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HURLED TO HIS DEATH.

Thomas Evans Contractor For The Stone Work Of The New Methodist Church Is Thrown From A Scaffold And Killed.

Thomas Evans of Danville who had the contract for the stone work of the new Methodist Church was last Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock thrown from a scaffold a distance of about thirty feet from the ground and sustained injuries from the result of which he died a short time afterward. The stone which are used in the building of the walls are drawn up by means of a lifting apparatus and Mr. Evans had gone on the scaffold to arrange a guy line which in some manner had become misplaced. He caught hold of the rope and the strain on it caused it to suddenly lurch upward and outward throwing him to the ground. Willing hands immediately picked him up and carried him to his boarding house on the opposite side of the street. Drs. Brown and Reber were immediately summoned and it was discovered that his left leg was broken at the ankle, and his right foot at the instep. In addition to this he had sustained serious internal injuries. The physicians immediately set to work, and it was found that the bones in his instep had been crushed fine and it was necessary to remove them in pieces.

While the doctors were at work it was noticed that he was growing weaker and he finally expired. He was aged about sixty-two years, and leaves to survive him three sons and three daughters who have the sympathy of the community in their peculiarly sad bereavement. Mr. Evans was a contractor of extensive experience had done considerable work in this section, among which was the tower on the Episcopal Church, and by his kindness had endeared himself to all his employees. His body was removed to his home Monday evening, and the funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Y. P. S. O. E.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of Pennsylvania will be held this year in Scranton, Oct. 6, 7, and 8th. The Scranton Union and the state officers are putting forth every effort to make this the best one of the ten. They should receive the hearty co-operation of every society in the state. Especially should the societies in those counties near the convention city feel a responsibility in this matter.

The societies of the Bi-county Union composed of Montour and Columbia counties, in having the convention so near, are favored with an opportunity for attending that may not come to them again in many years. Every society should send at least one delegate and as many more as possible.

Police and Bicycles.

Some time since the Town Council passed an ordinance requiring all bicycle riders to have a bell on their wheels. Comparatively little attention was paid to the ordinance and the Council determined that the law should be enforced, and consequently instructed the policemen last Saturday to arrest any one found riding a bicycle without a bell. Several persons were arrested and fined. It is the intention of the authorities to enforce the ordinance, and our wheelmen should govern themselves accordingly.

The thirteenth annual re-union of the survivors of the Sixth Regiment P. R. V. C. is being held to-day, at the Exchange Hotel. There was a reception at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Knights of Malta Hall, and a camp fire will be held in the Opera House at 8 o'clock in the evening. Banner suspended across the street from Moyer's drug store to the hall show that they were engaged in sixteen battles.

A short time since D. R. Coffman moved from the corner of Fourth and West Streets to William Ferguson's house on South Market Street. He likes the locality so well that he has purchased the property.

The shirt factory at Benton is about to resume operations. New machinery has been purchased and the entire plant given a thorough overhauling.

Ground has been broken for the erection of a parochial school opposite the Catholic church at Centralia.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A Special Meeting. Nuisances Reported and Time Extended for the Payment of Taxes.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held at the City Hall last Thursday evening with President Holmes and members Rawlings, Kocher, Brobst and Kunkle present. The Town engineer was upon motion authorized to purchase a car load of sewer pipe.

The question of the payment of taxes was discussed, and upon motion the time for the payment of the same was extended thirty days from the 20th of August.

Upon motion the secretary was instructed to draw an order in favor of the D. L. and W. railroad company for \$3.25 freight on spalls.

The attention of the Council was called to several nuisances which were being maintained in the town, and requested to take the necessary steps to abate the same. The following were complained of. The water closet on the premises occupied by Miss Phillips on Market street; the pig pen of Charles Lee on Iron Street; the cow stable of Charles Nuss on Eighth Street, and the water closet on the property of J. D. Shaffer at the corner of Seventh and Catharine Streets. The Street Commissioner was directed to notify the above named parties to abate said nuisances at once, and upon failure to do so, the Town would act in the matter at the costs of the parties.

