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## MERCANTILE TAX.

\$3618.23 Has Been Paid Into The County Treasury.

Out of a Total of 502 Business Firms, All But 10 Have Paid.

Deputy County Treasurer C. A. Kleim, has been very busily engaged for the past three weeks, receiving the mercantile tax. He has taken in thus far \$3190.49 retail, \$166.78 wholesale, and \$260.96 billiard and pool tax. Out of five hundred and two business houses or firms in the county all have settled with the exception of about ten. Tardiness on the part of some necessitated suing in order to get the tax, but this was done in only five cases, and two of these were out of business, but the treasurer was not cognizant of the fact until after he had sued them. Under the present law each merchant is assessed for the amount of business he does, \$2 annual tax and 1 mill on each dollar of business done the preceding year for retail dealers and \$3 annual tax and 1/2 mill on each dollar of business done by wholesale dealers. One of the provisions of the law is: "Each dealer who comes under the provisions of this act shall cause to be placed, permanently at the entrance of his or their place of business, a sign describing the business in which the party is engaged, with his or their name or names upon the sign; and violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable with a fine of ten dollars, said fine to be collected as fines of like amount are now by the law collected, and to be paid into the county treasury."

The amounts stated above are the totals of all the money paid in without the reduction of the treasurer's commission.

### Death of Mrs. Susan Bogart.

At six o'clock Monday evening Susan Bogart, widow of Israel Bogart, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. T. A. Smith. She had been in poor health for about a year, and on Saturday morning was stricken with paralysis, from which she never recovered.

She was born March 2d, 1818, on the farm now owned by Mrs. Alcesta Sands, just out of Millville, and has resided in the community all her life.

While she was never a mother to children of her own, there are a number of persons to whom she has been a mother, and who look back with grateful remembrance to her many motherly deeds. Her husband died about twenty years ago. She is survived by three brothers and two sisters, viz: J. J. Robbins, Scranton; C. B. Robbins, Watertown; Wm. V. Robbins, Bloomsburg; Mrs. C. E. Battin, Scranton, and Mrs. Leonard, Bloomsburg.

Funeral services were held at the house at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and interment made in Greenwood.—*Millville Tablet.*

### Tuesday Was a Schorcher.

The weather man certainly gave us a touch of real summer weather on Tuesday. The two days preceding it were anything but pleasant for humanity, but on Tuesday there was no perceptible breeze, and escape from the intense humidity was impossible. Unfortunately for Bloomsburgers there is no park to which they can repair and enjoy the cooling breezes, on such days, with the exception of Oak Grove and the condition of that once popular resort is anything but inviting just now. A great many people closed their houses against the penetrating rays of Old Sol, and remaining in doors made themselves as comfortable as circumstances would permit. The highest was reached about noon, when the thermometer registered 101 in the shade.

### Board of Trade Meeting.

A meeting will be held in the Exchange Hotel parlor to-night at eight o'clock, to effect an organization of a Board of Trade. Over one hundred business men have signed the paper, agreeing to become members. There should be a full attendance at the meeting, so that an organization can be formed without delay.

Kreamer's store, at Jerseytown, was damaged by fire on Monday.

### OFF FOR AN OUTING.

Camp Idleness Has Been Set up on Achenbach's Island.

A party of jovial, good natured Bloomsburgers, augmented by two gentlemen from a distance, left this town Tuesday morning for a three weeks outing. The personnel of the assembly which is almost identical with last year's Camp Idleness, is as follows: Ed. Clark, Sam Brown, Anthony Menzbach, Ralph Phillips, William Derr, Freeze Quick, Lawrence Tooley, John Kenyon, S. H. Pohe, Ed. Caldwell, Oscar W. Eent, C. B. Ent, Frank Derr, Clark Hagenbuch, Charles Heist, Harry Ent and Moyer Lewis of town and Bill Nye of Harrisburg, and J. E. Fisher of Reading. The camp is beautifully located on what is known as Achenbach's Island, midway between Orangeville and Forks, and is without a single objectionable feature. There is an abundance of shade, and the sward dispenses with the necessity of camp stools. But the greatest addition to the beauty and pleasure of the surrounding is the bubbling ripples of the gently flowing Fishingcreek, peacefully stealing over its gravel bed pouring its libations to the Susquehanna. At Forks, only a short distance above, the stream is quite deep, and contains an abundance of fish which makes angling a pleasant pastime. Last year's designation, "Camp Idleness," was so much admired that it has been retained.

A telephone has been placed in the camp, and quick communication with any of the Idlers can be had at any and all times.

### CAMP MEETING.

Patterson Grove Will Open August 14, and Continue Ten Days.

The Camp Meeting at Patterson Grove will open this year on August 14, and continue ten days. Rev. Dr. Frysinger of Bloomsburg will preach the communion service and Rev. Dr. Branshaw, of Nanticoke, will preach the Sunday afternoon sermon.

