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SUCCESSFUL GYMNASIANS.

The Second Annual Gymnastic Exhibition which was given at the Normal last Friday evening was a most enjoyable occasion and a marked success in every respect. Among the students as well as those from abroad are some who may be termed as marvels of grace and skill in their various gymnastic maneuvers. In fact the most enjoyable exhibitions, those drawing the largest houses in Bloomsburg may be said to be these gymnastic exercises at the Normal.

In spite of unpropitious weather the gymnasium was crowded to its utmost capacity and desirable locations would have sold at a premium if offered.

The promised accessions to the home talent from abroad—Wilkes-Barre and Pittston arrived in due time and gave very creditable performances.

As fitting to the occasion the program opened with a medley of patriotic airs of America from the efficient Normal Orchestra. After which followed the junior boys in their Wand Drill. They departed themselves in a very commendable way, as did also the Model School children in their different gyrations.

Messrs. Wilson and Nagle and others gave a good entertainment upon the horizontal bars and in other simple specialties well calculated to entertain.

Messrs. Bowman and Brandt, of Wilkes-Barre, who were down on the program for graceful tumbling filled their measure in first-class style. The class-work with Indian clubs in the hands of senior students was highly edifying and displayed great precision and graceful movements.

The dumb-bell exercises in which ninety junior girls participated was a noticeable feature of the occasion and one quite pleasing to guests and helpful to participants.

Next followed ninety senior girls in their attractive hoop drill. This was pronounced one of the most interesting drills of the evening.

Young men from Wilkes-Barre and Pittston next entertained the audience in horizontal bar work and what is termed "diagonal marching."

A fine bit of artistic club swinging was here indulged in by Misses Blakeslee, Bogenrief, Cope, Lewis, and Lillian Mahon, on the part of the ladies, and Messrs. Aldinger, Burdge, Lerch, Brower, Nagle, Patterson, Williams and Wilson, as the gentlemen.

There was also a very creditable exhibition of heavy gymnastics. This class was comprised of about twenty select town gymnasts. Both skill and muscle was amply displayed and fully appreciated.

The gymnastic exercises closed with a grand march in which about 350 participated in full uniform.

A spirited game of basket-ball between the Normal and Pittston teams closed the exercises, the final score standing two to one in favor of the Pittston team. The exercises closed at a rather late hour, but the occasion was much enjoyed from start to finish.

Another Kind of a Dam.

If the canal is to be abandoned, as is reported, there will then be no further occasion for the dams in the Susquehanna River between here and tide-water. If the dams are no longer maintained, the shad can run up without obstacle. We are informed that years ago, these delicious fish were caught here by the wagon load, and they may be again, unless the contemplated turning of poisonous refuse from the coal mines above will keep them down, or kill them if they do come, in which event although the river will be no longer dammed, the persons responsible for thus poisoning the water, ought to be, with a slight change in the spelling.

Wedded Forty Years.

On March 15th was the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Levi F. Irwin, who quietly celebrated that event at their home on Hepburn street, Williamsport. At the time of their marriage, March 15, 1855, Mr. Irwin, was engaged in publishing the *Berwick Gazette*, Columbia county, Pa., which was continued until the summer of 1859, when, owing to ill health, he was obliged to quit and engage in other business. Mr. Irwin cast his forty-third annual vote at the late municipal election.

Rev. D. J. Waller, principal of the Indiana State Normal School, says the Shortt educational bill which has passed the Senate is revolutionary and almost subverts the Normal School system.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

The following are the appointments of the M. E. Conference at Tyrone, for the Danville district:

