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THE MAGEE CARPET WORKS.

On Saturday February 20th judgments were confessed by the Magee Carpet Works for \$26,000 in favor of James Magee 2nd, trustee, and \$5,300 in favor of C. C. Peacock, trustee and \$15,500 in favor of same.

Executions were issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff, who made a levy and advertised a sale, which took place last Saturday afternoon. All the personal property in the mill was sold, and was bought in by C. W. Miller Esq., attorney for the plaintiff in the writs.

The Magee Carpet Works are said to be the sixth in size in the United States. The mills are splendidly equipped throughout for the manufacture of ingrain and tapestry carpets, and art squares, and spinning worsted yarn. Their capacity is sufficient to employ nearly 1000 hands, though owing to the depression in business only about 250 have been employed recently, and the pay roll amounts to \$8000 a month. The great trouble has been, not in bad management, but in the want of sufficient capital to carry on so extensive a plant, and the stagnation in trade. Last September a number of mortgage bonds matured, and owing to lack of funds there was a default in payment. Then the creditors began to press on every side. Efforts were made by the management to raise money, and to secure an extension of time from creditors, but these efforts failed, and it became necessary to take some steps to prevent the sacrifice of the property so that the plant could still be kept in operation. The stopping of a great factory means not only loss to the community by throwing employees out of work, but also great damage to the intricate machinery from standing idle and without proper care.

These judgments were therefore confessed to secure preferred creditors, and the full value of the personal property will thus be realized by the trustees for the benefit of the creditors named. It is probable now that the real estate will be sold at sheriff's sale, and there will be a reorganization, whereby it is hoped to put the plant on its feet, and thus give employment to hundreds of our people.

No greater calamity could happen to Bloomsburg than to have this splendid establishment, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, close down indefinitely. The whole town is interested in its prosperity, and those who are giving their time and means in an endeavor to put it on a sound financial basis should receive encouragement from every quarter.

VERY EASY.

The Danville Basket Ball Team Furnish Amusement for the Normal.

The game in Normal "gym" on Thursday night between Danville and the Normal was a very tame affair. Danville's weakness made the game too uninteresting to watch. The Normal boys simply toyed with the visitors, and for a while it looked as though they would be blanked, but Worthington's men eased up and aided by a couple of fouls, Danville succeeded in scoring.

This is the second defeat Danville has suffered here this season, and they ought to be convinced by this time that they can't play the game.

The work of Young at Centre throughout the whole game, was of the gilt edged order, while considerable credit is also due Moore.

The line up:

NORMAL.	DANVILLE.
Moore } Attack	Beddoe } Marks
Berry } Centre	Pennepacker } Hoffer.
Young, } Defense	Hoffner } Gaskins.
Harrar }	
Worthington }	

Two halves of twenty minutes. Fouls called, Berry, Worthington 2, Young, Hoffner.

Goals from field, Moore 3, Young 3, Worthington 3. From fouls, Moore, Marks, Beddoe.

Umpire, Douglass. Referee, Van Horn. Score Normal 19, Danville 2.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS.

Mar. 4—At the Opera House, the J. E. Toole Company in "Killarney and the Rhine."

Mar. 11—The king of humorists, "Bob" Burdette.

Announcements of any other entertainments will be made under this head without charge, by leaving word at this office.

Rev. A. J. McCann attended the annual conference of the priests of the diocese of Harrisburg, which was in session at that city last week.

WEDDINGS QUITE PLENTIFUL.

Two Happy Young Couples Married on Thursday.

POSTEN—KRUM.

There was a very pretty wedding at the home of Mrs. E. B. Krum, on East Street Thursday afternoon. The bride was Miss Sadie Krum and the groom John W. Posten. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. C. Conner of the Methodist Church and was a very quiet affair. Hearty congratulations followed, and after partaking of the wedding supper the newly married left on the up train on the D. L. & W. for a wedding trip.

KNIES—RINGROSE

Shortly after the above ceremony was over, the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ringrose of West Street was the scene of another happy event, when their only daughter Hattie W., was married to John W. Knies of Hazleton. The ceremony was witnessed by about twenty people and was performed by Rev. B. C. Conner. The bride and groom took the 8:20 train for a wedding tour. The COLUMBIAN extends its best wishes.

