

D. J. BROWN DEAD.

O. B. Mellick, on Thursday of last week, received a telegram from his sister, located at Denver, Colorado, apprising him of the death of her husband, D. J. Brown, at the University Hospital, in Philadelphia. His health had been failing for some time past, and being unable to secure the desired aid at home, decided to come east. The journey was begun, but he was too poorly to complete it all at once, and was compelled to stop off for a few days at Altoona. He finally resumed the trip, and arrived at Philadelphia, but it was soon discovered that the aid to be had there was inadequate to his sickness. He grew worse, and passed away before his family could reach him.

The deceased will be remembered by many of our readers as having formerly resided at Lightstreet. About five years ago, on account of the very poor health of his son, Jay, he decided to move west. The change had the desired effect, his son's health becoming greatly improved. He was universally respected, honest and upright, in all his dealings. He leaves a wife and two children—a son and a daughter.

The remains were brought to this town Monday morning and taken to Baker's undertaking room. The sorrowing relatives and friends assembled at the Exchange Hotel, on Tuesday, from which place the funeral cortege left and proceeded to Lightstreet, where interment was made.

THE BERWICK BRIDGE.

Action of the Luzerne County Grand Jury.

The Luzerne county grand jury met on Monday of last week. After they had retired to their room the first matter taken up for consideration was the acquisition by the counties of Columbia and Luzerne of the toll bridge over the Susquehanna River between Nescopeck in Luzerne county and Berwick, Columbia county. A. C. Campbell appeared before the grand jury on behalf of the petitioners for free bridges. After hearing the reports of the viewers and the arguments of counsel and others the jury, without a dissenting vote, agreed to report favorably upon the acquisition of the bridge by the county commissioners.

The matter will now be laid before the next grand jury of Columbia county and as the Berwick end of the Nescopeck bridge is the only toll bridge in that county it is expected that a favorable report will be made. If, as anticipated, the Columbia county people act favorably upon the matter it will be a source of much gratification to those who originated and kept alive under many discouragements, the movement for free bridges and turnpikes in Luzerne county. It will be their first success and they hope that the acquisition of the remaining toll bridges will only be a matter of time.—*Shickshinny Echo.*

Stunned by Lightning.

A thunder storm with a heavy wind accompaniment passed over this section Friday evening. While it was not very severe in this immediate vicinity, it wrought considerable damage in the lower part of Columbia and the upper end of Montour county.

At Rupert the storm spent its fury, the rain came down as though a cloud had burst, and the lightning was incessant. H. Reber Mears, agent at the D. L. & W. R. R. depot, at that place, who was sitting beside the telegraph instrument during the storm, was knocked from his chair and rendered unconscious by a bolt of lightning which followed one of the wires. Fortunately several persons were in the waiting room at the time, and Mr. Mears was picked up and removed to his home, where he was soon resuscitated.

All the trains on the D. L. & W. were delayed by reason of a washout caused by the storm, between Catawissa and Danville.

Judge Peck Dead.

Benjamin M. Peck, president judge of Bradford county, died at his home in Towanda last Saturday, of apoplexy. He had been in poor health for the past three years.

Judge Peck was born in Smithfield township, Bradford county, October 5, 1838. He was admitted to the bar there in 1860. In 1863 he enlisted in the One-hundred-and-forty-first Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was made captain of Company B. After the close of the war he resumed the practice of law, and in 1890 was elected to the bench.

PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

Held at Berwick Last Saturday Afternoon—County Ticket Placed in the Field.

The Prohibitionists of Columbia county held their annual convention in the Opera House at Berwick Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by S. W. Dickson of the State Committee, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to make nominations for the various county offices, and to transact other business that might arise. An organization for the ensuing year was perfected by electing Rev. M. M. Albeck of Berwick, county chairman, O. N. Taylor of Berwick, secretary and Geo. W. Correll of Bloomsburg, treasurer. The following ticket was then nominated: Prothonotary, A. W. Eves, Millville; County Commissioner, P. D. Black, Rohrsburg; Register and Recorder, Charles B. Lutz, Bloomsburg; District Attorney, R. R. John, Bloomsburg; County Treasurer, H. W. Whitmire, Berwick; Auditor, J. H. Eisenhower, Centralia.

Resolutions were passed pledging support to the ticket named and condemning the legalized liquor traffic.

The Fire Alarm System.

The new fire alarm system recently constructed in this town, has been fully tested, proven satisfactory and accepted by the Town Council. Below is a list of the people who have been given keys to the alarm boxes.

