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## THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

### DEATH OF B. F. EDGAR.

B. F. Edgar, ex-County Commissioner, and one of the leading democratic politicians of this county, died at his home on Leonard street, this city, Friday afternoon last.

He was born in Fishingcreek township, September 9th, 1836, and lived with his parents until eighteen years of age, after which he learned the carriage trade and followed it for twenty years more. In 1880 he started a farm on his farm about half way between Stillwater and Van Camp. The latter business he proved quite successful and amassed considerable means, which he invested in farm land.

Mr. Edgar was twice married, his first wife was Miss Susanna, daughter of Solomon Hartman. She died in 1874. He married for his second wife Martha, daughter of Abraham Golder, who still survives.

Mr. Edgar has had a very active life and has held several responsible positions, being constable for three years, tax collector three years and County Commissioner one term, to which he was elected in 1890 after a lively campaign. He has been in feeble health for some time past, having been afflicted with two strokes of paralysis. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

The funeral was conducted at the house on Monday morning by Rev. J. W. McNamara, and the remains taken to Van Camp, and interred in St. James Cemetery at that place.

### Methodist Episcopal Church.

The First Quarterly Conference will be held at the church Saturday evening April 30, at 8:00 o'clock. Rev. W. W. Evans D.D., the new Presiding Elder will preach next Sunday morning May 1, at 10:30 o'clock. Let there be a large audience to greet him and hear him. Love Feast Wednesday evening May 4 and Communion on Sunday May 8.

### Appeal Notices

Appeals will be held on the assessment of 1898 between the hours of 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. of each day as follows to wit:

April 23—Montour and Mt. Pleasant at Commissioners' office, Bloomsburg.

April 25—Catawissa township and Franklin at Kreisher's hotel, Catawissa township.

April 27—Cleveland, Locust and Roaringcreek, at Yeager's Hotel in Locust.

April 28—Beaver and Main at Allstetter's hotel, Mainville.

April 29—Mifflin at Pernypacker's hotel in Mifflinville.

April 30—Orange at Turner's hotel.

May 4—Hemlock at Commissioners' office, Bloomsburg.

May 5—Scott at Commissioners' office, Bloomsburg.

May 6—Catawissa Borough at Kistler's hotel, Catawissa.

May 16—Berwick and Briarcreek at St. Charles hotel, Berwick.

May 17—Centre, at election house, Centre.

May 18—Fishingcreek, at West Fishingcreek election house.

May 19—Benton Boro., Benton township and Jackson at McHenry House, Benton.

May 20—Sngarloat at Steen's hotel.

May 23—Bloomsburg at Commissioners' office, Bloomsburg.

May 25—Greenwood at Rohrsburg hotel.

May 26—Millville and Pine at Millville election house.

May 27—Madison at Rimby's hotel at Jerseytown.

June 1—Centralia and Conyngham at McDonnell House, Centralia.

The assessors are required to give each taxable a notice of his or her valuation at least five days before the appeal.

WM. KRICKBAUM,  
JOHN N. GORDON,  
NEHEMIAH KITCHEN. } Co. Com.  
Attest, D. Z. MENSCH, Clerk.  
Commissioners office, Bloomsburg,  
Pa., April 16, 1898. 4-21-3t.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
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## FOUNTAIN PEN MATTERS.

Some of the Grist Ground in Recent Suits.

Results are beginning to accrue from the primary decision made in favor of Paul E. Wirt in his suit against the American News Company, and from the subsequent decision, where in the motion of the defendant company to be allowed to give a bond and continue the sale of the "Ever Ready" fountain pen as before, pending the defendant's appeal, was denied. Both were reported in this paper at the time of their occurrence. In *The Stationer's* report of the first decision in this case it said:

"When the damages have been ascertained and collected that will mark the end of this famous suit, but this does not necessarily mean that that will be the end of all fountain pen litigation. The state of the trade, already in an unsatisfactory and unsettled condition because of the pendency of the suit just decided and other suits of a similar nature in other quarters, is not to be allowed to remain calm and undisturbed for a very great length of time, if all reports are to be believed. It is said that Mr. Wirt, flushed with another success, will renew his demand for settlement with even greater pre-emptiveness than was the case before he locked horns with the American News Company. It is rumored that letters of notification were sent out to some of the biggest buyers in the fountain pen line before the ink was hardly dry upon the pen with which the judge put his signature to the decree calling upon them to step up to the captain's office and settle. These threats were taken as idle when made before, but the result was that one of the strongest companies of all those against whom they were made was chosen as an example and victim. They now know what it means, and it is a rightful inference to draw that, strengthened by another legal decision, Mr. Wirt will be even more strenuous in insisting upon and maintaining the rights for which he has fought and won."

