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BLOOMERS AND BICYCLES.

Opinion is divided as to the propriety of ladies riding bicycles, and also as to the style of dress that should be worn by those who do ride. The riding of a bicycle is a healthful and enjoyable exercise, and why women should not be allowed the privilege of deriving whatever benefits are to be gained from it, as well as men, we cannot understand. Women are known as the "weaker sex," and are more closely confined to the house than men and therefore need healthful exercise more than men, and there is no valid reason why they should not have it.

At first a woman on a bicycle was considered by many as a very immodest exhibition, but it is growing to be so frequent a sight now that it is getting to be the fashion, and everything that is fashionable goes nowadays. It is fashionable to go to the sea-shore, where bathing suits are worn that display the figure to such an extent as to leave but little to the imagination. In the evening these same figures appear in the ball-room, wearing costumes consisting of a skirt containing a large amount of material, and a waist in which the material is exceedingly scant. No one murmurs a protest against this exposure of the lower limbs in the morning, and of the neck, shoulders, arms, and bust in the evening, because it is the fashion.

It is customary in many schools to give gymnastic exhibitions, where the female pupils wear bloomers. These are attended by large audiences, and are pronounced as very entertaining and proper because the people are accustomed to them. The theatres presenting entertainments in which the leading attraction is the pink tights of the chorus girls, are the ones that are the best patronized by polite society. But when a woman appears on the street on a bicycle in a bloomer costume, these same people hold up their hands, and exclaim "How immodest!" The bicycle has come, and it is here to stay, and the women are going to ride it, and as long as this is an established fact there can be no valid objection to their wearing such a costume as will enable them to get the most benefit and enjoyment out of it. The cumbersome skirt is not such a costume. It interferes with the movement of the pedals, and is liable to get caught in the wheels. The bloomers are best calculated for the purpose, and as there is nothing immodest about them, there is no reason why they should not be generally adopted. The ladies are entitled to the privilege of exercise and enjoyment as well as men, and we say give them a chance.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING.

The Pomona Grange of Columbia and lower Luzerne counties met at Newlin last Friday and its deliberations were presided over by John N. Gordon, the master. The address of welcome was delivered by Thomas Seaborn, of Newlin, and in a neat speech he welcomed the members to Locust grange. In the absence of E. H. Little Esq., this was responded to by Hon. E. M. Tewksbury.

One of the features of these meetings is the presenting of a banner to the visiting grange having the largest numbers in attendance. It had been in the possession of the Rohrsburg grange, but upon this occasion it was captured by the Bloomsburg grange they having over thirty members in attendance. The exercises were very interesting and consisted of the reading of a paper prepared by W. J. Bidleman, County Deputy, one by Mrs. William Mensch, and a recitation by Miss Mary Young.

Mr. Harris, of Centre township, had prepared a paper on the care of fruit trees, which in his absence was read by Hon. W. T. Creasy. In addition to this discussion was had on several subjects of interest to the farmers.

Locust grange has a reputation for hospitality which they fully sustained in the bountiful dinner they had prepared for those present. Upon the whole it was one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings ever held.

Normal Examinations.

The examining committee for the final examinations at the Normal consist of the following educators: A. E. Maltby, Slippery Rock; D. A. Harman, Hazleton; D. P. Stapleton, Union county; A. Jones, West Chester; N. T. Houser, Dunmore; Joseph M. Arnold, Perry county; J. W. Thoman, Adams county, and on the part of the State by Deputy State Superintendent Houck. Examinations begin at 9 o'clock a. m., June 24th.

ELLIS H. MASTERS.

Ellis H. Masters, of the business department of the *New York Tribune*, died suddenly from heart failure in Moville, Ireland, on Friday. Mr. Masters was one of the best known and most successful advertising men in the newspaper business, and was highly esteemed and respected. He had a wide acquaintance among the merchants and business men in this city and elsewhere, and his genial personality made him hosts of friends wherever he went.

He was born in Columbia County, Penn., forty-six years ago, and was educated near his place of birth. His business career began in the city of Pittsburg, where he went at a comparatively early age and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He developed a keen aptitude for commercial affairs, and, young as he was, his services were in great demand. In 1877, however, he left Pittsburg and went to Philadelphia, taking a place in the well-known advertising house of N. W. Ayers & Son, where he remained nearly four years. During his stay in Philadelphia Mr. Masters acquired a thorough knowledge of the advertising business and made a reputation as one of the foremost men in his line. In 1881 he received the offer of a place from the *New York Tribune*, which he accepted and retained until his death. While with the *Tribune* Mr. Masters added still more to his reputation, and his energy and perseverance appeared to be untiring. It is needless to say that his services gave great satisfaction to the paper.

