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## CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments for the Danville District were made this week, by the Conference of the M. E. Church, held at Carlisle.

Danville District—Ezra H. Yocum, Sunbury, Presiding Elder. Ashland, Oliver S. Metzler; Audenreid, William W. Hartman; Beaver Meadow, Isaac Codman; Beach Haven, Henry B. Fortner; Benton, Oliver H. Albertson; Berwick, A. R. Miller; Bloomingdale, T. H. Tubbs; Bloomsburg Benjamin C. Conner; Buckhorn, William H. Hartman; Catawissa, George M. Klepfer; Catawissa circuit, George S. Womer; Centralia, Charles M. Barnitz; Conyngham, E. S. Baker; Danville—St. Paul's, Geo. D. Penepacker; Trinity, Orlando G. Heck; Elysburg, Josiah C. Mumper; Espy and Lime Ridge, Theodore M. Haven; Freedland, Reuben E. Wilson; Gordon, Alfred L. Miller; Harveyville, John Vrooman; Hazleton—Diamond, N. E. C. Cleaver; St. Paul's, I. N. Moorehead; Irish Valley, Frank E. Hartman; Jeansville, J. P. Benford; Jerseytown, D. T. Brouse; Jonestown, F. C. Beyers; Mifflinville, J. H. Diebel; Milnesville, Lattimer and Jeddo, John C. Bickel; Mount Carmel, W. A. Houck; Nescopeck, Wilson E. Vandermark; Northumberland, J. A. DeMoyer; Orangeville and Light Street, Nathan B. Smith; Park Place and Delano, J. G. Grimes; Riverside, Freeman S. Vought; Rohrsburg, S. A. Creveling; Selingsgrove, E. M. Chilcoat; Shamokin—First church, Thomas S. Wilcox; Second church, Joseph D. W. Deavor; Shickshinny, P. P. Strawinski; Silver Brook, W. S. Hamlin; Snyderstown, Richard Brooks; Sunbury, George Leidy; Town Hill, G. V. Savidge; J. B. Doty (supply); Trevorton, W. W. Rothrock; Waller, Elmer E. McKelvy; Wapwallopen, R. M. Snyder; Washingtonville, R. J. Allen; Weatherly, John W. Buckley; White Haven, Norman H. Smith; William T. S. Deavor, Professor St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., member of Wapwallopen Quarterly Conference.

## Trolley Passengers' Peril.

Fifteen of Them Badly Cut by Glass in a Crash.

A trolley collision on the Lehigh Traction Company's line occurred at Yorktown, about six miles south of Hazleton, in a dense fog, at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, in which fifteen passengers narrowly escaped with their lives. Motormen Rodgers and Fowler were caught in the crash, the latter sustaining injuries about the head that may result fatally. Fifteen of the passengers were seriously cut by flying glass.

The accident was due to the changing of the schedule at one end of the line, and not at the other.

## CAKE WALK.

Preparations are being made by David Boughton, manager, for a grand cake walk, and dance to be held in Evans' Hall on Wednesday evening, March 31st. Over two hundred invitations have been sent out, and it is expected that a large number from Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Williamsport, and other places will be present to contest for the prizes, which will be a 14 karat gold watch to the first and a large cake to the second couple. Good music will be in attendance. Tickets for cake walk and dance \$1.00 per couple, single admission 25c.

## End of the World.

Rev. John Riley, of Shirley, Indiana, who has made a life study of astronomical calculations, has issued a statement predicting the end of the world in 1898 or 1900. The clergyman is sincere in his belief, and the result of his prediction, his congregation, which is one of the largest in the state, have begun preparations for the final leaving. Hundreds are being convinced daily. Mr. Riley formerly filled a pastorate at Tionesta, Forest county, Pa., and is well known in Western Pennsylvania.

## Called to Bloomsburg.

Rev. R. N. Harris, pastor of the Congregational church of town, has been called to conduct a series of evangelistic services in the Trinity Reformed church at Bloomsburg, beginning on Monday evening next, and will leave for that place Monday morning. Rev. Harris has a wide reputation as a successful leader of such meetings.—Mt. Carmel Item of Saturday.

