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TOWN TOPICS.

O. B. Mellick will be postmaster of Bloomsburg. Quay has refused to interfere, and Kulp has recommended Mr. Mellick, and his appointment is almost certain to be made. This will be a bitter pill for the subservient politicians who have been doing the will of Senator Quay for many years. This is about the first thing they have asked for, and they don't get it. Politically of course we enjoy these family rows in the opposition, but personally we cannot but feel more and more how uncertain are all things political, and how ungrateful political parties are. The man with the pull gets the plums. Services to Quay or any other recognized leader, devotion to party, all go for naught, if you want a post office and happen to be on the outs with the little accidental congressman of the district who was at first nominated as a joke, and then elected on a tidal wave.

But this is not a democratic funeral. Wade in, gentlemen, and enjoy yourselves.

The license of the Grand Restaurant was refused on Tuesday evening by Judges Fox and Kurtz, Judge Icker having withdrawn from the case because he was a creditor of J. R. Fowler's. Arguments were made by R. R. John, Esq., representing the remonstrances, and by Fred Icker, Esq., for the applicant. After about five minutes consultation the Court refused to grant the license. This means that at least the bar of the Grand Restaurant shall be closed for a year.

The opposition to this and the two new licenses applied for in Bloomsburg, were represented by several of the pastors of the town. At every hearing they appeared in Court and sat at the counsel table. They went at the matter in a business like way, and their efforts to prevent the increase of licensed houses in this town have met with very general public approval. The old chestnut of "public necessity" for eating houses and incidentally drinking places has been pretty well worn out in Bloomsburg. The idea that any applicant who comes into Court with six witnesses, who swear that they believe that another hotel or restaurant is "necessary for the accommodation of the traveling public," establishes the necessity of that place for all time to come, is preposterous. In such cases almost any old thing will do for a witness, and if there is no opposition the license is quite likely to be granted, although the Court may know that there is absolutely no necessity for another licensed place. But a halt has been called, and, for a time at least, a different rule may prevail.

HUNTERS ARRESTED.

On July 21st 1897 a party of men were hunting woodcock on Pine Creek, above Jonestown. In the party were W. H. Snyder, Sheriff J. B. McHenry, and ex-prothonotary G. M. Quick. As they were going along the creek they heard a voice, and looking across the field they saw a man running out of a barn and yelling. He picked up a stone in each hand and running toward Mr. Snyder said he would knock his brains out if he didn't get off the fence. When within about twenty yards of Snyder he drew back to throw a stone, and Mr. Snyder said "If you hit me with that stone I'll put a load of shot in your rear." The man, who was William Eveland, let his arm drop, and then Mr. Snyder took out two dollars and offered it to him for any damage done in going over his land. Eveland walked away and the hunters went off his land. Since then, Eveland has several times sent word to Mr. Snyder to come and settle for trespassing on his land, and Mr. Snyder has told him every time to make out his bill.

On Tuesday last, Constable Bidleman of New Columbus came to town with a warrant sworn out by Eveland, charging Mr. Snyder with threatening to shoot him, the hearing to take place before a Justice at Shickshinny. Mr. Snyder went up with G. M. Quick and J. B. McHenry, and while there Eveland swore out warrants for the two latter for trespass. The hearing was postponed until Friday at 1 p. m. Sheriff McHenry says that Mr. Snyder did not point his gun at Eveland. For some reason or other it has taken Eveland over six months to get mad enough to swear out warrants.

The above we are assured, is the true story, and it is not such a terrible tale after all.

DEATH ENDS A SLEIGH RIDE.

Judge Murphy Thrown From a Sleigh, Receiving Injuries From Which He Died an Hour Later.

The news that Hon. C. G. Murphy had been thrown from a sleigh while out riding with his daughter, at Centralia, and had received injuries from which he died an hour later was received with profound sorrow in Bloomsburg, on Tuesday morning. It appears that the horse became frightened and ran away throwing the occupants heavily to the ground. Mr. Murphy's skull was fractured and he was otherwise internally injured. He died in about an hour after the accident occurred. Miss Murphy was considerably bruised but her injuries were not a fatal character. Mr. Murphy was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, he was straightforward in all his dealings, and his sudden death is mourned by the entire community.

