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BLOOMSBURG'S EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

Rapid Strides in the Public Schools Until
a High Standard Has Been Attained.

Less than thirty years ago the children of this town obtained whatever education they received in buildings that were no better than those to be found anywhere in the country districts. The old Academy which stood where Dr. J. R. Evans' residence now stands, was the high school, though not very high in its curriculum in those days. Three or four teachers were employed there. A small school house at Port Noble, and another on Welsh Hill, and a third at Morgantown, each with one teacher, completed the public school system of the district. In 1867 the Bloomsburg Literary Institute was established, and in 1868 the organization of the Normal School followed, and this awakened the people up to the fact that the public school facilities were far behind the times, and that something must be done. In 1870 the Fifth street school house was erected, and this was looked upon as a great stride forward. Soon afterwards the Third street school house was built, and it was believed then that these buildings would be ample for many years to come. But the progressive spirit that manifested itself in the community and led to the establishment of many new industries here, brought many people from abroad, and the population steadily increased, until it became necessary a few years ago to erect a third building, the new High School on First and Center streets, a fine structure that did credit to the architect and builder, and to the Board of Directors that caused its construction. Last year the Fifth street building was enlarged, and this year it was found necessary also to enlarge the Third street building. This addition was completed just in time for the opening of the schools this month. Thomas Gorey had the contract, and he pushed the work forward rapidly, and performed his contract to the entire satisfaction of the Board of Directors. The building is heated and ventilated by a new system.

The subjects of heating and ventilating have been given the utmost attention by the Directors. After visiting several towns and cities and investigating the many systems now in use, the Board decided to put in the Sturtevant system of heating and ventilating; a system that is endorsed by the best scientific authorities of the day, and is being largely in use in schools and public buildings throughout the country. A brief description will perhaps be interesting to our citizens. The Sturtevant system supplies each room with a constant supply of fresh air, distributed through flues connected with each room. The air is forced through the flues by a fan, the air coming into each room which will average per scholar 33 cubic feet of fresh warmed air per minute. The system is claimed to be the best in use. The contract was awarded to the well known firm of B. G. Carpenter & Co., Wilkesbarre—Pennsylvania agents.

In connection with the above system Dr. Ross' Cremating Dry Closets have been adopted. These closets have so revolutionized the Sanitary demand that no modern school building is considered complete without them. The system is entirely independent from, and is in no way connected with the warming and ventilation.

In company with Mr. John R. Townsend, one of the directors, and who has been one of the leaders in bringing the public schools up to the high plane which they now occupy, we visited all of the schools last Friday afternoon. The High School is under the direction of Prof. L. P. Sterner, who is also the superintendent of all the schools in town, assisted by Prof. Mauser and Miss Nora Finney. There are 96 pupils enrolled. The A Grammar school is in two divisions, Miss Alice Wilson having 34 in her room, and Miss Hannah Brece having 35. The B Grammar grade is also in two divisions, Miss Ella Allen having 35 pupils, and Miss Ida Rinker having 35; making a total of 234 in the High School building.

At the Third street school Mr. Ira Brown has charge of the A Intermediate room, with 46 pupils; Miss Minnie Penman, B Intermediate with 43 pupils; Miss Dora Brece, A Primary, with 58 pupils; Miss Stella Lowenberg, B Primary, with 44; Miss Emma Townsend, B Primary, with 45; Miss Ida Bernhard, Secondary grade, 51; Miss Eva Rawlings, Secondary, 45. Total number of pupils is 332.

At Fifth street school, Samuel Purcell teaches A Intermediate grade, with 35 pupils; Miss Alice Brockway, B Intermediate, with 52; Miss Lou Robbins, A Primary, with 49; Miss Alice Edgar, A Primary, with 50; Miss Annie Snyder, B Primary, with 53; Miss

Bessie Holmes, B Primary, with 50; Miss Annie Fox, Secondary, with 46; Miss Mary Sheep, Secondary, with 47. Total in Fifth street school, 382. Grand total in all the schools, 948. Number of teachers, 22.

Formerly there were four rooms in the Third and Fifth street schools, each with a small recitation room adjoining, and each room had a principal and an assistant. Now there are eight rooms in each building, and each teacher has charge of a room. The teachers are an efficient corps, most of them graduates of the Normal, and all are deeply interested in their work. How much interest does the public in general take in the public schools? Some people look upon them merely as a scheme to get money out of the tax-payer, while too many mothers consider them as a sort of nursery where they can send their children to get rid of them. What the schools need, and what the teachers need to encourage them, is to feel that their work is appreciated, and this can be manifested in no better way than by frequent visits from parents and relatives and friends. The schools are making the future citizens, business men, mothers and fathers of this community; they are doing a great work, and they ought to be visited and encouraged in every possible way.

MAIN'S GREAT SHOWS.

