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PHILOLOGIAN REUNION.

The Philologist Society celebrated its twenty sixth anniversary on Thanksgiving night, by giving the students and town people an opportunity to hear Booker T. Washington discuss the negro problem. The speaker is one of the foremost colored men of the country, and is the Principal of a school at Tuskegee, Alabama, in which both students and teachers are all negroes. The school owns 1800 acres of land, thirty-six buildings, and has over eight hundred pupils. The cost of running it is \$80,000 a year.

Mr. Washington was introduced by Dr. Welsh, and in opening, said that some years ago when about six hundred negroes started for Africa to join the colony at Liberia, many people thought that the problem had been solved. "Send the negroes back to Africa where they belong." They forgot that on the day that this colony left this country there were as many more black babies born in the south. In a very humorous way he claimed that his people had a better right here than the white people. "You came here without being asked to come. Nobody wanted you, and you came against the protest of the leading citizens of America in 1492. After you were settled, you could not get along without us, and so at great inconvenience and expense you sent over to Africa for us, and gave us a special pressing invitation to come here. You came when nobody wanted you; we came by your invitation, and now that we are here, we have sense enough to stay."

There are 8,000,000 of black people in this country, and 60,000,000 whites. For two hundred and fifty years the blacks were slaves, and had no idea of doing anything for themselves. It is not fair to expect them to overcome in thirty years what they were so long in learning. The speaker believed that the blacks of the south must be raised by education, and the first principle he teaches his pupils is that work is not degrading. That labor is degrading is an idea prevalent in the south which is not original with the blacks. All sorts of trades are taught at his school, and his pupils go out among the people and teach them how to manage for themselves; how to buy; how to get out of debt. Most of the negroes mortgage their crops before they are sown, and as a result they are hopelessly in debt. They spend their money for things that they do not need. He mentioned one instance where a man paid sixteen dollars for a clock, when not a single member of his family could tell the time of day.

The address was interspersed with many funny anecdotes, and throughout it was instructive, entertaining and amusing.

At the close Mr. Keiple played a violin solo, which showed him to be a master of the instrument.

THAT BURIED CITY.

In '79 A. D., occurred that terrific eruption of Vesuvius which in one day overwhelmed in irremediable ruin the cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Stabia. For more than 1600 years Pompeii lay undisturbed beneath heaps of ashes and cinder. In 1755 excavations began and since that time wonderful discoveries have been made and the story of this buried city is full of thrilling interest. While traveling in Europe Mr. A. V. Bower made a special study of Pompeii. He secured special pictures of the excavations and has prepared a lecture on the subject that is heard with delight and profit. He uses a powerful stereopticon and one hundred views to illustrate his lecture. This lecture will be given in the Methodist Tabernacle, Bloomsburg, Saturday evening Dec. 5th, under the auspices of the Junior League the proceeds for the new Methodist Church. Admission 25 and 15 cts. The public is cordially invited. Lecture begins at 8:00 o'clock.

DEATH OF REV. G. E. WEEKS.

Rev. G. E. Weeks of Lewisburg, who was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of this town for four years, and who left here about a year ago, died at the above place on Sunday morning last, of typhoid fever. He bore his affliction very patiently, and after suffering for about four weeks, he passed from this earth of toil and care to his eternal rest. A widow, and two children, Nellie L. and George K. are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. They have the sympathy of all in this their hour of gloom.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT.

The following article appeared in Mackinaw (Illinois) *Enterprise* of November 29th:

Mr. Clark Barton, the son of Elisha and Rachel Barton, was born near Bloomsburg, Northumberland county, Pa., on Dec. 21st, 1812, and died at Mackinaw, Ill., Nov. 18, 1896, aged 83 years, 10 months and 27 days. He came to this state in 1835 and settled near Mackinaw, and was married June 19, to Miss Eliza Myers. Ten children were born to them of whom only two survive him, Mr. Al Barton and Mrs. Mary Lindsey. There are eleven grand children and three great grand children living.

Mr Barton was a well known citizen of this place whose loss will be felt by many. During his last prolonged illness he was patient and uncomplaining, though he was suffering from a very painful cancer. Everything was done for him that could be done by his son, Mr. Al Barton, whom he lived with since the death of his wife, to make his closing days peaceful and happy. His death was as peaceful as sleep. He leaves behind a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

Mr. Barton was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Mackinaw township. He was a life-long Democrat and has held various township offices. He cast his last vote at the late election. His generosity prevented him from becoming a rich man. The funeral was held from the Christian church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Old settlers were gathered in large numbers, viewing the remains of one who, with themselves, had braved the trials of pioneer life. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. O. W. Stewart, and was eloquent and impressive far beyond the ordinary. There was a large concourse of people present to pay their last respects to the deceased. His remains were interred in the Mackinaw cemetery. The following were the pall-bearers, who were great friends to Mr. Barton while living: Messrs. George Patterson, Daniel Flesher, Jacob Smith, John Haybarger, Sol. and Daniel Puterbaugh. Thus has another old settler gone to his last resting place.

Clark Barton was a son of Elisha Barton, who was a brother of John, Caleb, Isaiah, Cyrus Barton and Mrs. Wm. Robison, all of Bloomsburg and vicinity.

