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The Columbian.

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A SUGGESTED TRAMP PROVISION IN BLOOMSBURG.

All tramps should have a place provided for them down near the grist mill. A warm shelter to be provided and comfortable cots or hammocks to sleep in. A good sized hand-mill fastened to the wall and corn meal or whole wheat grain supplied to them at the town's expense; and if they wanted food give each one a pint of wheat for a meal and let the tramp grind it in the mill so he would have crushed wheat; then let him have salt and water to boil in it, and a sauce pan or pot, and a spoon to stir it, and eat with. Then let all the families in town be supplied with tickets of admission to this place for the tramp, and to every tramp that comes along let them give them a ticket, and if the tramps would be too lazy to grind the wheat and smoke his own mush let him go on further until he got sufficiently hungry to do so. All good, honest men who are out of work and are hungry will only be too glad to get even the privilege of helping themselves, and will feel grateful for even that much. Its only the bona fide sponger that will kick and call it hard treatment. We mean those who go around sponging, and when the kind hearted ladies of Bloomsburg have even fixed up lunches fit for a king, made up of bread and butter and roast turkey, jelly cakes and pie, and give them to these fellows to take along they have, after going out, left them on the fence or gate—too lazy to carry it along. Such people are not bettered or helped, but only made worse, like spoiled children, by indulgence; and instead of being lifted up and made better, they are made lower and a great deal worse by such indulgence. All honest, hungry men deserve something to eat, and should get it, and they are glad to receive it, but it should be given in such a way as will give them an idea of how cheap they can live at home and do not need to go tramping away from home.

A CITIZEN.

Railroad Crossing—Look Out for Cars.

Favorable report is now made of the prospects of recovery of Edward Hummell, Lawyer Potter and Miss Burns, whom it will be remembered were recently caught by an engine while out sleigh-riding and about to cross the track near Selins Grove. They are all slowly improving. Mr. Hummell left his bed for the first time since the accident on the 21st of February.

C. F. Teats, a milkman of Paxinos, met with a similar accident on the morning of Washington's birthday in attempting to cross a street in Shamokin just as a train was passing. All signals failed to arrest his attention in time. His horses got over, but the engine struck his milk wagon in such a way as to make it impossible for him to serve customers that day. Mr. Teats was thrown on the track in front of the engine, and the horrified witnesses for the moment turned their faces away from the scene; but in some miraculous way the man managed to roll off the track before the wheels crushed him. Being interviewed after the accident, Mr. Teats said: "I did not hear the train coming nor did I see the signal until I was just going on the track and it was too late. How I escaped death I don't know. All I remember is that I saw the engine in front of me and by some unknown power, was able to roll off the track just as the engine passed me."

Under the thrilling circumstances it is indeed miraculous that Mr. Teats is still preserved to sell his milk and to remember that where the railroad crosses it is best to look out for the cars before you get on the track.

Home Personals Wanted.

We shall esteem it a favor if those who are entertaining friends or relatives from abroad, or who contemplate themselves going abroad, will tell us of it by postal or otherwise. We would be pleased to mention a kind word for the sick or at least speak of their condition if sympathetic friends would tell us of it, by postal or otherwise. Our columns are open for home news.

The postal is always preferable and for many reasons. The first is that the data given in conversation cannot always be remembered, and the spelling of names of strangers can only be guessed at, as there is no undeviating rule for spelling proper names. A casual remark to an editor or reporter, unless jotted down at once, is apt to escape him. We respectfully solicit home personals.

The next thing to be anticipated is inundation of towns along streams gorged with ice.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The Public Schools of our town observed the 163d anniversary of Washington's birth in a most profitable and impressive way. There was but one session from 8.30 A. M. to 1 P. M. and the other half of this time was given to singing, reading, recitation, and other exercises commemorative of our renowned and immortal Washington.

In former years, the schools were closed on this holiday, and it is safe to say that a large majority of the pupils passed through it without even a thought of him for whose honor it was instituted. Thus the very object for which the schools were closed was not attained. In view of this fact, and in accordance with the decision of State Superintendent Snaffer, our progressive School Board, ever attentive to the interests of our Public Schools, directed that Washington's Birthday should be properly observed in each school room. This move will be especially popular with all patrons that desire their children to see, to be impressed with, and to develop those qualities of character that are so admirably exhibited in the life of the "Father of our Country." The best place and time for pupils to learn of Washington's military ability, his political wisdom, unselfish devotion to duty, courage, sublime hopefulness under defeat, strong will, marvelous insight into character, abiding faith in God, absolute integrity, and his purity of motive, is in the school room on the very anniversary of his birth. If the observance of this holiday by appropriate exercises in the Public Schools is a good thing, we believe that it would be equally as good to keep all except the sacred holidays in the same way.

