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THE LANTERN PARADE.

Last Tuesday evening the streets were crowded with people, not only from this place but from all the surrounding country as well, to witness the second annual lantern parade of the Bloomsburg wheelmen. Promptly on time, the procession led by the band started, and they marched over the following route: Up Market to Main, down Main to West, out West to Fourth, out Fourth to Market, down Market to Fifth, out Fifth to East, up East to Main, down Main to the fountain, around the fountain and up Main to the Town Hall. While the parade was not as large as last year, yet the decorations were fine and showed great skill on the part of the people who prepared them. As the procession passed the fountain it was reviewed by Dr. J. P. Welsh, James C. Brown and George S. Robbins, who had been selected as judges to decide the disposition of the prizes, and they awarded them as follows:

The first prize, which consisted of a gold watch was awarded to D. E. Hughes and F. S. Nagle, who had four bicycles bound together and over which was constructed a trolley car. It was a unique affair and showed great skill on the part of the designers. The second prize which consisted of a fine mantle clock, which had been contributed by Hess Bros., was won by James Dennis, who in a very able manner represented his Saticanic Majesty. The third prize which consisted of a gold mounted pump, presented by West and Holgate, was won by W. S. Rishton, who had his wheel decorated in an original manner to represent a "Gold Bug." The fourth which was a search light lantern, presented by Mr. Smith, manufacturer of the "Stormer" bicycle, was easily won by Master Fred, son of H. D. Edgar. There were numerous other wheels which were finely decorated, among which might be mentioned that of Mr. Karl Wirt, which was adorned with sixty-four lanterns, and he would undoubtedly have captured one of the prizes had they not caught fire on Fourth street, between West and Market. The citizens of the town entered into the spirit of the occasion and many of them decorated their homes and places of business. The decorations at the Exchange Hotel were unusually fine. As it was, every one had a jovial time, and it was pronounced a success.

They Were All Pleased.

The recital in the Methodist Tabernacle last Friday evening by Miss Grace V. Correll, who has been studying at the Emerson College of Oratory in Boston, was enjoyed by a fair sized and appreciative audience. Miss Correll has a sweet, clear voice, and as an elocutionist she can command the attention of her hearers. Her selections were well chosen and showed her versatility to a marked degree. Her performances throughout were excellent and were deserving of a much larger audience.

The entertainment opened by a quartette composed of Misses Hattie Ringrose, Myra Shutt, Messrs. Ed. Ent and Frank Eyer. Miss Correll's first selection entitled "Free Grace and Dym's Love," was fine. Among her others were the following: "My Ships," "One, Two, Three," "Mr. Travers' First Hunt," "Queen Anna Cottage," Delsarte movements, and others, concluding with a pantomime, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," sweetly accompanied by Miss Hattie Ringrose. Ed. Ent, in his inimitable way, charmed the audience by singing "The Holy City."

Special Council Meeting.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held last Thursday evening for the purpose of taking some action in regard to widening West street, between First and Second. After discussion an ordinance was read and adopted to widen said street to the width of forty-six feet, and in lieu of Stephen Knorr throwing out a certain number of feet of ground, the Town will pay him fifty dollars and lay a pavement along his property.

The Paragon Plaster & Supply Co. sent in a request asking Council to exempt them from taxation for a period of ten years, which upon motion was granted.

This is the season of the year when the man who never accumulated a hundred dollars at one time in his life can tell you all about how to regulate the finances of the nation. He is numerous and to be found on every curbstone and in every bar-room. He is religiously opposed to work. Verily, we are a nation of financiers.

THE PONY OUTFIT GIVEN AWAY.

Last Thursday evening a large crowd congregated in front of the Clothing Store of J. M. Gidding & Co. to ascertain who had been the lucky person who held the winning ticket which entitled them to the pony and cart. Last March they announced that with every dollar's worth of goods purchased they would present the purchaser with a ticket entitling to a chance on the outfit, and the drawing would take place on that evening, by a little girl blind folded who would draw from the large sealed box twenty one tickets and the twenty-first number would be the lucky one.

