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## AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.

Seldom indeed does affliction visit a household with such fatal results as has been the case with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr, who reside on the H. G. Supplee farm near Jerseytown, in Madison township. Two children have died, and a third is quite critically ill. On December 8th a daughter aged sixteen years, returned home from school in the afternoon, and complained of feeling ill. The family physician was summoned, but the case it appears, baffled him, and being unable to render any assistance, the girl died early the next morning. On Tuesday, December 19, a son, aged about eighteen was taken suddenly and violently ill with apparently the same disease, the symptoms being identical with those of the daughter. Again medical skill was inadequate to cope with the disease, and death claimed the victim, he having been sick but one day.

At this point the parents having become heart broken over their loss, sent to this town for a physician to attend the third child, who was beginning to complain. The physician responded and pronounced the disease spotted fever. This so thoroughly frightened the people living in the vicinity that they refused to go near, or even pass the house.

Several physicians have visited the place including a specialist from Scranton, and while none of them have publicly expressed themselves, as to the nature of the disease, we have been informed that the doctor from Scranton who made a thorough diagnosis, is of the opinion that it is poison.

Last fall Mrs. Carr made some apple butter, boiling it in a copper kettle. It appears that before the butter was sufficiently cooked, the spider (an iron frame) on which the kettle rested broke down, and the apple butter was allowed to stand in the kettle until the next morning when the cooking was resumed. The children have been eating of it all winter and it is to this copper poisoning the doctor above mentioned attributes the fatalities.

We received information this morning, that the third child is getting better, and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

## Married at Home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roff Crossley, near Buckhorn, was the scene of a very happy wedding on December 21st, when their daughter Mary was married to Mr. P. Cloyd Werkheiser, of Philadelphia.

The ceremony was performed at high noon by Rev. P. B. Fasold. The bridesmaid was Miss Sallie Crossley, sister of the bride, and the best man was Mr. Harry Straub of Espy.

The bride wore a gown of cream silk, carrying a bouquet of carnations, which flower she also wore in her hair. The bridesmaid was also attired in white, wearing the same kind of flowers, large bouquets of which also adorned the dining tables.

Immediately after the happy couple had received the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends a sumptuous dinner was served to about seventy five (75) guests.

The pleasant occasion was one long to be remembered by the many friends and relatives of the young couple—as are all social gatherings in Mr. Crossley's hospitable home.

The happy couple were the recipients of many handsome and useful gifts of linen, silver ware, china and glass, and other gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Werkheiser left for Philadelphia on Tuesday December 26, which city will be their future home.

## Open Winter Predicted.

A gentleman who has been making the weather a study for some years is positive that we are to have an open winter, and bases his opinion on the fact that the weather of December 13, 14, 15 and 16 controls the months of January, February, March and April, of 1900, and our readers can easily recall the fine weather of the days mentioned above. He says he never knew the prediction to fail.

## ORGAN RECITAL.

An organ recital will be given in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday evening, January 9th, by Edgar L. Fulmer, organist of Grace Lutheran Church, Reading. Mr. Fulmer gave two recitals on the large organ in the Auditorium of the National Export Exposition in Philadelphia last month, and the city papers spoke very highly of him.

## Y. M. U. A. NEWS.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 the Mens' Meeting will be conducted in the new home on Market Square. Dr. Geo. H. Hemingway will make the address. Singing will be led by the Male Choir.

The formal opening of our new home will take place on Monday evening, January 1st at 8 o'clock. Invitations will be sent to all members of the Association and contributors, each one of whom are earnestly requested to invite personally, young men of their acquaintance whose names are not on our records. The invitation is general to all young men, and ladies also.

A musical and literary program has been arranged for, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will serve refreshments. On Monday from 1 to 4:30 p. m., all boys are invited to visit the building. Arrangements have been made for their entertainment and they will be given a pleasant time. No boys under 15 years of age will be admitted in the evening excepting the members of the junior department.

## "Shannon of the Sixth."

W. H. Power's production of "Shannon of the Sixth" will be the attraction at the Bloomsburg Opera House tomorrow (Friday) night. The play is a romantic military drama, and is now in its third successful season. It is full of startling effects, bright comedy and heart interest, the story being one of life and love in far away India, during the Sepoy Rebellion of 1857. Lieut. Larry Shannon, of the Sixth Carbineers, is accused of the theft of a precious gem, known as "The Light of Heaven", which has been taken from the head of an idol in the Hindoo temple at Delhi. A Brahmin Priest, through the aid of occult science, recovers the lost gem, and the theft is traced to a Capt. Arlington. One of the strong climaxes is at the end of act third. Dora Kimber, the daughter of Gen. Kimber of the British army, is captured by the Sepoys and tied to the mouth of a cannon to be blown to pieces. A slow match is lighted and just at the critical moment, she is rescued by Lieut. Shannon. W. H. Power, is repeating the success he has made for the last three seasons in the title role and he is supported by a carefully selected company.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Love Feast, Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, at 7:30 o'clock. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Sunday, Dec. 31, at 10:30, and at 7:00 p. m. On Sunday evening, Dec. 31, at 7:00 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. B. C. Conner, will preach a sermon appropriate to the close of the year, at which time the special revival services will begin. They will continue every night except Saturday night, until further notice. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to all the services and they are earnestly requested to pray and work for the success of the special meetings.

