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## A NARROW ESCAPE.

The family of John Crebbs, of Jamison City, had a narrow escape from death by fire early Friday morning. While every member of the household was fast asleep, fire broke out, and before its presence was discovered, burned away the steps, shutting off the only avenue of escape, except one, that of jumping from the second-story windows. Unmolested, the flames crept higher and higher, until the cracking noise awoke Mr. Crebbs. He leaped from his bed, opened the door leading to the kitchen, only to be driven back by the angry element. Realizing that there was no time to be lost, he descended to the ground, sliding down one of the veranda posts, hastily secured a ladder, and placing it at the window of the room in which his family was asleep, awoke and rescued them just in the nick of time. The building, with all its household effects, was completely burned up. There was an insurance, but it is an insignificant amount compared to the loss.

## Shickshinny's New Enterprise.

The establishment of a bank is Shickshinny's latest enterprise. The application which was made by some Bloomsburg gentlemen, has received the comptroller's approval, and the concern, it is expected will be in operation shortly. The appended clipping is from Saturday's Shickshinny Echo:

"Shickshinny business men have long felt the inconvenience of not having a bank in the town. The need is soon to be supplied by a National Bank. A number of gentlemen connected with the First National Bank of Bloomsburg have made application for a bank here and the comptroller has approved the application. E. B. Tustin, cashier, M. I. Low, one of the principal stock holders, of the First National Bank, Bloomsburg, and W. D. Beckley were in town Wednesday looking over the ground. The capital stock of the bank will be \$25,000, one half of which has been taken at Bloomsburg. Of the balance, between \$7,000 and \$8,000, has already been subscribed here. The bank is therefore a sure go, as other Bloomsburg parties are ready to take any balance that may remain. The Bloomsburg parties interested are solid business men and several of them are experienced financiers. Nearly all the business men in town are becoming identified with the worthy enterprise and are subscribing to the stock upon the first opportunity."

## A New Disease.

A Sunbury physician says he has a number of cases of mastoiditis or epidemic of earache, the result of trau-matism or exposure to cold. It is a complication and is most prevalent during influenza epidemics. In the latter case, at least, it is probable that a bacterial infection occurs through the eustachian tube from the respiratory passages. The symptoms of acute mastoiditis is accompanied with pain in the ear. Though slight and annoying at first it becomes violent and exhausting as the disease progresses. After a few days the tongue becomes coated and the temperature elevated two or three degrees. If there are periostitis there are also tenderness, redness and swelling above the mastoid region or behind and around the ear. Pain is sometimes referred to the temporal above the ear, supra orbital above the eye. The disease is epidemic not only in that but other localities. If not treated promptly it may cause abscesses, and even deafness of considerable duration.

## New Three Cent Pieces.

A bill has been passed by congress providing for the coinage of the 3-cent piece which was discontinued some years ago. To remove the objection attached to the old coin, viz: the mistaking of it for a dime, the coin is to be unique. It is to be made of nickel the size of the bronze cent although thicker. In the center is to be a hole one fourth of an inch in diameter. This will make the coin easily distinguished by sight or touch.

The D. L. & W. Railroad's theatrical excursion to Wilkes-Barre appears to have had but little charm for Bloomsburg. The number was considerably smaller than it would have been had it occurred on any other evening, except Saturday. The attraction was one of high merit, and was witnessed by an immense audience.

## CONSIGNED TO EARTH.

Two Thousand People Attended the Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Stoudt Obsequies at Mifflinville Thursday.



MR. AND MRS. ALFRED H. STOUDT.

Through the kindness of C. A. Raseler, editor and proprietor of the Berwick Enterprise, we herewith present the likeness of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Stoudt, who were gored to death by a vicious bull at their home near Mifflinville, a full account of which appeared in our last issue.

Later developments make it reasonable to think that the life of at least one of the victims, and possibly both could have been saved had some workmen who were engaged near by responded to the cries for help. From a reliable source we learn that at noon of the day on which the tragedy is supposed to have occurred, two or three young men, who had been working a short distance from the scene, in order to go to dinner were obliged to pass in close proximity to the Stoudt house. They are reported to have said before the fate of Mr. and Mrs. Stoudt became known that while on their way to dinner they heard a feminine voice cry, "Oh! My leg," but continued on without investigating the cause. In the evening of the same day, the young men went to a man in Hetlerville, and after explaining the cry they had heard requested him to accompany them to Stoudt's to see if anything was wrong. The man is said to have refused, saying "I would not go over there without a gun," fearing of course, an attack from the bull, as the ferociousness of the animal was known throughout the whole neighborhood. But why he didn't secure a gun, after being told of the woman's cry, and go over and investigate is not known. After the bodies were found, these statements were denied. If they did hear the voice, and refused to respond, they deserve the severest censure that they are receiving.