Promptly at the appointed time the bright eyed little daughter of W. L. Demaree, the lumber merchant, was lifted into the large show window which contained the locked chest, which was opened by W. O. Holmes, and in the presence of the judges, A. H. Bloom, W. O. Holmes, J. C. Rutter of the Daily, W. L. Eyerly of the COLUMBIAN, and an immense crowd of on lookers, the drawing commenced. While the numbers were being drawn one could have heard a pin drop, so interested was everyone. The numbers were passed to each of the judges who deposited them in a hat and then came the twenty-first draw which was 16,119, and the one to whom belongs the entire outfit consisting of pony, cart, harness and belongings; up to going to press it was not claimed, but no doubt the owner will turn up as soon as they read of it in the papers. Everything was conducted in a fair and impartial manner throughout and Gidding & Co., deserve the credit of having had one of the best advertisements that has ever been in this town. The holder upon bringing the lucky number, 16,119, to their store can drive away with the pony outfit.

DEATH OF HIRAM W. THORNTON.

Information was received here last Monday morning that Hiram W. Thornton known to many of readers died at the Montour House, Danville, last Sunday evening about eight o'clock, after an illness of two weeks. He was born in Bloomsburg, a son of the late James Thornton, and resided here until he went to Danville where he was the manager in the Baldy Dry Goods store for many years or until the firm broke up. Mr. Thornton then went west and finally came back to Danville about a year ago and has been holding the position of clerk in the Montour House.

The deceased was aged about sixty-six years, a brother of James Thornton of this town and of William and Thomas, and father of Frank all deceased.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon after which the body was brought here on the 2:36 D. L. & W. train and interred in Rosemont Cemetery.

Leg Broken.

William Lora, of the firm of Lora & Baker, bottlers, is laid up with a broken leg. He was returning from delivering a load of bottled stuff at Slabtown, accompanied by Jacob Fisher. As they drove up the hill this side of Morris' hotel Mr. Lora gave the horse a cut with the whip, and the animal plunging suddenly forward tipped the seat backwards, throwing both Lora and Fisher out of the wagon, and then ran away. Mr. Fisher was cut about the legs and had an arm bruised, but not seriously, while Lora had evidently been struck by or caught his leg in the wheel, as it was badly splintered between the knee and ankle, being fractured in two places. The horse was caught at Casper Hower's, but Mr. Morris sent the injured man home with his hotel team. Dr. B. F. Sharpless was called in and reduced the fractures, and says that William has a two months' job on his hands.—News Item.

A N & W INDUSTRY.

The Paragon Plaster and Supply Company which for a long time have been doing an extensive business at Scranton have opened a branch in this place. The building formerly occupied by Charles Krug as a planing mill along the D. L. & W. railroad has been purchased, and is now being put in proper condition for the manufacture of their goods. W. J. White and Cressy & Wells have joined the company and it is the intention to push the plant to its fullest capacity.

"Politics makes strange bed-fellows," and never more strange than this year.

WILLIAM H. SWENTZEL DEAD.

William H. Swentzel died at his home on West Third street on Sunday at half past twelve p. m., aged sixty years and seven months.

The deceased was born in Clarion county, Pa., and when a young man came to this county and worked on a farm above Light Street until he was married when he moved into the village. When the war broke out he volunteered and enlisted in the 2nd Pa. Corps for three years. He was shot through the knee and ever after was a cripple. Upon his return from the war he shortly afterward moved to Bloomsburg and entered into the employ of the Iron Dale Company and remained with them twenty-two years, since which time he has been dealing in fruit, &c. The deceased was a good citizen, active and industrious. He was twice married and was the father of six children, three of whom with his first wife are dead; the surviving members of the family are the two sons Sheridan and Roy and their step-mother.

Mr. Swentzel was the oldest member of the Order of American Mechanics in this section, and was also a member of the Union Veteran Legion.

His wounded leg has been bothering him for some time and to it is attributed his death.

Funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. B. C. Conner Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock and interment in Rosemont Cemetery. The Order of American Mechanics attended in a body.

A BOOM FOR CATAWISSA.

Additional Freight to be Run Over this Division—The Boom to Start Next Week.

Catawissa has never suffered for want of rumors regarding the P. & R. R. R. If matters in street corner discussion become stagnant, one could go over to the other end of the river bridge and whisper any sort of story to one of the bridge timbers concerning some proposed boom on the Reading, and before he could run back to the Penn'a R. R. crossing his story would be under discussion by every group of people on the street.

