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DEATH OF CONRAD BITTENBENDER.

After a sickness of about four years, from inflammation of the bladder, Conrad Bittenbender, a lifelong resident of Columbia county, closed his eyes in death at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. H. Jenkins, on East Fifth street, this town, Saturday evening.

The deceased was born in Orangeville, in February, 1819, making his age eighty years and five months. He spent his entire life in Columbia county. About forty years ago he and the late Charles Paxton formed a partnership, and carried on the mining of limestone, shipping the same to Danville by boat. In 1856 he disposed of his interest in the business to Mr. Paxton, and purchased a farm in Bloom township, where he moved and lived for many years. He was always one of the leaders in the enterprises of the town, and when the subject of a higher education arose, he canvassed the county, soliciting subscriptions for the completion of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute, now the State Normal School. He was a trustee of the school from the time of its infancy until a few years ago, when he went west to make his home with a son. He was a half brother of Mrs. Henry Kelchner, of Lightstreet, and Samuel Bittenbender, a resident of Kansas, both living. Beside these he is survived by one daughter and three sons, namely: Mrs. Anna M. Jenkins, J. K. Bittenbender, C. M. Bittenbender, all of this town, and H. C. Bittenbender, of Nebraska.

Mr. Bittenbender was a member of the Lutheran church, and as long as his health would permit, was a regular attendant at all of the church services.

The funeral took place from the house Tuesday morning. Services were conducted by Rev. M. E. McLinn, interment in Rosemont cemetery.

Burke-Bradley.

One of the most brilliant social functions of the season was the wedding of Miss Margaret Bradley, one of Centralia's best and most popular young ladies, and Dr. P. T. Burke, of Shenandoah, which was celebrated in St. Ignatius' church, Centralia, Tuesday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Hayes. The church was most tastefully decorated, and the bridal party presented a lovely appearance. The bride was attired in ivory satin, covered with mousseline de soie, a large picture hat, and carried a white prayer book. Miss Mary Lenahan, of Philadelphia, a niece of the bride, was bridesmaid; she was gowned in white silk and carried La France roses. The groom was attended by Mr. W. J. McLaughlin, of Shenandoah.

Another Severe Storm.

This town was visited by another severe electrical and wind storm Saturday afternoon. There was a heavy downpour of rain, and hail, as large as small-sized marbles, fell for several minutes. During the progress of the storm lightning struck the pipe line of the Standard Oil Company, which extends from the oil regions to Tamand, just as it crosses Fishingcreek, at Rupert. Several sections were torn up and the odor of the crude petroleum was very noticeable on the streets here Saturday night. The oil covered the surface of the stream and flowing down killed the fish in large quantities.

Died at Manila.

In the list of dead soldiers at Manila, reported in Tuesday's papers, appeared the name of Marvin McHenry, son of Ira McHenry of Benton. The cause of death given is suicide. No particulars are known, and the announcement in the papers was the first knowledge his friends here had of his death, which occurred last week, Wednesday. He enlisted last spring in April, and left for Manila about the middle of June. He was about 25 years of age, and was a widower without children.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The pastor, Rev. B. C. Conner, who has for several weeks been spending his vacation at Clifton Springs, N. Y., will occupy his pulpit next Sunday Aug. 13, both morning and evening. He will be glad to greet all the members of his church and congregation. Sunday School 9:00 o'clock; Junior League 2:00 o'clock and Epworth League at 6:30. The public are cordially invited. Strangers especially welcome.

Court Proceedings.

A session of court was held at 9 o'clock a. m. on Monday, with Hon. R. R. Little, and Associate Judges Fox and Kurtz on the bench.

Susan W. Heller vs. J. S. Heller. Petition for acknowledgement of Sheriff's deed. Monday, Sept. 4th, set for acknowledgement of deed, &c. Commonwealth vs. Chas. Longenberger. Sentence and order of Court filed.

In re assigned estate of Francis Pensyl. Opinion of Court filed.

Arthur W. Coleman vs. Mary Coleman. Libel in divorce. Subpoena awarded.

Estate of Conrad Kramer. Petition of specific performance of contract. Citation awarded to Emory I. Welliver.

Estate of Catherine Conner. Order of sale of real estate granted.

Petition of Harry Smith for naturalization. Admitted and sworn in as a citizen of the United States.

Petition of Joseph Schich, Wm. Demelosky, Thos. Cenzik, Peter Chimielski, and Rolan A. Leseins for naturalization. Same day, sworn and admitted as citizens of the United States.

Boyd Trescott, Jos. Ziegler, and Isaac Richard appointed viewers to view site for county bridge in Montour township over Wabash creek near house of Deimer Hess.

H. H. Hulme, C. H. Reimard and Jno. S. Mensch appointed inspectors to inspect county bridge at Sugarloaf and Fishingcreek townships.

