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Describes a Visit to Orangeville. Columbia

The following interesting account is taken from the Evening News, of

Williamsport: Six miles north of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., in the fertile valley of Fishingcreek, lies the little vil-lage of Orangeville. It is reached by the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad, which runs from the county seat to Jamison City Connection is made at Orangeville with the Central Pennsylvania and Western Railroad, which runs from Watsontown, a distance of 29 miles. The name, Orangeville, was given to the settlement by emi-grants from Orange county, New York, and Orange, New Jersey. Fish-ingcreek valley is noted for its beau-ty and the production of luxuriant crops; and the thrift of its farmers is evidenced by their well kept fields, handsome homes, and large and well filled barns. The village, which contains about 500 inhabitants, although not incorporated, is recognized as the capitol of Orange township. Adven-turers, history informs us, drifted into this lovely valley as early as 1780, but it was not until 1822 that the town was laid out by Clemuel G. Ricketts. He was a man of taste and culture and gave to the little village of his tounding some prominence by the publication of a book of travels in the east. He was also the father of Col. W. W. Ricketts, who entered the army in 1861, and came home in 1862, and died at his father's house here in the 26th year of his age; and of Colonel R. Bruce Ricketts, who greatly distinguished himself as commander of the famous battery bearing his name at the battle of Gettysburg.

The run of 29 miles across the antry, from Watsontown to Orange-lle, is of more than ordinary interest at this season of the year. Several villages are passed, the most in-teresting of which is Millville, situated on Little Fishingcreek. A settlement was made here as early as 1774 by John Eves, a Quaker, from Delaware. He bought 1,200 acres of land, pay-therefore £145. The day after the battle of Wyoming, in 1778, he left with his family and did not return until after the close of the revolution. He is the ancestor of the numerous Eves family. A Friends' meeting house was built here as early as 1795; and Greenwood Seminary was founded in 1852, and incorporated in 1861. Millville is now a pretty village of between 500 and 600 inhabitants, and is a place of considerable industrial activity.

The party making this journey across the country was composed of J. M. M. Gernerd, the well known antiquarian, of Muncy, the writer and W. Field Shay, Esq., of Watsontown. Mr. Shay, to be exact, had charge of the party, and as he was familiar with the country, pointed out every place of note. The railroad was opened in 1886. Mr. Shay was one of the active parties engaged in securing the right of way, and much talk and persuasion, and a few lawsuits, were involved before the shrill whistle of the locomotive awoke the echoes of the Fishingcreek hills. The road has struggled along, gaining strength from year to year, and is now doing a fairly good business. Mr. S. B. Haupt is the manager, with C. D. Berger as superintendent. The offices are at Watsontown. In making this 29county, pass through the northern part of Montour, and finally land in Columbia. While near Turbotville the train skins along the edge of that magand cuts through the rocky Fishingcreek hills.

Orangeville has churches, stores, a few small industries, and one or two hotels. Being so near Bloomsburg, the county seat, it is naturally within the shadow of that place, which is the logical objective point for trade as well as justice. Bloomsburg statesmen, however, are seldom seen in the village. This is remarkable, when the beauty, fertility and historic associations of this magnificent valley are considered. By rail it is only about 20 miles to Jamison City, and the prosperous village of Benton is about No. six miles up the stream.

Like nearly all rural towns, Orangeville has an oracle. His name is Mathew Stanley Hayhurst. Although frosts of nearly 72 winters, he is as mere Park below Central today.

erect and strong a man as an Indian, genial, full of humor, a musician and jack of all trades. He repairs watches and guns, makes Masonic regalia, furnishes music for dances on the village paths. green, entertains strangers with slight of-hand performances, and relates reminiscences of his life when he was a steamboat captain on the river and lived at Catawissa and Selinsgrove. But the crowning achievement of his life has been the training of a cow to perform many little tricks. He gave the party an exhibition which was truly wonderful. His learned cow seems to understand everything that is said to her. She was told to drop on her left knee, when she would be rewarded with an apple. The order was promptly obeyed; then on both knees on promise of a bunch of grass. Then he ordered her to lower her head, when he sat upon it, and was cast in the air like a base ball. Many ther tricks were performed by this wonderful animal much to the delight of the excursionists. The entertainment was closed with a musical concert by the oracle on several curious instruments, in which a tin whistle and a flute were mixed up.

Antiquarian Gernard had witnessed learned pigs, dogs and horses perform many curious tricks, but it remained for him to come to Orangeville to witness an exhibition given by an edu-cated cow. "Why," he seriously remarked "the cow is among the lowest in animal intelligence; but just look what this one has been taught to do; it is wonderful." Lawyer Shay looks at the accomplishments of Father Hayhurst from a purely business standpoint, but no one who has the good fortune to witness the performances of the oracle of Orangeville will deny for a moment that they are wonderful, and well worth a journey to the village to see.

