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TAKEN BACK TO JAIL.

The hearing in the case of Frank Beers, charged with raping Laura Holter, which had been set for Friday morning, but owing to the Holter girl's inability to be present, was held before Justice of the Peace John M. Clark on Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The District Attorney was assisted by C. G. Barkley, Esq. Fred Ikeler and Col. John G. Freeze were counsel for Beers.

Laura Holter, the young lady who is claimed to have been so brutally dealt with, was the first person called. She told how young Beers and herself had been sitting on a neighbor's porch talking together about one thing or another, and later when she started home how he followed her, and when she refused to take a walk toward Oak Grove with him that he grabbed her, held her mouth tight shut so that she could not make any noise, and how while he held her in this position committed the inhuman act.

Dr. Bierman, who was her attending physician, was called, and described the young girl's condition from the time he was first sent for up to last Friday when he made his last call. The last person called was Ada Holter, after which the District Attorney asked that Beers be bound over for trial at September term of Court. The commitment was made out by Squire Clark, and Chief of Police Arlington Shultz took Beers back to jail.

Prof. Coles For August.

"Earth is now in the House of Fortune and opposed by the House of Death. Therefore while fortune is smiling on people in some localities others will be in riot, starvation and death; for the good and evil forces are equally divided, this month and there will be a fierce struggle between them for supremacy. This same struggle for supremacy will predominate in the animal and vegetable kingdom. Disease, epidemics, riots, wars and all things evil may astonish the world. Last month the evil forces overpowered the good and kept prosperity from coming in.

The earth will move into a colic belt in its orbit, of extreme heat, some time between the 1st and 15th, and cause a break in the gaseous matter now passing over the sun and let down the stale heat which will debilitate man's physical nature to weakness. Therefore, we warn mankind to prepare themselves to ward off the typhoid germs which will abound in animal matter; as the air will be, we have reasons to believe, highly charged with deadly poisons! Mothers, be careful what you feed your little ones and do not give them ice cold water to drink.

The extreme heat, destructive hail storms, cloud bursts, vegetable microbes, the comet, etc., came last month as we predicted. Now we warn you all that there will be another break in the sea of gaseous matter now passing over the sun, some time between the 1st and 15th, and cause deadly heat, destructive floods, unprecedented hail storms, high gales, hurricanes, cyclones, tidal waves, cloud bursts etc. Unless earthquakes are produced by the strong magnetic currents now running southward, the Atlantic coast will be in danger of a tidal wave. A warm wave of insufferable severity will strike some sections and break the heat records, while a cold wave bordering on frost and snow will visit others. Farmers living along rivers and streams may suffer great loss this month. The latter half of the month will bring strange phenomena and earth disturbances of phenomenal weather, as the sun will be wholly enveloped in a sea of gaseous matter and no man can foretell what the result will be."

PROF. E. COLE.

THE RACE MEET.

The big race meet to be given by the Bloomsburg Wheelmen will be held one week from next Saturday, which will be August 14. Entries are coming in to the Secretary from all over the state, and everything gives promise that the '97 race meet will outdo any ever held by the local organizations. The following is the list of events:

VALUE OF PRIZES.

1. One Mile Novice.....\$25 00
2. One Half Mile Open..... 55 00
3. Club Handicap, one mile.. 12 00
4. Trick Riding.....
5. Two Mile Lap Race..... 75 00
6. Special Race (Local).... 8 00
7. One Mile Handicap..... 55 00
8. Trick Riding.....
9. One Mile Open..... 65 00
10. Three Mile Handicap.... 75 00

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 last published. Aaron O. Kindt, of Mordansville, to Miss Ada Crawford, of the same place.

D. W. Kremer, of Benton, to Mrs. Samantha E. Karns, of same place.

John W. Albertson, of Rohrsburg, to Miss Lizzie E. Lemons, of Jackson township.

Thomas Rhodomoyer, of Bloomsburg, to Miss Armenta Welliver, of Hemlock township.

O. R. Titus, of Numedia, to Miss Ella Knorr, of same place.

Charles Shultz, of Van Camp, to Miss Susie Ruckle, of Raven Creek.

Milford Laubach, of Fairmount Springs, to Miss Eva B. Shultz, of Sugarloaf township.

Frank Manning, of Greenwood township, to Miss Ella Farver of Jackson township.

Ray Hess, of Centre township, to Miss Laura Yost, of Briarcreek township.

John F. Hines, of Centralia, to Miss Annie D. McGovern, of Mt Carmel.

Harry W. Chrimer, of Centralia, to Miss Margaret E. Hines of same place.