## WILL OF MRS. FREAS BROWN.

The will of Mrs. Sarah J. Brown was probated on Saturday. It is dated June 13th, 1896 with a codicil dated November 21, 1896. J. C. Brown, W. S. Moyer and C. C. Peacock are appointed executors. The household furniture and clothing is divided among twelve nieces who are named in the will. After making bequests to several of her relatives and to those of her deceased husband amounting to \$9000, she disposed of the remainder as follows: To the Trustees of the First M. E. Church, of Bloomsburg, the sum of \$1000 in trust to be invested and one-half of the interest to be applied to taking care of the cemetery lot and the other half to be applied to the payment on preacher's salary; to the executors in trust \$500, the income of which to be equally divided between caring for the graves of Freas Brown's parents in the Brown Cemetery at Mifflinville and the other half to the care of the graves of Mrs. Brown's parents in Friends Burying Ground at Catawissa; the sum of \$2,500 for a pipe organ for the new M. E. Church, Bloomsburg; to the Old Ladies Home in Philadelphia \$2000, to be known as "The Mrs. Freas Brown Fund;" to the M. E. Orphanage, of Philadelphia \$1000, to be designated as "The Mrs. Freas Brown Fund;" to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, M. E. Church \$2000; to the Preachers' Aid Society, M. E. Church \$1000; to the Bloomsburg M. E. Church \$1,000 as the last payment on the mortgage debt; to Dr. Stokes, manager of Ocean Grove Association \$500, for church purpose; to Trustees of Bloomsburg M. E. Church \$1000 to be by them invested and the interest to be expended in keeping church parsonage in repair; to the M. E. Hospital in Philadelphia \$5000 to endow a free bed and to be known as "The Mrs. Freas Brown Bed;" to the loan fund of the Church Extension Society \$10,000, to be invested and the income used for the purposes of the society, and the residue to be divided between the loan fund of the Church Extension Society, The Missionary Society, M. E. Church, and the Old Ladies Home of Philadelphia. The estate will foot up to about \$50,000.

## HUGGED THEIR FAIR ATTORNEY.

Feminine Suspects Released From Jail Grow Demonstrative.

There was a unique scene in Court at Wilkesbarre on Monday when Hester Brace and Sarah Miller, colored, alleged accomplices in the blowing-up with dynamite of the house in the mountain, near that city, in October, 1894 were released for lack of evidence, after being detained in jail over two years on suspicion. As Judge Lynch told them they could go the dusky prisoners ran to the side of their attorney, Miss Mary L. Trescott, Luzerne's only woman attorney, threw their arms about her and wept. Many colored spectators lustily cheered this act of gratitude.

## DR. SWALLOW ACQUITTED.

The jury in the case of the soldier's orphans' school commission at Harrisburg against Rev. Dr. Swallow, editor of the *Pennsylvania Methodist*, charged with criminal libel, returned a verdict on Tuesday morning of not guilty, but defendant to pay the costs. The libel case of J. C. Delaney, superintendent of public grounds and buildings against Dr. Swallow, was at once taken up, and will no doubt occupy the attention of the court for the remainder of this week.

## DON'T NEED THEM.

Dogs are entirely too plenty in the south-eastern end of the town, and their owners don't seem to care a great deal what becomes of them. The residents of that section have come to the conclusion that poison will stop their barking all night long, and many of the worthless canines are receiving their quietus in this way.

## SENT TO JAIL.

For stealing soap, beans, etc. from the Bloomsburg Store Company Store last week, and selling the same William Lockard and Ed. Correll were arrested. In default of \$500 bail, they were sent to jail. It is said they sold their stealings to one Frank Rhodomoyer, and a search warrant was also issued for his premises.

The spring shirt bosoms are very much wall paper.

## PEARL BRYAN'S SLAYERS.

No doubt many of our readers have read more or less concerning the foul murder, which was committed a little over a year ago, and for the benefit of those who have been reading the case, we print the following account of the execution of the two prominent young men, whom a jury convicted of the awful deed:

"The once promising lives of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, the young dental students, paid the penalty on the gallows at Newport, Ky., Saturday for the murder of the sweet faced country girl, Pearl Bryan, of Green Castle, Indiana, and the extinguishing at the same time of the tiny spark of life that had driven her to desperation through fear of open shame. The scene was Fort Thomas and the date Feb. 1, 1895. The victim was decapitated to prevent identification and the head has never been located.

A big crowd gathered about the jail early Saturday morning in an endeavor to see the execution. The crowd, however, dwindled when the news reached it that Jackson had made a statement and it became the general opinion that the governor would interfere for a few days at least. The final decision came from the governor at 11:15 saying:

"No respite."

The procession formed at 11:31 and marched to the scaffold. The ropes were placed about their necks, the black caps adjusted and at 11:40 the traps were sprung. Jackson was pronounced dead in twenty minutes. Walling was suspended for twenty-three minutes before life was extinct. Walling's last words as he left the jail were, as he pointed to Jackson: "That man can save me if he will. I die an innocent man. I was not there when she was killed."

## Normal School Notes.

This evening, there will be a public exhibition of the work done in the school in reciting and declaiming, which usually goes under the head of "Rhetoricals." Admission will be by ticket, which can be had free at the N. S. office. The following is the program.