The Guess Candle.

We respectfully call the attention of the many residents of Bloomsburg and vicinity to the large wax candle now on exhibition in our show window and desire to state that the guessing will be open to everyone, men, women and children. The guessing is free, no purchases required. The candle will be lighted the evening of March 1st, at 7 p. m. in the presence of A. H. Bloom, cashier of the Farmers National Bank, W. S. Moyer, of the firm of Moyer Bros., and J. C. Rutter, Jr., of the Daily office, who will act as judges when the candle is about to burn out. Cut out the coupon in either of the following papers: Bloomsburg Daily, Sentinel, COLUMBIAN, Republican, Catawissa News Item or Benton Argus, and bring or send duplicate with your guess to our store where it will be deposited in a tightly sealed jar. Retain the other part for reference. We limit no one, everyone can guess. First prize, trip to Atlantic City; Second prize, mackintosh coat; Third prize, the "Bloomsburg" hat. The candle will burn continually day and night after it is once lighted and we will keep you posted through the Bloomsburg Daily. J. M. GIDDING & Co. P. S. Those not having a coupon from either one of the above papers can call at our store and procure one.

A Runaway.

The town was somewhat startled by a runaway on Friday morning. A horse belonging to Mr. Shuman, hitched to a sleigh and tied to an iron awning prop in front of Mr. Kline's harness store, being frightened by a paper blown down the street, sprang aside, and in doing so pulled the prop out. This came rattling down in such a way as to greatly add to the animal's first fright. After several vain attempts to get loose from the dangling and dragging iron post, swinging it about in such a way as to endanger the life of any one presuming to catch the horse, it went tearing down Main street and Market, and finally it was caught, without much serious damage, at Snyder & Magee's store. The horse was somewhat bruised and a shaft broken as the result of the mishap.

Cummings & Verdy Co.

The Cummings & Verdy Co. was organized January 25, 1895, and chartered under laws of Pennsylvania in February, 1895, as manufacturers of chewing gum and wholesalers of confectionery, cakes, crackers, &c. The board of officers as now constituted are W. B. Cummings, President and Treasurer, G. W. Verdy, Vice-President, C. W. Frantz, Secretary and H. C. Churchill, Superintendent. The following named gentlemen constitute the directors: W. B. Cummings, G. W. Verdy, H. C. Churchill, C. W. Frantz, and Robert Elliott. These gentlemen are all competent and reliable, and they are driving quite a trade.

GENTRY HAS AN EVEN CHANCE.

His Physician Says That He May Live or May Die at Any Time.

"Gentry's condition is such that he may get well or die at any time," was the remark made by Dr. Page, who is attending the slayer of the actress, Madge Yorke, on Monday evening at the German Hospital. "The most serious trouble he has had to contend with was his broken rib. The fracture had gone so long without attention that the effects of this neglect might prove fatal. At times, he seemed stronger, but at others he did not appear to possess the strength that I credited him with. That is why I say he may take a relapse at any moment and rapidly sink away until he expires. "The knife wounds that he inflicted over his heart are very superficial and show more that he made them as a pretense at suicide rather than with an actual purpose to make away with himself. In other words, it looks like a bluff at self destruction."

Two policemen are constantly at his bedside, but no other person has visited him except the lieutenant from the station house. No friends who knew him on the stage have been to see him. Once in a while a letter or telegram of inquiry is received through police headquarters.

Methodist Episcopal Missionary Anniversary.

On Sunday last the M. E. Sunday School of Bloomsburg held its missionary anniversary. As usual it was made a gala day for the little ones and was much enjoyed by all present. An appropriate program had been arranged for the occasion which was rendered throughout in a creditable manner to the participants. Addresses appropriate to the occasion were made by President M. I. Low, of Lime Ridge, and Mayor S. C. Creasy, of Bloomsburg, these gentlemen being both zealous workers in the moral vineyard. The offering for the occasion amounted to \$114, while the total missionary offering for the year footed up to \$463.44. The missionary society is certainly under an efficient board of management. The following named gentlemen now constitute the board: President, Myron I. Low; Vice President, Dr. M. J. Hess; Secretary, Edward Seales; Treasurer, W. C. Richart.

