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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

A civil service examination for clerks and carriers in the Bloomsburg post office was held in the High School building on Saturday, November 27th. The examining board appointed by the Civil Service Commissioners consisted of James T. Bailey of the Harrisburg postoffice, Paul Eyerly and Geo. A. Clark, the latter being Secretary of the board.

There were 28 applicants for carrier and two for clerk, as follows:

John W. Lewis, Frank G. Case, Howard R. Reimer, Edward E. Caldwell, W. H. Brown, Sanford M. Runyon, Joseph L. Sharpless, C. H. Hagenbuch, W. F. Stohner, Chas. W. Martin, W. I. Herbine, Chas. E. Cadman, R. R. Ralston, C. M. Hess, J. C. Hagenbuch, Arthur R. Colley, Edward W. Traub, Otis E. Herring, B. W. Hagenbuch, E. H. Ent, W. D. Sechrist, J. W. Sands, F. W. Hagenbuch, H. S. Pohe, W. D. Holmes, H. C. Gruver, Chas. Culp, A. L. McCloy, W. H. Coffman, H. N. Smith.

The examination papers were sent to the Civil Service commission at Washington, and the appointments will be made by the Postmaster General, without consultation with anyone in Bloomsburg. Free delivery will go into operation on February 1st.

TRIP TO WASHINGTON.

Prof. J. P. Welsh, of the Normal School, is arranging to take a party of students and friends of the Normal to Washington the week of December 13th. The party will leave Monday and return Friday. The cost of the whole trip will be but \$13.75. This includes all the necessary expenses, namely railroad fare, hotel charges, and transportation of baggage between hotel and railroad station. It also includes a trip to Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington, with admission to the grounds. He will be assisted in the conduct of the party by teachers and others well posted on all places to be visited. The excursion will be open to all students, graduates and former and prospective students of the school. A limited number of special friends of the school will also be admitted. Among the many places of interest to be visited are the following: New Lebrary of Congress, the Washington monument, the capitol, the treasury, state, war and navy building, the soldiers Home, and the Corcoran art gallery. The train will leave East Bloomsburg about 8 o'clock on the above date. Those expecting to go should make known their intention to Prof. J. P. Welsh at once.

A SERIES OF LECTURES.

Mrs. Kate Crasy, the well known eloquent speaker, has been engaged to give a series of lectures in the Opera House during the week beginning February 7th, and continuing each evening for the entire week. The course embraces the following subjects: Paris and the Alps; England, Scotland and Ireland; Italy and Rome; From Ocean to Ocean; Yosemite and Yellowstone; The Sunny South and Cuba. Each town is illustrated with 150 brilliantly colored views twenty feet square. The price of season tickets and single admission will be so low that everybody can afford to attend. The course will be under the management of persons interested in the Episcopal Church.

WASHBURN'S MINSTRELS.

Washburn's Minstrels will show at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th. The *Altoona Ga. A.* of Nov. 13, says of them: "This afternoon, Washburn's double minstrel company gave its opening performance. It is really two shows in one, the white company and the black company each presenting an entertainment worth the admission price. Many new features are introduced in the specialty part of the program, while the musical features are of the best. To-night the second performance will be given: It deserves a crowded house." Their performance is said to be first class, and they will no doubt have a crowded house.

Have Sam Sized Up.

The Reading *Herald* thus does up the Rev. Sam Jones: "Irreverend Sam Jones. He might be a tolerable success as end man in a minstrel show, as an instructor at teacher's institutes and an exhorter of religious organizations he is a wretched failure."

COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The annual teachers institute for Columbia County opened in the Court House, Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The meeting was called to order by County Superintendent J. K. Miller, after which devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby of the Episcopal church. Hon. E. R. Ikeler made the address of welcome. His remarks were loudly applauded.

After music by the institute under the direction of Prof. O. H. Yetter, Hon. E. R. Ikeler made a short talk on the importance of music in the public schools. "Missouri Compromise" was discussed by D. H. W. Elson, of Philadelphia, and "Riley" by Dr. Lincoln Hulley, of Bucknell University.

