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WON THE FIRST PRIZE AND WILL TAKE A COURSE AT THE NORMAL.

In the prize voting contest that has been carried on for several months past by the Harrisburg Patriot, Miss Clara Lavina Lynch of Harrisburg won the first prize, which is a scholarship in the Bloomsburg Normal School for one year's tuition and board. Their were 168,884 votes sent in, and Miss Lynch received 58,685.

Miss Alice Hepford of Harrisburg received 47,375 votes, and gets second prize, an organ. Miss Mary A. Alleman, of the same city, received 35,380 votes, and takes third prize, a set of books. The other contestants ranged from 4751, down to 120. The Patriot says of the young lady who will attend the Normal.

"Clara Lavina Lynch is a native of this city and has just passed her eighteenth year. Emerging from babyhood she showed a taste for learning. At an early age she developed an aptitude for teaching and in many of her pleasures and pastimes with her playmates she assumed the role of instructor while they were her pupils. At the age of fourteen she entered the High school where she pursued the classical course.

One black cloud fell upon her life during her school days, the death of her father, which occurred when she was in her ninth year. She was graduated April 19, last, from the High School, one of a class of fifty-eight which has the reputation of being one of the brightest, taken as a whole, that has ever been turned out from that school. "The class motto, *Semper Discens*," said Miss Lynch to a Patriot representative, "I have also chosen as my own motto and after my course at the Normal school is finished I will not consider my studies at an end but, in the spirit of the motto, will press on to greater advancement and higher spheres of knowledge."

A SUBSTITUTE FOR ICE.

A CHICAGO MAN SAID TO HAVE PUT THE ICEMAN OUT OF COURT.

Chicago has been interested this week by some experiments with a new chemical compound designed to take the place of ice. The chemical costs twenty cents a pound. It is placed in the ice box of a refrigerator, a small amount of water is added to cause it to dissolve; the refrigerator is then closed and cold results immediately.

The inventor says that the compound contains eleven ingredients and the formula is a secret. The mixture is light pink in color, and is in the form of crystals like coarse salt. It is said to be perfectly harmless and has an alkaline taste. When moistened it instantly becomes intensely cold. This effect lasts twenty-four hours, or until the crystals are entirely dissolved. Then it is placed on a fire and "boiled down" until the water evaporates and the crystals are left in their original form. It is then ready for use again by simply adding fresh water. It is asserted that the chemicals lose none of their properties by the process, and that the crystals can be used for years.

During the Chicago tests ice was frozen to the thickness of window glass in a few minutes, and the thickness of two or three inches in less than six hours. The experiments were successful in every way, and ice dealers ought to be particularly interested in them. There is little doubt that before many years a refrigerating apparatus will be devised by which houses may be cooled in summer as easily as they are now warmed in winter. The new refrigerating compound may be an important factor in the solution of this problem.

The Wilkes-Barre Record has learned on the best of authority that the county commissioners signed the order for the second \$10,000 for architect Myers on account of the court house plans. It is said that the architect demanded the order according to the terms of the ironbound contract the commissioners signed. As the county treasurer has stated that he will not recognize any such order until a site is secured and the court authorizes the approval of the contract, it is quite probable that Mr. Myers will proceed against the county for the payment of the money. The contract says he is entitled to it as soon as he delivers the completed plans and specifications, which he has already done. Developments are anxiously awaited.

If you will send your orders over the telephone to Rishton's Drug store, he will deliver your goods and save your going out, this hot weather. 2t.

SHENANDOAH FIRE SWEEP.

PROPERTY OWNERS LOSE \$100,000 AND THERE IS LITTLE INSURANCE.

Shortly before 1 o'clock Saturday morning a fire broke out in Shenandoah in the business portion of the town and before the flames were extinguished fully a hundred thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed.

The fire started in a two story frame building, a portion of which was occupied by the "Herald" Printing Company as a printing office, and the remainder by C. E. Pitman as a stable. It was in the most thickly settled portion of the town and all the buildings in the block being frame it was with the greatest difficulty the fire was got under control. This was not accomplished until almost the whole square had been destroyed.

The principal losers are Charles E. Titman, the "Herald" Printing Company, Martin Heisenberger, James McElhenny, Otto Caris, Gerlach Dornbach, Adam Taber and Charles Radzewicz. The latter is probably the heaviest loser. He conducted a general store and had a stock of goods valued at \$15,000. The aggregate losses will reach fully \$100,000, upon which the insurance does not exceed \$10,000.

The ground burned over was swept by fire in November, 1884.

Trinity Reformed Church Notes.

