

### AT THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Thanksgiving Day is the 27th annual reunion of the Philo Society at the Normal School. On this occasion they always furnish a good entertainment, of some kind, the proceeds being used to defray the expenses of the entertainment itself. This year they have secured the services of Mr. Alexander Black, of New York City, with his picture play, "Miss Jerry." It is a new departure in entertainments, and a fair conception of what it is like may be had by reading the following, copied from the New York Herald:

"The idea is original, it has been cleverly worked out.

"Miss Jerry, as the work has been called, is from the pen of Mr. Alexander Black. If you can imagine yourself in a luxuriously appointed room, staring at a white sheet spread upon the wall, on which illustration after illustration appears, picturing a story read aloud by the author, you will have some idea of "Miss Jerry."

The story tells how a young lady, imagining that her father is financially embarrassed, secures a position on the New York Daily *Dynamo*, and finally marries the city editor. There are many touches of humor in the novelties—it is rather than a play in the usual acceptance of the word—and the interest is well sustained.

The pictures, of which there are about 250, follow the story very closely, and show the incidents of Miss Jerry's daily life, her interviews, amusements, reveries, courtship; a number of New York scenes, such as Madison square, Washington square, the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Brooklyn Bridge, the interior of Dr. Depew's private office in the Grand Central Depot, with an admirable series of the genial Chauncey being "interviewed" by Miss Jerry, and a host of interesting sketches and views.

The photographs were all taken from life and reproduced on the screen by the aid of the stereopticon.

Among the large number present were William Dean Howells, President Low, of Columbia College; C. Y. Turner, F. S. Church, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stedman, Henry Marquand, the Rev. Dr. J. Coleman Adams, James A. Sperry, Hector J. B. Pond, H. F. Gunnison, F. Dana Reed, Major James B. Pond and Mrs. Pond, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Helmle, Franklin Sargent, Stanford White, Clarence Clough Buell, James Herbert Morse, Col. William C. Church, Miss Christine Terhune Herrick, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Heaton, John Alden and H. E. Krehbiel."

### A Great Play.

To keep the attention of the audience from the rise to the fall of the curtain seems to have been the object of the dramatist when writing "Kentuck," and well has he succeeded, ever beyond the most sanguine expectations for until (the horses appear) after the final heat, it is impossible to imagine who is the winner. The author has found a vein of natural comedy in his well drawn characters without descending to buffoonery or burlesque and the prototype of every character in the play can be seen in a day's journey through Kentucky. It will be at the Bloomsburg Opera House, Friday, Nov. 30.

"Bob" Burdette, in his inimitable way, bids us remember that the good things of this life are always the cheapest. "Spring water is cheaper than whiskey; a box of cigars will buy two or three Bibles; a state election costs more than a revival of religion; you can sleep in church every Sabbath morning for nothing; but a nap in a Pullman car costs you two dollars every time; the circus takes fifty cents and the theatre a dollar, but the missionary box is grateful for a penny; the race horse scoops in two thousand dollars the first day, while the church bazaar lasts a week, works twenty-five or thirty of the best women in America nearly to death, and come out forty dollars in debt."

### Public Presentation.

Some friends of Ent Post G. A. R. have procured a very elegant and expensive blank book in which the war record of each member is to be written. There will be a public meeting in the Opera House, Thursday evening for the purpose of presenting the book to the Post. An interesting program has been arranged consisting of speeches, music by Bloomsburg band and Y. M. C. A. choir. Everybody invited. Seats free.

### A Robber Caught and Jailed With His Accomplices.

Timothy Reardon, one of the robbers of Mr. Roberts' store at Rupert, Pa., on November 3d, was brought to town on Saturday by Policeman Wesley Knorr. Detective Whittington caught him at Columbia and jailed him at Lancaster. He then telegraphed our police to come and get him. Upon reaching town he was taken before Justice Jacoby where a brief preliminary hearing was given him before remanding him to jail for further hearing at 2 P. M. Appearing before the Justice again in the afternoon, the facts elicited from the prisoner were quite sufficient to warrant his commitment to jail for safe keeping until time of trial.

Mrs. Lizzie Murphy and Dora Murphy, in whose house the stolen goods were found concealed, were also committed for receiving them. Ed. Welsh, one of the witnesses testified that the women had full knowledge that the goods were stolen. "And there is no use of Tim denying it," said Mrs. Murphy, "for he was with the boys." Though this cleans up the Murphy establishment there is one John Donecker yet at large who is wanted here.

About ten days ago we sent notices to nearly fifty persons who owe us from six to ten years subscription, stating that unless the accounts were settled by January 1st, we would be compelled to take some steps to collect. Every person to whom these notices were sent, had had repeated requests to pay, but gave them no attention. A number of favorable responses have been received, and the writers take the notice in a kindly way, fully appreciating the fact that we have been very lenient in waiting so long. But one person has become indignant, paid up in full, and ordered his paper discontinued. He seems to have lost sight of the fact that we are the only party to the transaction that has a right to get mad. As he has no gratitude for us, for waiting on him six years, we will say that we are grateful to him for the six dollars, and will cheerfully comply with his demand to stop his paper. The terms of subscription are one dollar a year, payable every year, and we do not care to send the paper to anybody who pays nothing for six or eight or ten years, and then gets mad because we insist on a settlement. There are good reasons why some people are slow pay, and those of the number alluded to who are courteous enough to call or write, will find us not unreasonable in our demands.

