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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1896.

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BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Miss Lillie Doak is spending this week in Philadelphia.
Mrs. E. D. Hughes, of Scranton, visited Bloomsburg relatives last week.
Edward Reese and family have moved from Centralia to Park Place.
C. B. Jackson Esq., of Berwick was a visitor to our town on Wednesday.
Francis Lafontaine will move from the Ferry house, to Dunmore this week.
W. L. Eyerly was confined to the house several days during the past week, by the gripe.

Edward, son of J. S. Blue, is learning the drug business under the tutorage of G. A. McKelvy.

Mrs. John S. Gilbert of Jenkintown, spent a few days in town last week, visiting her relatives.

Elwood Knouse, Constable of Benton, transacted business at the County Seat on Tuesday.

Rev. Dr. D. J. Waller of Indiana, Pa., was a visitor here several days during the past week.

Miss Martha Bachman, of Shamokin, is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. B. Mellick, on Normal Hill.

C. E. Kesty who has been attending the Y. M. C. A. training school at Springfield, Mass., is home.

E. P. Cameron, who has been conducting the Buckhorn hotel will quit the business on the first of April.

C. B. McHenry and family have moved from Benton to Shamokin. Their departure is universally regretted.

John F. Hilday has opened a new grocery store on Sixth Street, in the rooms formerly occupied by Wm. Gingles.

Miss Mollie E. Smith of Wisconsin, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Judge Elwell, and other relatives here.

H. M. Kelchner, proprietor of the Exchange Hotel at Benton transacted business at the county seat on Wednesday.

John Brooks, son of Prof. Brooks, has accepted a position as clerk in A. L. Snyder's music store at Shamokin, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bertsch returned to their home in Reading on Wednesday. The latter has been visiting here for the past two weeks, and Mr. Bertsch came up a few days ago.

G. B. Hummer, of the firm of Hummer & Yorks, well known and extensive lumbermen of up the creek, came down Monday to attend to business matters. He returned home Tuesday morning.

F. Freeman Boas, Sec'y of the Young Men's Christian Association of this place has tendered his resignation which has been accepted. He will fill a similar position with the association at Mauch Chunk.

J. G. Wells and family returned from Philadelphia last Saturday, and will remain here until next fall, when Mr. Wells will resume his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He is reading medicine with Dr. Keber.

Kash Harrison, of Forks, made a pleasant call at our office on Saturday. He is now farming, but he spent nine years in the printing business, and held some responsible positions. He has been employed in Philadelphia, and spent several years in Norfolk, Va., and other southern cities.

James McHenry of Cambra has sold out his store to William Hazlett.

The prevalent form of gripe affects the throat and produces extreme hoarseness. There are many such cases in town at present.

Subscribers who will change their place of residence on April 1st, will please notify us of the change, giving both the old and new address.

The Superior court on Monday of last week affirmed the case of Creasy & Wells vs. Emanuel Reformed Church, that went up from this county.

The Town Council held a meeting Monday night to pass upon the exonerations and hear the report of the President.

The only observance of St. Patrick's day here, was the "wearing of the green."

The County Commissioners have fixed the tax rate at $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills same as last year.

The Jamison City tannery is running seven hours a day, with the prospect of soon working full time.

Charles H. Reice killed a steer last week that weighed 1250 pounds. He bought it of William Shaffer, who raised it from a calf.

Information has been received announcing the arrival of Geo. S. Robbins and family at Los Angeles last Saturday.

Rev. Bickel, of Hazelton, will preach at the Methodist Mission tonight, Thursday, March 26, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock.

In this issue will be found an interesting article on Normal Schools, by Prof. Eckels. It is worthy of careful perusal.

Thousands have tested the great building up power of Hood's Sarsaparilla and have found renewed strength, vigor and vitality in its use.

The editor of the Berwick Independent became the father of a new boy last Friday, and says he is now ready to receive congratulations and over-due subscriptions.

C. B. Jackson and C. C. Evans, Esqs., have been elected attorneys for the borough of Berwick, and Col. Seely chief of the fire department for the ensuing year.

H. E. Heacock has purchased the steam laundry and is now in full possession of the same. Mr. Chamberlain, the former proprietor, will engage in the telephone business at Reading.

Victor Hugo of Dushore, has purchased the Sullivan Republican of Laporte, and will change the name and make it a Democratic paper. A stock company to publish a Republican paper at Laporte is talked of.

If this thing keeps up, the date for dog days will have to be changed from August to the winter months. The latest report is that a mad dog has bitten several children at Beach Haven.

