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Eclipsed Them All.

That is The Consensus of Opinion of The Big Fair Last Week.

A Heavy Track Made Fast Time Impossible—Thursday and Friday's Attendance Was Unprecedented.

The forty-sixth annual exhibition of the Columbia County Agricultural Society has come and gone. In the opinion of those who have been in the habit of attending the big show year after year, it was the best ever held. On Monday the skies became overcast with dark clouds, rain began to fall and because of the fact that it had been dry so long, the officials feared that the rain would be of a continued nature and destroy the possibility of a successful exhibition. The weather man, however, was considerate for the welfare of the society, and beginning Tuesday and continuing for the balance of the week dished up an article that gave an impetus to everybody and everything. The attendance on Wednesday, while not large, was very gratifying. Thursday things were different. All the railroads brought in long trains packed with people. Main street from early morning until nearly noon, was filled with a stream of buggies, carriages, spring wagons and every other imaginable sort of conveyance. The fair ground fairly swarmed with people. It is beyond our ability to state with any degree of accuracy the number of people who paid admission, but we are safe in placing it at 15,000. They spread themselves over the broad acres and took in everything within scope of their vision. The huge circle or enclose directly in from the grand stand was packed to its fullest capacity with horses and carriages, while the acres surrounding the eating stands was a veritable sea of humanity.

The main building was filled with beautiful exhibits, every foot of space being utilized. There was a large and varied display of fruits, bread, butters, pastry, cake, etc. The exhibit of live stock was fully up to that of former years, especially that of poultry, which was considered the best ever seen on the ground. It would be almost impossible to think of a single variety that was not represented.

Many of our merchants took advantage of the opportunity to display their wares, and the artistic arrangement of the various exhibits in the main building, called forth much praise.

J. G. Wells, successor to S. F. Peacock & Company, occupied a space on the west side of the building, in which he showed a nice line of the leading articles in hardware.

J. H. Mercer's display of lamps was commented upon by everyone. Mr. Mercer has been handling this line of goods for many years. His stock is always full, and complete.

The Normal School exhibited a lot of work done in the Manual Training Department, consisting of the various kinds of wood work. The display challenged the attention of thousands as they passed through the building.

L. E. Whary made a handsome showing in stoves and ranges.

F. P. Pursel's exhibit of furniture was the cynosure of all eyes. Mr. Pursel is the only person in town handling the product of the Hawley Slate Furniture Company. Every requisite in this line can be supplied by him, and the prices are surprisingly low.

Another exhibit in furniture that was deserving of notice was that of H. G. Supplee.

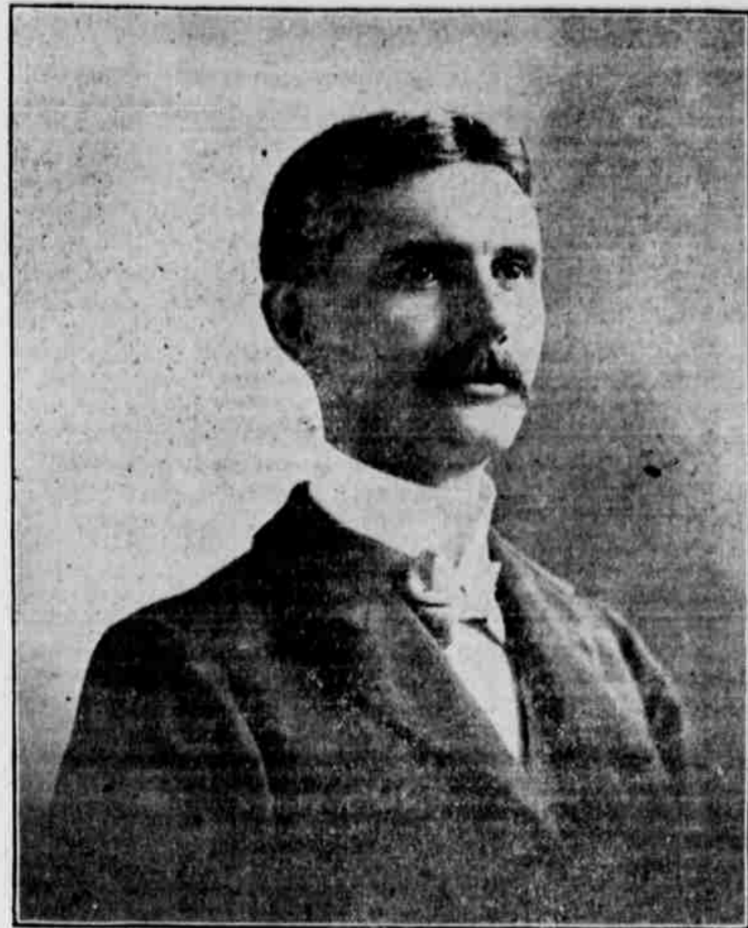
As usual J. Saltzer was on hand and his booth was surrounded by large crowds every day of the exposition. His exhibit of pianos, organs, etc., was more varied than ever. Miss Deia Geisinger of Espy demonstrated the good qualities of the different pianos, and her playing was much enjoyed.

