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THE FOURTH AT CATAWISSA.

Last Saturday was a red letter day in the history of Catawissa. Some time ago the P. O. S. of A. of that place determined upon having a celebration that would be in keeping with the importance of the occasion, and an honor to the Town and the organization. Accordingly invitations were extended to neighboring camps and the day found delegations present from Bloomsburg, Beaver Valley, Montana, Centralia, Mainville, Newlin, Roaringcreek and other places.

The parade was formed at 1:30 P. M. and was ably marshalled by Major I. H. Seesholtz. In addition to those already mentioned there was present representations of other organizations and all together about three hundred men were in the parade. The line of march included the principal streets, and the dwelling houses and business places along the same were beautifully decorated with the National colors. The address was delivered by Rev. Snyder, of Espy and was appropriate to the occasion. The Camp of this place presented a fine appearance and were highly complimented.

WOODCOCK IN SEASON.

The woodcock season opened last Saturday and several of our hunters took advantage of the holiday to indulge in their favorite sport.

Messrs. R. W. Oswald, C. Watson McKelvy, C. W. Funston, H. G. Esleman and A. Z. Schoch spent the day at Coles Creek as the guests of Thomas E. Brown and succeeded in killing twenty-two of these toothsome birds.

H. H. Grotz and D. C. Pursel spent the day up the creek and Mr. Grotz returned with nineteen to his credit.

W. B. Allen, J. R. Schuyler, J. A. Hess and William Rush put in the day at White Hall and returned with thirteen woodcock and one plover as the result of the days work.

W. H. Snyder Esq., H. B. Low and Joseph Fleckenstine composed a trio of hunters who spent the Fourth near Orangeville and succeeded in bagging twenty woodcock.

HOW IT WAS OBSERVED.

Bloomsburg was practically "dead to the world" on Saturday. Except by the small boy and his red coated fire cracker the Glorious Fourth passed by unobserved. It was probably the quietest Independence Day ever experienced here, in respect to organized celebration, though the explosion of crackers and other devices was inspiring in its noise and generalness. There was a great exodus to Catawissa where the P. O. S. of A. had an immense celebration.

A handsome Bible was offered as a prize to the organization having the largest number of men in the procession which was captured by the Camp of this place. Quite a number of family picnics were held and some fine works were displayed by private parties.

EMMITT-MASTELLER.

A beautiful marriage took place on Thursday June 25th at 5:00 P. M., at the home of William Masteller in Hemlock township, Columbia Co. Pa. The high contracting parties were Mr. Wellington C. Emmitt and Miss Mary E. Masteller both of Hemlock township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Brandt, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Bloomsburg. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served. About sixty guests were present, mostly the nearest relatives and friends. The couple has the best wishes of all for a long, happy and prosperous life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PIONERS.

Last Thursday the St. Paul's and the Presbyterian Sunday Schools held their annual picnics. The former in Low's grove, and the latter in the grove on the opposite side of the river. They were conveyed thither in omnibuses and cabs and had a nice outing. The Mission Sunday School celebrated the fourth of July by holding a picnic near East Bloomsburg.

The Rorer club composed of Miss Mira Moyer, Laura Moyer, Martha Moyer, Helen Chrisman, Pauline Wirt, Sara Seesholtz, Helen Billmeyer, Edith Miller, Gertrude Miller, Mary Albert and Lois Sloan are spending a two weeks outing in the Deer Lick Cottage on Maj. Vance's farm in Orange township. The party chaperoned by Miss Mary C. Vance.

LUTHERAN SERVICES.

The Lutheran church was crowded last Sunday morning with an interested audience who had met to listen to the initial sermon of Rev. M. E. McLinn, the recently elected pastor. Mr. McLinn comes among us with an enviable reputation as a pulpit orator which he fully sustained upon this occasion. He selected as his text the 12th verse of the 15th chapter of John, "This is my Commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." His theme was Love and he handled the subject in such a manner as to convince every one present, that he was a preacher of rare ability. He is an eloquent, logical and forcible speaker, of commanding presence, and has an unusual command of language. His illustrations were grand, his gestures appropriate and impressive and he is a worthy successor to the former pastor. We bid Mr. McLinn and his family a hearty welcome to our beautiful town.

