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This issue begins Volume 31 of THE COLUMBIAN, and is in Volume 60 of THE COLUMBIA COUNTY DEMOCRAT. During 1895 the amount of business done in this office was greater than in any previous year, notwithstanding the general depression in the world of trade. Many improvements and additions have been made, and others are contemplated. Special editions will be issued from time to time, and our constant endeavor to please our readers will be continued with renewed energy.

Beginning with this number the date of the paper will be Thursday instead of Friday. The custom of having a country newspaper a day or two after it was printed, is a relic of the olden time when the mails were carried on horseback, and the mails required several days to stage, and the papers through the days to circulate a day or two after it was printed. The news did not seem so stale when attached to the subscribers. But in these days of fast travel, there is no longer any occasion for this, and so we abandon it. The paper is printed on Thursdays and will be so dated hereafter. All matter for publication must reach us by Tuesday evening, and all changes for advertisements must be in by Tuesday morning. Correspondence from every post office in the county is solicited, and terms to regular correspondents will be given on application. There is not a township in the county in which there is not some occurrence worthy of publication every week, but which is never printed, because no one will take the trouble to inform the papers. Let us have the news, and we will put it in proper shape.

D. G. Bertsch, father of our former townsman, Geo. W. Bertsch, died at his home in Mauch Chunk, on Christmas morning. The Mauch Chunk Daily News says:

"Another leading citizen of this town has been called Home, in the person of D. G. Bertsch, the widely known merchant tailor, this making the third prominent death that has occurred in our midst during the Christmas tide. Mr. Bertsch died at 1 o'clock on Christmas morning at his home on Broadway. Death was caused by Bright's disease, which had been plainly making sad ravages on his health for some time past. With an indomitable will and energy he stuck to his work almost to the very last. On Saturday he was still at the desk that he occupied for so many years, from early in the morning until late at night.

Daniel G. Bertsch was born July 23, 1832, at Ruchsville, North White Hall, Lehigh county. He was a member of a family of nine children, six brothers and three sisters. One of the brothers, Abraham, is dead. The others are John, of Ruchsville; Reuben and Thomas, of Indiana; Eli, of Allentown; Mrs. Eliza Saeger, of Unionville; Mrs. Samuel Kuntz, of Treichlers; and Mrs. Susanna Peters, of Ruchsville.

Mr. Bertsch came to Mauch Chunk when 18 years of age, in 1850, and entered the employ of Hoffman & Beahm, who were then doing a tailoring business where the Beahm block now stands. Three years later he purchased their stock and has been conducting the business continuously since, during a period of 42 years.

The death of Mr. Bertsch is certainly a loss to our business community. He was always modest and retiring and never cared to meddle in anything outside of his own immediate pursuit, yet every enterprise calculated to advance Mauch Chunk always received his hearty encouragement.

He was a member of the Royal Arcanum and was the Secretary of the Mauch Chunk Cemetery Association since 1874. He had been associated with this board ever since its first organization in 1865.

The deceased is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter. Two of the sons B. Frank and Charles E., compose the firm of Bertsch Bros. hatters and dealers in gent's furnishings. Their store is in the same building with their father. George W. Bertsch, the other brother, is in business at Reading.

The funeral was held last Saturday. Mr. Bertsch has frequently visited this section, and had many friends through the county.

One Way to Boom a Town.

The P. O. S. of A., of Emporium, Pa., will donate the sum of \$100 to any manufacturing establishment that will permanently locate in Emporium, within six months, and give steady employment to thirty or seventy five American citizens—native born or naturalized tax-payers.

MRS. ISSACHAR EVANS DIES SUDDENLY.

In the midst of life we are in death. Mrs. Issachar Evans was found dead in bed by her husband, on Saturday morning last. She had been in her usual health, and her sudden demise was entirely unexpected. On Saturday evening she walked up the Normal Hill to the residence of Mr. G. S. Robbins, treasurer of St. Paul's church, and paid her church dues in full to January 1st, obtained a supply of envelopes for 1896. During Saturday night Mr. Evans, who suffers greatly with asthma, was up several times, and she spoke to him each time, the last time being about four o'clock. At seven o'clock Mr. Evans arose, and on speaking to his wife he received no reply. He then discovered that she was dead.

