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A FIERCE STORM.

Considerable Damage Wrought Throughout the County.

A hard thunder storm, accompanied by glaring flashes of lightning and a heavy wind, swooped down upon this town about seven o'clock Tuesday evening. Instances of damage, caused by the storm, were many in number, but trifling in extent.

An occurrence, occasioned by the lightning, which caused more discomfort for our people than anything else, was the disconnecting of a wire of the fire alarm system. The wire came in contact with an electric light wire, and the bell rang continuously for about ten minutes. The residents were thoroughly aroused, and the fire companies were up and ready to respond before the cause was known.

There was no damage of any extent in this immediate vicinity.

One of the plate glass transoms, above the window at the Farmers National Bank, was blown in and broken.

The chimney on F. P. Pursell's store gave way to the wind and was blown down.

Seldom, indeed, has the downpour of rain been greater than on this occasion. The streets, for a time, were flooded, and in the lower parts of town they were completely inundated.

The damage throughout the county, so far as we have been able to gather, consisted chiefly of roofs being blown off and trees uprooted.

The down train on the Bloomsburg & Sullivan railroad ran into a huge tree which had fallen across the track, a short distance above Stillwater. Fortunately none of the passengers were injured, though the locomotive and the car were considerably wrecked. When the train pulled into Bloomsburg the fact that something had occurred was evident, the locomotive was minus its pilot and the car was steeples. It appears that a sharp curve had obscured the engineer's vision and he was unable to see the obstruction in the way until the train was nearly upon it. He at once applied the brakes, but it was impossible to stop sufficiently sudden to avoid the wreck. All of the passengers congratulated themselves on their escape which is looked upon as miraculous.

The bridge which spans the creek at Light Street was struck by a bolt of lightning and damaged.

The telephone and telegraph lines were crippled by the fierce gale, and it will be several days before good service can be restored.

MRS. WM. H. YETTER.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Wm. H. Yetter, which occurred at her home, corner of Jefferson and Fourth streets, Saturday afternoon, was a great shock to her friends. That she was sick was quite generally known, but no one had any idea that her ailment was of a serious nature.

Mrs. Yetter's name, before marriage, was Brown. She was the youngest daughter of Matthew Brown, deceased, of Millin township, and was born in 1851. Shortly after the death of Mr. Brown the family came to Bloomsburg, and have lived here ever since. Early in life she professed faith in Christ, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the work of the church she always manifested a deep interest and took an active part in its meetings.

In the death of Mrs. Yetter the town has lost one of its highly esteemed residents. Her life was one of kindness and Christian spirit. The surviving members of the family are four sons and two daughters, namely: Orval H., Clyde C., Howard, Harold, Bessie and Martha. The funeral took place from the home Tuesday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. W. M. Frysinger.

Danville Prospects.

Strangers, supposed to be representatives of Canadian capitalists, were in Danville Wednesday and inspected the Bessemer steel plant. It is said they will shortly purchase it. The Pennsylvania railroad, it is said will shortly cross the river and run into Danville and share in handling the output from this industry.

On Monday a little girl of Roland Ikeler, of Bloomsburg, was playing with an express wagon at the home of her grandfather in Mt. Pleasant, when in some manner she ran under a horse, which trampled her under his feet, causing considerable injury. A physician was sent for and the little one made as comfortable as possible. —*Millville Tablet.*

BOARD ORGANIZED.

A meeting for organization of the Board of Trade was held in the Court House last Thursday night. A large number of business men and others were present. C. C. Peacock acted as temporary chairman. The committee to draft a constitution and by-laws made a report, which was adopted. The following officers were elected:

President, John R. Townsend.
Vice President, L. N. Moyer.
Secretary, S. F. Peacock.
Treasurer, A. W. Day.
Executive Committee, J. C. Brown, Louis Gross, F. G. Yorks, W. M. Reber, J. L. Dillon.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Manufactures and Real Estate. C. C. Peacock, J. M. Staver, L. E. Waller, P. E. Wirt, H. V. White.

Legislation and Taxation. Geo. E. Elwell, Frank Ikeler, R. E. Hartman, L. Cohen, O. W. Cherington.

Transportation. W. L. White, F. J. Richards, S. C. Cressy.

Finance. S. Wigfall, A. H. Bloom, E. F. Carpenter.

