

MRS. I. W. HARTMAN.

Mrs. Hartman, wife of I. W. Hartman is dead. Her spirit crossed the great divide at an early hour Sunday morning. Death was the result of a complication of diseases, and came after an infirmity of nearly four years. First she was afflicted with a stroke of paralysis, followed by kidney trouble, and lastly dropsy. In her death Bloomsburg loses an excellent woman. Her life was one of affection and fidelity to duty. Such an existence needs no panegyric.

She was born in Bloom township above Bloomsburg, February 8, 1828, and lived here all her life. Before her marriage she taught school for several years. On February 26, 1850 she was married to I. W. Hartman, and on February 23, 1858, they joined the M. E. church. Six children were born to them, of whom Roscoe died in infancy, Ida, a twin sister of Mrs. Bateman, died when eleven years old, and Anna, wife of F. M. Everett died about fifteen years ago.

Mrs. Hartman was seventy two years, three months and twelve days of age. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was an earnest christian. The deceased is survived by her husband and three children, Mrs. Rev. S. E. Bateman, Robert E., and Edwin V. The funeral occurred Tuesday afternoon at the residence, and was conducted by Rev. Dr. Frysinger.

Mrs. Margaret Ringler

The life of Mrs. Margaret Ringler passed out at her home on West Third street Monday morning, aged a few months past eighty seven years. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. J. Humphrey of Johnstown, Harvey Ringler of Milton, William A. and Harry Ringler of Philadelphia and R. H. Ringler of this town, with whom she had been living for many years past.

Mrs. Ringler was the widow of Eli Ringler, who died many years ago. Her maiden name was Tobias, a sister of Rev. Tobias, who will be remembered by many of the older residents of the town, as the pastor of the German Reformed church here away back in the sixties. She was born near Reading, January 1813. Early in life she joined the Reformed church, and always manifested a deep interest in its welfare. The funeral services were held at the house Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. J. D. Thomas of the Reformed church, assisted by Rev. M. E. McLinn of the Lutheran church. The remains were taken to Milton for interment.

Bad For Catawissa.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company has purchased seven acres of land from the Foller estate, and from Showers and Hoffman adjoining their lines in West Milton. It is said to be the intention of the company to erect on this land a round house capable of stalling twenty locomotives. They will also take their car repair shops from Catawissa and move them to West Milton. It will require nearly all the land they have secured for the buildings and truckage. This will be good news to the people of Milton and West Milton and will stimulate business in both towns. It will be a serious blow to Catawissa, which has depended almost entirely upon the Reading for its support.

It is said, too, that the shops and round house at Shamokin will be move to West Milton.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY EVENING.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given in the Parish House on Saturday evening, 26th inst., at 8 o'clock. The program will include vocal solos by Signorina Ravi, Miss Bowman, Miss Natalie Foulk and Mr. D. J. Tasker; piano solo, by Miss Pontius; violin solo, by Master Swartz; recitation, by Miss Grace Corell, and several pantomimes. The proceeds are for the benefit of the church. Admission, 25 cents; children, 15 cents. The public is respectfully invited.

A Narrow Escape.

R. G. Ikeler, son of W. F. Ikeler, of Rohrsburg, had a narrow escape from what would, no doubt, have been instant death, at Milton, on Wednesday last. In crossing the Pennsylvania Railroad in a carriage with a friend, the vehicle was struck by a train and totally demolished. The occupants jumped and escaped without any serious injury.

John G. McHenry's Residence Burned.

The fine residence of John G. McHenry, near Benton, was destroyed by fire last week Wednesday. The Benton Argus gives the following account of it:

Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the whistle at the distillery of Rohr McHenry & Son, about a mile west of town, blew a prolonged blast of about 10 or 15 minutes. Our citizens at once interpreted it as an alarm of fire, and soon thereafter smoke was observed ascending in the direction of the distillery. Repeated calls over the telephone failed to elicit an answer, and it was at once surmised that the distillery was on fire. Inasmuch as no information could be obtained by telephone, many of our people started for the distillery in conveyances, on bicycles and on foot. On arriving there it was discovered that the residence of Mr. J. G. McHenry was being rapidly consumed by the flames together with all its contents, and in a short time thereafter it was a heap of smoldering ruins. Willing hands made an effort to save some of the contents, but a very few articles only were gotten out owing to the fact that the fire originated in the basement, and the entire structure was liable to fall in at any moment, and which prevented the most daring spirits present from entering the building. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark in the cellar kitchen which was used as a wash room, and in which washing had been done early in the morning. When it was first discovered it was rapidly eating its way to the first floor, and the screams of the women aroused Mr. McHenry who was up stairs taking a short nap. He immediately arose, and in descending the stair steps found them on fire, and the flames had gained such headway that assistance could not be obtained quick enough to stay the devouring element nor save the contents of the building. The amount of loss is not yet known, neither can the amount of insurance be given as all the insurance papers are confined in the safe which now lies in the bottom of the cellar under the debris.

Prohibitionists Hold Convention.

The Columbia County Prohibitionists assembled in convention here Friday afternoon and placed the following ticket in the field: For Representative, J. H. Eisenhower, Centralia; for Sheriff, Charles Henderdott, of Madison township; for Jury Commissioner, Charles Eves, of Millville. The convention adopted the following resolutions and adjourned:

WHEREAS, The Prohibitionists of Columbia county, in convention assembled, declare their unalterable conviction that the use of alcoholic drinks is the greatest curse with which the church and state has to contend. Therefore, Resolved, 1st. That our best efforts should be put forth in suppressing the evil, and that our prayers and votes should be used to influence our law-makers to enact laws to protect the people from the curse of rum. 2nd. That we approve the movement now being made throughout the state; that we request our state delegates to support Dr. S. C. Swallow as nominee for president.

The Prohibition conferees of this, the seventeenth Congressional district, met here Friday. Three counties—Columbia, Montour and Northumberland—were represented by delegates. Mr. S. W. Murray, of Milton, was nominated for Congress, and Prof. J. M. Keloes, of Danville, for presidential elector. B. B. Cannon, of Milton, and M. P. Lutz, of Bloomsburg, were named as delegates to the National Prohibition Convention, which meets at Chicago next month.

Owners of dogs have no right to permit their dogs to run on other people's lawns, and scratch up flower beds and do other damage. If the owner is known he can be made to pay damages. We know of some people who keep shot guns handy, and who think that damages can be settled quicker by shooting the dog than by hunting up the owner. When, in plain sight of his master, a dog is permitted to trespass on private premises, without any effort to restrain him, we confess that we have sometimes felt like getting a shot gun.

Sixty-two members of Bloomsburg Council, Foyal Arcanum, attended Methodist Church in a body on Sunday morning. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Frysinger, and good music was rendered by the choir. The Royal Arcanum is getting to be one of the strongest secret societies in town. Men desiring safe and cheap life insurance had better join.

THE ARCHDEACONRY

Of Williamsport to meet at St. Paul's Church.

The Spring session of the Archdeaconry of Williamsport will be held in St. Paul's Parish next week. The opening service will be on Monday, May 28th, at 7:30 p. m., the sermon to be preached by the Rev. W. E. Kunkel of Milton. On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion, with a sermon by the Rev. W. H. Butts of Williamsport. This service will be followed by business and literary meetings. A dinner will be given to the clergy and the vestrymen of St. Paul's church, by the ladies of the parish at 5:30 p. m.

Evening prayer at 7:30 when addresses on Missionary topics are expected from the Rev. Dr. Clerc, of Phillipsburg; the Rev. E. H. Eckel, of Williamsport, and the Rev. George I. Brown, of Bellefonte.

On Wednesday there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M.

All are cordially invited to the services in the church.

DAVID N. KIRKBY,
Rector.

Court Proceedings.

A session of court was held on Monday. Hon. Robert R. Little presided.

Wilbrit B. Williams vs. Thomas S. Chapin. Judgment for want of affidavit of defense for \$763.50.

Boyd M. Smith vs. Thomas S. Chapin. Judgment for want of affidavit of defense in the sum of \$16.15.

Willard G. Fowler vs. Thomas S. Chapin. Judgment for want of affidavit of defense in the sum of \$25.23.