This matter applies in no way to those who have received statements enclosed in their paper.

### A PRETTY WEDDING.

At Rupert, Pa., on last Thursday afternoon, the happy bonds of wedlock were consented to between Mr. Harry Deily and Miss Annie Quick. The questions were propounded to them by Rev. W. C. Leverett of the Episcopal church of Bloomsburg at 4 o'clock P. M. The spacious parlor at the home of the bride was handsomely arranged for the happy occasion and it was well filled with invited guests who took deep interest in the impressive ceremony, as well as full enjoyment of the tempting dinner provided for the occasion. Handsomely attired in a very becoming silk dress the bride appeared to good advantage, as did also her attendant, Miss Emma Flemming, whose dress was of English serge. The groom, in conventional black, was attended by his good friend Mr. Morris Mensch, the entire occasion being as happy and joyous as a true-love match could make it.

The ceremony being performed and the life-knot properly tied, a generous sprinkling of rice fell upon them as a matter of form significant of good wishes when they retired from the presence and presents and congratulations of the gathered friends. The wedded couple took the afternoon train for an extended tour. May long life, prosperity and happiness attend them.

Cummings & Verdy's chewing gum business has assumed large proportions. Geo. N. Wilson travels through five states and sells only to jobbers. Mr. Runyon covers the New England territory, and Messrs. Verdy and Graham look after the retail trade in this and adjoining counties. They also do an extensive wholesale business in confectionery, cakes &c.

Charged with robbery of blankets from bicycle boys, on the fair ground, Harvey Gross was brought before Justice Jacoby on Monday, and after a hearing was committed to jail. It is said that Gross can give points about the recent Rupert robbery also.

### THANKSGIVING.

This commendable observance and pious custom may be traced back to Pilgrim Fathers in the second year of their landing and occupancy of American soil. It is a religious and social festival observed annually in the United States, while on extraordinary occasions only is such a day appointed other countries.

Its first observance in this country was soon after the first harvest gathered by the Pilgrims or the Plymouth colony in 1621. It was Governor Bradford who first looked after the Thanksgiving turkey. This toothsome bird has filled the all sufficient order so far as fowl is concerned on the Thanksgiving table from that day to the present. There would seem to be something missing and wrong with a Thanksgiving dinner in New England without the inevitable turkey and pumpkin pie. In Governor Bradford's day it was no trick at all to find wild turkeys, and accordingly he sent hunters out after them for the first feast; and being hunters who generally bagged their game, they came back with a lot of wild turkeys and a few hundred quail and pheasants they got in the way of their flint-lock guns.

But turkey was what they started out for under orders from the Governor, and history shows they got them all right and according to order. As to how plump and fat they were his story is silent; but though there weren't as many buckwheat fields cleared then as we have to day the chances are that if they discovered any sick looking birds among them they were left behind, for the reason that there was more game and Indians than anything else in this country at the particular time referred to.

The feast partaking of a social and religious nature, was no doubt well ordered from first to last, and hearty thanks were expressed for temporal and spiritual blessings bestowed upon the Pilgrims who knew too well what their past oppression had been, and also the invigorating influence of the air of religious freedom. The turkey now too often primary was with the fathers of secondary importance; for the turkeys were plenty and freedom was scarce in those days.

The fathers expressed thanks from time to time, not only for religious freedom and turkey, but also for rain sent them after the severe drouth of 1623, and also for supplies of sorely needed food which they received by the ship load in 1632. In fact not a year passed but what they could find something to be thankful for and without hunting much either. So, gentle reader of the COLUMBIAN, it is with you and I to-day. Without attempting to enumerate all the blessings we have received, let us at least try and be thankful for a few of them. And if turkey is somewhat scarcer than it used to be in our neighborhood, (and wild turkey entirely out of sight) pork, beans and buckwheat cakes are still reserved to us and within easy reach of the most ungrateful vagabond alive as well as those who are not so much so.

It was in 1680 when the first colonial proclamation about Thanksgiving was issued. But commendable as the custom was, it had its interruptions like other good things, though it was recommended annually by Congress during the revolution.

In 1789 President Washington appointed a day for Thanksgiving for the adoption of the Federal Constitution, and subsequently various days were now and then recommended for thanks to the Supreme Being by different Presidents and Governors until in the third year of the civil war, Mr. Lincoln President, the regular observance of a national Thanksgiving day began. And now the annual proclamations of our Presidents are supplemented by the State Governors throughout the nation, and the last Thursday of November is accordingly a national holiday which we think it quite well for all to observe in some way that is expressive of heartfelt thanks.