Rev. Mr. Graeff, rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, has tendered his resignation, to take effect, May 3. He has accepted a call to the Memorial Church of the Holy Comforter, Philadelphia.

There was a pleasant gathering of the Reformed Christian Endeavor Society at the home of Mrs. M. E. Ent last Thursday evening. Games and other pastimes were indulged in, and dainty refreshments served.

The following letters are advertised March 24, 1896. Miss Estella Ash, Geo. M. Holdren, H. H. James, (2) Mrs. S. B. Wilson. Will be sent to the dead letter office April 7, 1896. JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

A fire at Centralia last Friday morning started in Thomas Evans' store, and burned it, with the stores of A. B. Fortner, Albert Wall, and Harry Levitt. Evans' loss is \$15,400; Fortner's \$1800; Wall's \$1200; and Levitt's \$600.

Mrs. C. E. Crawford will hold her millinery opening Thursday March 26th to which the ladies of Bloomsburg and vicinity are invited. A full line of artistically trimmed hats await their inspection, at prices which defy competition.

Leases, with judgment and ejection clause, for sale at this office in small or large quantities.

Prof. H. A. Curran of the Stroudsburg Normal School was in town on Monday, stopping on his return from the conference at Williamsport.

The March number of the Normal Quarterly has been issued, and it is one of the best numbers yet published. It contains a large amount of interesting matter and several half-tone cuts. Copies can be obtained of Prof. J. H. Dennis or at the school.

Pompeo Ratti, president of the Bloomsburg Silk Mill, died in Como, Italy, on the 7th inst. It was his former home, and he went there for his health several months ago. He was a brother of Joseph Ratti, and by his pleasant manners had made many friends here.

The return of Rev. B. C. Conner to the pastorate of the Methodist church of this place by the late conference held at Williamsport, is not only satisfactory to the membership but the community at large. During the past year he has made many friends.

Holy Communion will be administered under the pastorate of Rev. A. Houtz as follows: Hilday April 5 at 10:30 A. M.; Zion April 12 at 10:30 A. M.; Orangeville April 19 at 10:30 A. M.; St. James April 26 at 10:15 A. M.; and Briarcrest May 3 at 10:30 A. M. Preparatory service on the preceding Saturday at 2:30 P. M.

Conductor Byron Sleppy and brakemen Frank Beck and Michael Leighow of Northumberland were arrested in Scranton on Monday upon the arrival of their train by the D. L. & W. Railroad Company, upon the charge of re-selling tickets that had been used once. Sleppy and Beck are well known in Columbia County.

The last Congress passed an act allowing the appointments to the Naval Academy at Annapolis that did not expire till June of this year to be filled by the outgoing Congressmen.

This enabled Congressman Wolverton to name the cadets for this district. He designated Albert G. Savidge, second son of Judge Savidge of Sunbury, and Harry R. Stees of Bloomsburg alternate.

A GREAT ADVERTISING IDEA.

An Entire Pony Outfit—Comprising Pony, Cart, Harness, Robes, Whip, Etc., Given Away to the Lucky Boy.

What is probably the most extensive advertising idea that has ever been introduced in this vicinity is the one which is to-day made public for the first time by that enterprising, extensive and prosperous clothing firm, J. M. Gidding & Co. They purchased a short time ago a pony, carriage, harness and all belongings, which they intend giving away to the holder of the lucky number, July 30, at 7:30 p. m. With every dollar purchased a coupon is given, the duplicate of which is deposited in a tightly sealed box, which will be opened in the presence of Dr. J. P. Welsh Principal of the Normal School, W. O. Holmes President of Town Council, and Mr. A. H. Bloom cashier of the Farmers National Bank, who have kindly consented to act as judges, together with representatives of the town newspapers, and see that everything is conducted in a fair and impartial manner. The box will be opened at 7:30 p. m. sharp on the night of July 30th, and a little girl blindfolded will draw 21 coupons, the 21st draw being the lucky one. The idea is a novel one, and no doubt every boy in this valley will await with anxiety the date upon which it is to be given away. On former occasions of this kind it has been customary to give a coupon with every suit at a certain price, but Gidding & Co. have decided to give everyone an equal chance, therefore they have made it with every dollar purchase. This idea is a good one from the fact that the chances are equal, thus if any one has a little girl it would equally be appreciated by her as by a boy. The pony is very kind and gentle and can be driven by the smallest child. He stands about eight and one-half hands high and weighs about four hundred and forty pounds. The carriage or cart is a model of cuteness, being newly upholstered and elegantly painted. It certainly is a handsome turnout, one that any boy or girl will be overjoyed to own, and the liberal donors will no doubt make many little friends through it. Gidding & Co. never do anything unless they do it right. They never advertise until they advertise right, and no better proof of their success through it is shown than by the very large business they have built up. Their establishment is known north, south, east and west within a radius of 50 miles, and their trade extends through every nook and corner of the valley. They deserve it however, for no harder workers for business have ever been in our midst. Their advertisements are always truthful and their way of doing business cannot help but bring success to anything they undertake.—From Bloomsburg Daily.