Mrs. Evans' maiden name was Maria Appleman, a daughter of Peter Appleman, deceased. She was born in Hemlock township, this county, on October 8th, 1823, and was married on September 5th, 1844. Her husband, one son, Peter A., of Montour township, and one daughter, Mrs. A. Clark of Harrisburg survive her. She was a sister of Mrs. A. J. Evans, and William Appleman of this town, and Russell Appleman of Virginia.

For many years she was a member of St. Paul's P. E. Church, a devout and earnest christian woman, and a regular attendant at services when not prevented by illness. Any movement intended to advance the interests of the church always met with her cordial cooperation, and she was a liberal and cheerful giver towards its support. The husband bereft of his devoted companion of over fifty one years, and the son and daughter have the sympathy of many friends in their affliction.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at the Episcopal Church, the services being conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby.

STUDENTS' LECTURE COURSE.

The lecture course at the Normal School will open on January 6th, with Miss Anna Buckbee's lecture on "Cuba and the Cubans." This will prove especially interesting at this time, when the Cubans are fighting to free themselves from the Spanish yoke. The second number of the course is Leland T. Powers, January 16th, to be followed by Rev. Anna H. Shaw on the 27th, and Howard Wilbur Ennis on February 3rd.

The Boston Ideal Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club was engaged for January 2nd, but for some reason they were recalled by the bureau. If they cannot be secured for a latter date, another company of equally high merit will give the fifth number of the course at a date to be announced. Course tickets are now on sale.

Christmas at St. Paul's Sunday School.

On Thursday evening December 26th, the Episcopal Sunday School held its Christmas exercises. At the hour appointed, 6:30, a storm of wind and rain prevailed, but notwithstanding this the Parish House was well filled. The exercises consisted of the singing of carols, an address by the Rector, and presentation of gifts. The latter consisted of pretty toys for the children, games, knives, books, &c., for the older scholars, and a box of candy for everybody. A very pretty Christmas tree lighted with tapers, stood in the chancel. Superintendent W. P. Meigs had charge of the preparations and they were very successfully carried out. Deforest Hummer, the organist of the school, presided at the instrument, and led in the musical parts.

Now for a Good Supper.

"Aunt Jimma" and her assistants in their quaint old plantation costumes will have a most delightful chicken and griddle cake supper ready to serve in St. Paul's Parish House this Thursday evening from five to nine o'clock. The cakes will be made of the famous "Aunt Jimma Griddle Cake Flour," than which there is none more palatable or healthy. The coffee will be of a private brand of most excellent Java, and the dainty relishes will be second to none.

The price will be but 25c. which is only made possible because most of the articles used are contributed to advertise their excellence. This will be a rare treat, so please come and bring your families and friends.

The storm of Monday continued far into the night, and there is no longer a scarcity of water. On Tuesday morning Fishing Creek was nearly bank full, and the river was flooded.

The gas mains have been extended to the Novelty Works.

AN ANNUAL DINNER.

For many years it has been the custom of Hon. Joshua W. Comly of Danville, to gather a number of his friends about him once a year, during the holidays, and give them a game dinner. The event this year took place on Friday, December 27th, at three o'clock p. m. at the Montour House. There were present Hon. C. R. Buckalew, Col. J. G. Freetz, Hon. E. R. Ickler, and the writer, of Bloomsburg; Judge Metzgar, H. C. Parsons Esq., Addison Candor Esq., of Williamsport; Hon. W. Rockefeller, Geo. P. Hill Esq., Hon. S. P. Wolverson, Judge Savidge, James Packer of Sunbury; Hon. J. C. Bucher, of Lewisburg; W. J. Baldy Esq., Jas. Scarlet Esq., E. S. Gearhart Esq., of Danville, and three nephews of Mr. Comly. After a pleasant hour spent at Mr. Comly's office, the party went to the hotel where an elegant dinner was served. The menu embraced Blue Point oysters, terrapin, veision, pheasant, quail on toast, chicken salad, vegetables, ice cream, cake, nuts and fruit. Everything was cooked to a turn, and nicely served.

Mr. Comly, in his day one of Pennsylvania's ablest lawyers, is past eighty five years of age, and is still hale and hearty, and his many friends hope that he may be spared for many years to come.

FRUIT DISH DRAWING.

For several weeks before Christmas, Hess Bros. gave each of their customers making a purchase of 25 cents, a chance to guess on the number of pens contained in a pint jar, the one guessing the nearest to be presented with a handsome silver and glass fruit dish. On Tuesday evening the drawing took place, with the result shown by the following certificate:

"We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have counted the pens in the jar at Hess Bros. jewelry store, and find that it contains 1004 pens. We have also examined the guesses and find the following persons have guessed the correct number, viz: C. B. Lutz and Miss Gertrude Feyer, of Bloomsburg; C. L. Hirdeman, of Benton.