Publication. J. P. Welsh, H. G. Supplee, R. Hawley Jr.

The Secretary's salary was fixed at \$60 a year, including the use of his office for meetings of Executive Board.

It was directed that the membership fee of \$500 be collected within 30 days. On motion adjourned.

The Board of Trade is now organized, and in operation. Several matters have already been referred to the proper committees. The success of this movement will depend largely upon the vigor with which those in charge shall perform their duties, but it does not depend on that alone. The hearty co-operation of every member is a very considerable element of success. There should be no croaking and fault-finding. Whenever any member, or any other resident, knows of any matter which will in any way benefit the community, he should bring it to the attention of the President or Secretary, and the matter will be referred to a committee and duly considered. That will be much more beneficial to the town and much more satisfactory to everybody, than to find fault with the management because they do not take action on some matter that they have never heard of.

The Board of Trade is organized, as we understand it, principally for the purpose of bringing new industries here that will give employment to a larger number of people, and thus increase the circulation of money, whereby all may be benefitted. It is not for the purpose of feathering the nest of any individual, nor is it for the purpose of furnishing capital to help somebody start in business. What the town needs is more industries with capital of their own. It is the duty of the Board of Trade to hunt up such people, show them the beauties and advantages of our town for manufacturing purposes, assist them in procuring available sites, protect them as far as possible in transportation rates and taxation, and encourage them in every way possible. We believe it is the judgment of most all who are interested in the movement, that it would not be wise to encourage the erection of factories which must be paid for with money raised almost entirely on mortgages and bonds. Such plants are too liable to reach a point in the near future when the security holders find themselves with an idle factory on their hands and some worthless bonds in their pockets. We want reliable, responsible men, with capital and experience of their own, to locate here, and as inducements we can offer them the best locations, transportation on three railroads, cheap coal, taxation exonerated for a term of years, labor at reasonable wages, splendid educational facilities for their children, and a beautiful town to live in. More than that no reasonable business man will expect.

About two weeks ago Mrs. H. Reeves Brayton and little son, Carl, aged two years and five months, arrived in town to make a visit with Mrs. Brayton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Billmeyer. A few days later the little son took sick, and despite the fact that the best medical skill and attention was administered, the disease refused to yield, and on Friday he died. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran Church.

The oyster has but one more month's vacation.

DOINGS IN COURT.

A session of Court was held on Monday at nine o'clock a. m., with Hon. Robert R. Little and Associate Judge Fox presiding.

In Sheriff's sale of property of M. C. Woodward. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Petition of H. A. M'Killip for rule on S. R. Boone, administrator of Rebecca Smith. Rule granted. Opinion and order of Court filed.

Millville Borough sewer. Report of viewers confirmed absolutely.

Petition of Stephen Michael for citation. Citation awarded.

A. W. Shaffer appointed guardian of Helen Shaffer, minor child of Mary F. Shaffer.

Petition of H. W. Shaffer, guardian, for appointment of appraisers. Cyrus Demott and Alfred Heacock appointed appraisers as prayed for.

James Shellhammer appointed guardian of Allen Lunger, minor child of Jennie May Lunger.

Petition for citation directed to Emma J. Shuman and Geo. W. Shuman, administrators of Wm. K. Shuman. Citation awarded.

S. C. Vocum appointed inspector of election in Locust township.

Ida L. McAfee vs. Levi McAfee. Application of W. W. Black, Sheriff, to amend. Granted.

Jos. A. Karns appointed committee of Jacob Kline. Bond approved.

Warren Eyer, Frank Dolman and E. H. Sloan appointed viewers to view site for county bridge over Little Fishingcreek, near Simon Boyer's, on line of Greenwood and Madison townships.

Bond of Thos. E. Brown, constable for Benton Twp., approved.

In memorandum of E. H. Little, deceased. Report of committee read and ordered filed.

Adam Wolosowicz, John Mazajaka, Joseph Sendza, Louis Zelinski, Wm. Juszinski, Peter Peculius and Wm. Bolchunos, natives of Russia, Poland, admitted and sworn as citizens of the United States.

Meeting With Success.