The Council was requested to put in a sewer on North Street, and upon motion the Street Commissioner was directed to lay it as far as the house of J. H. Maize.

W. A. Evert Esq., asked for a building permit to erect a frame house on East Third street, which was granted.

The condition of the pavement in front of the residence of J. S. Wilson, on Market Street was complained of, and the Street Commissioner was directed to notify him to raise his pavement to grade. He was also instructed to notify the owners of the Sanitarium property to immediately put their pavement in proper condition, or the work would be done by the Town and twenty per cent added to the cost thereof.

T. J. Vanderslice appeared before the Council and stated that the viewers on the opening of Jefferson Street had awarded him \$780 damage, but as he considered the amount too small he had taken an appeal to the Court. He considered that he had been damaged to the extent of \$1600; but as he did not desire litigation he was willing to settle upon the same basis as the Brugler claim was settled. The matter was referred to the committee on finance.

Joseph Bidleman, on behalf of J. R. Schuyler appeared and claimed \$21.55 damage by reason of the gutter on Iron Street becoming stopped up, and the water running into the cellar. There being no other business council adjourned.

SOCIAL DANCE.

An impromptu dance was held in Evan's Hall last Thursday evening by a number of the young people of this place. The music was by Elwell's Orchestra. Among those from a distance who were in attendance were Misses Ella and Bertha Myers, Misses Blanche and Minnie Goldsmith, Miss Clara Hoffman, Miss Cora Dreifuss, Miss Emma Smith, Miss Stella Gross and Miss Gertie Goldsmith of Danville, Miss Kahler, of Williamsport, Miss Springer, Miss Rose Cohen, Miss Gorman and Miss Steinman, of Wilkes-Barre, Miss Beckley, of Harrisburg, Mr. Allgier, of Mt. Carmel, Mr. Samuel Weil, of Philadelphia, Messrs. Charles and Herbert Dreifuss, of Danville.

BAND CONCERT.

On Saturday, Aug. 29th, at 8 P. M. the Bloomsburg Band will give a concert at the corner of Main and East Streets.

PROGRAM.

Overture, "Barber of Seville," Rossini.
Waltz, "Moonlight on the Hudson," Andrew Herman.
Grand Potpourri, "Songs of the Old Folks," Bennett.
Polka, "La Cinquanteine," Waldteufel.
"Star Spangled Banner."

Dr. M. J. Hess has sold his large bay horse to C. H. Kline, agent of the Adams Express Company.

ARGUMENT COURT.

Thomas B. Hanly Esq., Resigns as District Attorney and John G. Harman Esq. Appointed. New Court Rules Adopted.

An Argument Court convened Saturday afternoon at four o'clock with President Judge E. R. Ikeler on the bench.

In the estate of Samuel Renn deceased, Margaret C. Warner was appointed guardian of Hattie and Phineas, minor children of said decedent.

Specific performance of contract was directed in the estate of Mary L. Neal deceased with Mary M. Krug.

The resignation of Thomas B. Hanly Esq., District Attorney was filed and accepted by the Court, and John G. Harman Esq., was appointed to fill the unexpired term. The same day he took the oath of office and entered upon the discharge of the duties thereof.

Kate Cook vs. Charles Cook. Libel in Divorce. Petition filed and subpoena awarded.

J. C. Rutter Jr. was appointed guardian ad litem of Sydney K. Warner, Helen, intermarried with Harry S. Wilson, and Laura Warner, minors over the age of fourteen years, and Charles and Nellie Warner minors under the age of fourteen years, children of Florence Warner deceased.

The following order of the Court was made in accordance with a petition presented and read by J. G. Freeze Esq., and signed by the members of the bar.

"Whereas by an order of the Court of July 22nd 1892 it was ordered and directed that after the month of August 1892 the first Monday of each and every month shall be a return day, for the return of writs and processes of every kind as provided by law and the rules of the Court."

"Now for the relief of the Judges, the greater regularity and convenience in the transacting of the current business of the courts, and for the abolition of the heretofore frequent and irregular sittings, we pray the court to order and establish the following rule of Court, to wit:

"And now, August 22, 1896 it is ordered that the several courts shall sit at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the first Monday of each and every month for the hearing of arguments, motions and petitions, and for the transaction of all such current business as is not required by act of assembly, to be done at a regular term of court.

