



THE NEW M. E. CHURCH.

A Splendid House of Worship Dedicated on Sunday Last by the Bloomsburg Methodists.

OVER \$20,000 SUBSCRIBED.

Description of the Building, and a Report of the Exercises of the Week.

Sunday last was a great day for Methodists. Their new church on the corner of Market and Third streets, colossal in proportions, convenient in all its arrangements, and complete in every detail, was dedicated to the worship of God.

Through the indomitable energy and perseverance of Rev. B. C. Connor D.D., the pastor in charge, backed by a board of trustees and other officers of enterprising and progressive spirit, the project of erecting a new church has culminated, and better yet, through the liberality of the members and the gifts of some not connected with the congregation, a sufficient amount of money has been subscribed to nearly pay the debt incurred in its erection.

DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING.

It is situated on the southwest corner of Third and Market streets, and is built of Elk Run grey stone furnished by Yorks & Yorks from their quarry in this county, and is trimmed with Indiana lime stone. The main room is 74x108 feet, with a Sunday School room of 54x93 feet, making the entire length on Third street 162 feet.

The evening sermon was preached by Dr. Moore, and after the subscription had ceased, the church was dedicated by Bishop Fowler in the form prescribed by the ritual of the M. E. Church. The music at all the services was led by the excellent choir of sixteen voices, under the leadership of F. B. Hartman. Mrs. Fred Holmes presided at the organ, and handled it with great credit to herself. It was the first time she had ever played a pipe organ in public.

principal part of the musical program. A full description of the organ appeared in the COLUMBIAN three weeks ago.

The Board of Trustees consists of the following gentlemen: G. W. Corell, President, J. C. Brown, Secretary, L. N. Moyer, Treasurer, Dr. J. J. Brown, M. P. Lutz, C. C. Peacock, L. E. Whary, W. R. Ringrose, S. C. Creasy.

The Building Committee who had charge of the construction were: J. C. Brown, chairman, L. N. Moyer, C. C. Peacock, G. W. Corell, W. R. Kocher. By giving the matter their personal attention they saved an architect's bill of \$800.

On Monday evening Bishop Fowler delivered his lecture on Abraham Lincoln, to a large audience. It was attentively listened to for more than two hours, and the proceeds netted a nice sum.

On Tuesday evening a reunion and social was held, at which addresses were made by former pastors and Presiding Elders.

On Wednesday evening a sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Price, D. D. of the Baltimore conference.

Tonight a musical will be given under the auspices of the choir, at which a silver collection will be taken up.

Next Sunday evening a fraternal meeting will be held, in which all the churches will unite, and this will close the week of dedication exercises in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg.

THEY DESERVE PUNISHMENT.

The following article, appeared in Tuesday's issue of the Danville Sun. The two young men, whoever they are, and whether they are from Bloomsburg, deserve punishment. Cases of this kind are becoming far too numerous and it is high time something is done to stop the infernal practice. It says:

"A young lady from South Danville, whose name is withheld, met with a shocking adventure on Sunday night through an indiscreet habit, of taking up with strange men. Two young bloods from Bloomsburg, whose names are likewise withheld for the present, during the day drove down to this place, and in the evening induced the young lady above alluded to and a girl companion also from South Danville to accompany them on a drive. Instead of taking them across the river to their homes as they promised they would, they drove them out Bloom road as far as Rishel's woods.

About 10 o'clock as T. L. Evans of this city, accompanied by his wife, was returning from Bloomsburg, he found the carriage at this point standing empty by the roadside. Mr. Evans had scarcely passed, when a female figure sprang to the buggy and seizing hold begged piteously to be taken in. The girl was nearly dead with fright and terror and without waiting for the horse to stop succeeded in clambering into the moving vehicle. As soon as able to explain, the girl made a heinous charge against one of the Bloomsburg bloods. The girl's clothing, portions of which had been wrested from her body, bore witness of the desperate struggle that she had made.

Mr. Evans stopped his horse with the intention of going back to apprehend, if possible, the wretch who had assaulted the girl. Before he could accomplish anything, however, the fellow, realizing the position he was in, whipped up his horses and at the immediate danger of upsetting drove into the gutter and dashed by toward this place. There was no one but the driver in the carriage, which indicated that the other girl and one of the men had been left somewhere in the rear. Mr. Evans brought the girl into town. She is but sixteen years of age. The other girl was in all probability no fit companion for her."

