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## A DIABOLICAL PLOT

An Attempt to Blow up the Residence of L. E. Waller Esq. Five Hundred Dollars Reward Offered.

The citizens residing in the neighborhood of Fifth and Centre Streets were aroused from their slumbers last Friday morning about 3:15 o'clock by hearing an explosion that was not unlike a clap of thunder; some even imagining that an earth quake had visited us, and still others surmised that an engine had exploded. Indeed the noise was so loud as to awaken people residing even in remote sections of the town. Many of them remained awake awhile and hearing to no further alarm retired to sleep, and it was not until morning dawned that many of them learned of the nefarious business that had been going on while they slept.

The people who lived in the immediate neighborhood however arose, dressed themselves, and started to investigate the matter, when Mr. Charles Campbell who resides on the opposite side of Fifth Street discovered that an attempt had been made to blow up the house of Mr. Waller. Mr. Theodore Garrison who resides on the opposite side of Centre Street joined him and together they discovered that smoke was issuing from in under the large veranda in front of his residence. Mr. Waller who had been awakened by the explosion and concussion appeared at the window and inquired as to the cause of the disturbance and upon being informed, came down with a light and it was discovered that the joist, roof, gable and some of the posts of the large veranda had been shattered, and that the windows in the first floor fronting Fifth Street as well as two fronting Centre Street had been utterly demolished. In addition to this, there was a large hole in the wall at the left of the front entrance to the house and an old chair which was highly prized as a relic (having belonged to William Hurley Esq.) deceased, and which was on the porch had been hurled to the street and broken almost beyond recognition. Several windows in the house of Mr. Garrison on the opposite side of Centre Street were broken and a watch was stopped by the concussion as were the clocks in the house of Mr. Waller. They stopped at the hour of 3:15 which showed the hour the explosion took place. The strange part of the whole transaction is the fact, that whilst Mr. Waller and family heard the noise and felt the jar, yet they never imagined it was their house. This is accounted for by the fact the explosion which it is supposed to have been a large dynamite cap with a slow fuse was placed on the floor of the veranda next to the wall and having no solid foundation the force of the explosion was downward and outward and the noise was carried from them to the street. Several dynamite caps and fuse were stolen the same night from the stone quarry of C. P. Armstrong and that leads to the supposition as to the explosive used. It is evident that the motive of the fiend was to do bodily harm to Mr. Waller as the explosive was placed under his bedroom window and he was only foiled in his diabolical scheme either through a want of proper knowledge of explosives, or for want of time, as had it been placed on a solid foundation in all probability it would have utterly destroyed the house. Miss Agnes Garrison says that in addition to the report at 3:15 she heard two others, one about 12 o'clock and one about two, but as they sounded like the discharge of a gun no attention was paid to it. Mr. Waller and family are to be congratulated upon their escape and it is to be hoped that the wretch will be apprehended and brought to justice. A special meeting of the Town Council was held Saturday afternoon with all the members present. President Holmes stated that the object of the meeting was to take some action looking toward the apprehension of the party who attempted to blow up the residence of Mr. Waller. Upon motion of Mr. Gorrey, seconded by Mr. Richards it was resolved to offer a reward of Five Hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the party; and this action meets with the hearty approbation of the taxpayers.

It may save trouble later on for such parents as have been derelict in the matter of sending their children to school, to bear in mind that Pennsylvania now has a compulsory education law that is in full force and effect.

## I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

A Successful Dry Goods Firm which has been Continuously in Business for Nearly Half a Century.

BloomSBurg has a reputation throughout the entire State for having some of the finest and best equipped stores to be found within its borders and among these the dry goods store of I. W. Hartman & Son at the corner of Main and Market streets is in the front rank. I. W. Hartman who is the senior partner, commenced business in BloomSBurg with his brother H. C. Hartman under the firm name of H. C. & I. W. Hartman in October, 1848, in the old "Arcade" building, which stood at the corner of Main and Centre streets, on the land now occupied by the handsome and commodious building of John K. Lockard, used by the BloomSBurg Store Co., limited. Business was conducted in this building until 1855, when they moved to their present location, purchased during the previous year from Jacob Eyer, the brick building and all the land from the corner of Market street down to and including the ground upon which the City Hotel now stands.

