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THE RACE MEET.

The program offered at the fourth annual race meet of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen, attracted quite a large crowd of people to the Columbia County Fair Ground, Saturday afternoon. No better races were ever witnessed on the ground. The day was a perfect one, the track in tip top condition, and every event, with the exception of the match race, which did not start, passed off to the entire satisfaction of everyone.

It is said, and we believe it, that fully two-thirds of the people who paid admission to the ground, went more to see the match race than anything else, and any one who was not present can easily imagine the disappointment when it was announced that the race would not take place. It had been advertised and boomed as the special feature of the meet, and the question now is, who is to blame? It is said that there was a misunderstanding between the contestants as to what pace was to be used. Krick claimed that he had been notified to bring a tandem as his pace, and McMichael held out that the pace was to be unlimited, and that each man was to furnish whatever pace he wished. If this is the case, why as a matter of course, the Wheelmen are to blame, for the race not coming off. But, admitting that there was a misunderstanding about the pace, that the blame should all be placed to the credit of the committee who had the race in charge, was there any earthly reason for the Berwick delegation hissing Krick the way they did? Let us see. The race, it we are not mistaken, was down on the program for the sixth event; when the time came for it to take place the up-river crack claimed that he was unable to start, owing to a sprained shoulder, which he had received by reason of a fall. There was a little scratch on his arm and the people believed he told the truth, but when the time came for the handicap race, in which he was given a forty yard start on Krick, the sprained shoulder didn't bother him any more. Krick then offered to race him without any pace at all, or let the quad pace both of them to the three quarter pole, and fight it out from there, but he showed the white feather and rejected both propositions. After one considers all the facts there is only one conclusion to be reached, and that is that McMichael is afraid of the Dutchman, and the majority of people in Bloomsburg know it.

The other races were all close and hotly contested. With the exceptions of a few broken pedals and chains, there were no accidents.

Following are the summaries:

Half-mile Open—First heat, H. C. Jewell, Bloomsburg, first; Charles W. Krick, Sinking Springs, second; Geo. B. Hart, Wilkesbarre, third; J. Oscar Barto, Reading, fourth. Time 1:11.

Second heat—F. P. Gistalder, Williamsport, first; Charles Coleman, Scranton, second; J. H. Swartz, Reading, third; W. F. McMichael, Berwick, fourth. Time 1:06.

Final heat—W. F. McMichael, first; G. B. Hart, second; C. W. Krick, third. Time 1:12.

2:45 Class—Charles Harry, Berwick, won; J. H. Michael, Bloomsburg, second; Harry Shaffer, Bloomsburg, third. Time 2:36.

Two-mile Lap Race—C. W. Krick, Sinking Springs, won; J. H. Swartz, Reading, second; Charles Coleman, Scranton, third; G. B. Hart, Wilkesbarre, fourth. Time 5:01.

Five-mile Open—First heat, C. W. Krick, Sinking Springs, first; F. P. Gistalder, Williamsport, second; G. B. Hart, Wilkesbarre, third; George Harry, Mahanoy City, fourth. Time 3:24.

Second heat—W. F. McMichael, Berwick, first; J. H. Swartz, Reading, second; Charles Harry, Berwick, third; W. L. Richards, Stockton, fourth. Time 2:24.

Final heat—C. W. Krick, first; W. F. McMichael, second; Charles Harry, third. Time 2:30.

Three-mile Handicap—W. F. McMichael, Berwick, 40 yards, won; H. C. Jewell, Bloomsburg, 120 yards, second. W. L. Richards, Stockton, 110 yards, third; C. W. Krick, Sinking Springs, scratch, fourth. Time 7:16.

One-mile Local Race—J. H. Michael, first; Harry Shaffer, second; George Ahleman, third. Time 2:55.

Exhibition—McMichael, paced by a quad, reduced the track record, held by Charles Coleman, of Scranton, from 2:06 to 2:04.

R. J. Springer has opened a watch repair shop at the corner of Main and Railroad Streets.

County Supt. J. K. Miller's Report.

HON. NATHAN C. SCHAEFFER, SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, DEAR SIR:—The school year closed with some signs of encouragement, although no great changes have taken place. A steady growth in the cause of education is working out new conditions which will in the near future enable this county to make a decided advance over all previous records.