His father, Elisha, died when Clark was young and his mother married Peter Pursell, both of whom died at an advanced age in Sunbury, where several of their children still reside.

Clark was the last survivor of Elisha's family, Abram, Elisha and Mrs. Dr. Wm. Moss having all died several years ago, Mrs. Moss at Pekin, Ill., and the others at Mackinaw, Ill.

Before Clark went west he was employed by George Miller in his store at Beach Haven.

The dinner served at the Exchange Hotel on Thanksgiving day was an elaborate affair, splendidly cooked and nicely served. Handsomely printed menus on each table contained a list of the numerous tempting viands, including Blue Points, soups, fish, boiled tongue and ham, roast turkey, beef and lamb, chicken pie, oyster pates, vegetables, salads, deserts, fruits and many other good things.

By the way, the Exchange has taken a place in the front rank, and is one of the best hotels along the Susquehanna. Although extensive improvements and alterations were made when G. Snyder & Son became the owners and proprietors, they are not through yet, but are constantly making further improvements. The wood work of the front has been newly painted, and a fine new upright piano has been placed in the parlor. There is no handsomer office and barroom in the state outside of the large cities, and the proprietors are justly proud of their house.

It is certainly remarkable the casualties that have followed the hanging of Holmes, the multi-murderer, in Philadelphia, some months ago. The judge who tried the case, a number of the jurors, several of the witnesses, some of the lawyers and jailers, have died or suffered some mental trouble since participating in the trial and, on Tuesday, Howard Perkins, a warden of Moyamensing prison, committed suicide by shooting, to end his worry about Holmes' hanging. There are those who say that Holmes had an "evil eye."

A. B. Hartman is now Steward of the Industrial Club, in the place of Mr. Burcher.

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JOSEPH GOLDSMITH, TRUSTEE.

NORMAL 39, PHILADELPHIA O.

The foot ball season came to an end in Bloomsburg on Thanksgiving day when the Normal School defeated the Central High School of Philadelphia by the jug handled score of 39 to 0. From what had been heard of the Philadelphia team, a great many hoped to see a good game which was expected, but were sadly disappointed as the visitors proved no match at all for the Normal, who played all around them and won as they pleased. With this game closed the most successful foot ball season the Normal has ever had. The team was by far the strongest that ever represented the School, and judging from the crowds that attended the games we would think they came out all right financially. The following is a list of the games they have played this year, and the scores made in each game:

At home, Oct. 3, Normal 22, Susquehanna University 0; Oct. 10, Normal 30, Pittston 0. At Kingston, Oct. 17, Normal 0, Wyoming Seminary 0. At home, Oct. 24, Normal 30, Wilkes-Barre 0; Oct. 31, return game with Wyoming Seminary was commenced, but resulted in a squabble before either had scored; Nov. 10, Lafayette 17, Normal 0. This game was the best of the season, and considering the strength of their opponents, the Normal boys made a splendid showing. On November 14 the team which was minus one good man and three others in a crippled condition, went to Lewisburg and were beaten by Bucknell by a score of 18 to 6.

Thus it will be seen that the team has certainly done great work this year. A great deal of credit for the team's good showing is due William Worthington, who has worked hard and spent a great deal of time in getting the boys down to good work.

Unless there is something done to Athletic Park early in the spring, the young men who have been in the habit of spending an hour or two every night in healthful exercise during the summer, will not be able to do so, and they will be compelled to go somewhere else. This would probably be worse for the young men and the town in general. Fix up the Park.

PROF. COOLE'S PREDICTIONS FOR DECEMBER.

Our prediction last month: "November will prove a very peculiar month. For while some sections are having sun-shine and summer-like weather, other sections will have nothing but rain, hail, snow, slush, floods, blizzards, high winds, etc.," proved true. That we read the true meaning of the strange position of the Planets, no one, with any sense of honor in them, can doubt for an instant. This month Earth will sail in between Old Red Warrior Mars and the sun. Old Red Warrior Mars will be behind poor Old Mother Earth's back and he will play all sorts of tricks on her. He will cause her to be very restless and angry. Hurricanes, blizzards, cyclones, floods earthquakes, tornadoes, tidal waves and great electrical storms may be looked for in many sections."

HOME WEDDING

Mrs. Dora Ohl and Mr. Rhodes Huff, were married by Rev. B. C. Conner, of the M. E. Church, at the home of the bride on Fifth Street on Tuesday night. William Laycock of town was best man, bridesmaid, Miss Rose Ohl, ushers, W. L. Crist and Harry Hendershott. The ceremony which was a very pretty one, took place in the presence of about sixty invited guests, a number of whom came from St. Johnsville, N. Y., Reading, Pa., Dushore, Pa., and other places.

The collection on Thanksgiving day at St. Paul's Church was twenty dollars. It is the custom with all the Episcopal churches in this diocese to devote this collection to St. Luke's Hospital at South Bethlehem.

The collection at the union services at the Presbyterian church was about sixty dollars, and it will be used for home charities.

The Gorman Bros., pleased a good sized audience at the Opera House Friday night. The musical specialties being especially fine. This is their third annual tour with the successful musical Comedy "The Gillhooley Abroad."

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