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FRATERNAL MEETING.

Nearly two thousand people filled the Methodist Church on Sunday evening. All the other Protestant churches were closed, and the pastors and congregations were invited to unite with the Methodists in a fraternal meeting as a fitting close to their week of dedication. On the platform were seated with Dr. Conner, Rev. C. H. Brandt of the Reformed Church, Rev. D. N. Kirby of the Episcopal Church, Rev. M. E. McLinn of the Lutheran Church and Rev. Dr. Hemmingway of the Presbyterian Church, by all of whom brief addresses were made, interspersed by prayer and singing. Rev. Currin of the Evangelicals was absent on account of illness.

There is a most commendable spirit of friendliness existing between the members of the several churches, and the general good of the community can best be promoted by its encouragement and perpetuation.

TOWANDA.

During a recent visit to Towanda we observed much activity in building. The new Court House is nearly completed, at a cost of \$200,000. It is a massive stone structure surmounted by a large dome, and is beautifully finished inside. There are no vaults, as the building is as nearly fireproof as it is possible to make it. It is a much needed improvement, as the old Court House was probably the shabbiest one in any county of the state as large as Bradford.

A beautiful new M. E. Church has recently been completed, a fine library building for the town is being erected, and the Roman Catholics have a \$25,000 school building well under way. A new stone business block, a large flour mill and a number of fine residences complete the list of recent improvements.

Towanda is a nice old town, the place of our birth, and we are glad to note these evidences of prosperity.

LAFAYETTE AND NORMAL.

The Normal School foot ball season opened at Athletic Field Monday afternoon with Lafayette College. The visitors put up a brilliant defensive game, but were weak in advancing the ball except around the ends. Lafayette used nearly all her substitutes, and this continual changing of men made team work impossible. The Normal team, although light compared to their opponents, downed the heavy Lafayette backs for a loss several different times, but not until the second half could they make any impression on Lafayette's line. The game was marked by fumbling on both sides. Lafayette served three times, but missed two goals. Following was the line up:

LAFAYETTE.	POSITIONS.	NORMAL.
Worthington, Herr.		
Boyd,.....	Left end.....	Derr.
Duffy, Snyder,.....	Left tackle.....	Wildoner.
Sherphard, Rhinhart.		
Saxe,.....	Left guard.....	Bray.
Jones, Conway,.....	Centre.....	Butts.
Rhinhart, Sherphard	Right guard.....	Laubach.
Wiedemeyer,.....	Right tackle.....	Keeler.
Hill,.....	Right end.....	Snyder.
Best, Rutter,.....	Quarter back.....	Aldinger.
Weaver, Pierce,.....		
Worthington,.....	Left half back.....	McGuffey.
Sternberg,.....	Right half back.....	Smethers.
Bray,.....	Full back.....	Fox.

Time—two 20 minute halves.
 Umpire—Park. Davis. Referee—Fred Goodcharles. Score—Lafayette 18. Normal 0.

A company of young people of this town, will present dramas at the Opera House on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Fair week. On Tuesday they will give a short comedy, written by Fred Ikeler, Esq., entitled "Consolidation," followed by a two act comedy entitled "Mr. Bobb." On Wednesday evening they will reproduce "Marcy," a melodrama in four acts, which was played about a year ago by nearly the same company. A few changes have been made in the caste of characters.

Marcy was a decided hit, and all who saw it before will no doubt go again. The entertainment will be given for a worthy object.

Three more of Sheriff Martin's deputies who participated in the shooting at Lattimer surrendered themselves to the court at Wilkesbarre on Monday and entered bail for murder and felonious wounding. They are Thomas Marsden, Samuel Ernd and William Castello. Five others still remain at large.

The name of M. P. Lutz as prohibition candidate for Associate Judge in this county was filed at Harrisburg a few hours too late, and his name will not go on the ballot.

DIED TOGETHER.

A. W. May, aged twenty-eight years, a well-known blacksmith of Shamokin, enticed Miss Cora Kaseman, with whom he was desperately in love, into his blacksmith shop Friday evening and ended his own and the girl's life with a revolver. Nothing was known of the tragedy until Saturday morning when two employes who went to work noticed blood stains on the floor. They began to investigate and upon going to the second story discovered the bodies. May's body was lying against the door when discovered, and the girl's body a few feet away. It is said jealousy was the cause of the deed. He is reported to have said that if he could not have her nobody else should.

Friday night Miss Kaseman retired in good spirits and that is the last her parents saw of her until Saturday morning when her father was called to the blacksmith shop to view the body of his murdered child. It is believed that May sent a note to Cora Friday evening, asking her to meet him late that night. At any rate she arose some time that night, probably about midnight, and took a walk with May.

Reaching the smithy it is thought May, failing in his efforts to persuade the girl to elope forced her to enter the shop at the point of a pistol. Gaining the loft May shot the girl in the neck, severing the jugular vein. He then shot himself twice in the head. Miss Kaseman was 18 years of age.