Patrons are recognizing the fact that to secure modern educational methods their influence must be directed towards promoting and supplying such special agencies as are approved by up-to-date educators. Unless interest is shown on the part of the patrons, directors become negligent, and either through timidity or parsimony fail to do as their impulses prompt them. We are confident of liberal educational views existing among the people of our most backward and unprogressive districts surrounded by the most unfavorable environments. All that is necessary is carefully stated arguments, and an exposition of the desire and ambitions which lie dormant in the hearts of the majority.

Our teachers as a body are in advance of last year. Experience and training are being appreciated, but we think that sometimes too much weight is given by directors in selecting teachers, to the matter of experience. Well trained young men and women, with qualities of mind that make them "apt to teach," are often better than some teachers who have had years of experience. They come with fresh ideas and new vigor, and directors should remember that the best teachers were once without experience. Good teachers of successful experience should always be held in their old positions if possible, and those without experience, who have had good training and are in earnest should be given a fair chance.

School committees feel the influence of teachers prepared to meet the needs of their children for those little extras not in the regular routine of school work, but vastly important in keeping the minds of pupils directed in the proper channels. Some of teachers, evidently think that education is a system of grinding over and over again the hand full of common branches said to be the foundation of a common school education. Not realizing that experiences in life, our doings and misdoings, the intermingling and demands of society, varied traits of human nature, art, music and literature together with the beauties of nature as manifested through the handiwork of the Creator, are the instruments for the training of mankind.

A course of reading was outlined by a committee appointed by the superintendent at our last Institute. The classics selected are The Vision of Sir Launfal, The Cotter's Saturday Night, The Sketch Book, The Deserted Village, Lamb's Tales, and Hamlet. A noticeable increased interest has been awakened in the study of standard literature through this movement. Under-graduate teachers are learning to realize that ability to tell the story of these productions with fair accuracy, is quite essential.

With prospects of a longer school term in at least five or six districts, increased salaries, the retention of good teachers, assistance from directors in the work of supervision, more pride in the architectural appearance of school property, and the establishment of township graded schools in several districts, we are looking forward with pleasing anticipations to a more satisfactory report next year.

Respectfully,
JOHN K. MILLER,
County Supt.

A minister in a neighboring town a few Sundays ago surprised his audience by reading the following announcement from the pulpit: "The regular session of the donkey club will be held as usual at the close of the service. Members will line up just outside the church door, make remarks and stare at the ladies who pass, as is their custom. Any member known to escort a lady to church and sit with her like a gentleman will be expelled from membership." The application was to the point and the effect was marvelous.

Stage drivers are required by the new revenue law to issue a receipt for each parcel or package taken for delivery, and to place a cent revenue stamp on the same. Every stage driver should promptly comply with the law in this matter.

MRS. L. B. RUPERT.

Mrs. Evaline Rupert, widow of the late Hon. L. B. Rupert, departed this life at her home on the corner of Centre and Third Streets Thursday morning of last week. Though she had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years, her health had been good, and her death was unexpected. It appears that she had gone up stairs to prepare to attend a family reunion, which was to be held that day. Remaining up stairs longer than was usual her daughter Eva who lived with her went up to ascertain the cause. She found her mother lying on the floor suffering from a stroke of apoplexy. Medical aid was hastily summoned, but she did not recover and died a few hours afterward.

The deceased was the oldest surviving member of the family, and is survived by five children, Mrs. Dr. W. H. Park of Wisconsin, Mrs. Daniel Steck of Hughesville, Mrs. I. K. Miller, this town, Miss Eva, who lived with her mother; and one son Barton, living in Kansas. The funeral conducted by Rev. G. H. Hemingway of the Presbyterian Church, took place from the house Monday afternoon, burial in Rosemont Cemetery.

Charles O. Kaiser, who was to have been hanged on Tuesday, September 6th, for the murder of his wife, Emma Kaiser, committed suicide Thursday afternoon last in the jail at Norris-town, by cutting the arteries in both his arms, after which he hanged himself with an improvised rope, made by twisting one of his bed sheets. While the wife murderer was preparing to cheat the gallows, the officials of the jail were just outside his cell in the corridor, making arrangements for the erection of the scaffold. He committed the act just in the nick of time as it had been decided to place a death watch over him that night. When found he had just expired. He had severed the arteries with a small spring taken from an alarm clock in his room. He would have bled to death in time, but he resorted to the sheet to make shorter, and surer work of it. The story of the crime for which Kaiser was to die has been published over and over and is well known by all our readers.