Ezra H. Yocum, Presiding Elder, Danville. Ashland, Oliver S. Metzler; Audenried, Wilson E. Vandermark; Beach Haven, Henry B. Fortner; Benton, Joseph R. King; Berwick, Theophilus L. Tomkinson, Bloomingdale, David Y. Brouse; (supply); Bloomsburg, Benjamin C. Connor; Buckhorn, William H. Hartman; Catawissa, George M. Klepfer; Catawissa circuit, William S. Hamlin; Centralia, S. Milton Frost; Conyng-ham, Nelson E. C. Cleaver; Danville, St. Paul's, Joseph B. Shaver; Danville, Trinity, William P. Eveland; Elysburg, Henry F. Cares; Espy and Light Street, Rueben E. Wilson; Excelsior, Philip Thomas; (supply); Fountain Springs, Charles H. Barnard; (supply); Freeland, Edmund White; Gordon, Alfred L. Miller; Harveyville, Jonathan S. Shippe; Hazleton, Diamond, John Horning; Hazleton, St. Paul's, William A. Houck; Irish Valley, Frank C. Buyers; Jamison City, Timothy H. Tubbs; Jeansville, George M. Larned; Jerseytown, George V. Savidge; Mifflinville, Robert M. Snyder; Milnesville, Latimer and Jeddo, John C. Bickel; Mount Carmel, Isaac N. Moorhead; Nescopeck, Franklin E. Hartman; Northumberland, Peter P. Strawinski; Orangeville, Nathan B. Smith; Park Place and Delano, William W. Hartman; River Side, Charles M. Barnitz; Rohrsburg, Elial M. Chilcoat; Selinsgrove, Jacob H. Diebel; Shamokin, First church, William V. Ganoe; Shamokin, Second church, John D. W. Deavor; Shickshinny, John A. DeMoyer; Silver Brook, Freeman S. Vought; Snydertown, Richard Brooks; Stockton and Beaver Meadow, William P. Shriver; Sunbury, George Leidy; Town Hill, Seth A. Creveling; Tverton, Franklin M. Welsh; Wapwallopen, John R. Melroy; Washingtonville, Oliver H. Albertson; Weatherly, John W. Buckley; White Haven, Norman H. Smith; William T. S. Deavor, Professor, St. John's College, Annapolis Md., member of Wapwallopen quarterly conference; supernumerary and superannuated preachers, John W. Leckie, Irvin H. Torrence, Henry S. Mendenhall, David B. McClosky, Gideon H. Day, Samuel P. Boone, Almon W. H.

Some of the former pastors here are stationed at the following places: Dr. D. S. Monroe, presiding elder, Altoona; S. W. Sears, Altoona; J. H. McGarrab, superannuated list; W. W. Evans, presiding elder; Harrisburg; W. G. Ferguson, Harrisburg; F. B. Riddle, Renovo.

Normal School Notes.

James B. Lambie Esq., and wife of Washington D. C. have been visiting their niece, a student at the Normal School. They stopped at the Exchange Hotel. Mr. Lambie is a prominent hardware merchant and capitalist of Washington. He expressed himself as well pleased with our town, and so well pleased with what he saw at the Normal that he expects to send more young people in whom he is interested, to the school.

Mrs. Welsh is at Atlantic City. She is reported as convalescing.

The prospects are that every available room at the Normal School will be full next week at the opening of the new term.

The employees' Dormitory is nearly completed.

A SPLIT IN THE BAND.

It has been several weeks since any music has been heard from the Bloomsburg Cornet Band. This is owing to the fact that trouble has arisen and the band has split. Eight or ten of them are using a room in Gilmore's building as a practice hall, with Davis Brooks as leader. The cause of the trouble we have not learned, but it is to be regretted that so excellent an organization cannot be kept together. Every town needs a brass band, and Bloomsburg had a good one. Get together again, boys, and toot your harmonious horns once more.

The Sons of America propose having the greatest demonstration ever held in the history of the order in Reading in the autumn of 1897, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization, and preparations are already under way. The nine camps of the order in that city have appointed committees for the purpose of organizing a semi-centennial committee of arrangements.

Thirty-one persons went from Bloomsburg to Benton on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Geo. L. McHenry.

MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL.

As per adjournment the Council met last Thursday evening and passed upon the following matters. Present, Drinker, Kuorr, Yost and Sterling:

In the matter of appropriating funds for the benefit of the Rescue Fire Company discussion ensued and the matter was postponed until a future meeting of a full board.

The President called attention to dangerous condition of band closet, where oil, rags, &c., are stored promiscuously. He suggested some fire-proof receptacle.

Complaint of nuisance was entered by Mr. Morris against a colored family on Iron Street. Referred to board of health for investigation and proper action.

The following bills were presented, and the Secretary was directed to issue orders for payment, as follows:

- Eshleman & Wolf, repairs to sewer, \$ 4.45
 - C. M. Drinker, repairs to tools, .45
 - Thomas Vannatta, repairs to pump, 2.00
 - Fred Ikeler, retainer for 1894, .25
 - Town Solicitor, 25.00
 - Ringrose case in common pleas, 150.00
 - Drawing pavement permit ordinance, 10.00
 - Drawing ordinance repealing Ord. No. 6, 5.00
 - Examining right of Council to lease Oak Grove Park, and town's liability to purchase or lease said park; written opinion, &c., 50.00
 - Electric street railway ordinance, 10.00
 - Preparing and filing answer in the equity case between E. Kelchner and the town of Bloomsburg, 25.00
 - Redrawing East Street railway ordinance, 30.00
 - Examination of right to turn run into Sixth street, 10.00
 - Bryfogle Bros, for shoveling snow on river road, 7.50
 - George Hughes, for shoveling snow on river road, 6.62
 - James Learn, for shoveling snow on river road, 3.12
- Adjourned to meet on Thursday night March 28th.