"AGITATORS."

The attendance at the Parish House Tuesday night, was not so very large, which was probably due to the bad weather. The entertainment was opened with a selection by a mixed quartette, and after a few remarks on the object and work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, by the Rev. D. N. Kirkby, John Harman, Esq., introduced the speaker, Fred Ikeler Esq. who delivered his well known lecture on "Agitators." He described the different kinds of agitators, and to say that the audience was both charmed and delighted is but faint praise. He is one of the most intelligent and talented of platform entertainers. A selection by the quartette concluded the program.

The proceeds were about \$20, which will go into the new organ fund. The members of the Brotherhood desire to publicly express their thanks to Mr. Ikeler for his gratuitous services.

NORMAL BEATEN AT PITSTON.

The Normal basket ball team, went to Pittston on Monday and were defeated by the score of 19 to 4. The Pittston *Gazette* in commenting on the game has the following to say: "It was shortly after eight o'clock when the visitors came on the floor. They made a fine appearance. Every member was well developed and showed results of good physical training. Notwithstanding that they were defeated, they played an excellent game. Their numerous pretty passes were features of the game and proved them to be scientific players with the right idea of the game.

The game was played with five men on a side and with an undivided floor at the request of the Bloomsburg players. This was slight handicap for the Pittston boys as they have always been accustomed to play with nine men and a divided floor. For the visitors Worthington and Moore played a star game, while the team work as a whole was the finest that has been seen in this city in the past."

The chicken and hot cake supper at the Parish House last Thursday evening was a great success. It was advertised from 5 to 9 o'clock, but by 7:30 the chicken was all gone and the sale of tickets was stopped. Ample provision had been made for 150 people, but from five to seven o'clock there was a rush, and the receipts show that nearly 230 persons got their suppers. The supper was gotten up by the members of the choir, and no contributions were solicited. It was prepared by expert cooks, most of them relatives of the choristers, and was pronounced excellent in every particular. Several young ladies not of the choir assisted in serving at the tables. The receipts were \$57.90, and expenses \$16.90, net profits \$41.00.

The choir desires to thank all who assisted them, and also the large number who so liberally patronized them. The coffee served was the Parker Mills brand, sold by J. D. Armstrong. It was contributed.

The following letters are advertised March 2, 1897. Mr. B. Albertson, Mr. Howard Barge, Mr. John H. Brown, Mess. John Bush & Son, Mr. B. Kellam, Mrs. Carrie S. Keffer, Mrs. Anna Keltner, Mr. Erwin Pursel, J. A. Rophaupt, Mr. J. D. Rutledge. Will be sent to the dead letter office March 16, 1897.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

THE LEADER COMPANY STORE.

Last week Tuesday there appeared in several Philadelphia papers a dispatch dated at Bloomsburg stating that the Bloomsburg Carpet Works, the Magee Carpet Works, and the Leader Store, all owned by the same people, had failed for \$100,000. There was no truth in this statement so far as the Leader Store was concerned. It has not failed, and is open and in full operation now, and will so continue. The foundation for the report lay in the fact that the Magee Carpet Works had confessed judgments for large amounts, and executions were issued thereon, and it is generally supposed that James Magee 2nd has a large interest in the Leader Store.

Among the papers that published this article were the *Times*, *Press*, *Inquirer*, and several others. They were notified at once of the error, and the next day or two corrected the statement, and admitted that it was untrue so far as the Leader Co. was concerned. A representative of the *Inquirer* was in town looking the matter up, as that paper and probably all the others, had been notified that the case had been placed in the hands of attorneys by the Leader Co., who claim that their credit has been injured, and that they have been greatly damaged by the publication. The *Times* gives J. F. Tracy, as its informant and made retraction, as did all the others.

It was a gross piece of carelessness to send such a dispatch, for a visit at the Prothonotary's office would have shown that no judgments had been entered against the Leader Co. If the papers named do not settle, it is likely that suits will be brought against them.

Prof. Coles For March.

Earth has passed out of the "House of Death," and will soon be beyond the reach of old Red Warrior Mars and his evil influences. Business men will soon be able to congratulate themselves over the victory won, at last, after a four year's battle with the Panic Microbes. Now ring in the new Era of Prosperity! And, may God bless the business men of our country and prosper them.