But we have something authentic to offer this week. There is a boom in store for Catawissa, and it will start next week, when six additional freight trains will be run over this division of the P. & R. R. R. The freight will consist of the through soft coal and coke, for Tamaund and the main line. It will, of course, be run by through crews, but additional pushers will be located here, and additional yard and shop hands will be needed.

The P. & R. "transit," carrying Superintendent B. F. Bertolet, Assistant Superintendent and Engineer J. S. Ward, Master Mechanic G. S. Allen and Assistant Trainmaster M. A. Bertolet, arrived here on Monday afternoon, and they came over to arrange for the transfer. Superintendent Bertolet remarked, "Well, we start a boom for Catawissa next week." One of the officials remarked, "We must start it gradually; we can't do it all at once."

Of course rumors as to the final outcome are thicker than candidates in harvest. The substantial evidence of better times will be welcomed by our people.—News Item.

A Free Scholarship.

The State Normal School of this place in February offered \$500 in tuition for the best advertisement of their school and its advantages as an educational institution. This competition was to expire Aug. 1, but has been extended until Aug. 25.

Here is an opportunity which is seldom offered for some one of our bright boys or girls to receive an education. Who will take advantage of it?

The COLUMBIAN again reminds its Democratic readers that every vote cast at the caucuses next Saturday will be recorded at the county convention in favor of the candidate before whose name their first choice is indicated. Individual votes count—not only in your own election district in the naming of delegates, but also in the direct naming of candidates for office. So see to it you are at the polls, and that you vote as you please, not as some one else wants you to.

The Catawissa News Item sagely says that between the army worm and the candidates the farmers will not get lonesome.

BICYCLE MEET.

The second annual bicycle meet of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen was held at the Fair Ground, yesterday afternoon. Never in the history of this place had there been such a gathering. The town was crowded, and it appeared almost like Fair time. It was a success because the following named gentleman had the matter in charge.

OFFICERS.

Referee: C. M. Price, Scranton, Pa.
Judges: R. S. Swayze, Berwick, Pa., C. W. Funston, Bloomsburg, Pa., A. D. Knapp, Williamsport, Pa.
Timers: Samuel C. Brown, Bloomsburg, C. W. McKelvey Jr., Bloomsburg, M. L. Schram, Danville, Pa.
Scorer: A. W. Duy, Bloomsburg.
Starter: G. P. Ringler, Bloomsburg.
Clerk of Course: W. S. Rishton, Bloomsburg.
Asst. Clerk of Course: W. H. Eyer, Bloomsburg.

Umpires: David Tasker, Bloomsburg, C. H. Hagenbach, Bloomsburg, Charles Kesty, Bloomsburg, Harry Achenbach, Bloomsburg.
Announcer: S. H. Harman, Bloomsburg.

The following was the results.

FIRST EVENT. One Mile Novice 1st, Pair M. W. Tires, \$12, H. C. Jewell, B. W., Bloomsburg. Second, bicycle suit, \$7.50, Walter Leibenguth, Jeansville, Third, search light lantern, \$5.00, A. G. J. Roth, C. W., Laurys. Time, 2:37.

SECOND EVENT. One-Half Mile Open. First heat, 1st, Chas. W. Krick, P. W., Reading. 2nd, F. P. Galtler Jr., W. W. C., Williamsport. 3d, Chas. Coleman, W. S. W., Scranton. Time, 1:12.

Second heat.—1st, Guy A. DeWitt, Wilkes-Barre. 2d, R. W. Crouse, M. W., Allentown. 3d, H. F. Keller, S. R. W., Scranton. Time, 1:11.

THIRD EVENT. Boys Race (under 16 yrs. of age). First, Gents Furnishing Goods, \$5.00, Will McMichael, B. B. C., Berwick. Second, Bicycle shoes, \$3.00, Geo. Harry, B. B. C., Berwick. Third, Cyclometer and bell, \$2.50, J. S. Rinkiner. Time, 3:28.

FOURTH EVENT. Two Mile Lap Race. First, Diamond Stud, \$35.00, Chas. W. Krick, P. W., Reading. Second, Cluster Scarf Pin, \$25.00, John B. Corser, M. W., Allentown. Third, Watch charm or fob, \$10.00, Ralph Gregory, S. R. W., Scranton. Time, 5:04.