They continued doing business as a firm for over twenty years when H. C. Hartman sold his interest to I. W. Hartman and retired from business. Immediately upon securing sole control Mr. Hartman began repairing and enlarging the building by the addition of a third story, and converting the second story into offices, &c. The store room was also enlarged by the removal of partitions, &c., and after successfully conducting the business for a number of years his son Edwin V. was admitted as a partner. Business was conducted under the firm name of I. W. Hartman & Son until 1877 when his son R. E. Hartman was added to the firm and business was conducted under the name of I. W. Hartman & Sons until about three years ago when E. V. Hartman withdrew to engage in business in Philadelphia, since which time the firm name has been I. W. Hartman & Son. By honest dealing and courteous treatment to their customers their business continued to increase until it became apparent that more room was needed, not only to properly display their goods but also to accommodate the increased number of people who came to their store, hence the store room has been recently enlarged by taking in a space of 16x30 feet lying in the rear of the room occupied by Riggins & Co., which space it is intended to use for the display of coats and capes during the coming season. There is not another merchant in this county who has continuously been in business as long as Mr. Hartman, and he has seen a generation of people grow up around him. They have succeeded in business because they deserved success, and this is evidenced by the fact that it keeps a corps of four clerks busy supplying the demands of their customers, and a room containing 2200 feet of floor space in which to transact their business. The store room is fitted out with all the latest appliances for the rapid transaction of business, and a large sky light in the rear assists materially in the selection of dress goods which are to be found in that part of the building. The many friends of Mr. Hartman hope that he may be spared many years, as he is one of the most progressive citizens and always ready to give aid to any project which is for the betterment of the Town.

The members and friends of Zion congregation will hold a chicken supper at E. M. Laubaugh's, at Forks, on Saturday afternoon and evening, Sept. 26th when a good warm meal will be served from four P. M. and during the evening for fifteen cents. Cake and ice cream will also be served. P.O. ceeds to be used for repairing the Zion church. If the weather should be pleasant supper will be served in the grove. If otherwise it will be in Mr. Laubaugh's house.

The dead body of Mrs. Reuben Fahring of Centralia was discovered in bed last Saturday morning. The morning call not having aroused her, her daughter went to her room to investigate with the above results. She has been a sufferer from dropsy and a complication of diseases for years, and it is thought that her dropsical condition superinduced heart failure. She is a lady of sixty years, well and kindly known, leaving a sorrowing husband and seven children to mourn her loss.

The residence of Samuel Shaifer on Third Street is undergoing repairs.



We Sell the best merchandise to clothe men, boys and children in this valley, and at prices fully 10 per cent. below any other house carrying same grade of goods.

## Children's Suits

of all wool material, with double knee, extra buttons, well made, splendid fitting at \$1.48. Sizes 5 to 14. Others at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00. All shades, all colors.

## Children's Suit Novelties.

Juniors splendidly made, elegantly trimmed, \$1.48. Reef-er suits with large sailor collars \$1.98. In blue, brown, grey and neat mixtures, prices run up to \$6.00.

## Men's Extra Pants

All Wool—Guaranteed not to rip, buttons not to come off. Cloth will not fade, perfect fitting, sold at \$2.00 and worth it—our price \$1.25. All sizes. If you can match them come back and get your money. All wool "Readings" \$1.65. Sweet-Orrs, all wool, never rip pants, extra well made, \$1.75.

## GIDDING'S

We guarantee our prices at least 10 per cent. under any store in the valley.



## DEATH OF A PROMINENT MAN.

Peter A. Evans, One of the Well Known Men of this Place Suddenly Passes Away.

"In the midst of life we are in death." The truth of this is exemplified nearly every week, but never perhaps has it been brought to our observation more forcibly than in the death of Peter A. Evans one of BloomSBurg's substantial citizens who quietly passed away last Friday morning about half past four o'clock. For some time he had been suffering with a carbuncle on the back of his neck, but no one supposed that it would be the cause of his death; in fact Wednesday evening he was considered a great deal better, but Thursday, a change for the worse came, and he continued growing weaker until he expired at the above mentioned hour. Evidently Mr. Evans however did not entertain sanguine hopes for his recovery, as about two weeks previous to this time he consulted his attorney and had all his business matters attended to, even to arranging for the ministers who should conduct his funeral services. He was born in Montour township January 15th, 1846, and was the son of Issacher M. and Maria Evans, the former of whom survive him and consequently at the time of his death was aged fifty years, seven months and twenty-six days. His education was commenced in BloomSBurg, and completed at Dickinson Seminary, and from that time until last Spring when he moved to this place, he resided on the homestead, and was one of the most successful farmers of that township. He was married in 1873, to Samantha, daughter of William White, of Scott township, who together with four children, William W., Mae A., Harry I., and Warland P., mourn the loss of an affectionate husband, and indulgent father. Ever since he arrived at manhood he has taken an active part in politics and was unswerving in his allegiance to the Democratic party. In 1880 he was appointed United States census enumerator for his district. In 1882 he served as a delegate to the state convention which nominated Robert E. Pattison for Governor, and in 1884 he was elected county treasurer on the democratic

ticket, receiving the largest vote of any candidate on the ticket. He was a director of the Farmer's National Bank, (being secretary of the discount committee) and it was largely through his efforts that the organization was affected, and that it has gained and maintained its enviable standing among the financial institutions of the County.