Earth is now in the "House of Religion" and unexpected religious difficulties will arise in many sections of the country and cause much excitement. This month is the preacher's opportunity to do much good, or to do much evil, for the Planets are in the right position to test their religious faith. If there be any wicked microbes in preacher's brains they will show themselves this month and next.

Some time between the 9th and 13th, presumably on the 13th, when the vital forces fall from "high flood" to "low ebb" and return within 24 hours time) there will be a display of black lightning (not visible to the naked eye) that will throw the currents of magnetism and electricity both out of their normal conditions to such an extent that many electrical instruments will be rendered unfit for use, temporarily, and a readjustment of those phenomenal electrical currents will cause terrible gales on land and sea.

We have reasons to believe that the abnormal currents of natural electricity and magnetism this month, will cause an epidemic of stomach and bowel troubles strange new epidemics and great disturbances among the monsters of the deep sea, that many of them, will be for the shore. And, that all persons born under the planets Uranus or Neptune, will contract fits of despondency, bordering on religious insanity. A chart, showing the true position of these planets, will be sent, free, to anyone interested in our forecast.

Mercury is now in the sign Aquarius; Venus is in the sign Virgo; Mars is in sign Leo, while Saturn and Uranus are still in sign Scorpio. Therefore cabbage seed should be sowed on Wednesday, the 31st. The best days for sowing will be the 15th, 16th, 23rd and 24th; the second best days will be the 4th, 5th, 6th, 30th and 31st, and the third best days will be the 1st, 10th and 27th.

The entertainment at the Parish House Monday night, by the Sunday School, was pretty well patronized, and the whole program was rendered in a very pleasing manner. The recitations by Miss Marie Robbins and Miss Geraldine Gross were exceptionally fine, as were also the several selections rendered by the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday morning at nine o'clock with President Judge Ikeler and Associate J. T. Fox on the bench.

License of Geo. Aurand and Son transferred to Harry Aurand.

License of tavern in Catawissa township transferred from Waiter Morris to J. R. Bibby.

Hotel license of J. W. Lore, Iola, transferred to B. D. Morton.

Estate of Wm. Vorgey, deceased. Order of sale continued to first day of May term.

Estate of James W. Hess, deceased, Jno. G. Kline and Ira J. Thomas appointed appraisers.

Application of Geo. S. Fleckenstine, County Treasurer, presented asking Court to fix his commission, as County Commissioners had failed to do so.

Geo. S. Fleckenstine County Treasurer vs. County of Columbia. Now, Feb. 27, the Commissioners of Columbia County appeal from the action of the commissioners and county auditors because of their failure to fix the compensation of Geo. S. Fleckenstine as County Treasurer, to the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County.

Signed, WM. KRICKBAUM.
JNO. N. GORDON.
NEHEMIAH KITCHEN.

Petition of J. B. McHenry Sheriff, presented, for the approval of the appointment of Harry H. Kline as jailor and keeper of the prisoners and allow the wages of said jailor or keeper. "Now, March 1st 1897, the within petition having been read in open Court, the appointment of Harry H. Kline as keeper of the malefactors and prisoners in the county jail by J. B. McHenry, Sheriff of Columbia County, under act of April 5, 1890, Dec. 23, is hereby approved and the wages of Harry H. Kline as keeper aforesaid are hereby ascertained and fixed at the sum of \$25 per month and the Treasurer of Columbia County is hereby directed to pay the said wages monthly out of the moneys in his hands raised for the use of county, by warrant drawn by the said Sheriff and at least one of the commissioners of the proper county.

BY THE COURT.
John Ridesdale & Co. vs. The Magee Carpet Works. Judgment for want of sufficient affidavit of defense asked for. On motion of C. G. Barkley, Attorney for plaintiff, it appearing from an examination of the plaintiff's declaration and the affidavit of defense filed on the part of the defendant that the affidavit is insufficient, and notice of the intended application for judgment for want of sufficient affidavit * * * judgment is granted the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

Brown Bros. Co. vs. the Magee Carpet Works. Now, March 1st, on motion of C. G. Barkley attorney for Plaintiff, rule is granted upon Defendant to show cause why the appeal should not be stricken off.