Oyster Supper.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Trinity Reformed Church will give an oyster supper on Friday evening September 24th in the store room on the corner of Iron and Main Streets. Supper will begin at 5 o'clock. Price 25cts. Ice cream and cake extra. Everybody is invited.

The following letters are advertised Sept. 21, 1897. Mr. W. F. Bour, Miss Eva Conner, Miss Lillie Geise, Mr. W. R. Hench, Miss Ada Hoyer, William Keefer, Mr. Irving Wood. Will be sent to the dead letter office October 5, 1897. JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

CURSED THE ALMIGHTY.

The following incredulous story which reached this town about a week ago, and which was reported to have occurred some where near Sunbury, has been the cause of no end of talk. The story is of a very sensational nature and has spread all over the state. As we have been asked several times by different people about the fable we print below a report which was sent to the Philadelphia Times by a Leechburg correspondent, and let our readers draw their own conclusions as to its correctness.

"A farmer in the northern part of this or southern limit of Butler county, near Bradys Bend, discouraged at the unfavorable conditions of the weather for gathering crops, some two or three weeks since procured a gun and telling his neighbors that he intended to 'shoot Jesus Christ' unless that the weather was improved so that he might gather his crops, went to the fields on his farm. He raised his gun to the sky and took careful aim, when suddenly he became transfixed. Hours afterward he was found by his friends, still pointing the gun, apparently alive but unable to move or speak. No man could get near him, as there was an invisible repellent force. An effort was made to build a shed over him but the nails could not be driven into the boards by reason of this same strange force. He stands there to-day, a living, though, helpless, monument of the folly of profanation against the Deity. Hundreds have visited the place, and this story is rushing over the country rapidly creating no end of a sensation."

The Late Bishop Rulison.

The New York Tribune of September 9th says:

The Right Rev. Dr. Nelson Somerville Rulison, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania Episcopal diocese, who died abroad on Wednesday, had a peculiarly rich, sweet voice, both in speaking and singing, though to the stranger his enunciation of certain sounds seemed rather indistinct. His intoning of the Litany at the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Henry Yates Satterlee, as Bishop of Washington, in Calvary Church, this city, was one of the most impressive features of that imposing ceremony. Bishop Rulison's was a particularly lovable character, combining the most charming gentleness and the tenderest sympathy with a manly firmness and courage of the most emphatic type. He was a remarkably handsome man, and in the majestic robes of his order presented an unusually commanding figure. His last pastoral charge before his elevation to the episcopate was St. Paul's Church, Cleveland, Ohio, to the rectorship of which the Rev. Dr. George H. McGrew, of this city, has recently gone.

Ritter Murder Mystery.

The cold-blooded murder of Amos Ritter near Watsonstown is still shrouded in mystery. The only real inkling or incriminating material at hand now are the red cotton handkerchiefs that were found over the face of the dead man when discovered. The detective has traced them to a store in Dewart where they were purchased. The proprietor of the notion store states positively that the handkerchiefs were bought at his place but he does not remember the purchasers. However, he admitted that certain characters of Watsonstown suspected of the crime, frequently purchased at his place of business.

It is said that the county commissioner will offer a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of the criminals.

The Bicycle Pin.

The newest craze among wheelwomen is the bicycle pin. This, it is said, will be very popular. If so it will be owing to the bicycle craze and not to any amount of beauty in the pin. It is about the ugliest thing the jewelers have as yet designed in their efforts to please wheelwomen. It is about one inch in dimension, a miniature wheel in gold, with silver gearings and colored enameled handle bars, and a small jewel in place of a screw. Some of these little affairs are quite elaborately carved, but altogether the effect is neither pretty nor graceful. Still, it is the latest fad, and all wheelwomen seem well pleased at their possession. It is but a modern case of the old woman who kissed the cow.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hyssoag died of cholera infantum Tuesday afternoon.

SNAP SHOTS

From this Mighty Seat of Value Giving. The Best and Biggest Store in Columbia or Montour Counties bids you to enter the store where you know you can buy dependable merchandise. Where you know you can get best and latest styles. Where you know you can always receive fair treatment. If you buy anything here that doesn't come up to our guarantee, come back and get your money. This store of yours is always ready to right a wrong. [We're not infallible.]