Walter L. Main's shows arrived here on Sunday morning by the P. & R. road, coming from Mount Carmel. A large crowd of people witnessed the unloading of the wagons and animals, and the erection of the tents. The show travels on its own train of twenty-seven cars each sixty feet long, four of which are sleeping cars, six box cars for horses, and the remainder flat cars. Last year the train was smashed up on the Pennsylvania road at Tyrone, and nearly everything was destroyed. One of the elephants we noticed was quite lame in one hind leg and were informed that the leg was broken in that wreck. The railroad company supplied Mr. Main with an entire new train. All day Sunday the show ground was a centre of attraction. On Monday morning hundreds of people came to town, and when the parade passed, Main Street was thronged. The procession was a grand pageant, fully up to all it was advertised to be. There were three brass bands, a drum corps and a steam piano in the line, besides dens of wild animals, elephants, camels, &c. The performance in the big tent was excellent in every feature, with nothing objectionable from beginning to end. There was a large attendance at both performances, and the frequent applause showed that all were well pleased. We never saw a finer lot of horses, and everything was neat and clean. One commendable feature was the absence of fakirs and frauds. The press agent, Mr. John Pifer, was a very agreeable gentleman, who did all in his power for the entertainment of the newspaper men. It was announced that Main's show will come here again next year, and if it does it will be well patronized.

Keystone Foundry and Machine Co.

The Mears Manufacturing Company no longer exists, having been reorganized and merged into the Keystone Foundry and Machine Company. The entire plant has passed into the hands of the new concern, and C. Mears has withdrawn from the company. Jacob W. Moyer is President of the new organization, W. H. Snyder, Secretary; L. S. Wintersteen, Treasurer; J. J. Brower and W. S. Flekenstine are directors with the others above named.

Mr. Moyer is general manager. He has had long experience in the business, and is just the man for the place. He will move his family from Danville to Bloomsburg in the spring.

The buildings have been remodeled and enlarged, and there have been added new planers, lathes, drill presses, screw cutters, and other new machinery necessary for all kinds of foundry, machine, and planing mill work. After finishing up the Mears washing machines on hand, the company will discontinue their manufacture. Every department is now in operation, employing about twenty hands at present. Later on it is probable that thirty-five or forty will be required. The plant is very complete, and the business management is in excellent hands, and no doubt the new company will receive a liberal patronage and meet with abundant success.

Word comes from Tennessee that a lyncher of that latitude is likely to be tried for murder. We shall be prepared to verify the fact when the trial ends.

Grover Wins.

The Ashland Advocate of last week, in reporting the races at the Lavelle fair, thus speaks of a Bloomsburg horse:

The next race was the 2:25 trot and pace for purse of \$250. The race was a pretty one, some of the finest horses ever seen on the track being entered. Five horses started, passing under the wire almost abreast. Grover, owned by Harry Aurand, of Bloomsburg, took the lead in the three heats and maintained that position throughout in all the heats. J. H. N., owned by Jos. H. Nichter, of Pottsville, took second place every time, and Josephine, owned by Moore & Vandusen, of Houtzdale, took third money. In the last heat J. H. N., was away back as they passed the three-quarter mile post and looked as if he was not going to take his accustomed place, when he seemed to fly and in the stretch caught up to Josephine who was pushing Grover for first place. Josephine broke when nearing the wire and dropped to third. The horses finished as follows:

Heats.....1-2-3
Grover.....1-1-1
J. H. N.....2-2-2
Josephine.....4-3-3
Poser.....3-4-5
Mack.....5-5-4
Time, 2:32½, 2:34.

Fabio Romani.

Aiden Benedict's Fabio Romani is a fine creation. It surpasses Monte Cristo in its intensity of action, in its subtlety of plot, in its cause and effect. There are no chasms of sequence that must be bridged by the imagination. It steps immediately upon a high, artistic level of intense, active interest, and keeps that level up to the terrific, emotional climax, which is the submerging of the expiring bodies of the principal characters in the Bay of Naples, amid the crashing thunder of an earthquake, in the weird light of an awful eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

Fabio Romani is a tale of the dead, founded first and last upon the duplicity of woman. Mr. Walter Lawrence, as Fabio Romani, the wronged husband and implacable avenger, gave a powerful representation of the part. Mr. Lawrence has a magnificent physique. His acting is a combination of the robust and intense.

Miss Engel Sumner, as Nina, the wife of the virtuous, trusting, studious, rich Fabio, the woman who bartered her all for the love of gold, did some exceptionally fine acting. Nina is one of the most remarkable impersonations we have ever seen upon the stage.

Guido Ferrari, the treacherous friend and villainous desecrator of peace and virtue, was excellent.

Of Charles L. Farwell, as Respetti, we cannot speak too highly. His description of his wife's infidelity, the discovery, his killing her in the arms of her lover and bathing his hands in her warm heart's blood, was the best piece of acting, by far, that we have witnessed for many a day. It was superb, grand, terrific. Miss Grace Hunter in her Spanish serpentine and dance stereopticon was a dream of the poetry of grace and motion. She has no superior on the stage.

The remainder of the large cast was strong and even, the costumes were rich and the stage settings were magnificent paintings of Naples and its vicinity. The spectacular effects of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, the burning lava, the earthquake, the sinking tomb, the struggle in the sea, was appalling and thrilling. The living pictures were, by far, the most beautiful visions that have ever been produced on any stage.—Boston Herald.

Bloomsburg Opera House, Monday, October 1st.