Petition of Wm. B. Goodhart, presented, for rule on J. B. McHenry Sheriff to make return to the writ of Fi Fa September term 212 '95. Rule granted, returnable at Argument Court.

Claimed She Was 110.

"Granny Adams' Remarkable Preservation in Old Age.

Mrs. Sarah Adams, commonly known as "Granny Adams," died Sunday night, at Danville, aged nearly 110 years. She was born May 12, 1787, in Norfolk, Va. With her parents she removed to this place from Northumberland in 1832. She was married to Mathias Manley, at Northumberland on October 31, 1844. Manley died in 1852, after which she was married to Robert Adams, who died in 1870. "Granny" joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1827. At the time of her death she possessed all her faculties, and could read without the aid of glasses. Her maiden name was Miss Sarah Smith.

Robert Edgar, a well known resident of Fishingcreek township, died at the home of his brother T. H. Edgar, at Stillwater on Thursday last, aged about sixty-five years. Funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, interment being made in the cemetery at that place.

William Watts, a former Bloomsburger, now residing at Sunbury, had business in town on Tuesday. He is trying to complete arrangements to have this town represented in a base ball league the coming season.

Love is the Scepter



Which rules the world, but money is a handy thing to have, even if we are so fortunate as to possess love. Our undisputed values in Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, Trousers, Hats and Furnishings, together with their high standard of excellence combine in making this the popular store. At present we're talking Hats. New Spring Styles. The values fairly bristle. \$1.00 for a regular \$1.50 Sportsman, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 \$3.00 for the finer grades, in all colors.

GIDDING'S

BASE BALL NOTES.

It is rumored that a number of towns around this section are trying to form an organization to be known as the Central Pennsylvania League. We understand that Shamokin, Sunbury, Williamsport, Renova and two other towns not yet named will compose the circuit. There was a member of the Sunbury club in town on Tuesday, trying to secure Bloomsburg as a member of the League. We have not learned whether he was successful or not. We are of the opinion that a league team in this town, would prove a failure. It has been tried in the past and has been unsuccessful, and when the conditions were a great deal more favorable than they are at the present time. A considerable time and money would be required to fix up the park, the fences are all down, the grandstand needs repairing and it would require much work before the grounds could be put in playing condition. But beside this, the Normal School will have base ball till the middle of June, which would undoubtedly affect the patronage of the town team. Thus it will be easily seen that the outlook for a paid club in Bloomsburg is very discouraging, and the management would have to have a barrel of money or drop out of the race before the season is half over. Nevertheless if any one has nerve enough to undertake the task of starting a club, we hope the crowds that turn out will be so large that ground rules will be necessary in order that the games may be played. Bloomsburg people used to patronize the national sport, why don't they now?

B. F. Zarr Esq., Receiver of the Bloomsburg Banking Co., has filed his first account in the Prothonotary's office, showing that he has received to this time \$25,428.62, and he has paid out for rent of room, clerk hire, attorneys' fees, commissions and other expenses \$1707.73, leaving a balance of \$23,720.89 for distribution among the depositors. The order of court published in this issue shows what proceedings will be taken in the matter.

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BURDETTE!

If you do not believe that Bloomsburg is booming, just notice the fact that the great humorist, Robert J. Burdette, who can seldom be obtained to lecture outside the large cities, is coming here March 11th.

The *St. Paul Pioneer* says of him: Burdette, the genial humorist, had reason to feel proud of the audience that greeted him at Ford's Music hall last night. It was large, select and very appreciative, and must have mightily pleased Burdette, for he was delightfully witty and wonderfully entertaining in the humorous discourse, which has pleased so many large audiences. His manner of gesticulating, the merry twinkle of his eye, the tunny chuckle that often creeps into his talk, are all mirth creating, and he is one of the happiest combinations ever seen or heard in St. Paul. He talks straight ahead, as though laughter was not expected or desired, but at times during his talk he was interrupted by decidedly hearty specimens of the article. Occasionally his little chuckle and the significant glance of his eye so completed and rounded off some funnyism that people laughed almost hysterically, and Burdette could not refrain from joining in the general laugh. He is whole-souled, genial, good-natured in actions and appearance, and he and his audience simply visited with each other.

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