It is expected that many other ministers will take part in the meetings, some of whom are the following: Rev. Dr. Houck, of Mt. Carmel; Rev. Mr. Wilhelm, of Benton; Rev. W. H. Hartman, of Espy; and Rev. Mr. Mumper, of Northumberland. Prof. Reese of Danville will have charge of the singing with a corps of singers from home talent and from adjoining charges. Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. W. W. Evans will be present the greater part of the time.

Among the preachers who will attend are: Rev. Mr. Bickle, of Jeanesville charge; Rev. Dr. Frost, White Haven; Rev. W. S. Hamlin, of Traverston; Rev. Fredin, of Jamison City; Rev. D. Y. Brouse, Eyesgrove; Rev. W. R. Owen, Shamokin; Rev. Dr. Frysinger, Bloomsburg; Rev. Mr. Matter, Airville; Rev. Dr. Monroe, Shamokin First M. E. Church; Rev. Mr. Hicks, Montandon; Rev. Mr. Wilson, Gordon; Rev. Mr. Buckley, Centralia; Rev. Mr. Thomas, Wapwallopen; Rev. Mr. Benscoter, of Second M. E. Church, Shamokin; Rev. Mr. Hunter, Northumberland.

### Attempted Suicide.

An attempt at self destruction was made by Mary Reice, an employee of the St. Elmo Hotel, on Tuesday. It appears that she was driven, by cruel treatment, on the part of her parents, from her home in Shamokin. On Tuesday an officer arrived here with a warrant for her arrest. Preferring death to returning home, she went up stairs into the bathroom and took poison. She was discovered before the drug had had sufficient time to act. Antidotes were given and her life was saved. Her condition would not permit of the journey, and the officer was compelled to return home alone.

### Killed by a Falling Tree.

Jacob Shoemaker, a well known resident of Madison township, was killed by a falling tree Wednesday morning. He was about sixty years of age. Mr. Shoemaker was twice married. His second wife, formerly Miss Welliver, and six children, four sons and two daughters, survive.

The corps of engineers of the Pennsylvania Railroad, engaged in making a survey on this side of the river, from Danville to Bloomsburg, reached here on Tuesday afternoon. The road, we understand, is to be built on the bank of the canal. Unless rumor miscarries, work will be commenced in the near future.

## STATE GUARDS.

This Year Will be the Largest Encampment in Its History.

10,500 Men Will Go Under Canvas August 4th.

The coming division encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, to be held at Mt. Gretna, from August 4 to the 11, will be the largest in the history of the State guard, and it will be especially important, in that it will be the first field practice with the three battalion formation.

The work of shipping the equipment from the State Arsenal, at Harrisburg has been commenced. It will require five or six days to transfer the tents and other material to the ground.

Ten thousand five hundred men will go under canvas this year. In years gone by the total number did not exceed 8,500, the addition being made by the new formation of the guard. The Third Brigade of which the Twelfth regiment is a part, will occupy the land nearest to Gretna Park Station.

### Runaway.

How often it has been demonstrated that it is unsafe to leave a horse standing along the street without being tied, but how seldom indeed is the warning heeded. It is carelessness, and to this fact can be attributed a runaway on Tuesday forenoon, which resulted in the wrecking of E. Woolsey's bakery wagon. The horse started from in front of the Lutheran Parsonage, where it had been left standing by the driver W. H. Quick, who was delivering a loaf of bread. A large flag stone step in front of C. W. McKelvey's residence, utilized for the purpose of getting in and out of carriages, was struck by the wagon and broken in two pieces. At the fountain the horse tore loose from the wagon and ran up Main street to Iron and down Iron as far as the canal, where it turned up Eighth street and crossed the canal bridge. It was finally caught at the Brass & Copper Works, where it had become entangled in a lot of rubbish and was unable to extricate itself. Nearly all of the bread was ruined, some of it being strewn along the road.

### Moonlight Excursion.

Moonlight excursion, festival and Japanese wedding. On account of the Boy's Brigade Dress Parade and Festival in Laubach's Grove, near Forks, Saturday evening, July 21, the B. & S. R. R. will sell special excursion tickets from Bloomsburg, 50c., and Light Street, at 42c., for the round trip. Orangeville 23 cents. Good on trains leaving Bloomsburg at 2:40 and 6:35 p. m. and to return on special train leaving the encampment after the festival. This will be a fine opportunity for persons to get away from the heat, spend an evening with the boys in the cool grove. All are cordially invited to go and enjoy themselves, and at the same time help the boys along in their good work.

### Had Her Arm Broken.

Miss Carrie May, one of Shamokin's popular young ladies, had her left arm broken by falling from a hay wagon at East Bloomsburg, on Saturday.