EDGE'S PLAN A SUCCESS.

Change in the Method of Holding Farmers' Institutes Generally Approved.

The department of agriculture has held 130 institutes in fifty-six counties of the state during the 1895-6 season. Dates have been fixed for about thirty more, making a total of 160 for the institute year. It is also intended to hold a number of Spring and Summer institutes before the close of the fiscal year. Applications have already been received for a large number of institutes to be held during the next Autumn and Winter. There is a growing demand for institutes to be held in September and October and less desire for dates in March and April. Thus far Lancaster heads the list with eight institutes. Susquehanna and Lackawanna have each held six.

The corps of institute workers now consists of Professor John Hamilton, Colonel John A. Woodward, T. B. Terry, of Ohio; Senator N. B. Critchfield, of Somerset, and one member of the state board of agriculture selected for each week. The officers of the department of agriculture assist whenever their services are needed. Secretary Edge fills gaps caused by sickness or absence of any member of the force. The secretary has thus far attended forty institutes. He expects to get to at least ten more before the close of the season.

The dates are so arranged as to have two sets of institutes in progress at the same time, and the corps of institute workers are divided and changed to suit the locality and leading interest of the district in which the meetings are to be held. Secretary Edge is called into requisition whenever commercial fertilizers are used extensively. Mr. Terry talks upon potato cultivation and clover production. Professor Hamilton is an authority upon roads and road laws. Each member of the force has one or more specialties which are called into requisition as the wants of the district may indicate.

At the commencement of the season there was much objection on the part of local managers and members of the state board of agriculture to the department fixing the dates were selected by each member at will and without any reference to those of adjacent or adjoining counties, and much of the funds of the State failed to produce the best results because of the greatly increased amount of travel occasioned by the want of system.

Under the management of the department, dates are fixed at the commencement of the season and they are so arranged that the force of institute workers may pass from one county to another with a minimum of expense. The local members of the state board of agriculture is permitted to select the places at which the institutes of the county shall be held, but the dates are fixed by central authority. Under the old management 148 institutes were held with \$9,500. Under the new plan it is expected that 170 will be held with an annual appropriation of \$7,500.—Harrisburg Patriot.

Mr. F. C. Eyer had a serious fall on Monday. He was carrying a sewing machine up stairs in the Evans building and becoming overbalanced fell down the stairs, the machine falling upon him. He was severely cut upon the head. He was taken into Mercer's drug store and the wounds dressed, after which he was taken home.

The windows of the clothing store of J. M. Gidding & Co. are attracting considerable attention. In one of them is the large strong box, in which the coupons for the drawing of the pony and cart are to be deposited, and the other is filled with a fine selection of neck ware. The whole is in keeping with the usual taste displayed by Mr. Gidding in the dressing of his windows.

Is Columbia County going to redeem herself this year, or are we going to have the same miserable little majority that the Democrats have had for several years past, at the fall election? Let us have early organization and active work this fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Easter novelties in candy at Deitrick's Market Square.

Buy your candies at Deitrick's, they are always fresh.

Fruits and vegetables at Deitrick's, Market Square.

A FORTUNE

Is within reach of young people who go to Wood's Business College, Scranton. Our terms are lower than at some colleges having fewer students, but our faculty is much larger and our course of study more varied and thorough. The new president for seventeen years taught, lectured on law and civics, and has written business college text books now in use all over America. He has educated scores of business college teachers, and 10,000 young people for business. He was sent to France as United States Consul for four years, and now teaches and lectures days and evenings at Scranton. The college has now 600 students and last year located 24 of its students in good paying situations. In thorough work and in aid to students, it is the leading business college of Pennsylvania. Send for illustrated Journal.

O. F. Williams, President.

Dress Fabrics for Easter Gowns.

We are showing the most complete line of Dress Fabrics for Easter and Spring gowns, we have ever placed on our counters. A full range of dress materials from over the sea as well as those popular and well made American goods made on our own shore, of good materials and at prices to suit all.

Dress Goods.

Lot of choice novelty suitings, at 40c
Lot of choice chevrot mixtures, part Mohair at 49c.
50 in. all wool Jacquards, handsome colorings at 70c.
Mohair and wool suitings, Mozambique effects 59c.
Black figured mohairs, 25c.
Black mohair Sicilians, 75c.
Special black Mohair, 55c.

