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CAN HE RAISE THE DEAD?

Dr. Gibbons Will Try To Resuscitate An Elec-
trocuted Murderer.

Dr. P. J. Gibbons, of Syracuse, whose idea of restoring life in persons shocked to apparent death by electricity by means of a special apparatus invented by himself to produce artificial respiration, says he has received permission from Governor Flower to experiment on Charles Wilson, the murderer now under sentence of death at the Auburn State prison. Dr. Gibbons was jubilant when he received the message. Wilson has already consented to the experiment, with the understanding that should it be a success Governor Flower will extend clemency in his behalf. His electrocution takes place this week.

Dr. Gibbons said that the method of procedure would probably be for the Governor to commute the prisoner's sentence to life imprisonment at a moment which will entail the arrival of the papers after the man had been electrocuted.

"If the man returns to consciousness the papers will act," said the doctor. "If we are unsuccessful the papers will be too late to save the man's life."

The doctor does not think that it will be requisite to change the electrocution laws, as he is of the opinion that a continuous current, if applied in sufficient quantity, will cause death.

Dr. Gibbons claims to have partially resuscitated murderer John Johnson, after his electrocution at Auburn, when he was peremptorily ordered by the warden to desist, and the body was sent to the autopsy table. Dr. Gibbons' experiment with Johnson was made two hours after the current was applied and without any of the apparatus that he has since devised for such work. He declares that neither Johnson nor Taylor, both of whom were electrocuted at Auburn was killed by the electrical current, but that death was caused by the autopsy.

Another advocate of this theory is M. D. Ansonval, the eminent French scientist, and Dr. A. H. Goelet, an American, agrees with him. The theory of all these gentlemen is that the effect of the electrical shock is simply suspended animation, and that if artificial respiration is promptly resorted to the subject can in every instance be revived.

George Westinghouse has always insisted that the electric death was a sham, and that a New York commission headed by Elbridge T. Gerry had added the autopsy clause to the law so as to make it certain that the man was dead.

GIVE US THE NEWS.

If you know of an accident, a fire, a death, a birth, a marriage, a new building or improvement of any kind, or if you have lost anything, found anything, want help, want a situation, want board, want to loan or borrow money; in short if you know any thing, or want anything, let us know it, and we will print it without charge to regular patrons. We gladly mention in the personal column those who are visiting in town, or towns people who are away from home. Of course, it is necessary for us to find it out, before we can print it. Give us all the news.

Fine Wool and Active Mills.

A recent visit to the Woolen Mill and the cheerful words of one of the affable proprietors, Mr. J. M. Staver, convinced our reporter that the hum of their machinery meant business without regard to tariff. These gentlemen, Messrs Caswell and Staver, have an extensive plant, and are in full operation on full time. Though the margin of profits in this as in other industries is small to day, quick sales and small profits well warrant the activity they display.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

A series of local Sunday School Institutes is to be held during the first week in December, at which Prof. Sprinkel will assist. The places and dates are as follows:

- Catawissa, Monday, Dec. 3.
 - Benton, Tuesday, Dec. 4.
 - Orangeville, Wednesday, Dec. 5.
 - Berwick, Thursday, Dec. 6.
 - Bloomsburg, Friday, Dec. 7.
- Sessions will be held in the P. M. and evening of each day.

A. W. SPEAR, Sec.

Market street below the railroad will soon be built up with nice homes, no doubt. A brick pavement has been laid along the Waller land and trees have been planted, and the land on both sides of the street will probably be soon thrown on the market for building lots.

Market Street Grading and Paving.

In a recent walk for "locals" a COLUMBIAN reporter took a stroll to the river along the proposed continuation of Market street. The undertaking he found to be the greatest now in progress in town, and to be in conformity with the will of the late and respected D. J. Waller. The street being the widest in town (75 feet) its grading and filling and paving is no doubt more laborious and expensive than may appear to a casual observer—it is equivalent to the filling of valleys and the removing of hills here and there all of which costs money, provides labor and improves property as the devisor no doubt contemplated. The filling in several places is to the height of 16 or 18 feet, and the vast quantity of earth necessary is taken from the hills projecting above the grade. Some two or three dozen men are steadily employed in this commendable undertaking at present.