As an example of his energy and activity, he made one of the quickest business trips from this city to Boston on record. He had heard of an opportunity to obtain a large advertising contract, and left this city at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, reached Boston at 11 p. m., hunted up the persons he wanted, obtained his contract and was back in this city at his desk the following morning.

Mr. Masters married Miss Aletha Hagenbuch, of Williamsport, Penn., in 1877, and had lived in East Orange, N. J., for the last twelve years. He was a director of the East Orange National Bank and a trustee of the Calvary Methodist Church, in which he took an active interest. He had not been feeling well for some time and obtained a two months leave of absence from his duties. He left this city two weeks ago for rest and recuperation. His physician advised him to go abroad. He expected to return during the second week in July. Mr. Masters' wife and two children survive him.—*New York Tribune*.

Mr. Masters was a son of Parvin Masters of Millville, a brother of Howard Masters who was in the sewing machine business in Bloomsburg some years ago, and a cousin of William Masters of Millville. His wife is a daughter of Geo. M. Hagenbuch who kept a drug store here many years ago.

DEATH OF REV. SAMUEL SEARS.

Rev. Samuel Sears who a few years ago was the pastor of the Methodist Church of this place died in Philadelphia last Thursday. The funeral was held at Huntingdon Pa. last Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

Mr. Sears was remarkable for his judgment, his foresight, his integrity, his pastoral ability and as being always true to his friends. In 1889 he came here at a critical period in Bloomsburg Methodism and by tact and conciliatory methods placed the congregation on a firm basis. Through his efforts the new lot at Third and Market streets was secured, and the present new structure made possible. He had many true friends who sincerely mourn his loss.

Farmers' Institutes.

The state has allotted four days for Farmers' Institutes in this county for the winter of 1896-7. The local committee of this county held a meeting at the Court House, Tuesday, June 9, to fix the time and places of holding our farmers' institutes the coming winter. A number of places being mentioned the committee finally decided to hold one at Orangeville and one at Numidia, time selected January 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1897. The local committee consists of Chandler Eves, member of State Board of Agriculture, Daniel Bryogle, member of Pomona Grange, and Representative W. T. Creasy, member of the Columbia Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association.

G. W. ENTERLINE'S OPENING.

The opening of the Enterline restaurant last Thursday evening was a success in every way which the word means. From early in the afternoon until midnight the spacious rooms which had been beautifully decorated with cut flowers and blooming plants were crowded with people not only from this place but from adjacent towns who came to become acquainted with Mr. Enterline, and we have yet to hear of any one who was sorry that they attended.

On the second floor long tables were set in three different rooms and on these tables were arranged in a neat and attractive manner all sorts of good things to eat, consisting of chicken, beef, veal, tongue, sliced ham, chicken and potato salad, beets, pickles, bread and butter and many other things which go to make up a well supplied and set table. The enjoyment of the occasion was increased by the presence of Eiwel's Orchestra which discoursed excellent music, which the guests kept time to with the clattering of their forks. It was an enjoyable occasion and Mr. and Mrs. Enterline made a host of friends.

Among those from a distance who were present were F. J. Stegmaier, Adam Turkes Jr., Henry Oerkvitz, J. J. Donnelly, G. A. Seidler and wife, Miss Maggie Flosser and Mrs. Hannah Turkes all of Wilkes-Barre; Landlords Billy Williams and Fred Smith of Danville, J. I. Alexander of Wilkes-Barre.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Generally Observed in the Different Churches With Appropriate Exercises.

Last Sunday was a day of music and flowers at the Methodist Tabernacle. In the morning the exercises were in charge of the primary department and notwithstanding the weather was inclement there was a large audience present. The music was particularly bright and the singing and recitations of the children were appropriate to the day. In the evening the exercises were in charge of the senior department and they were unusually interesting and listened to by a crowded house. The Tabernacle was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, blooming plants and singing birds. The offering which is devoted to the education of indigent children was unusually large.

REFORMED CHURCH.