The Indian Show and the Prize Awarded.

Miss Hattie Fisher, a handsome brunette employed in the Woolen Mill, took the eye of Thunder Cloud at the Opera-House on Thursday evening and consequently she secured the promised prize awarded to "the handsomest lady in the house." The Doctor had been giving free entry to his show and selling medicine between acts for some time. It was done with the understanding that upon this occasion an admittance fee would be charged, but that the competition for the prize would be open to all the beauties of Bloomsburg, no matter whether they were brunettes or blondes. The house has been full on every occasion thus far and the show as a whole is a pronounced success.

An exceedingly difficult surgical operation was performed at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, Philadelphia on last Monday on Lawyer A. W. Potter, of Selinsgrove, Pa., who was injured so severely at the railroad accident at Kreamer Station on January 25.

Mr. Potter was brought to Philadelphia on Saturday by Dr. B. F. Wagenseller, his physician, who, after consultation decided to have an operation performed.

At 10 A. M. the bones of the left forearm, which were fractured in two places, were all laid bare and the small particles of crushed bone removed. The two principal bones were then resected very carefully and the arm tightly bandaged. Mr. Potter came out of the operation much better than was anticipated and is doing as well as could be expected.

We are pleased to note that the report was false regarding an injury that Prof. Welsh and wife and Miss Petrikin, of Bloomsburg, were said to have sustained in a recent railroad accident at Silverbrook Junction. No doubt the accident occurred as reported by the *Sunbury Daily*; but the fact is, the distinguished Bloomsburgers referred to were not on the train referred to, and consequently they were somewhat delayed but in nowise injured by the wreck. They reached their destination, Atlantic City without injury.

Forty-five coal operators in the Hocking Valley organized and combined recently. If their combination don't corner coal about as they want it in that section then we are mistaken as to their intent and purpose.

EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE AT YORK, PA.

Appointments Made.

The United Evangelical Church of Central Pennsylvania in conference assembled at York, Pa., made the following appointments of itinerant ministers in this (the Lewisburg) district:

Henry W. Buck, Presiding Elder, Lewisburg, C. W. Finkbinder; Milton, M. F. Fosselman; Milton, circuit, F. H. Foss; Washingtonville, E. B. Dunn; Muncy Valley, W. J. Campbell; Dushore, D. A. Artman; Bernice and Lopes, I. E. Spangler; Danville, J. Womeldorf; Bloomsburg, G. W. Currin; Light Street, H. Minsker; Waller, G. W. Heiney; Columbia, C. D. Moore; Berwick, J. C. Reeser; Nescopeck, J. A. Dunlap; Nanticoke, S. S. Mummy; Ransom, E. E. Shaffer; Tunkhannock circuit, F. F. Mayer; Tunkhannock, C. W. Hipple; Scranton, Zion, G. L. Maice; Scranton, Trinity, J. G. Whitmire; Zion's Grove, S. Aurand; Luzerne, E. Fulckomer; West Clifford, A. W. Chamberlain; Nickelson, G. L. Burson; A. L. Reeser, G. Hunter and E. Swengel members of Lewisburg quarterly conference. C. J. Dick member of Columbia quarterly conference.

Sensational Methods to Secure Subscriptions.

The Harrisburg Star-Independent in commenting on the efforts of many of the prominent sensational journals of the day to secure subscriptions has the following to say of their peculiar methods:

"There are some that do, but comparatively few who are not so influenced by the golden calf of circulation, that every energy is directed to secure this, even at the sacrifice of moral principle. Some years ago a metropolitan newspaper advertised to pay a good price for ideas, no matter how written or expressed, and a journalist of some note and ability sent one or two articles to the managing editor containing ideas upon political and scientific subjects. In reply he was invited to an interview when the manager is said to have addressed him as follows: 'I have read your articles with pleasure. They do contain ideas, but they are not the kind we want. Such articles as yours are suited only for intelligent people, and they will be of no use to us, they will not give us circulation. We want something more sensational, striking, funny, if you will, but different from anything else ever conceived by mortal man, and as to its truth—well, its better to have it true, but that is not of so much consequence if it only appears to be so and will make people talk about our paper.'"