Children's Day will be observed in Trinity Reformed Church by the Sunday School on next Sunday evening. The services will begin at 6:30 o'clock sharp. An elaborate programme has been prepared, and the church will be nicely decorated. Rev. Rufus W. Miller, of Reading, Pa. Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church will be present and take part in the exercises. Rev. Miller will also preach in the morning. A pressing invitation is given to everybody to attend both of these services.

On Thursday June 20th the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church will meet in Trinity Reformed Church.

A Missionary meeting will be held in the evening. Addresses will be made by Rev. Wm. E. Hoy, missionary from Japan, and Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D. of Pittsburg, who lately returned from a trip to Palestine. These addresses will be interesting and instructive, and all should hear them. You are cordially invited irrespective of denominational relations.

Pennsylvania Odd Fellows.

The Odd Fellows Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in its annual report just issued shows the present membership in Pennsylvania to be 107,708, and the total amount paid out for relief during the past year to have been \$580,962.96. The grand secretary's report also showed the membership of the Daughters of Rebekah to be 10,747—4,063 brothers and 6,693 sisters. The total amount paid for relief during the year was \$4,473.02. The report of Grand Treasurer M. Richards Muckle showed the receipts during the year to have been \$27,301.14. In addition to the receipts there was a balance on hand from the previous year of \$10,367.78. The report of the committee on finance showed that the total assets of the grand lodge on May 1, when all accounts were balanced, were \$30,047.00. The total revenue for the coming year is estimated at \$25,307.

More Culin Suits.

Eleven hundred suits were brought against the various mining companies at Sunbury last week by farmers whose lands are alleged to have been ruined by culm being washed over them. The claims aggregate \$100,000. The Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., Lewis A. Riley & Co., and all the individual operators along the Mahanoy Creek, are involved in these suits.

It Looks Like no Fair.

It looks very much as if the annual fair of the Mahanoy Valley Fair association at Lavelle, will not be held this fall. There is a hitch in the management some where that has stopped all progress so far, and from what we hear the gentlemen are not likely to get together. Several meetings that were called lately to discuss plans etc., have been flat failures.—*Ashland Advocate.*

A purse containing thirty-four cents was left in the post-office on Saturday. The owner can have it by calling there.

GREAT FOREST FIRES.

ABOUT ONE HUNDRED OIL RIGS, WITH THEIR TANKS, &C., HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND THE FIRES CONTINUE.

RUSSELL CITY NEARLY LOST.

BRADFORD, PA., June 4.—The forest fires that have been raging throughout this section for several days and destroying many oil rigs and an immense amount of lumber and property, are still burning. Perhaps 100 oil rigs have been destroyed, with tanks, &c., in proportion. It is reported that Russell City has been wiped out entirely. The residents escaped by flagging a freight train, working all night the fires in this immediate vicinity were checked, but the sky is overhung with dense smoke, and in every direction lurid clouds can be seen rolling over the hills. Bradford is in no danger, but enormous losses have been sustained both north and south of here, as far south as Elk County. It is the worst fire ever known in this section because of its extent. Everything is dry as tinder and the flames sweep with almost race horse speed. Gangs of men are working in relays night and day, but nature is nearly exhausted and unless rain comes soon the damage will be almost incalculable.

Since the above was in type the rain has quenched the fires.

THE BLOOMSBURG CORNET BAND.

The popularity of this organization and the excellence of its music is well attested by the large crowds that gather to hear the concerts in front of the Court House. It is organized under a charter and has been in existence for many years, though there have been numerous changes in membership. Recently some new young blood has been infused into its veins, with good results. Under Mr. Blair marked progress was made, and now under the direction of F. N. Turner they have reached a point where Bloomsburg may well be proud of its band.

The present membership is as follows: F. N. Turner, director, Mr. McHenry, solo cornet, William Pursell, first cornet, William Rauch, second cornet, T. L. Gunton, third cornet, Frank Miller, flute and piccolo, H. G. Eshleman, first clarionette, William Fouk, second, Frank Hower, third, B. L. Eshleman, fourth, William Brown, solo alto, Joseph Rehm, first alto, G. W. Moyer, second, James Reaser, third, George Knorr, Baritone, John Fox, first bass, Elmer Milheim, tuba, William Knorr, first tenor, J. Rehm, second, James Rauch, third, Wesley Shutt, bass drum, C. B. Gunton, snare drum, J. Eyerly, symbols.

Wesley Shutt and T. L. Gunton are among the oldest members, having been connected with the band for many years.

Burglars.

Last week Thursday night several places were entered by burglars, but in no instance did they get anything of much value. At I. W. Hartman's residence his pants were taken from his bedroom where he was sleeping, and were found in the alley next morning. The thief got 35 cents. At the Club House a noise was heard about half past one, and David Bouton, the steward, went down stairs and saw a man getting out of the window, and four more outside. He didn't capture any of them. A. Z. Schoch's residence was also entered, but nothing was taken, as they must have been frightened away. The papers all over the country are filled with reports of burglaries and it is therefore wise for everybody to see that their houses are securely locked.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS.