The funeral services were held at Mifflinville, Thursday at ten o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. L. M. Fetterolf. It was the largest funeral in the memory of the oldest residents of that town, fully two thousand people being in attendance.

## STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

—Because a man writes jokes, doesn't say that he lives by his wits.

—Whenever a man is sentenced to be hanged, its usually the suspense that kills him.

—There is a new disease which is quite prevalent in some localities, called lint on the lungs. It is caused by chewing the rag.

—Did it ever occur to you how water gets into a water melon. It is very easily accounted for. The seeds are planted in the "spring."

—This is just about the time of year when the absent minded grip victim takes to quinine and whisky, and often forgets the quinine.

—"Yes" said the comedian to the audience, consisting of one man. "You will see just as good a performance as you would if the house was filled." "Well hurry up and get through," said the man. "I'm the janitor here and I want to lock up and go home."

## Thirty Districts in Columbia County.

The names of those who will be recommended for appointments as census enumerators, it is very likely will be announced in a few days. Hon. Charles A. Durant, of Wilkes-Barre is the supervisor for the 6th District which includes this county. The districts are as follows:

- 1 Beaver township.
- 2 Benton township and Borough.
- 3 Berwick East, east of Market street.
- 4 Berwick West, west of Market St.
- 5 Bloom East, east of Center Street.
- 6 Bloom West, west of Center Street.
- 7 Briarcreek township.
- 8 Catawissa Borough and township.
- 9 Centralia.
- 10 Center township.
- 11 Cleveland township.
- 12 Conyngham East, comprising East and West North Election districts.
- 13 Conyngham West, comprising South East, South West and West Election districts.
- 14 Fishingcreek township and Stillwater Borough.
- 15 Franklin township.
- 16 Greenwood township and Millville Borough.
- 17 Hemlock township.
- 18 Jackson township.
- 19 Locust township.
- 20 Madison township.
- 21 Main township.
- 22 Mifflin township.
- 23 Montour township.
- 24 Mt. Pleasant township.
- 25 Orange township and Orangeville.
- 26 Pine township.
- 27 Roaringcreek township.
- 28 Scott township, East.
- 29 Scott township, West.
- 30 Sugarloaf township.

## Sale of the Lawson Hughes Property.

There was a very little bidding at the sale of the real estate of Lawson Hughes, deceased, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, but five properties being sold. John Hessler, Jacob R. Swartz and Nelson Gray purchased lots, the latter two, at prices ranging from \$50 to \$56 each. Henry Eichenlaub purchased tract No. 20, containing 7 6-10 acres, at \$50 per acre. The plot containing 26 acres was bid up to \$64 per acre and then withdrawn. It is likely the properties will be again put up at public sale this fall.—Hughesville Mail.

## Canna Bulbs.

As soon as the ground is warm enough, canna bulbs should be planted. We have a number on hand yet which will be given to our subscribers who will call for them. They will not be sent by express or mail, as the expense of packing and shipping would be too much. These bulbs, if purchased from a dealer, would cost 15 cents each. Those who want them should bring a basket or paper bag to carry them in.

Dr. J. J. Brown is out again after being confined to the house for a week by illness.

The jurymen for the May term of Court were drawn by Jury Commissioners Charles L. Sands and J. B. Hummer on Friday. The list will be found elsewhere in this issue.

An entire new front is an improvement that is now being made at the store room on West Main street, last occupied by Taylor Zawaba. The property belongs to the Mrs. Harriet Rupert estate.

Services were conducted over the remains of the late Marvin McHenry, at Benton, Friday afternoon. The large attendance of friends evinced the young man's popularity in life. A squad, consisting of Boyd Shaffer, Samuel Carbaugh, John Scott and Edward Broadt, of this town, all privates in the recent war, fired a salute. Interment was made in the cemetery, near the Christian church.

A man, who gave his name as William Rely, charged with complicity in the robbery committed at the Lehigh Valley Railroad station, at Centralia, Tuesday night of last week, was arrested at Shenandoah on Wednesday, and brought to Bloomsburg and lodged in the county jail on Thursday. He is suspected of being one of the thieves, because he was selling cigars in Shenandoah, and could not give a satisfactory explanation as to how he came into possession of them.

C. B. Ent will take charge of the Central Hotel on Monday the same having been purchased by him from Mrs. B. Stohner this week. The Central is a well known hostelry, and Mr. Ent will no doubt receive a good portion of the public patronage.

The Benton Argus is agitating the appointment of a board of health for that town. Editor Smith is correct; a consideration for health and cleanliness argues in his favor. A board of health is a necessary adjunct to every municipal government.

The Glee Club of Susquehanna University, gave an entertainment in the Lutheran church Saturday evening, before a good sized audience. The organization had agreed to sing at the Sunday services in the church, but for some reason or other did not do so.

