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## A SEVERE STORM.

Lightning Causes Considerable Damage.—Edward Ivey's Barn Totally Destroyed.

An unusually severe electrical storm and one in which destruction was concomitant visited this section, Sunday evening. It was about half past six o'clock when the clouds began to gather and the large dark colored, swiftly moving bodies, which is always regarded as ominous of danger, was viewed with apprehension by many people, and pedestrians who were out on the streets enjoying the breeze which was fanning the earth at that time, hurried to their homes, for fear of being caught in the heavy down-pour of rain. For some little time before the rain began falling vivid and glaring flashes of lightning lit up the evening sky, making it nearly as light as at noonday. The damage wrought in town, was very little, but in the rural districts many buildings were struck and consumed. Probably the heaviest loser, although the property was insured, is Edward Ivey, who resides in Hemlock township. His barn, a large and well built structure was the target for a bolt of lightning, and the building with all of its contents was completely destroyed. All of this season's hay, grain and many farm implements went up in smoke. Considerable poultry and one calf also perished in the flames. The flames leaped high in the air and illumination was visible for miles around. Mr. Ivey's loss over and above the insurance will probably reach six hundred dollars.

From other sections of the country come reports of damages, which shows that the storm was a general one. At Nescopeck three barn buildings and several smaller structures were devoured by flames, occasioned by lightning. Many stations along the D. L. & W. Railroad were struck, but the bolts were cold ones and consequently little damage was enacted. At Danville, the roof of the silk mill was caught by a gust of wind and blown off. Several other buildings were similarly injured.

## An Odd Funeral.

A funeral, devoid of all solemnity, took place in this town on Tuesday morning, when two foreigners, probably Hungarians, arrived on the Bloomsburg & Sullivan train from Jamison City. They got off the train at the D. L. & W. Station, and proceeded up Market street, carrying between them an ordinary looking box of pine, containing the remains of an infant child, whose death had occurred the day previous. Leaving their dead burden on the curb, at the corner of Market and Main streets, they proceeded up the latter thoroughfare in quest of the Catholic priest. They returned in a few minutes, picked up the box, and continued their march to St. Columba's Church, talking vociferously to each other in their native language.

To Father Barr they gave their names as Jan. Ostafiz and Antonio Ruff. The former was the child's father, and he brought the remains here in order that the rules of the church might be complied with. The arrangements were made and the infant was given a resting place in the Catholic plot in Rosemont cemetery.

## Going to Pittsburg.

Dr. Andrew Graydon is packing his goods, preparatory for his departure to Pittsburg, where he has made arrangements to locate. He will leave here next Wednesday, but his wife and daughter will remain here until he gets settled. During the seven years that they have lived here Dr. Graydon and family have formed many pleasant associations, and they will leave many warm friends who will regret their departure. The Doctor has maintained his high reputation as a physician, and has shown great skill as a surgeon, having performed a number of very delicate operations with great success. As a man and a citizen he has taken high rank, and his departure will be a loss in many ways to this community. We wish him success in his new location.

## Band Festival.

The Buckhorn Cornet Band will hold a festival at Buckhorn on Saturday evening, September 8th. A chicken and waffle supper, and ice cream and cake, and all the delicacies of the season will be served in the best of style. Music will be furnished by the Bloomsburg Band. Should it storm on Saturday evening, festival will be held on Monday evening. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this grand festival.

## FRANCOIS P. DRINKER.

After a short illness Francis P. Drinker died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Meigs, last Thursday evening. He was born in what is now Lackawanna county, November 18, 1832. He came to Bloomsburg when a young man, and was employed as book-keeper at Iron-dale by the Bloomsburg Iron Company for about forty years. He was almost the last of those who were employed at the store of that company. Josiah Ralston who was foreman of the casting house, and Joshua Fetterman who had charge of the canal wharves, are about the only survivors of the employees of that company. Mr. Drinker served in the army during the rebellion. He was married to Mary Chamberlin in 1864, and four children were born to them. Mrs. Ernest N. Perrin deceased; Mrs. W. P. Meigs of Bloomsburg; William W. and Francis P. Drinker of Scranton. The funeral took place on Saturday morning, services being conducted by Rev. Dr. Hemingway in the absence of Rev. D. N. Kirkby. The remains were taken to Scranton for burial in the family lot.

Mrs. Drinker died a few months ago, and since then he had been living with his son-in-law, W. P. Meigs. He was elected President of the Town Council two or three years in succession, and has since been known as Mayor Drinker. He was fond of literature, and had read extensively. In his earlier years he wrote excellent poetry, and could quote and recite by the hour. Since his retirement from Irondale he has led a retired life.