Harry Swisher, of Hillsgrove, to Miss Catharine Avery, of same place.

Charles Hall, of Bloomsburg, to Miss Annie Silk, of same place.

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.

Jacob Seybert, to Elliot Adams, for tract of land in Briarcreek.

William Deiterick, to James O. Deiterick, for land in Berwick.

William S. Case, Ex., to Sarah A. Hoover, for tract of land in Benton township.

Walter Morris, Trustee, to Clara Bibby, for tract of land in Catawissa.

Clarissa Peacock, to Thirma S. Peacock, for land in Bloomsburg.

Annie Grand, et. al. to J. V. Nichols, for land in Bloomsburg.

Frank L. Freas Ex., to Alice H. Freas, for tract of land in Scott township.

E. R. Ikeler, et. ux., to H. G. Supplee, for land in Bloomsburg.

C. W. Miller, to Bloomsburg Match Company, for land in Bloomsburg.

G. M. Tustin, to Bloomsburg Match Company, for land in Bloomsburg.

BOY'S ARM FROZEN.

Samuel Wolf, a confectioner at Jersey City, on Monday afternoon, offered a dish of ice cream to a boy who would hold his arm the longest time in an ice cream freezer. A number of small boys who were around the store contested for the prize, but a young lad, about ten years of age, named Willis Lockwood outdid them all. Although suffering excruciating pain he held his arm in the freezer for four minutes. When he withdrew it the arm was frozen stiff. The boy was taken to a hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the arm. Any man with a right mind certainly would not offer a prize for, nor allow such an inhuman contest, and this confectioner deserves punishment.

A very daring and reckless piece of forgery was discovered last week. Two of the names forged and used as security on judgment notes in order to obtain money were George Beagle, a resident of Columbia County and William Amesbury, of Danville. The man accused of this most serious crime is S. D. Neyhard, who for several years past has been conducting an insurance and real estate office in the First National Bank building. The forgeries it is said will aggregate many thousands of dollars. It is also said that he obtained money in other ways. Dr. W. H. House and several others of town are losers to a considerable extent. He absconded last week and has not been seen or heard tell of since.

The Sheriff on Saturday levied on the missing man's household goods etc. Neyhard was the agent for the Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association, and that company has \$3200 against his residence.

Martha Chrisman, aged nine years, daughter of T. Chrisman who resides on Second Street, died on Friday morning. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon. Burial in Rosemont Cemetery.

FIVE ACRES CAVE-IN.

At Pittston Property is Wrecked By the Settling of Mine Workings.

The following, from Pittston appeared in the *Philadelphia Press*, on Monday:

"A serious cave-in covering an area of five acres occurred here to-night in the heart of the city, and within a stone's throw of Main Street. The ground overlies the workings of the Ravine shaft, owned and operated by the Newton Coal Mining Company. The surface has dropped nearly six feet in some places and eleven houses, owned and occupied by Hiram Davenport, Jacob Welter, Louis Barlow, John Haston, Sherman Phelps, Paul Valeris, George Haston, Michael Rely and John Saunders, have been more or less wrecked.

The cave occurred at about half past ten. Many of the occupants had gone to bed, when a loud rumbling startled them beyond description. All was confusion instantly, and it was only by the greatest difficulty that the inmates escaped. They found it impossible to open their doors, so badly were they wrenched.

To add to the excitement, two large 36-inch water mains burst, and the roar of the rushing water, together with the underground rumblings, only tended to increase the fears of the imprisoned inmates.

General Manager John B. Law was notified, and is now at work with a gang of men to withstand the further settling of the workings. Men are patrolling the affected streets with lighted lanterns warning the people of the danger.

The extent of the damage to the several properties will be large, while the loss to the company can only be conjectured owing to the inability to ascertain how badly the mines are affected inside. This shaft is a sister to the twin shaft in which fifty-eight men were entombed alive, a little over a year ago, and from which their bodies were never recovered."

Suing for Coal Royalty.

Kingston Coal Co. the Defendant and Bloomsburg Parties the plaintiffs.

Levi E. and David J. Waller, executors of the estate of the late Rev. David J. Waller of Bloomsburg, yesterday filed papers in an equity suit against the Kingston Coal Co. The late Rev. Mr. Waller was the owner of certain coal lands in Plymouth township, which were leased to Waterman & Beaver, who afterward transferred the lease to the Kingston Coal Co. By the terms of the lease the defendant company was to mine and pay a royalty of 25 cents a ton on all coal passing over a 3/4 inch screen, not less than 36,000 tons to be mined annually and also pay a rental of \$9,000 a year, payments to be made quarterly. The plaintiffs state that Rev. Dr. Waller died in 1893, and that the quarterly statements of rental since made to the executors of the royalty and rental account have been false and misleading. They therefore ask the courts to compel the coal company to account for all coal mined from the plaintiffs' property and pay such amount as may be found to be owing. Alexander and John D. Farnham are the plaintiffs' attorneys. *Hazleton Sentinel.*

No Fees for Paid Police.