Y. P. S. O. E.

To the Christian Endeavor Societies of Montour and Columbia Counties:

The eleventh annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Pennsylvania will be held this year in Easton, October 5th, 6th and 7th.

No effort is being spared to make this our best state convention. Rev. Francis E. Clark, the Father of Christian Endeavor, who has but recently returned from a tour around the world in the interest of this cause, will be there. Rev. David James Burrell, D. D., one of the most prominent ministers of New York City is expected.

In addition to these will be found on the program the names of many of the most prominent speakers of the state including Rev. Drs. J. Wilbur Chapman, Wallace McMullen, Allan B. Philpott, Wayland Hoyt, Charles Roads, Robert F. T. Pierce and others of Philadelphia; J. T. McCrory, Pittsburg; Geo. B. Stewart, Harrisburg; Rufus W. Miller, Reading, and many others. Prof. and Mrs. Lowe will assist in the singing. The rich spiritual feast assured by the unusually strong program, the beautiful and picturesque scenery surrounding this eastern city, especially attractive at this season of the year, and the low rates for car fare, board and lodging, offer unsurpassed inducements to attend this convention; and every society in Montour and Columbia counties should send at least one delegate.

Urge your pastor to go, send as many other delegates as possible, pray for the success of the convention, and plan immediately to have your society represented.

Mrs. Mary Holmes, died after a protracted illness at the home of her son-in-law, Eli Weaver, on West street at an early hour Sunday morning. She had been living with a daughter at Centerburg, Ohio, and came east last spring in the hope that the change would improve her health. She had an operation performed on her several years ago at which time a tumor weighing nearly thirty pounds was taken from her side. While the operation was a very successful one and prolonged her life, she never had very good health. The deceased was a sister of J. S. Woods, and was aged about sixty-five years. Funeral services were held yesterday at the St. James Church, near Van Camp, and the remains interred in the cemetery at that place.

Lafayette Van Gilder, Chief of Police, of Danville, committed suicide early last Thursday morning by shooting himself. His lifeless body was found in his room by his wife. There is no cause assigned for the deed. It appears that he had on different occasions remarked to friends that if it was not for his children he would not be in this world long. He had been Chief of the police force for a number of years, and was a good officer. He is survived by a wife and two children.

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HORN? WE'VE arranged for next Saturday and the week following a feast of values, the like of which probably will not be your good fortune to partake of again in a long time, for prices are advancing rapidly and these values will not be duplicated by us—so arrange to come as soon as you can.

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\$7.50.

To speak of the cheaper Men's Suits without telling you of our best suits would be like making soup without seasoning it. So we can say with honesty that our suits at \$10 have never been bettered nor for that matter equaled in this or

any other store. They're the very cream of cloth, of course not quite so fine in texture as the 12 and \$15 suits, but the wearing qualities probably just as good. To give a description would be a difficult task, so we invite you to especially come and look through them. It will be worth your while.

YOUNG MEN'S SUITS.

Of course you know the reputation of this store for Young Men's Stylish Suits. This season is however exceptional in point of attractive styles and good values. The price commences at \$5 for a splendid all wool fancy plaid or plain cheviots and worsteds and run by easy stages to \$15. Some few lots of good suits at \$3.75.

CHILDREN'S NOVELTIES.

More Styles probably than all the other stores in town put together. Fitting the tots seems to be a hobby with us. Juniors, Fauntleroy, Reefer Suits, &c. Come in and see them, if only to post yourself on styles. Price commences at 98 cts., then 1.98, 2.50, 2.98, 3.50, 3.98, 5.00 and \$6.00. The Novelties run from age 3 to 8, the plain suits 9 to 15.

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A RECEPTION.

St. Margaret's Guild of St. Paul's Church tendered a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Kirkby in the Parish House on Tuesday evening, to which all the congregation and other guests were invited, among the latter being the pastors of all the other churches and their wives. There was a large attendance, and refreshments were served by the young ladies in a very pleasing manner. A program of musical numbers and recitations was given during the evening, consisting of vocal solos by Miss Jennie Barkley, Mr. Philpott, Mr. Colley, piano solos by Miss Maud Runyon and Miss Ruth McLinn, recitations by Mrs. J. L. Richardson and Miss Minnie Ent, and music by the Mandolin Club, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

The auditorium was prettily decorated with palms and flowers and ornamental lamps, and presented a very attractive appearance. The company dispersed at ten o'clock, well satisfied with the manner of their entertainment.

REUNION OF VETERANS.

The Columbia County Veteran Association held its second annual reunion at Catawissa on Saturday, with two hundred and fifty members in attendance. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. G. M. Klepfer, after which short talks were given by Hon. E. R. Ikeler, Hon. E. M. Tewksbury, J. P. Howe, Mayor I. H. Seesholtz and others.