Hon. Charles G. Murphy was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, January 18, 1844. He was the son of Charles Murphy and Mary (Corrigan) Murphy. Early in 1862 he came to this country, and after trying various occupations with indifferent success, finally, in 1864, came to Centralia, not knowing a person in the county, worked at the coal mines and labored on the then new branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, spending his spare time studying the American system of education. After successfully passing an examination he was appointed to a school in Centralia in January, 1865, which occupation he followed till 1874, when he embarked in mercantile business. This he followed since. He held a number of important positions, being treasurer of The Citizens Building and Loan Association since 1872; elected justice of the peace, he served for fifteen years, retiring of his own choice; was school director and secretary of the board since 1876; was vice elected coroner of the county, and in 1886 was elected one of the associate judges of this Judicial District and re-elected in 1891 serving his full term which expired in 1896. Mr. Murphy was married to Maggie Curry in 1869 who, together with four children, Margaret, Mary, Susan and Daniel survive. The family attend the Roman Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Murphy was a strong Democrat, and frequently represented this county in the State Convention. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at nine o'clock. Interment at Centralia.

DR. J. R. EVANS DEAD

Dr. J. R. Evans, for many years a prominent physician of this town, died at the home of his niece Mrs. H. A. Kemp in Benton, Sunday morning, aged sixty-three years. He was born in Greenwood township, April 16, 1835, and graduated from a medical college at the age of twenty-three, since which time he has been in active practice up till a few months ago, when he went to Texas in the hope of bettering his health. After remaining in Texas a short time he returned to Benton. His remains were brought to Bloomsburg on Tuesday and interred in Rosemont cemetery on Wednesday.

WILL RUN FOR CONGRESS.

Andrew L. Fritz, one of Bloomsburg's prominent attorneys, has announced himself as a candidate for Congress from this (the seventeenth) district. He has served four terms as the democratic representative from Columbia County. During his term in 1895 as Representative he was the Democratic nominee for Speaker of the House, this made him the leader of the Democratic side. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention from this Senatorial district. The many friends of Mr. Fritz throughout the county all wish him success.

According to reports the fight for the Danville postmastership is more interesting than it is here at home. The present incumbent Thomas Chalcraft is serving his third term which expires this month. Among the most prominent aspirants for the office are Colonel Charles Eckman, Colonel Frick and William K. Holloway. If Congressman Kulp intended going for another term these post office appointments would cause him to lie awake nights, but as he is going to retire, it matters little to him, whether persons he recommends receive the plums or not, and he doesn't care which way the cat jumps, as a result, Quay is on "easy street."

We Bid You Welcome

To our New Stores. The purchase of the Jones & Walter Shoe Store and Stock was completed last week. Not only shall we continue to carry full and complete lines of High Grade Footwear, for which Jones & Walter were famous throughout central Pennsylvania, but shall better the stock wherever possible. By consolidating the two stores and putting it under one head, we are able to give you better values for less money than heretofore by savings in running expenses. The Fair and Honorable business methods which has brought our Clothing Store to its present high standard, its broad and liberal policy and perfect store management will be strictly maintained. We greet you to-day with the Largest, Finest and Best Establishment of this or any other kind in central Pennsylvania. Nine thousand, five hundred square feet devoted entirely to the retailing of Clothing, Shoes, Hats, and men and boys' Furnishings. Mr. Charles Evans, who has been identified with Messrs. Jones & Walter, will remain with us. The story's been told, and now to business. In buying the Jones & Walter stock, we were careful that your interest as well as our own should be well protected. Some lots of shoes were taken at one-fourth their value, some at one-half, some at three-fourths and some at cost. We take each line separately into lots and prepare for your benefit a feast of shoe values such as you've probably never before had the opportunity to take advantage of. We commence Saturday morning a sale of certain lines of Shoes mentioned here. The prices tell the tale better than we can.

P. S. Five per cent. discount only will be allowed on Rubbers, and ten per cent. on all Douglass Shoes.

118 pairs of Ladies' fine shoes that Jones & Walter retailed at 3, 3.50, 4, and 5.00. They're somewhat shop worn and sizes broken, all run small, 2, 2½ and 3 and narrow widths; they go on sale at

98c the pair.

