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A VIOLENT STORM

SWEEPS OVER THIS TOWN MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Three Dwellings Were Struck. One of Which Was Pretty Badly Damaged. While the Occupants Escaped Uninjured.

An electrical storm, the like of which even our oldest residents have never experienced, visited this town Monday afternoon, about 3 o'clock. The heat in the forepart of the day was intense, which always has a tendency to increase the severity of an electrical storm, but rarely, if ever, has the thunder been so loud and the lightning so glaring as that which accompanied Monday's storm. Peal after peal came in such rapid succession that many of our people were thoroughly frightened, and pedestrians who were caught out, hurried to places of safety. There was also considerable wind and the rain came down in torrents. Three dwellings were struck in town, one of which was pretty badly wrecked. The Electric Light Co. and the Telephone Co., also suffered to a considerable extent.

The house, on which the storm left its worst marks, is situated in Fernville, owned by D. C. Artley, of Franklin township, and occupied by two families, Elmer Lyons and Norman Teitsworth. The bolt struck the chimney first, and followed the end of the house down to the ground, tearing and splintering everything in its path. A closet, on the second floor, was visited by the fiery ball, and all its contents, consisting of dresses, hats and furniture, were strewn all over the floor. Both families had congregated in the kitchen, and luckily escaped uninjured, but it is needless to say they were thoroughly frightened.

Less Alexander's and J. K. Penzell's houses were also struck, but neither one damaged to any very great extent. At the former's the cornice was slightly shattered and a few slates knocked off the roof, while the latter's, with the exception of a twisted chimney, is none the worse for having been a target of the fiery element.

It is said that some damage was enacted in the storm's path out in the country, but just where and to what extent we are unable to say.

Death Claims William Dennis.

William Dennis, who has been a patient sufferer from consumption for months, succumbed to that disease at his home on East street, at three o'clock Monday afternoon. Mr. Dennis conducted a barber shop near his residence on East street for many years, but desiring a more central location, he leased a room in the Solleder building on Main street, and after fitting it up with nice new fixtures moved into the same. Shortly after making the change he was taken sick, from which he never recovered. A short time ago his business was changed to its former location. Will was a good whole souled fellow, and was considered one of the best workmen in his profession. A wife and three children survive. The funeral occurs this afternoon.

Miss Margaret Howell.

Miss Margaret Howell aged thirty-one years died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Howell, on Park street, Sunday afternoon, after an illness of a little over a year. She enjoyed the companionship of a host of friends, among all of whom her death is keenly felt. She was a devout member of Trinity Reformed church, and as long as her health would permit, was a constant attendant at all its services. This is the fourth daughter who has died of consumption in the Howell family during the past nine years.

The funeral, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Thomas, occurred Tuesday afternoon.

Off to Bloomsburg.

Thursday morning Glenn Curnow, Ida Butts, Bessie Klinger, Blanche Cope, Phoebe Wightman, George Carl and Ray Tobias left town to take a three-weeks' course at Bloomsburg Normal School. At the expiration of that time they will take the junior examinations for entrance to the senior class next fall. On Monday Grant Kehler and Carrie Treon will also leave for Bloomsburg for the same purpose.—Mt. Carmel Item.

WHITE & CO'S MILLS.

A few days ago while in the vicinity of the flouring mills of H. V. White & Co., along the D. L. & W. R. R. above Market street, we were invited inside, and through the courtesy of Mr. White were shown through the buildings. We were surprised at the extent and capacity of this establishment. The firm consists of H. V. White and T. E. Hyde. The mill contains a storage capacity of 23,000 bushel of grain, and is capable of manufacturing 250 barrels of flour per day. Nine persons are employed in the several departments.

A large three story addition has been made within the past year, and this is supplied with all the latest and best machines for making the best grade of roller process flour. There are cleaners and sifters, and dust gatherers and rolls, a magnetic arrangement for removing nails and all bits of metal from the grain, choppers, and immense bins for oats, corn, wheat, etc., and numerous machines whose names we do not remember, and whose uses no one but an expert can understand. The work seems to be done automatically. You touch a button and the wheels do all the rest. As the wheat comes in it is first inspected in the bags, then dumped into a chute whence it is conveyed by elevator to the top floor, dumped into bins, cleaned and then weighed by automatic scales. The refuse matter is put in bags and the owner of the wheat takes it home with him for chicken feed or whatever it may be fit for. No charge is made for cleaning the wheat, and the mill is paying only for clean wheat. The grain then passes on from one machine to another, and through the several sets of rolls, going through six of the latter it we remember correctly, until it runs out in bags, a finished product ready for market.