FIFTH EVENT. Benner Bros., Phila. SIXTH EVENT. Special Race to Beat Track Record of 2.20. Gold Watch, \$25.00 1st, C. W. Krick, 2nd, E. S. Youse, 3rd, B. F. Keller. Time, 2:13.

SEVENTH EVENT. Two Mile Four County Championship, (Columbia, Luzerne, Luzerne, Montour.) First, Diamond ring, \$25.00, F. P. Galtler, Jr., W. W. C., Williamsport. Second, Fountain pen and traveling bag, \$12.00, J. N. Harry, B. B. C., Berwick. Third, Silver Mounted Umbrella, \$5.00, E. L. Van Valkenburg, W. S. W., Pittston. Time, 5:52 1-5.

EIGHTH EVENT. Final Heat One-Half Mile Open. First, Diamond ring, \$35.00 C. W. Krick. Second, Scarf pin, \$20.00, R. V. White. Third, ring, \$10.00, C. E. Coleman. Time, 1:05 4-5.

Ninth Event.—Club Handicap, 1st, ring, \$10.00, H. C. Jewell, B. W. 2nd, Shaving set, \$5.00, B. F. Pursell, B. W. 3rd, Bicycle sundries, \$2.00, Boyd Furman B. W. Time, 2:25.

Tenth event.—One Mile Open. First heat, 1st, R. L. Arner, A. W., Allentown. 2nd, J. C. Henderson, W. E. W., Lewistown. 3rd, R. W. Crouse, M. W., Allentown. Time, 3:12 4-5.

Second heat.—1st, Chas. Krick, P. W., Reading. 2d, J. N. Harry, B. B. C., Berwick. 3d, Chas. Coleman, W. S. W., Scranton. Time, 2:29 4-5.

Final heat.—1st, diamond pin, \$35. Chas. Krick, Reading. 2d, Diamond stud, \$25, R. L. Arner, Allentown. 3d, Dress suit case, \$10.00, R. W. Crouse, Allentown. Time, 2:15.

Last Event.—Three mile handicap. 1st, Diamond stud, \$35.00, Robert S. Riker. 2d, Diamond ring, \$25.00, Ralph A. Gregory. 3d, Diamond scarf pin, \$15.00, E. S. Youse. 4th, Pearl handled pen, \$5.00, Robt. V. White. Time 7:11.

Owing to several inquiries and a general misunderstanding among many people as to the builder of the Trolley Car which won first prize in the bicycle lantern parade last Tuesday evening, we would say that Daniel E. Hughes of Espy, is entitled to the distinction of having built the outfit. The manner in which it was gotten up, and the fact that it weighed less than 250 pounds, reflects very much upon the mechanical ability of Mr. Hughes. The decorations, etc., were performed by F. S. Nagle, W. H. Bittenbender, William Greenwalt. It might also be stated that work on the car was not commenced until 11 o'clock on Monday morning, and at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening it was on its road to Bloomsburg.

Last Saturday evening officer Culp in endeavoring to capture an unmuzzled dog was severely bitten in his finger and hand by the animal. The wound was immediately cauterized and as the dog was not suffering from any disease no serious consequences are anticipated.

A. M. E. CAMP MEETING.

Colored campmeeting will open at Rupert Grove on August 12 and will continue for ten days, under the direction of Rev. H. Johnson. All are invited. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged on Sundays. Able preachers will be in attendance.

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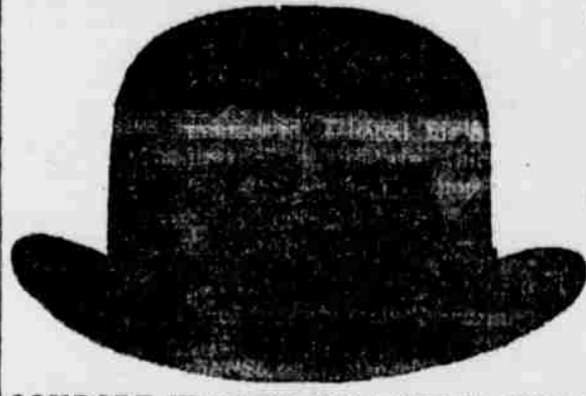
BUSY STORE even in this supposed to be dull period. The shelf emptying harvest is here. He or she that can resist the temptations offered is bargain bullet proof. We're absolutely clearing out every article of summer clothing at positive cost rather than to carry it over to another season. \$9 and \$10 men's suits at \$5 and \$6. Elegant fine black, sack or cutaway suits of \$15 quality are \$10. Boy's and children's suits are \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.50 that sold for \$2.00, \$2.75 and 3.50.

