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THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The following circular has been issued:

To Alumni and Friends of B. S. N. S.

Every alumnus and friend of the Bloomsburg State Normal School will doubtless be glad to learn that the past year, although one of general business depression, has been one of the most successful in the history of the school. The attendance during the year has not fallen behind the high water mark of last year. The graduating class this year is considered by the faculty the strongest in scholarship and teaching ability that has ever been graduated from the school. The junior class is also one of unusual promise. There is every indication that the growth of the school and the excellence of the students next year will even surpass those of the present year.

Every effort has been made during the year to strengthen the various departments. New apparatus has been added, additional instructors have been employed and the spirit of progress has pervaded the entire institution. Some important changes and additions for next year will be announced later.

Athletics have received their due attention during the year. It is very gratifying to be able to say that the students, almost without exception, have shown in their gymnastic work and on the athletic field, a desire to develop themselves physically, rather than a desire to gain notoriety by feats of strength or agility. It is also gratifying to be able to announce that the best scholars of the school are the best in gymnastics.

Early during the past year a student's senate was organized by the body of students, and has grown throughout the year in favor and efficiency. It has done much to foster healthy public sentiment in the school, to establish self government, to abolish discipline for petty offences, and to encourage manly and womanly conduct. We feel that the success of this movement is quite a triumph for a school of this kind.

The commencement exercises to which you are invited, we trust will interest you. We would have you remember that the presence here during commencement week of a large number of Alumni and friends gives the greatest encouragement that can be given to trustees, instructors, and students, and makes them feel that their efforts to build up the school are appreciated. Will you not do all you can to show your own interest and to enlist the interest of others in B. S. N. S.?

THE PRINCIPAL.

NORMAL COMMENCEMENT.

Program for Next Week.

Saturday, June 27, 8 P. M., Annual Address before the Literary Societies.

Sunday, June 28, 3 P. M., Baccalaureate Sermon.

Monday, June 29, 9 A. M., Grand Exhibition of Field Sports. This exhibition will be given on the new athletic field.

Monday, June 29, 8 P. M., Annual Junior Exhibition. "King Rene's Daughter," the famous drama by Hertz, will be presented by members of the Junior Class.

Tuesday, June 30, 3 P. M., Class Reunion, '94.

Tuesday, June 30, 8 P. M., Class Day Exercises, '96.

Wednesday, July 1, 10 A. M., Commencement.

Wednesday, July 1, 2 P. M., Annual Alumni Meeting and Banquet.

Beer Lost.

A curious feature of the late Democratic primary was the result of the nominations for the office of County Commissioner. Although some of the candidates had almost swamped the county with beer—and some prominent saloon keepers worked untiringly to secure the nomination of their favorites, the outcome of the contest was the nomination of two most pronounced temperance men as candidates for County Commissioners. —Danville Sun.

On Saturday we found on our office desk a basket of large and luscious strawberries, and a note saying they were presented by our old friend Phineas Thomas of Cleveland township. Mr. Thomas has our thanks for the berries, and we regret that we were not in when he called. The fruit was as fine as any we have seen this season, and of most delicious flavor.

A PINK AND WHITE WEDDING.

A brilliant wedding took place at the home of Commissioner Swank, on Tuesday, when his popular and lovely daughter Gertrude was united in marriage to Mr. Edward Gould, of Scranton, on the afternoon of June 16th, at half after four o'clock.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Albert H. Smith, pastor of the Berwick Baptist Church, the Episcopal service being the form used. When the appointed hour arrived the groom with his best man, Mr. W. Oswald of this place marched to the arch, where Mr. Smith stood awaiting them. As the sweet strains of the wedding march were being sung by a male quartette the groom awaited the coming of the bride and her party.

The ushers came first, Mr. R. Lineman of Scranton, and Mr. Hartman of Wilkes-Barre. Next came the maids of the bride, Miss Mary Petty and Miss Margaret Brown, the latter of Nescopeck, attractively attired in white organdy carrying pink roses. The maid of honor was the cousin of the bride, Miss Maud Evesland, who preceded the bride, dressed in white organdy over pink, carrying roses.

The bride on the arm of her brother, Walter, was a vision of loveliness, a pronounced blonde robed in a pearl satin gown with bodice drapery of *French de Soir* and veil which was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. The bride carried a shower bouquet of roses.

After the wedding ceremony which was an impressive one, the bride and groom received the congratulations of the many friends present, there being about one hundred and fifty guests.

