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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

INSPECTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL
OIL TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

A Large Turnout and a Very Creditable
Parade—Friendship's New Uniforms
An Attractive Feature.

On the 25th day of January, 1881, the constitution and by-laws for the government of the Bloomsburg Fire Department were approved and ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomsburg, and have remained in force unchanged to this day. Among other provisions therein contained is the following: "The Chief Engineer shall, at least once in each year, order a general parade of all the companies belonging to the Fire Department, at such times as shall be designated by the Fire Board, for inspection and review by the Town Council."

In pursuance of the above, an inspection was ordered, and held on Memorial Day. At 1:30 p. m. the four companies assembled at the Town Hall, and formed in the following order: President of Council W. O. Holmes, Chief of Police Wesley Knorr, Members of Council Blue, Cronin, Hartman, Cox, Demaree and Smith. Bloomsburg Band, Friendship Fire Co., No. 1, 35 men, steamer, hose carriage, cart; Rescue Hose Co., No. 2, 35 men, hose cart; Winona Hose Co., No. 3, 21 men, hose cart; Good Will Fire Co., No. 4, 31 men, hose cart. The Friendship Steamer was drawn by Dieffenbach Bros' fine team of grays, with H. F. Dieffenbach holding the reins.

The Rescue Hook and Ladder Truck was not out, nor the hose carriages of the Rescue and Winona. The line marched down Main street, to head of Market street, then countermarched to the square, where it halted, and was inspected by the Council. After this formality was completed the firemen returned to the Town Hall, and at 2:30 all but the Winonas joined the G. A. R. parade, leaving their apparatus behind.

FRIENDSHIP'S NEW UNIFORMS.

The leading feature of the day was the uniforms of the Friendships, worn then for the first time. They consist of cadet blue coats, pants and caps. The coats are very long frocks, with brass buttons, double-breasted, and black braid on the sleeves. A black stripe runs down the sides of the pants. The handsomest men inside the coats were the two robust axemen, who led the parade, carrying with them about 300 pounds of solid flesh each, and enjoying the rays of old Sol as he smiled down on them with a lurid countenance, while they smiled back at him with blushing cheeks. After the parade they "smiled" again. We refer to Chas. H. Reice and Geo. Enterline.

Chief Gilmore was here, there and everywhere, and performed all his duties well. He has the distinction of being the second Chief Engineer who has ever had an inspection of the fire department, though the ordinance has been in existence eighteen years. In 1883, when the editor of this paper had the honor to hold that office, there was an inspection on Memorial Day. Only two Members of Council appeared, and after being shown the condition of the apparatus, and promising to make necessary repairs, the Council failed to act on any of the recommendations then made, and so far as we know, some of those repairs have not been made yet.

Now that the custom has been revived, let it be kept alive, and let us have an annual inspection of the Fire Department.

Lock the Doors.

On Saturday, next June 3, Pawnee Bill's Wild West show will be in Bloomsburg. From many places come reports of burglaries where shows have appeared this season, and it is more than likely that a show the magnitude of this one will be followed by gangs of sneak thieves, who take advantage of the absence of families, to break into houses and steal all they can find. As a matter of precaution, all doors, windows, cellar doors and every other possible place of entrance should be well secured when the premises are left alone on that day and night. When no one but women are at home, no strangers should be allowed to enter the house on any pretext.

A girl baby arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs yesterday.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The observance of Memorial Day was more general, and attended with more ceremony this year than for many years past. This was probably owing to the fact that the military spirit and patriotism have been newly awakened by the war with Spain, and also that in many cemeteries throughout the country lie the recently buried forms of soldiers who lost their lives in the war of 1898.

At 7 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday the members of Ent Post, 250 G. A. R. met at their hall in Bloomsburg, and started for the Almedia cemetery accompanied by the Bloomsburg Band. They were met there by other societies, and after appropriate services the graves were decorated. A detail of the P. O. S. of A. went to the Vanderslice graveyard, and of the Sons of Veterans to the new cemetery.

At 2:30 the procession formed on Market square, led by Chas. P. Sloan, chief marshal, W. O. Holmes, Dr. T. C. Harter and Harvey Fetterman, assistants. It was formed in the following order: Marshals, Bloomsburg Band, Ent Post, G. A. R., Sunday School children, Friendship Fire Co. No. 1, Rescue Hose Co. No. 2, Good Will Fire Co. No. 4.

The line of march was down Main to West, to Third, to Market, to Main, to Normal School, countermarch down Main to Centre, to Rosemont cemetery.

The following service was held at the Soldiers' Circle:

Prayer by Rev. D. N. Kirkby. G. A. R. Memorial service. Recitation by Harry Evans. Lincoln's address at Gettysburg read by John McGuffey. Recitation by Miss Maud Belig. Singing, Baptist choir. Music, Bloomsburg Band. Decoration of Graves. Benediction by Rev. B. C. Conner.