The members of the class of '95 of the High school have successfully passed their examinations, and will graduate on June 13th. The exercises will be held in the Opera House. The class consists of Mira Moyer, Grace Krum, Annie Brockway, Mazie Kunkle, Clara Fornwald, Susie Shutt, Elizabeth Hummel, Jennie Trench, Margaret Freeze, Minnie Terwilliger, Martha Brugler, Harry S. Keller, Curtis Weilver, William Webb, Harry Laubach, H. Robison Moyer, Stephen Reice and Harry Kline.

The Banks of Bloomsburg, have decided, during the summer months, to conform to the law making Saturday a half holiday, commencing Saturday June 15th and will close on that day and thereafter including Oct. 1st at one o'clock. Depositors will do well to observe this. 5-31-3t.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Geo. K. Weeks is attending a business college at Oswego, N. Y.

Miss Sade Sloan is visiting Mrs. Russel Andreas at Wilkes-Barre.

C. P. Girton has accepted a position with the Deering Machine Co., as salesman.

E. J. Moyer and Cleatus Jones are assisting in this office at present, as compositors.

Dr. G. P. Waller and family have taken rooms in Mrs. Worthington's house for the summer.

J. B. Robison Esq., and son Boyd took a trip up the creek this week on a fishing excursion.

J. J. Brower took in the excursion to Bellefonte on Wednesday to attend the centennial celebration.

Harry F. Sharpless and wife are expected home about the 11th of this month. They reside in Pueblo, Colorado.

H. A. McKillip Esq., has been appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

W. L. Eyerly was called to Williamsport on Wednesday by a telegram which said that his father, Michael F. Eyerly, was dying.

Dr. M. J. and G. W. Hess and their families spent Sunday at Millville with their parents, to partake of the annual family dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Ewell of Towanda, came down on Saturday to visit their relation. The former returned on Monday, but Mrs. Ewell is still here.

W. J. Bidleman is attending the sessions of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church at Hagerstown, Maryland, this week. He is a deputy from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of this town.

PARISH HOUSE FESTIVAL.

An ice cream and strawberry festival will be held in St. Paul's Parish House this Friday evening, under the auspices of the choir. A liberal patronage is solicited. Admission free, everybody is invited.

ONE ROSE PAYS THE RENT.

HUNDREDS WILL GATHER AT MANHEIM TO SEE THE UNIQUE CEREMONY.

That unique event, the "Feast of Roses" will occur at Manheim, Pa. next Sunday. This peculiar ceremony, though it has been celebrated in June for scores of years, attracts hundreds of strangers to that peaceful borough. So next Sunday the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church will pay the ground rent upon which the edifice stands by laying upon the altar one red rose.

Baron Henry William Stiegel founded Manheim more than a century ago. He presented a plot of ground to the Zion Lutheran Church and stipulated that all it should cost would be one red rose every June. Hence the unique ceremony.

The rose is plucked by a certain member of the congregation, and it is laid with great solemnity upon the altar. There are special religious services held on that day. The life and virtues of the generous Baron are retold, hymns are sung and prayers said.

If next Sunday shall be a fine day a great crowd of people will assemble at Zion Church to see the sacred rose. Usually, however, bushels of roses are sent to the altar, although one is enough legally to cancel the rental.

The Decoration Day parade was a very creditable one. It was headed by C. P. Sloan, chief marshal, and his aids Lutz and Jones, followed by the Bloomsburg Cornet Band, Ent Post, No. 250 G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Gilmore's Band, W. C. No. 319 P. O. S. of A., Jr. O. U. A. M., Friendship Fire Co. and the Boys' Brigade. They marched from Market Square to the Normal School where they were joined by the Philologist and Calliepan Societies, and thence to Rosemont Cemetery.

Arrangements are completed to have Mrs. J. W. Barnes, president of the Primary Teachers' Union, of Newark N. J., at Millville on Sunday June 16. In the morning she will give primary instruction, in the evening she will give a talk on "Improvements in Primary Class Work" in the Lutheran church. All Sunday School teachers and workers are invited to come and hear her. Mrs. Barnes is sent here by the State Sabbath School Association which has her employed. A collection will be taken for the State Association.

The lecture by Charles Emory Smith, at the Normal last Friday evening was very interesting and instructive. The only drawback to the pleasure of the occasion was the intense heat. Mr. Smith spent several years in Russia as Minister of the United States, and he thoroughly understands his subject.

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