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## OUR WATER SUPPLY.

While other places all over the country are suffering from a scarcity of water Bloomsburg has been well supplied. All through the State the scarcity has become so marked as to cause great inconvenience. Reports from different counties show hardships to the farmers and danger of water famine in the cities.

In Wilkes Barre, owing to inadequate facilities the people are carrying water in buckets to their homes. In the Schuylkill coal region the people of the small towns are getting water from the railroad tanks. Pottsville is arranging for an emergency supply from a canal reserve and in Lehigh county Allentown alone boasts of an adequate amount of water. In Montgomery, York, Lebanon and Northampton the farmers and dairymen are compelled to haul water many miles to their farms, springs and wells, heretofore regarded as never failing, having become dry in many cases. Hazleton, Shamokin, Wilkes-Barre, Altoona and other cities throughout the state are suffering for a lack of water.

The citizens of Bloomsburg surely have cause for congratulation in their almost unlimited supply of good spring water from Fishingcreek. Although the citizens have been using all the water they want during the dry season, apparently there has been no diminution in the supply, and they have the extreme satisfaction of knowing that while other communities are subjected to annoyance, the supply here is so abundant that consumers can use all they need without being molested with fears of a scarcity.

Made a Century.

All the bicycle riders in the town were intensely interested in the effort of Peter Gstaider of Williamsport, to make a century run (or in other words to ride 100 miles) in six hours. He was to start from the above named place last Sunday and according to the program he left the club house at 10 o'clock and started out on his effort to establish a 100 mile record. The route was from Williamsport to Muncy, Clarkstown, Pine Summit, Millville, Bloomsburg to Berwick and return over the same route back as far as Muncy, which made the hundred miles. He was accompanied on his trip by wheelmen from the above named places. The time consumed in actual riding was six hours, fifty-one minutes and forty-five seconds, and the distance traveled was 101 miles. He was however, on the road seven hours and twenty-five minutes. Four minutes of his time was lost on account of falling from his wheel in coming down a hill near Montourville. By this accident he injured his hip, which materially effected his speed. When he met with this misfortune he was ahead of his schedule time. He received a royal reception along the entire route.

BENJ. BLEWITT DEAD.

Mr. Blewitt who died at his residence on Centre Street last Friday morning was beloved and respected by all who knew him for his sterling qualities of character and for his consistent Christian life. He had been sick for nearly five years, and for six weeks immediately preceding his death had been confined to his bed. He was aged about sixty-nine years and emigrated to this country from Cornwall County, England, about forty three years ago. During his life, and as long as his health permitted, he took an active part in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church of which he was a member and for many years a class leader. He is survived by a wife who has the sympathy of the entire community in her sad bereavement. The funeral services were held at his late residence Monday morning, under direction of Rev. B. C. Conner, his pastor, who delivered a discourse fitting the occasion.

AT THE FRONT.

The appearance of Third Street between Centre and Iron has been greatly altered by the removal of the fences on the lower side. The change is for the better, and adds very much to the appearance of the homes on that street. The people residing in that neighborhood are right up with the band wagon when it comes to anything which will beautify their homes or street.

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## TEACHERS' COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The next annual Teachers' Institute will be held in the Opera House, Bloomsburg, October 21st-25th. The lecture course this year is unusually strong. None but the very best talent has been engaged. The lecture Monday evening is by Dr. James Hedley.

"Our people were delighted with Dr. Hedley's lecture. It was filled with solid sense and sparkling wit. The vast audience were held charmed for nearly two hours by the finest lecture we ever heard."

CLARENCE H. SARR,  
Sec. Y. M. C. A., Oneida, N. Y."

Tuesday evening Dr. Byron W. W. King will entertain the audience with "Shakespeare, character impersonations and sketches." It is the same King who was before the institute an evening last year, and he is called back by request of many teachers and others.

"As a reader and entertainer, Dr. Byron W. King has no superior. He never fails to please."

SAMUEL HAMILTON,  
Supt. Schools, Allegheny."

Wednesday evening the lecture is by Rev. Thomas R. Dixon Jr., the famous minister and orator.

"Mr. Dixon's manner of speaking is magnetic and forcible. He is a preacher of marked ability and power. As a lecturer he always delights his audience." —*Boston Daily Journal*.

Thursday evening the Arion-Cooke combination gives a concert.

The Arion Ladies' Quartette of Chicago, did some of the most exquisite concerted singing I have ever heard. The liquid ring of tone emitted, the absolute accuracy of time, the graduations of the shading which gave life-like truth to the sentiment, the clear enunciations of words, all make their singing a delight.