The spinning department of the Carpet Works, it is expected, will be started next week with a full force of hands. It has been idle for over a year. A few extra hands were given employment on Tuesday when partial operations began. When it is running to its full capacity, it will give work to nearly a hundred more.

Michael Weiss died at Wapwallopen on Wednesday morning of last week, at the ripe old age of 70 years. When in business he conducted a general store at that place, but for the past ten years he had been living retired. He has no survivors, his wife having departed this life twelve years ago. The funeral was held on Saturday.

William H. Coffman on Monday signed a contract to play base ball the coming season with Jamestown, N. Y. Will possesses every qualification for a successful ball player; he is a good base runner, and almost a sure batter. We look for him to make a brilliant record. The Jamestown club is composed of nearly all college players, and is considered one of the best amateur teams in the state.

Oliver S. McHenry has tendered his resignation as agent of the Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad station at Orangeville, and will move on his farm at Stillwater. Oliver was born and raised on the farm, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of land cultivation. His property is one of the finest in the Fishingcreek Valley. While guiding the plow may be more arduous than handling the "ticker," farm life has many pleasant features and beside it is one of the most honorable of vocations.

The new vault in the Bloomsburg National Bank will be completed in a few days. The mechanism and workmanship of the doors and locks are the best that modern inventive genius can contrive. The vestibule and doors weigh ten and a half tons. The total steel construction of the vault weighs nearly thirty tons. We inadvertently last week gave the weight of the doors and vestibule as that of the whole vault. To unload and handle the one large piece required the greatest skill and judgment, as a single mistake might have wrecked the building and landed the mass of steel in the cellar. The work is being done under the direction of Oscar Peterson, a Swede who has erected vaults for the makers, Remington & Sherman of Philadelphia, for the last seven years, in this and many foreign countries.

Archie Nesbitt was the recipient of a beautiful gift, presented to him by his fellow employees of the Jeddo store, on Tuesday last. Mr. Nesbitt has accepted a position with Wentz & Duffy, wholesale grocers, Scranton, Pa., and on his arrival at Jeddo on a business trip was presented with a handsome open-face gold time piece. Harry Wyatt, a fellow clerk, made the presentation speech and at its close Archie tried to respond but his feelings overcame him a heart spoken "thank you boys," closed the ceremony. Archie will never forget the event, and the end is not yet. A jollification will follow at a later date.—Hazleton Bulletin.

Mr. Nesbitt was formerly a resident of Bloomsburg and his popularity among his fellow employees is a source of pleasure to his many friends here.

"The young man who does not heed his dress is neglecting one of the most important steps to a successful career."



### TOP COATS

If you think of buying a top coat this season we would like to show you the new styles made by

**HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX**

English Covert Cloths and Whipcords, Cheviots, Vicunas and soft finished Kerseys, silk sleeve linings, strap seams, horn buttons; also made of the stylish double-faced goods with fancy plaid back.

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TAILOR-MADE CLOTHES.

We still have a few Storm Coats and Heavy Winter Overcoats, which we will sell at greatly reduced prices.

## Ben Gidding

BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

Come in and see us—we'll treat you right.

## The Leader Department Store.

There is one good reason why you should give us a portion of your grocery trade. We don't buy in car load lots just to save a 1-16 of a cent per pound, and then have stale goods to work off on the public. We buy often, and only in such quantities as can be moved quickly. Hence our goods are "eatable." Give us a trial.

## Dry Goods.

We were going to speak of this department, but the calendar reminds us that April 1st is rapidly approaching, and with it housecleaning, and this means CARPETS and Furniture. So we'll just say that all we ask of you is to examine our goods and prices before purchasing your spring dry goods.

## Carpets.

You have heard the story of the girl who, looking in the mirror, and seeing the reflection of her lovely face, became so fascinated with its beauty that she could do nothing but sit and gaze at it. As we look at the artistic patterns and other harmonious colorings of our large stock of carpets and rugs, they appeal to us so strongly that we regret we are not able to purchase them all for our own use. No stock is so complete, and so full of general favorites as this stock of ours. All grades, to suit all purses, and what we tell you of quality is absolutely correct.

## Another Bargain, While it Lasts.

We will sell you an onyx carpet for 20c. Just 150 yds is all we have and one pattern. Side by side with it are onyx goods for 30c., but this one roll goes for 20c. Just 200 yds left of the 10-wire Brussel, made for 60c. No more when this is gone. If you want full value's worth, buy your carpets from us.

## Furniture Department.

When you have dusted and cleaned your old chairs and sofas, and they look shabby still, bring them to us and we will reupholster them for little money.

For every room in the house we have the right goods at the right prices. At least, give us a chance to quote you prices before making your purchases.

## The Leader DEPARTMENT STORE.