## WEDDED.

ENT—GIRARD.—At the home of the bride on Catharine street, Bloomsburg, Mr. O. W. Ent and Miss Elizabeth Girard, by Rev. J. D. Thomas, pastor of the Reformed church, on Tuesday, August 28th at 10 o'clock a. m.

The bride is an estimable young lady who has many friends, and is a daughter of Rosetta Girard. Mr. Ent is a son of Mrs. Helen Ent and the late Sheriff Uzal H. Ent, and is now and for some years past has been holding the responsible position of railway postal clerk on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, between New York and Pittsburg. The wedding was attended by a number of invited guests and relatives. The house was prettily decorated, and after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. The bride and bridegroom left on the Pennsylvania road for a tour, but as is now the custom, did not disclose their destination. Many useful and beautiful presents were bestowed upon the bride, among them a handsome side board, and a mahogany rocker. We extend congratulations to this worthy young couple, and wish them long life, prosperity and happiness.

## Death By Lightning.

Ralph Richards, twenty one years of age was struck by lightning and instantly killed while going home from work last Thursday evening. He had just completed his days labor in the foundry of the car shops at Berwick, and started for his home near Foundryville. He had proceeded but a short distance when the heavens were illuminated by a glaring flash, the bolt descended and entering the young man's body, killed him instantly. His body was discovered by Frank Reddall, just outside of whose door the sad event occurred. His face was very black and it was with some difficulty that he was recognized. He is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Adam Schalles, the well-known band leader, died at his home in Berwick Thursday evening of last week. Death is attributed to walking typhoid fever, with which he had been afflicted for several weeks. He had been a resident of Berwick for ten years, during which time he was instructor of the band at that place. His reputation as a leader extended far beyond the limits of his home town, and frequently his services were sought by other places.

## Fine Stationery.

The job department of the COLUMBIAN is now prepared to show its patrons a fine line of stationery, in bond and linen papers, for unruled letter and note heads, in blue, white or cream, with envelopes to match. It is suitable for either pen or typewriter. Admirers of fine stationery are invited to call and see it. The prices are very low for the class of goods.

## Letter From a Former Columbia Countian.

WESTON, WOOD CO., OHIO, Aug. 24. MR. GEO. E. ELWELL,

DEAR SIR:—While I enclose you a one dollar bill for renewal to the COLUMBIAN and the offer of the *Farm Journal* if I am entitled to it, I will give you a few lines of the doings of Wood county, Ohio. At the present time we are having a wet spell—too wet for farmers to plow; in fact we have had plenty of rain all season. Crops are fine with the exception of wheat, which as a general crop is very poor. West of me a mile is a streak of country that is having an extra yield, some as high as 38 bushels to the acre. Oats big straw and is yielding light although some extra good, as high as 80 bushel per acre. Corn good but not as good as the last year. Our corner of the country is making big improvements in the way of buildings, fences and the clearing up and cleaning new land.

Our town of Weston improves. There has been within the past two years some fine brick business blocks put up. The town is lighted with electricity. We have two rural mail routes out of the town and the third under way. Our post master gets \$1200 per year, and each carrier gets \$500. There is not much excitement in politics as yet.

We are having quite a boom in land, a great deal changing hands at good prices, several of my neighbors have sold at \$75.00 per acre with fair improvements. I have been offered \$70 for mine. I now have all under cultivation but 8 acres, enclosed on the north and west with a new wire fence. I doubt if you would know the place.

For the past six weeks we have had extremely warm weather. Everybody that has an interest in G. A. R. affairs are getting themselves in shape for Chicago next week. Railroad fare from here is \$4.55 round trip, a good chance to see the city. We do not have a week to pass by that there is not an excursion some place.

Yours respectfully,  
J. HOWARD KLINE.

## A Grand Picnic.

The Union Sunday school picnic held in Hess' Grove at Rupert last Saturday was a grand success. The three schools, Swenoda, Buckhorn Lutheran and Methodist united and held their first annual picnic at that place. The morning broke with a heavy fog, for a while, but by ten o'clock the sun shone out with intense heat, but the day proved to be all that could be desired for the occasion. By twelve o'clock the crowd numbered six hundred people or more. The Buckhorn Cornet Band enlivened the large audience with fine music during the day, and many congratulations were tendered them for their excellent music and the marked success they have attained.

It is needless to say any thing of the fine dinner prepared by our good farmers' wives, and others as they are well qualified in the art of cooking. The day was spent in a most enjoyable way from the smallest to the oldest, in swinging, pitching quoits and other amusements. W. H. seemed to have a prominent part in many of the plays, and caused much laughter with his comic jokes. A kind, friendly feeling reigned supreme throughout the day with the different schools represented. May we all live to have the pleasure of attending more such picnics in the near future is the wish of all who were there. A MEMBER.

