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A NARROW ESCAPE.

Dr. Andrew Graydon and his Father Narrowly Escape Death.

An accident which might have cost two lives happened last week Wednesday evening in the narrows along the Pennsylvania railroad below Catawissa. Dr. Andrew Graydon, and his father, Dr. William Graydon, who were returning from a visit at Judge Hinckley's at Roaringcreek had reached a point in the road above mentioned when the old gentleman's hat blew off and the horse was stopped until he went for it. Whilst awaiting his return the son left the buggy, standing at the horse's head, and allowing it to eat the grass along the road side. The public road at this place is located about twenty-five feet above the railroad and is separated from the same by a railing. A train was heard approaching but as the horse had never frightened at the cars little attention was paid to it, but the horse began to show signs of fear and reared and plunged lifting the doctor off his feet and carrying him nearer the embankment. Being on the lower side next the moving train and being unable to control the animal any longer he let go his hold to save his own life, when the horse plunged down the embankment toward the train, carrying the buggy with him. Just as the horse and rig were going down the Doctor was horrified to see clinging fast to the saddle of the harness his father, who had approached unnoticed and was trying to stop the horse. "Let go, father, let go, you can't stop him" cried the Doctor, and fortunately the warning was heeded and he fell, lodging in the undergrowth about half way down, the buggy, passing over him as the horse plunged head foremost into the ditch only a few inches from the revolving wheels of the train, and never moved afterward. After the train passed the Doctor assisted his father up the bank, then made a hasty examination of the horse which had an injury on the forehead and a neck broken, whether from being struck by the cars or other object not known. The buggy was a complete wreck.

The Doctor and his father then walked to Catawissa and came home, the trackmen taking care of the turnout. It was a narrow escape and the blowing off of the hat probably saved their lives, otherwise they would have been in the buggy and probably thrown under the cars. The elderly gentleman received a severe shaking up, otherwise sustained but a few scratches.

Prizes for the Bicycle Meet.

The contract for the prizes for the Bicycle Meet, to be held here Aug. 5, was awarded to J. E. Roys, jeweler. These goods were judged upon their merits by an expert judge of diamonds and the jeweler furnishing the finest diamonds at the lowest price was given the contract.

The prizes consist of the following:
 First prize, 2 mile lap; diamond stud, price \$35.00.
 Second prize, 2 mile lap; diamond cluster pin, price \$25.00.
 Third prize, 2 mile lap; solid gold vest chain, price \$10.00.
 First prize, 1 mile open; diamond pin, price \$35.00.
 Second prize, 1 mile open; diamond stud, price \$25.00.
 First prize, 1/2 mile open; diamond ring, price \$35.00.
 Second prize, 1/2 mile open; diamond pin, price \$20.00.
 Third prize, 1/2 mile open; seal ring, price \$10.00.
 First prize, four county championship; diamond ring, price \$25.00.
 First prize, 3 mile handicap, diamond stud, price \$35.00.
 Second prize, 3 mile handicap; diamond ring, price \$25.00.
 Third prize, 3 mile handicap; diamond cluster scarf pin, price \$15.00.
 First prize, club handicap, solid seal ring, price \$10.00.

Russel, little son of Owen Singer of this town, died last Saturday morning at the home of his grand parents near Stroudsburg, Pa. The little fellow and his mother went down a few weeks ago on a visit and last week he was taken sick, caused by the intense heat. He was aged almost ten years. Funeral services and interment at Coolbauch's Cemetery, Monroe county, on Tuesday last. Russel had been afflicted with spinal affection for the past five years.

The Jackson and Woodin Manufacturing Company have contributed \$300 to the twin shaft relief fund.

THE RESTAURANT OPENED.

In accordance with notices published and invitations issued the Grand Restaurant was formally opened to the public last Thursday evening. The spacious rooms were crowded from early in the evening with people not only from this place but the adjoining towns as well. Three thousand clams were used to satisfy the hunger of the crowd together with bread and butter, pickles &c., all of which were furnished by Mr. Fowler free of charge. The numerous waiters and assistants were kept busy supplying the demands of the people and all present pronounced the opening a complete success.