Captain H. J. Conner, of Orangeville, was elected President; H. C. Conner, of Orangeville, Treasurer, and S. B. Trivelpiece, of Orangeville, Secretary. The next reunion will be held at Orangeville in September of next year.

The University of Pennsylvania foot ball team defeated Bucknell last week by the score of 17 to 0. Bucknell put up an exceptionally strong game. During the second half neither side was able to score.

MUSIOALE

The musicale at the M. E. Church last Thursday night was a success in every way. Nearly a thousand people were present, and the silver collection at the door amounted to \$75.00. With the exception of three selections by the choir, most of the numbers were given by members of other churches. The program included solos by Mrs. Elmer E. Melick, Miss Besse, Mr. Philpott; quartette by Mrs. Melick, Miss Vida Miller, Messrs. Hummer and Elwell; male quartettes by Messrs. Philpott, Yost, Ent and Yetter; organ selections by Miss Maud Runyon and Mrs. Fred Holmes, and recitations by Mrs. Grant Herring and Mrs. J. L. Richardson. It was a well-selected program, and each participant performed his or her part well.

The Klondike gold excitement has furnished a new field for a certain class of advertisers who seize every opportunity to obtain money from the unwary. In the last few months we have received dozens of offers from so-called Alaska Gold Mining companies, to insert advertisements for them. A few have inquired for our cash rates, but most of them have offered pay in stock. All have gone into the waste basket.

In the undeveloped state of the Klondike region it is impossible for any company to operate gold mines with the assurance that a dividend will be paid. And it is reasonably safe to say that nearly all of them are organized, if organized at all, simply for the purpose of getting money for themselves. A man who has a good investment does not usually hunt around for someone with whom he can divide his profits. A company with a good paying claim in gold lands would not offer shares for sale at half price. Our advice to our readers is, don't invest in any of these affairs unless you have money to burn.

Chestnuts are said to be very plentiful. The frosty nights of the last week hurried them on to maturity.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Never in the history of the national sport has there been a closer or more exciting finish than that which the Boston and Baltimore are having at the present. It has been a continual see-saw for the past two weeks, one day Baltimore winning and assuming the lead, while the next day they would loose and give up first position to the Beaneaters. One of the greatest surprises of the season was the recent performance of the "hubites" when they took two out of three from the "Orioles" on the latter's grounds, a feat which has been an extreme rarity during the last four seasons. By winning these two games Boston has practically settled the pennant of '97. While there is a possible chance for Baltimore to finish first, everything is against them. There are only two more games to play, and they will have to win them both, while Boston will have to lose one.

The 33d annual gathering of the Sunday School workers of Pennsylvania associated in the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, will occur at Harrisburg, October 12-14. The program is very full and very interesting; the topics being of a practical character and valuable to all who are interested in Sunday School work. The closing evening will be devoted mainly to addresses; one by Mr. Wm. Reynolds, Field Secretary of the International Sunday School Association, and the other by Rev. Kerr B. Tupper, D. D., of Philadelphia. Send early to the General Secretary, C. J. Kephart, D. D., Annville, Pa., for full program of the Convention.

If the Town Council does not intend to pay any attention to the complaints made concerning the condition of East Fifth street, the street commissioner might be given authority to at least furnish a boat so that pedestrians could get through. It is utterly impossible to travel that thoroughfare in rainy weather.

Columbia County Fair.

BloomSBurg, Pa., October 13 to 16. The managers have rebuilt the large exhibition building, damaged by last year's cyclone and have completed arrangements to entertain the largest crowd ever assembled on their grounds. The speed program begins on Thursday with the 2.19 class, trot and pace, 2.35, 2.30 and 3.00 classes; Friday 2.24 and 2.45 class, trot and 2.40 class, pace, and Saturday the great free-for-all, 2.24 pace and 2.29 trot; when the track record now 2.16 will undoubtedly be lowered. The Ninth Regiment Band of Wilkesbarre will render music every day and the Jackson Roman Hippodrome Co. will entertain the people with their highly trained horses in daring feats of horsemanship. Indications are that there will be a larger exhibit of live stock than ever and every department filled. A good place to meet old friends.

A Steinway piano was placed in the Parish House on Tuesday, and will remain there permanently as the property of the parish. It was donated by Col. and Mrs. J. G. Freeze to the organ fund, and the Ladies' Guild bought it, and will pay the price set upon it to that fund. It stands there, not only as a valuable acquisition to the Parish House, but also as a memorial to Miss Maude Freeze, only daughter of Col. and Mrs. Freeze, who died fifteen years ago, and who was during her lifetime a devoted member of St. Paul's, and for some years a member of the excellent quartette choir of that time.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Columbia County Sabbath School Association, the office of secretary of the Home Department was declared vacant and J. B. Nuss of Mainville, a vice president was elected to this position, and Rev. Henry Minsker of Espy was elected vice president in place of J. B. Nuss.

October 2d, is the last day for paying town taxes to save the penalty. Don't forget it.