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TWENTY YEARS AS AN EDITOR.

On October 1st, 1895, the present editor and owner of THE COLUMBIAN completed twenty years of service in the editorial chair. In commemoration of that event this double sized edition is printed.

On October 1st, 1875, Capt. C. B. Brockway and Geo. E. Elwell purchased THE COLUMBIAN plant from Henry L. Dieffenbach, and conducted the paper until October 1st, 1889, when Mr. Brockway sold his half interest to J. K. Bittenbender. The firm of Elwell and Bittenbender continued in business until February 20th, 1893, when Mr. Elwell bought the interest of Mr. Bittenbender, and became sole proprietor.

Prior to October 1881, the office was in the building now occupied by The Sentinel, but at that time it was removed to its present building on Main Street, erected for its purposes. The building is a three story brick, 25 by 91 feet, and the printing office occupies the first floor and basement. The establishment has kept up with the procession, and new type and machinery have been added until there is scarcely anything left that was in the office twenty years ago. Modern facilities have been adopted, including numbering, perforating and book binding machines, and a complete stereotyping outfit, and the plant compares favorably with any country office in the State. For the liberal patronage that has always been given us, both in job printing and advertising, we desire to express our appreciation.

The services of W. L. Everly Esq., have been engaged, and he will devote his time to the gathering of news, thus making a marked improvement in the local department of the paper.

The life of an editor has its pleasant and its unpleasant incidents. During our long service we have discovered that there are hundreds of people who know more about running a paper than an editor knows. We have found that the man who is most easily offended at what he sees in a newspaper about himself, is the man who does not think it worth his while to express his thanks for something nice that may be said of him; and he who finds the most fault with the paper and loudly declares that there is nothing in it, is the man who borrows his neighbor's copy with unswerving regularity. Those who are most disappointed at the omission of an item in which their names would appear are the ones who never give the editor any information about themselves or anybody else, and then blame him because he did not find it out himself and write it up. On the other hand, we have found good and true friends who have stood by us for many years, and who have rendered much assistance in our endeavors to give the public a good, reliable, clean newspaper. Upon the whole, we have found much more pleasure in our editorial work than otherwise, and have no reason to regret that our best years have been devoted to the management of a newspaper.

ARBOR DAY APPOINTED.

Dr. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction has issued a notice fixing Friday, October 18th as Arbor Day, and urging that it be properly observed by the schools. It would be a good idea for our citizens generally to observe it, and plant at least one tree.

A RETROSPECT.

As this week's issue completes the twentieth anniversary of the proprietorship of the present editor of THE COLUMBIAN, it is proper to commemorate the event by historic reminiscences as well as by current news. So long a time, and yet so short. Great changes have wrought in those twenty years, and the COLUMBIAN has chronicled every important event. The whole file, or series of papers, during those years constitutes a great volume of history, interesting and instructive in every detail. Thousands of its pages might be scanned with profit by future generations.

But instead of a fifth, let us glance back half a century. Then without railroad transportation, without telegraph communication, without steam and electricity as the chief motive power, without gas and electricity as artificial light, without all the modern improvements of inventive genius, without the fine arts, in all departments of human enterprise, without the aid of advanced science in demonstrating natural laws which govern the universe of nature, one may well infer that the past generations groped their way in darkness before the individual and the public mind were thrust upon the vortex of progression. Improvement mental, physical, artificial and scientific seemed to run in ruts, and the well beaten paths seem never to have been left for exploration and discovery in the great ocean of knowledge until late in the nineteenth century when the whole panorama of human action became an arena of lightning activity. Fifty years ago the greater part of northern Columbia county was a comparative wilderness. Bloomsburg was then but a small and dull village with but little outward commercial advantage, and connected with other small hamlets by rude highways, such as the old state road and other rough byways, making travel burdensome and laborious. In those times were wonderful flights of pigeons that excited the entire populace, and sporting seemed to be without limit, and the people reveled in luxurious game. In this connection, another interesting item should not be overlooked.