Corn is shelled in the basement, and the grain is elevated to bins, and the cobs are carried by machinery to a convenient place, where they are used under the boiler for fuel.

The flour thus made is absolutely free from all impurities, and by extracting all the flour from the chaff there is very little if any loss, and by this economy the White mill is enabled to compete in the market with any other establishments east or west.

The chopping department and the Buckwheat flour department each occupy considerable space, and are kept busy.

The mills are so located, being along the D. L. & W. R. R., that they are convenient for shipping, car loads of western wheat being brought right to the door; and it is equally as easy to load cars with flour and chop for shipment.

Orders from abroad have been large and numerous, so that the mill has had no idle season, constant running being required to keep up with the orders.

Messrs White and Hyde are gentlemen of integrity and honor, and are reliable business men with whom it is a pleasure to deal, and to this fact, together with purity and excellence of their products, are attributable the wide reputation that their mill has acquired.

High School Alumni Banquet.

The sixth annual banquet of the Bloomsburg High School Alumni was held in the Evans Hall on Friday evening, June 2nd. While the attendance was somewhat disappointing, yet, in every other particular, the banquet was the most successful one in the history of the organization. The decorations were very pretty, and the supper, which was served by Steward House, of the Normal, was an excellent one.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly augmented by the presence of Losey's Orchestra, which furnished the music for the evening. Mr. W. E. Kinfer presided as toast master, and those who responded were Mr. Stephen Keice, "The Alumni," Miss Theresa Hehl, "The Class of '92"; Mr. H. J. Achenbach, "The Class of '93"; Mr. Paul R. Eyerly, "The Class of '94"; Mr. Harry S. Keller, "The Class of '95"; Mr. F. B. Rupert, "The Class of '96"; Mr. J. Guy Steppy, "The Class of '97"; Mr. William G. Quick, "The Class of '98"; Mr. Gerald Gross, "The Class of '99"; Mr. James C. Brown, "The Directors"; and Prof. L. P. Sterner and Prof. Samuel Pursel, on "The Schools".

Mrs. Mary Broadhead, one of Berwick's most potent social factors was married on Thursday to Mr. Clarence J. Pratt of Virginia, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McHenry at Berwick. Several people from town were in attendance.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Peace or War—young America's verdict. Sunday morning 10:30.

PART I.

Singing, "Welcome to June" By the School.

Prayer. Singing, Double Quartette.

Exercises by the younger scholars.

Introduction, Steward Hartman.

Song by the Primary School.

Recitation, Bessie Wall.

"A Puzzling Question," Warren Shutt.

"Only Small Boys," Allen Fornwald.

Motion Song.

"Some Small Sweet Way," Helen Hess.

"The Reason Why," Nellie Rawlings.

"The Garden of Life," Margaret Smith.

"Write It," Clayton Culp.

Song, "Only a Sunbeam," By the Primary School.

PART II.

PEACE OR WAR.

Introduction, Nellie Wilson.

"Peace," Mabel Moyer.

"War," Ralph Smith.

"Historical Tribute to Peace," Greta Cox.

"Conquest's Tribute to War,"

Warren Drum.

"Liberty's Tribute to War,"

Maurice Buck.

"Patriotism's Tribute to Peace,"

Dora Jury.

"Morality's Tribute to Peace,"

Harry Dodson.

"Religion's Tribute to Peace,"

Mary Belig.

Music by the school will be interspersed through the programme. The choir will also furnish special music. The church will be beautifully decorated. The ordinance of baptism for children will be administered at 10:30 o'clock sharp in the Sunday school room. Special offering during the day for the cause of education. The public cordially invited.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened in special session Monday at ten o'clock.

John B. Earhart vs. Lizzie B. Earhart. Report of Master filed and divorce decreed.

Petition of Alonzo Zeigler for guardian. W. F. Englehart appointed guardian.

Petition of Margaret Zeigler for guardian N. J. Englehart appointed guardian.

License of Geo. B. Crossley, Benton Borough, transferred to Wm. Gross.

Argument heard before court on road view in Bloom and Scott townships. Road from river bridge to Funk farm canal bridge. J. B. Robinson for road, B. F. Zarr for exceptions.

