putting down Ohio stone pavements in Bloomsburg is a master mechanic that is well paid—a stone-cutter that knows how to cut them and lay them. In a frank conversation with our reporter he said in effect and as best he could in broken English: "I am from Cleveland, Ohio, and I have followed stone-cutting since 13 years old. All my traveling expenses are paid by the company; also my board, beside my wages, which are \$3.50 per day. I have never been sick, and have never taken a thimble full of medicine." He also explained the process of getting out the Ohio stone from the quarry with dynamite, and how the great slabs were sawed out with a toothless saw operating on a small stream of sand fed just in front of the saw while in motion. The Ohio stone pavement is hard to beat either in cost, durability or appearance.

To The Public.

The Commissioners are confident they have a plain duty to perform in regard to the South approach to the river bridge.

That is to have a grade crossing as reported by the viewers and same having been confirmed by the Court. And we thank the people very much for the resolution sustaining us in insisting on crossing at grade.

Com. { J. G. SWANK.
G. M. IKELER.
W. H. UTT.

New pavements are still the order in Bloomsburg. Silas Kitchen is among the many thus improving.

The Bloomsburg Silk Mill.

One of the most attractive institutions of Bloomsburg is that of the Silk Mill, a three story brick structure located on the corner of Sixth and West streets, where the hum and buzz of the fine machinery required has been heard daily and throughout all the general depression of business elsewhere. Everything connected with the mill is fine as silk, even to the girls who work there, we were about to say, judging from appearance rather than acquaintance.

The company was incorporated in 1890 for the purpose of weaving broad silk and "throwing" raw silk. The raw material is imported generally from Italy, Japan, and China. What effect the tariff and the war between China and Japan will have upon the raw material used in this mill, time will soon determine, no doubt.

It takes three boilers and a 150 horse power engine to drive the machinery, while the popular superintendent, Mr. Ratti, supplies the requisite personal push or, rather, direction.

The mill has a capacity of handling 1,000 pounds of raw silk per week. It can also turn out 6,000 yards of gross-grained goods of broad measure, or the same quantity of surah or gloria goods of superior quality. About 100 hands are kept busy ordinarily; but, with anticipated better times and additional machinery and enlarged capacity, a larger force may here find steady employment and prompt pay. Mr. Joseph Ratti and brother are of Italian nativity, but they are now substantial residents of Bloomsburg, and the general managers of the mill, the former named gentleman being also treasurer of the company.

American Mechanics.

At a regular meeting of Bloomsburg Council No. 146 O. U. A. M., the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to visit our Council and remove our Brother John W. Rinker, therefore be it

Resolved, While we deeply deplore the loss of our brother we humbly submit to him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we heartily sympathize with the family of our deceased brother and recommend them to the sympathy and love of our brethren everywhere.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our deceased brother and published in the papers of the town.

Resolved, That the charter of our Council be draped for thirty days in memory of our deceased brother.

Com. { R. H. RINGLER.
JOHN W. FRY.
J. H. FAHRINGER.

Not Seriously Injured.

N. McLaughlin, who fell off the wingwall of the south abutment of the river bridge, was visited on Saturday by C. M. Terwilliger, the commissioners' clerk, while his wounds were being dressed by Dr. Gardner. Making a misstep on the plank upon which he was walking he slipped and fell a distance of fifteen or twenty feet, landing on the sharp stones below, and sustaining many severe cuts and bruises about the head and body. Mr. McLaughlin himself expressed the opinion that he would be out again in about a day. His condition will hardly warrant this hopeful conclusion, however.

A SMASH UP.

About noon on Friday a smash up and runaway resulted from a delivery wagon belonging to Snyder & Magee being backed against a carriage occupied by James I. Campbell, of Fishingcreek. The upsetting of Mr. Campbell's buggy frightened his horse, and it soon played havoc with the overturned buggy, &c., behind it. While Mr. Campbell himself escaped injury the buggy and an iron tie-post with which it came in contact were left in a very dilapidated condition, indeed.

FISH and GAME ASSOCIATION

The Fish and Game Park Protecting Association, of Scott Township, will hold a meeting at Cross-Roads School-house on Saturday the 1st day of September, 1894, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of such business as may properly come up for consideration. Members are urgently requested to attend this meeting.

J. H. CREVELING,
President of Association.

This year the appropriation to each county for holding farmers' institutes will be reduced from \$75 to \$65, owing to the demands of counties that have asked for shares hitherto unused.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

John Huff, of New Columbus, transacted business in Bloomsburg on Saturday.

Squire Gibbons, of Benton, was a caller at the county seat on Saturday.

Mrs. H. H. Grote came home from Eaglesmore last week greatly improved in health.

N. P. Moore, Esq., of Buck Horn, was in town on Monday.

S. D. Neyhard took a trip to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Stecker is entertaining Miss Minnie Heacock, of Millville.