At Tuesday's session Dr. Elson continued his talk on "The Missouri Compromise," and the "The Liberation of the Slaves." Dr. Lincoln Hulley of Bucknell University gave a number of select readings from Robert Burns, and also a character study of his life. Dr. George W. Twitmyer, Superintendent of the Bethlehem Public Schools gave a talk on primary instruction in district schools.

Superintendent Miller introduced Superintendent George W. Twitmyer who gave an interesting talk on "The Need of Primary Instruction. The primary teacher's work is of great importance, sixty per cent of all the people who enter schools, leave between the ages of six and eleven."

Dr. Edson gave a talk on "How to study History." H. S. Barton favored the institute with a vocal solo.

Dr. H. W. Champlin, School Hygiene, The Eye. The instructor gave a technical but thorough and exhaustive discussion of diseases of the eye. The Germans, are more liable to near sightedness than any other people, owing to the irregularities of their type and to the fact that they are a race of students. In 1880 there were 976 blind out of every million people, and in 1890 800 out of the million were blind. There should be 15 as much window surface as floor surface. Light should be admitted to the school room from the left and rear. The distance of neighboring buildings should be twice their height. Window sills should be three feet from the floor. The top of the desk should overlap the seat about 1 1/2 inches and the width of the seat should correspond to the length of the thigh.

THORN CONVICTED.

Martin Thorn was on Tuesday, at New York, convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of William Guldensuppe, his predecessor in the affections of Mrs. Augusta Nack at Woodside, L. I., on June 25th last. The death sentence will be passed upon him next week. After being led from the Court room back to his cell, the condemned man made the following confession to a police captain:

"I am glad it is over, and the verdict given. I am convicted, and I am contented. It was I who killed Guldensuppe, and I cut up his body. Every word that Mrs. Nack said upon the stand was substantially correct. When I was on the stand I lied when telling the story as I did, but I lied to clear myself. It is no use carrying it any further. I am guilty and convicted. It is what I expected and what I suppose people think I deserve, and perhaps I do."

Searching For Gold?

Story Sent From Bellefonte Concerning Locoming County Klondike.

A special from Bellefonte says: "Quite a sensation has been created during the past week by a number of Locoming county people, Jack Huff, Robert Jones and Henry Anderson, searching on the Bald Eagle mountain for buried gold. The men claim to be in possession of a story which runs that during the war a man named Betzel broke through a brush heap, falling into a cave and that, investigating he found two barrels filled with gold coin."

"The man was frightened by hideous noises in the cave and hastily took his departure, forgetting even to mark the direct spot, although he has the bearings within a half mile or so. The above three men feel confident of finding the treasure."

Judging from the number of deer killed in Locoming County last week, the fleet footed animals must be very numerous in that vicinity. Seven were shot by hunters in that County last week.

Barely Thirty Days Remain

Until we commence alterations and improvements to the betterment of this store and business. We intend making it the shopping place "Par Excellence" of central Pennsylvania. The taking in of the Jones & Walter shoe business, January 1st, next, means much to you in the way of money saving; it means a considerable reduction of expense throughout the entire establishment. The stock, as you well know, is the very best the market affords. Our own superb stock is too well known to need any further explanation. The two will be combined, will be under one ownership, under one management. We'll need much room to allow masons and carpenters to perform their work properly. We've made such reductions on suits, overcoats and ulsters that cannot help to move them very rapidly. The past month's selling has been an exceptional one. December will be even greater; 'twill be an event for clothing buyers, but we suggest early visits.



Men's Suits and Overcoats.

Several lots of 9 and \$10 Suits and Overcoats, standard qualities, made and trimmed in our well known excellent way—cheviots, worsteds, homespuns and cassimeres are now

\$7.50

Men's Suits and Overcoats, several lots of 11 and \$12 grades, in sacks and cutaways, tailored right, in cheviots, cassimeres, worsteds, etc., are now

\$8.50 and 9.50

Young men's Suits and Overcoats, the fashionable kind, cut, made and trimmed right, standard values at \$9.00, are now

\$7.50

Standard Values at 7.50, now **\$6.50**

Standard Values at 10 and \$12 are now **8.50 and \$10.00**

New Holiday Goods are arriving daily.