A little farther on in the building was another exhibit of musical merchandise, that of Gomer Thomas. Mr. Thomas was on hand every day and passed out handsome souvenirs in the shape of fans and cards to the throngs as they passed by.

The display of pictures by S. R.

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HON. RUFUS K. POLK,



Democratic Candidate for Congress.

EXPLOSION OF CARBIDE

In The Basement of The Opera House Block.

What might be termed a fortunate unfortunate accident occurred in the basement of the Opera House Block Friday evening a few minutes before six o'clock. About six weeks ago Mr. Fowler discontinued the use of town gas, and decided to furnish his own light. He placed in the cellar an acetylene generator.

The new system of illumination gave the best of satisfaction until Friday evening when the lights apparently became dim. Desirous of ascertaining the cause of the decrease in light, Mr. Fowler went into the cellar, and after lighting a jet proceeded toward the generator. He had taken only a step or two, when an explosion occurred shaking the foundations of the building. The top of the generator was blown off, and it was otherwise damaged. There were several buckets fastened to the generator, containing the carbide. These were lying on the floor and in some manner caught fire, and for the instant forgetting the danger of his act Mr. Fowler threw a bucket of water on them. This caused another explosion but the report was not near so loud as the first. He finally succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, and made his way to the top of the steps, where he was met by members of various fire companies who had responded to a call sent in from box 13, located on the corner of Main and Center streets.

A connection had been made and the water turned on. Mr. Fowler gave orders to turn the hose the other way, explained the great danger of throwing water on the carbide. The firemen at once comprehended the situation and the hose was carried out just as the water had reached the nozzle.

The windows of Frank Parks' barber shop were all broken by the concussion as was also several panes in W. O. Holmes' plumbing establishment window. Mr. Fowler had his eyelashes singed, but otherwise was uninjured.

The accident was unfortunate, but fortunate that it occurred when it did. Had it happened two hours later, the Opera House would have been filled with people, a panic would surely have followed, and many people would have been seriously injured if not killed.

The result of a cry of fire when a performance is in progress was demonstrated two years ago, and then the blaze was a mile from the theatre. With the fire in the building at such a time the result can be better imagined than described.

Sabbath Services of U. E. Church, Oct. 21.

Sunday School at 9:15 a. m.; Preaching to the old people to whom a special invitation is given at 10:30. Junior K. L. C. E. at 1:45. A general experience meeting for the old people at 2:30. Senior K. L. C. E. at 6 p. m. Preaching to the young people at 7 p. m. Prayer and Teachers Meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Several strangers are expected to speak in these services. A cordial invitation is extended to all these services.

J. W. BENTZ, Pastor.

BAR MEETING.

Resolutions Passed on the Death of Charles C. Barkley Esq.

Pursuant to a call, the members of the Bar of Columbia County met in the Court Room on Saturday, October 13th at one o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting was called to order by Col. John G. Freeze, President of the Bar Association, who stated the object of the gathering, and called on the committee on resolutions, previously appointed, for their report, which was read by H. A. M'Killip Esq. The report is as follows:

To the President and Members of the Bar of Columbia County:—Your committee on resolutions offers on behalf of the Bar, its tribute to the memory of Charles Gillespie Barkley, Esq.

On Wednesday morning, October 10th, 1900, the mortal life of Mr. Barkley was rounded with the sleep that knows no waking for the body.

Although until the end hopes were entertained for his restoration to health, yet not unexpected came the silent messenger to summon him from things earthly to things spiritual.

Mr. Barkley was born January 30, 1839. After spending a portion of his life as a teacher in our common schools and as County Superintendent he devoted his entire attention to the practice of law.