Alfred Breech vs. Jane Breech. Libel in divorce. Subpoena awarded.

Court adjourned to meet August 21, 1899.

First Annual Excursion.

The first annual excursion and picnic of the Employees of Bloomsburg Silk Mill will be held at Island Park, between Northumberland and Sunbury, on Saturday, August 26, 1899. This is a beautiful park and nice place to go to enjoy a day's outing, and an unusually large crowd of people from Bloomsburg and vicinity should not fail to take advantage of this opportunity. The Bloomsburg Band and Losey's Orchestra will accompany the excursion and furnish the music. Refreshments of all kinds can be had on the grounds, so that it will not be necessary for you to take a basket unless you choose. Housel & Son will furnish a good dinner for 25c.

Fare for the round trip 50c. Children under 12 35c. Special arrangements have been made with the D. L. & W. Railroad Company and the unusually low rate of 50 cents for the round trip has been secured. A special train will leave the D. L. & W. depot at 8:00 a. m., and returning leave Island Park at 6:30 p. m. Samuel H. Harman, President; August Hagemeyer, Chairman; Rhoades Huff, Secretary; Henry Sommer, Treasurer; Moyer Lewis, Clyde Christian, Thos. Morris, Bernard Girton, R. E. Guinard, R. Bruce Hartzell, Thos. Knorr, Harry Reppert, Samuel Mills, R. S. Pugh. Everybody invited.

COMMITTEE.

Your Neighbors' Trees.

The following opinion was rendered by Judge McClure last week: If the branches of trees growing on one's land hang over the line upon another, the adjoining owner may cut off the limbs perpendicular with his line, provided the branches had been allowed to extend over for a period of twenty-one years or more, without objection, when no right would be gained to cut them off.

Fruit on a tree is part of the realty and is not the subject of larceny. If the fruit had fallen to the ground the neighbor could pick it up and use it. The right of the adjoining land owner to lop off branches of overhanging trees, before twenty-one years of permissive acquiescence has elapsed, does not carry with it the right to the fruit hanging on the tree. The fruit is not the product of his soil or labor.

Look Out for This Trio.

A man, wife and daughter, are traveling over the country looking for a farm and cheating people out of board and lodging. They made a nice success of their scheme in Sullivan county. He claims that his name is Warner, and that he has just sold his farm for \$17,000, and is looking for another. He is a tall man, has a sallow complexion, and is a great talker. Look out for him.

D. A. Magee has disposed of his East Street Bakery to a Mr. Smith of Danville. The new proprietor will take charge August 15th.

Fought Like Demons.

There is much mystery attached to the hiding place of suicide Thompson's wealth and valuable papers and the house where the tragedy occurred in Irish Valley has been thoroughly searched by relatives but nothing that will throw any light on the mystery has been discovered.

John S. Thompson's first wife was heir to the eight acres of land where the terrible crime was committed, and it was to revert to her children upon her death. One day she fell suddenly dead while in the field close to her home.

Her husband remained single until 1891 when he married the woman whom he killed. They lived frugal lives and the old man hardly ever lost a day in the 21 years he was employed as watchman at the Cameron colliery and they certainly hoarded a large sum of money. Several years ago Mrs. Thompson showed her stepson Fred, of Shamokin, a large bag of money, and boasted of having much more in the house.

A young man named Goss passed the Thompson homestead about 10 o'clock Sunday night in company with his sweetheart. They heard a terrible racket inside and hurried by the place. An examination of the bodies of the dead disclosed the fact that a terrible struggle had ensued as both bodies bore bruises and black and blue marks. A large bundle of bloody clothes were found in a flour bag showing conclusively that the woman had been killed during the fight and had been afterwards placed in bed.

After the funeral of Thompson on Thursday his son Fred and grandson Charles, searched the house. They opened a trunk but found nothing of value but some old coin made during the last century. Upon the attic was an old chest. It also was opened but nothing of value was obtained and the whereabouts of the will is as deep a mystery as ever. It is believed the old couple have much money hid about the premises.—Sunbury Item.

Detective Holland Promoted.

Detective McKean, of the Rock Island railroad, is to be chief of the Lackawanna railroad detective force. Detective Charles Holland, of Beach Haven, is to be his assistant. The latter is one of the best known and most expert detectives in Luzerne county. He is a large, hail fellow, well met, who has thousands of friends throughout the country who will be pleased to learn of his deserved promotion. Mr. Holland is well acquainted with all the celebrated crooks in the country. He had an intimate acquaintance with Jimmy Hope, Marsh and other famous bank robbers. In a word the officials of the Lackawanna made no mistake in his appointment. "Sandy" Stillwell, whom the Scranton papers predicted would be appointed chief, is not in it. Judge Willard, of Scranton, has been appointed senior counsel of the company.—Wilkesbarre Correspondent in Elmira Telegram.

