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## FREE DELIVERY.

### THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR IN BLOOMSBURG TO-DAY.

Hugh J. Gorman, a Post Office inspector who has been detailed by the Government to inquire into the feasibility of establishing free delivery in this place, arrived here last night and registered at the Exchange Hotel. To-day he was taken through the town and a thorough inspection made. He was accompanied by Post Master Mercer, Hon. Grant Herring and H. A. McKillip Esq., who explained to him the utility of making this a free delivery station. We go to press too early to give a report of his investigation.

## METHODIST OBOROR.

### Official Members Chosen For The Ensuing Year.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist Church was held Saturday evening Dec. 28th, 1895. Rev. E. H. Yocum presiding. The following officers and committees were elected to serve during next conference year, beginning about April 1st 1896.

Trustees—G. W. Correll, J. C. Brown, M. P. Lutz, L. E. Whary, S. C. Creasy, L. N. Moyer, C. C. Peacock, W. R. Ringrose, and Dr. J. J. Brown.

Stewards—W. R. Kocher, David Armstrong, John J. Wagonseller, Dr. M. J. Hess, W. Clark Richart, F. B. Hartman, L. T. Sharpless, K. C. Ent, B. W. Jury, W. M. Weaver, W. W. Achenbach, Dr. J. W. Bruner, Orval H. Yetter.

Recording Steward—W. R. Kocher. District Steward—J. C. Brown.

### COMMITTEES.

Missions—L. W. Hartman, M. I. Low, S. E. Reynolds.

Church Extension—W. R. Kocher, Dr. M. J. Hess, W. Clark Richart.

Sunday Schools—J. C. Brown, L. T. Sharpless, K. C. Ent.

Tracts—The Pastor, W. M. Weaver, the President of the Edworth League.

Temperance—M. P. Lutz, G. W. Correll, W. B. Cummings.

Education—O. H. Yetter, Geo. E. Enterline, Dr. J. W. Bruner.

Freedman's Aid—L. N. Moyer, Dr. J. J. Brown, W. R. Ringrose.

Church Records—M. P. Lutz, K. C. Ent, W. W. Achenbach.

Parsonage and Furniture—C. C. Peacock, Mrs. M. E. Creasy, Mrs. Mary Knorr, Mrs. E. A. Rawlings, Mrs. Freas Brown.

Church Music—L. T. Sharpless, J. C. Brown, F. B. Hartman.

Estimating Pastor's Salary—J. C. Brown, S. C. Creasy, C. C. Peacock.

Conference Claimants—G. W. Correll, L. T. Sharpless, L. E. Whary.

S. C. Creasy was elected lay delegate to the annual conference which meets at Williamsport March 18, and J. C. Brown was elected alternate.

Report for 1895 of the Young Men's Christian Association.

252 meetings of a religious character were held during the year with a total attendance of 22,697. Meetings for men and women, men's meetings, women's meetings, prayer meetings, cottage meetings, jail meetings, evangelistic meetings, tent meetings, street meetings, bible lectures, bible readings, bible club, union bible class, bible training class, boys' bible class—15.

34,859 visits were made to the rooms, a daily average of 111.

205 was the average attendance at the Men's Gospel meeting, Sunday afternoon. 30 professed conversion. 21,612 invitations were distributed. 975 tracts were given away. 56 young men were given assistance. Receptions, members' meetings, entertainments, lectures and practical talks were given by the social and educational departments.

## Marriage Licenses.

### Interesting Facts Connected With Their Issuance.

During the past year 318 couples took out licenses to marry. Of these 318, December had the largest number, 40 couples securing the necessary papers during that month; June comes next during which time 36 licenses were granted, and April, 26. The lowest number granted in any one month during the year was in July, during which only 17 licenses were issued. During the time that the license law has been in effect, since October, 1885, Columbia county's Clerk has granted a total number of 2977.

## THAT POPULAR LADY.

For twenty days the Leader department store gave to each person who purchased goods to the amount of fifty cents a ticket entitling them to one vote on a fine gold watch which was to be presented to the lady receiving the highest number of votes. The votes were counted last Friday by W. L. Eyerly of the COLUMBIAN and Mr. James Coleman, in the presence of a number of disinterested parties. There had been about 4000 votes cast, Mrs. O. B. Mellick received 625 votes which was the highest number received by any one and hence she was awarded the watch. Miss Martha Creasy, was the second highest with 460 votes and Miss Bessie Rawlings was third with 231 votes. There were a large number who were close to the 200 mark. Among those receiving a large number of votes were Mary Jones, Ella Donahue, Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, Clarissa Peacock, Alva Kitchen, Ethel Bierman, May Stangley, Laura Ohl, Grace Benedict and Lizzie McBay. The watch is a beautiful one, and no doubt will be appreciated by the recipient.