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Thought the Affair was a Sin.

We clip the following story from the Sullivan Review. We have heard nothing of it. It probably originated in the fertile mind of one of the correspondents of the Philadelphia papers who very often forget themselves and depart from the truth in their great desire for space:

"Inspired by stories of the kissing bug some enthusiastic church workers | fined to the house, and is attending to in Columbia county got up a hugging his ministerial duties as usual. bee for the benefit of the Sunday school library. All the youngest and best looking women and girls of the Banks no Longer Permitted to Affix Stamps congregation took part, and the men were invited to pay a quarter, draw a number from a bag, retire to a darkened room and call for the fair one holding that number to submit herself to twenty-five cents worth of hugging for the cause. It was a big success, but one of the prominent members feels that he was swindled. He drew No. 22 and did not find out until the affair was closed that his wife held that number. He says it was a sinful affair, anyhow."

Huntington Valley Camp-

The sixth annual Campmeeting at the Huntington Valley campground, near Shickshinny, opens Tuesday evening, August 22, in charge of Rev. W. W. Evans, D. D., presiding elder. The grove is very attractive this year, the new sewer system insuring the grounds from all polution. The boarding hall is being enlarged so that 100 persons can be seated at the table at once. Wednesday, Aug. 23, will be Epworth League Day. Monday is reserved mile run you start in Northumberland for old folks service and Tuesday, Aug. 29, will be communion. Rev C. M. Barnitz will instruct the children with a series of illustrated talks. Rev. G. Murray Klepfer will direct nificent section of country swamp the music. Rev. J. C. Grimes will conduct the Epworth League services with the assistance of Rev. I. N. Moorhead, who will deliver his "Seven Talks on Life" to the young people. Rooms or cottages may be secured by addressing the secretary, R. M. Tubbs, at Shickshinny.

Mifflin Township's Teachers.

The Board of School Directors of Mifflin township, met Saturday evening and elected the following teachers for the coming school year:

No. 1, Mifflinville, M. M. Fry\$35 00 No. 2, " Vida Brown...... 30 00 No. 3, " May Eckroth..... 30 00 Schweppenheiser's, Peter

The Lutherans of town are havhis locks have been tinged by the ing their annual pic-nic at Grass-

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

-For some fellows a straight whiskey very often makes crooked

-Some people use one-half their ingenuity to get into debt, and the other half to avoid paying it.

-He who is ashamed of the pedigree be got from his father, never is going to leave one that his children can brag of.

poor fellow out of his farm he has no ground for complaint.

his eye with a fork. He squeezed a lemon and got a punch. -A woman by the name of Mrs.

week gave birth to a child which weighed a trifle less than one pound. That cross wasn't hard to bear.

A Pastor's Arm Broken.

Rev. J. D. Smith is a fortunate unfortunate man. He has had both legs broken, his ribs broken, his right arm broken, his skull broken, and he is fortunate that he has not had his neck broken. At the battle of Gettysburg five bullets went through his clothes, and he was fortunate in not being killed. The writer asked him yesterday it he had ever gone through a threshing machine, and he replied that he had not, but that he went through a

standing near the Carpet Mill holding his team of ponies, with the reins in his hand, a car on the P. & R. was backed against another car with a crash. The ponies were justifiable in peing frightened, and gave a jump which jerked Mr. Smith off his teet. rie hung on and was dragged some distance, when finding that he could then found his arm was broken above down Fifth street where they were caught. Mr. Smith went to Dr. Graydon, who set the broken bone, but the plucky Baptist pastor is not con-

Unstamped Checks.

For Customers.

Commissioner Wilson, of the Internal Revenue, has issued a circular absolutely prohibiting banks affixing stamps to checks unstamped when presented, and requiring them to return the same to the drawers. In his circular to Collectors the Commissioner says:

"You are directed to notify the banks that are guilty of stamping unstamped checks that if the practice is not immediately discontinued, they will be reported to the United States District Attorney for prosecution.

"The instruction contained in Treasury decision No. 19,606, under date of June 29th, 1898, to the effect that there was no objection to the affixing by the bank of the requisite stamps to an unstamped check presented for payment is hereby revoked.

"This instruction was given to meet an emergency immediately preceding the taking effect of the Stamp act on July 1, 1898, in order to obviate the necessity of returning by the banks thousands of unstamped checks issued by drawers in ignorance of the law. The law being now generally understood, there is no further need of the permission.

This action was taken upon infornation that certain banks had adoptstamps, as an advertisement to secure patronage as against rival banks.