Separate Dress Skirts.

A full line of these most popular goods are now ready for you, made in newest shapes. Full flare, all lined.
Good all wool serge skirts, lined all through, velvet facing, \$3.50.
Figured Mohair skirts all lined velvet facings, \$2.50.
Mixed wheel cloth skirts, strap trimmed, all lined at \$7.50.

Shirt Waists.

We place on sale to-day our spring line of shirt waists. Nothing but the newest and best made waists find room in our stock.
1 lot of fine waists of special value at 98c.
1 lot of Percale waists, new yoke effect at 95c.

Spring Coats and Capes.

We are showing a line of garments for spring capes from 79c. upwards.

We call special attention to our children's and misses' reefers. The finest line of children's spring goods we have ever shown. See our \$2.50 reefer; others higher and lower.

New Neckwear.

We are showing full lines of new neckwear for spring.

Kid Gloves.

The best one dollar kid glove, in fact the best kid glove that one dollar can buy in all the new shades for Easter, both in hook and buttons.

New Trimmings and Buttons.

All the season's latest effects in trimmings and buttons.

Hosiery.

A special lot of ladies' seamless fast black hose at 10c. pair, or \$1.10 a dozen—value 15c. pair.
Ladies' regular made hose, good value, 31c.
Ladies' opera length hose, 25c. and 50c.

Lace and Damask Curtains.

A full line of lace curtains from 75c. pair upwards.
Try our \$1.00 corsets. Big bath towels, 25c. piece. \$1.35 half dozen.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

MARKET SQUARE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

Just Come to Town—Our early invoice of Spring Capes, Jackets, Dress Skirts, Shirt Waists, and Ladies' Muslin Underwear.

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| <p>Capes—
69c., \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 to \$12.50.</p> <p>Jackets—
\$2.95 to \$10.00.</p> <p>Misses' Jackets—
\$3.50 to \$6.50.</p> <p>Children's Jackets—
\$1.00 to \$5.00.</p> <p>Dress Skirts—
\$1.45 to \$6.50.</p> <p>Shirt Waists—
\$75c. to \$1.25.</p> | <p>Night Dresses—
39c., 49c., 59c., 75c., 89c., 98c., \$1.25, \$1.49 to \$3.50.</p> <p>Drawers—
29c., 39c., 49c. to \$2.00.</p> <p>Chemise—
39c., 49c. to \$1.50.</p> <p>Skirts—
49c., 69c., 75c. to \$2.50.</p> <p>Corset Covers—
25c., 31c., 39c., 49c. to \$1.25.</p> <p>Corset covers with shields attached. A new thing. We control them for the town—see them.</p> |
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I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

YOU CAN

Will in all probability buy a new wheel this spring. Do you know that you

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See the finest line of wheels in the county at HESS BROS.' BICYCLE AGENCY, in connection with their Jewelry Store. If you buy a wheel why not

RIDE

the best? We can give you your choice of the following wheels: SYRACUSE, LIBERTY, WORLD, AMERICA, HUNTER, MAJESTIC, GALES' MANHATTAN and several cheaper wheels. Why not buy a wheel that is known to be

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winner. At Coronado on March 2, 1896, there were 18 world's records and 21 coast records broken on a Syracuse Crimson Rim

BICYCLE.

Johnny Johnson rides a World. Baby Bliss, who weighs 502 lbs., rides the America. Call and see the wheels at HESS BROS. before you place your order.

YOUR EASTER CANDIES

You want to select from the largest and freshest line, so call and examine ours. All fresh and eatable.

Any name you desire put on eggs free.

Fruits and Vegetables.

I. G. DEITRICK,

Market Square

... DID YOU EVER THINK ? ...

That this might be the last opportunity you would have of making "Easter" a happy day in your family. Of course we hope your lot may be otherwise, but as the present is the only time to seize an opportunity, we wish to call your attention to the immense assortment of Easter novelties which we have arranged for that particular occasion. EXAMINE THEM and you will be convinced there are none finer.

EXCHANGE BAKERY.

L. F. BEIGHLINE, Prop., Telephone Connection, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

22 CLEVELAND, \$100.
Stearns, \$100
Envoy, \$75.
Stormer, \$50.



The above line of strictly high grade bicycles I have selected for my line for this year after visiting the New York Cycle Show and inspecting all the different makes. They are the cream of the lot. Space is too limited to describe them, but they can be seen at my store or I will cheerfully mail catalogues to any intending purchasers.

OPPOSITE POST-OFFICE. W. S. Rishton.