During the parade the streets were lined with people. Several thousand attended the exercises at the cemetery. Business places and residences were profusely decorated with flags.

In the evening a meeting was held in the Tabernacle on Market street, when the memorial address was delivered by John T. Howe of Scranton. Excellent addresses were also made by H. A. McKillip, Esq., Jas. C. Brown, Samuel Pursel and Rev. J. D. Smith.

Selections were recited by Miss Mary Correll and Miss Esther Geddis, and good singing was furnished by the Y. M. C. A. choir. The building was crowded, and some were turned away for want of room. This innovation is for the better, as it has been customary to have the addresses in the afternoon immediately following the decoration services, and for some years past the audiences have been very small.

Died in Georgia.

The following is taken from the Ashland Advocate of last week. The subject of this article was once well known in Bloomsburg, he being one of numerous persons of Centralia who used to be almost constantly engaged in litigation of some kind, and consequently frequent visitors to the county seat.

"James Morrissey, who left Centralia, very suddenly ten years ago, and without telling anyone of his intentions, not even his family, died last week in Georgia, of Bright's disease of the kidneys. When he left Centralia he was well supplied with this world's goods and his going was a mystery. It was some years before it was learned that he was following the calling of a commercial traveler with headquarters in Georgia, but there was no attempt made to effect a union with his family. In course of time his wife came into possession of all his property, a goodly amount, and three years ago the family left for Philadelphia, where they now reside."

Candidates' Meeting.

A meeting of the Democratic candidates was held in the office of A. N. Yost on Saturday afternoon. R. G. F. Kashinka, secretary of the county committee, in the absence of Chairman John G. McHenry, who was delayed by a late train, presided. W. A. Evert was made secretary of the meeting. It was agreed that watchers be appointed for the primary election by the two candidates for Prothonotary—Henrie and Terwilliger. The expenses of holding the election were fixed at \$6.00 for each district, to pay a judge, two inspectors and two watchers. There are 45 districts. An assessment on the candidates was made to provide for these expenses.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The exercises of Commencement week at the Bloomsburg High School began on Sunday evening last when the baccalaureate sermon was preached in the Reformed church by Rev. J. D. Thomas. The church was filled and many were unable to gain admission. The class of '99, the High School teachers and members of the school board, entered the church from the Sunday school room, at 8 o'clock, led by the pastor. The church was prettily decorated with flags and plants. The text was Proverbs, 4th chapter, 18th and 19th verses, and the discourse was an able and interesting one.

On Monday evening the second annual contest in oratory by the Junior class was held in the Opera House, and was a great success.

The vocal numbers—Chorus—"I Know a Bank" by the High School chorus and a duet by Messrs George McLinn and Reginald Hemingway were well rendered and a credit to Mr. O. H. Yetter, who is untiring in his efforts to instruct and to make perfect the work of his pupils. Misses Laura Moyer and Nellie Wilson rendered a very charming piano duet.

The contest was opened and closed by the young gentlemen contestants—Messrs Waller Neyhard and Harry Evans. Waller Neyhard told his story of "Trick vs. Trick" with ease and much humor and quite won the audience with the difficult first number.

Richard Harding Davis is noted for the tender pathos as well as the sparkling wit of his stories and he reaches a great degree of pathos in his story of "The Trial of Abner Barron." Harry Evans rendered this selection with much force and power.

"Bobby Shalloe" is sure to win friends and Miss Bertha Umstead very charmingly and gracefully won many more friends for him.

Miss Natalie Foulke held the fixed attention of her audience as she told of the exciting and dangerous ride of "Lily Seroussé" and its happy ending. Miss Foulke's work was most graceful.

There are amusing as well as embarrassing results from the habit of much talking. "His Own Obituary" is a picture of both phases and Miss Edith Heller showed herself mistress of the selection, her impersonations were remarkably good.

Miss Mary Correll captivated the audience with the tenderly sweet selection "Star Bright." Bright indeed did she make little "Star" and our hearts ached for dear old "Capt. January" in his sorrow and we rejoiced in the happy ending of the story.

"Mice at Play" was the title of Miss Mary Belig's selection. She told in a bright engaging manner the story which proves the truth of the old adage "when the cat's away the mice will play."

There is perhaps nothing that is harder to bear than the breaching of a friend and Miss Dora Jury in "The Swan Song" told very tenderly and sweetly of how "little Franz's heart was almost broken" and how the "kind father in Heaven" helped him.

The contestants one and all were perfectly natural and at home on the stage, though it was the first appearance for some of them.

The drill was a most interesting feature presented by Miss Correll and fourteen junior girls. The movements were most graceful and showed careful training.

The participants in the contest and the drill were prepared by Miss Correll, instructress in elocution and literature in the High School, and the success of the efforts of Mr. Yetter and herself.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Fred Holmes, Miss Anna Redeker and Mr. DeForest Hummer for their kind and able assistance.

