

### NOTES OF THE FAIR.

The attendance on Wednesday and Thursday was small owing to the weather, but on Friday morning the sun came out bright and clear, and the people came pouring into town by trains and vehicles by the thousands. It is estimated that 25,000 persons were on the grounds in the afternoon.

Nine hundred people dined at the dining hall on Friday.

The displays in every department were fuller and better than ever before. The fancy work department was crowded, and there were many pieces of beautiful work, showing great taste and skill.

J. Saltzer's exhibit occupied two large sections, and contained pianos, organs and sewing machines of the celebrated makes handled by him. Many beautiful specimens of work done on his sewing machines decorated the walls. A half dozen or more assistants were kept busy waiting on customers, and his stall was constantly surrounded by admiring crowds.

J. R. Smith & Co. of Milton had a nice lot of pianos and organs on exhibition. Mr. Smith was present in person. This is an enterprising firm and they are well known in this county.

As you entered the north end of the Main building on the left hand side, the attention was at once attracted by the large and tasteful display of Alexander Bros. & Co. It consisted of tobaccos, cigars, pipes, in great profusion and in all sorts of packages, very well arranged. This firm is largely engaged in the wholesale tobacco and confectionery business, and the samples of goods shown at the fair give but a faint idea of the extensive lines they carry.

The Normal School exhibit was in charge of Prof. DeWitt of the Manual training department. It contained specimens of work by the different classes in that department, including clay modeling, and woodwork.

W. J. Correll's fine display of furniture included something new in the extension table line. The table may be lengthened or shortened by pulling it out or pushing in, without the trouble of leaves.

On Friday afternoon Robert S. Swayze of Berwick, one of the bicycle riders in the mile race, was thrown from his wheel in some way and had his leg broken below the knee. His wheel was broken to pieces.

In this race J. C. Henderson of Lewistown came in ahead, W. F. Updegraff second, and J. G. Harman third. Harman had won the half mile race, and in this one he was the last man to start, but he gradually crept up in the second round until he was in the lead. The Grand Stand went wild, but on the home stretch his endurance failed and Henderson and Updegraff passed him. If the mile race had come first the result might have been different. Harman was the winner in last year's race, the winner at Berwick fair this year, and of the Columbia County Championship on Thursday, and the half mile race on Friday, so that he has honors enough to rest on for the present.

Selleck and Ahnstock each had creditable exhibits of sewing machines and musical instruments.

Mears & Moyer showed a tandem bicycle manufactured at the Bloomsburg Cycle Works. It is well made, and is the first machine of the kind ever put together in the county.

Considerable dissatisfaction was created on Friday afternoon by the action of the management in continuing to sell tickets to the grand stand after every seat was full, and there was scarcely standing room. Those who had seats were obliged to stand up in order to see anything. The payment of the admission price to the grand stand entitles the purchaser to a seat, and to the privilege of seeing the races, and the management ought not to interfere with that right by selling more tickets than they can accommodate.

The Hazleton Band was in attendance on Friday, and it is an excellent organization. They played at the grand stand but no one could hear them, as they made the mistake of playing music intended for a concert hall. There was an occasional outburst of harmony that could be heard across the track, from which it was apparent that they were well drilled.

One of the running horses became excited just before the start in the half mile running race on Friday afternoon, and ran away with his rider, a slender youth. It went around the track nearly three times, and was finally stopped. It caused more excitement on the grand stand than the race itself.

Rain began to fall early Saturday morning, and it looked as though there would be no fair that day, but

toward noon it cleared, and there were probably 5,000 people on the ground in the afternoon. About half past five as the exhibitors were removing their articles, a heavy storm came up, and many people were drenched.

We have not attempted to enumerate the displays. The Award list will probably appear next week, which will show who received premiums or diplomas.

### UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

The first lecture in the University Extension course was delivered at the Normal School last Monday night by Stockton Axson, M. A., before a class of about two hundred and fifty. The course is on English Literature of the 19th Century, and the subject of the first lecture was Wordsworth. Professor Axson is a pleasant speaker, and his discourse was very interesting and instructive. There are six lectures in the course, and they will be delivered every two weeks. The next one will be given a week from next Monday. Tickets for the course can be obtained at Slate's Book Store. A prize will be offered to the person passing the best examination at the close of the series. The next lecture will be on Byron.

### MICHAEL O. VANCE.

The people of this community were shocked to learn the sudden death of Major M. C. Vance at his home in Orange township last week Wednesday, October 10th. For some time his health has been poor, but his death was not expected. Mrs. Vance died last May. Two daughters survive, Mary who resides at home, and Mrs. J. L. Moyer of this town. His age was 78 years. Major Vance was a man of most genial and kindly disposition, a good neighbor and an excellent citizen. He had many friends throughout the county. The funeral took place on Monday and was largely attended.

### THE BLOOMSBURG CLUB.

The Bloomsburg Club was inaugurated last week Wednesday night in proper form. The house was beautifully decorated with palms and roses from Dillon's, and an elegant lunch was served. There are forty three members, and they have every reason to be proud of their handsome quarters. The dining room is supplied with fine china, cut glass and silverware. A pool table and a billiard table have been purchased, and everything is in first class shape. An evening entertainment for the lady friends of the members is contemplated in the near future.

