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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The Seventh Annual Commencement exercises of the Bloomsburg High School will take place in the Opera House to-night. The diagram which has been open at Bidleman's book store for the past few days shows every seat taken. The following is the program:

Overture, Golden Scepter, *Schleppergel*, Orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. M. E. McLinn. Salutory and Recitation, The Star Spangled Banner, Lillian Hilday.

Essay, The Value of the Study of Latin, Edna Welliver.

March, Stars and Stripes Forever, *Sousa*, Orchestra.

Oration, Our Naval Heroes, Benjamin Karshner.

Recitation, An Incident of the Johnstown Flood, Bessie Yetter.

Solo, Once in a Purple Twilight, *Cowles*, Greta Cox.

Debate, Resolved, That the United States should Annex Cuba.

Affirmative, Edward Lewis. Negative, William Quick.

Recitation, The Birds of Killingworth, Grace Chromis.

Waltzes, San Domingo, *Mackay*, Orchestra.

Oration, The Friend of the Oppressed, Benjamin F. Carpenter.

Essay, Brief Sketches of the Class Hannah Sullivan.

Graduation Song, *Davenant*.

Presentation of Diplomas by the President of the Board, James C. Brown.

Medley, *Laurendeau*, Orchestra.

Recitation and Valedictory, Revolutionary Rising, Mabel Heist.

Benediction, Rev. M. E. McLinn.

March, America Forever, *Voelker*, Orchestra.

GRADUATING CLASS.

Mabel Ruth Heist, Lillian Hilday, Benjamin Fellows Carpenter, Florence Edna Welliver, Grace Chromis, Hannah Sullivan, Benjamin Fry Kashner, George Edward Lewis, Bess Florence Yetter, Greta Elizabeth Cox, William Grier Quick, Gertrude May Jones.

Reception at Lewisburg.

Memorial day had a double significance for Lewisburg. In addition to the usual demonstrations which were more extensive than ever, a royal reception was accorded to Hon. Pulaski F. Hyatt, United States Consul at Santiago de Cuba, who returned to his home at that place on Monday. He is better known in and about Lewisburg as Dr. Hyatt. He practiced medicine there prior to his appointment in the consular service. In the evening another reception was tendered the Consul in the Methodist Church.

He said land force can be used to advantage in Cuba, but the movement should be made at once, as the rainy season is about due there. The Spanish army in Cuba at present, he said, included about 60,000 men in fighting condition, strung along the edges of the island. About 35,000 insurgents hold the center of the island, and about 35,000 more are without proper military equipment.

Llewellyn Evans, hoisting engineer at the Glendale colliery, Scranton fell into the ventilating fan about 11 o'clock Friday morning, and his body was cut into a hundred pieces. The colliery was not in operation and it is not known just how the fearful accident occurred. The supposition is that he lost his balance while oiling the gearing. It was about one o'clock when the accident was discovered by Fireman Willard Sweet, who sought Evans to have him run the engine operating the rope on the culm plane. The deceased was of middle age. He was married and is survived by his wife and six children, who live near Greenwood school.

It is now about one month since the actual hostilities began with Spain and but one Spanish fleet, (at Manila) has been bagged, and the enemy's army in Cuba has not yet been driven out of that island, and it seems as if the Spaniards there were still exercising all the same authority which they ever did. That the existing state of affairs will be changed later on, there is no doubt, but the early termination of the war does not seem within the range of probability. The hot headed Congressmen who were so anxious to throw the country into war, will no doubt discover that wiping Spain from the face of the earth is no ten o'clock piece.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The first oratorical contest by the Junior class of the Bloomsburg High School was held in the Opera House Monday evening, and drew an immense audience, every seat being occupied. The Judges were Prof. W. L. Houck of Berwick, Prof. Harry Eves of Millville, and Rev. A. H. Smith of Berwick. They had no easy time of it deciding, as every recitation was rendered in an excellent manner. The prizes were awarded as follows:

First, gold medal offered by R. R. Little, Miss Maud Belg; second, set of books, Oliver Wendell Holmes, offered by James C. Brown, Miss Minnie Ent; third, gold mounted fountain pen offered by J. C. Rutter, Jr., Miss Mary Adams.