State Sabbath School Convention

The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, of which Hon. John Wanamaker is President, will hold its thirty-second annual convention at Carlisle, Oct. 13-15. Delegates to the convention are appointed by County Sabbath School Conventions, or by their Executive Committees. Counties having more than 100,000 population are entitled to 20 delegates each; other counties to 10 each. This gives 760 delegates for the entire State. Mr. Wanamaker will preside at the convention and give the annual address. Governor Hastings will speak on the evening of the 13th, and a number of the best Sabbath School workers of the country will take part in the exercises. The general secretary, Rev. C. J. Kephart, of Annville, will send a copy of the program to all who apply; they will be ready to mail October 1st.

Horse Sense.

An old horseman says: "Now that fly time is approaching those who have charge of horses can save a great deal of annoyance by a single remedy. When you go to the stable in the morning, take with you a sponge and a pail of cold water. Wash the eyes and heads of your horses, and make them as clean as you would like your own face to be when you appear at the breakfast table. Did you ever notice that flies are continually buzzing around the heads of horses in hot weather? There is a cause for it, and the cause is that the heads of the horses are dirty. Try the simple remedy, and see if good results do not follow." If the operation doesn't keep the flies off the washing will be a good thing for the horses at any rate.

Bicycle Racing at Berwick.

On Saturday afternoon, August 15, 1896, the Berwick Bicycle Club will hold their third annual race meet at the Berwick Fair Grounds. A large comfortable grand stand will seat all. The track is one of the finest in the State and is very "fast." The State mile record was made on this track last year, and exceptionally fast time will be made this year as some of the best "push" of the State will take part.

The following are the events: One mile novice, one-half mile open, two mile tandem race, one mile open, one mile for Berwick riders, two mile handicap, one-half mile boys (under 16 years), three mile handicap.

"Keep It Out of the Paper."

That is the cry which the local publisher daily hears. To oblige often costs considerably; though the party who makes the request thinks the granting scarcely worth saying thank you for it. A newspaper is a peculiar article in the public eye. Young men and young women as well as older persons, perform acts which are legitimate news items for publication and then rush to the newspaper office and beg the editors not to notice their escapades. The very next week they condemn the same paper for not publishing the act of another party, forgetting apparently, their late visit to the printing office.—Ex.

A Serious Accident.

Charles Whitnight, an employee of the School Furnishing Company, who is employed on a rip saw, was struck with a piece of lumber last Thursday afternoon and seriously injured. The lumber caught the saw and flew back with great force and struck him on the breast. The force of the blow rendered him insensible, and at first it was thought he was killed. Subsequently he recovered consciousness and was removed to his home on West Third Street.

The Bloomsburg Car Company is building an addition to their office.

A FATAL ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVERTED.

Last Saturday about dinner time the people who happened to be on the streets were startled by the information that N. P. Moore, a Justice of the Peace, of Buckhorn, had been run into by a train on the Bloomsburg & Sullivan rail road and killed at the crossing at Rail Road Street. Subsequent investigation proved that these rumors were false, and the facts in the case were substantially as follows: Squire Moore who had been in town transacting business started for home between 11 and 12 o'clock accompanied by his grand-daughter, May, daughter of C. H. Moore of East Third Street. He descended the hill and before he was aware of the fact he was on the railroad track with the 11:40 passenger train in close proximity to him. Several parties who were at the crossing at the time called to him that the train was coming, but before he could stop the horse it had crossed one of the rails with the train only four feet from him. Quick as thought he wheeled his horse around. He succeeded in clearing the track, but the buggy was overturned, throwing the occupants into the gutter and within a few feet of the moving train. The little girl escaped unhurt, but Mr. Moore sustained severe cuts on his head and face, had his hands badly scratched and struck the stones with such force that he was rendered unconscious. Willing hands picked him up and carried him over to the home of Levi Cox. For a time it was thought he was dead, but he subsequently recovered consciousness. Dr. Gardner was immediately summoned, the wounds dressed and after a time he was removed to his home. It was a very fortunate ending, of what might have been a serious accident, as had he been thrown further down he would have fallen under the moving train and been killed.

LOOK OUT FOR THESE.

Two new counterfeiters of United States silver certificates have been discovered by the Treasury Department. The first is a one dollar, series of 1891, check letter C, signed by J. Fount Tillman, register, and D. N. Morgan, treasurer, and having a portrait of Stanton. The second is a five dollar, series of 1891, check letter B, signed by J. Fount Tillman, register, and D. N. Morgan, treasurer, and having a portrait of Grant.