W. H. Gilmore.	G. M. Fulmer.
Wesley Knorr.	C. H. Sharpless.
P. H. Heddens.	Exchange Hotel.
A. V. Hower.	Rescue Fire Co.
W. E. Demaree.	John Cox.
Fortortons (Silk Mill)	W. O. Holmes.
C. Cronen.	T. E. Smith.
Joseph Garrison.	Friendship F. Co.
John Neyhard.	James Rush.
Mrs. E. Cadman.	C. S. Furman.
Wm. Housel.	Walter Trapp.
J. K. Pensyl.	Josiah Gigger.
Thomas Morris.	Silas Kitchen.

In giving fire alarm pull the lever down as far as it will go before you let go of it.

Wm. H. Gilmore,
Chief Engineer.

Lycoming's Court House is a Place of Death.

Judge Metzgar Wants a New Building on Account of the Unsanitary Condition of Present One.

In an address to the grand jury last Saturday at Williamsport Judge Metzgar, for many sanitary reasons advocated the building of a new court house. Since he has been on the bench no less than eleven members of the Lycoming county bar have died and he stated that he was satisfied nearly all contracted their disease in the main court room.

From conversations he had with his predecessor, Judge Cummin, he was satisfied he had contracted on the bench the disease which killed him. Judge Gable, Judge Cummins' predecessor, died shortly after retiring from the bench. Judge Metzgar said he knew he had suffered in health, and believed, if he had been possessed of a less rugged constitution, he would have met the same fate as his predecessors.

Methodist Church Notes.

The third quarterly conference will be held at the church Friday evening, September 15th, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. W. Evans, the Presiding Elder, will be present.

The second anniversary of the dedication of the new church will be appropriately observed on Sunday, September 24. Rev. George Elliott, D. D., one of the most gifted and popular ministers of the Philadelphia conference, will preach both morning and evening. He will also lecture on Saturday evening, September 23. Subject, "The Golden Age." A small admission to the lecture of 10 cents will be charged to cover expenses. No special public collection will be taken on anniversary Sunday, but a free-will thank offering will be received. The public is cordially invited to all the anniversary services.

An Education as a War Prize.

For assisting in the capture of an arsenal at Cavite shortly after Dewey's great victory in Manila Bay, Arthur Brill, of Hazleton, who served on the Olympia, will receive \$1,400 as prize money. Mr. Brill, who returned recently from the Philippines, was notified to this effect last week. He is a young man and will use his prize money in defraying the expenses of a course in college, with a view of becoming an electrical engineer.

New Parochial School.

The Parochial School at Centralia Opened Last Week with a Large Enrollment.—The Sisters New Home.

Through the indefatigable efforts of Rev. Father Hayes, of the St. Ignatius church, at Centralia, that town now enjoys the distinction of having within its limits one of the finest parochial school buildings in the State. The structure stands in the most prominent place in the town, and is a building 50x100 feet in dimensions, surrounded by beautiful lawns and walks. It has within its walls a large and commodious club room with all the requirements to spend a pleasant evening, and a lodge room which is occupied by the Legion of St. Ignatius. On the second floor is the auditorium, with a stage 23x50 feet well supplied with dressing rooms and regular scenery. The third floor is divided into four school rooms with desk room for over 400 pupils. A large drill room and gymnasium 23x50 feet is also on this floor.

The fourth floor is at present incomplete. The school rooms are 25x34 feet and will be presided over by five sisters, who will teach the scholars. Four will take up the regular branches, and the fifth will instruct in instrumental and vocal music, fine needle work, and drawing.

A night school will be opened shortly for those who desire teaching after working hours. Everything is free, as the expense will be borne by the parish. The building was erected entirely under the supervision of Father Hayes, and as it stands is worth all of \$15,000.

In connection with the school building Rev. Hayes has just finished a modern 14 room home for the Sisters of Charity. These two new buildings, in connection with the church building and parsonage, are worth over \$45,000.

The parochial school was opened with an enrollment of 258 pupils.

Large Surcharge.

Judge Archbald Finds Excess Payments in Connection With Court House.

Judge Archbald, of Scranton, has filed his opinion in the case of Bradford county vs. Horace Horton, John Wolfe and W. K. Green, ex-commissioners of Bradford county, better known as the taxpayers' appeal.

All three of the commissioners are surcharged the sum of \$28,743.36, and an additional surcharge of \$8,436.55 is placed upon Messrs. Horton and Wolfe.

This amount is made up of excess payments made for alterations and extra contracts in building the new court house during 1896; for excess commissions and exorbitant traveling expenses paid the architects, and for excessive prices paid for county bridges. The heaviest items are for interior marble and mosaic work, \$16,000; glazed tile roof, unauthorized, \$8,000; mosaic flooring in basement, authorized, \$2,500; excess allowed for raising building one foot, \$1,102.25.