Overture, Northern Light, Schlegelgrell  
B. S. N. S. Orchestra.  
The Unknown Speaker.....Anon  
E. O'Connor, Corry, Pa.  
The Lady of Shalott.....Tennyson  
Gertrude Freeman, Scranton, Pa.  
Storm and Sunshine.....George F. Root  
Junior Model School  
Hagar in the Wilderness.....N. P. Willis  
Speech on American War.....Wm. Pitt  
Eugene Brennan, Edwarddale, Pa.  
Ashore.....Trotter  
Delia Geisinger, Espy, Pa.  
The Courtin' in the Wilderness.....Lowell  
Myrtle Swartz, Hallstead, Pa.  
The Patriot and Traitor.....Geo. Lippard  
M. J. Franey, Shenandoah, Pa.  
Caprice.....Rollison  
Orchestra.  
Brian Rose.....Hjalmer Hjorth Boyesen  
Eleanor Sears Kimble, Honesdale, Pa.  
The Double Anniversary, '76 and '63  
.....Chas. Adams  
Thos. F. Cule, Plymouth, Pa.

It was charged that there had been crookedness in some of the contracts made by the commissioners of Bradford county for the erection of the new court house at Towanda, and an investigation was made by the auditors, of which the *Towanda Review* says: "The auditors of Bradford county finally completed their labors yesterday afternoon, and their report was filed with the commissioners. It is a document of more than usual interest this year, because of the thorough investigation that has been made of the contracts for constructing the court house. The old board of commissioners is surcharged with \$5,809.06, for commissions paid the architect and for overpayments to Contractor Bradley."

A slight fire in the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church at Harrisburg which is now occupied as the State Capitol, created a great scare Saturday morning. The fire was caused by an electric light wire, and it burned a hole in the floor under the stairway leading to the main entrance. Two page boys discovered the flames and an alarm was sounded, but the House employees soon put out the fire.

The following letters are advertised March 23, 1897. Andrew "Came", Mr. George Coleman, Miss Emma Dodson, Mr. C. H. Fisher, Miss Venera Hess, Miss Lizzie Hine, John Keefer, Mr. Thomas McCann, Mr. William Myers, J. L. McMullin, Mr. Warren Purcell, Thomas Steward, Daniel Waters. Will be sent to the dead letter office April 6, 1897.  
JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk W. H. Henrie, since those published last week.

L. J. Drake, Wellersville, to Miss Martha E. Christopher, of the same place.

Samuel Muffley, of Light Street, to Miss Carrie Creasy, of Centre township.

### TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of C. B. Ent, register and recorder, during the week.

Geo. Miller, et al. to J. P. Fincher, for tract of land in Main township.

J. P. Fincher, et al. to William Creasy, for tract of land in Main township.

Elmira Reichart, et al. to Geo. W. Shuman for tract of land in Main township.

William McKelvy and wife to Peter Appelman, for tract of land in Montour township.

J. Sanderson Lazarus, to William Yost, for land in Bloomsburg.

Thomas A. Strong, to Margaret M. Parker, for tract of land in Jackson township.

Andrew A. Kressler, to Geo. W. Kressler, for tract of land in Pine township.

Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company, to Alvaretta Bittenbender, for land in Bloomsburg.

William F. Hauck and wife, to William Breisch, for tract of land in Beaver township.

Adam Fetterolf and wife, to Mary Breisch, for tract of land in Beaver township.

J. W. Evans and wife, to Ella G. Magee, for land in Bloomsburg.

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Peter C. Dreishbach, to Hugh McAfee, for tract of land in Beaver township.

Margaret Bradley to Patrick Bradley for land in Centralia.

J. R. Fowler, Treasurer, to John Mourey, for tract of land in Fishing-creek township.

Bud Double, an English Setter, which was the property, of the late C. P. Armstrong, was sold last week, by W. K. Armstrong, one of the administrators, to Capt. T. G. Townsend, U. S. A., of Washington, D. C. The animal has always commanded the admiration of dog fanciers, and the price paid is said to have been big.

The sale was made through an advertisement in a publication known as "*Forest and Stream*," and had but one insertion. Mr. Armstrong received letters from all over the country.

Another proof that advertising pays.

There are a great many young men, and some not quite so young, who, if they make a wager, and happen to loose never get through finding fault, and kicking at the fellow who won. This is very unsportsmanlike. Betting, as we all know, is a game of chance, some one is always sure to loose, dame fortune will not always smile on you, and if you can't afford to loose the amount you wager, why the best plan is to keep your money in your pocket.

M. E. Yetter of Kansas City, a brother of W. H. Yetter of this town, died on Tuesday of last week. His remains arrived here on Thursday evening. The funeral took place from W. H. Yetter's house on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment was made at Fisher's Church.