## Did You Hear Him?

Col. James M. Scovil fully maintained his reputation as an earnest, forcible and eloquent speaker at the meeting in the Opera House last Sunday afternoon. It was the fifth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and notwithstanding the severe weather the Opera House was filled with people, who were anxious to hear this celebrated man who had lately espoused the Master's cause. It was a plain, practical talk, and from the first to the last he held the attention of the entire audience. He gave a brief review of his life, and stated that whilst he had held positions of honor and trust he never found in them the satisfaction he did in the service of the Lord. He is a firm believer in the efficacy of prayer, as those of his aged mother followed him all through life and ultimately were instrumental in his salvation. The music of the orchestra was grand, and every one enjoyed the solos of Mrs. W. C. Mulford and Mrs. Elmer Melick. The brief report of the secretary showed that the association was in a good condition, and a grand work had been accomplished by them during the past year. Thirty men had accepted Christ, and the men's meeting had an average attendance of over two hundred. This is an institution which should receive a liberal support by our people.

## Public Installation.

The officers of Ent Post, No. 250 G. A. R., were publicly installed in their hall on last Friday evening. The installing officer was M. P. Lutz and the officers installed were Zachariah Thomas, Post Commander; Thomas Brown, Sr. Vice Commander; F. M. Gilmore, Jr. Vice Commander; W. O. Holmes, Sergeant; Chas. Kunkle, Officer of the Day; Daniel Laubach, Officer of the Guard; C. P. Sloan, Adjutant; W. C. Shaw, Sergeant Major; W. R. Ringrose, Quarter Master; Wm. Thomas, Quarter Master Sergeant; N. B. Fowler, Chaplain.

After the services refreshments consisting of sandwiches, regulation army bean soup, with hard tack, and delicious coffee was served by the wives of the members. The proceedings were further enlivened by music which was furnished by the band. It was a pleasant evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

## The Spring Elections.

The Spring elections are not a great ways off and the substance of the law relative to these elections may not be out of place at this time. The elections next Spring will take place on Tuesday, the 18th day of February. According to the Act of the Legislature of 1893, the nominations by party primaries for borough and township officers and School Directors must be filed eighteen days before the election, which will be January 31st, and nomination papers fifteen days before the same, which will be February 3d. It is a safe rule not to wait until the last day, but to file the certificates as early as possible.

## WEDDING BELLS.

Mr. E. B. Loche, of Sharon Pa., Supreme Deputy of the "Protected Home Circle" a fraternal life insurance company was married last week to Miss Susanna L. McCormick, of Milton. Mr. Loche organized a circle of the above insurance company in this place last fall, and is known to many of our readers.

## NEW OFFICERS.

The following have been elected to serve as the officers of the Young Men's Christian Association for the ensuing year:

President—S. C. Creasy.  
Vice Presidents—H. G. Supplee and W. H. Brooke.  
Recording Sec'y.—W. H. Brower.  
Treasurer—F. N. Turner.  
Directors—A. N. Yost and M. I. Low.  
Trustee—A. Z. Schoch.

The board of Directors consist of the following gentlemen: Prof. C. H. Albert, W. B. Cummings, E. B. Tustin, W. R. Kocher, A. N. Yost and M. I. Low.

The Trustees are Col. John G. Freeze, C. W. Miller, L. E. Waller, W. R. Kocher, M. P. Lutz and A. Z. Schoch.

## COUBA AND THE COUBANS.

The lecture announced to be given on "Cuba and the Cubans" by Miss Anna Buckbee—being the first in the Students' Lecture Course, for this year—was a most entertaining and profitable one.

The views are in every way all that can be asked, clear, well defined and of a good size. The subject matter of the lecture was most happily chosen and given in a most elegant and entertaining phrase. Every feature of it was just what is needed to make every intelligent reader of the daily newspaper, appreciate more fully and more clearly the real difficulties as existing in the island of Cuba.

The only regret to be expressed is that there were not more of our citizens out to hear this entertaining and instructive lecture.

## THAT SUPPER!

The supper given by "Aunt Jemima" and her assistants in their quaint old plantation costumes in St. Paul's Parish House last Thursday evening was a greater success than even the most sanguine had contemplated. The griddle cakes were just perfect, and the manner in which they disappeared was the best evidence in the world that the cooks thoroughly understood the culinary art. The coffee was delicious as indeed was everything which went to make up the supper. Over two hundred were served and a neat sum was added to the treasury.

## Bond Sale.

The bond sale came off at the Court House last Saturday as previously advertised. The only securities sold were as follows: One \$500 carpet mill bond, to C. W. Miller atty., for \$491.75. One \$500 bond of the Artificial Ice Company to same, for \$491.75. 104 shares of the Farmers' Produce Exchange stock, par value \$5.00, to Peter A. Evans for \$1.40 per share. 22 shares of Silk Mill stock, par value \$100, to Joseph Ratti for \$98.