The cases of Frederick M. Gilmore and A. C. Hilday, charged with selling liquor to minors, owing to a misunderstanding as to the date set for the hearing, the case was postponed until Monday, May 28th, at 9:30 a. m.

Joseph S. Souder appointed guardian of Samuel A. Souder, minor child of Mary A. Souder.

In the case of Mrs. Martha Kressler, who applied for letters of administration in the estate of Billington Ruckle through her attorneys, William Chrisman and J. B. Robison, was heard before Court and decision reserved.

Estate of William H. Snyder. Order of sale granted.

Court adjourned to meet May 28, 1900, at 9:30 a. m.

Knights Templar at Wilkes-Barre.

The forty-seventh annual convalee of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, opened its sessions at Wilkes-Barre on Monday and will close to-day. One of the leading features was the parade, which took place on Tuesday morning. It eclipsed all former demonstrations of that kind by the Sir Knights, and was viewed by thousands of people. Crusade Commandery, No. 12, of this town, was represented in the parade by the following Sir Knights:

Geo. E. Wilbur, eminent commander; Chas. K. Francis, generalissimo; Jno. W. Evans, captain general; C. F. Knapp, past grand commander; Sirs S. B. Arment, Frank Aurand, Jno. M. Buckalew, R. R. Blair, C. H. Boone, A. G. Briggs, Rev. W. H. Butts, Rev. John D. DeMoyer, F. D. Dentler, J. L. Dillon, Jno. H. Eisenhower, C. M. Eves, B. B. Freas, E. D. Hughes, C. C. Hughes, H. H. Hulme, J. Lee Harman, H. V. Hower, Geo. B. Hummer, L. Hagenbuch, J. K. Lockard, H. A. McKillip, W. B. Poust, A. R. Pennington, L. Pfleger, G. S. Robbins, C. B. Robbins, Hon. W. J. Scott, J. M. Staver, H. G. Supplee, Geo. E. Sponsler and John R. Townsend.

Prayer Causes a Lawsuit

Rev. E. E. Dixon, of Stroudsburg, a prominent minister of the Methodist faith, a few weeks ago appealed to Providence to strike by lightning and destroy a brewery that was in course of erection in that town. Not long afterward, a violent storm, of an electrical nature, swooped down upon the town, and the building was struck by lightning. Now the minister will have to defend his prayer in court. Two sons of another Methodist minister were at work on the brewery at the time, but neither one was hurt.

The prayer caused a great deal of comment, and the capitalists, who occupy high social positions, have decided that they were engaged in a lawful calling, and should not be made the target of public imprecations, as it injured the social standing of themselves and their families. The case will, no doubt, be as interesting as it is novel. It will be contested to the finish.

Mrs. Sarah Evans has had a new roof put on her residence on Third street.

SHOLLENBURGER—RUCKLE.

On May 17th, 1900, Mr. Henry F. Shollenburger, of Espy, was married to Miss Lillian A. Ruckle, of Bloomsburg. The marriage took place at the home of Mr. Boyd Ohl, 585 West St. The bride was handsomely attired, and attended by her maid, Miss Ethel P. Rauch, equally as tastily attired, and the groom, attended by his man of honor, Mr. Claude C. Girton, of Berwick, both attired in the conventional black. The Rev. J. D. Thomas, at Hymen's altar, tied the nuptial knot, immediately after which congratulations and feasting were the order of the day. Many were the congratulations and presents to the young people. The following near friends and relatives were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer and family, Mrs. Grett and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruckle and son, Carl, Mrs. Ward and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Raub, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ruckle and daughter, Mrs. Amelia Ruckle, Mr. and Mrs. Huff, Miss Laura Ohl, Mr. Fred Beagle and Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Charles Coffman, Mrs. Roy Szwentzel, Mr. and Mrs. Castred, Miss Jennie Ohl, Miss Clara Stauffer.

Corner-Stone Laying.

The laying of the corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Ikeler's, will take place on coming Sabbath, May 27th. There will be a comfortable place fitted up for service, and at 10:30 a. m. there will be preaching, after which the regular service of laying the stone will be conducted. Also, at 2:30 p. m., preaching. To all these services the general public are most heartily invited, and will receive a cordial greeting. In this locality, called Ikeler's settlement, there is to be found a fine class of people. They are to be highly complimented on their earnest endeavor to erect a church. Let there be a large turnout of the surrounding country and encourage this worthy cause.