The Governor has signed the bill making it unlawful for any policeman employed at a stipulated salary by any city, borough or township to accept fees or other compensation in addition to his salary for any service performed by him in the discharge of his duties, excepting public rewards or mileage allowed for traveling. The violation of any of the provisions of the act shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and costs, or undergo imprisonment in jail for a period not exceeding thirty days.

The young men in and about Almedia are said to be in a state of terrorism over the nightly appearance of a woman in black. She is described by a young man who saw her the other evening, as being dressed in a black mackintosh, a long black veil and big gloves buckled up around her wrists. The strange individual, it appears makes a practice of remaining along the road at night and a feeling of great terror has seized upon the wheelmen who go up the road for a ride and who are compelled to return by the light of the stars.

BASE BALL.

Shamokin played here on Thursday and Friday of last week. The management of the home team expected to win the two games with ease. Their expectations were realized in the first game, the visitors proving dead easy. The idol of the fans, Mr. Hepting, pitched, and his delivery was never solved. Score:

R H E
Bloomsburg—0 0 3 6 2 0 0 0 0—11 10 3
Shamokin—0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0—3 8 2
Batteries, Hepting and Chamberlin; Durnbaugh, Strausberger and Schrecongost. Umpire, Forred.

The second game resulted somewhat different. Shamokin went at our boys for keeps, scoring two in the first and a like number in the second. There was no more counting done till the seventh when the home team by a little exhibition of stick work coupled with good base running scored seven runs. Nearly everyone on the ground thought the game was cinched and several left, but the unexpected always happens. In the eighth Dunn was hit safely several times, and two inexcusable errors on the part of Holloway and McNealy gave the visitors four runs and the game. This contest was another proof of the fact that base ball and booze don't go together. Score:

R H E
Bloomsburg—0 0 0 0 0 7 0 0 0—7 12 2
Shamokin—2 2 0 0 0 0 1 4 X—9 12 3
Batteries, Dunn and Chamberlin; Miller and Schrecongost. Umpire Forred.

Williamsport was taken into camp by the home team on Monday by the time of 5 to 3. This was pitcher Hipting's third game, and his third victory. Nine hits scattered through as many innings was the extent of the batting done by the visitors, while the efforts of the locals in that direction were more timely. Goodhart again came in for a good share of credit, by placing the sphere over the right field wall for a homer. Score:

R H E
Bloomsburg 0 1 1 0 0 0 2 1—5 11 0
Williamsport 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0—2 9 7
Batteries, Hepting and Chamberlin; Roach and Patchen. Umpire Forred.

DIAMOND CHIPS.

Whoop her up. Pennant? Well don't say a word. Patchen has signed for behind the Rubber.

Aldinger arrived in town on Monday and will be seen in left garden during the balance of the season.

What's the matter with the Blue Birds pitching department now? McNeely, Hepting and Everson, and lines are out for Jayne. If that aint a quartette of peaches, then just tell us.

Dunn has gone to Canandaigua, New York.

We do envy Sunbury's position and are bound to change places with them inside of a week.

We play at Williamsport to-day, and should win.

McNeely pitched good ball at Shamokin on Saturday, allowing the coal diggers but seven hits, so that it wasn't his fault we lost.

STOMACH FULL OF LIZARDS.

A Case in Lancaster County Which Has Puzzled Physicians.

Hoard Overly, a young farmer, of Lancaster County, has been ailing for several months and his case was a puzzle to the physicians. Dr. Frew, of Paradise, Thursday decided to give him an anthelminthic and a few hours later Overly commenced to vomit with astonishing results.

There were twenty-four lizards, ranging in size from two or three and a half inches long, many of them dead, forty lizard eggs and many worms thrown from his stomach.

On the farm on which the latter resides is a large spring from which he has been accustomed to drink for years by lying flat on his stomach, and it is supposed that he in that way swallowed the lizards or their eggs.

J. J. Fox, one of the best known men of Unityville had his left leg amputated on Wednesday. The trouble started from a sore toe, when gangrene set in, and amputation was necessary in order to save his life. The operation was performed by Dr. Nutt, of Williamsport, assisted by Dr. Christy of Millville. Mr. Fox is a leading democrat of that section, and is a brother-in-law of our townsman B. W. Jury.