Saturday's Values are worth talking about in your homes, but come and take advantage of them.

Boys' School Suits Men's Suits.

Of splendid all wool cloth, 3 to 8 with sailor collar and beautifully braided; 9 to 14, plain, double breasted, of all wool in fancy plaids, easily worth \$2.50 to \$2.75, at \$1.98.

Boys' Dress Suits

3 to 8, sailor collar and braided reefer style; 9 to 15, perfectly plain of excellent all wool fancy cloth, perfect fitting, full \$3.50 value, at \$2.50.

The best \$5 suits we've seen in many a day of standard \$5 value everywhere. We've a lot here that were sold to us. Well what is the difference to you so long as you buy \$5.00 suits at \$3.50.

A Bargain Truly. 100 Men's Fancy Plaid and Plain Mixtures in men's suit sizes from 34 to 42 of all wool cloth, well made perfect fitting, really worth \$6.50 \$4.75.

Men's splendid all wool plain or fancy cloths. Plaid and over-plaids of standard \$8.50 and \$9 value, and will be worth in the new tariff price \$10, our price \$7.50.

Custom made suits, ready to wear, excellently trimmed, Merchant Tailor Patterns, 10, 12, 15 and \$18.

Overcoats

Of every kind and sort, plain and fancy lined, 3.50 5.00, 7.50, 10, 12 and \$15.

GIDDING & CO.

Nearly Opp. Court House.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

BASE BALL.

The locals played the last game of the season at Athletic Park on Saturday, and beat the Champions Milton by the score of 13 to 0. The visitors could not gauge Conn the Blue Birds pitcher, and at times played a very loose field game. Two pitchers were tried by Milton, namely, Willig and Setley and each was given a warm reception. The locals were all in a batting mood and displayed plenty of ginger on the bases. Owens led the hitting with four two base hits out of 25 many times at bat. The way "Reddy" stepped up to the plate and laced them out Saturday showed that his injury at Willia sport the week before did not destroy any of his nerve. Goodhart, by the way did some fine fielding by scooping in a three ground hits which seemed almost impossible to get. Messery covered first base in gilt edged style, his performance on the initial bag called forth considerable applause from the large crowd, and proved that he is entitled to the reputation he has won of being the best first baseman in the league. In the last inning the men were all changed around, but even then Milton could not tally. To put it in a slang way, the visitors were "dead easy." Score:

R. H. E. Bloomsburg 0 1 5 0 3 2 0 0 2-13 16 0 Milton 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 3 4 Batteries, Conn, Patchen, Sommers and Goodhart; Willig, Setley and Bates. Umpire, Hagenbuch.

Lewisburg Fair.

The Union County Fair will be held at Brook Park, near Lewisburg Sept. 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 1897. For the benefit of visitors, the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will sell Excursion Tickets to Brook Park September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, valid for return passage until October 2, 1897 inclusive at greatly reduced rates.

The members of the disbanded Bloomsburg base ball club, with the exception of Messerley left for their respective homes on Saturday evening. This year's team was the best the town ever had, and a little bad judgment in the selection of pitchers, at a critical time is the only thing that kept us down. That "Dusty" Rhoads deal for instance.

Court Proceedings.

A session of Court was held on Monday. Hon. Allen Craig, of Carbon County, and Associate Kurtz preside. In repetition of Sheriff McHenry for the appointment of jail keeper and petition of County Commissioners for forcission of a part of the Court's order of March 1, 1897. Papers presented to the Court. George S. Fleckenstine, County Treasurer vs. Commissioners of Columbia County. Petitions presented to the Court by Commissioners and Fleckenstine, for Court to fix salary of said Fleckenstine. Papers given to the Court. Chas. C. Evans, Executor vs. D. Z. Remaley. Petition of Defendant to pay moneys into Court. Rule granted to show cause, etc.

A KILLING KICK BEHIND THE EAR. Constable Thad Shinkle and Officer Taylor on Thursday arrested Edward Drudden at his home near Brookfield, Chester County, on the charge of causing the death of John Rudolph. In a skylarking bout on August 4 Drudden attempted to kick Rudolph's hat off. The kick landed behind the ear and proved fatal, and now Rudolph's brother says it was a malicious act, as the two had been enemies for instance.