In 1860 he began the study of law with Col. John G. Freeze, was admitted to the Bar in 1863, and began active practice in 1872, at the expiration of his duties as County Superintendent.

Mr. Barkley was twice a member of the Town Council; for a number of years Town Solicitor; Solicitor for the County, and was also a candidate for President Judge of this district in 1889, but failed of nomination; from 1874 until his death he was a trustee of the State Normal School and for a time Principal of the same institution.

As a citizen Mr. Barkley was progressive and active in everything tending to the welfare of the community in its religious, educational and commercial economy. As a man his daily life was a continual exemplification of high and noble characteristics; his strength of character, deep religious convictions, his probity and unblemished reputation developed his useful career and his qualities as a leader.

As a lawyer Mr. Barkley was in the front rank at the Bar. Well grounded in legal principles, peculiarly deliberate, cool and clear in his reasoning and judgment, standing boldly and tenaciously for his clients' interests, yet taking no undue advantage, unswerving in his integrity, he was at once a wise, safe and conscientious counsellor, and in his death the community has lost a good citizen; the Bar an able advocate, a companionable man, one true in his friendships and ever ready to smooth for others the rough parts of life; and the family a loving and indulgent husband and father.

CHARLES W. MILLER, ROBERT BUCKINGHAM, H. A. M'KILLIP.

It was ordered that the report be filed, spread upon the minutes, and a copy sent to the family of the deceas-

ed. Judge Little attempted to address the meeting but was so overcome with emotion that he was unable to proceed. Touching remarks were made by Ex Judges Herring and Hinckley, in which they dwelt upon the virtues of Mr. Barkley as a man, his ability, industry and integrity as a lawyer, and his usefulness as a citizen. Judge Herring closed by reciting some beautiful verses entitled, "We shall know each other better when the mists have passed away."

The following lawyers were present: John G. Freeze, Robert S. Howell, Frank Ikeler, C. A. Small, C. C. Evans, L. Mensch; Hon. H. M. Hinckley, of Danville; John M. Clark, R. Buckingham, John G. Harman, Hon. R. R. Little, H. Stees, A. W. Doy, J. H. Maize, G. E. Elwell, P. E. Wirt, G. S. Herring, H. A. M'Killip, W. A. Evert, R. R. John, J. C. Kline, C. C. Yetter, G. M. Tustin, A. N. Yost, J. B. Robison, T. J. Vander-slice, R. R. Zarr, C. C. Weiss, A. L. Fritz, L. E. Waller, N. U. Funk, W. D. Beckley, H. V. White and Wm. Chrisman.

Among the persons from out of town in attendance were Associate Judge J. U. Kurtz, of Berwick, Hon. E. M. Tewksbury and Hon. W. T. Creasy of Catawissa.

At 1:45 the Bar proceeded in a body to the residence on Market street where the burial ceremony of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. D. N. Kirkby. The body lay in the parlor in a handsome casket, surrounded with a profusion of beautiful flowers and floral designs. As the line of lawyers passed around the casket and looked for the last time upon the features of their dead associate who lay as if wrapped in peaceful slumber, many a cheek was moistened with tears as they came out.

The pall-bearers were A. Z. Schoch, Paul E. Wirt, F. D. Dentler, J. C. Kline, John R. Townsend, H. A. M'Killip, Louis Cohen and F. R. Carpenter, by whom were represented the Normal School Board of Trustees, the Bar, the Masonic fraternity, and two, Messrs. Wirt and Kline, who pursued their legal studies in Mr. Barkley's office.

A large concourse of people followed the funeral cortege to Rosemont Cemetery, where the last rites were performed, and the mortal remains of Charles Gillespie Barkley were laid away forever.

Baptist Church.

At the Baptist Church, on Sunday, the pulpit will be supplied in the morning by J. J. Robinson, who will give a Bible reading of an intensely interesting character.

Services at 10:30 a. m. At the evening service, at 7 o'clock, Mr. N. L. Peabody, formerly of Scranton, Gen. Sec'y Y. M. C. A., Trenton, N. J., will occupy the pulpit. Sunday school, at 9 a. m. Junior B. E. O. U., at 2:30 p. m. Young people's meeting, 6 p. m. Everybody invited to these services.

J. D. SMITH, Pastor.

Died.

DEITRICH.—In Centre Twp., on the 14th inst., Mrs. Maria Deitrich, aged 87 years and 3 months. Her remains were interred in the St. James cemetery on Thursday.

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