F. C. Williams spent a couple of days in Philadelphia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McKelvey returned home from Spring Lake last Saturday.

Howard Traub is visiting relatives in Scranton.

We noticed Rohr McHenry of Benton, upon the streets of Bloomsburg on Tuesday.

Mrs. Dr. Mifflin is entertaining Mrs. Theodore Heck of Shamokin.

Miss Lucy Jacobs is entertaining Miss Martha Young and Miss Mabel Cope.

Miss Ella and Lizzie Brobst are still abroad visiting friends at Sunbury and elsewhere.

Miss Nora Harvey, of Fairmount Springs, was among the excursionists to Atlantic City.

Mrs. P. E. Wirt, son and daughter, have been spending several weeks at Spring Lake, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Neal, of Harrisburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with Bloomsburg relatives.

Miss Martha Stulen, of Athens, Pa., is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wells.

Guy Jacoby, Esq., took advantage of the excursion on the 23d, to make a business trip to Philadelphia.

Ernest Rice is employed in Harrisburg with Adriance, Platt & Co., manufacturers of harvesting machinery.

Mrs. Eber Brown, of Lightstreet, was a visitor of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Beers, on Saturday, while enroute to Montgomery, Pa.

Mrs. Shoemaker, late of Buckhorn, and Miss Hess, of Lewisburg, were recent guests of Mrs. Wm. Beers.

Mr. Irving Lex, of Philadelphia, came to Bloomsburg on Tuesday last. He is visiting relatives at the residence of J. H. Kesty.

Rev. A. A. Marple, of Norristown, spent a few hours in town on Monday, calling on relatives.

Geo. M. Lockard and wife attended the Grangers' picnic at Williams' Grove this week.

Mr. M. I. Low, of Lime Ridge, was among the Monday morning passengers coming to Bloomsburg on the B. & S. from up the creek.

I. W. Hartman and Geo. E. Elwell have been summoned to appear at Williamsport on Monday, September 3d, as jurors in the United States Court there in session.

Mrs. S. C. Creasy is entertaining Miss Nellie Bruner and Miss Martha Stulen, the former from Muncy and the latter from Athens.

Prothonotary G. M. Quick and wife, and next sheriff, J. B. McHenry and wife, were among those who went on the excursion to Atlantic City on the 23d.

Dorrance Harvey, of Fairmount Springs, was a caller at the COLUMBIAN office on Saturday. Having missed the noon train he took his departure for home in the evening.

Mr. Boas, the new secretary of the V. M. C. A., has in Mr. Kesty a young assistant well qualified for his position, both in politeness and affability of disposition.

G. P. Ringler, W. H. Housel and Prof. Dennis left here on Tuesday, the 21st, on their bicycles, for Philadelphia, reaching there on the 24th. Prof. Dennis left them at Hatboro to visit Prof. Detweiler.

Mrs. M. L. Shipley, who with her three children has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Neal, returned to her home in Ohio on Tuesday.

A. J. Harder, assistant State secretary of the V. M. C. A., who came here to look after the interests of the association, took his departure for other fields of labor on Friday.

Mr. John Keller, of Orangeville, called in upon us on his way home from Atlantic City and Philadelphia. While in Philadelphia he visited his son Clarence who learned his trade in this office.

Dr. T. S. Chapin, of Berwick, President of the Epworth League, was in town on Wednesday. He was a caller at the COLUMBIAN office and also at the rooms of the V. M. C. A.

The man who pays for his newspaper a year in advance every time, is the one who appreciates it, and says he could not do without it. But the man who lets his subscription run three, four or five years or more, is the one who gets mad when you ask him for pay. He rushes in on the editor and says he doesn't like to be dunned, wants his bill up to date, pays it says, "there aint nothing in the paper anyhow," and orders it stopped. Every editor has met this kind of people.

In the case of Mrs. J. G. Swank, the sick wife of the Commissioner, it is said the threatening symptoms of Bright's disease are much less aggravated, and her general condition is improved.

Let the good

news be known.

Cloth knee
pants, 15c.

LOWENBERG'S

The Grand Old Stand

is being restocked with elegant new

Clothing,

Hats and

Furnishings,

at lower prices than other merchants can afford to sell them.

--COMING IN EVERY DAY--

immense quantities of goods bought for cash and at depression of trade prices. Tell your neighbors and let them tell it again that Lowenberg's, the store where the good clothes come from, is being restocked with an immense stock of fall and winter clothing at Wilson bill reduced prices.

OUR FALL LINE OF

HATS IS NOW READY.

We always handle a little better grade at lower prices than anyone else. The "Duke of York," the newest derby. See our Dandy, a \$2.50 stiff hat for \$2.00. \$1.00 Tourist hat. All our children's clothing will have reinforced knees, reinforced seats, this fall, and the most beautiful line we have ever had at quick selling prices.

LOWENBERG'S,

Known by the people as

The Oldest and Most Reliable
Clothing Store in 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 russet 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 russet 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.