W. H. EVER,
WILL L. CRIST,
GEO. E. ELWELL.

The tie will be broken by drawing lots.

Frosty Valley Sunday School.

The Union Sunday School of the Frosty Valley M. E. Church rendered a very interesting and impressive Christmas service, on Wednesday evening, (Christmas night) which was highly enjoyed by a large audience. The evening was a pleasant one and the church was so crowded, that many were unable to secure seats. The service opened at 7 o'clock with the old hymn, familiar to all, "White Shepherds watched their flocks by night" followed by responsive reading and prayer. Throughout, the program was very deep and impressive, consisting of hymns, carols and recitations carefully selected and suitable for the occasion, making a clear meaning of Christmas.

Five little ones of the infant class, who sang a motion hymn, entitled, "The Little Ones of Bethlehem," carried off the honors. The church was handsomely decorated with evergreens, stars, chains etc., festooned throughout the room. After the closing hymn all returned to their homes with thankful hearts, feeling they had spent a very pleasant evening.

The newspaper man, the letter carrier, the express man, the dry goods clerk and the messenger boy send up paens of praise that Christmas is over. These are the people who work hardest, while more favored mortals enjoy the restful comforts of Christmas time. But nobody thinks anything about this, except when the paper is late. The letter carrier fails to turn up, the expressman forgets a package, the clerk mistakes an order or the messenger boy falls by the wayside.—E.E.

The social event of the season was the hop and supper at the St. Charles hotel last evening. The party was composed of about 40 of which number about half were from Bloomsburg, Plymouth and Scranton. The music was furnished by Elwell's orchestra from Bloomsburg. The supper was one of Landlord Sponey's efforts and therefore needs no comment.—Beverly Independent.

Mark Twain says the Arabs will take anything but a job. We suppose he is right, but he needn't blame the Arabs for being the only people with such a failing.

A QUIET SUNDAY.

The Sabbath Observance Society Begins a Reform in Wilkes-Barre.

The Sabbath Observance Society began the keeping of Sunday according to the idea of Rev. Dr. Dony, the prime mover. As a result, the day was one of the quietest ever known.

As far as can be learned every saloon in this city was closed, front door and side. No cigar stores were open and some of the drug stores were closed during part of the day. The milk men and others having articles to deliver got through their work as soon as possible.

There was talk of preventing milk men and bakers making deliveries on Sunday, but many members of the society were opposed to this, and no definite understanding has been reached.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The following circular has been issued:

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 30, 1895.

Dear Sir:—Your attention is invited to the notice just issued by the Department of Agriculture for a series of Farmer's Institutes for your county. You are specially invited to be present and participate in the exercises, and are urged to make the institute known to your friends and neighbors, so that they also may arrange to attend.

Some of the most successful farmers and scientific teachers of Agriculture in this and other States have been secured at considerable expense to address these meetings.

Some of the following subjects will be discussed: Dairying, fruit growing, soiling, fertilizers, market gardening &c. Opportunity will also be given to ask questions. Come and hear what they have to say.

Do not forget the dates and places, at Berwick, Jan. 13th and 14th, and at Catawissa, Jan. 15th and 16th, 1896.

JOHN HAMILTON,
Deputy Secretary of Agriculture,
Harrisburg, Pa.

On Tuesday night the air was made melodious and otherwise by parties on the streets waiting for the dawning of the New Year. Singing and shouting, and firing crackers and pistols were some of the methods used to let people know that the old year was dying. Interesting services were held at the Methodist and Lutheran churches, and were well attended. As the town clock struck twelve, the bells were rung, and many of the factory whistles blown. 1895 was no more. 1896 was here.

Milton is to have a market house. What is the matter with this town having one? It would be a good thing not only for the purchasers but for the vendors. We know of a building large and roomy and eligibly situated, which, with a few alterations would just meet the requirements. It is worth thinking about.

The following letters are advertised December 31, 1895. Miss Ella Long Mr. Chester L. Miller, Miss Harriet M. Oberdorfer (2). Cards. Mr. Manuel Hause, Mrs. Cravas, R. J. Ohl, J. P. Foley, Mr. F. Freeman, Mr. Nat Shaffer. Will be sent to the dead letter office January 14, 1896.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

One of those good suppers for which the ladies of the Episcopal Church are famous will be served in the Parish House this Thursday evening from 5 o'clock on. The price is only 25 cents, and as it is for a worthy object, a liberal patronage should be given.