69 pairs of ladies' fine shoes in lace and button that Jones & Walter retailed at \$3.00, sizes somewhat broken, perfectly new goods,

\$1.98 the pair.

28 pairs ladies' narrow toe, patent tip, hand turn shoes, Jones & Walter's price \$4,

\$2.48 the pair.

42 pairs misses' plain and tip button shoes, Jones & Walter's price \$1.00,

75c the pair.

28 pairs misses' fine button shoes, plain and tip, coin toe, Jones & Walter's price \$2.50,

\$1.75 the pair.

86 pairs ladies' hand turn shoes, opera and common sense button shoe, Jones & Walter's price \$3,

\$1.98 the pair.

14 pairs misses' lace shoes, plain and with tip, Jones & Walter's price \$1.75

\$1.15 the pair.

60 pairs child's grain button shoe, sizes 5 to 8, Jones & Walter price 75c

55c the pair.

Men's first quality Woonsocket or Lycoming rubber boots, list price \$3, all sizes

\$2.19 the pair.

Keystone make rubber boots regular \$2.50 quality,

\$1.98 the pair.

Men's buckle Arctics,

\$1.19 the pair.

Rubbers for felt boots, \$1.50 kind,

\$1.29 the pair.

One buckle lumbermen's rubbers, \$1.50 kind,

\$1.19 the pair.

Boys' rubber boots, Lycoming grade, Jones & Walter's price \$2.25,

\$1.79 the pair.

Boys' rubber boots, Keystone grade, Jones & Walter's price \$2.00,

\$1.69 the pair.

46 pairs of men's fine shoes in broken sizes, some have retailed at 3.50, 4, and \$5. The toe not quite as blunt as some like it,

\$2.98 the pair.

18 pair patent leather shoes of J. & W's fine grades, have retailed at \$5, narrow toe,

\$2.75 the pair.

63 pairs men's calf shoes, J. & W. price \$3,

\$1.98 the pair.

Boys' fine shoes, regular sizes, J. & W. price 2.50 and \$2 grades,

\$1.75 the pair.

Youth's satin calf, regular sizes, narrow toe, J. & W. price \$1.25,

98c the pair.

GIDDING & CO.,

Clothing, Shoes, Hats, and Men's Furnishings.

44, 46, 48, 50 W. Main Street, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Business Changes.

Charles W. McKelvy, Jr., has rented rooms in the First National Bank Building and will remove his insurance office there on April 1st, and at the same time Harry Wilson will move his cigar store to the room now occupied by Mr. McKelvy.

E. P. Williams, will remove the United States Express office to the building now occupied by C. E. Savage, and Mr. Savage has leased the room now occupied by Max Gross.

The Bloomsburg Store Company will move its grocery department on April 1st to the room next door now occupied by M. Malfeira. An addition will be built to it and the building extended back to the alley and an arch way cut through between the two rooms.

William C. Johnston, formerly Superintendent of Public Schools of this county has been selected by the University of Pennsylvania as one of the three men to defend her honor on the platform in a debate with Cornell to be held in March.

The preliminary debate took place on December 22, and from this number who presented themselves ten men were chosen, namely: Riddle, 1900 C.; R. W. White, '98, L.; McGrath, '98, C.; Rearick, '99, L.; T. R. White, '99, L.; McKeon, '98, L.; Higgins, '98, L.; J. R. Smith, '98, C.; J. S. Kratz, Philadelphia, and W. C. Johnston, '99 L.

On January 7th the final debate was held for the choice of the three men. The contest took place in Houston Hall. The presiding officer was James M. Beck and the judges were Charles A. Brinley, George J. Mercer and J. Rodman Paul. The first prize of \$75 was awarded to T. B. White, and the second prize of \$25, to W. C. Johnston.

A very good likeness and sketch of Mr. Johnston appeared in Monday's Philadelphia Inquirer.

A temporary arch way has been made between the Gidding & Co. Clothing and shoe store.

THE ORARY TOURS.

