

THE X RAYS AT THE NORMAL.

The attention of the scientific world has been drawn during the last few weeks to the discovery made by a well-known German, Professor Roentgen, that under certain conditions, photographic plates could be affected and pictures taken of many objects without the intervention of the ordinary camera and indeed through substances supposed to be absolutely light proof. The announcement of this fact has set the scientists of all countries at work and many interesting experiments are recorded, not the least startling of which is the possibility of photographing the bones of one's hand through the flesh which covers them.

These interesting tidings were eagerly read and noted at the Normal and it was not long before Professors Cope and Dennis were at work upon the new discovery and obtained some interesting results. One very clear negative was obtained showing the coins in a purse, the coins making a picture of themselves through the sides of the purse, the whole picture having been made upon the plate in spite of the intervening heavy thickness of the card board forming the box which held the plate and preserved it from the ordinary light rays. Other experiments are now in progress and will be reported to the readers of the COLUMBIAN.

The apparatus used in these wonderful experiments consists of a battery generating a current of electricity which by means of a gigantic induction coil is increased in pressure to about 300,000 volts or about 200 times that used in executing murderers in New York State.

The current is conducted into a tube or bulb of glass from which the air has been almost entirely exhausted and the effect of the current is to cause the bulb to glow with a green and ghostly light. It is commonly supposed that it is this green light which has the effect upon the photographic plate. Such is not the case, however, but the green light or rather, the electrical effect which causes it, has a mysterious effect upon the glass of the tube causing it to send out rays which are entirely invisible and which penetrate organic matter with the greatest ease.

A Fraternal Visit.

Upon invitation received from Washington Camp No. 684, P. O. S. of A., of Millville, the degree team of the camp at this place went up Wednesday evening of last week, to assist in the initiation ceremonies. Buckalew's large covered hack, drawn by four horses, was chartered for the trip. Everything went along nicely until Willow Grove was reached, where it was intended to cross the river, but owing to the ice and high winds, it was impossible to ferry, and it was found necessary to drive to Berwick, cross the bridge and drive down on the other side of the river. Finally the place was reached and we were ushered into the Camp Room in a semi frozen condition. The temperature of the room together with the warm welcome received at the hands of the brothers, soon put us into a normal condition. The officers were turned over to the Bloomsburg team who proceeded with the work, and seven of the representative business men of the township were initiated into the mysteries of the order. After these ceremonies had been concluded, speeches were made by several of the members, and upon invitation of the President the visiting delegation repaired to the hotel where an elegant repast had been prepared, which after the long, cold drive was heartily enjoyed. The start for home was made about one o'clock, and in due time the delegation was safely landed at their camp room. Camp 684 has a bright future in store for it, as it is composed of the best men of the township, and its deliberations are presided over by that popular physician H. V. Hower, who is deeply interested in the welfare of the order.

Home from the Pasteur Institute.

The little colored boy who was bitten by a supposed mad dog at Espy a couple of weeks ago, returned last week from the Pasteur Institute, New York, where he was taken for treatment. His arm was still bandaged but he was in excellent spirits. The young lady who was bitten at the same time, and who also took treatment at the same place, stopped over in Philadelphia with her physician. The hospital authorities think the patients are safe from any further trouble from the bites.

KIN TAKARASHI.

Y. M. C. A. hall was just about large enough to accommodate the crowd of men who turned out Sunday afternoon to hear the Christian Japanese, Kin Takahashi, tell the story of his conversion. He began his story by telling of the trouble he had mastering the English language, which part was very amusing. He said the chief doctrine of Buddhism, which his mother professed, was the transmigration of the soul, and that of Shintoism, which his father professed, hero worship. He said neither of these satisfied his reason or his soul, but when he heard of Jesus Christ he found Him to be a satisfying portion, and that he could pray now to the God who heard and answered prayers, instead of to a dead God, without hearing and without sight. It was strong testimony to the truths of Christianity, and many were stirred by the simple recital of his struggles, when disowned by his kindred, and his faith in God.

A PLEASANT EVENING PARTY.