## A Good Showing.

The net earnings of the Post Office at this place last year were \$8,117. This is largely in excess of the receipts of the offices at Nanticoke, Danville, Lock Haven, Lewisburg, Milton, and similar places. Now give us free delivery. This office, whilst it is classed as a second class, is that in name only, in all other respects it is first class, with a capital F too. Efficient Post master, capable assistants and first class service.

## Many Deaths in the County.

While the holiday season brought joy to many households through this broad land there are those into which death's blighting sting entered to leave a sorrow which only time can comfort and a vacancy which nothing can fill. No matter what the occasion, death seems always to be with us, and just when we least expect it some loved one is stricken as if more to illustrate our ephemeral existence here than to mark the closing of a finished life.

## Prognostications For January.

According to the prophesy of Rev. Ira R. Hicks the St. Louis prophet the weather during January will be as follows: Disturbances from 3rd to 6th, clear to 8th., then blizzards and storm over the 14th followed by a cold wave and more storms. From the 19th, to 25th, storms will alternate with clear days. The latter part of the month will also have storms, especially from 27th, to 30th.

The auditors from the several townships composing the Bloom Poor District are making their annual settlement.

## LELAND T. POWERS.

January 16th.

The second entertainment of the Students' Lecture Course will fall on January 16th, Thursday evening.

Mr. Powers needs no introduction to a Bloomsburg audience. He has been here three times before, and each appearance gave him a larger house than the one preceding. He comes this time in "Lord Chumley," an entirely new program adapted from the comedy made famous by Mr. E. H. Sothern. Remember the date January 16th. Diagram now open at Slate's Book Store. Admission 50 cts.

Farmers' Institute Held Under the Auspices of the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, in the Opera House at Catawissa, Penn'a. Wednesday and Thursday, January 15-16th, 1896.

Exercises Public and Free. All are invited to Attend.

### PROGRAMME—FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9:30 o'clock.

Organization.....Music.....Prayer.

"Value of Crimson Clover,".....

"Hon. Geo. T. Powell, Ghent, N. Y.

"Potato Culture,".....Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Jenners, Pa.

MUSIC.

"Soiling vs. Pasturing,".....

"Hon. E. M. Tewksbury, Catawissa, Pa.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 o'clock.

MUSIC.

QUESTION BOX.

"What do the Signs Indicate,".....

"A. P. Young, Millville, Pa.

MUSIC.

"How to build up a Successful Dairy; Feeding, etc." (Illustrated by charts),.....

"Hon. Geo. T. Powell.

"Dignity of Labor,".....

"E. B. Bowman, Berwick, Pa.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30 o'clock.

MUSIC.....Catawissa Orchestra.

Prayer.....Question Box

Selection.....Miss Zue Guie, Catawissa.

Piano Duet, "Golden Bells,".....

"Mrs. F. R. Dent, Miss Fannie Keiler.

"Needs of Agricultural Education in our Public Schools,".....Hon. Geo. T. Powell.

MUSIC.....Catawissa Orchestra

PROGRAMME—SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

9:30 o'clock.

MUSIC.....Prayer.....Question Box.

"Corn Culture,".....Frank Evans, Berwick.

"Insects and Fungus Blights on Fruit Trees.

"Value of Spraying for Same,".....

"Hon. Geo. T. Powell.

MUSIC.

"Crimson Clover in Columbia County,".....

"A. P. Young.

"The Farm Dairy,".....Hon. N. B. Critchfield.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 o'clock.

MUSIC.....Question Box.

"Pear Culture,".....F. F. Mercer, Catawissa.

"Care of Farm Horses,".....

"Hon. N. B. Critchfield.

MUSIC.

Paper by E. H. Little, Esq., Light Street.

Subject to be selected.

"The Hen,".....R. G. F. Kashinka, Berwick.

"Why Agricultural Depression in our comparatively new country? Is there any solution?".....Hon. Geo. T. Powell.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30 o'clock.

MUSIC.....Catawissa Orchestra

PRAYER.

Selection.....Miss Alta Long, Catawissa

High School.

Recitation, "Farmer Stebbins' Sons,".....

"Charles Heiss, Catawissa.

Piano Duet,.....Miss Katie Eyer and John Berger

"Ideal Education for Farmers' Sons and Daughters,".....Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Supt. Public Instruction, Harrisburg.

MUSIC.....Catawissa Orchestra

ASK QUESTIONS.

A Question Box will be kept upon the Secretary's desk and all are invited to place therein such questions as they wish to have discussed during the session. At a proper time, designated by the meeting, these questions will be referred to some one for answer, or brought up for general discussion.

The foregoing order will be followed as closely as possible but other exercises will be introduced if found desirable.