## Knocked From a Tree by a Live Wire.

Lineman Kesty Narrowly Escaped Being Seriously Injured.

W. M. Kesty of Bloomsburg, a lineman in the employ of the Montour & Columbia Telephone Company, received a severe shock from an electric light wire Friday afternoon and came very near being seriously injured.

Kesty, in company with another lineman, was engaged in trimming shade trees on Lower Mulberry street, which interfere with the company's wires. He had climbed a tree for the purpose of cutting off some of its boughs. A number of smaller branches were resting on the wires and Kesty reached out with his pincers to push them away.

The pincers accidentally came in contact with the wires and the lineman received a shock, which rendered him unconscious and he fell from the tree to the pavement a distance of over twelve feet.—Danville News.

At a sacred concert, given last Sunday evening, at the Sinclair, a high-class summer hotel in the White Mountains, at Bethlehem, New Hampshire, the following program was rendered:

1. Swedish Wedding March, Soderman Orchestra.
2. Piano Solo (a. Album Leaf, Elwell; b. An den Fruhling, Grieg; Mr. Elwell.)
3. Overture—La Hiltre, Auber Orchestra.
4. Duet for Flute and Cornet, Mendelssohn Messrs. Everts and Ross.
5. Pilgrim Chorus from Tanhauser Wagner Orchestra.
6. Baritone Solo, Pafafasi di Notturmo, Op. 52, No. 2, Chopin Mr. Wilford Russel.
7. Hearts and Flowers, Tobani Orchestra.

## SINCLAIR ORCHESTRA.

H. E. Fischer, Leader.

The Mr. Elwell named is Charles P. Elwell, formerly of this town.

A fakir, on the corner of Market and Main Streets, the other evening voiced some truthful words when he said: "This is a peculiar world. One is struggling for justice while another is trying to escape it. One man is denying himself of actual necessities in order to save enough money to build a house, and another is trying to sell his house for less money than it cost to build it. One man is spending all he makes to take his girl to picnics and buy flowers for her, in the hope of making her his wife, while probably, next door, you will find a man spending all he has in getting a divorce." And he could have enumerated many more cases just like them. Verily, nothing is stranger than truth, nothing, at times, more terrible.

A year-old-child of Samuel Marks of Danville, came very near losing its life a few days ago. While playing alone it swallowed the lid of a tin box nearly an inch in diameter. The child began to choke and was coughing violently when the mother seeing its danger ran to its relief. Opening its mouth she was just able to reach the box lid which she drew out with her fingers. The child's throat was fearfully lacerated by the sharp tin and it was necessary to call in the family physician.

John Clark Stulen, a well known mechanical engineer, and nephew of E. C. Wells of this town, died at Saranac Lake, N. Y. a few days ago. Mr. Stulen directed the survey for the proposed Columbia and Montour electric railway, which was made the latter part of last winter. He was twenty seven years old and resided at Athens, Pa.

The low rate excursion to Chicago occasioned by the Grand Army Encampment which is being held in that city, was well patronized from Bloomsburg. The following left: Miss Emma Webb, who will visit in Indiana, Mrs. C. S. Furman, N. B. Fowler and daughter Mrs. F. M. Gilmore and Philip B. Moyer.

"Hearts of Men" is full of human interest. It illustrates how some men will plot for even a brother's ruin. Opera House, Oct. 9.

## J. G. WELLS,

Successor to S. F. Peacock & Co., Market Square.

## SPECIAL SALE

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- Gem Gas Lamp, reduced \$2.00 to \$1.50.
- Everlit Lamp, reduced \$1.50 to 75c.
- Jim Dandy, reduced \$1.25 to 60c.
- Unique, reduced \$2.00 to \$1.00.
- Globe Vapor, reduced \$2.00 to \$1.00.
- Light Weight, reduced \$1.25 to 60c.
- Veeder Cyclometer, 50c.
- Sheppard Cyclometer, 20c.
- Sheppard Ber. Gear, 60c.
- U. S. Trip Cyclometer, 60c.
- U. S. Odemeter, \$1.50.
- Bicycle Bells, 10c. to 50c.
- Shoe Saddle, 75c.
- Gillian, \$1.05.
- Victor, 1.05.
- Christy, 1.05.

A few Split Bamboo Fishing Rods left. \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.50.

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# Ben. Gidding,

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.

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# CARPETS!

Rather warming during this kind of weather to talk of carpets. But the fall is coming on apace and you will want something to brighten up your rooms. It is almost useless for us to tell you what you so well know, that we are headquarters for carpets of all kinds. None can show you the selection we do, nor the variety in quality and prices. We can give you carpets from 16c. up to \$2.00 per yard, and all between. Our carpet room is so well lighted that we can show you just how your carpet will look when on the floor.

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