These counterfeiters are printed from etched plates are very poor productions. The portraits, lathe work and small lettering especially are bad, being much blurred and indistinct. The paper is also poor; a few pieces of silk thread have been distributed through it. The most careless handler of money, it is said, should readily detect the counterfeit notes.

Working Twelve Hours.

Since the Flexible Door and Shutter Company have moved their factory from Worcester, Mass., to the School Furnishing Company's plant, in order to keep pace with their orders they are obliged to run the factory twelve hours. In order to perform the work fifteen new pieces of machinery are required, which are about placed in position, and employment will be given to an additional number of men. The product of this factory not only includes flexible doors, but partitions, steel clad fire proof doors, curtains, ventilating school wardrobes, &c.

Might Have Been a Bad Fire.

But for the effective work of the Centralia Fire Department, our sister borough might have had a costly fire Wednesday night of last week. The out kitchen of C. B. Spurr on Locust Avenue, caught fire but was outened before much damage was done. The citizens were very much alarmed and feared that there would be a repetition of the fire which destroyed Irvin and Fortner properties some time ago.—Mt. Carmel Item.

Crops in the County.

Farmers state that the wheat yield in this county this year will run from a third to a half a crop. The lack of rain during the spring months is given as the cause for the shortness of the crop. The hay will run about half a crop. Most of the grain is now harvested and stored in the barns. The farmers say their wheat crop is the poorest in years, but that the potato yield will be immense.

The Gas house is being enlarged and otherwise improved.

School Board Meeting.

A special meeting of the Directors of the Bloomsburg School Directors was held in the High School Building last Friday evening, with all the directors present.

The Committee on supplies reported bids for coal for the ensuing year as follows:

H. V. White, Plymouth Pea coal \$1 80
 Stove, \$3 25
 P. G. Miller, Pea coal.....\$1 90
 Stove.....\$3 35
 W. R. Kocher, Pea coal.....\$2 00
 Stove.....\$3 50
 Mr. White being the lowest bidder was awarded the contract. A letter was read from W. W. Evans who had been elected a teacher, resigning said position. Resignation accepted.

A petition was then presented praying that Miss Alice Edgar be reinstated to her old position in the Third Street School. It had been previously decided that a male teacher is required in consequence of the large number of pupils attending that building, probably about 600. Applications for the position were read from several, when after a number of ballots were taken H. C. Moyer was elected to fill the vacancy at the same salary as before fixed. Bids were received for school supplies from J. W. Moyer, J. H. Mercer, W. H. Slate and Hess Brothers. The latter being the lowest bidders by \$10 were given the contract.

A number of bills were presented and directed to be paid, after which the meeting adjourned.

THE LANTERN PARADE.

Next Tuesday evening the lantern parade will be given and it is expected to be the best ever held in this town. Scores of Bloomsburg riders, including ladies and the celebrated Benner Boys will enter and the adjoining towns will send delegations. The parties in charge of the arrangements state that the hour for starting would be eight o'clock and that the parade would form in the neighborhood of Sixth and Market Streets.

Mountain Grove Camp Meeting.

On account of the Methodist Camp Meeting at Mountain Grove August 5th to 13th 1886, the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will run special trains between Sunbury, Hazleton and intermediate points and sell excursion tickets from Wilkes-barre, Tomhicken, Williamsport, Mifflinburg, Mt. Carmel and intermediate points August 3rd to 13th inclusive, good to return until August 14th 1896 inclusive.

Last Sunday was debt paying day at the Methodist Tabernacle. Owing to the prosperity which has attended the labors of the missionary society of that church, the society have incurred an indebtedness of \$220,000 which they were anxious to liquidate and consequently all the pastors were requested to take a special offering for this purpose. A neat amount was received by this congregation.

This evening at 7:30 J. M. Gidding & Co. clothiers will give away the Pony outfit consisting of Pony, Cart, Harness, Whip, etc. So many thousands of people are interested in the Pony that there is no doubt that a great crowd will throng and crowd the front of their establishment on the above stated evening.

Our common schools are of the people's most valued heritages. They are the nurseries of our future rulers, lawmakers, professional, business men. They are the fruitful orchards wherein are planted the twigs that become our men and women. They must be carefully watched, faithfully guarded. No more important duty develops upon the individual or the civic organization than the guardianship of our common schools.