The Lebanon Daily Reporter of recent date says:

"A large audience greeted Mr. and Mrs. Cray at the first of the series of a week's stereopticon lectures at Zion Evangelical Lutheran church last evening. The seats were all filled and the aisles were lined with chairs. The confidence in the high-grade of their entertainment that induced the lecturers to make the first evening a complimentary one, was shown to be amply warranted by the time the lecture was over, and it will no doubt bear fruit in securing crowded audiences for the balance of the week. The stereopticon was operated most successfully by Dr. Cray, and the descriptive lecture of Mrs. Cray was clear, pointed, and interspersed with bright and witty comments upon places and things. Altho Mrs. Cray was not feeling well, she very pluckily continued her share of the entertainment to the end.

Too much praise can hardly be given to the pictures shown. While many views were given of the places that are seen in nearly all similar lectures, they were taken from excellent view points, and were so clear in outline and perfect in perspective as to make them of exceptional excellence. It is rare that one sees their equal and the audience was fully appreciative of their good points.

To those, and they are most of us, who cannot travel far to see the world's celebrated sights, to whom the beauties of Paris, the romantic Rhine hills, and the glory of the Alps are otherwise inaccessible, it is a great privilege to be allowed to see them by proxy. And when intelligent travelers bring back the fruits of their explorations, and throw upon the canvass screen before our eyes tastefully chosen views of all these famous places, we miss a great opportunity if we fail to take advantage of it. No doubt the promoters of these lectures in old Zion have business reasons for undertaking to furnish them, but apart from all that there is no doubt

of the fact that such entertainments are a moral and intellectual help to a whole community, and deserve the wide patronage they get. They form a very proper part of the social work of the church in any community."

At the Bloomsburg Opera House every evening next week, for the benefit of the Episcopal organ fund. Course tickets 75 cents, single admission 20 cents, children 10 cents, Reserved seats at Bidleman's Book Store.

RECEIVED A BIG ORDER.

On Friday of last week the Bloomsburg Car Manufacturing Company were awarded the contract to build one hundred gondola cars by the Orange Free State Railway Company of South Africa. The cars are to be of seventy thousand pounds capacity and will be equipped with entire steel frames and steel tired wheels. They will also build for the same company fifteen passenger cars to be fitted with forty inch steel tired wheels and will be similar to an American passenger coach excepting a little smaller.

These will be the first cars of this description ever built in America for use in Africa, and their construction will give employment to one hundred men. We are informed that the company has also received several other good sized orders. This is some evidence of coming prosperity and we hope that it may keep up until every shop and factory will be going full blast.

While Joseph Wise, an amateur theatrical manager of Mt. Carmel, tried to draw a loaded army musket from beneath the stage during a rehearsal, the trigger caught in a joint and discharged the weapon. The entire load of shot entered his abdomen and pierced his intestines so horribly that he cannot possibly recover.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Irvin A. Snyder and Miss Catharine Eggert, to take place at the home of the brides' parents in Sunbury on Wednesday February 16th.

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

The postponement of the free delivery system which was to have gone into effect on February first is the cause of great disappointment among the citizens of Bloomsburg.

The civil service examinations for the selection of carriers took place at the High School on the twenty-seventh of November and it was confidently expected that everything would be ready to begin by February 1st. After the examinations had been held and the papers sent away nothing more was heard of it until Monday, when Postmaster Mercer telegraphed the Department, to ascertain the cause of the delay. He received a reply in the evening stating that it had been indefinitely postponed. All the letter boxes were put up on Monday.

People who threw up boxes at the Post office will probably be glad to get them back again, as it may be a long time before the letters are carried to your doors.

One Man's Success.

An inventory has just been filed in the Luzerne County Orphans' Court in the estate of John Arnold, the Hazleton brewer, who died recently. The estate is valued at \$438,580.70 and is one of the largest that has been settled in that county in many years. It is also remarkable from the fact that John Arnold came from Germany a poor boy. He worked at shoemaking in Pottsville for some years and then moved to Audenried. It was while at the latter place that he decided to become a brewer. Although he prospered he never changed his personal habits and to the day of his death he moved among men, to all outward appearances an ordinary mechanic.

Three representatives of the Philadelphia Inquirer have been in town this week, taking subscriptions to that paper. Free copies were distributed in every house in town. The state news department of the Inquirer is probably the best of any of the Philadelphia dailies.