FIFTH STREET ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment entitled "The Merry Company," a comic operetta given by the Fifth street public school in the Opera House Tuesday evening, was a brilliant success. The chorus of eighty voices showed remarkable training and the natural way in which they rendered their several parts won them the most hearty applause. The cadets dressed in their blue uniforms, made a very fine appearance. It was plainly seen that young America even at the age of seven years has the fine qualities of a true American soldier. The girls in their beautiful white dresses made a very pretty appearance. They looked after the young cadets and saw that the day was made a pleasant one. The three policemen captured the entire audience.

Audrey Shoemaker as the little old woman, Joan Metherell as the little

old man, Floyd Nuss as captain, Florence Rupert as Bessie, Hazel Rowe as Gertie, and Walter Hagenbuch as a cadet, all deserve special mention for the creditable manner in which they rendered their parts. A special feature of the evening was the drill entitled "Dollikins Flat," given by 48 primary girls. They handled their dolls in true motherly style and received very hearty applause. During an interval between the acts Leonard Kelley recited "What did they teach the little boys?" exceptionally well. Every word of the entertainment was distinctly heard in the gallery. The teachers of Fifth Street School ably assisted by Mr. Yetter are to be congratulated on the success of the best entertainment of its kind ever given by the public schools of Bloomsburg.

The commencement exercises will be held in the Opera House tonight. The following program will be followed:

Overture, Cassandra, Rollinson Orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. J. D. Thomas

Salutatory and Essay, Be Particular Ethel Pearl Rauch.

Two part Chorus, Fly away Birdling, Abt Senior Girls.

Essay, Class History Jennie Emelia Beagle.

Quarrel Scene, From "School for Scandal," Sir Peter, Lydia Ellen Maust Lady Teazle, Edith Claire Correll.

Waltz, "Love's Dream, Caibulka Orchestra.

Debate, Resolved, That the United States should permanently possess the Philippines.

Affirmative: Negative: Claude K. Bittenbender, Gerald H. Gross, Katherine Gorrey, Myrtle L. Welliver.

Caprice, The Mouse Trap, Isenman Orchestra.

Poem, Ella Maude Belig.

"Court Scene" From "The Merchant of Venice," Duke, Jennie Emelia Beagle Antonio, Charlotte Vida Klein Bassanio, Martha E. Leacock Shylock, Mary Francis Adams Portia, Minnie Ent.

Medley, A Bunch of Hits, Kline Orchestra.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS. Class Song, Mendelssohn

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES. Essay and Valedictory, Secrets of Success Anna Martha Redeker.

Benediction, Rev. J. D. Thomas.

March, Uncle Remus, Hopden Orchestra.

Words of Class Song composed by Ella Maude Belig.

GRADUATING CLASS. Anna Martha Redeker, Ethel Pearl Rauch, Jennie Emelia Beagle, Mary Kester, Myrtle Irene Welliver, Mary Frances Adams, Claude Kuhn Bittenbender, Martha Augusta Jones, Gerald Harold Gross, Edith Claire Correll, Lydia Ellen Maust, Katherine Gorrey, Charlotte Vida Klein, Minnie El nira Ent, Ella Maude Belig, Clara Glogovnia Furman, Verda Hazel Correll, Katherine Tracy, Martha Ethel Leacock.

The High School Alumni Association will hold their annual banquet in Evan's Hall on Friday evening. W. H. Housel is the caterer.

Normal Music Department.

The members of the graduating class in the department of music at the Normal are Miss Hettie Cope, Miss Lillian Fowler, Miss Lulu Miller and Miss Matilda Shuman. Miss Elsie Hicks has taken a post-graduate course. Public recitals are given by graduates in this department. On Friday evening Miss Hicks, assisted by Miss Cope, executed a program which included selections from Beethoven, Donizetti, Bach, Chopin and Liszt. It was rendered in a manner highly creditable to both pupil and teachers.

On Friday evening, June 2, a recital will be given in the auditorium by Misses Fowler, Miller, Shuman and Cope.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened Thursday, at 9 o'clock a. m. with Hon. R. R. Little President Judge and Fox and Kurtz, associate judges on the bench.

J. H. Eisenhower, vs Centralia Borough School District, assumpsit. Hearing in open court, witnesses called and sworn, Patrick Ruddy, Daniel Brennen, A. J. Foye and J. H. Eisenhower. Motion of defendant for non-suit overruled.

Inquest on body of Weston Smith. No reason being given for holding of inquest. Court declines to approve of the same as a proper charge upon the county.

For Rent.

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Clothier, Bloomsburg

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You can readily guess how satisfactory our goods must be to our patrons when we tell you that the business has just doubled as compared with 1898. Business cannot be built up, unless by giving satisfactory goods. That's our plan, and it works well—good goods at lowest market rates. Trash we do not keep. May we serve you.

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Fourth and Market Streets.