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J. H. Ertwine. A NOTABLE SOCIAL EVENT. Mr. Joe Heim, of Danville, and Miss Blanche Gross Wedded at High Noon Wednesday.

Wednesday, at high noon, merry wedding bells announced the marriage of two well known young people, which was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents on East Main Street, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gross, when their eldest daughter, Miss Blanche, was united in happy wedlock to Mr. Joe Heim, son of Julius Heim, of Danville. The event had been anticipated by the public for some time, owing to the social standing and popularity of the contracting parties, and it was therefore looked forward to with considerable interest.

The procession entered the parlor promptly at the appointed time, with three little girls, Misses Elsie and Grace Bloch, of Danville, and Miss Sylvia Gross, a sister of the bride, all charmingly attired, leading the way, and in an easy graceful fashion they tossed beautiful blushing flowers in the path of the bride and groom. The party proceeded to the center of the room, where, under a canopy of roses and smilax, the ceremony was performed by Rev. Adolph Meyer, of Danville. Miss Lot Boyer, of Plymouth, presided at the piano.

The bride was handsomely attired in white silk mull, trimmed with real lace and carried a bouquet of immaculate white roses. Miss Gertrude Heim, a sister of the groom acted as the maid of honor. Her costume was point d'esprit over white taffeta. The groom and best man, Gerald Gross, brother of the bride, were dressed in the customary black.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was partaken of, which was prepared and served by Mrs. Dodson, cateress. Excellent music was furnished by Mr. Charles Breen and Miss Mary Albert, and the guests made use of it by dancing.

The festivities were continued until six o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Heim took their departure over the D. L. & W. Railroad for a bridal tour. After their return they will take up their residence in Danville, where they will be "at home" to their friends.

Guests were present from many cities and towns. The bride received many rare and beautiful gifts. One of the pleasing features of the occasion was the attractive house decorations. The entire interior presented an exquisite appearance.

DEATH OF JOSHUA FETTERMAN.

He Was One of Bloomsburg's Oldest Residents.—Death Follows a Paralytic Stroke.

Numbered among those who have passed from this care-encumbered existence is another of Bloomsburg's oldest residents, Joshua Fetterman. He had reached and passed the eighty-fifth anniversary, an age seldom attained by man in these days. Though up and about the house, and frequently on the streets, for brief periods at a time. Mr. Fetterman had been in poor health for many years. He was a victim of various complaints, chief among which were deafness and blindness. During the last two years, he had to be given constant attention but notwithstanding this his family had no idea that the end was so near. The first evidence that the death angel hovered near, appeared early Friday morning, when he was overcome by a paralytic stroke. Heavy breathing attracted Mrs. Fetterman's attention and investigating she found her husband unconscious. All possible aid was given him, but it was ruled otherwise and in two hours thereafter his eyes were sealed in death. Mr. Fetterman's exact age was eighty-five years, eleven months and one day.

Deceased was born in what is now Locust township, Columbia Co., Pa., January 20, 1815, son of George and Elizabeth (Soule) Fetterman. He was reared in Locust township, and assisted his father on the farm until seventeen years of age. He followed various pursuits until 1844 when he came to Bloomsburg to superintend the construction of the Iron Dale furnace, and here has since remained. He superintended there until 1881. In 1882 he was elected County Commissioner of Columbia county, which position he held for three years. Since then he may be said to have withdrawn from active labor, although he has superintended farming on a piece of land on the outskirts of Bloomsburg. He married in this county, August 25, 1844, Miss Rebecca Miller, of Columbia county, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Mostellar) Miller. To Mr. and Mrs. Fetterman six children were born, two of whom are living; Lizzie, wife of William Allen, of Bloomsburg, and Harriet, wife of J. C. Weigand, of Wilkes-Barre. The deceased are William H., who died at the age of four months; Rachel Alice, died at the age of one year and four months; Charles Miller, died aged six years and five months, and Frances M. died August 12, 1886, aged forty years. Deceased is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Hamilton Fisher, of Catawissa. Mr. Fetterman was a member of Bloomsburg Lodge, A. F. & A. M. The funeral took place from his late residence Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran church. Interment in Rosemont Cemetery.

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A watch meeting will be held in St. Paul's Church on New Year's eve, beginning at 11:30 o'clock.