Judge Archbald's report is a voluminous one, covering 117 pages of typewriting, and goes into the details of the case exhaustively. In summing up his conclusions on the right of the commissioners to make alterations, he quotes the law of April 19, 1895, and says in part:

"Incidental changes which do not materially add to or detract from the work may, with propriety, be provided for. No great public work can be planned or prosecuted with such absolute perfection as to escape them; and they must be met in some way as they arise or the work will be defective. But material variations, which affect the character of the work to be done or seriously increase the price to be paid for it, cannot be sanctioned; and even when justifiable changes are authorized, the provisions of the contract with regard to them must be observed."

The matter will be appealed to the supreme court.

Miss Gertrude Pursel, died after an illness of a few months, at the home of her parents, in Buckhorn, last Saturday. The deceased was about 18 years of age. The funeral occurred on Monday, the remains being brought to Bloomsburg for interment.

Pay Your Taxes.

L. D. Kase, collector, gives notice that taxes for 1899 must be paid by September 16th, in order to save 5 per cent.

The Columbian PUZZLES.

G. EDWARD ELWELL, Manager.
D. J. TASKER, Asst. Manager.

Last week's Dewey puzzle was a success. Several answers were received and all were very good, but no one could come up to Ray Jolly, of Orangeville, who captured first prize with 1095 words. Miss Alice B. Kashner, of Bloomsburg, took second with 963 words.

This week's puzzles are different. The first one is seven sentences with seven games hidden in them. The second is longer, but on the same order. Instead of games there are 19 native and foreign trees and 1 bush in it. They are all well known. The person who finds all of the games and trees will receive a rolled gold scarf pin, and the second best a subscription to the FARM JOURNAL till 1903. If any persons are tie for first prize, the list with the earliest post-mark on will be given the prize, so the sooner you mail them the better chance you will stand of getting it.

1. Leave it in a bag at Ellen's door.
2. I use Whistar's Cough Lozenges.
3. Old ice is hard to melt.
4. My tooth aches severely.
5. Hallo, Tom, here we are.
6. Can you cash this check, Erskine?
7. Guess what cured my crick Etta?

A BURIED FOREST.

20 Native and Foreign Trees.

We agreed to help each other to be up early. I enticed Arnold into the plan by promising him the "Ohio Rangers."

Frederic loves to be out with the bee, cheerful and busy, and finds nectar in every flower, though sometimes his eager grasp endangers the tender plants.

During a shower, we took refuge in the school-house. Emma pleaded illness. Her map pleased her teacher (Ryerson is his name,) so much, that he showed us upon it just where Jethro lived in that terrible monsoon on the Porto Rico coast, when the whole town was strewn with broken ship lumber.

I ate a kernel of pop-corn while we sat there, and coughed till I cried.

Rather a slim ending to our adventure, wasn't it? Besides, Lucy pressed so closely in looking on, that I had to pin each ruffle of my dress separately, before I could go home.

Address all communications to
MANAGER PUZZLE DEPT.
THE COLUMBIAN,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

All answers must be sent in on or before Monday, Sept. 18th.

Columbia County Fair, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Columbia County Agricultural Society will hold its forty-fifth annual exhibition on October 10, 11, 12, and 13, beginning on Tuesday and closing on Friday. All the railroads leading into Bloomsburg will run special trains at reduced rates. From the large number of inquiries for premium lists and entry blanks already received the management expect to have a larger and better class of exhibits than ever. The attractions will be up to date and the following speed program will no doubt bring the speediest horses in this and adjoining states to contest for the money. The races begin Wednesday with 2:30 class trotting, 2:19 pace, 2:40 pace and 3:00 trot or pace for farmers' horses. Thursday 2:20 class trotting, 2:24 pace and 2:16 trot or pace. Friday, the closing day, the free for all, 2:30 pace and 2:25 trot \$3000 will be paid in purses. Premiums in all classes are liberal. Write to A. N. Yost, Secretary for Catalogue.

Food Will Be Scarce.

Dewey Celebration Will Overwhelm New York's Inadequate Hotels.

New York can't feed and lodge the 2,250,000 strangers, who will visit the city during the Dewey celebration.

R. A. Harrison, editor of the "Hotel Register," has investigated, and finds that the full capacity of the hotels, apartment houses and boarding houses of New York will not much exceed 1,000,000 and half of that number are already permanent boarders, which would allow only for 500,000 transients.

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