A BRAVE ACT HONORED.

The widow of Harry Reese, of Shamokin, received a communication last week from the U. S. War Department inquiring whether she will receive a medal struck off by order of Congress in honor of her husband's bravery in firing the under-ground mine before Petersburg during the rebellion, and she has signified her pleasure at this recognition of one of the heroes of the great struggle.

When the Federal army, while lying before Petersburg, had undermined one of the Confederate forts and arranged a powder mine to blow up the outposts, the powder failed to explode and a volunteer was called for to enter the opening and ascertain the cause. Lieutenant Harry Reese, a young and fearless anthracite coal miner, responded promptly and after finding where the fuse had burned out, he relit it and crawled out of the narrow opening just as the mine exploded, and the fort and many of its defenders were blown to atoms.

Chinese Cards.

A pack of Chinese playing cards is a genuine curiosity. They are generally printed in black on thin cardboard, the average width being about that of a finger of a human being. In some cases they are only half an inch broad and about three and a half inches in length. The length, no matter what the size, is always at least six times that of the width. Some of the packs have queer representatives of our "kings," "queens" and "knaves" stamped upon them in black. Others are decorated with the figures of animals, birds and fishes. Those used by mandarins and high officials bear only figures of mythological creatures.

Watch This Swindler

A young man who claims to be a tea selling agent has swindled a number of women in nearby towns, and as he may be coming this way it behooves Bloomsburg women to be on the lookout for him. The scheme is to persuade the lady of the house to buy a pound of tea at 80 cents, promising to give her a parlor lamp as a premium. He also sells tea at \$1.35 per pound, with which he promises to give in addition to the lamp a smaller one. The gifts, he says, will arrive by express the following Saturday. The women he has duped are still looking for the premiums.

Different Makes of Bicycles.

Examination of a list of various kinds of bicycles made in this country, compiled by an expert last year, give 850 different names. It is true a number of the companies placing these wheels on the market own and sell more than one kind, but it is also true that a large number of bicycles are not named at all. In February last there was 1,144 different kinds of wheels made and registered in this country. In other words within three months time 300 new makes of bicycles were placed on the market.

A home paper is in no sense a child of charity. It earns twice over every dollar it receives and is second to no enterprise in contributing to the up-building of a town or community. Its patrons reap far more benefit from its columns than does the publisher, and in calling for the support of the people of the community in which it is published it asks no more than in all fairness belongs to it, though it generally receives less.

BLOOMSBURG THE WINNER.

Seven thousand people witnessed "Grover" the celebrated trotting horse of Aurand & Son of this place captured the \$200 purse in the 2.27 class at Hazleton last Saturday. He came in first each heat. The time was 2.30, 2.31, 2.29 1/2.

The one mile bicycle race was won by Jack Harvey of Berwick, in 2.34 with Bert Herbine of this place second in 2.35. Mr. Herbine's friends however claim that it should have been a dead heat. The three mile handicap was won by Herbine in 7.42. Inasmuch as Mr. Herbine is scarcely more than a novice in riding, his defeating the champion of the County is considered something wonderful. We expect to hear from him at our race meet in August.

You own Your own Walk.

Judge Clayton, of Delaware county, recently, in charging a jury in a case in which the rights of the sidewalk were the bone of contention, laid down the law in reference to pavements in such a manner as to clear up some of the points as to which there has been much apprehension. He said: "The owner of real estate also owns the sidewalk in front of his property, subject to the rights of pedestrians to use it for traveling back and forward, but out side of this he owns the sidewalk as much as any other part of his property. It cannot be used for roller skating or a play ground for children or other purposes without his consent. If it is, he should first order them to leave, and if they refuse he may lay hands gently upon them, and if they resist, he may use as much force as necessary to remove them, but no more."

Just a word to church goers, that if heeded will make things much more pleasant. Having entered a pew, move along; do not block up the end of a pew as if you did not intend to have anybody else enter it or as if you were holding it for some special friends. Do not rise to let others in, but move along and leave the pew invitingly open, so that they may know that they are welcome. If a pew holding five has four in it, do not all rise and file out in formal procession to let one poor, lone scared woman to go to the other end, but move along and let her take the seat next to the aisle.