Early Closing.

A movement is on foot among the merchants to close their stores at six o'clock during June, July and August. Most of them are in favor of it. It is a proper thing to do. Many lady clerks are employed, and during the hot season it is pretty severe on them to keep them at work until 8 or 9 o'clock at night. Shorter hours would no doubt induce better service. If all close no one suffers any damage by loss of trade. The jewelers are now closing at 7, from May 1 to Sept. 1, and will close at 6 if other stores decide on that hour.

Last Chance.

The last chance to get the Farm Journal for nearly five years is nearly ended. We have only six more left under the present contract. These will go to the first six people who comply with the terms, namely, old subscribers who pay all arrearages to date, and a year in advance from now; and new subscribers who pay a year in advance. If you want it, don't wait another day.

Married.

NULL—MARBURGER.—May 19th, 1900, by Rev. J. D. Thomas, Mr. H. S. Null, of Bloomsburg, to Miss Anna Marburger, of Harrisburg, Pa.

EARHARD—CLARK.—May 17th, 1900, at the Reformed parsonage, by Rev. J. D. Thomas, Mr. John B. Earhard to Miss Emma Clark, both of Bloomsburg.

Ent Post, G. A. E.

Comrades will meet at G. A. R. Hall on Sunday next. At 10 a. m. prompt will march in a body to the Methodist church to attend Divine Services. All soldiers and sailors are cordially invited to unite with us in this memorial service. By order of J. D. SMITH, Commander.

Taken to the Penitentiary.

Henry Kober, who was sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary, at the recent term of Court, was conveyed to that institution on Tuesday. J. H. Vansickle accompanied the Sheriff in the capacity of an assistant.

Lunch Supper.

This Thursday evening, May 24, the Ladies' Auxiliary will serve a supper in the Y. M. C. A. Building, from 5 to 10 o'clock. Price, 15c. Ice cream and cake extra. The patronage of everybody who are interested in the work is earnestly solicited.

Our Stylish Trousers



It is surprising how few custom tailors are able to cut a pair of trousers that will fit and hang gracefully. There seems to be a knack in the cutting of these garments that few tailors ever acquire. We make a specialty of the Hart, Schaffner & Marx perfect-fitting trousers. Every pair guaranteed. This is the trade-mark:

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Children's Wash Suits, Bicycle Clothing, Summer Underwear, Negligee Shirts, Straw Hats. Everything for Men's Wear.

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Baby Caps.

From 10c. to \$1.00. Take the one for 10c. Neatly trimmed, well made. Why you couldn't make the ruffles for the price, let alone the other materials.

Hats.

One of the most attractive and moderate priced assortments in the city. Prices range from 50c. to \$1.75.

Shirt Waists.

The man who invented shirt waists ought to have a monument erected in his honor. Cool and comfortable, and withal, tasty and stylish. A woman with a dark skirt and several waists has a whole wardrobe. Our line has all the season's latest colorings and weaves.

For those who wish to have their waists made to order, we have a tasty line of allover embroideries—50c. to \$3.00 per yard. Laces, from 1c. to 75c. per yard.

Have you seen the line of bust perfectors? No other place in town carries them.

Carpets and Furniture.

You know the old adage about the proof of the pudding. We have been telling you that our stock is larger than all others combined, our qualities the best, and our prices the lowest. Well, you must have found these assertions to be true, FOR OUR BUSINESS FROM JANUARY 1ST TO MAY 1ST,

In Carpets and Furniture,

was more than all of 1899 put together. Doesn't that tell the story? Where else can you get a wool velvet

Made, Laid and Lined for 90c.?

Our competitors are hunting around for a piece of goods to take its place. They cannot do it.

We handle the Hartford Axminsters, the best made, Whittall Body Brussels. In fact, only standard makes are here. Ingrains, we show you 25 patterns, from 12c up. You will make a mistake if you buy your carpets without consulting us.

Groceries.

We don't claim to do all the business, but we think we do more than any other store in town. There must be some good reason why our business increased four-fold in 1899 and is increasing more rapidly since January 1st. May we serve you?

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