A party of young people decided to give Miss Emma Tronsue of Espy a pleasant surprise on her 17th birthday and to that end friends from Espy and Bloomsburg gathered together and spent the evening in games, music, etc., after which all did ample justice to the many good things provided. All enjoyed themselves and joined in wishing Miss Emma many more such happy occasions. Those present were Clementine Jacobs, Viletta Jacobs, Lizzie Deitz, Belta Tronsue, C. H. Jacobs, John Jones, K. S. Creasy, S. R. Howell, W. E. Wanich, Elisha Tronsue, C. E. Heckman, Frank Bundy, James Jacobs from Espy and Mrs. Henry Schwinn and two daughters, Agnes Mensch, Clara Minier, Minnie Hartzel, Lillian Potter, Lula Hartzel, Sophia Baylor, Susie Geiger, Cora Miller, William Geiger from Bloomsburg. But the most delightful part of the occasion was when the time came for returning home the whole party was brought down in a wagon in which the springs were conspicuous by their absence.

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.

METHODIST TABERNAOLE.

Work on the Methodist Tabernacle which is to be located on the lot on Market Street, adjoining the Leader Store, and in which the services of the church will be held until the new building is completed, was commenced Monday morning. It will be a frame building, one story high, with a frontage of forty-eight feet, and a depth of one hundred and four feet. It will be well lighted by numerous windows, and provided with good ventilation. The rear part will be used for League meetings, Sunday School purpose &c. and will be divided from the main room by a movable glass partition which can be taken away and the whole thrown into one room when it will have a seating capacity for one thousand people.

ELECTION CONTEST.

The election board of the second ward of Centralia, John W. Fortner, and George W. Davis who were candidates at the recent election for school director in said ward, were before the Court last Tuesday. Mr. Fortner who was defeated for the said office by Mr. Davis by a majority of one vote claims that the result was brought about by reason of certain ballots being illegally thrown out, and hence has commenced a contest to determine his right to the office.

Evidence was taken before Judge Ikeler. J. W. Fortner is represented by L. S. Wintersteen and C. G. Barkley Esqs, and Mr. Davis by Fred Ikeler Esq.

Compulsory Education Registry.

Commissioners' clerk C. M. Terwilliger has prepared a form which will be used by the Assessors in May when they register all the children between the ages of 8 and 13 years under the compulsory education law. The book will be ruled in columns for the following data: Name of child, residence or school district, age, sex, color, the number of weeks at school during this school year, cause of non attendance in case of prolonged absence, name of parent, guardian or other person having charge of the child, column for remarks under which may be entered the occupation of the child when out of school or any other helpful information.

BUCKNELL VS. NORMAL.

Normal Defeats Bucknell by a Score of 24 to 12.—A Large Crowd Disgusted.

The game of last evening was the most unsatisfactory of the season although it was won by the home team by a score of 25-12. The Bucknell umpire either did not know the game or else he had made up his mind to win this one for his team. All but one of their 12 baskets were thrown upon fouls. Every one knows that the Normal team could hardly make the 19 fouls he called. They know the game too well to allow themselves the risk of making so many. The Normal team showed their superiority at every point of the game. The passing and dodging were features that would make any game interesting but the constant calling of fouls nullified many of the pleasant features of the game.

An evidence of their easy going methods and small conscientious scruples was seen in their taking Smith off for a rest and then putting him back again. But, although we do not have "a Chicago coach who learned the game under Stagg," we have a fair enough understanding of the game not to allow of so plain a violation of the rules as this.

The umpire had not seen a '96 set of rules yet he thought the destinies of basket ball rested in his authority. He remarked that they were on a missionary tour to purify the sport and lift it out of the mire. He evidently has a misconception of the game and of his mission.

We are sorry to have the occasion for making these remarks and will say that we hope that his mistakes were through ignorance and were not intentional. If the game had been free from these unpleasant features it would have been a very fair game. The Bucknell team honestly tried to play a clean game. Many of the players are fine young men and we are sorry to have to criticise the game in this way.

The score is as follows:

Earned Score.....	Normal 17	Bucknell 1
Score from Fouls.....	Normal 7	Bucknell 11
Total.....	Normal 24	Bucknell 12
The teams were as follows:		
NORMAL.		
A. { Detwiler.	A. { Devall.	
Moore.	Mulkie.	
C. { Davenport.	C. { Elliot.	
Fox.	Smith Warren	
Young.	Burdge.	
G. { Harrar.	G. { Garner.	
Washington.	Catterall.	
BUCKNELL.		
Detwiler 15	Mulkie 12	
Moore 5		
Young 4		
Umpires: { Herring.		
{ Aldinger.		
Referee.—Hendricks.	Timer—Lutz.	