Vocal music will be furnished by home talent, chiefly under the leadership of Prof. J. W. Vought.

For further information and programmes apply to

LUTHER EVER,

JERE KOSTENBAUDER,

WM. T. CREASY,

Catawissa, Pa.

A full attendance of the members of Washington Camp No. 319, P. O. S. of A. is requested at their hall this Thursday evening. Brother Hon. E. R. Ikeler will deliver the address, and delegations are expected from adjoining camps. Let the hall be crowded.

COMMITTEE.

Duncan Clark's Female Minstrels held forth in the opera house last Monday night. It was advertised as being the hottest show on Earth, and we understand it came up to the advertisement. An effort was made in the afternoon by some of the church people to prevent the performance, but in this they were unsuccessful.

**AN EVENT** always looked for by the clothing buyers in this community has been the **RED LETTER SALE** of J. M. Gidding & Co., the clothiers. Each year in January they inaugurate a stock reducing sale which they have named **RED LETTER**, on account of marking the reduced price in red ink directly under the regular selling price of each garment. This is an opportunity that one should not miss if any clothing at all is needed in the family:

\$20.00 suits and overcoats, Red Letter price \$15.00	
15.00 " " " " " " " " " "	11.50
12.00 " " " " " " " " " "	9.00
10.00 " " " " " " " " " "	7.50
8.00 " " " " " " " " " "	6.00
7.00 " " " " " " " " " "	5.00

and so on throughout the entire clothing stock. Naturally, earliest buyers get best selections.



The tannery at Jamison City has resumed work after a protracted shut down. This is certainly good news for the employees. When in operation a large number of men are employed.

The following letters are advertised January 7, 1896. Miss Kate Hartman, Mr. J. L. Jones, Mr. Joseph Krissmer. Will be sent to the dead letter office January 21, 1896. JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

The viewers appointed by the Court to assess damages caused by the opening of Jefferson Street, met last Tuesday. After being sworn and viewing the ground, they adjourned until next Monday, when they will hear the testimony.

The revival services in the United Evangelical church are meeting with great success. Eight persons have knelt at the altar. Four have professed conversion, and quite a number of requests for prayer have been received.

The Liverpool, Pa., "shooters," who paraded their streets on New Year's day, were a comical and mirth provoking lot of young fellows, out for a good time. They had it and made everyone laugh at their innocent sport.

The American Damper Regulator Company is meeting with success in the sale of their dampers, as they give entire satisfaction wherever they are used. Several have been recently placed in manufactories at Williamsport.

J. P. Wright, the superintendent of the Benton Shirt Factory narrowly escaped being killed on Saturday, at the Benton depot. He got on the train to speak to a passenger and jumped off again after the train was moving from the depot. His feet slipped off the car step and he fell to the ground with his head only a few inches from the rail.

The partnership heretofore existing between C. B. White and J. W. Conner of Orangeville, manufacturers of farm implements, was dissolved by mutual consent on January 4, 1896. The business will be continued by Mr. Conner, who will conduct it in the same straightforward, honest manner, which has characterized it for the past sixteen years.

W. H. Brooke has purchased a lot from Mrs. I. S. Kuhn on Fourth Street adjoining her residence.

The Judges appointed by the Governor, to hear and decide the Lyons-Dunn election contest in Schuylkill County, have fixed upon Friday the 10th inst. to meet in Pottsville, and convene the Court for the trial of the case.

The commissary general of the German army has just ordered 500,000 pounds of dried apples from a Knoxville, Tenn., firm. Should those Dutch soldiers get all those schnitz into them and then get into a battle where they would have to "take water" there would be the worst busted up army over there the world ever saw.—*Watchman*.

The hotel formerly conducted by George W. Sterner changed owners Wednesday. William M. Hartzell has leased the building, and purchased the furniture and fixtures. The license was transferred to-day and he takes immediate possession. Peter Reedy, formerly of the "Exchange" has been secured as manager, and it is the intention of Mr. Hartzell to make it a first class hotel in every respect.

Another new, necessary and useful kitchen tool, the Christy S. I. B. Spatula or Handy Kitchen Knife, more wonderful than the Christy Bread Knives. We will mail sample to any address in the U. S. A. on receipt of 50 cts. Agents wanted in this vicinity. Write quick for territory. The R. J. Christy Mfg. Co., Clyde, Ohio.

A number of the people from the different churches of town met in the Lutheran church Monday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 p. m., and spent the time in devotional service. It was a delightful meeting for all concerned and another proof of the oneness of the Christian church. The first half hour was presided over by Rev. Patter-son of the Presbyterian church, the second by Rev. Heilman of the Lutheran church, the third by Rev. Brandt of the Reformed church, the fourth by Rev. Weeks of the Baptist church, the fifth by Rev. Conner of the Methodist church. A large number of the members took part also. The evening services in the different churches were largely attended.