Recent happenings have borne out these statements, and from all that can be learned there is likely to be forthcoming in due time more examples of corroborative evidence of a like character to those recorded below, or else all signs and rumors are unusually misleading, unreliable and undecipherable except to those who are on the inside.

The result of each suit which has so far been brought and settled or judicially decided has been that some of the fountain pen manufacturers have been corralled, as it were, and required to take out a license from Mr. Wirt. The result of the suit against the American News Company has not been an exception to the rule, and two New York fountain pen manufacturers are recorded as having entered into agreements with Mr. Wirt for the peaceful continuation in the manufacture of their respective pens. They are David W. Beaumont, who makes the "Rival," and W. G. Frazer and H. W. Geyer, who, under the firm style of William G. Frazer & Co., or, as they sometimes advertise, the Lincoln Fountain Pen Company, make the "Lincoln" fountain pen. Both parties last week signed agreements with Mr. Wirt in which they acknowledge as right all the claims of the Stone patent, agree to take out licenses for manufacture from Mr. Wirt, stamp their pens as made under his patents, to pay a royalty therefor thereafter, at so much per pen, according to the retail price thereof, to pay immediate and substantial damages in a gross sum covering the pens they have already sold, and holding themselves liable to the payment of a yet greater sum as a penalty in case they shall fail to comply with the terms of their agreements.

In this connection it is interesting to note the number of cases which have been brought by or against Mr. Wirt and the disposal of each. The time they cover is almost twelve years, beginning January 21, 1887, when an injunction was granted in the case of Paul E. Wirt v. Francis C. Brown. The others are as follows, the dates being the dates of injunction or settlements: February 4, 1888, Wirt v. D. W. Lapham and S. H. Bogert, decree and injunction; December 14, 1888, Wirt v. D. W. Lapham and S. H. Bogert, decree and injunction; May 12, 1890, George H. Sackett v. Paul E. Wirt et al., bill dismissed; October 10, 1890, Wirt v. William S. Hicks et al., injunction granted, with an accounting and costs; May 11, 1895, Wirt v. Mabie, Todd & Bard, suit discontinued, defendants taking out a license and paying damages and costs; March 8, 1898, Wirt v. American News Company, injunction granted; the case is now on appeal. In addition to this numerous licenses, as before said, have been taken out by some of the leading manufacturers of the United States. These have been recorded in *The American Stationer* from time to time, and George S. Robbins, to whose efforts much is due, and who furnished the above data at the request of this paper, has called attention to the graded scale upon which these operations have been carried on. He points out how,

from the first licenses to the last above enumerated, those manufacturers whose pens most affected the business of Mr. Wirt were first required to take out a license to manufacture their pens under his patents, and those manufacturers the sale of whose pens had less effect were last approached. With these straws it does not seem to be difficult to see in what quarter the fountain pen wind will shift next.—*The American Stationer*.

### Making Sugar From Beets.

Much is said nowadays in agricultural newspapers about making sugar from beets. The experience of France and Germany long ago showed that this can be done profitably where labor is cheap enough. It is in this connection that *American Cultivator* says: "There is much land in all our northern states where good beets for sugar making can be grown. In New York State under the influence of a State bounty on beet sugar several beet sugar factories have been started this year. While the sugar making experiments have been entirely successful it is not yet certain whether the sugar can be produced at a profit to the manufacturers. But as the price paid for the beets is only \$5 per ton, it is doubtful whether many farmers who live near markets can grow and haul their beets to the factory for the price. Farther from the factories there would be increased cost of transporting the beets to the places where the sugar is to be manufactured. The farmer who grows beets at this price gives much labor and gets very little for it."

### Philadelphia & Reading Route to Cape May and Ocean City.

By the lease of the lines formerly known as the South Jersey Railroad the Philadelphia & Reading have acquired a direct route to the above-named points. The high standard of excellence which has hitherto prevailed on the Atlantic City Railroad will be extended to the newly-acquired line. Fast trains, hard coal burning engines and the best facilities of every kind will be offered the seashore resort traveler. For time tables or any information not obtainable from nearest ticket agent, address Edson J. Weeks, General Passenger Agent, Reading Terminal, Philadelphia.

Saturday Gidding & Co. sell several lines of \$5 children's fancy novelties at \$3.98, blouse, vestee, faultieroy, etc. Gidding & Co.