We made mention last week of the fact that by reason of the breaking of the wagons used in the hauling of the new accumulator for the Brass and Copper Company, the massive piece of iron weighing nearly fifteen tons was lying on the Ferry road. It was evident that it was impossible to convey it to its destination by the usual methods, and in casting around for some one to complete the work C. B. Ohl was finally selected to finish the job of moving. He at once constructed two small strong trucks and with short sections of rails, several men and three horses, began Monday morning at seven o'clock to move the heavy piece of machinery. After getting it on the trucks they were able to go forward fifty feet at each pull, when the rails would be taken up and relaid and another fifty feet made, and so on until as the whistle blew for six o'clock the same night the accumulator stood at the Brass & Copper Works.

William Eyer of Evers Grove died Feb. 20th 1896, aged 84 yrs. 9 mo. 25 days. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. C. Monroe of White Hall and Rev. G. V. Savidge of Evers Grove.

The text of the sermon was found in 1st Thessalonians 4th chap. 14 verse. He is survived by eight children—John, Turner, Bigler, Robert, Mrs. Mary Heilman, Mrs. Margaret Beagle, Mrs. Minerva Heilman and Mrs. Catharine Dollman. Mrs. Samuel Johnson, who is aged past ninety years, an only sister, also survives. The deceased was a well known and greatly respected resident of that section. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Munroe Saturday morning, and interment at Jerseytown.

The Superior Court has affirmed the decision of the Court of this County in the case of Chamberlain vs. Lilley.

FRED SCHWINN DEAD.

The subject of this sketch was born in Germany, and emigrated to this country when he was about eighteen years of age, and located at Pottsville, Pa. A few years later he went to Lycoming county and engaged in farming for several years, and then moved to Bernice, Sullivan county, where he remained a short time, moving back to his farm, from which place he moved to Bloomsburg about nineteen years ago. He was a hard working, industrious, honest citizen, and for years enjoyed the best of health, but hard work and exposure told on him and on Friday, Feb. 14 he was taken sick from which he never rallied, and death came to his relief last Saturday night about ten o'clock. He was aged 68 years, 4 months and 5 days. He was twice married, his first wife died before his removal to this town, and then he married the widow of Samuel Ohl who survives him. He also leaves six children by his first wife, namely: Mrs. M. S. Lunger, Mrs. H. W. Swisher of Lungersville, Lycoming county; Mrs. J. Minier, Mrs. A. C. Charles of Unityville, Pa., Mrs. C. C. Kesty and Henry W. of this town, and three step children, Mrs. M. J. Eaton of Scranton, C. B. and Isaiah W. Ohl of town.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock. The services were held in the Reformed church by Rev. Brandt, after which the body was interred in Rosemont Cemetery.

A FATAL ALTERCATION.

Patrick Wilson Slabs Thomas Follon With Fatal Results.

During an altercation which took place Monday afternoon February 17th, in regard to the political affairs of Conyngham township, Patrick Wilson, stabbed Thomas Follon, in the right breast with a pocket knife, the blade penetrating to the depth of two inches. At first, the wound was not considered dangerous but blood poisoning set in and the man died last Monday morning. Immediately after the affray Wilson disappeared and remained in hiding until the death of Follon when he surrendered himself to William Griffith, constable of Centralia. He was given a hearing by Justice of the Peace Gittens, and committed to the County prison at which place he arrived Monday evening in charge of the constable.

The Milton Record, in commenting upon the address of Prof. A. K. Aldinger at the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Milton last week, says: "The physical work under A. K. Aldinger, of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, was of deep interest to all present. Mr. Aldinger laid great emphasis on the opportunity for christian work in our gymnasiums and on the athletic fields, and urged the christian men to mingle with their fellows, and then gave instance after instance of men being led to become christians, by the quiet manly bearing of the christian men who are on the floor and in the field."

Henry Fietzwalter, an adopted son of George Whary, died at his residence on West Third Street last Saturday night after an extended illness. Mr. Whary adopted the young man when he was a lad six years of age, and during all this time he had a good comfortable home. He was an orphan, his parents having formerly resided at Canton, Pa., to which place his remains were taken Monday morning for interment. He was about nineteen years of age, and a member of the Methodist Church. The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. B. C. Conner.