Wheelmen's Race Meet.

The fifth annual Diamond Race Meet given by the Bloomsburg Wheelmen will be held Saturday, August 19th. \$300.00 in prizes, every prize a diamond and guaranteed to be full value. One of the best half-mile tracks in the state.

List of events:—One half mile open, slow race, three mile handicap, boys race (under 16 years of age), one mile open, 2:40 class race and three mile pursuit race. For further information address W. H. EYER, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Barbers Are Happy.

It has just been discovered that the act regulating barberships did not pass the Legislature, as many barbers supposed it had. To have carried out the regulations embodied in the bill would have been a great expense and hardship to the barbers, and the result would have been to close many of the shops.

First National Bank.

This institution occupies a high place among the banks of the country. It has a capital of \$50,000; surplus and undivided profit of \$117,614; its rank in point of surplus and undivided profits to capital is number 45 out of over 5,000 banks in the United States and number 12 in Pennsylvania.

The Centralia borough schools will open Monday, August 21st. A meeting of the directors and teachers to make the preliminary arrangements will be held to-day.

D. L. & W. Improvements.

Plans to Give Better Facilities to Reach the Pocono Mountains.

Traffic Manager Caldwell, of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, in company with General Passenger Agent Lee and General Superintendent Russell, of the same company, have been making a tour of the company's property and in due course of time a number of improvements are to be made in and around the Pocono Mountains. The resorts in these mountains have favorably impressed the new management and it is thought that with a judicious expenditure of money and liberal advertising the natural beauty of these mountains will become better known and will in a measure rival the Adirondacks. The Pocono Mountains are easier of access and a journey from Philadelphia or New York can be made in a short time, as compared with the trip to the northern part of New York.

T. W. Lee, the new general passenger agent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, has assumed the duties of that office. Mr. Lee was formerly assistant to Chairman B. D. Caldwell, of the Western Passenger Association. Mr. Lee brought with him George W. Haylor, who was formerly district passenger agent of the Chicago, Hamilton & Dayton and "Monon" lines. It is said the new officers are awakening to the needs of a modern road, and within a short time there is to be an automobile carriage service at all of its principal depots and ferries. Mr. Caldwell has also adopted a new trademark, a black background with the words "Lackawanna Railroad" in white painted on it. This mark is to be placed on all the freight cars and stationery, and the feasibility of having it placed on the passenger coaches is being discussed.

NEARLY 4,000 ON STRIKE.

Luzerne Coal Operators Say They Will Let The Mines Stand Idle.

The lockout of the miners in the employ of the Susquehanna Company, near Wilkes-Barre, is now complete. The 1,000 now employed at the Glen Lyon collieries of the company quit work Tuesday and joined the strikers. The total number of men now idle is 3,800. Both sides are firm. The strikers say their grievances are just and must be conceded to. There is no talk of arbitration yet. The town of Nanticoke is dependent on the coal mines and merchants are feeling very blue.

A prominent official of the company said in an interview: "The demands of the men are for increases in pay primarily on the grounds that wages in general throughout the country are being increased. During the last five years the miners have learned to live more economically than they did before, but they don't seem to have profited by the lesson. We have had considerable difficulty, but a short time previous to the strike, to work the collieries to their fullest capacity. The average miner of those in our employ will not work six days a week, but want two or three days off. The company will make no effort to resume operations, but will allow the mines to remain idle until they express a willingness to resume work."

The Citizens Indignant.

The importing of a lot of colored workmen, from Virginia, to assist in the construction of a sewer at Wilkes-Barre, has caused great indignation among the citizens of that city. It is feared some of the new arrivals may be afflicted with yellow fever germs, as they came from a yellow fever district. The city authorities will probably proceed against the contractor.

Festival!

There will be a festival held on the lawn of the M. E. church at Buckhorn Saturday evening, Aug. 12. All are invited.

Veterans' Rally.

The Columbia County Veterans Association will hold their Fourth Reunion at Millville on September 16th 1899. Jos. C. EYER, Sec.

For Rent.

Rooms on second floor front, over B. Gidding's clothing store. Inquire of J. G. Wells. 6-11 tf.

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In Our Dry Goods Department.

Physicians & Surgeon's Soap, 2 cakes for 15c., sold elsewhere for 20c. Have you tried it? The finest lathering and the purest soap in the market.	<p>Shirt Waists.</p> <p>If there is an unshirtheaded woman in Columbia county, here is her opportunity. 25 PER CENT. IS THE CUT right through on every shirt waist in stock. We don't want to carry them over.</p>	Physicians & Surgeon's Soap, 2 cakes for 15c., sold elsewhere for 20c. Have you tried it? The finest lathering and the purest soap in the market.
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