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A new year's social will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building Jan. 1, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Wellersville Postoffice is no more. The establishment of the free delivery in that section is the cause of its abandonment.

Dr. J. C. Reitsnyder, who arrived home last week from the Philippines has been appointed a surgeon at West Point Academy. At the expiration of his leave of absence he will report at that place.

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The dance in Evans' Hall on Wednesday evening, was a success. The attendance was good, the hall prettily draped, and the music by Fiske's orchestra, of Williamsport, was delightful. About fifty couples were present, and the amount realized for the public library fund will be between thirty and forty dollars, after paying all expenses.

Death of Harry Chamberlin.

Harry B. Chamberlin, died suddenly at the Eagle Hotel, Bethlehem, Friday evening. The announcement of the occurrence was received with profound sorrow by the many friends of the young man in this town. He had not been ill. He was at his post of duty, as chief clerk of the above named hotel, which is conducted by his aunt Mrs. Hoppes. He made no complaints, but was taken suddenly ill, the supposition is, with heart disease, and before he could be removed to his room, expired. The sad news was conveyed to his brother Silas Chamberlin, of this town by a telegram Saturday morning. Harry was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and as the news was whispered from one to another of his acquaintances, they were deeply touched. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mills C. Chamberlin, and was born and reared to manhood in Bloomsburg. He was about thirty-eight years of age and unmarried. The remains were brought to Bloomsburg over the Reading Railroad Monday afternoon. Interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery. Rev. W. M. Fryinger, of the Methodist church, conducted a short service over the remains at the grave.

Calendars. For some unexplained reason the Calendars for 1901, which we ordered some time ago, have not arrived. They are expected soon, and one will be given to every subscriber in arrears who pays for a year or more. Those who have paid in advance can get one by calling at the office. We shall have none for general distribution, except to our patrons.

F. P. Davis, of Mt. Pleasant, has been appointed general agent for Columbia County, by the Lackawanna Fertilizer & Chemical Co., of Moosic. He handles a good article, and all orders will receive prompt attention. His postoffice address is Bloomsburg, 2t

EAST BENTON. Michael Beishline, of Bendertown, died a week ago last Tuesday, and was buried at New Columbus on the following Thursday, aged 77 years, 5 months and a few days. He has been in failing health for a year or more back, but the wear and tear of his physical condition, by continued and industrial habits, contributed more to the termination of a long life than from the causes of disease. He was well known and highly respected. He was a mason by trade.

Nathan Dreisbach, of Jonestown, is the oldest man in eastern Fishing-creek, and probably the oldest man in the township. He is climbing up pretty well in the eighties, and is hale and hearty, and bids fair to become a centenarian.

Benton, for an inland town, is a very busy mart. It is in reality a hive, not only of industry, but of mercantile importance, second to none of our larger towns. A casual observer, or an occasional visitor, cannot otherwise than be struck with the appearance on the streets and sidewalks of throngs of people who come there to trade. It is a beautiful town, inhabited by a thrifty and industrious people, and it is the abode of all classes, trades and professions. For the progress of the town Benton owes much to the Argus, which always advocated measures to boom the place.

The most beautiful weather for the closing days of December, or the holiday season, seems to prevail in our locality. The condition of the weather, roads, and all things else considered, it is far preferable to snow. It is a most delightful season.

We have no news to report from the copper plant, up the creek, but we hope the enterprise will prove very successful to those engaged in it. It would boom the up-creek country 'till everything jingled.

Looking back three or four decades, great changes are noticeable. Those neighbors we had then are gone; those merchants with whom we dealt are here no more. All around us are new neighbors, new merchants, new business men, new professional men, and all things else changed. Behold! Old acquaintances have passed away, and new acquaintances have taken their places.

The monotony of country life affords but few opportunities for new-gatherers. We hear it rumored that a bear prowls the country of the Raven-creek valley. Sometimes boys get frightened, and raise spook and bear stories, and sometimes a "quill" even puts them to flight.

From observation we learn that bugs of all species and descriptions lie dormant and inactive during the winter season, except the humbug. This bug is an American favorite, and invades the credulity of all classes, and at all seasons of the year. Oh, no, the American people will never dispense with this pet bug—the everlasting and notorious humbug.