Always patronize the people who patronize you. Buy your goods from your home merchant. Don't buy from traveling agents. Your own store-keeper has his money invested, and is always there to accommodate you, late and early, Fall and Winter, Spring and Summer, in warm weather and cold, wet weather and dry, storm and sunshine. Keep your money at home. Look over the advertisements in your home paper, and you will never be at a loss to know where to go to get what you need.

A festival in the interest of the Zion Church will be held in the grove of Mr. E. M. Laubach, Forks, on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, July 25th. An address will be delivered in the afternoon, and the Mandolin Club, a company of musicians from Catawissa who will be camped in the grove at this time, have agreed to furnish the music for the occasion. Supt. Leader will be asked to have the trains stop at the grove on that day.

The following letters are advertised July 7, 1896. Mr. Alexander Bittler, W. G. Bittenbender, Miss Pearl Bowman, Miss Eva Coleman, Miss Lillie Gillick, Miss Dora Huber, Mr. Henry Miller, Mr. Harvey Miller, Bruce Ploch, Ralph J. White (3). Will be sent to the dead letter office July 21, 1896.

J. H. MERCER, P. M.

The viewers who were appointed by the court to assess damages to property owners for the grading of West street, Bloomsburg have made their report. Mrs. Delilah Sterner is awarded \$575; J. L. Wolverton \$350 and Mildred Mears \$75. At a former view Mrs. Sterner was awarded \$1500 and J. L. Wolverton \$800.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society is in session at Bellefonte. It is one of the most important ever held in the history of the society, not only in its clinical and literary features, but also in these matters which relate most intimately to the practice of dentistry in the state of Pennsylvania.

Frank Baum has opened a grocery on West Third Street.

A SUGGESTION.

Sir: There are, no doubt, several gentlemen in Bloomsburg having sets, more or less full and complete, of the *Congressional Globe*. Notwithstanding what has been said in derogation of it, it is a valuable publication, and ought to be put where it may be readily accessible, and where it may have a permanent place.

I know of no better one than the "Bloomsburg State Normal School." I believe the library contains some volumes and I suggest that the School librarian ascertain the volumes and sets on their shelves and whether they desire to complete such sets as may be lacking or imperfect; and then to those gentlemen who can furnish volumes to fill up what are needed to do so.

The history of the legislation of the country is very important, and there is no place where these volumes can be more valuable and useful than in the Normal Schools; and I hope Bloomsburg may be in the lead in such a work. I will cheerfully furnish what I can for so excellent a purpose.

Very respectfully,
JOHN G. FREEZE.

Farmers say that the hay crop this year has been very poor, and that cattle will not suffer with overloaded stomachs. Some farmers claim that the hay is too short to stack, and that it must be piled in heaps like tooth-picks. Hay cutter manufacturers will therefore suffer. One farmer claims that a grass hopper could stand on his hind legs and see all over the field, and that June bugs must get on their knees to hide from each other. We wish some of those farmers lived in town and had to keep a lawn short with a big lawn mower. There must be a difference between town and country grass.

Benton was crowded last Friday evening with people who came from all sections of the County to participate in the opening of the McHenry house. Although the weather was warm yet this did not deter the guests from having a royal time. From early in the evening until the next morning the large three story building was crowded with people. For those who desired to dance good music had been provided and the spacious hall was constantly filled with these merry makers. Every one went away pleased with the treatment they had received from the proprietor, Mr. B. C. Long.

The mosquito may be all right in his place, and we have no objections to his existence if he plys his vocation in regions removed from our nocturnal abode. We dislike being bored, particularly if the intruder draws blood. Like the foot-pad the mosquito has the advantage. He works in the dark. When he lights on our face, we fear to smack at him for fear he will think it applause and come again. If he has thread on his proboscis, wait patiently till his hind legs have described several circles, and you have your victim - if you strike before he unscrews himself. The lance beak variety is non-destroyable.