JOHN S. VAN CLEVE,  
Cincinnati."

This is a stronger lecture course than usual, yet the price of tickets remains the same as previous years. Tickets for reserve seats for the course \$1.50.

The public can purchase tickets and reserve seats at Slat's book store on and after Monday, October 14th, 10 a.m.

One Year at Labor.

James Harrigan, James Daley and W. H. Varnish who were convicted at the last Court of Quarter Sessions of stealing beer in Centralia and who were sentenced to undergo imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for one year, were taken to that institution on last Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Casey, assisted by Treasurer Fowler and W. B. Taylor.

The Inter-State fair at Lancaster last week was a total failure. There were very few exhibits, and the attendance was very small. The races were declared off because the management was unable to guarantee the purses.

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## To Be Enlarged.

The electric light plant is to be enlarged by the erection of an addition about thirty feet to the present building. A 2000 light alternating dynamo, a 200 horse power engine will be placed in position and a stack 85 feet in height will be erected. It is expected that work on the improvements will be commenced at once, and the new machinery will be in operation in a short time. This became absolutely necessary as in case of an accident to the present power the town would be in utter darkness. With the proposed addition they will not only have ample power to supply all demands, but will have some reserve power.

One of the most notable weddings that have taken place in Danville for a long time was solemnized October 2, in St. Paul's M. E. Church, when Miss Lois Martin Gearhart, daughter of Wilson M. Gearhart, chief clerk in the State Department at Harrisburg, was married to John R. Sharpless, of Hazleton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. B. Shaver, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Yocom, D. D.

Miss Cordelia H. Woolley was the maid of honor, and Miss Emeline Stuart Gearhart, sister of the bride, and Misses Edith Gosh and Eleanor Clark Gearhart, of Danville; Misses Bessie Jean Straw, of Wilkes-Barre, and Jane Robbins Scott, of Catawissa, were bridesmaids. Dr. Beaver Gearhart, brother of the bride, was best man, while the ushers were R. H. Higgins, Jr., of Louisville, Ky.; Thomas B. Hanly, of Bloomsburg; G. Vanduser Rickett, of Pottsville; William L. Chamberlin and J. Potter Clark, of Hazleton.

Mr. Sharpless formerly resided in Catawissa. He is a young attorney with bright prospects.

## An Improvement.

Centre Street is coming in for its share of attention at the hands of street commissioner Housel. The gutter at Third street was always very deep and dangerous. The crossing has been raised, and the water carried down Centre street across Third in a covered duct. This is a great improvement, as are the other crossings which are being raised in different parts of the town.

## Council Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council will be held next Tuesday evening. Thursday October the 10th, is the regular time for holding the meeting, but on account of its being Fair week it was continued until that time. A full account of the proceedings of the council will appear in the following issue of the COLUMBIAN.

Louis J. Townsend was appointed Post Master at Berwick by the President on Tuesday.

I. G. Deiterich has purchased the Hockman stand on Market Square.

William H. Slate will have Tenny's candies fresh weekly.

## BRIEF MENTION.

### About People You Know.

Dr. Joseph Reifsnyder of Milton spent Sunday in Town.

A. L. Fritz Esq., transacted business at Wilkes-Barre on Monday.

Harry Newman of Rupert gave this office a business call on Saturday.

Miss Eva Rawlings, has entered the Woman's Medical College at Chicago.

Miss Rockwell of Cole's Creek spent last Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. D. N. Kirkby.

Rev. C. H. Brandt visited Rev. George S. Sorber at Watsontown on last Wednesday.

Robert Buckingham Esq., visited his sister Mrs. Dr. Biddle, at Ashland last Friday.

Mrs. John Gilbert of Phila. is visiting in town.

Mr. John A. Williams and wife of Altoona are visiting at Dr. Purman's on Second St.

George Aurand of the Central Hotel, is entertaining his son-in-law J. W. Hopper, of Newberry.

Mrs. Stroh of Pittston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Harman on Iron street.

Mrs. Benj. Johns and Mrs. Benj. Toms of Shickshinny, attended the funeral of Benj. Blewitt last Monday.

Geo. E. Elwell Esq., Proprietor of the COLUMBIAN transacted business in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Rev. C. H. Brandt, preached an excellent sermon in St. John's Reformed Church at Milton on Tuesday evening.

W. W. Kieffer of Bradford Pa. is in town, Now we can have a fair. "Wal" always comes as regularly as Fair week, and he is always associated with it.

William Abbott of Lee County Ill., arrived in town a few days since. He is visiting relatives at Buckhorn. Mr. Abbott is a nephew of William Abbott of Espy and has not been in this section for ten years.