The many friends of Will J. Christ will be pleased to learn of the success with which he is meeting as an evangelist. Mr. Christ for many years resided in Bloomsburg. He served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade in the *Sentinel* office, this town, and worked at the business for several years in the capacity of a journeyman, when he left for Chicago to enter Moody's Bible Institute. The appended article is taken from the *Review*, published at Kahoka, Missouri: "Revival meetings are in progress in the Methodist Church at Luray, under the direction of Evangelist Cameron, of Chicago, assisted by the gospel singer, W. L. Christ. A crowd of house greeted the evangelists at their first service last Sunday evening, and large congregations have been in attendance at each service since. The meetings, as conducted by the evangelists, are exceedingly interesting, there being no dragging, no lost time, no side-tracking, but a rousing, soul-stirring, uplifting service, from beginning to end. The evangelists have been laboring throughout the state of Illinois for the past several months with considerable success, and they now have engagements in Missouri, which will keep them busy in this state for several months to come.

The Gospel Singer, W. L. Christ, was educated under D. B. Towner, Mr. Moody's singing evangelist, and possesses a very fine voice, full of sympathy and expression, which adds greatly to the service.

Evangelist Cameron hails from St. Louis, but has spent the greater part of the past ten years in Chicago and the surrounding country. He was educated in the schools of St. Louis, Blackburn University, Northwestern, Moody Institute and others. His pulpit style is similar to that of Whitfield, the eminent evangelist, and his services are in constant demand."

Precipitated Over an Embankment.

A hack load of people, a majority of them from Danville, was precipitated over an embankment below Rupert Sunday night. James Staver was returning home with his automobile and the horses took fright at it. The driver was unable to control the animals, and the wagon, with its load of humanity, went over the bank. With the exception of a few bruises no one was hurt.

Mr. Staver had gone as far out of the road as possible, and his carriage was not moving. It was the narrowness of the road that caused the accident.

IN MY WALKS.

Whene'er I take my walks abroad,
How many streets I see,
Without a single sign or word
To tell what streets they be;
Policemen frequently get lost
In this fast growing town,
And many other accidents
Happen, that are unknown.

And when I take my walks around,
How many lots I see,
Grown up with most unsightly weeds,
Much higher than your knee;
You need not *work* to get them out,
Another way succeeds,
And every evening spend an hour
In *play* at pulling weeds.

And when I take my morning walk,
Along the streets I see,
With foliage green and stately growth
Full many a graceful tree;
But straggling limbs deform the shape,
As every one can see,
So when the proper season comes
Then trim your beautiful tree.

And when I take an evening walk,
Not many poor I find,
For each before his own house door,
Beneath his spreading vine,
Just lights his pipe, and sweet content
Upon his face doth shine,
While 'round his head, tobacco smoke,
Most gracefully doth twine.

THE SAUNTERER.

NEARLY LOST HIS LIFE.

W. H. Woodin of Berwick Drank Cedar Oil in Mistake for Lithia Water.

A mistake which nearly cost William H. Woodin of Berwick, his life, was made by one of the domestic's Friday night. Before retiring Mr. Woodin ordered some lithia water. The girl picked up a bottle containing turpentine and cedar oil, and handed it to him. Without noticing the color or catching the odor he drained the glass. After a moment or two later the error was discovered and a physician sent for. The prompt response of the doctor saved his life.

He May Call on You.

A new fakir is abroad in the rural regions. He drives through the country and sells soap at five dollars a box, which sum includes the price of forty yards of carpet, selected from samples which he has in his wagon. He takes the five dollars, leaves the box of soap, promises to deliver the carpet of the selected sample within a week and drives away. The soap is worth probably fifty cents. It stays with the purchaser. The carpet is worth probably fifteen dollars, but it stays with the fakir, and has not yet been delivered to a single victim. Farm families should be on their guard against this new fakir and against all other fakirs.

Death At Shickshinny.

William H. Barnett, 60 years old, died on Monday morning at his home in Shickshinny, after an illness of lung trouble. He was an excellent citizen and was a member of the M. E. church and the Knights of Honor. He is survived by his wife and five sons and two daughters—Lillian, at home; Mrs. Allen Woodworth of that place; John of Scranton; Albert of Pittston; Thomas of Wyoming; Charles of Ashley, and James of Bloomsburg. Funeral on Wednesday at 10 a. m., with services at the home. Rev. John H. Dougherty will officiate and interment will be in Pine Hill Cemetery, Shickshinny.—*Wilkesbarre Record.*

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'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 12c, 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 3c. 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 matings at cost price.

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