Miss May and cousin, Miss May Heizman, of Reading, left Shamokin last Wednesday for East Bloomsburg to spend several weeks enjoying rural life. They were having an excellent time when the accident happened. Last Saturday the young ladies were riding on a wagon filled with hay, when the horse dashed into a post and upset the vehicle. Miss Heizman managed to slide off unhurt, but Miss May was unfortunately caught under the wagon and her arm broken. The young ladies returned Monday morning.—*Shamokin Dispatch.*

### Will Address the Men's Meeting.

Rev. Mr. Riddle will address the men's meeting next Sunday afternoon, in the Y. M. C. A., at 2:30 o'clock. The service will be in charge of Mr. F. B. Hartman. All men are most cordially invited to be present.

G. D. Gruver has been transferred from the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Wapwallopen to East Bloomsburg.

### BOYS' BRIGADE ENCAMPMENT.

BRIGADE CAMP, FORKS, PA., July 18.

The plans as made by the officers of our Bloomsburg Brigade, for the annual encampment, have been worked out very satisfactorily. The detachment from the Hazleton Brigade arrived in town on Monday afternoon at 4:45. The boys wore the Brigade uniform, with white duck trousers, in heavy marching order with blankets over shoulders. They were met at East Bloomsburg station by the home Drum Corps, Capt. Smith in command, and were escorted to the Brigade Armory on Market street. The visitors were the guests of our boys, and after supper assembled at the Armory for evening parade. The parade was a success decidedly and the drilling of the boys was a revelation to the townspeople. The streets were crowded, and the route of the march on Main street was made brilliant with fire works, and the hearty cheers and applause given. The Hazleton boys surely were very complimentary to their commanding officers. About 8 a. m. on Tuesday morning the 17th the two companies left for camp. The day was a hot one, a perfect July scorcher, so that it was found best to change the plans as to marching to camp, therefore hacks were hired to drive down from Orangeville and pick up the boys and take them to camp. The ride was hot and very dusty, but the boys were good natured and happy. The marching ended at Lightstreet.

At noon all hands were in camp. The advance squad had a goodly array of tents pitched and in waiting and the arrangement of the camp was admirable. The commissary wagons had arrived, the camp kitchen was in working order, and the three cooks were hard at work preparing dinner. After the boys were assigned to their quarters all were busy unpacking camp chests, getting tents in condition to live in for the ten day outing ahead, and until taps were blown by the excellent Bugler of the Hazleton Company at 9:30 p. m. all hands were busy. The usual "first night in camp," experiences had to be endured by the officers. Guard mount at 8 o'clock put the camp in readiness for the night, and the lines of protection were thrown around the rows of tents as they stood in white array, full of tired but sleepless boys. Several cases of "guard house" discipline were found necessary before it was quiet enough to sleep, and silence fell on the camp.

At 5 a. m. the Bugle sounded Reveille and the morning gun awoke the boys and the first full day of camp life had begun. All are well. No accidents have happened and every body is apparently happy.

Rev. Dr. Wagner, pastor of the Hazleton Brigade, his family and several ladies of his church are boarding near to the camp, with Squire Ammerman's genial family. Next thing will be the Girls' Auxiliary visit to camp on Saturday 21st. In the evening they will give the "Japanese Wedding Ceremony" with a Japanese Bazaar, and Ice cream festival. The Auxiliary will remain over Sunday and spend Monday with their brothers in camp.

The smiles of the laundrymen these hot days rival the blindest expressions of the ice man.

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## Ben. Gidding,

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.

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

'TIS A LONG CRY to July 31st, when we take inventory. But it's coming, and at that time we want to feel ourselves poor in goods. Our rule is to move slow-selling goods at any price. We won't wait until the last week in July to put the knife into the prices, but we start now, when the goods are reasonable. We mention a few things:

### Silks.

Suitable for waists. Silk remnants, 20, 25, 40, 50 and 70c. Their value is just double this.

White dimity, reduced from 20c. to 12 1/2c, and from 15c. to 10c.

### Shirt Waists.

Which were good value at 50c., now 25c., and others that were 35 and 50c., now 20c.

### Remnants

Of Marseilles, to close, from 28c to 18c. Barred Nainsook, reduced from 20 and 25c., to 10 and 15c.

### Shirt Waists.

Of India linen, Pique and other reasonable stuffs, were \$1.00 and \$1.25. To close out the lot, 50c. Shirt waists, which were \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, now \$1.25.

### Bargains in Doylies & Crash Silks

We are closing out Richardson's wash silks at 3 1/2c. per skein. We are also closing out our stock of doylies. These are new goods, bought for this season, but as we have decided to discontinue selling this class of goods, the price will be just cut in half.

### Grocery Department.

You certainly must like the goods we handle. The business in this department is steadily growing every month. We will serve you better, the more business we get from you.

### Rugs, Rugs, Rugs, Rugs.

We have them from the small velvet rug, 18x30, to the carpet size, 12x15. No one can show you the line of these goods that we do. Consider what it means to give you a selection out of 40 rugs, and at all prices. We will give you a velvet rug, suitable for a porch rug, at \$1.10. \$1.50 would be a reasonable price for them. Our carpet stock is full. We keep it so. The newest designs and colorings are always seen on our floors. We will close out our mattings at cost price.

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