F. M. Kelley, former supt. of the Electric Light Co. of this place, and who is now residing at Parsons, Tucker Co., West Va., attending the Fair this week.

James Kisner, of Jerseytown, gave this office a pleasant call on Tuesday. Mr. Kisner is one of our oldest subscribers in years, as well to the length of time he has taken the paper. He was a subscriber when it was under the control of Col. Tate.

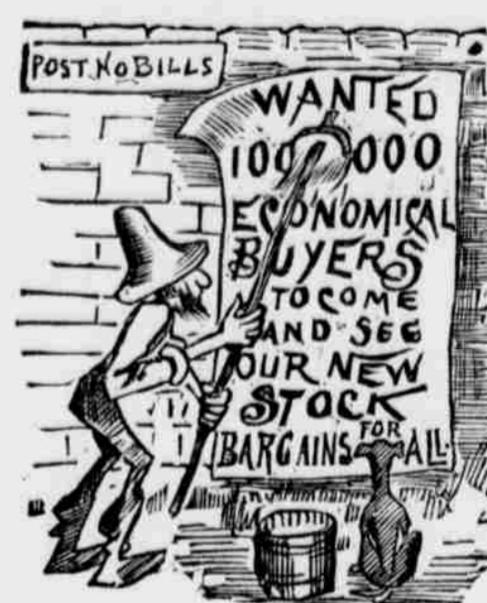
The game of foot ball between the Normal and the High School teams resulted in a victory for the High School boys by a score of 6 to 4.

At a meeting of the representatives appointed to confer with the assistant Secretary of the Agricultural Department held at the Central Hotel on Monday it was decided to ask for a Farmer's Institute at Berwick, Catawissa and Millville next year.

A new flag is floating from the High School building. It was flung to the breeze last Tuesday morning and was presented by W. C. No. 319 P. O. S. of A. of this place. It is a beauty, and is the only one in Town which contains forty-five stars. This order and Jr. O. U. A. M. see to it that "old glory" floats from all the School buildings.

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## J. M. Gidding & Co.



To tell you all about our goods and prices is going over ground well covered. 'Tis therefore useless to do any talking. Our reputation for honest, reliable, well-made goods and reasonable prices is a just and well earned one, and all we have to say is that our mammoth stock awaits you.

*J. M. Gidding & Co.*  
ONE PRICE  
CLOTHIERS, HATTERS & FURNISHERS  
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

## ROCHESTER CLOTHING SALE !

Saturday, October 5th, one of the largest stocks of clothing ever brought to Bloomsburg will be on sale at Lowenberg's. The surplus stock of Rochester manufacturers bought for spot cash, will be sold at way below the regular price. Remember this no fake sale of shoddy clothing, but a genuine sale of fine

## Rochester Clothing

at lower prices than you pay for cheap goods. Brings the prices of fine clothing down so low that it is within the reach of the smallest purse. Here are a few items which will bring crowds of people to our store:

## MEN'S FINE WOOLEN SUITS AND OVERCOATS,

\$5.00, \$6.75 and \$7.50. Finest dress suits and overcoats, the long cut blue overcoats that were \$15 and \$18 are \$10, \$12 and \$13. Big boys' wool suits, \$3. Children's woolen suits and overcoats, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.00.

## COME AND SAVE MONEY ON

### CLOTHING, HATS & FURNISHINGS

at Bloomsburg's Grand Old Stand,

*The D. Lowenberg*  
CLOTHING STORE.

## GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!

### EVERYTHING MUST GO !

### Furniture and pianos Regardless of Price. NO POSSIBLE COMPETITION.

This is not a fake sale, nor a sale of old stock, nor a trade sale consisting of the refuse of furniture factories, but a genuine clearance of our enormous stock (largest in Pennsylvania outside of Philadelphia) of new, up-to-date goods, which must be sold out before JANUARY FIRST. We simply want to get rid of the goods.

Want a Piano? You can buy one from \$50 up.

WANT AN ORGAN? You can buy one from \$20 up.

WANT TO FURNISH YOUR PARLOR? You can do it from \$25 up.

WANT TO FURNISH YOUR LIBRARY? You can do it from \$20 up.

WANT TO FURNISH YOUR SITTING ROOM? You can do it from \$15 up.

WANT TO FURNISH YOUR BED ROOM? You can do it from \$12.50 up.

WANT TO FURNISH YOUR DINING ROOM? You can do it from \$10 up.

WANT TO FURNISH YOUR KITCHEN? You can do it from \$5 up.

WANT TO FURNISH A HOUSE? You're lucky if you do.

A week ago it would have cost you twice as much.

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