One of the latest developments in the war stamp business, is a claim set up that a stamp must go with every prisoner committed to a county almshouse from outside the county. This view of the law is taken by the Armstrong county authorities, and the first war stamp prisoner was transferred to Clarendon, in Allegheny county last week, his commitment paper bearing a 25 cent stamp in the upper right hand corner. This question is also being agitated in Crawford, Westmoreland and other counties of the state.

A jolly party composed of Miss Lillian Vannatta, Mrs. Wm. Bodine, Mrs. Dr. G. H. Welliver, Miss Mary Knapp, Miss Anna Knapp, Miss Sadie Vannatta, Miss Minnie Penman, Miss Ida Wentz, Miss Mattie Penman, Mrs. P. K. Vannatta, Mrs. W. B. Allen, Miss Dora Marr, Mrs. Annie Eyer, Ben Vannatta, John Knapp and Eugene Lewis, hired a four horse turnout from Dr. G. H. Welliver and drove to Berwick Monday night. They report a very enjoyable evening.

Jacob Lay, an old boatman, known all along the canal, met his death by being drowned in the canal at Danville Monday afternoon. He was carrying empty barrels from one boat to another when in some way or other his foot caught, and plunged him headlong into the water, he was unable to swim, and he sank before assistance could reach him. His age is said to be about forty-eight years.

No harsh criticism was intended last week in our allusion to the festival given by S. C. Creasy's class at Rupert. The article was printed in the absence of the editor, who upon inquiry finds that the inconvenience mentioned occurred at a late hour. The attendance was very large, probably much larger than was expected, but we have heard many favorable comments about the pleasure of the occasion.

J. Packer Haas, of Northumberland, C. H. Jennings, of Sullivan, H. W. Granger, of Montour, and W. H. Woodin of Columbia, the Republican Candidates of this congressional district, will meet in nominating convention at the Montour House, at Danville today with their conferees.

REV. W. G. FERGUSON.

Rev. W. G. Ferguson, a former pastor of the M. E. Church of this town, died at the M. E. Hospital at Philadelphia Sunday night. He was taken suddenly ill while on a two weeks vacation at Ocean Grove. His condition grew worse and it was thought best to bring him to Bloomsburg, to the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Tustin. He had become so weak, that upon reaching Philadelphia, the accompanying physician suggested that he be taken to the above mentioned hospital, but his recovery was impossible and he died at twelve o'clock Sunday night.

The remains were brought to Bloomsburg and taken to the home of his daughter.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, services being conducted in the Methodist church by Rev. J. B. Shaver of Williamsport, assisted by Dr. E. J. Gray of Williamsport, Rev. M. K. Foster of Lock Haven, Dr. W. W. Evans, presiding elder, and Rev. B. C. Conner. The burial service at the grave was read by Rev. E. H. Yocum, Rev. J. A. DeMoyer and Rev. G. M. Klepfer.

Unruly Horseless Carriage.

Millionaire Woodin and Friends in a Serious Smashup.

Shamokin, Pa., August 24.—Millionaire W. H. Woodin and a party of friends riding in a horseless carriage from Berwick to Danville to day, to attend the Republican Congressional Convention tomorrow, before which Mr. Woodin is a leading candidate, were within 10 feet of a railroad crossing near Maudsley when a train rounded a curve. The engineer of the carriage reversed it, and it sent the vehicle with terrific force against a stone bridge.

The occupants were hurled to the ground, miraculously escaping death. The carriage was wrecked.

[The carriage and occupants were in Bloomsburg after the accident. Nobody was hurt and the carriage was in good running order.—Ed.]

Court Proceedings.

A short session of Court was held Monday afternoon with His Honor Grant Herring President Judge, presiding.

Petition of Geo. Balsai, Geo. Bashista, Jno. Roskos, Joseph Fabian, John Cheslock, John Kosley, Geo. Ondic and Geo. Lucatch, natives of Austria Hungary for naturalization. Having passed the examination by the Committee prayer granted and Court directs that they be sworn in as citizens of the U. S. They were at once sworn in by P. Othonatory W. H. Henrie. Adjourned till Sept. 5.

The Judgeship Muddle.

Speaking of the judgeship muddle the Sunbury Daily says: It looks very much as though there will be a free-for-all race for Judge, with Little, Evans, Scarlet, Herring and Hawley in the field. This will have the effect of mixing up the fight in this Congressional district, as both Montour and Columbia counties are part of this district. In a fight of this kind there will be trading galore, and no one can guess how the cat will jump until the votes are counted.