## HUMMEL THRIVES IN JAIL.

Charged With Triple Murder, He Pays Little Attention to Minister.

Jail Physician Haag, of Williamsport, says William Hummel, who is in jail at that place, charged with triple murder, has gained twelve pounds since he was locked up in his steel cage a month ago. He has grown a full beard.

A minister who was permitted to talk with him a day or so ago, attempted to speak of the "home above." Hummel elevated his eyes to the steel bars covering his cell, turned his attention elsewhere, and the minister gave it up as a bad job.

Hummel sleeps as soundly at night as a healthy babe.

## Musicales.

A series of musicales will be given in the Presbyterian Church, during January, on Monday afternoons, beginning Monday, January 1, 1900, at 3:30 p. m. A silver offering will be asked at the door. The programs will consist of both vocal and instrumental numbers. The organist, Mrs. Colley, will be assisted by Miss Elsie Hicks. The public is kindly invited.

## Hotel For Rent.

The Park Hotel, at Towanda, Pa., is for rent. Possession given April 1st, 1900. Located in the heart of the town, opposite Court House. For terms, apply to Geo. E. Elwell, Bloomsburg, Pa., or E. W. Elwell, Towanda, Pa.

The new county officers elect, will be sworn into office on Monday next, New Year's day.

A sumptuous dinner and supper will be served in the Espy Hall, on New Year's day, under auspices of Espy Lutheran Church.

J. K. Bittenbender returned recently from the upper part of New York State with a car load of milk cows for his farm. The cattle are blooded stock.

The announcement that freight rates will on January 1st be raised on all railroads from 32 to 50 per cent. will, if true, meet with most vigorous protests all over the country.

The exclamation of one and all who see our line of lamps, is "Oh what a nice line of lamps you have got!" Yes, and the prices are right, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

George Enterline on Monday sent after a boarder who took his departure without paying his bill. While here he gathered and cleaned up hats, and did a rushing business. From last report the jumper had not been apprehended.

It is said that a wheel of fortune is being run in this town and that young boys are the chief patrons and consequent losers at the game. The police are investigating the matter and we may have something of an interesting nature to report in the near future.

It may seem strange, but it is a fact that we can send you the *Farm Journal* 5 years, all of 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904, if you will pay for THE COLUMBIAN one year ahead—both papers for \$1. This applies alike to new and old subscribers. Pay up.

A stricter observance of the law against swearing on the streets of Bloomsburg is needed. If the guilty ones have no greater respect for womankind, or the example they afford younger boys than to defile the air with their verbal filth, they need the strong arm of the law to take them in charge.

A man who gave Danville as his place of residence, accompanied by a small boy was arrested for being drunk and disorderly on East street by policeman Wintersteen on Monday. He was taken before J. S. Blue, vice president of the Town Council. He paid a fine and costs amounting to \$3.90 and left for home.

Ex-tax collector J. K. Bittenbender, his warrant having been renewed by act of Assembly, has appointed Francis R. Drake his deputy to collect all back taxes due him. Mr. Drake is well acquainted with the people and will make a capable and efficient officer. He has heretofore served as deputy for tax collector L. D. Kase.

On Saturday last one of our prominent business men did a quiet charitable act which no doubt carried its own reward, by purchasing a new suit of clothes for each of three small boys with whom he came in contact while on his way up from the post office. The boys were standing on the street, and judging from their appearance were sadly in need of the clothes.

John C. Brass and Miss Cora B. Hall, both of Williamsport were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, by Guy Jacoby, Justice of the Peace, at his office Tuesday morning. The ceremony was witnessed by two gentlemen who happened to be in the office when the couple appeared. Including this one, Mr. Jacoby has performed sixty marriages since his incumbency to the office.

Francis Parker departed this life at his home in Greenwood township on Thursday evening of last week, after a protracted illness of several years, at the age of forty seven years. Mr. Parker was held in high esteem and his death is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The surviving members of the family are a wife and two daughters. The funeral took place on Monday.

Ask to see the new style of visiting card at this office. Can't be told from an engraved card, and costs less than half as much. tf

13,500,000 packages of seeds will be distributed by the Agricultural Department during the coming year. Pennsylvania's share, on an equitable distribution should be a million.

The vacancy in the teaching force of the public school at Espy, caused by the resignation of John Traub, has been filled by the appointment of John Watson, who will take charge on Monday.

Now that the holiday trade is over, S. R. Bidleman is prepared to show new patterns of wall paper for 1900, at the lowest prices. He has the agency for the only wall paper factory that is not included in the Trust.

The eclipse for 1900 are four in number, two of the sun and two of the moon. The most interesting will be an eclipse of the sun on May 28th. In Pennsylvania it will be nearly total and in most of the southern states it will be total.