Irregular Returns from Centralia.

A case of complicated election returns from Centralia was brought to the county seat for settlement this week. In electing a Poor Director, as we are informed, the tally sheet showed one man to be elected, while the certificate of election was issued to his opponent by the board of election. Barney Doyle was here, and so was the opposition interested in the case. An altercation ensued in the bar-room of the Exchange Hotel between the opposing parties, during which a revolver was presented in the face of Barney; but having seen the like before Doyle reached around somehow and floored his opponent before he pulled the trigger on him. We are told that Barney claims the certificate is all right and that the tally sheet was tampered with; while the claim, on the other hand, is that the certificate is a mistake, and that the tally-list is right. The court will no doubt determine the matter.

The Uncertainty of Life.

On Friday night, the 22d of February, Mrs. Oliver Kahler, while pleasantly conversing with a few friends at the Sanitarium suddenly fell unconscious and then there expired. She had attained the age of 62 years, and appeared to be of more than ordinary strength and vitality. Her sudden death is, no doubt the more keenly felt by her surviving children.

THE APPEAL CASE SETTLED.

The appeal of the county commissioners from the auditors' settlement of last year, was settled on Monday, by agreement, by ex-treasurer John L. Kline paying the county \$1600. This we understand is in addition to the \$1000 with which the auditors surcharged him.

The new liquor store of J. R. Fowler & Co. on Centre street, in the Opera House block, is now open and ready for business. The services of James Hendershott, for many years the popular clerk at the Exchange Hotel, have been secured, and the room has been newly papered and painted. An entirely new stock of all kinds of liquors has been purchased, and the new firm asks a fair share of patronage in their line.

THE ENCORE.

The encore has its uses as well as its abuses. It is properly used to encourage the efforts of children at public recitation or declamation, especially when successful. It is in place, too, as a recognition and appreciation of any more than ordinary meritorious public performance, and is at the same time an exponent of the culture and taste of the audience—an index of their intelligence. The encores or their omissions indicate the calibre of an audience. An uncultured, illiterate audience enjoys the sensual, the low, and by the encore encourages it. Is it anything short of an insult to people of even only moderate intelligence and culture to be bored, time after time, during the same evening, with repetitions of inferior performances called for by sappy young men, women and children? In England the remedy is to hiss the greenies; why would not the same medicine effect a cure here? Is the foregoing plain enough to be understood? P.

[If not, we would suggest that the hisses are often times more deserved by the "sappy young men" than by the performers who are the victims of their guys.]—Ed.

Bitten by a Mad Dog.

A highly respected farmer, named Theodore Swank, who lives near Union Corners, Northumberland County, was recently bitten by a mad dog while he was on the wood-pile with an axe in his hand. Being a merciful man, and having no idea that the dog was mad, he undertook to change the animal's direction by waving his gloved hand towards him as he was about to pass when the dog caught it biting through the glove into his thumb and making it bleed quite freely. The dog then turned and ran. He was afterward seen to bite a cow, and was found dead the next day about a mile and a half from Mr. Swank's house. Though the neighbors insisted the dog was mad Mr. Swank was at first not inclined to think so, but the preponderance of evidence was against his theory. He finally consented to accept the liberal donation of \$225 which was kindly raised by neighbors and friends in order that he might go to the Pasteur Institute, in New York, for treatment in case it become necessary. No symptoms of hydrophobia have as yet been felt by Mr. Swank, and though the dog was no doubt mad some hope of his escape is entertained by the fact that his heavy buckskin glove may have absorbed the poisonous virus which would otherwise have entered his flesh. The case will be watched with interest by all, but more particularly by the wife and immediate relatives of Mr. Swank.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Elizabeth I. Appleman died February 11th, 1895 aged 44 yrs. 4 months and 27 days.

These resolutions were adopted by Kitchen's Sunday School.

WHEREAS, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst our beloved sister and co-worker in the church and Sunday School, Mrs. Elizabeth I. Appleman, therefore be it

Resolved: That our Sunday School has lost a faithful member, and her family a loving wife and mother.

Resolved: That we bow in submission to Him who in all things ruleth aright, remembering that He garners the ripest of the grain and that our loss is her gain.

Resolved: That the grief stricken family have our warmest sympathy, feeling that their loss is also ours, and reminding them that the God they love is "too wise too err and too kind to be unjust."

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the COLUMBIAN, the Republican and Millville Tablet, and a copy be given to the family of the deceased.