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THE MYSTERY OF HAIL. Nobody Really Knows How These Frozen Globules Are Formed. Hail is a mystery. Nobody knows how it is formed, though there are several theories. A hailstone is made like an onion, of a series of concentric coats. These coats of ice are apparently put on in succession by repeated freezings, but in what manner is unknown. One notion suggested is that the frozen raindrop, which is the nucleus is alternately attracted and repelled through opposing storm clouds of positive and negative electrification respectively, and that it gradually increases in size as it is carried to and fro, and continually takes on freezing coats of moisture. Another theory is that the particles of hail are carried in a sort of giant whirl, first aloft and then downward, as portions of cumulus clouds are sometimes seen to move, and that they gather successive coats of moisture at the lower levels and convert them into ice in the frigid strata of the higher atmosphere. Extraordinary conditions must be required to account for the formation of the huge hailstones which sometimes fall, occasional specimens actually reaching the size of hens' eggs. A number of years ago a storm of this kind destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of glass in the city of Philadelphia, and many persons were severely hurt by the larger stones—veritable projectiles of ice—which dropped from the skies. Sometimes hailstones assume strange and irregular forms, which is perhaps due to the joining of two or more of them in the air. An odd phenomenon is observed in the blizzards of the Western plains—the true blizzards, so-called, in the East. The air is filled, not with snowflakes, but with actual needles of ice, which sting painfully wherever they strike the flesh. A snowstorm in a room actually occurred at a court ball in St. Petersburg. The temperature indoors had gone up to some 90 degrees, and several ladies having fainted, rush was made to open the windows. There was no storm outside, but as soon as the windows were thrown up snow began to fall inside the ballroom, the moisture in the air having suddenly condensed by the extreme cold without. It is believed by some that the cirrus clouds, popularly known as "mares' tails," which usually float at an elevation of about seven miles, are composed, not of particles of water in suspension, but of needles of ice, the temperature of the air at that height being much below freezing.—"Saturday Evening Post."

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SATISFACTION OF A MORTGAGE. IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF C. W. NEAL, ATTY. IN FACT, FOR SATISFACTION OF AN ANCIENT MORTGAGE.

To all whom it may concern: The petition of C. W. Neal, attorney in fact for M. A. Shipley and J. B. Neal, of the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, represents: That the above-mentioned parties, or whom your petitioner is attorney, are the owners of part of two certain tracts of land, situate in the said Town of Bloomsburg, and described as follows: All that certain messuage or tenement, and five lots of land, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, in Bloomsburg Township, Berwick, on the south by an alley dividing from lands of William L. Smith, on the northeast by back alley of the said Town of Bloomsburg, and on the northwest by a lot of Samuel Lilly, containing 1 acre and 40 perches, strict measure; and also all that certain parcel of land, or parcel of lands, in Bloomsburg Township, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post, and running thence along north alley, otherwise called back alley, of the Town of Bloomsburg, aforesaid, south 90 and 3-4 degrees east, 25 perches and 5-10 to a post; thence north 80 degrees east, 14 perches and 3-10 to a post; thence by lands of William L. Smith, south 90 degrees and 4-10 to a post; thence by lands of David Snyder, south 31 and 3-4 degrees west, 65 perches and 2-10 to the place of beginning, containing 15 acres and 128 perches, strict measure.

That on April 30, 1847, William McKelvey, then owner of said premises, executed and delivered to Philip Christianman now deceased, a certain mortgage, securing a widow's dower against said premises, the payment of which was secured by a legal presumption, by reason of lapse of time said mortgage being recorded in the Recorder's office for said county in Mortgage Book No. 4, page 90, etc. That both the said William McKelvey and Philip Christianman are long since deceased, and that the name of the present holder or holders of said mortgage is not known to your petitioner. He therefore prays the Court to order the sheriff of said county to give public notice and to proceed as required by the Act of Assembly, in such case made and provided.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., to pass upon exceptions and to distribute the fund to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit, at the office of Grant Herring, Esq., in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Friday, January 25, 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in said estate must appear, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund. T. J. VANDESLICE, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., to distribute the fund to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit, at the office of W. H. Bihann Esq., in Catawissa, Pa., on Tuesday, January 23, 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in said estate must appear, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund. JOHN G. FRICKER, Auditor.

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ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the members of the Columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association, for the election of officers, will be held in the Court House, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, January 19, 1901, at two o'clock p. m. A. N. YOST, Secretary.

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