The editor has been able to give but little attention to this issue of the paper. On Saturday he went to Philadelphia to attend Supreme court, being concerned as counsel in two Sullivan county cases which were to be argued on Monday. Owing to the illness of one of the attorneys, with the grip the cases were postponed until Thursday and we came home for a day, but were obliged to return to Philadelphia on Wednesday. The assistant editor has been at home sick with the grip, so that taken all around, the grip has given us considerable inconvenience this week.

The T. W. Firth, who was recently caught and jailed for robbing depots, at Halls, Hughesville and Picture Rocks, was a resident of Bloomsburg for a brief period. He forgot to settle his board bill with the Misses Beers, we are informed. This, his latest adventure at robbing is only one of a series that he is guilty of, according to reports of the B. & S. railroad hands who are acquainted with him as a telegraph operator at Jamison City and elsewhere.

The following named gentlemen now comprise the board of trustees of the Danville State Hospital:

D. H. Detwiler, Williamsport; B. H. Shoop, Scranton; C. S. Miller, Honesdale; O. F. Harvey, Wilkes-Barre; D. M. Boyd, Danville; Thomas Chalfant, Danville; G. M. Shoop, Danville; E. W. M. Low, Lime Ridge; W. D. Himmelrich, Lewisburg.

The following letters are advertised March 19th, 1895. Winifred Edwards, Willis C. Herr, Mr. W. D. Henpcke, Mrs. Dora Kline, J. H. Maice (Evangelist), Mr. J. W. Snyder. Will be sent to the dead letter office April 2, 1895.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

Mr. Hilday's Reply to the Charge of Using Money in the Poor House Appointment.

Three years ago when Mr. Larish and I were candidates for poor directors T. J. Vanderslice, C. A. Klein and their friends persuaded Mr. Dentler to be an independent candidate against us, the regular nominees, and did all in their power to defeat us. As soon as we were elected they, by some means, succeeded in getting Larish to go with O. T. Wilson and support the party that tried to defeat him, and turn down his friends who nominated and elected him. This made me very angry, and more so when I heard Wilson boast that the "longest pole knocked the persimmons," and that I was only a naught on the board. I then made up my mind that if I ever got a chance I would get even with him.

Before the election Mr. Wilson asked me about making a change of stewardship at the poor house. I told him that I would leave that for the new board to decide; he was not satisfied, and about the 25th or 26th of last month he made a flying trip to Sugarloaf to see Mr. Larish in regard to making a change. Mr. Larish told him that he was agreed and asked Wilson if he had a man in view. He said he had, Frank Wilson, of Greenwood. Mr. Wilson then told Larish that he then would come to see me; he did so and told me what he and Larish agreed to do. I concluded that if Mr. Wilson and Larish were bound to make a change at this date he would not make a naught of me again, as I understood his game. Mr. Wilson sent his son out for Mr. McBride to come in, and he came. Wilson and Mr. McBride came up to my barn. We then asked Mr. McBride about resigning, he said he wanted a few days to consider over the matter. Wilson said it was no use, for we must know at once. I called Mr. Wilson out of my office in the barn and told him that we could not force McBride out at this late day. Wilson said yes we could for he had looked up the law and we could discharge him at any time. McBride then decided to resign and Wilson went up town, head up, to have the resignation advertised, and that we would receive applications till March 7th. Why Mr. Wilson wanted to advertise after he had been up to see Mr. Larish was only to deceive other applicants, as Mr. Frank Wilson of Greenwood was his slated man who worked so hard for O. T.'s election, and when I downed him at his own game he and T. J. Vanderslice began to howl. I positively declare that Mr. Kline never gave or promised to give me one cent of money in any way, shape or form to support him for stewardship, or instructed me to offer any for the appointment. My reasons for supporting him were because we felt that a man from Greenwood should have the preference, and Kline came with the strongest and best recommendations, signed by the leading citizens of the township, and I also wanted to down O. T.'s slated man.

Now give Kline a chance, and do not condemn him before he is tried, and if he is found not to be the right man in the right place he can be removed, and there is no use for Wilson to throw mud at me as I paid him in his own coin, and I am willing to compare slates with Mr. Wilson and T. J. Vanderslice in regards to doing business for the public, and I think mine will be white as snow along side of theirs.

Yours respectfully,
A. C. HILDAY.

Shocking Religious Journalism.

The *Interior*, the organ of the Presbyterian Church in the West, appeared last week with the partially nude picture of a prominent burlesque actress covering almost the entire first page. The clergy and elders rose up in their wrath and have been chasing the editor, Dr. W. C. Gray, ever since.