The collation was well served and arranged by the well known Mrs. Schmidt of Nescopeck. The decorations throughout the house were massive and artistic. The designs used were those of a New York floral decorator whose work has made him popular for its excellence and artistic finish. The mantles were banked with moss and wired roses, surmounted by ferns. Smilax being used extensively, century plants, palm, and other varieties being used to build up against the drawn window curtains. The house was darkened and the rooms were lighted with banquet lamps. The bridal table decorations were beautiful in their arrangement, a high centre floral pyramid being the design. The presents were many and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould left on the 6:58 train for Scranton where their home was in readiness for them and were a reception was tendered them on their arrival by Scranton friends. —Berwick Independent.

D. L. & W. SUMMER BOOK.

General Passenger Agent W. F. Holwill of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R. Co. has our thanks for a copy of the summer book "Summering on the Lackawanna," recently issued. It is handsomely printed, and contains numerous illustrations of places and scenery and hotels along the lines of the road, with much information concerning different places and their attractions for tourists. It also contains time tables, and how to reach various points in the United States over the D. L. & W.

The Pests.

Now that the English sparrow is without friend and considered a great nuisance another one has developed in the shape of hordes of small boys who frequent the streets for the purpose of shooting with slings and air guns. Neighboring windows have been broken and in several cases citizens and children have sustained wounds. As a rule the youthful hunters are illbred, impudent and profane. In one instance, a gentleman who ventured to expostulate with a gang of these youngsters received a shower of small shot and a fusillade of vile epithets.

No Temptations at Home.

The proper place for all children under sixteen is with their parents after dark. Too many children and parents learn this lesson when it is too late and many a young life is embittered and marred for lack of proper parental supervision. The number of cases tried in the courts would be greatly lessened if parents looked after their children instead of allowing them to seek the dangers and temptations of the streets after dark.

WHEELMEN'S DAY.

Sunday last can justly be called wheelmen's day, considering the number of bicyclists who left this town and other places. At precisely 7:30 on Sunday morning, twenty-five wheelmen might have been seen to wend their way up Iron street toward Jerseytown, Lewisburg being their destination. They presented a pretty sight in their gayly colored uniforms, and in point of numbers fully came up to the expectations of the originators of the trip. The route included Jerseytown, Washingtonville, Milton and other places, and was greatly enjoyed by all who participated, except two or three, who through unfortunate circumstances were compelled to return home before going far. Those who finished the trip were J. S. Woods, Geo. Clark, Warren Eyer, Thomas Moore, Sam Harman, P. K. Vanatta, Arthur Roan, Howard Furman, Boyd Furman, Ed. Krumm, Barton Pursel, Chas. Sterling, Thos. Vanderslice, E. J. Boone, Byron Karschner, Domer Geisinger, W. H. Crossley, Michael Shoemaker, Boyd Cadman, Geo. Low, Joe Sharpless, Jared Williams, and Boyd Evans, the latter being captain and originator of the trip.

Owing to several stops, fast time was not made, but at 11:30 the party pulled in to Lewisburg and stopped at the Baker House where they were met by wheelmen from Berwick and Williamsport, the whole making a total of 53 wheelmen. A specially prepared dinner was in waiting, and right well did they enjoy it, the spacious dining rooms being completely filled by bicyclists. Just here, however the rain began to get in its work, which somewhat dampened the occasion, and the boys began to speculate as to how they were going to get home. The rain was soon over, however, and they began to do the town, enjoying themselves in various ways. At 4:30 the start for home was made, but before reaching Milton the threatening clouds began to open and the rain was again very much in evidence. This put a stop to further progress, and they concluded to take the train for Sunbury, excepting four or five who found it necessary to be home that night. These few experienced a very disagreeable ride, but after several hours of tugging and sliding through the mud they finally reached home in a very crestfallen condition. At Sunbury the party put up at the Central Hotel and made themselves comfortable for the evening. They returned Monday morning on the train, excepting a few who took chances on the condition of the roads, and found them in very fair shape. It was truly a great trip, and long to be remembered by all who took part.

Many men think that newspaper men are persistent dunners. By way of comparison let us suppose that a farmer raises 1000 bushels of wheat a year, and sells this to 1000 persons in all parts of the country, a great portion of them saying, "I will hand you a dollar in a short time." The farmer does not want to be small so he says: "All right." Soon the 1000 bushels are gone but he has nothing to show for it, and he then realizes that he has fooled away his whole crop and its value to him is due him in a thousand little dribbles, consequently he is seriously embarrassed in his business, because the debtors, each owing him \$1, treat it as a small matter and think it would not help much. Continue this kind of business year in and year out as the publisher does, how long would he stand it? A moment's thought will convince any one that a publisher has cause for persistent dunning, and those owing for their paper should pay it at once. If all would do so, then the publisher would be a happy man, indeed, for then he, too, could pay his bills promptly and enjoy a few of the little pleasures of life.