A large audience assembled in Trinity Reformed Church last Sunday evening to witness the Children's Day service by the Sunday School. Judging from the many complimentary remarks heard the exercises must have been much appreciated. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns, and it presented a neat appearance. The service used was entitled "Consider the Lilies," and it was rendered exceptionally well. Everyone on the program performed his part in an acceptable manner. The music was especially fine, and was sung with a great deal of spirit and life. Taking all things into consideration it was one of the best exercises ever given by this Sunday School, and those who were not present missed a great treat.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The services at the Presbyterian church were held in the evening and consisted of music, recitations &c. The church was nicely decorated for the occasion and the program was rendered in a manner which reflected credit to teachers and pupils alike.

The services of the Baptist church will be held next Sunday evening.

C. W. Funston now has one of the finest turnouts in this place. He recently purchased a fine horse from C. M. Creveling, and later still a Climax buckboard from C. P. Sloan. This wagon is the only one of its kind in this section and is certainly a handsome affair. It is upholstered in genuine leather with side lamps and a new design of springs. It has two seats, the back one of which is reversible so that the parties can sit facing either way, or it can be moved under the front seat thus making a single seat conveyance.

A certain merchant, when asked for an advertisement, complained that business was too dull to advertise. No one can justify himself in making such a reckless assertion. Advertise for a hypnotist to clerk in your store.

The Gilmore property on Main Street, occupied by George Enterline as a restaurant has been painted a bright red.

School Board Meeting.

A special meeting of the School Board was held last Friday evening.

The bond of W. E. Rinker, the Treasurer elect, was presented and approved.

Mr. Little, the President of the Board, made appointment of the following standing committees:

Buildings and grounds—Messrs. Townsend, Brown and Garrison.

Text books and course of study—Messrs. Brown, Townsend, Rinker and Little.

Supplies—Messrs. Garrison, Klein and Rinker.

Grievances—Messrs. Rinker, Klein and Little.

Attendance of children under the Compulsory Education Law—Messrs. Klein, Brown and Garrison.

Principal Sterner presented his final report for the last school term. The report showed that the enrollment of pupils in the public schools was over 1200. The average monthly attendance of pupils is cause for public congratulation, and justifies the action of the school authorities in making the school term nine months. The report of the principal showed also the probable enrollment of pupils in the various grades for the coming school year, and in some of the grades the enrollment will be excessively large and require the employment of one or two additional teachers. The report as to enrollment was based upon data independent of any consideration as to how it might be effected by the Compulsory School Law.

This report, which contains many matters of public interest, and especially to the tax payers, although quite lengthy in so far as it is of peculiar interest to the patrons of the school and tax payers, has been ordered by the Board to be published. An abridgement of it will soon appear in the paper.

In view of the increased enrollment to be provided for, the Board had the question of the advisability of renting one or two rooms in some part of the town for school uses, or building an addition to the Third street building, before them. While nothing definite was concluded upon, it was evident that the Board inclined to the opinion that the amount required for the payment for the renting of rooms, extra janitors services, the required provision for separate uses of the boys and girls, greatly exceed the amount of the interest that the district would pay for a permanent building for school uses, and accordingly they concluded to visit the Third street buildings and grounds on Saturday morning with a view of learning how that building could be enlarged for the required accommodation.

The public schools of our town are rapidly growing in favor—and the management of this trust, requiring an annual outlay of nearly \$20,000—is, we believe, receiving the conscientious care of the Directors whom the people have chosen to look after it.

Why is it that so many people rush into print, after the loss of relatives, with a card announcing their thanks? It does seem strange that they have to be thanked for being human.—*Exchange*.

Perhaps that is a blunt way of putting the matter, but it conveys the idea after all. People who publish cards of thanks are actuated, no doubt, by the best of motives. They are grateful for help at the time it was needed, and fearing less they should appear indifferent, they hand a card of thanks to the printer. But it is unnecessary, and is considered by some as in bad taste, for if a person feels specially grateful for a favor, he or she should see the benefactor personally and express thanks directly to them. A card of thanks is usually too general to be appreciated.

The Borough School Board of Centre is dead locked on the selection of a Secretary and Treasurer, and from present indications will remain so. A petition is being numerously signed to oust the board and have a new one appointed by court before the school term opens. The proceedings to oust the board a few years ago under the same circumstances, were delayed so long that some of the schools were closed a month or more, in consequence, and the children suffered. The locking of horns with the School Directors is not on the offices but on the appointment of teachers, so they thought best to tie up at once and end the matter.

Mr. Buckalew delivered an address on Money, at Stillwater last Tuesday evening. The meeting was well attended.

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