Court re-convened at two o'clock p. m. with Hon. E. M. Dunham, of Wyoming-Sullivan District, presiding.

David Shuman vs. L. V. Coal Co. Jury in charge of W. H. Rhawn for plaintiff and C. W. Miller for defendant was taken to Hazleton and Audenried to view the defendant's property.

Petition for county bridge over Raven Creek in Benton township. Lenora McKelby vs. A. C. Freas. Feigned issue. Plea non assumpsit. This case was brought by the former to recover a note of \$1000 loaned to Freas in 1893. The latter claimed to have paid off the note, but had lost the receipts. The jury returned a verdict of \$947 for Mrs. McKelby.

Daniel W. Kelchner, executor for use vs. Wesley Ruckle's executor. Judgment secured regularly for want of an affidavit of defense.

Daniel W. Kelchner for use vs. Wesley Ruckle, executor. Judgment secured regularly against defendant for want of an affidavit of defense.

Bridge over Raven Creek in Benton township. J. L. Girton, Charles Reice and S. Robert Pealer appointed viewers.

Alfred Rantz vs. Abraham Hartman. Feigned issue. Plaintiff failed to appear. Verdict in favor of defendant.

Anglo American Savings Loan Association vs. James Magee, 2nd, et al. Counsel in case to agree upon amount for plaintiff, including attorneys fees, of \$1831.65.

Wm. Hoffman administrator vs. Wm. Hopper, and Mary Hopper Sci. Fa. Sur. mortgage.

The following jury was called and stood aside until trial of David Shuman vs. L. V. Coal Co. which is now on, was disposed of.

Wm. Witmer, John Mowrey, J. T. Grimes, James Pennington, Wm. Beaver, Erastus Hendershot, D. E. Fegley Chas. Brader, Clark Beagle, Alfred A. Eveland, C. E. Smith and Geo. W. Roberts.

Meeting of State Board of Agriculture.

The spring meeting of Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture convened in the Court House Wednesday morning of last week. The meeting was called to order by vice president S. B. Heiges, of York. The roll was then called, the following members answering to their names:

Bedford—W. C. Lutz, Bedford. Blair—Hon. H. A. Gripp, Tyrone. Bradford—L. Piolett, Wysox. Butler—W. H. Riddle, Butler. Cambria—J. J. Thomas, Carrolltown. Clarion—W. P. Henry, Piolett. Clinton—J. A. Herr, Cedar Springs. Columbia—H. V. White, Bloomsburg. Dauphin—S. F. Barber, Harrisburg. Fayette—J. M. Hantz, Merrittstown. Franklin—G. B. Hege, Marion. Huntingdon—G. G. Hutchison, Warrior's Mark.

Lancaster—W. H. Brosius, Fern Glen. Lehigh—Dr. J. P. Barnes, Allentown. Lycoming—A. J. Kahler, Hughesville. Mercer—John T. Crill, Mercer. Mifflin—D. E. Notestine, Lewistown. Northampton—B. B. McClure, Bath. Perry—J. E. Stephens, Acker.

Schuylkill—J. H. Stout, Pine Grove. Snyder—J. F. Boyer, Mt. Pleasant Mills. Somerset—F. B. Critchfield, Critchfield. Susquehanna—C. W. Broadhead, Montrose.

Union—J. Newton Glover, Vicksburg. Warren—R. J. Weld, Sugar Grove. Westmoreland—M. N. Clark. York—S. B. Heiges, York.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected as delegates to the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society: M. W. Oliver, Crawford county; W. J. McGee, Venango county; J. Newton Glover, Union county; Col. H. C. Demming, Harrisburg; W. F. Rutherford, Rutherford Station, and H. A. Giff, Tyrone, Blair county, was appointed by the President of the Board, Hon. Wm. A. Stone, Governor, as delegate-at-large.

Excellent talks on sundry subjects were made by Major Henry E. Alford, of the National Dairy Division. Franklin Dye, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, and many others.

The Wednesday evening session was held in the Normal Auditorium. Mayor W. O. Holmes made the address of welcome, which was responded to by H. V. White Esq. Addresses were made by Dr. J. T. Rothrock and Dr. M. P. Bareuel.

The Thursday morning session came to order in the Court House at 8:30 o'clock. The following chairmen of the Pennsylvania Farmers Institute Committees were in attendance:

Adams—A. I. Weidner, Arendtsville. Allegheny—J. S. Burns, Clinton. Bedford—D. Holderbaum, Bedford. Berks—H. G. McGowen, Geiger's Mills. Cameron—R. P. Heilman, M. D., Emporium.