It was one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever held by the school and all who attended are unanimous in their praise. The following was the program:

Music—The Skater's Song, "Schumann"

High School Chorus.

Recitation, Last Christmas was a Year Ago, Irene Welliver.

Recitation, The Bell of Zanora, Edith Corell.

Quartette—A Summer Lullaby, "Herbert"

Misses Wilson, Redeker, Ent, Moyer.

Recitation, The Burglar Alarm, Maud Belg.

Recitation, How Persimmons took cah of de Baby, Mary Kester.

Solo—A Bunch of Violets, "Schoonmaker," Margaret Ritchie.

Recitation, The Lost Heir, Minnie Ent.

Recitation, The Legend of Bregenz, Katherine Gorrey.

Music—Soldier's Farewell, "Kind" High School Chorus.

Recitation, The Bashful Man, Lydia Maust.

Recitation, The Angel of Buena Vista, Mary Adams.

Music—Good Night, "W. O. Perkins" High School Chorus.

There is considerable discussion among business men at present as to the effect of the war on prices of the different commodities, says the *Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin*, and the younger generation of traders have little idea of the high prices which prevailed during the Rebellion. The following wholesale prices prevailed in the Chicago market during the early part of November, 1864, and while not representing the extreme prices reached for some articles, they were the current prices when all were on about an even footing:

Gold, 238 to 247½; flour per barrel, 8.50 to \$12.75; wheat per bushel, 1.70 to \$2; corn per bushel, 1.30 to \$1.34; oats per bushel, 64 to 66 cents; rye per bushel, 1.10 to 1.13; barley per bushel, 1.45 to \$1.60; beans per bushel, 1.90 to \$2.10; cornmeal per ton, 45 to 50; bran per ton, 20 to \$21; middlings per ton, 35 to \$40; timothy hay per ton, 22 to \$24; potatoes per bushel, 95c to \$1; flaxseed per bushel, 2.10 to \$2.30; timothy seed per bushel, 3.75 to \$4; clover seed per bushel, 9 to \$10; live hogs, 9.25 to \$11.50; cattle, 3.25 to \$6.75; sheep, 6 to \$7; pork per barrel, 34 to \$39; lard per pound 21 to 22 cents; butter per pound, 35 to 55 cents; cheese per pound, 22 to 25 cents; eggs per dozen, 26 to 28 cents; sugar per pound, 24 to 29 cents; coffee per pound, 45 to 47 cents; wool per pound, 85 to 90 cents; tallow per pound, 15½ to 16 cents; dried apples per pound, 11¼ to 12½ cents; brown sheetings per yard, 45 to 56 cents; bleached sheetings per yard, 50 to 62½ cents; soft coal per ton, 9 to \$10; hard coal per ton, 17 to \$20; wood per cord, 10 to \$14.

"CUBA AND THE WAR."

A thrilling lecture on the above topic will be given in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomsburg, Pa. on Friday evening June 10 by Prof. H. P. Van Liew of New York. He will illustrate his lecture by a powerful double stereopticon, using 150 large clear views, colored by skilled artists. It will be an interesting and instructive lecture. That all may hear it the admission has been fixed at a silver offering at the door.

The lower part of the front of the COLUMBIAN building has been repainted.

CHURCH WEDDING.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in the Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, when Miss Corene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown of this city was married to William Grier Guick, of Rupert. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. B. C. Conner, in the presence of a large number of invited guests. The maid of honor was Miss Marguerete Doster, of Danville. Miss Ella Williams, of Danville, Miss Stella Mastella, of Berwick, Miss Stella Mastella, of Milton and Miss Mae Evans of Bloomsburg, attended the bride. Miss Martha Creasy, cousin of the bride, was flower girl, and Carl Brown, brother of the bride, best man. The ushers were: Carlton Caswell, Joe Townsend, Freas Quick and Reber Mears.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride on Main Street which was nicely decorated with plants and flowers.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and costly gifts. The bride and groom left on the noon train for a wedding tour to different places of interest.

NEWS FROM CHICKAMAUGA.