## THE BROADWAY

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|---|------------------|
| 4 and 6 qt. watering pots,                            | 20, 25c ea       |
| Canister coffee mills,                                | 35c ea           |
| Straw mottings,                                       | 12½, 16, 22c yd  |
| Boys' heavy bicycle hose,                             | 15c pair         |
| Summer corsets,                                       | 24c ea           |
| Linen thread,   | 3c spool         |
| Cocoa door mats,                                      | 15, 18, 20c ea   |
| Shelf oil cloth,                                      | 5c yd            |
| Stair oil cloth crash,                                | 8c yd            |
| Best table oil cloth,                                 | 12c yd           |
| Blue Hill box kites,                                  | 50c ea           |
| Metallic printed skirts,                              | \$2.48 ea        |
| Enameled steel preserving kettles,                    | 20, 23, 25c ea   |
| Enameled steel pudding pans,                          | 8, 10, 12c ea    |
| Perforated wood chair seats,                          | 4, 5c ea         |
| Brass head tacks,                                     | 100 for 4c       |
| Grass shears,   | 16c pair         |
| Curry combs with main card,                           | 10c ea           |
| Mucilage per bottle,                                  | 3c               |
| Best black ink per bottle,                            | 20               |
| Decorated crepe paper,                                | 30c roll         |
| Grass knives or sickles,                              | 16c ea           |
| White enameled curtain poles with trimmings complete, | 20c ea           |
| Felt window shades,                                   | 10c ea           |
| Oil cloth window shades,                              | 20, 24c ea       |
| Lace and fringed window shades,                       | 48c e            |
| China nest eggs,                                      | 2c ea            |
| Wood rolling pins,                                    | 10c ea           |
| Fibre pails,  | 25c ea           |
| Wood pails,   | 1c, 15c ea       |
| Splint baskets, all sizes,                            | 5c ea            |
| Clothes baskets,                                      | 42, 56c ea       |
| Moth balls,   | 80 for 5c        |
| Poison fly paper,                                     | 12 sheets for 3c |
| Yard wide hemp carpet,                                | 12½c yd          |

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## A Soldier's Monument.

Our readers or at least many of them will remember that at the February term of court a petition for the erection of a soldiers monument at the "county seat" was laid before the grand jury and approved by them. This action was taken in pursuance of a law passed by the legislature in 1895, and approved by Governor Hastings, May 22, 1895, which provides that upon the petition of at least fifty of the citizens of the county to the court of quarter sessions for the erection or completion of a monument in memory of soldiers and sailors of the late war it shall be the duty of the court to lay the petition before the grand jury and if approved by two successive grand juries and the court, the commissioners shall be authorized to erect or complete any monument now partly erected, &c.

As we have stated this petition was approved by the preceding grand jury and will be presented to grand jury next week for their consideration.

Several counties have already acted under the provisions of this act and we believe in every instance the action has been favorable. And why should it not be favorable. The cost when distributed throughout the entire county will be comparatively small and the individual taxpayer will not realize that any additional burden has been imposed. It is certainly a loving and fitting tribute on the part of the living to those of their neighbors and friends who patriotically laid down their lives for the perpetuity of our much cherished institutions.

Then again what more appropriate time than the present, when the county is calling for volunteers to express our gratitude for the sacrifices of the heroes of the late war. We can do no more worthy act, than perpetuate their heroic deeds in granite or marble.

### Were These Men Lost?

The relatives of Joseph Davis, George Wagner and John Gillespie, are greatly alarmed over the safety of the above men, who left Shamokin recently for a trip to the Klondike. They sailed to Skaguay, from which place they started over the Chilkoot pass. Last week news was received of a landslide on the pass, whereby a large number of men had been killed. It is feared that the Shamokinites were among the ill-fated ones. In the list of the dead published at the time of the accident the names of the Shamokinites were not seen the rescuing party being unable to reach twenty of the dead men.—*Ashland Local*.

### Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge.

Following will be the program for the seventy-fifth session of the Grand Lodge in Wilkes-Barre.

Monday, May 16, encampment in Memorial Hall. At 7:30 degrees will be conferred.

Tuesday, May 17, grand parade of I. O. O. F. of Pennsylvania, including the Patriarchs Militant.

Wednesday evening, public decoration of chivalry in the armory at 9 o'clock.

Thursday evening, 7:20, public demonstration in Nesbitt Theatre. Speakers, P. G. M., David Kraft, of Lawrenceville; P. G. M., Robert E. Wright, Allentown; P. G. M., Charles Chalfant, Danville. Music by the Ninth Regiment Band; vocal solos by well known vocalists.

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## JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.,

Thursday, April 28th, 1898.