Whitmoyer Reunion.

The first reunion of the Whitmoyer family and all persons in any way related to them, will be held in Glenwood Grove, Millville, Pa., on Thursday, Sept. 8, 1898.

Excursion tickets will be sold over the C. P. & W. R. R. good until Sept. 12. At this time a permanent organization will be effected so all interested should try to be present. One of the features of the day will be a picnic dinner, speaking and music will be indulged in. Come prepared to have a good time. For further particulars address R. F. WHITMOYER, Pine Summit, Pa.

By the falling of a terracotta corner on the front of Atlee, Burpee & Co's. new seed ware-house, at 475-77 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Thursday afternoon four men were killed, five seriously wounded and several slightly injured. It is claimed that the cornice had been poorly constructed, and had been condemned by the building inspector. The names of the dead are: Albert Green, aged 30 years; Thomas Lyon, 30 years old; Christian Scholder, 59 years of age; and Harry Evans, aged 25 years.

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The Hughesville fair, which is held under the auspices of the Muncy Valley Farmers' club, bids fair to exceed the expectations of the management. The premium list has been revised and enlarged, and the cash value of the premiums will aggregate over \$4,000. There will also be \$300 in premiums offered for bicycle races, and the indications are that some of the fastest riders of the state will be present.

The purses for trotting and running races have been increased and time changed and arrangements have been made for a large string of fast steppers.

There will be numerous attractions, principally among which may be mentioned balloon ascensions with parachute leaps, Japanese performances, public wedding, base ball, etc.—plenty of amusements to keep the visitor on the guess as to what is coming next.

Another prominent feature is the political days set apart for each party, at which time some of the most prominent speakers of the state will be present, including President McKinley, Gov. Hastings, Col. Stone, Jenks, Sowden, Swallow, Attorney General McCormick, and others.

The management is getting the track in fine condition for racing, in fact the entire grounds and buildings are being impressed generally, and everything is being done to make this the best fair in the history of the club. Last year the attendance was large, over 8,000 persons being present on one day, and this year this number will be passed.

Don't overlook the date—Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 24—one week earlier than usual.

The Bar Committee on the question of President Judge consisting of Messrs. Freeze, Duy, Miller, Geyer, Elwell and Peacock with Mr. Buckalov as chairman met at the office of L. E. Waller Esq., on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock and continued in session some time considering the duties of their appointment. Without concluding their labors, the committee adjourned to meet on Friday evening at the same place.

A very pretty and enjoyable party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Milnes at Espy, on Monday evening, the occasion being in honor of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Scranton, who is at home during her vacation. The evening was spent in an unusually pleasant manner, owing to the untiring efforts of Miss Sydney and hostess Miss Elizabeth Milnes, whose only objects seem to be to provide entertainment for their guests. Miss Elizabeth is very popular among her Espy friends, and her frequent visits to her home, are always occasions of a hearty welcome on the part of all who know her. Those present were Misses Jennie Griffith, Elizabeth Bomboj, Delia Geisinger, Fannie Kline, Mary Milnes, Josephine McCollum, Martha Robison, Bessie Robison, Lillian Pettit, Cora Hartman, and Messrs. Harry Straub, Geo. Straub, James Miller, Earl Creveling, Domer Geisinger, Samuel Worman, Harry Frane, Joseph Pursel and Elsworth Bomboj.

From present indications there will be plenty of game this season. It is said that in some sections of the county, the squirrels are so numerous that they are becoming destructive to fruit trees. And rabbits, too, are very plentiful. So much so that a chase on Main street, is not an uncommon occurrence.

Eight Austrians were naturalized in town on Monday. The committee, which is composed of W. H. Snyder, C. C. Evans, and Guy Jacoby examined the applicants in the morning, and they were sworn in by the court in the afternoon. They came from Wilburton and Mid Valley.

A grand festival will be held at the Town Hall in Espy, this coming Saturday evening. Ice cream, cake, confectionery, beansoup, water melons, cantaloupes, and all the delicacies of the season. Supper will also be served earlier in the evening. Under the auspices of the Lutheran church.

According to the weather reports and predictions there will be no let up to the present intense heat, for a few days, it is to continue for the balance of the week. Tuesday night was probably one of the hottest of the year. Sleep was almost an impossibility.