William Stiff, a former Bloomsburg boy, and now of Wyoming, writes an interesting letter to his parents and friends. The following are the facts concerning his arrival at Mt. Gretna and his trip to Chickamauga. He says:

"On May 8 I left Wilkes-Barre and reached Mt. Gretna at 3:00 p. m. It was raining hard when we got there and had been doing so for four days straight. The grounds were one mass of red mud. We had to stand around in the rain and mud until 6:30 before our names were enrolled in the companies in which we were to enlist. We were then sent to the barracks and had supper, consisting of two slabs of bread cut about two inches thick, with a hunk of fat and bony boiled beef wedged between, and coffee for those having succeeded in getting a cup or tin can, was served at 7:30. Blankets were passed around then. Our beds were built 4 feet high and looked like huge shelves. We slept about 300 or 400 in this building on the soft side of a plank, with our blanket wrapped around our wet clothing. We finally got settled into proper companies and took our oath of allegiance on the following Wednesday. I am a member of Company B, 9th Regiment. We left that place for Chickamauga, May 17, passed through Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and finally reached Chickamauga. We were held from Thursday to Friday at Chatanooga, Tenn. That city is very nice but very odd to us northern boys. The water supply at Chickamauga is very poor, and that which we have is condemned by the doctors, and it causes a great deal of sickness. But we are getting around that since the government has furnished us with our team. The teamster hauls our water in barrels from a good spring 5 miles away. We have been poorly fed since we left Mt. Gretna, but we kicked about it to the captain, and now get something better. Talk about early rising and hard tack, we are getting our full supply. I have had my first experience at guard duty. My first turn was from 12:30 to 2:30 Thursday, then rested until 6:30; on guard from 6:30 to 8:30; then from 12:30 till 2:30 in the night; back on duty at 6:30, and final relief came at 9:30. Have had the whole day to rest. The temperature down here is about 100 degrees, but we will get much hotter that that before long. I tell you it is hard work drilling in the boiling hot sun. The pack that I carried weighed about 35 or 40 pounds, but for all that I would not change my life if I could. It will do me good. Put some ambition in me. We have our streets cleaned up and our camp looks quite like a city. It would be a trip worth taking to visit this place. We do not know where we may be taken, but it may be either Cuba or the Philippines. If we go to the latter we will see two years, war or no war."

William Stiff is known and remembered by many young men of town, and it will no doubt be good news to them to hear how he is getting along in the army. He is a son of C. W. Stiff.

Lemuel Drake has moved from Plymouth back to Buck Horn.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK IS TO BE DISPOSED OF on account of giving up business here.

Men's, boys' and children's Clothing, Hats and Furnishings and our entire stock of men's, women's, misses' and children's Shoes are to be also closed out completely.

The sale will commence next Saturday morning, June 4th, and continue until the entire stock is disposed of.

Everything will be sold at

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and nothing will be reserved. We close up our business here to enter a larger field.

Here is a partial list of the goods that are on sale.

Men's Suits in stouts, regular and slim sizes. Boys' Suits of every kind. Children's Suits in Reefer, Blouse, Fauntleroy, Junior, Vestee, and wash suits. Boys' waists of every kind. Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps, including crash and straw. Men's and boys' sweaters. Men's and boys' shirts of every kind. Underwear in gauze and balbriggan. Shoes for men, women, misses and children in black, russet and patent leather.

Sale commences Sat. morning, June 4.

GIDDING & CO.

The summer girl is going to be of two kinds. One will be crisp and cool and clean in starched muslins, and the other will be soft and downy like a flock of little chickens. The first will wear dimities, percales, piques and organdies. The others will affect the mulls, silk and cotton, and dainty Persian lawns and the weblike batistes. The first will have little trimming beyond a neat and tidy finish, with a snug belt, while the other will be nearly smothered in a form of lace. One will wear skirts plainly hemmed or at most tucked, and the other will have lace ruffles until no one could compute the number of yards of lace employed. For the thin summer dresses the quantity of ruffling almost passes belief. The sleeves are shirred and puffed and frilled until one is almost lost in amazement. The waist is as fluffy and puckery and as stifled in delicate lace as the rest.