At the canal bridge crossing we noticed surveyors busily engaged taking bearings and establishing grade preparatory to removing the old bridge and embankment and replacing it with a handsome turn bridge, so that when this obstruction is reduced to proper grade one of the finest drives in three counties may be found from the head to foot of Market street, or from Main street to the river. There is no doubt that when the trees that are being planted shall have grown sufficient to shade the pavements this street will be to Bloomsburg what the Boulevard is to Paris, one of the finest thoroughfares in the place.

The Towel-Man and the Cloak-Man.

Out in Denver, Colorado, they are choking women to death with towels, while the terror of Bloomsburg is the "cloak man," whoever or whatever he, she or it is. But the Colorado victims are thus far confined to women of ill fame, while the "cloak-man," of Bloomsburg is said to be bad enough to tackle any-body but the police. In consequence of the ravages wrought by strangulation with towels in Denver, the women of ill repute are said to be terrorized. No less than three murders of this kind have occurred within a week, they having taken place in what is now known as "Strangle's Row," on Market street. The case is sad, indeed, and the excitement among those of easy virtue out west is almost equal to that occasioned by "Jack the Ripper" in London a few years ago. The last victim of the "towel-man" in Denver was Miss Kiku Oyama, a Japanese girl 24 years old, who ran the house of ill repute. The mode of putting her to death was exactly similar to that employed in murdering Lena Tapper and Marie Contassit. After partially choking the victim the work is completed by tying the towel tight around the neck when death soon takes place. As between the "cloak-man" and the "towel-man," is the Bloomsburg rascal a gentleman.

The Elevator Works.

A brief interview of our reporter at the Elevator Works, a new and thriving industry in Bloomsburg, reveals that they are running on full time and to good advantage to themselves and this community. They are at present engaged on two hydraulic elevators for the Jayne estate of Philadelphia; these are the first ordered of this kind and they are now well under way. They have also an order for a three-ton freight elevator for Harrison & Co., of Philadelphia, besides several hand-power elevators for Quakertown and elsewhere. Negotiations are also pending for two large passenger direct electric elevators; these are ordered by the London Globe Insurance Co., of New Orleans. Though comparatively new to the town this plant has a healthy and promising business appearance, and we found the gentlemanly proprietors quite sanguine of its success.

A FURNITURE TRUST.

The representative furniture manufacturers and dealers held a meeting at Williamsport recently for the purpose of organizing a furniture trust. All of the towns within a radius of fifty miles were represented. The object is to arrange for better facilities to carry their goods to market and also to make and control a scale of prices. Permanent organization will be effected December 10.

All cocked and primed for game, and with a fine looking bird dog to assist them, W. W. Lowry and W. A. Snyder started out on a hunt on Wednesday morning. As to the likelihood of their success or failure your correspondent saith not.

Equitable Assessment for Columbia Co.

With the commendable view of comparing and equalizing the valuation of all taxable property the county commissioners recently issued a call to all the assessors within the county and in accordance therewith they assembled at the county seat on Saturday, November 17th.

Commissioner Swank called the assessors to order after which an organization was effected by the selection of H. H. Brown, of Scott township, as chairman, and Wm. Mensch, of Montour, as secretary.

Upon a call of the roll, by townships the following named assessors were found to be present and in sympathy with the object of the call:

Beaver, Geo. Ulshofer; Benton, Laf. Keeler; Bloom, east, A. Herbine; Bloom, west, I. Hagenbuch; Briartcreek, Wm. Lamon; Catawissa twp., J. W. Rider; Catawissa borough, Lewis Hayhurst; Centralia borough, D. H. Walsh; Centre, Harry Ringrose; Cleveland, F. P. Small; Conyngham, Daniel Goodman; Fishingcreek, Isaac Fahringer; Franklin, Clark Yost; Locust, Wilson Rhoades; Main, N. H. W. Brown; Mifflin, J. E. Snyder; Montour, Wm. Mensch; Mt. Pleasant, A. V. Kressler; Orange, John E. Hayhurst; Pine, R. M. Potter; Roaringcreek, Jerre Kunkle; Scott, H. H. Brown; Sugarloaf, P. K. Shultz.