About seventeen gentlemen from Philadelphia are camping at Arbutus Park. They came up on Saturday, and intend staying two weeks.

JULY Reductions

Do you expect to travel. We've a large and complete assortment of Trunks, Telescopes and Valises at all prices. A Good Trunk \$2.50 and up.

Means great savings to Suit Buyers. You shouldn't hesitate long about buying suits at present prices. We've about 120 Suits that are strictly all wool and fast color in light, dark and medium colors; also pin checks and color plaids, some sold at \$6.50, some \$7.50 and others as high as 9 and \$10, but we're cleaning up the season's broken sizes, hence any suit in the lot for

\$5.00.

This is probably the greatest Suit Bargain this or any other store in the county has ever put out, and if you value money you'll join the throng of buyers this week. Of course the better and best suits are here for the men or boys' in all the popular mixtures and plain blue or blacks at 7.50, 10, 12, and \$15.

Every Straw Hat in the store at absolute cost to close out.

SUMMER UNDERWEAR

and all other outfitings are here.

Gidding's

Negligee Shirts at Reduced Prices.

Sweaters, Belts, etc., all reduced to make room.

Meeting of School Board.

The Bloomsburg School Board held a meeting at the High School building last Friday night. The directors were all present. The purpose of the meeting was to open bids for furnishing the supplies for the coming school term and to arrange other matters. The contract for furnishing the supplies was awarded to Hess Brothers, their bid being the lowest received. Improvements were recommended to be made at the different school buildings, such as new seats in the Fifth Street building, papering of rooms in the Third Street building, a pavement to the rear entrance and the building of a fence around the new lot at the building on Third Street. It was moved and seconded that proposals for the above work be received. Bills were presented and ordered paid. The teachers who have been selected for the ensuing year will be present and sign their contracts at the next meeting which will be held August 13th.

Do not forget the date of the great Farmers' Picnic to be held at Wynona Park on Thursday, Aug., 12th. Present indications point to a large and enthusiastic attendance on that occasion. In fact it is the great social gathering of the farmers, their wives, sons and daughters, from all parts of this and adjoining counties. The grounds are in elegant condition with an abundance of cool and inviting shade, with plenty of the purest spring water at hand with which to quench the thirst. Than Wynona Park there is no more inviting grove along the B. & S. R. R. in which to spend a day of rest and enjoyment, and those who fail to attend the coming farmers picnic will miss an enjoyable treat. The grounds are easy of access from all points, both by rail and private conveyance, and excursion rates have been secured over the B. & S. R. R. Everybody go and enjoy a day of rest and recreation.

The Mission Sunday School will hold a picnic at Oak Grove Saturday. It does not matter whether you have ever attended the Sunday School or not, everybody is invited to attend to spend a day of pleasure in the woods. Everybody will eat from one table.

BARN DESTROYED.

N. U. Funk's large barn, a short distance below Espy, was destroyed by fire at about 9 o'clock last night, together with all its contents, consisting of hay, grain, straw and a few farming implements. The direct cause of the fire is not known, but the supposition is that the building was struck by lightning, as a severe electrical storm was passing over at the time. The fire engine and hose cart were taken up to outen the flames. The fire lit up the sky so that it could be seen for miles around.

During the editor's absence last week, a brief article on the subject of the Normal School appropriation found its way into these columns, which looked as though we approved of the Governor's course in compelling the Normal Schools each to relinquish \$5000 of the appropriation given them by the legislature. Money wrested from the Normal Schools is not "saved" to the state. Public money spent in educating teachers of the common schools of the state is well invested, and the Governor could have found some other place to use his ax instead of crippling the Normal Schools.

For instance, it would not make much difference to the state and the world at large, if the soldiers should forego the pleasure of their annual picnic fess and feathers, which costs the state many thousands of dollars. For what? The citizen-soldier is a good thing, but when it becomes a question as to which shall suffer for want of funds, the soldiers or the schools, we think that the annual parade could have been omitted for a year or two until the state treasury gets more money in it. It is false economy to deprive the schools of the necessary means of subsistence.

Willie, thirteen-year-old son of Edward Mericle, who lives on Fifth Street, met with a painful accident on Monday morning. He in company with some other young boys, was at Oak Grove watching cows. He was holding a rope, one end of which was fastened on the cow's head, when the animal suddenly threw her head to one side, throwing the lad to the ground, breaking his arm in two places.