Harry Hendershott and Miss Laura Creveling were married on Thursday evening of last week at the Lutheran church, by Rev. McLinn. None but the intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. They took the Reading train for a wedding tour. On their return they will reside here.

The unusually large congregations at the different churches on Sunday, was due to the fact that the Methodist Church was closed, the pastor Rev. Conner being in attendance at Conference.

Thornton Freeze received a severe shaking up at the Car work's on Saturday morning. His clothes were caught by a line shaft. He was discovered however just in the nick of time.

Splendid Mens' all-wool suits, \$5.00. Splendid Youths' all-wool pants, \$3.75.

## Always Interesting

### "A1 IN QUALITY"



is what you'll find news from this store. Just now it's particularly so, because it's about something you or your boys will need, and very shortly too, and you certainly want to know where you can do best in buying. I would be perfectly natural for us to tell you that our prices are the very lowest in this community for A 1 Quality, but we want you convinced of that fact. We want you to have thorough confidence in what you buy here. Your interests are ours. This store is your store. We want to better it every day for you as well as for ourselves. We want you to see by a personal visit that we are truthful to our patrons. We sell everything to clothe man or boy from head to foot, Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Shirts, Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Neckwear, Canes, Umbrellas, Mackintosh Coats, Sweaters, Boy's Waists, Knee Pants, Men's extra pants, Trunks, Valises, Traveling Bags, Etc., and we guarantee our prices fully 5 to 10 per cent. below others or your money returned.

## Gidding's

Mothers, we want you to see our summer line of children's novelties.

Scotch Overplaid, very stylish for spring, large line, men's, boys' and children's.

## PICTURES OF PRIZE FIGHTS.

A Bill introduced in the State Legislature Making Viaticoscope and Similar Exhibitions Illegal.

As a result of a conference held Monday evening, participated in by a number of legislature leaders, a novel bill was introduced in both branches on Tuesday. C. C. Kauffman, of Lancaster presented the measure in the Senate and a Philadelphia Representative took charge of it in the House. The bill is aimed directly at the exhibition of facsimiles of prize fights, and other illegal doings, or events, by means of the viaticoscope, conematograph, biograph or any similar machine or device. An effort for speedy action will be made for the purpose of blocking the heralded influx of Carson City pictures. In discussing the matter Monday night Senator Kauffman said he had received a number of letters on this subject from clergymen and others. The bill is introduced makes an exhibition such as indicated a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 or six months' imprisonment.

The Glee and Banjo clubs of Lafayette College will give a concert in the Opera House Friday night. The College claims that these musical clubs hold a high place among other organizations of the same kind anywhere. They gave a concert in Bloomsburg about three years ago. Admission will be 25, 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats can be had at Slate's bookstore.

The music department of the Normal held its eighth term concert in Normal Auditorium on Friday night. A large number of music lovers were present. Admission was by ticket.

Robert McWade, supported by a good company, appeared at the Opera House Monday night in his original version of that standard play "Rip Van Winkle." The performances are said to have been very satisfactory.

The mens' meeting in Y. M. C. A. Hall on Sunday afternoon was addressed by M. I. Low of Lime Ridge. He took for his subject "Help at Hand."

A new swindle is being worked in a number of towns by two confederates in this manner: One of them goes into a store and purchases a small article, paying with a bill which has been previously marked. Picking up his change he departs. In a few minutes the other enters and buys a cigar, after standing around a few minutes he asks the clerk for his change. The swindler insists that he has paid and remembers it very distinctly because the bill he gave the clerk had a very familiar mark upon it, which he describes. The clerk looks in the till, finds the bill as described, gives him his change and apologizes for detaining him.

Centralia High School has reached third place in the voting contest for a library to be given by the *Philadelphia Times*, and is far enough ahead of the next lowest to hold the place. If it keeps climbing up as rapidly as at present it will reach a better place than third. Send in the coupons. Among the contributors not mentioned last week are Rev. A. J. McCann, and Freeze Quick.

W. H. Person of Allentown, aged about thirty-five years, well known in this section, died of heart disease, last week. Robert L. Runyon of town attended the funeral which was held on Saturday.

A petition is being signed and will be presented to the Town Council at its next meeting asking for the opening of Park Street, so as to enable people who are building to drive in to their properties.

Mrs. Harvey Hess, aged about sixty-three years, died at her home in Mifflinville, on Friday morning. Her death was caused by pneumonia. A husband and a son survive. The latter is employed at Binghampton, N. Y.

J. U. Kurtz of Berwick, came down Tuesday morning, and took up his Commission as Associate Judge, to which office he was recently appointed by the Governor.

C. C. Marr has moved into the house owned by William Kramer on Fourth Street.