Among the attractions which Manager Holmes has secured for this season, none is better or more favorably known to the amusement world generally, than Elmer E. Vance's great realistic railroad comedy drama, "The Limited Mail," which will appear at Opera House, on Friday, Oct. 19th, and the simple announcement of the coming of the company will be enough to pack the house from footlights to gallery.

The scenic and mechanical effects of the play are this season entirely new. An entire new vestibule train of cars, comprising a baggage, mail, smoker and Pullman coaches, the entire length aggregating over 300 feet, and 12 feet high, has been built under the personal direction of Mr. Vance, and is said to be more striking and realistic than ever.

The ponderous, practical working saw mill, with a real boiler, engine, and a circular saw cutting out realities from a real log, are probably the most wonderful and ingenious stage effects ever seen in this country, and the management call attention to the fact that the pictures of this great scene, as well as all the advertising matter displayed by this company, are not in the least exaggerated, but are made from photographs taken by flash light from the actual representations given on the stage.

The cast is said to be exceptionally strong, and a glance at the names will satisfy the most hypercritical that an equally efficient company would be far from easy to secure. And it is headed as usual by that charming little lady—artiste, singer and dancer—Beatrice, of whom the Boston Herald says: "Beatrice has captured the Hub. She owns a niche in the temple of fame, and holds a guarantee deed to the property."

Lun Sing, the Chinese laundryman remarked to our inquisitive reporter that having been in this country about 15 years he knew nothing about the war now going on at home; that he was too far away to know about war.

### BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

Judge Ikeler is holding court at Danville this week.

A. K. Smith, of Jerseytown, is quite ill with typhoid fever.

James Hendershott, of Madison township, spent several days in town this week.

Miss Margaret Evans is teaching school in Millville.

Dr. Jolly, of Orangeville, was among the numerous welcome callers during the fair.

Frank H. Sloan, of Baltimore, spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. Belfield, of Philadelphia, is visiting her daughter Mrs. S. Wigfall.

Miss Hopkins, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. C. W. McKelvy last week.

Mrs. W. Leverett returned to Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Leverett is visiting Miss Ricketts, in Wilkes-Barre this week.

Paul Eyerly is learning how to distribute mail matter in the post office.

Mr. Harry Geisinger, of Forks, visited his cousin Domer Geisinger, at Espy, during the fair.

R. W. Eggert, editor and proprietor of the Danville "Gem," spent a day at the fair last week.

L. C. Rutter, of Centre county, visited his parents, Dr. J. C. Rutter and wife, after an absence of three years.

Mrs. Dr. Biddle, of Ashland, and her children have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Buckingham, on East street.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Waller have been visiting their relatives here. They returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert, of Philadelphia, spent several days in town last week, and attended the fair.

The population of Bloomsburg has been increased by the removal of Mr. Percival Foulk from Buck Horn to this town.

County treasurer J. R. Fowler and W. B. Taylor are in Philadelphia this week. They went down on Monday.

Mr. Isaac Appleman, accompanied by a lady friend, drove his fine dappled grey horse through town on Tuesday.

J. S. Williams, auctioneer, went to Danville on business on Thursday and to Kings-ton on Friday.

Mrs. Clark has gone to Harrisburg to spend a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. R. C. Neal, and son A. A. Clark.

Rev. C. H. Brandt was among those who attended the Christian Endeavor Convention at York, Pa., this week.

J. E. Sterling, the affable manager of the Hess Brothers confectionery establishment, took a trip to York on Wednesday. He will return on Monday.

Newton Boone, of this town, was probably the oldest person on the fair grounds last week. He will be ninety years old on January 19th.

Mr. H. O. Rodgers and family, of Hazleton, spent last week with friends here, dividing their time between Mr. J. A. Funston's and Mr. P. E. Wirt's.

L. Cohen went to the city last week Thursday. He visited Philadelphia and New York while absent. Mr. Cohen is one of Bloomsburg's best citizens.

The Misses Clark, of Market street, gave an afternoon whist party on Tuesday. We are not informed as to prizes, if any were taken.

Jesse C. Sylvus, who learned his trade in this office, and is now working for E. B. Vordy at Wilkes-Barre, spent last Saturday in town.

Mrs. J. B. Packer and Mrs. Ferdinand Hill, of Sunbury, mother and sister of Mrs. Wm. H. Slate, are now guests at the handsome new residence of Mr. and Mrs. Slate on Fifth street.

Rev. Womeldorf, Joseph Garrison and Christian Ernest were delegates from Bloomsburg to the Evangelical Conference which met at Williamsport on the 16th and 17th instants.

Among other visitors coming in on the Monday morning train on the B. & S. railroad we noticed Mr. Rush Beishline and lady friend, B. F. Edgar and daughter, Alfred McMichael, Eli Weaver and others.

B. F. Dreisbach, of Berwick has accepted a clerkship in the store of Snyder & Magee Co. He is an experienced salesman, and has many friends through the county, whose trade will follow him here.