Every time we see a group of idlers talking about the money question, we smile and grow philosophical. It is bad enough that money is hard to get, but it is worse to waste time complaining about it. The only solution to the difficulty is to work, or commit suicide and create a muss in the family. A country may adopt a good or a bad financial policy, but if you are lazy, no financial system in the world will make you prosperous. Loafing is as easy under a silver standard as under a gold one. Get to work, and in the language of Chimmie Fadden, "stop chewin' de rag."

A shekel of gold was \$8. A firkin was seven pints. A farthing was seven cents. A talent of gold was \$13,809. A talent of silver was \$53830. Ezekiel's reed was nearly eleven feet. A cubit was nearly twenty-two inches. A bin was one gallon and two pints. A mite was less than a quarter of a glass. A shekel of silver was about fifty cents. A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents. A Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile. An ephab, or bath, contains seven gallons and five pints. A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-fifth miles. A ha's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches. A finger's breadth is equal to one inch.

A concrete pavement is being laid in front of the residence of George Yost on West Second Street.

Folks who expect to travel will find our trunk and valise department very interesting.

Summer Stocks

must be cleaned out regardless of profit. All men's and boy's straw hats at one-half price. Summer suits at from one-third to one-half under regular prices. Hot weather wearables here in great variety. Golf and bicycle suits, hose, belts, sweaters, &c.



They Couldn't Write.

A young couple in Clearfield county were unable to sign their names to a marriage license last week and had to use X instead. They were both born and raised in the county and their families had been residents of the county for the last half century. Pretty rough on the educational facilities of that county. They need compulsory education badly out there.

A Novel Invention.

A lazy individual has invented a device for automatically feeding his horse, and this he has done by means of an alarm clock. He has found that his horse wants to be fed at a time when he is in bed, and this has been arranged for by connecting the alarm with a slide, which allows the grain to run through a chute into the manger.

Social Events.

A dance was held at the Club House on the evening of the 3rd inst. Mrs. J. R. Schuyler entertained a party of young people last Saturday evening, in honor of her guest, Miss Bonsall.

Miss Edith Reber gave a party last Monday evening, for her friend Miss Reese.

Improvements at Gidding & Co's. Clothing Establishment.

Upward and onward seems to be the motto with Gidding & Co. Every season brings new improvements. A fine new match board floor, a new ceiling and a new office are among the ones for this season, and will no doubt help beautify their handsome store room.

The wearing of lapel buttons, political and otherwise, promises to become the ruling passion, and will probably be a strong rival with the bicycle. Soon a man's coat, vest, shirt and trousers will be ornamented with artistic buttons, showing his social, religious and political preference.

The appearance of the residence of Ellis Cox has been greatly improved by the application of paint.

Potato Bugs Plenty.

Complaints are rife in rural communities that the pestiferous potato bug is this year getting outside of his legitimate business of eating up potato plants and has taken to trespassing on tomatoes. Of these he eats the leaves with as good appetite as he ever exhibited in his old field. When the tomato plants are near the last year's potato patch the ravages are worse, but the bugs seem to find them when several fields intervene. The usual remedy is applied with success: Sprinkle the plants with water in which Paris green is dissolved in the proportion of one teaspoonful to a gallon.

Fourth of July Sermon.

Last Sunday being the Sunday following the anniversary of our national independence, in the morning at 10:30 Rev. C. H. Brandt preached an appropriate sermon in the Trinity Reformed Church. His subject was "Liberty, and how to use it." In the evening at 7:30, Licentiate L. M. Fetterolf, pastor-elect of the Mainville charge preached. Both services were largely attended.

After a suspension of several days the masons have resumed work on the Methodist church. The suspension was caused by a wreck which occurred on the Pentecost Lumber Company road which prevented the delivery of stone. The stone are now hauled by a donkey engine from the quarry to Central. The locomotive which was smashed up in the wreck will be repaired as soon as possible.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen will hold their second annual meet on or about August 5th. W. S. Rishton has been elected President, and Frank Ikeler Esq. Secretary. Live men have been appointed on the several committees and it is the intention of the organization that this meeting shall be more successful if possible than the former one.

T. L. Smith left Bloomsburg on his bicycle last Saturday morning at four o'clock for Scranton. After resting two hours at Wilkes Barre he reached Scranton at twelve o'clock, making an average run of ten miles an hour. He came home Monday on the cars.