State Sunday School Convention-

The State Sunday School Conven-tion, which will be held in Reading next October, will be rich in distinguished speakers. The international field secretary, Prof. H. M. Hemill, will give several addresses on practical Sunday School plans. Dr. Forest E. Dager, vice president of Temple College, Philadelphia, and normal worker in Sunday School methods, will make one or more addresses.

phia Times contained a cut of the Normal School base ball team. It he will locate in this city or not .was not by any means a good one. Montour American. Many of the players could scarcely be recognized.

8th ANNUAL EXCURSION AND PIONIC of Washington Camp No. 319, P. O. S, of A. of Bloomsburg, Pa,

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Washington Camp, No. 319, P. O. S. of A. will hold their 8th Annual Excursion and Picnic at Glen Onoko and Mauch Chunk on Saturday August 5th, 1899. Glen Onoko is a piece of nature's handiwork, and is situated about two miles from Mauch Chunk. Cars run between the two points at -Some sharpers seem to act upon frequent intervals. There are magthe assumption that, if they cheat a nificent pleasure grounds, where every accommodation is at hand to make tourists and picnickers comfortable. -A man in New York the other The Glen was formerly known as day kissed a woman of ill-fame against "Moore's Ravine," and is a piece of her own will, and she punched out natural beauty which was afterward developed, and made if possible, more beautiful by artificial means. It must be seen to be appreciated. From the Cross, a resident of New Jersey, last bottom to the top, a thousand feet week gave birth to a child which and more, it is a continuous climb. This will be an opportunity not often had, to take a day's outing at a famous summer resort, and all who contemplate a day's pleasure can do no better than to join this excursion. The trip is to be made over the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad to Tamaqua, then over the Jersey Central to the Glen, making a run of about two and a half hours.

The Bloomsburg Cornet Band and Prot. Losey's Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. Ice cream, hot coffee, sandwiches, lemonade, candies, peanuts and all the delicacies of the season will be furnished by the Bloomsburg people. Fare for the round trip from Bloomsburg, Rupert, On Tuesday afternoon he had one of the bones of his right arm broken, the second ti ne for that arm. While tickets will be sold for 90c. Tickets can be secured at the different depots, or from the committee.

Train will leave P. &. R. depot, corner Fifth and Railroad streets, Bloomsburg at 7:00 a. m., stopping at Rupert, Catawissa, Mainville, Shu-mans and Beaver Valley only. Returning will leave the Glen at 5-30 p. m. Trains will stop at Mauch Chunk. not stop the ponies he let go, and All persons desiring to take in city and Switch Back can do so and prothe wrist. The carriage struck a post, ceed to Glen Onoko without extra and the ponies tore loose and ran on charge. (All baskets should be distinctly marked to avoid loss.)

By ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

Struck by Lightning.

During the severe thunder and lightning storm last Wednesday afternoon a large new barn, belonging to Jeh H. Stevens, just above New Columbus was struck, and together with all of its contents consisting of hay, grain, farming implements and sevenhead of sheep, completely burned up. Mr. Stevens had just finished hauling in the hay and was in the building at the time. He succeeded, by dint of hard work and great risk, in saving his horses. The barn and contents were insured by Post Brothers, of Shickshinny for \$2,000, but this will not cover the loss.

Another large barn building, property of A. S. McDaniels, at Sunshine, was struck by lightning, just about the same time as the above, and was soon reduced to ashes. Mr. Daniels will be a loser to the extent of at least | Porch Rugs, 590 \$1500, as his crops were lost. His hay, very luckily for him, had not yet been housed. Francis Sutliff lost a fine horse, which was stabled in the barn at the time of the storm. Mr. Daniels was insured in the Briarcreek Mutual Insurance Company, of Lime Ridge, but for what amount we have not learned.

Winter Courses Discontinued.

On account of insufficient appropriations by the Legislature, the Trustees of The Pennsylvania State College have been compelled, along with other measures of retrenchment, to discontinue for the present the twelve | Porch Rugs, 590 ed the practice of not requiring weeks Winter-Lecture Course in Apriculture and the Cheese-making Course. The Creamery Course will be given as heretofore, beginning January 3d, and the work of the regular four-years' course, will go on as usual. Special efforts will also be made to increase the efficiency of the Correspondence Courses in Agriculture.

A Full Fledged Dentist-

Mr. Harry M. Sober of this city Porch Rugs, 590 who recently graduated from the Pennsylvania Dental College, has also successfully passed the examination before the State board and is now Sunday's issue of the Philadel- ready to hang out his shingle. Mr. Sober has not as yet decided whether

> Dr. Sober is a brother to Mrs. Dr. Bierman ot Fourth street.

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