The editor, who took to the woods explains that a man came along and told him that the figure was from a collection called "Saron's Living Pictures," and represented the Biblical personification of "Hope." He thought "Hope" was very beautiful, but did not know that she was going to play at one of the theatres next week. He liked her so well that he put her on the first page in all her undraped perfection.

Gidding & Co's. extensive store room is still not large enough to contain all their goods, and so they have fitted up the basement for a trunk department.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Judge Ikeler is holding court in Danville this week.

J. G. Wells went to Philadelphia on Monday night, on a business trip.

Mrs. D. A. Beckley and daughter Jennie came to visit Bloomsburg friends last week.

Mr. Amos Hartman, of Buckhorn, gave this office a friendly call on Saturday.

Miss Carrie Wayne came home from Mifflinville and spent last Sunday with her parents in Bloomsburg.

J. J. Croninger and family will move in the spring from Bloomsburg to Hughesville where he formerly resided.

The Berwick "Independent" of last week reports that Col. A. D. Seely is recovering from an attack of neuralgia of the heart.

Prof. H. A. Curran, formerly a member of the Normal School faculty, is now connected with the Stroudsburg Normal School.

Thos. Gorry Jr., has completed his first course of lectures in Pharmacy in Philadelphia, and has returned home for the summer.

I. J. Jamison, assistant editor of this paper is again indisposed this week, and unable to be at his post of duty. The grip has taken quite a hold on him.

E. C. Caswell went to Philadelphia last Saturday, and remained over Sunday with his nephew, Carlton Caswell, and on Monday went to New York on business connected with the Woolen Mill.

Mr. Eli Knorr, who recently met with an accidental upset while on his rounds of duty, and who has since been confined to the house in consequence, we found to be fairly on the mend upon the occasion of a recent call.

Dr. Wm. McKelvy, wife and child, of Breckenridge, Colorado, are again among friends and relatives in Bloomsburg, after an absence of many years. The Doctor and family reached town on the evening of the 14th instant, and were welcomed by their many friends of long ago.

L. N. Moyer, S. C. Cressy, W. R. Koehler, C. C. Peacock, J. J. Wagoner, L. T. Sharpless, and J. C. Brown went to Tyrone last week Friday to attend the session of the M. E. Conference, and to procure a minister to succeed Rev. W. G. Ferguson. They obtained the services of Rev. B. C. Connor who has been at the Mulberry Street Church, Williamsport, for the past three years. He comes very highly recommended, being one of the leading ministers in Central Pennsylvania Conference. He will move here about April 1st.

SALE OF THE MCKELVY PROPERTIES.

A. Z. Schoch, assignee of I. W. McKelvy, sold the following properties at the Court House on Wednesday:

- Bloomsburg Opera House block to J. R. Fowler and P. A. Evans for \$8650.
- House and lot on First Street, to G. M. Tustin, for \$1505.00.
- House and lot on West Street to Theo. L. Smith, for \$1820.00.
- House and lot on Seventh Street to W. R. Hagenbuch, for \$1150.00.
- Wharf lot at canal to G. M. Tustin for \$3000.
- Store Building corner Main, and Market to Parsel & Harman for \$15000.
- House and lot on Catharine St. to C. G. Murphy for \$1490.
- Double house and lot on East St. to Dr. B. F. Gardner for \$2000.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania consists of a Chief Justice and six Justices. They sit four hours a day, and ordinarily one hour is allowed for each case. As there is no session on Saturday they can hear but twenty cases a week, unless some are put on the short list when a half hour is allowed. Last week there were forty-four cases on the list, and this week forty-five, and this is about the average. It is no wonder that relief is sought by the establishment of a new tribunal to be known as the Superior Court, with five Judges, who will have final jurisdiction in many of the cases.

The little schooner James L. Franklin loaded with 125 tons of dynamite and blasting powder left Baltimore for Jamaica on March 12th. Passing vessels acquainted with the nature of her cargo were not the least disposed to crowd the Franklin, it is said. She will have plenty of sea room throughout her voyage, no doubt. If she ever explodes there will be no one left to tell the story, that's certain.

We notice that Hon. H. H. Rutter, proprietor of the *Hughesville Mail* now in the Legislature, is diffusing some right pertinent and patriotic ideas among his constituents through the medium of his newspaper. What this country wants is a few more well-meaning editors in the legislatures.

The new law offices of Ikeler & Ikeler are handsome apartments. They have three rooms conveniently located, which are nicely furnished, and a large and complete law library.