When land is badly infested with wire worms, cut worms, root borers, etc., plow the land, then plow again late in the fall, after frost appears, following by another plowing early in the spring. By so doing the land will be kept loose and the insects and other enemies which remain in the ground for next year will be destroyed to a large extent.

There is an item going the rounds to the effect that the proper method to keep apples is to wrap them in old newspapers so as to exclude the air. The Lynn Item adds this: "The newspaper must however, be one on which the subscription has been paid in full, or dampness resulting from what is dew (?) may cause the fruit to spoil."

It's a Big Thing

To be believed in this era of exaggeration, but honesty of word and deed can have no accuser. For a number of seasons we've been making these end of the season special sales. They are commercial tonic. Not a cure for accumulated stock, but a preventive of it. You never see any old styles here.

New Autumn HATS

will be shown on Saturday. The "Amphion," the best \$2.00 stiff hat we know of is included in our line this season and will be shown on Saturday. We are sole agents.

YOUNG'S famous New York hat is shown by us only. Autumn styles now ready.

The suits for men and boys are fast disappearing under present price. We're not asking one penny of profit on any man or boys' suit here, but this state of affairs will last but a short while, or until our fall clothing commences to arrive; then regular prices. Straw hats at one-half price.



Printing Office Etiquette.

A lady asks us whether etiquette requires one to knock at the door of an editor's sanctum before entering. We hasten to reply. If you are coming to pay your subscription or bring in a nice, juicy item of news, don't stop to knock, but just walk right in as if you owned the place. If, on the other hand, you are out on a collecting tour, you should make the fact known through the window, and then knock at the door until the editor opens it. You may sink down from exhaustion before he does so, but you will be adhering to the printing office etiquette that is bound to please the average editor.—Ex.

The Canton Sentinel says the despised English sparrow has come to the rescue of many of the farmers in this immediate vicinity, whose fields have been attacked by the destructive army worm, and has been doing good in destroying the pests. The sparrows hover about the fields in great numbers and devour hundreds of the worms. In some cases they become so gorged they can hardly fly.

Henry Deighmiller, of Hemlock township, while plowing new ground last week, found a turtle upon the shell of which he had cut his initials in 1860, when he was seventeen years old. The same turtle was found by Mr. Deighmiller's son Will in 1886, when he was just seventeen years of age, and at which time he too cut his initials on the turtle's shell.

The 6th Reserves, known in the military service as the 35th Pa. Infantry will hold their thirteenth annual re-union in this place on Thursday August 27. Co. A. of this regiment was raised in this county and called the Iron Guards. The regiment was originally commanded by W. W. Ricketts and later by Col. W. H. Ent.

The appearance of the house of Charles Hassert on East street has been greatly improved by the application of paint, as has also that of C. W. Miller on the same street. Louis Gross has caught the fever and he has the painters at work on his house on the same thoroughfare.

One of our liverymen in noting the increase in the number of bicycles in this place of late, says about all the use there is now for a liveryman is to haul the people to the cemetery when there is a funeral. There was a time, he said, when there was money in the livery business, but that was before the age of bicycles.

With the bicycle girl, the riding girl, the rowing girl, the seashore girl, the hunting girl, the fishing girl, the foot ball girl, the fencing girl, the graduate girl, the new girl and the old summer girl, the youth of to-day can make no mistake if he gives them all the go-by and clings to the good, old-fashioned home girl.

At a meeting of the North and West Branch Telephone company held in Sunbury, M. H. Kulp, of Shamokin, was elected president and C. M. Clement, of Sunbury, secretary. This line will cover nearly all the towns in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Lycoming and Clinton counties.

The Girton Reunion of 1896 will be held in the Hess Grove at Rupert, one mile below Bloomsburg, on the 13th of August. If it rains on this day it will be held on the 14th. This is to be a social, and all the Girtons and their relatives are respectfully invited to attend.

WM. G. GIRTON, Pres.

At the annual election of the W. C. T. U., Tuesday evening, the following were elected officers: President, Mrs. Agnes Smith; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Dinsmore; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. Whary; Treasurer, Mrs. William H. Slate.

Last Tuesday evening the band gave a serenade on Market Square which was enjoyed by a large concourse of people. The music was fine and rendered in an excellent manner. Under the new management it is rapidly gaining an enviable reputation.

The County Commissioners last Friday entered into a contract with the King Iron Bridge Company for the superstructure of an iron bridge over Raven Creek. The consideration was \$525.