Next week we shall tell you all about them.

Storm Coats for Men and Boys.

A SPECIAL BARGAIN—an entire lot that we closed out from a maker, sizes somewhat broken, but your size is likely here. The lowest priced one is worth \$8.50, some 10 and \$12—any of them

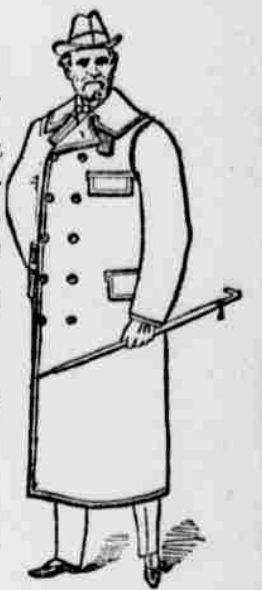
\$6.50

Our other lines of storm coats are

5 to \$25

Boys' Reefers.

Chinchillas, Astrachan, Freize, 1.98, 2.50, 3.50, 4.00, 5.00, \$6.00.



Little Fellows' Suits,

3 to 8, Vestee, Reefer, Blouse, Fauntleroy, considerably reduced to close lots.

5 and \$6 kind \$3.98. \$4 and 3.50 kind \$2.98.

Your Furnishings, Hats, etc., are here. No shopping place hereabouts show such assortment as we.

GIDDING & CO.,

Nearly opposite Court House,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Two doors below Post Office,

DROWNED AT MONTGOMERY.

William Adams was drowned in the Susquehanna River at Montgomery early Monday morning. Adams was the ferryman, having been employed there for the past two years. Mr. Koons, a tailor, of Williamsport, who was on the boat at the time gives the following account of the sad accident.

It was just about 5:50 a. m. that Mr. Koons, Adams the ferryman, and a Mr. Young, who works in Montgomery, boarded the ferry at the wharf opposite the borough. The river is higher than usual, the current swift, and Mr. Koons helped Adams work the wheel to get the boat started. Adams shouted to Mr. Young to push the ferry, which is a flat boat arrangement, off from the shore. Mr. Young replied that it was moving, and Mr. Koons said so, too.

Adams, however, for some reason walked back for the purpose of pushing the boat off himself, probably not thinking that it had started yet, and the next thing Mr. Koons knew the ferryman deliberately walked off the end into the water.

"I'm drowning! I'm drowning!" were the words that next greeted the ears of those left on board. Mr. Koons says he could hear Adams splash around in the water, but it was dark and he couldn't see him, and he supposed the ferryman was swimming, or making an effort to reach the shore.

There is usually a row boat tied to the terry, Mr. Koons states, but it was not attached Monday morning, and neither Mr. Koons or Mr. Young could reach the fast disappearing man in the water, who soon went out of sight altogether. Mr. Koons still had hold of the wheel when Adams disappeared, and all was excitement for a time. Mr. Koons went on to Williamsport soon after the sad fatality.

The State gathering of Odd Fellows in Wilkesbarre next May is going to be a big affair. Public demonstrations have not been held by the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows for years, but permissions to have a parade on Tuesday, May 17, in that city not earlier than 4 p. m. was granted this week by the Grand Lodge, and it is expected to be a monster affair.

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. Albert R. Whitecy, of Beaver Valley, to Miss Edith E. Harman, of Rock Glen.

Claney B. McHenry, of Jamison City, to Miss Linda Crossly, of the same place.

Amandus Fetterman, of Franklin township to Miss Minnie C. Dunn, of same place.

Barney Segebrecht, of Catawissa, to Miss Ida Hoover, of same place.

William E. Beaver, of Beaver township, to Miss Minnie L. Leiby, of Aristes.

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.

David Shaffer, to Hester Shaffer for tract of land in Mt. Pleasant township.

Hiram J. Reeder and wife to Henry Gutshall for tract of land in Franklin and Catawissa townships.

George A. Herriott to Philip Blass, for land in Roaringcreek township.