(MRS. THOMAS KESTER, COM. { MRS. SYLVESTER KITCHEN, MRS. JOHN FISHER.

In a very gentlemanly way we have been asked to explain our ironical expression of last week concerning the "unsavory political affiliations" of the successful candidates who, like the writer, have sometimes presumed to vote the prohibition ticket. Accordingly we beg to amend the expression by advisedly saying "unpopular," instead of "unsavory," prohibitionists. We regret to find that irony will not always suit as a mode of expression; but if righteous effort, whether political or moral, don't cease until the COLUMBIAN deliberately sprags its wheels, it will be apt to go on from one degree of grace to another.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday Schools of Wyoming Classis of the Reformed church in the United States will hold a convention in Trinity Reformed church, Bloomsburg, Thursday and Friday, March 7th and 8th. A large number of delegates from abroad is expected to be present, and a cordial invitation is given the public to attend. The following is the program in full:

Thursday, 10 A. M.—Devotional services, Rev. C. H. Herbst; Calling the roll of delegates, Rev. C. H. Brandt; Address, "The object of this convention," Rev. W. D. Donat; Address, "The advantage of local Sunday School conventions," Rev. Geo. S. Sorber; Discussion, opened by Rev. F. H. Ruloff. Closing services.

Thursday, 2 P. M.—Devotional services, Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher; Address, "The Work of the Sunday School in the training of the children for the church," Rev. A. Houtz; Discussion, opened by Rev. C. P. Kehl; Address, "The Sunday School teacher's influence," Rev. Kerchner; Discussion, opened by Elder M. F. Koeng; Address, "The relation of the pastor to the Sunday School," Rev. Aaron Noll; Discussion, opened by Elder Wm. H. Balliet; Collection; Question box, Rev. W. H. Stubblebine. Closing services.

Thursday, 7:30 P. M.—Devotional services, Rev. C. W. E. Siegle; Address, "The advantage the Sunday School affords for the cultivation of the spirit of Benevolence," Rev. D. W. Ebbert; Address, "Our motto: All the Church in the Sunday School. All the Sunday School in the Church. All for Christ," Rev. Rufus W. Miller, General S. S. Secretary; Collection. Closing services.

Friday, 9:30 A. M.—Devotional services, Rev. F. H. Fisher; Address, "What relation should the consistory sustain to the Sunday School?" Rev. D. E. Schoedler; Discussion, opened by Rev. S. C. Meckel; Address, "How should the festive days of the church be observed by the Sunday School?" Rev. C. B. Alspach; Discussion, opened by Rev. A. M. Masonheimer; Collection; Question box, Rev. H. A. I. Benner; Business. Closing services.

It is desired that every minister of Classis be in attendance at this convention, and that each Sunday School send at least two delegates. Pastors and superintendents will please see to this.

Free entertainment will be provided for all; and those who intend to come are requested to notify A. N. Yost, Esq., chairman of the Local Committee, not less than ten days before the convention.

Pastors and delegates immediately upon their arrival will report at the church, corner Third and Iron streets.

With the exception of the addresses on Thursday evening, the addresses will be limited to fifteen minutes, and the discussions to five minutes.

For further particulars, address Rev. C. H. Brandt, Sec. of the Classical Com., Bloomsburg, Pa.

Classical committee.—Rev. W. D. Donat, Rev. C. H. Brandt, Rev. A. Houtz.

Local committee.—A. N. Yost, Esq., C. S. Fornwald, O. W. Cherrington, Mrs. Fred Ikeler, Mrs. W. H. Snyder.

Death.

On Tuesday morning at 5:30 A. M., Mrs. Dr. Harder died at her home in Bloomsburg. Her husband being dead, she is survived by five children, namely, Charles, of New Jersey, William and Mrs. Miller of Nanticoke, George of this place, and Fred, who is now at Girard College. Interment at Rosemont Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, Rev. I. M. Patterson, of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

Drs. McReynolds, Arment, Bruner, Reber and Brown, Steck, Montgomery, Wintersteen, Hower and Christian, assembled in annual session, in Bloomsburg, on the 26th of February, as representatives of the Columbia County Medical Society. At the close of the session the usual tempting repast was spread before the doctors by the affable proprietor of the Central Hotel.

Philip Collins died at his home in Ebensburg, Cambria county, last Saturday night, aged seventy-four years. He was well known here, and made his home here while engaged with his brother Thomas and Col. Jameson in constructing the North and West branch railroad.