The Duchess of Marlborough, she who was Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt of New York, and whose marriage to the Duke of Marlborough took place a few weeks ago, is said to be dangerously ill with typhoid fever, in Rome.

You get 52 copies every year if you are a subscriber to the COLUMBIAN. Most weekly papers drop out of line during the 4th of July and Christmas, but we give full count, a paper for every week in the year.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Gruver were taken to Hanover Cemetery, Nanticoke, for interment on Saturday. There were many beautiful floral tributes sent by friends of the deceased.

Logan and Centralia collieries operated by L. A. Riley & Co., were compelled to suspend operations each day of last week, owing to the scarcity of cars. They are unable to work more than 6 or 7 hours per day.

J. M. Gidding & Co.

We wish you all a Happy New Year.

We are now taking inventory and will commence our annual

RED LETTER SALE

on January 9th.

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

The New Industrial South.

In a speech made last week before the Liberal Club of Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. Carrol D. Wright, United States Labor Commissioner, gave some facts and figures as to the progress of industry in the South. He showed that this advance has not been confined to any one direction, but is evident along many lines. The production of cotton in the South, he said, is double what it was before the war; in twenty years the manufacture of pig iron has increased 1000 per cent., the railroad mileage is 150 per cent. greater now than in 1880, and the passenger traffic 500 per cent. greater, and the freight tons moved nearly 400 per cent. larger. Since 1880 the Southern railroads have more than doubled their earnings, the banking capital has increased in like proportion, and the money spent in the support of schools has also been doubled.

These are only a few of the salient facts as to the industrial growth of the South. That there is a promising field for development there, is known to every one who has studied the subject. There are vast coal fields and iron mines in the Southern States. One strip of territory alone, stretching from Pennsylvania in a southwesterly direction to Alabama, is estimated by Mr. Wright to contain "forty times the amount of coal accessible to economical production and distribution that was contained in the coal fields of Great Britain before a pick was struck." In addition to these are the best cotton lands in the world and water power almost unlimited. With these conditions present it does not need the gift of prophecy to foresee a great industrial future for the South. The only drawback in the past has been an unwillingness or an inability to supply the conditions necessary to take advantage of these resources.

The two things lacking in the South in the past have been a settled state of society and a people with the industrial spirit. There is evidence that the South is at last thoroughly awakened to the enormous price it has paid for indulging in lynching and mob law, and that it is beginning to see the need of tolerance in opinion and action within the limits of law. The whole Southern newspaper press is speaking out decidedly against the crime of lynching, and demanding that

vigorous measures be taken to stop such outrages. The action of the South Carolina Constitutional Convention in taxing the county where a lynching occurs and in disqualifying the Sheriff will probably be followed by nearly all the Southern States. The Attorney General of Mississippi will recommend the Legislature of that State to enact a law that a county be taxed \$10,000 for every lynching occurring within its borders; that officers charged with the custody of the lynched prisoners be held liable for damages, and that men taking part in a lynching be disfranchised.

If such vigorous measures be taken against lynching, mob violence in the South will soon be abolished, and a more settled condition of society will follow. The prospect of an improved state of affairs in the South is already having its effect. Western newspapers are noting a disposition among people to move southward and take up the cheap lands so abundant in that neighborhood. Large colonies are said to be going from Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and other States in that section, the prospective emigration from some localities being so large as to threaten a serious inroad on the population. This emigration, if carried out, will supply the industrial spirit needed and it may be influential enough to revolutionize the political condition of some Southern States.

This prospective development of the South will be welcomed by the North, for it must react beneficially upon this neighborhood and the whole country. The South will then be no longer a clog upon the progress of the nation, as it has been for a generation. As Mr. Carrol D. Wright says: "As the productive power of the Southern States increases and comes nearer to that of the Northern workers, the consumption of the products of the Northern mills and establishments increases proportionately and comparatively in a greater degree than the relative increase of products in the South. As the consuming power of the common laborer in the Southern States is enhanced, the products of all parts of the country will find a readier market."—Press.

The McKeivy mill in Hemlock township was sold at public sale by A. Z. Schoch, assignee, on December 27th, to G. W. Sterner, for \$5025.