Joseph H. Kramer and wife to Martha A. Harter for tract of land in Bloom.

Jacob N. Pifer and wife to Hermenia Boyer, for land in Mifflin township.

Susan Lewis to J. W. Roberts for tract of land in Sugarloaf township.

Catharine Leiby to Sarah Zimmerman for land in Locust township.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.

Josiah H. Stecker, an old resident of Bloomsburg died at his home on First Street Tuesday morning. He was aged about sixty-eight years. His health had been failing for some time. A wife and one daughter survives. Funeral will be held to-morrow at ten o'clock, services will be conducted at the house by Rev. B. C. Conner.

OFFICER SHOOTS WOMAN.

She Had Attacked Him With an Ax While Making an Arrest.

Constable William Davis, of Wilkes-Barre, shot and badly wounded Mrs. Frank Putak at Duryea, Tuesday night while she was attacking him with an ax in an endeavor to assist two men whom he had arrested.

Mrs. Putak keeps a Hungarian boarding house and Monday night there was a fight among the boarders. Tuesday night Constables Davis and Curtis went to the house to arrest George Buron and John Hautz and were attacked by a number of the boarders. Mrs. Putak, it is said, struck Davis on the back with an ax. At this he drew his revolver and, as Mrs. Putak aimed another blow at him, he caught the ax and fired. The bullet struck Mrs. Putak in the breast. She is badly wounded and may die.

Last Sabbath was observed in the Lutheran Church as the Anniversary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Rev. J. H. Barb of Selingsgrove, Penna. was asked to deliver the address of the occasion. He preached a strong and helpful sermon in the morning to a full church on the thought contained in the 11th & 12th verses of Deut. 32. In the evening he addressed the Society and the large audience assembled on the theme, "Giving and working as a thank offering unto the Lord" the other exercises consisted of Readings by Ethel Faust and Miss Annie Snyder, a solo by Mrs. Hall and a chorus by the choir.

The collection amounted to about \$15, which was a thank offering to God for His mercies, to be applied to the work of missions. The day was most a pleasant and profitable one.

PURSE LOST.

On Monday morning Miss Laura A. Hower of Catawissa, lost her pocket book at the P. & R. station on Fifth street, Bloomsburg. It contained some money and a railroad ticket, and another paper. The finder will confer a favor by returning it to Miss Hower at Catawissa, or to this office, and a suitable reward will be given.

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE.

George Van Horn Is Charged With Murder of Mrs. Westcott.

George Van Horn was on Tuesday put on trial before Judge Archbald, at Scranton, charged with the murder of Mrs. Josephine Westcott, in that city, on August 28, 1896. The trial will be one of the most interesting of recent years.

VanHorn is a man 44 years of age, and some years ago was divorced from his wife. Mrs. Westcott was not living with her husband at the time the crime was committed, and conducted a boarding house on Franklin Avenue, in Scranton.

A month before the crime was committed, \$15 disappeared from Mrs. Westcott's bureau and she had Van Horn arrested, charged with the theft. A few days later she withdrew the charge, but VanHorn did not again openly return to her house as a boarder. A couch was arranged by him in the cellar of the building, with Mrs. Westcott's knowledge and consent, and he was free to come and go whenever he saw fit. On the night of August 28, 1896, she went into the cellar and a few moments later came staggering up, with her throat cut. She said, "George VanHorn did it," and then sank to the ground. The next day she died.

VanHorn disappeared immediately after this, but was arrested on June 29 last at Wadena, Fayette County, Ia., and brought back. The prisoner Tuesday morning pleaded not guilty. The defense will endeavor to show that VanHorn was not of sound mind; that he was shaving himself when Mrs. Westcott entered the cellar; that he made feign, in a spirit of play, to draw the back of the razor across her throat, but by mistake used the keen edge. VanHorn is seemingly in no wise concerned about the serious predicament he finds himself in.

Philadelphia was visited by a destructive fire Sunday afternoon. The store of Apt Brothers, dress goods, millinery and notion dealers, 39 and 41 North Eighth Street was completely destroyed entailing a loss estimated between \$65,000 and \$80,000.