James Henwood died at his home in Wilkes-Barre, Monday morning, aged about seventy-four years. He is survived by four daughters and one son. The deceased several years ago was a resident of Bloomsburg, where he held the position of engineer for McKelvy & Neal for a long time and shortly after the dissolution of that firm—twenty some years ago—moved to Wilkes-Barre. The body was brought here on the noon train last Wednesday and interred in the Rosemont cemetery.

The "Live Questions" discussed this week are "Practical measures to maintain self-respecting manhood," and "The kind of literature people want." These articles are from the pens of able writers in different sections of the country, and will be found well worth reading. They appear every week on the second page.

The Last Shot

* ❖ *

NEW
SPRING
HATS,
NECKWEAR,
SUITS,
NOW
READY.

In other words, the last days of the special prices on winter suits and overcoats are here, and you'll be the loser if you expect to buy and don't do it right off. You'll buy at absolute cost. We emphasize it. All men's, boys' and children's winter suits and overcoats at positive cost. Business policy compels us to sell this way rather than carry over to next season, as we are receiving heavy shipments of new spring goods daily and must have the room.

J. M. Giddings & Co.

ONE PRICE

CLOTHIERS, HATTERS & FURNISHERS

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

One of the finest bicycles it has ever been our privilege to see, was received by W. S. Rishton on Tuesday. It is of the celebrated Cleveland make for which Mr. Rishton is agent. It is the latest '96 model and nickel plated throughout. The effect on the eye is dazzling, and the wheel will undoubtedly attract a great deal of attention from cyclists who delight in a perfect specimen of a mechanical wonder.

Among other good things said by John Turner White, whose article on "Patriotism" will appear next week, under the head of "Live Questions," is the following:

"When designing politicians contemplate the perpetration of some unusual fraud upon the people, they always obscure the horizon with storms of protestations of their patriotism and their piety."

Perhaps some of our readers can see a local application of this remark.

Bloomsburg Council, No. 140, O. U. A. M. gave a sociable in their lodge room last Saturday which was attended by about two hundred guests. It was a success in every particular. The refreshments, which had been prepared, and served by the members were fine, and the ladies in attendance said that they were gotten up as nicely as they could have done it themselves. The address of R. R. Little Esq. was in keeping with the occasion and contained a great deal of interesting and valuable information.

Brother Randall, of the Catawissa News Item, has great confidence in the skill of the chess players of that borough, and makes the assertion that in his judgment they can "clean up" anything in the county. Now we do not go much on chess, but our opinion of the matter is that we have several parties in this place who know a thing or two about that game. When it comes to checkers, however, we claim to be able to give the Catawissa people several points and beat them with hands down.

Notices of deaths and marriages are published in this paper free of charge. Obituary poetry is inserted only on payment of five cents per line in advance.

Quite a number of our people attended the pigeon match at Berwick last Saturday. Among the number were Alex. E. Cohen, J. H. Mercer, W. H. Snyder, W. S. Rishton, C. W. McKelvy, Jr., E. E. Mellick, G. F. Quick, G. M. Quick and several others.

They were taken up by A. M. Derr.

Harry Kline, the turnkey at the Columbia County jail held ticket No. 1967 which drew the watch at the D. Lowenberg Clothing Store last Friday. It is a handsome one, and he is accordingly happy.

A solid silver watch with fine movement, fob and chain will be given away at the D. Lowenberg clothing store the Saturday evening previous to Easter.

Obet Everett, an old and respected resident of West Hemlock township, Montour county, died at his home early Thursday morning, aged about eighty-six years. He is survived by three married daughters, Mrs. Isaiah Pursel of this town, Mrs. Joseph Stroup of Hemlock and Mrs. Joseph Hutchins with whom he lived. Funeral services Saturday morning and interment in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Danville.

A broken axle was the cause of a wreck on the D. L. & W. Rail Road, just below Catawissa last Saturday morning. Several freight cars were thrown from the track. In consequence of the wreck traffic was blocked and the 10:40 up passenger was obliged to lay over at Catawissa, and the 12:20 down passenger was held at Bloomsburg until after half past one in the afternoon.

Rev. S. L. M. Conser, a Methodist preacher at Loganton, Clinton county, Pa., aged 85 years, died recently.

The Rev. Mr. Conser was well known in Columbia county. He preached at Orangeville in 1848 where I frequently heard him. He was an excellent, forcible, and sometimes eloquent speaker. J. G. F.

The "Live Questions" for next week are "A View of Patriotism," and "The Voice of the People." This interesting series of articles will be found every week on the second page of this paper.