Cool things such as crash, duck, linen, serge or flannel coats, or coats and vests, 50c. and upwards. Reduced prices now—trunks, traveling bags and valises—complete variety.

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IT WAS A SUCCESS.

The excursion which W. C. Camp No. 319, P. O. S. of A. took to Vailmont Park last Saturday was a success in every particular. Six hundred and sixty tickets were sold and the D. L. & W. railroad company landed them at the park in good time and without an accident. The day was a perfect one, and not only the committee who had the matter in charge but the officials of the park did every thing in their power to render the trip a pleasant one. The band made many friends in the Lumber City by reason of the fine music they discoursed.

Mrs. Mary J., wife of Jesse Hicks, died at her home on West Second street, Saturday evening at eight o'clock, after having been confined to her room for the past four weeks, afflicted with paralysis. Mrs. Hicks was a most estimable woman, and was highly respected by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband and three sons, Webster of Orangeville, Mahlon of Berwick, and William of this town.

Funeral services were held at the house, by Rev. B. C. Conner, of the M. E. church, Tuesday morning at nine o'clock, and interment was in the Berwick cemetery.

There was a large exodus to the people of this place to Mountain Grove this week. Among the number who have tents there are M. J. Hess and family, George W. Hess and family, A. B. Heller and family, Clark Brown and family, Mrs. Clarissa Peacock, L. N. Moyer and family, Rev. B. C. Conner and family, Miss Mary Reichart, Frank Cavane and family, Mrs. Maria Hess, Mrs. K. C. Ent, Miss Flora Skeer, Clark Reichart and family, H. G. Supplee and family, Mrs. Robert Young and S. D. Neyhart.

Mrs. Sarah Seip died at her home in Light Street, July 24th, after a lingering illness. She was a sister of Mrs. Philip Fritz, Mrs. M. M. Hicks, Mrs. J. R. Robbins of the same place, Mrs. Wm. Hughes of Hazleton, John Stahl of Wilkes-Barre, and William of Centre. She was an estimable Christian lady and died in the hope of a blissful immortality. She will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Susan Funston, widow of the late John Funston, died at her home on West Second Street, last Thursday morning at about three o'clock, aged eighty one years. The deceased had not been in good health for some time, but was able to be up and about until ten days ago.

Mrs. Funston was born and raised in Bloomsburg, a daughter of Eddings Barkley, deceased, and after marriage resided at Muncy, Lairdsville and in Virginia. At the latter place her husband died, about fifteen years or more ago, and then Mrs. Funston came to Bloomsburg to reside.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. M. Patterson of the Presbyterian church, Saturday afternoon, and interment in Rosemont Cemetery.

The Lutheran congregation were pleased to have Rev. Manhart in his old place in their pulpit on last Sabbath morning, and to listen to an earnest discourse on the theme of the Deaconess work in the church. He talks with his old time energy and plainness. He left for Espy Sabbath afternoon to talk on the same subject for Rev. Ruple of that place.

Mrs. Rachael Ale, wife of Henry Ale, of Mt. Pleasant, died Sunday night at ten o'clock, aged about eighty years. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. John Oman and was well and favorably known. Funeral services Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, and interment at Kitchen's cemetery.

Regular preaching services on next Sabbath morning at 10:30 in the Lutheran church, by the pastor. In the evening there will be a special service of song—singing by the choir and congregation, with explanation of hymns by the pastor. All are invited.

W. R. Krick came within a seconds of smashing the State record, making one mile in 2:13. This race was run for a \$25.00 gold watch donated by J. E. Roys, jeweler, and was a very exciting race.

A freight train on the D. L. & W. ran over a man at Northumberland last evening and cut his head off. He was a tramp and in attempting to steal a ride missed his hold and fell beneath the cars with the above result.