James Peterman, of Nordmont, Sullivan county, came down on Friday night to attend the fair, but went home on Saturday morning on account of the storm. He was formerly a resident of Sugarloaf township. He has been a reader of THE COLUMBIAN for many years.

Gideon Heist, of Bloomsburg, is the first person for whom we have written a receipt for subscription up to January 1st, 1896. He always pays in advance.

F. P. Vanderslice, who has been foreman of the "Sentinel" office for the past five years, severed his connection there on Saturday last. He is at present employed in this office.

Hon. A. L. Fritz and John G. Harman Esq., drove up to Perry's Hotel at Elk Grove on Tuesday and held a political meeting. They also made speeches next day in Sugarloaf township.

Willits Kahler, a well known Bloomsburg type, now engaged on the Wilkes-Barre "Leader," paid his mother a recent visit, and afterward went to Williamsport with his wife to visit relatives there.

Hiram Shugars, of Pottsville, spent a few days in town last week. He was born in Main township and moved from there seventeen years ago. He is engaged in the tin business. THE COLUMBIAN has been a regular visitor to his home all that time.

E. M. Wardin and wife are visiting Mr. L. Runyon's. They formerly resided here, and Mr. Wardin was for several years editor of the "Republican." They moved to Carthage, Mo., seventeen years ago. It is twelve years since they have been here.

J. C. Wiegand, Prothonotary of Luzerne county, and wife, and P. V. Weaver, ex-register and recorder of the same county, and wife, spent several days in town last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Feterman.

Mrs. N. J. Splain, the milliner, having had a rush of business callers during the fair has been somewhat indisposed since then with nervous prostration. She is reported as out of danger and rapidly improving.

George W. Bertsch, handsome, well-dressed and as jolly as ever, came up from Reading on Thursday to attend the fair, and was heartily welcomed by his many friends here. He is doing a prosperous trade in Reading, but he says he has a very warm feeling for Bloomsburg. While here he was the guest of his brother-in-law, W. H. Snyder, Esq.

Albert Hendershott, of Washington, a former townsman who was well and favorably known here some years ago under the distinguished title of "General," gave his boyhood home a visit during the fair, and was also among the many respected callers at this office. Mr. Hendershott has for many years been doing quite a successful drug business in Washington city.

### Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Baptist Church was held last week. The reports showed that the church is going forward. In addition to the regular expenses, \$120 has been raised during the past quarter for improvements. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Trustees, M. C. Woodward, E. H. Little, W. E. Rinker, H. Bierman, M. D. Miss Mary Tustin; Treasurer, W. E. Rinker; Clerk, R. R. Little; Organist, Mrs. J. W. Lewis; Sexton, A. Greatrex.

The following officers of the Sunday School were also appointed at the same time: Supt. and Treasurer, H. G. Supplee; Assistant Supt., C. B. Edwards; Secretary, John P. Jones; Librarian, John W. Lewis.

### A Narrow Escape.

A deaf and dumb man named Hiram Albertson was so imprudent as to walk on the B. & S. railroad track above Orangeville on Monday morning about the usual time for the down train. Walking leisurely and unconcernedly in the same direction as the moving train the engineer took it for granted that he would hear the alarm and step off; but as he could neither hear nor see the train the engine struck him and knocked him off the track, scattering his bag of empty bottles about in the grass, but doing no serious injury to the imprudent Mr. Albertson. The train backed up to learn what injury had been done to the old man only to find him paying more attention to gathering up his bottles than to caring for what might have been his last stroll on a railroad track.

The New York World of last Sunday contained a full page article on Bloomsburg, with cuts of the Normal School, Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church, Court House, Silk Mill, Carpet Mill, and Wirt's Pen Factory. Many others of the industries are mentioned particularly.

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of good things for the coming week, also specials here and there. These specials are of more than usual merit.

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- 24 inch black faille silk, 79c., usual price, \$1.00.
- 24 inch black rhadames, 90c., usual price \$1.25.
- 24 inch black Poi Desoi silk, \$1.50, usual price, \$1.75.
- 40 inch Priestly all wool black dress goods, 85c., usually \$1.10
- 38 inch all wool serges, black and colors, 40c., usually 50c.
- 1 lot ladies fleece lined hose, 15c., usually 20c.
- 1 lot boy's heavy hose, 19c., usually, 25c.

### BIG BARGAINS IN CHILDREN'S

### ALL WOOL UNDERWEAR.

- You want to see them before they are all gone.
- 50 inch all wool dress cloths, 50c. yd.
- 1 lot plaid dress goods, 40c., usually, 50c. yd.
- 1 lot all wool blankets, at \$3.00 per pair.
- 1 lot cotton filled comfortables, at \$1.25, worth \$1.50.
- 1 lot ladies' ribbed vests and pants at 25c. each.
- 1 lot men's undershirts, at 25c. big value.

### COATS AND CAPES.

All the newest, and at prices lower than ever.  
A good child's coat at \$1.00  
A good ladies' coat at \$5.00 and up.  
Fur capes, cloth capes. Ladies' all wool skirts, fancy hair pins, kid gloves, ribbons, plaid silks.

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