THE FIREMEN RETURN.

Headed by Bloomsburg's excellent and finely uniformed band the Friendship Fire Company returned on Saturday morning from their outing at Norristown and Philadelphia. Though the weather was damp at the time of their departure it was remarked by friends who welcomed them home that the boys looked very dry and nice upon their return. Schuykill water has been condemned by Philadelphians for 10 these many years, and besides the sun was out enough to dry their uniforms; hence their apparent dryness.

Another Scientist off His Base.

Rudolf Falb, the well known weather prophet of Germany, has made one more big mistake. He predicted that the month of September would be very dry and warm throughout Germany, whereas, the contrary is true—rain, rain every day.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

Mr. and Mrs. Slate have moved into their elegant new home on Fifth street.

Mrs. J. G. Wells has been suffering for the past two weeks with her eyes.

Wm. Webb and wife are visiting in Philadelphia.

Wm. Dentler went to Shamokin on Monday.

Norman Cole, of Millinville, was a visitor at the county seat on Saturday.

C. H. Rittenhouse, of Mountain Grove was a caller in town on Friday.

O. B. Melick, took a trip to Wilkes-Barre on Friday.

Miss Clara Beers is spending some time with Mrs. Elisha Brugler, of Froisy Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Nagle are entertaining Mr. Frank Lewis, of Ohio.

William L. Parks, of Benton, was among the town visitors on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nickal are visitors with Mrs. Wm. Beers.

W. O. Holmes, the enterprising plumber of Bloomsburg, took a business trip to the country last week.

Mrs. L. M. Hartman, of Buckhorn, spent a short time visiting relatives in Bloomsburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, of Philadelphia, are guests at the house of Mrs. Clark, on Market street.

Thomas Gorrey, Jr., went to Philadelphia on Friday to pursue his studies at the College of Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Connor, of Shick-shinny Valley, were Bloomsburg visitors on Saturday.

Candidate J. B. McHenry and wife spent Monday in town and, incidentally, visited the circus.

Judge and Mrs. Elwell passed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on September 19th.

Mr. W. T. Cressy, the very likely candidate for representative, was among the rush of visitors on Monday.

Hon. E. M. Tewksbury, the southside political prophet, came also to town on the day of the circus.

Ex-Commissioner B. F. Edgar and handsome young daughter were visitors at the county seat on Monday. We rather think they took in the circus.

Mr. Frank S. Bowman, a promising young man of New Columbus, is now taking a medical course at the Medico-Chirurgical College, of Philadelphia.

Frank Patterson and bride took the steamship Britannica on Wednesday for an extended trip abroad. Rev. Patterson and family went to New York to see them off.

Edward J. Flynn was admitted to the bar on Monday morning, having passed a very satisfactory examination. He is a son of Patrick Flynn, of Centralia, and read law in the office of C. G. Barkley, Esq. He has opened an office in Centralia.

Frank Ikeler was admitted to the bar on Monday morning, after passing a creditable examination. He is a son of President Judge E. R. Ikeler, a graduate of Lafayette College, and a young man of excellent character and ability. A partnership has been formed with Fred Ikeler under the firm name of Ikeler & Ikeler.

OPENING THE CAMPAIGN.

The Y. M. C. A. Campfire last Monday night was a great success. Everybody was delighted with the novelty of the entertainment, the splendid addresses, the fine music and the elegant provision made by the Ladies Auxiliary. The music of the Male Choir was very much enjoyed, the solo of Mr. Yetter was highly appreciated and the violin solos by Mr. Stauffer received much praise. Prof. Wilbur made an excellent address and H. V. White, Esq., reviewed the present standing of the Association so ably that it leaves the citizens of this community without any excuse for not supporting the institution. State Secretary Hurlburt delivered a powerful address which wonderfully stirred up his hearers. If the opening is an indication the fall campaign is to be a vigorous one.

Robert J., the famous pacing horse that has made such remarkable time within the last two weeks, breaking the world's record, was bred and reared at Williamsport by R. J. C. Walker. When Mr. Walker went to Europe he sold all his horses except Robert J., and he gave him to his trainer, Champ Brown, who entered the colt in his first race in Altoona. He got his first record of 2:22½ at Albany, when he was 3 years old. He is now 6 years old. Brown sold him for \$1,500, and is probably kicking himself for it at this instant, for to-day two more ciphers at the right of that figure would hardly buy him.

The Level-Headedness of a Plumber Doubted.

Herman Pfannessmidt, a plumber, of Altoona, was recently sent to Penitentiary for pestering President Cleveland and other high officials with threatening letters. On the ground of his insanity his wife has now petitioned for divorce. Thus plumbers, too, have their troubles in this life.

The mills are so busy that it is said the employees will be given only a half-day off during the fair.

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- 3d. A lot of tailor made suitings at 60c.; worth \$1.00.

A large line of novelty dress goods in dress pattern lengths. A complete line of the popular covert suitings. Gilbert's cloth suitings, full lines.

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All the latest in both. Almost anything you could wish, either in cloth or fur. Fur capes of all grades. Cloth capes. Coats. The golf cape. Children's coats.

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