The assessors of the townships that failed to respond at roll call from sickness or other cause, were:

Berwick, W. F. Ruch; Greenwood, Chas. Dildine; Hemlock, J. H. Faust; Jackson, T. F. Young; Madison, E. F. Welliver; Millville, T. F. Stadler.

The comparison of valuations revealed that there has been and is still an unjust disparity, that should and no doubt will be rectified so far as this county is concerned. The meeting was an interesting one, and the object of its call is commendable.

An orchestral concert will be given in the Bloomsburg Opera House, Wednesday evening, November 28th. The orchestra, under the direction of Chas. P. Elwell, will consist of 14 pieces, including Miss Maude Runyon, pianist, and Mr. P. F. Madden, drums and traps of Baur's Orchestra, Scranton. The orchestra will be assisted by the following vocalists, Mrs. Annie Miller Melick, soprano, Mrs. Beth Runyon Hodgden, soprano, and Mr. Orval H. Yetter, Bass; and there will also be a clarinet solo by Mr. Morton Stevens.

The program will include Overture to Martha, Flotow, Forge in the Forest and idyllic descriptive piece, including imitation of forge, etc. "The Village Orchestra," a burlesque upon an amateur orchestra in its first attempts at Music, Selection from Offenbach's beautiful comic opera. "The Brigand," as well as marches, waltzes, etc.

Seats on sale at W. H. Slate's Book Store. Reserved seats 50 cents, others 35 and 25c.

Although not yet a year old, the firm of Pursel & Harman has proven itself a strong combination. Their purchases are made with excellent judgment, and consequently the tastes of their numerous customers are easily suited. The best grades of goods are sold at the smallest possible profit. In the grocery department many new lines have been added, including fine canned goods of every description, lamps, china, &c. These young men enjoy the confidence of the community, and a successful future is before them.

A brief interview at the office of the thrifty Bloomsburg Car Company revealed that a full force of workmen are now engaged upon a large order for coal cars for the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company; and that the extensive establishment is running hard against hard times and making full time. They have also an order for 15 snow-plows to be made of iron and steel. The car company is moving under a full head of steam.

The John Appleman estate was sold on Tuesday through J. S. Williams, auctioneer. The Buckhorn hotel was bought by Lemuel Drake for \$1,570; a fourth interest in the grist-mill was secured by George Beagle for \$360; a timber tract of some 30 acres—subject to a dowry of \$50—was purchased by Creasy & Wells for \$101; the lot above Buckhorn was sold to Charles Hartman for \$142.

S. F. Peacock & Co., are moving into their new store this week. The interior has a steel ceiling, figured and painted, and the woodwork, counters and shelving are all of hard-wood oiled and polished. Large plate glass windows give an abundance of light. It is one of the prettiest store rooms in the State.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

J. G. Wells spent Monday in Harrisburg. J. E. McHenry, Sheriff elect, spent Monday in town on business.

A. Z. Schoch went to Chicago on Monday.

Mrs. Mamie Masteller, of Buckhorn, was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Beers this week.

Mr. Boyd Trescott and Morris Eves were Millville visitors to the county seat this week.

Dr. H. V. Hower, of Millin, was a visitor here on Monday.

Mrs. George W. Hess visited relatives in Millinville during this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keler and Mrs. M. E. Ent spent last week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Gross have just returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

Mrs. N. J. Splain visited Lime Ridge relatives on Tuesday, returning home on Wednesday.

George W. Hess, the jeweler, left home for Philadelphia on Monday. He will also visit New York on business before returning.

Mrs. Charlotte H. Slate and Miss Carrie Dove of Williamsport are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Slate.

H. B. Clark is in New York City this week, buying goods for the extensive stores of Clark & Son.

Robert McBride is doing a fine job of painting on county Treasurer J. R. Fowler's new house on East Street.

Mr. John Wagoner, who was recently taken sick here, is now under the care of his brother Dr. Wagoner of Selingsgrove.

The handsome home of Frederick Richards on Normal Hill is now finished and occupied. It is a beauty.