Dr. Buchanan the poisoner presents such a handsome physiognomy that it is hard to reconcile it with his dastardly acts. According to evidence revealed through his trial he married a leud woman, secured her property, and then poisoned her.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

We notice that Editor Brown has returned from his trip to Florida.

Miss Nora Appleman is still on the sick-list, we regret to report.

Mrs. M. E. Creasy, is entertaining Mrs. Jacob Schlager, of Binghamton, New York.

Mariah Reiswick paid Mrs. A. L. Heacock, of Millville, a recent visit.

J. C. Rutter Jr. and family have moved into their new home on Iron street.

Dr. William McKelvey and family are expected to visit Bloomsburg soon.

Hon. E. M. Tewksbury is slowly recovering from his long illness.

Hon. A. L. Fritz spent part of last week in Philadelphia, serving on a legislative investigation committee.

J. C. Wenner and his brother David transacted business in Bloomsburg on Saturday.

G. M. Lemon and brother, of Wellersville, were among our business callers this week.

Miss Bertha Shoemaker is entertaining her cousin, Miss Laura Parker, of Rhorsburg.

Dr. J. Stuart Kirby and Mr. Butler, of March Chunk, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wells this week.

Peter Billmyer took a recent trip to Lime Stone, the occasion for the journey being the death of J. F. Ganger, his brother-in-law.

Judge and Mrs. Ikeler attended the reception given by Governor and Mrs. Hastings on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26th.

Joshua Fetterman knows nothing about the boils of Job, but he is now prepared to give some points on caruncles.

Rev. D. A. Artman, of Light Street, was among our respected and welcome callers this week.

Miss Cora Miller, composer on THE COLUMBIAN, we regret to report as also on the sick list this week.

Mrs. R. C. Neal, of Harrisburg, is spending a few days at her mother's, Mrs. M. H. Clark.

Mrs. Freas Brown returned on Monday from Florida, where she has been for several weeks.

W. D. Beckley, Esq. is spending a few weeks at the Sanitarium in Dansville, N. Y. for his health.

J. J. Brower was called to Douglasville to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Matilda Jones, who died last Sunday, aged seventy-nine years.

William S. Smith, of Montandon, was in town on Wednesday and took out letters of administration on the estate of his father, A. K. Smith, late of Jerseytown.

Rev. W. T. Auman, formerly of Bloomsburg, now of White Haven, was recently ordained priest in the P. E. Church. He has been in deacon's orders for several years.

Miss Laura Heffner, of Centralia, rated highest at the examination for permanent certificate which was held at the High School building on Saturday.

Sanderson Woods, though somewhat bleached from recent confinement, we are pleased to report as again up and about town.

The editor of this paper spent a couple of days in Towanda this week, and is engaged in the preparation of two cases in the Supreme Court from Sullivan county, which will be argued in March.

Mrs. John Jones, of Berwick, having come to Bloomsburg recently to visit among friends was so seriously taken with the grip as to make it necessary for her husband to come on to help her home on Friday.

G. W. Robinson, of Danville, came up last Friday to spend a few days with his friend Will L. Crist. On Saturday evening he was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia, but at this writing is able to sit up.

Mr. Boyd Trescott, of Millville, was in town on Tuesday the latter part of the week. Mr. Trescott is among the more competent of school teachers. He was one of the board of examiners of the teachers seeking permanent certificate.

Mr. Coleman Lewis who had been identified with some of the largest mercantile establishments in Scranton has accepted a position with J. M. Gidding & Co., the Clothiers, and intends moving his family here.

Some of the Bloomsburg P. O. S. of A. visitors of the recent Berwick district convention spoke of the pure milky whiteness and the dryness of the drink offered. No fault whatever was found with the lunch; but they seemed to anticipate something stronger than milk to drink.

We find men to day committing suicide because of too much business as well as because of too little to do. Among the latest wealthy men to suicide is Mr. M. Michaels, of Corry, Pa. He took his life on Washington's birthday by hanging. It was the day set apart for the opening of a large hotel he had just finished.

The following letters are advertised February 26, 1895. Mr. F. H. Baker, Miss Alice Benton, Miss Maude Craig, Mr. Art Foulk, Mr. B. Frank Fox, Miss Fannie Lockwood, F. H. Lee, Miss Nora Musgrave, Mrs. Annie Thrie, E. P. Wame. Will be sent to the dead-letter office March 12, 1895.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.