He was also a member in good standing of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Grange. The funeral services were held from his late residence on Fourth Street, Monday afternoon, and were in charge of Rev. D. N. Kirkby, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Rev. B. C. Conner, of the Methodist Church. The interment was in Rosemount cemetery to which last resting place his remains were followed by a large concourse of friends.

All who attended the Lutheran Church last Tuesday evening were more than pleased with the exercises in the Musical and Literary entertainment given for the benefit of the debt on the Lutheran Parsonage.

Miss Grace Corell was the principal figure in the list of performers. She is a student of the school of Oratory, Boston, and did great credit to herself and to the school which she represents. It was a treat to listen to her renderings in recitation, impersonation and pantomime. She will certainly be able to command an audience any where.

Prof. Yetter sang beautifully and impressively a solo, and was encored. Mr. and Miss Ent rendered a most excellent duet in song and were called to return. The Lutheran choir sang in its best strain. Mrs. Hall gave one of her enjoyable solos. Miss Ruth McLinn on the piano and Charles Skeer on the violin also contributed their part.

The entertainment was a decided and pleasing success, and shows very plainly that there is talent of a high order in BloomSBurg which should be encouraged and cultivated.

The Republicans of this place have organized a club and have rented the room formerly occupied by J. R. Schuyler & Co. in which to hold their meetings. It is easy of access and well suited for the purposes.



"By Fair Dealing We Thrive."

## GIDDING'S.

BloomSBurg's largest, finest and ...best Clothing Store...

READ THESE PRICES AND SEE THE GOODS, THEN MATCH THEM IF YOU CAN!

**MEN'S SUITS.**—Black, blue and grey; well made, splendid fitting, excellent wearers, \$5.00. Cannot be matched elsewhere for less than \$7.50.

Men's genuine imported black clay worsted suits, sack or cutaway, warranted pure 18 ounce goods, lined with a double warp Italian satin piped—a suit sold elsewhere for \$10, at \$7.75. If you can match it at any other clothing house come back and get your money.

Men's Genuine Scotch Cheviot suits in the newest plaids and neat effects, such as steel greys, in three or four shapes, blues or blacks, made by best tailors at Rochester. A suit fully worth and is sold in other stores at \$12.00; our price \$8.75. If you can match it elsewhere bring ours back and get your money.

Men's Extra Fine Worsteds Suits in neat pin stripes and over plaids. Goods that no merchant tailors can better. Sold with our guarantee as well as the makers, for one year, that they will not fade, get out of shape, or seams rip. These goods in assortment are not shown by any other clothing house here. They're usually sold at from \$15 to \$18. Our price is \$13.00. If you can match them bring ours back and get your money.

## Our Hat Department

is replete with every new shape and color that is stylish. Crush, Fedora and Derbys, 50c. to \$3.00.



We Sell everything that man, boy or child can wear (excepting shoes). We guarantee everything we sell to be strictly first-class. If you can buy of any other house cheaper than of us, come back and get your money.

## Boy's or Young Men's Suits.

Ages 14 to 19. All these suits embody original and correct styles. The fly front vest and coat, and vest is strictly correct. \$3.75

for excellent boy's suits in black, blues, greys and mixtures, worth and sold everywhere at from \$5 to \$6. The nobby plaids are here at \$5, \$6 and up to \$15.

## Men's and Boy's all wool Sweaters

in blue, maroon, black and white, large sailor collar, men's \$1.00. Boy's, 75c. Men's and boy's sweaters, all wool, large sailor collar, black with orange stripes, blue with white stripes, maroon with orange stripe, reg- \$2.50 quality, our price, men's \$1.50, boys \$1.25. All sizes for men; all sizes for boys, as small as age 12.

## Boy's Blouse Waists

in dark colors. Mothers, it doesn't pay to make them when you can buy them here at these prices—25, 50, 75, \$1.00. 15 different styles.

WE SHOW the most extensive line of white and colored shirts in town—50c., 75c. and \$1.00.

## GIDDING'S

We guarantee our goods the best shown in the valley.



LOW PRICES FOR GOOD

## CLOTHING!

Is the magnet power which brings the trade to

## The B. Lowenberg CLOTHING STORE.

Unequaled facilities and a constant striving to keep up the grand reputation which this store has throughout the county, are the reasons for giving the people matchless values.

## Fall Overcoats Are Here!

In the newest, nobbiest shades—Tans, Steels, Blacks and Greys—at \$5, \$6, \$8, \$10, Etc. Never before such a

## Handsome Line of Children's Suits,

All the Newest Novelties of this season's productions.

Children's Suits, \$1 Up to \$6. Every One Good Wearers.

## We Sell Hats, and Sell Them Right!

Sell as many of them, carry as many of them, as any other store in this section. You will save from 50c. to \$1.00 on every Hat you buy

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## LOWENBERG CLOTHING STORE.