Centre—John A. Woodward, Howard. Chester—Dr. M. E. Conard, West Grove. Clearfield—A. Judson Smith, New Millport. Crawford—M. W. Oliver, Conneautville. Cumberland—B. D. Biggs, Shippensburg. Delaware—G. E. Meybun, Chad's Ford. Elk—J. M. Wittman, St. Mary's.

Greene—John H. Smith, Nineveh. Juniata—Mathew Rodgers, Mexico. Lackawanna—H. W. Northup, Glenburn. Lebanon—H. C. Snavely, Lebanon. Lehigh—J. L. Schreiber, Hosenack. Luzerne—J. E. Heidebrandt, Lehman. Monroe—Randall Bisbing, Minsi. Montgomery—Jason Sexton, Spring House. Montour—J. K. Murray, Pottsgrove. Northumberland—C. C. McWilliams, Elysburg.

Potter—C. L. Peck, Coudersport. Union—Amos Scott, Spring Garden. Warren—Geo. A. Woodside, Sugar Grove. Wyoming—Elmer Detrick, Russel Hill. York—Gerard C. Brown, Yorkana.

Harrisburg was selected for the next meeting which will be held on the third Wednesday in January.

At the conclusion of the program the following resolutions commemorative of the services of former secretary of the State Board of Agriculture were adopted:

WHEREAS the changes usual in administrative affairs have resulted in taking from among us the first and only secretary the board has ever had.

Resolved: That at this first meeting of the State Board of Agriculture without the presence of the Hon. Thos. J. Edge as its secretary and guiding and leading spirit we wish to place upon record an expression of our high appreciation of his uniform courtesy and kindness in his intercourse with the members and of his constant, arduous, unselfish and successful labors in the interests of Pennsylvania.

Resolved: That Secretary Edge in his retirement from the duties of the high office he has so long and so faithfully performed, carries with him into his more private, but we trust not unuseful life, our warmest wishes for his improved health, increased comfort, and unalloyed happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sands of Mordansville, were thrown from a carriage, by reason of the horse taking fright near Iron Dale last evening. Both escaped with a few slight scratches.

We are selling

ASILK FRONT SHIRT

at a special price. They are \$1.00 and 75c. grades,

For . . . 50c. See Window.

GOLF HOSE, BICYCLE HOSE, SWEATERS, BICYCLE TROUSERS,

And everything for wheelmen. We also have a nice line of Serge Coats, good things for bicycle riders, or even to wear for dress.

WASH CLOTHING

Children's Wash Suits, Men's Duck and Crash Suits, or Trousers.

OUR LINE OF

SUMMER CLOTHING

IS STILL COMPLETE.

BEN GIDDING, Clothier, Bloomsburg

The Leader Department Store.

Will End Sale of Carpets

The Carpet Mills of the Country take a month, Spring and Fall to get out their lines of samples. In doing this short lengths of carpets are made ranging from the sample size "42" long to what is called a short piece 60-80 yds. long. We have bought all the Samples and odd lengths of the Carpet Works and put them on sale at bargain prices. You can't get such qualities for so little money anywhere else as we offer. Prices from 3c. up.

Furniture Department

We have a number of Bed-Room Suits, made by Bloomsburg workmen. We want to make room for Fall Goods and so offer 3 piece suits for \$12.00 while they last. In our higher priced suits we have made reductions which give them to you for cost, in some instances below cost. We want them to go.

Dry Goods

We don't claim to carry the largest stock in Bloomsburg, but we do claim the freshest. We go to market frequently, buy the latest and choicest of the seasonable fabrics, and you reap the benefit. Special attention is called to our showing in Dimities, Organdies, Pks, Ducks, Homespun Silk Finished Mull, India Linen and other seasonable goods. For Fancy Waists, we show a select line of Japanese and China Silks. Patterns, private to us.

Linens.

We are headquarters for Fine Linens. We have been so for years, and we take a special pride in our stock. Every housekeeper knows how mind-easing fine table linen is when friends are at the board. Ask for our best, but don't expect to be shown a piece for \$1.25. We will ask your opinion on our taste on a piece for \$2.25. Of course, we have them, all prices, down to 25c, but in every grade we show good value for the money.

Grocery Department.

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.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd., Fourth and Market Streets.