### Short Weight in the Staff of Life.

It is quite possible that the next legislature may be obliged to come to the rescue of bread-buyers, because of the general complaint about short weight in their loaves. No reference to Bloomsburg bakers—we speak of those abroad.

It is with pleasure that we note that Mr. Rohr McHenry is again able to be out attending to business. Although not yet fully recovered from his recent serious indisposition, his general health is good and his step is as elastic as of days of yore. We hope the near future will see him fully restored to sound health, and that he may be spared to our community for many years to come.—Benton Argus.

### BRIEF MENTION

#### About People You Know.

Frank H. Sloane is at hom on a visit. Mrs. Fred. Drinker gave birth to a daughter on Monday. Miss Lillie Sloan is visiting her sister Mrs. Andreas, at Wilkes-Barre.

David Mouser, of Montour township, was one of our recent welcome callers.

Our genial friend, William Tilley of Buck Horn, was in town Monday morning.

Twin boys arrived at the home of W. D. Beckley, Esq., on Monday morning.

Mrs. Russell Andreas, of Wilkes-Barre, gave birth to a son last week, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Neigs will go to housekeeping in Creasy & Wells' house, on Iron street.

Mrs. M. H. McKinney is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Drinker, in South Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thomas and daughter of Buckhorn, are visiting with Mrs. Wm. Beers this week.

Miss Mary Alleman and Mr. John Harman will be married in the Lutheran church on December 6th.

Among those leaving town temporarily we noticed Prof. Aldinger, of the Normal, with his grip in hand, on Wednesday.

Frank Magee is the new superintendent at the Carpet Mill. W. H. Vanderherchen has severed his connection with the mill.

William Eckrote, of Millville, was in town on Tuesday, and found time to call at this office. He is one of our old friends.

The drawing for the chainless bicycle at Mears' took place on Tuesday night. The holder of No 26 is the lucky person, and will please make himself known.

Misses Jennie Sayers and Carrie Feidt, of Millersburg, who have been visiting in Bloomsburg and Espy during the past two weeks, returned home on Tuesday.

Harry Esheleman and Chas. W. McKelvy spent a couple of days at Pine Summit last week, on a hunting expedition, and brought home thirteen pheasant and a number of quail and rabbits.

County Commissioner J. G. Swank has been kept at home closely by the serious illness of his wife. A few weeks ago it was thought she was improving, but her condition is now critical.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Freeze have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Fannie G., to Mr. James S. Mills, on Wednesday, December 5th, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at their home.

Miss Callie Oblasser, who had been a great sufferer for about 10 years with hereditary consumption, was buried at 10 o'clock on Tuesday. The funeral service was performed by Rev. P. A. Heilman, pastor of the Lutheran church.

E. B. Yordy, of Wilkes-Barre, whom the writer remembers as foreman of the "Republican" office, some thirty-five years ago, was a visitor in Bloomsburg on Friday. Mr. Yordy is a successful printer and binder, and well established in Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Alice Brockway and Mr. Clark Kashner were united in marriage at the bride's home on Market street, last Thursday at five o'clock, Rev. G. E. Weeks performing the ceremony, a number of invited guests being present. The bride received many handsome presents.

### ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

#### PROGRAM.

PART I.—March: Czars, Kral. Overture: Orchestra, Lusspiel, Keler-Bela. Vocal Solo: Mr. Yetter, Bill the Bos'n, Jude. Concert Waltzes: Orchestra, Nymphs of the Danube, Jungman.

Vocal Solo: Mrs. Melick, One Spring Morning, Nettle. Idyll: Forge in the Forest, Michaelis.

#### SYNOPSIS.

Adagio: At night. Andante: Daybreak. Calls of the cuckoo, cricket, lark, quail, etc. Allegro vivace: By the brook; sound of water rushing; calls of birds, etc.; the clock strikes five.

Adagio: Prayer. Allegretto: The Forge. PART II. Selection, Orchestra, The Brigands Offenbach. Vocal Solo: Morton Stevens, Luisa di Montfort, Bergson.

a Dance des Savoyards) Lamothé b Graceful Dance. c) Wolf. d) Orchestra. Vocal Duo: Mrs. Melick and Miss Miller, Song of the Birds, Rubinstein.

Burlesque: The Village Orchestra. Gaunt. (Being a correct imitation of the first attempts of an orchestra at making music, introducing marvelous solos by the various instruments, and ending with a grand ensemble.) Overture: Orchestra, Martha Flotow.

### UNION SERVICES.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 10:30 o'clock, in the Lutheran Church, under the auspices of the Pastor's Union, Rev. I. M. Patterson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will preach the sermon. An offering will be taken, to be used in the service of the needy families in Bloomsburg.

There was a very pleasant wedding at the residence of Esquire Farver, last Thursday. The contracting parties were Mr. Tustin Farver, of Derr, and Miss Anna Manning, of Greenwood. Rev. Minsker performed the ceremony in a very happy manner in the presence of a few invited friends, after which all partook of a sumptuous dinner. In the evening they were serenaded in good style, and Tustin responded cheerfully.—Benton Argus.

Gilmore's Christmas display of toys is now ready.

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