Washington Camp No. 106, P. O. S. of A., of Centralia, propose holding a smoker on New Year's night in their rooms in the I. O. O. F. Temple, to which all visiting members of the P. O. S. of A. are invited. The entertainment consists of reading, recitations, songs, etc.

Sol Smith Russel, the actor, who no doubt many of our townspeople have seen, collapsed on the stage of the Grand Opera house, Chicago one evening last week during the performance of the "Hon. John Grisby." The audience was dismissed and the actor removed to his hotel.

A new lot of leases just printed at this office. They contain clauses providing for payment of water rent by tenant; waiving benefit of exemption; that rent may be collected for the whole term if tenant attempts to remove goods without paying rent due, etc. 3 cents each, or 25 cents a dozen.

Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Martz on East Seventh street, Saturday morning, Mrs. Harriet Rupert. The spirit of infirmity had taken hold upon her several years ago, and her health had been very poor. The funeral services were conducted at the house Monday afternoon by Rev. McLinn of the Lutheran church.

William Kearon, of Harwood, near Hazleton, an ex-gunner in the United States navy, is organizing a company of volunteers to go to South Africa and fight with the Boers. He says he has been commissioned to form a force 300 strong. The Transvaal Government will pay all expenses to the seat of war, and the soldiers will be well reimbursed.

John M. Geise has resigned the position he held in Catawissa National Bank and has accepted the position of bookkeeper in the Danville National Bank vice, Clarence H. Prick, whose poor state of health does not allow him to attend to business. It is a nice compliment to Mr. Geise's business ability that he has been selected to fill one of the best positions that this city has to offer its young men.—Danville Sun.

Colonel C. M. Clement, Sheriff Zerling and Commissioner Cope visited Edward Cressinger, the convicted murderer, Friday afternoon in the Sunbury jail and informed him that the board of pardons refused to stay his execution on Jan. 3. The condemned man had nothing to say, but was deeply affected, showing that he realized for the first time his awful position. The coming hanging will be the first that has occurred in Northumberland county since that of McManus, a Molly Maguire, in 1878. The gallows will likely be borrowed from a neighboring county.

## Centralia a Healthy Town.

At a recent meeting of the Health Board, of Centralia, the health officer reported that that town was in an unusually healthy condition, being free from all contagious diseases. He also reported that during the past year not one case of any contagious disease had been reported within the borough limits, and only one case of scarlet fever had been found on the outskirts of the town, and that was isolated and prevented from spreading.

## BEN. GIDDING.

"To dress well is a duty every man owes to himself, to his friends and to the world at large."

## ULSTERS

A MAN who gets into one of these warm, generous, comfortable ulsters can laugh at the cold weather.

They are made of Irish frieze, thick Kersey, Beaver, Shetland or Montagnac with leather-cloth lining and deep storm collar. Like all HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX

garments they are tailor-made, the materials are so good and so well put together the ulsters will last for years.

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TAILOR-MADE CLOTHES.

## BEN GIDDING,

The White Front, BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

## The Leader Department Store.

Christmas time finds us well prepared for its special needs. As we always do, we make our selection of articles with an eye more to their durability, rather than to cheapness. A thing that keeps its freshness only for a few days or weeks, we do not bother much with. An article that pleases you and makes you happier the whole year is much more desirable than something cheap and trashy. So we have stocked our store with things which will be of use. Walk through our

## Furniture Department

And see our FANCY ROCKERS. Never has our stock been as carefully selected as this year. Good, substantial, well made chairs, and another feature which must appeal to you. There are few duplicates. While carrying all the latest and best selling styles of finish and upholstery, we have a variety. You know how annoying it is to buy a pretty article and be told that Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Dash and a dozen others have exactly the same thing. The same is true of our

## Fancy Tables.

Finish, the best; shapes, the newest; and for all purposes. Easels and screens for all uses.

## Carpet Department.

We carry the largest line of rugs and art squares in the county. Smith's Moquettes, Bromley's Smyrnas, in all sizes. Then our own make of Brussels rugs. In fact, anything to brighten and freshen up the floors of the room can be found here. In art squares, we have them—2 1/2 x 3, 3 x 3, 3 x 3 1/2, and 3 x 4. No old stock. We have cleaned them all out.

## On the First Floor will be Found Toys

And other fancy goods, particularly suitable for the Christmas season! Tree ornaments, from 1c up. Doll babies that talk and those who do not. Babies that go to sleep and stay quieter than their little mothers do. Sleds, express wagons—well, in fact, if you will read over your child's letter to Mr. Kriskingle, you will know what we have. We can answer the child's prayer. For the older folks, a large line of umbrellas, in price from \$1.00 to \$4.50. The newest shapes in handles are here. In fact, the goods have not been on exhibition a week yet. We have no old stock to work off.

Full lines of handkerchiefs, neckties, and the sweetest line of pocketbooks, card cases and other leather goods seen in Bloomsburg. New, too. Come, and walk through our store! Look over the stocks, and see how pleasant it is to shop in a clean, well lighted, well furnished store.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT will carry a full line of special goods for the Xmas indigestion. Currants, raisins, citron, Etc. Special prices on candies, nuts and fruits. Give us a call

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