They have one bicycle and want to go six miles. They agree to divide the riding thus: The first man rides the wheel a mile, leaves it and walks on. The second man walks and at the end of the mile takes the wheel and rides a mile, the other man walking. This they do for the distance, alternating each mile. The wheel goes a mile in five minutes, the walkers make a mile in ten minutes. How much time is saved by the plan adopted than if both walked, and how do they arrive?

An exchange gives the following good advice: Keep at work. War is not going to ruin the country. It will not paralyze business. It will not stop the mills. It will not keep people from eating. It will not destroy the necessities. It will not remove the demand for clothes. The world will move along about as usual, and the man who works will not be the one to complain of hard times and the tightness of money."

Will McMichael of Berwick did some phenomenal riding at the race meet held at Mahanoy City on Decoration Day. He won every race in which he was entered, including the one-mile open, two-mile handicap, one-mile lap race, and five mile handicap. McMichael is one of the coming stars.

Abraam Kline, of Jackson township, while in town on Wednesday, related to a friend the story of a peculiar find which he made some time ago. He was plowing in some new ground, on his premises when a curiosity came to the surface in the shape of a brown stone, square on three sides. The stone is of a transparent nature, and is covered with lettering in some foreign language. It also contains the date 1145. Mr. Kline was offered \$500 for the curiosity but refused it.

The examinations by the State Board of Examiners, Henry Houck, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction; Thomas M. Stewart, Superintendent of Lawrence County; Owen R. Wilt, Superintendent of South Bethlehem; Francis D. Raub, Superintendent of Allentown; Charles E. Moxley, Superintendent of Susquehanna County; S. G. Rudy, Superintendent of Huntingdon County; H. E. Reesley, Superintendent of Tioga County and Principal Eckels, of Shippensburg, will begin at the Normal School on Wednesday, the 22nd.

The well known clothing firm of J. M. Gidding & Co., who have been conducting a business in Bloomsburg for the past six years, will close out their stock here and locate in a larger city. This is one of the most enterprising firms in the town, and their store contains one of the largest stocks of up-to-date clothing in Central Pennsylvania. See their advertisement elsewhere.

Aluminum has been decided upon to take the place of sheet iron for the following camp utensils for use in the French army: The individual plate or bowl, canteen, quart cup, and the boiling pot or bowl for the use of four men. An appropriation of 130,000 franc figures in the army budget to begin the manufacture and distribution of the above named articles. During the Madagascar expedition 15,000 sets were used with great satisfaction.

Ex-County Superintendent W. C. Johnston who has been attending law school at the University of Pennsylvania, has returned to his home at Jerseytown.

Death of Mr. Joseph Hess.

Mr. Joseph Hess was born in Smithfield, Northampton (now Monroe) county, Pa., February 28, 1827, and died at his home on North Front St., Lewisburg, at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, May 22, 1893, aged 71 years 2 months and 22 days.

He was married in 1851 to Miss Laurena Minier, of Lycoming Co., and came to Lewisburg in the spring of 1863, where he lived up to the time of his death. He was for many years a faithful employe at the boat yard; after leaving that work he followed carpentering up to within a few months of death.

Mr. Hess was a quiet, unassuming man; was a kind husband an indulgent father, always interested in the welfare of those around him. During the civil war he showed his patriotism by enlisting in Co. I, 192 Regt., Pa. Infantry.

He had been in delicate health for a year past. Several months ago a large substance began to form on the right side of his neck which the physician termed a tumor or enlargement of the glands. This, in connection with an attack of the grip, confined him to the house for the past three months. At times he suffered intensely, but the end was peaceful. He was prepared to answer the last great roll call. Peace to his ashes.

The deceased is survived by his wife and the following children: Mark M., of Bloomsburg; Mrs. Elizabeth W. Becher, of Mt. Carmel; Mary A., Margaret A., Jennie, Willard J., Charles A. and Harvey H., of Lewisburg; also two brothers and three sisters, viz: Henry of Picture Rocks; Reuben of Oklahoma; Mrs. Maria Minier, of Moreland, Lye. Co.; Mrs. Catherine Haslet, of Dewart.

The funeral was held from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was largely attended by sympathizing friends and neighbors. The services were conducted by Rev. I. H. McGann, of the Lutheran Church, of which deceased was a member.—*Lewisburg Chronicle*.

The Annual Sunday School Convention opened at Espy this morning.