"And it is further ordered and directed that an Argument Rule Book shall be kept, in which Counsel, desiring Cases to be heard, shall, on the next preceding Return Day, enter a Rule for Argument; which said Rule shall be sufficient notice to the opposite party in all cases where the party upon whom the rule is entered is in court; said Rules to be entered by the Prothonotary on his docket."

For Men and Women.

The meeting in Y. M. C. A. Tent next Sunday will be addressed by Rev. J. C. Hogan, of Forest City, Pa. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Columbia County W. C. T. U. and will be at 3:30 o'clock instead of 2:30. Mr. Hogan is well known through the state as a public speaker and we are sure that every man and woman in town would like to hear him. Remember the meeting is for men and women.

Mr. H. O. McHenry of Benton has invented a very useful appliance that must yet come into prominence upon the markets of the country. It is nothing more or less than a button fastener or holder, a simple contrivance to prevent the tearing out of buttons on men's pants and overalls. Owing to the frequent complaints of buttons tearing out made to him while selling pants and overalls, Mr. McHenry set himself about devising some means to remedy the defect, resulting in his inventing a simple, practical and durable contrivance for that purpose which he has had patented. It is certainly a meritorious invention, and we trust Mr. McHenry may reap a munificent reward for his invention.

Samson Townsend an old resident of Light Street died last Saturday morning at the residence of his son J. H. Townsend. He had been sick for a long time and his death was not unexpected. He was about eighty years of age and is survived by two children, Harry, and J. H. Townsend. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and the interment in the cemetery at Light Street.

NORMAN J. HENDERSHOTT DEAD.

Norman J. Hendershott died last Friday morning at his home on Main Street aged fifty-nine years, six months and twenty-six days.

A few months ago he was stricken with paralysis and had so far recovered from it as to be able to walk around. Upon the morning above mentioned, and whilst still in bed, he had another stroke, and although he had the best of medical attendance he grew weaker and weaker until about 11:30 when he died. He is survived by a wife, who is a daughter of John K. Grotz, who has the sympathy of the community in her bereavement. For many years Mr. Hendershott conducted a drug store in the building now occupied by George A. McKelvey, but during the recent years he has lived a retired life. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at four o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Steen of New York City, who was visiting Rev. J. Rockwell at Coles Creek, the rector of St. Paul's church of which deceased was a member being away from home. Mr. Hendershott was a son of the late J. W. Hendershott, and a brother of Mrs. H. W. Sloan of this town, and of Albert Hendershott and Mrs. A. B. Jameson of Washington.

LOCKED OUT.

The Farmer's National Bank for several days last week transacted business under considerable difficulty. Wednesday of last week the door of the vault which is operated by time locks failed to open at the usual hour, and after several ineffectual attempts to open the same, an expert was sent for who arrived from Stamford, Conn., last Thursday evening. For several days he and A. C. DeSheppard, a locksmith of this place, worked on the same and it was not until Sunday night that an entrance was effected, which was done by making an opening in the wall of the vault which enabled them to get at the inside of the door. The lock out was caused by the "dogs" not working properly.

P. S. Harman, G. Snyder, C. B. Ent, L. Gross and D. A. Creasy composed a party of Bloomsburg gentlemen who recently took in the excursion to Atlantic City. While there they went out fishing, and besides getting wet they got a barrel of fish, which were sent home and distributed among their friends. We are indebted to Mr. Snyder for a delicious five pound weak fish.

Professor John Hamilton, deputy secretary of Agriculture and director of institutes, has just issued a bulletin giving the dates and places of the farmer's institutes for the session of 1896-7.

They will be held in Columbia County as follows: Numidia, February 17-18th. Orangeville, February 19-20th.