The town is so full of bicycles that some regulations should be adopted by the Town Council concerning their use. Fast riding should be positively prohibited on all the streets in the built up portion, and bells and lanterns should be required after dark. There have been no serious accidents yet, but we have heard of a number of narrow escapes from collisions between pedestrians and reckless riders at street crossings in the evening.

The most extraordinary incident of absent-mindedness is told of a Columbia County pastor, who forgot what he was about in the middle of his prayer, and sat down. In a moment he arose, and pointing to the amazed congregation, said, "Oh! by the way, Amen."

A MID JUNE WEDDING.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was solemnized in the presence of a large congregation in St. Mathew's Evangelical Lutheran church last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock when Miss Mertie, daughter of William J. Bidleman, a popular young lady of this place, and Mr. Alden D. Catterson, of Moscow were united in wedlock. The ceremony which united them for life was performed by Rev. D. M. Buchanon, of Mauch Chunk, according to the rites of the Lutheran church of which the bride was a member. The maid of honor was Miss Bertha Kasten of East Mauch Chunk; bridesmaids—Miss Mintie Hutchins of Rock Gle., Miss Margaret Palmer of Shenandoah, Miss Belle McBride of Bloomsburg and Miss Lillian Helman of Catawissa; flower girl—Corolla Gunton; best man—Mr. David De Frehn, of East Mauch Chunk; ushers—Messrs. John Wagoner, of Selingsgrove, Freeze Quick, Samuel Beidleman and William Quick, of Bloomsburg; page—Eugene Quick. Miss Estelle Doebler, of Selingsgrove, presided at the organ and played the wedding march.

The bridal party were all beautifully attired, the bride wearing Maule Mohle over white silk and carried White Swanson tied with white ribbons. The maid of honor wore Mouselline De Soi over pink silk, with pink roses tied with pink ribbons. Miss McBride, Mouselline De Soi over blue silk, carried a bouquet of heliotrope tied with blue ribbons. Miss Palmer, green Persian silk, red roses tied with white ribbons. Miss Helman, yellow Crepe de Chene, yellow roses tied with yellow ribbons. Miss Hutchins yellow Crepe de Chene, yellow roses tied with yellow ribbons. Miss Doebler, the organist, Organdie over white silk. The flower girl carried a basket of roses and she and the page were dressed in pure white.

The friends of the bride had beautifully decorated the church and her home on Railroad street with flowers and blooming plants. Immediately after the wedding ceremony a reception was held at her home, at which time elegant refreshments were served. The presents received were numerous and costly. The wedding tour includes Philadelphia, for which place they left on the 4:17 train on the D. L. & W. Railroad.

Their many friends hope for their continued prosperity and that their life may be one of continued happiness.

BEISHLINE—THOMPSON.

The home of Miss Christina Thompson at Williamstown, Pa., was the scene of a very pretty home wedding on Tuesday morning at six o'clock when Rev. B. C. Conner, of this place, pronounced the words which united for life, Mr. Leonard F. Beishline, proprietor of the Exchange bakery, this place, and the above named young lady. The wedding was strictly private, and was witnessed by only a few immediate friends.

After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served and the bridal party took the first train for Bloomsburg arriving here at 2:36 P. M. The bride is one of the most accomplished young ladies of her native place having been one of its most popular teachers, and has a host of friends who wish them a long and joyous life, which but echoes the sentiment of Mr. Beishline's friends in this place. They will occupy rooms in the L. T. Sharpless building.

A Sunbury man recently discovered a new and effective way of keeping his bicycle tires tight by filling them with whiskey. He told his secret to a friend who gave it to the temperance people, and they in turn have published it broad cast over the land. Served him right, he should have kept his secret to himself.

Who ever did a real kindness for another without feeling a warm glow of satisfaction creep into some shady corner of the heart and fill it with sweetness and peace? It is like the placing of a bunch of violets and mignonette in a buttonhole, where their perfume may be deliciously perceptible all day.

July 4th will be a quiet day in Bloomsburg as no arrangements have been made for any public demonstration. Washington Catap No. 319 P. O. S. of A. will attend the celebration in Catawissa, where extensive preparations have been made for a big time.

We devote an entire basement to the display of trunks, telescopes and traveling bags.

—Some People Pay—

Whatever merchants choose to ask. Others haggle over prices. Shrewd buyers do neither; they read advertisements and know the market price. They come here and invariably buy because values at this store are standard for first class goods, the only kind we sell. The men's and boy's suits that we sell for \$5.00, \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00 should not be confused with the many quoted at same figures. Our's are exceptional. They're goods that belong to higher priced families but are reduced because sizes cannot be matched and we're preparing to do our fall buying.

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