Mrs. Harvey Deitrich and daughter Lettie, of Berwick, were welcome callers at the COLUMBIAN office on Wednesday.

Robert Hartman spent some time in the city this week purchasing winter goods—more particularly for the ladies.

Mr. L. K. Dildine, of Orangeville, is spending the week with his daughter, Mrs. F. P. Vanderslice, on West Street.

Please add one to the census of Bloomsburg. It's a boy, and the census taker can find him in the care of Mrs. Will Hilday.

Mr. Louis Bernhard, Jr., is now successfully engaged teaching school near Buckhorn.

Mrs. Wm. Howell, of Hemlock, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Terwilliger this week.

Mr. Moses McHenry, of Stillwater, was in Bloomsburg on Tuesday attending to business as executor of the J. Rhinard estate. He was a welcome caller at this office.

C. C. Trench has returned from Florida. After spending a few weeks here, he will go back again. He is largely interested in orange groves.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Meigs returned from their wedding journey on Tuesday, and are now receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

Miss Alice Brockway has resigned her position as teacher in the Fifth Street school, and Miss Hattie Kingrose is filling the place temporarily.

Mr. H. W. Sloan, who was taken with a severe case of indigestion recently, we are pleased to report as again up and about his business as usual.

Mrs. Worthington, has just moved into her new home on Fifth street west of Market. This house is a model of convenience from top to bottom.

Mrs. J. R. Townsend, who was for a brief time sick in bed, we are pleased to report as again able to be out and enjoying the crisp invigorating air at the present.

Upon invitation Rev. Brandt will assist Rev. G. B. Dechant, at Mill Grove, Pa., during the Thanksgiving services at that place.

Sheriff Mourey, recently under the weather, took a ride out in right good shape physically and otherwise on Wednesday morning.

C. E. Yorks, Esq., was in town on Monday on business. Mr. Yorks is one of the most enterprising citizens of Sugarloaf township, and fills the office of Justice of the Peace very acceptably.

Mr. C. W. Alstetter, of Mainville, accompanied by Mr. Hartzel of the same place, paid this office a business visit on Saturday. The latter gentleman said he had adhered to the paper as a paid-up subscriber for at least 30 years.

Mrs. Susan Lehr, of York, Pa., who has spent a few months with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Brandt, on Third street, returned to York on Wednesday, accompanied by her daughter, who will spend several weeks with her.

The Appeal from County Statement.

Testimony was taken before L. S. Wintersteen, referee, at his office on Tuesday last, in the matter of the appeal from auditors' settlement of county finances for 1893. W. H. Rhawn, Esq., represented the commissioners, and Col. Freeze, C. G. Barkley and W. H. Snyder, Esqs., appeared for John L. Kline, ex-county treasurer. The hearing was continued until the 28th inst.

Amanda, daughter of J. C. Sterner, of Mt. Carmel, formerly of Bloomsburg, died in Danville last Friday, aged eighteen years. The remains were brought here on Monday and buried in Rosemont Cemetery.

E. B. Tustin has made a handsome home out of his property on Market street.

Booming Bloomsburg's Booming Store.

LOWENBERG'S, THE CLOTHING STORE of the people, encouraged by the ready response to the sale of Brodek, Freudenthal's stock of clothing which they sold so cheap have made a great wholesale purchase of fine Rochester clothing at away below the regular price.

Lowenberg's have sold Rochester clothing in Bloomsburg and vicinity for the past forty years, the people say, though it cost a little more, it was always the cheapest in the end, but at this great sale you can buy fine

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at lower prices than you pay for cheap goods. Brings the price of fine clothing down so low that it is within the reach of the smallest purse. Here are but a few items which will bring crowds of people to our store:

Men's all-wool suits, \$5.00 and \$6.75 each.
Men's woolen overcoats, \$5.00 and \$7.00.
Finest dress suits and overcoats, regent, cutaways, the long cut blue overcoats that were \$15.00 and \$18.00 are \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$13.00.

It beats anything you ever saw.

\$5.00 Storm Overcoats, \$5

Big, warm, long, solid comfort from chin to heel.

Whether you want to buy or not come and see how cheap fine clothing can be sold at the

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