There was also a yearly pilgrimage, or run of "Yankees." The mode of transporting lumber to the markets from the lumber country was by means of rafting. During the spring freshets the larger streams and rivers were lined with lumber rafts, each containing many thousands of feet which required an army of men to safely steer to their place of destination—Harrisburg, Haverdegrace, Baltimore and other points. On their return from market those "Yankees" were obliged to pass through Bloomsburg up the old State road, via Light Street, Orangeville and Cambria, the terminal of the old state road and junction with the old Berwick turnpike. Thence those "Yanks" took the turnpike via Fairmount Springs, Long Pond, (Ganoga Lake,) Dushore and Towanda, until they reached their lumberwoods homes. The run of Yankees afforded some employment to people who were fond of "hauling yankees," as the saying went. At that time there were but few openings, or clearings along this pilgrimage highway and forest fires were frequently very destructive, which gave the country a dismal and gloomy appearance. Those "Yanks" were sometimes heard to remark while traveling between Zaner and Van Camp, "d—hard land to work." "Can't see how people live" &c. It must be remembered that at that time every family did its own manufacturing, with few exceptions, of all the fabrics and wearing apparel. The loom and spinning wheel were a necessary household furniture while sheep and flax were as essential to the household as bread and meat. The hum and buzz of the spinning wheel, the bang of the loom and the shoe hammer of the cobbler furnished music for the household while cassimeres and calico, satins and silks, and all the luxuries of the day, including the organ and piano now grace the homes of modern progression. Where once the "Yankee" said, "It is hard land to work." "Can't see how people live," the country is now a veritable garden and paradise, with a population of as contented and happy people as can be found in all "Yankeedom." In this review of the past I have only touched upon a few minor points of interest. The people who then inhabited the locality the great majority of them at least, have, with the Yankee, disappeared.

JOHN C. WENNER.

Were Pleased With It.

Hon. Robert E. Wright and E. S. Whitney of Allentown, Charles Chalfant Esq., John H. Gerringer and J. H. Taber of Danville, and M. D. Lemean of Harrisburg, incorporators of the North Susquehanna Transit Company were in town on Tuesday and were driven over the different streets. They expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the appearance of the town and the evidence of thrift and prosperity displayed on every hand.

Married.

Mr. Charles Hess of Stillwater and Miss Josie Zar of Bloomsburg on Thursday September 26th 1895.

Almost a Conflagration.

The citizens residing in the vicinity of Centre and Third streets were startled Tuesday morning by the cry of fire! fire! fire! and, upon investigation, it was found that the dwelling house of J. D. White was on fire. The house is heated by a hot air furnace in the cellar, and the fire was discovered in the cold air duct. Just how that became ignited is the question. It is supposed that a spark from the fresh fire, which Mr. White had that morning started in the furnace, landed there, and started the conflagration. Others suppose that it was started by the hot air. The alarm was at once given, and plenty of help was on the scene in a short time. The Friendship Fire Company arrived very soon, but, fortunately, their services were not needed, as Harry Housel broke open the door, and accompanied by Joe Bidleman and Howard Humphrey, entered the cellar, where the fire was located, and soon had it under control. The damage, which consisted of a burned joist, cold air duct, and part of the porch, was fully covered by insurance.

STILL IT GOES ON.

Work was commenced on Monday morning on the addition to the Brass & Copper Co.'s plant. It consists of a building 40 x 42 feet and became necessary by reason of their increasing orders. The brick work is being done by Pugh and Purcell.

Thomas Lauer, who purchased the Levi Cox property at the corner of Main and Railroad Streets has commenced the erection of a large store room, a double and single house, at that point. When completed they will increase the value of property at that end of town. Let the good work go on.

HAD A GOOD TIME.

John Deily, his large wagon, and good team of horses were called into requisition Wednesday evening of last week. About fifteen young people of the town decided to take a straw ride to Briar Creek township and as they desired to go safely and quickly Mr. Deily was engaged. He fulfilled his part of the contract all right, and they had a good time.

Quoit Pitching Contest.

A. C. Hidley holds the championship as the best quoit pitcher in the county, having recently won this distinction in a match game at Orangeville. There are some people in town who think they can throw them as well as he can, among the number is W. S. Fleckenstine, and in order to settle the question they have arranged to pitch 100 games. They have thus far pitched 44 games, and "Flecky" has won 26 of them. Look out for your laurels, "Curt."

Excursion Rates.

The following special excursion rates will be in force on the B. & S. R.R. during the Bloomsburg Fair:

	90cts.
Paper Mill to Bloomsburg	90cts.
Lichterstown to Bloomsburg	40
Orangeville	40
Forks	50
Zaner's	60
Stillwater	60
Edson's	80
Cole's Creek	80
Sugarcreek	90
Laubach's	90
Central	100
Jam. City	120

F. M. LEADER,
Gen'l Manager.
Bloomsburg, Pa., Sept. 28, 1895.

Steers Take a Bath.

Wednesday morning, as some steers were being driven past the fountain on Market street, one of them concluded to take a drink, and climbing over the railing which surrounds it, soon quenched its thirst, and, looking into the basin, presumably thought it would be just the place in which to take a bath. Accordingly, it climbed over the edge, and was soon indulging in that luxury. It splashed around with all the liveliness of a school boy, and to the spectators, it appeared to be having a good time. It was with difficulty that it was driven from its improvised bath tub.



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