Victorious Bombardment of the Town's High Prices. 38 Years of Triumphant Greatest Bargain Giving in this city. Surrendered Acknowledgment of the Big Store's Leadership.

Perfectly natural that the great concourse of shoppers should drift to this big store. Great stocks await them; great assortments to choose from. Buying largest, we buy cheapest; thus we can save you money on anything you may wish to buy. The great power of cash figures in every transaction. It operates both ways—to your advantage and to ours. The phenomenal results of last week's price stirring events inspires us to efforts that will prove of still greater interests to the purchasing public the coming week.

### Taffeta Silks.

The finest line of Taffeta Silks ever shown in Wilkes-Barre; the different purposes for which Taffeta Silks are used, namely, trimming, lining, shirt waists, skirts, etc., makes the demand for them unusually great. Our assortment includes all the popular colorings, burnt orange, turquoise, royal blue, coraise, etc. Examine our prices before buying elsewhere.

### Plaid Silks.

Three Toned Taffeta Checks, in half a dozen combinations, up-to-date pleasing effects, well worth \$1.25; this week at, per yard 98c.

### Bicycle Suitings.

All Wool Bicycle Suitings, 50 inches wide in tan and gray, solid colors and plaid effects, regular price 89c; this week at, per yard, 59c.

### Covert Cloth.

The preference shown for our selection of Covert Cloth for Tailor Made Suits has been most pronounced; the range of colors includes all the popular shades; cadet blue, reseda, mode, brown, grey, etc., consisting of various prices, by the yard from 48c. to \$1.69.

### The Department of Domestic.

Printed Novelty Cloth, in all the new silk effects, regular price 7c.; this week, per yard, 5c.

Two cases of Indigo Blue and Cardinal and Black Calceos, the 6c kind—fast colors, at per yard, 4c.

Our 12½c. and 15c. quality 40-inch wide Lawns and Organdies; this week at, per yard, 10c.

Chatillon Lace Stripes, a new wash fabric, warranted fast colors, regular price 12½c.; this week, per yard, 7c. See window display.

This week we will sell a Full Yard Wide Unbleached Muslin, the 6c quality, at, per yard, 4c.

Special lot of our regular 8c. Dress Ginghams, stripes and plaids; this week at, per yard, 4½c.

One lot of 9-4 Bed Sheets, made of the best unbleached muslin, at 39c.

**Carpets, Rugs, Mattings, Up-holstery Goods, Lace Curtains, Window Shades, Linoleums, Oil Cloths, Wall papers, Departments on third floor.**

Nothing lacking here to make up the sum of store commodiousness as is nowhere else to be seen in Wilkes-Barre. The task of making a selection becomes simply a pleasure at our store. Whether carpeting your floor, draping your windows, decorating or papering your walls, it's an acknowledged fact that you can always find a great saving by taking advantage of our low prices.

### Big Values, Little Prices.

(House Furnishing Department basement.)

- Large Bowl Strainers, 4c.
- Long Handle Fire Shovels, 4c.
- Heavy Wire Potato Mashers, 4c.
- All sizes Wood Spoons, 4c.
- Nickel Plated Tack Hammers, 4c.
- Large Meat Forks, 4c.
- Heavy Wire Coat Hangers, 4c.
- Japanned Candle Sticks, 4c.
- Granite Skimmers, 4c.
- Fancy Match Boxes, 4c.
- All sizes Stone Pokers, 4c.
- All sizes Bread Tins, 4c.
- Flour Scoops, 4c.
- Fancy Comb Cases, 4c.
- Japanned Dust Pans, 4c.
- Tack Pullers, 4c.
- Hand Weeding Forks, Garden Trowels, etc., 4c.

Two and three quart Heavy Tin Tea and Coffee Pots, 9c.

Best Grade Flour Sifters, 9c.

3½ pound Japanned Sugar Boxes, 9c.

10 quart Stamped Dish Pans, 9c.

3, 4 and 6 quart Covered Buckets, 9c.

3 Piece Garden Sets, 9c.

Granite Bread Pans, 9c.

Complete Dinner Pails, 9c.

Fine Steel Faring Knives, 9c.

Large Lamp Burners, 9c.

Nickel Plated Hammers, 9c.

All sizes Fine Strainers, 9c.

Lemon Squeezers, 9c.

Carpet Beaters, 9c.

Large Chopping Knives, 9c.

Ring Towel Rollers, 9c.

90 feet Clothes Lines, 9c.

All Bristle Shoe Brushes, 9c.

Whitewash Brushes, etc., 9c.

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