The following letters are advertised Aug. 25, 1896. Miss Lizzie Hine, Mr. James Hughes, Mr. John R. James, Mr. T. C. Kressler, Mrs. Julia Klein, Mr. George Masteller, A. D. Miller. Cards. Charles H. Ernest, W. M. Stephens. Will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 8, 1896. JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

Women claim that it is hotter in kitchens than it is in offices. Probably it is, but one can't lounge around an office regaled in a mother Hubbard wrapper and a paper of hair pins and instruct your servant that you're not at home.

The evenings have shortened considerably, and it is now quite dark at half-past seven. Those who have been growling at the warm weather may console themselves by the thought that winter will soon be here.

A brick pavement has been laid in front of the Sloan land on Seventh and Market Street. It is a greatly needed improvement and is a convenience to the people residing in that part of the Town.

The internal arrangements of the Columbia Steam Laundry have been altered by the removal of partitions &c. This makes more room which is needed by reason of their rapidly growing business.

The Exchange stable is being connected with the sewer. This is a much needed improvement and will render the alley which is extensively traveled fit for the use of pedestrians.

Summer goods at one-half prices. Straw goods below cost. Serge coats below cost. Balbriggan underwear at cost.



Special Neckwear Sale at 23 cents.

Have received our fall line of YOUNG, STETSON, HOPKINS and our great AMPHION \$1.90 hat.

J. M. Giddings & Co. ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS, HATTERS & FURNISHERS BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Of Interest to "Old Vets"

General Mulholland, the United States pension agent at Philadelphia, has issued a letter in which he directs attention to the act of congress, approved August 23, 1894, requiring fourth class postmasters to administer oaths to pensioners and their witnesses to pension vouchers. This will be a great convenience to thousands of pensioners throughout the country, as, in many cases, they are obliged to travel several miles to reach a justice of the peace.

Bad roads are due partly to lack of judgment on the part of road overseers. It is a responsible position, and the farmer is more interested in the proper qualifications of such an official than in any other, for upon the condition of the roads largely depends the profit from farming. Transportation of farm products over country roads is an enormous annual expense, and much greater than the amount paid as taxes on state and county.

Miss Anna Kinney died at the home of her mother near Bowman's Mill last Monday. The funeral services were held in the Methodist tabernacle yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and were conducted by her pastor Rev. B. C. Conner. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church and fully identified with all its interests.

It is the custom of young children to go up on the scaffolding on the new M. E. Church when the workmen are not there. Fortunately none of them have broken their necks yet, but they will do so before the church is completed unless they are restrained. Parents who are not looking for a funeral should forbid their children to go in the building.

The lunch and ice-cream social in Laubaugh's grove on last Saturday evening passed off very pleasantly. Owing to the threatening aspect of the weather, the attendance was not so large as it would otherwise have been. The sum of \$25.00 was netted. We desire to express our appreciation of, and thanks for the liberality of those who so kindly aided us by their donations and patronage.

COMMITTEE.

How to Remove a Fishhook.

The angling season being well on, the usual number of mishaps will occur with the fishhook. When this accident happens the hook, it not too deeply imbedded in the flesh, may generally be removed without surgical aid. If the hook is fastened in the hand cut the line from the hook, turn the point upward and push it through as a needle would be in sewing. If the hook has a broad end or eyes nip this off before attempting to remove it. Do not try to draw the hook out backward, as the barb will lacerate and inflame the flesh.

Enlarging the School House.

The Board of Directors of the Conyngham township school district are building a large addition to the school house at Locust Dale, which will add very much to its capacity and convenience. When it is finished, and the whole building painted it will be one of the best looking township school houses in the region.

An exchange remarks that the man who gets the fewest letters complains the most of the post office; the man who complains of the preacher pays the preacher the least; the man who complains the most of his neighbors is the meanest neighbor and the man who has the least sense is the most conceited. It may also be added that the man who borrows his neighbor's paper has the most fault to find with the way it is run.

The campmeeting which has been in progress at Rupert for ten days under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church, came to a close last Sunday. Several good speakers were present and the exercises were unusually interesting. The attendance on the closing day was very large, special train having been run over the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

William E. Edgar a prominent citizen of Fishingcreek township died at his residence Monday afternoon after a short illness aged about fifty years. His wife survives him. The funeral services were held in the Christian church at Stillwater Wednesday afternoon.