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## HARTMAN'S OPENING.

The Enlarged Store Room Crowded With a Pleased Throng.

For several weeks past the sound of hammer and saw was going on in the store room of I. W. Hartman & Son, and as soon as the work of enlargement had progressed sufficiently so that a definite time for a spring opening could be fixed, the announcement was made that this firm would have their store-room ready for inspection on Tuesday, April 30th, and the public was invited to visit them on that day. Accordingly, a throng of people, running into thousands, took occasion to show their esteem for this well-known firm by lending their presence at the opening. They found a store-room double the size of the old one, occupying the entire first floor of the Hartman block, a large, light, bright, cheerful establishment, handsomely decorated with flowers and plants, and with shelves and counters filled with a great assortment of attractive and desirable goods, an enumeration of which would fill this paper. They found an extra force of obliging clerks ready to wait on them, and they found a counter where delicious coffee, tea, and cake were served by Mrs. Dodson and a corps of assistants. They listened with pleasure to the excellent music furnished by Prof. Breen's orchestra of six pieces, and so far as we have heard any expression on the part of those in attendance, it was a most enjoyable occasion.

Among the floral displays was a beautiful vase of roses and carnations, with a card bearing this inscription: "May success and prosperity attend you." It was presented by H. J. Clark & Son, and it was a very courteous gift from an esteemed competitor that was highly appreciated by the recipients. Expressions of good will were also received from other merchants, which were very gratifying to I. W. Hartman & Son.

It was a source of much regret both on the part of the firm, and of their many visitors, that the head of the house, I. W. Hartman, was prevented by illness from being present. He is the oldest merchant in Bloomsburg, having been engaged in trade here for over fifty years. During all that time he has maintained a reputation for honesty, integrity and fair business dealing, and has stood as one of our most prominent and enterprising and highly respected citizens. His many friends hope that his illness will not long detain him from his accustomed duties at the store.

The junior member of this firm, Robert E. Hartman, upon whom has devolved the active management of the business, is a hustler, and stands in the front rank of our younger business men, and the old time reputation of the house for enterprise and fair dealing has been fully maintained by him.

The opening arrangements were admirably planned, and most successfully and satisfactorily carried out, and we have no doubt that the public admires and fully appreciates the enterprise and energy that has led this firm to make these extensive alterations and improvements, and will show it by a continuance of the liberal patronage that has for so many years been bestowed upon I. W. Hartman & Son.

## Committed to Jail.

Edward Snyder, Trego Milroy, Joseph Lovett and Clyde Keifer, all of Danville were brought to Bloomsburg Tuesday evening by a couple of officers charged with stealing brass from the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co. They were given a hearing before Squire Guy Jacoby, and in default of bail were committed to jail.

The brass, it appears, was stolen at Catawissa a week or more ago. It represented a large quantity which was stored in a wooden building adjoining the round house on the P. & R. premises. The booty was secured by breaking off the door.

Ever since the robbery the detectives have been quietly at work not only in Danville but in Catawissa and Bloomsburg. It was not until Tuesday that affairs were in a shape to make an arrest.

## Special Song Service.

Mr. O. H. Yetter will conduct a service of song in the Y. M. C. A. Building next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The full Y. M. C. A. Choir will be present and will render a number of selections. A cordial invitation is extended to all men to attend and enjoy the service.

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## Meeting of the Columbia County Odd Fellows.

On Friday evening, April 26th, at 8 o'clock p. m., pursuant to the call of C. A. Small, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master; R. M. Graham, B. D. D. G. M., and William H. Pfahler, P. G., a committee appointed by Concordia Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F. for the purpose of devising some means by which a county organization could be effected so that the Anniversary of Odd Fellowship which comes on the 26th day of April each year could be more properly observed met in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Catawissa, similar committees of the various lodges of Columbia County.

The meeting was called to order by D. D. G. M., C. A. Small, of Concordia Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F., and a temporary organization was effected which was as follows: Chairman, R. M. Graham, of No. 60; Secretary, J. B. DeLong, of Mountain Lodge No. 264, Orangeville.

The purpose of the meeting was then explained after which a permanent organization was effected which resulted in the election of C. A. Small, of No. 60, as President; J. B. DeLong, of No. 264, Secretary; N. W. Fowler, of No. 681, Esq., Vice President; and Dr. J. C. Wintersteen, of No. 310, as Treasurer.

The permanent officers are to hold their respective offices for and during the term of one year.

The next meeting of the organization is to be held at Catawissa on the 26th day of next April.

The president was instructed to appoint the necessary committees, who are to make their reports to the next meeting of the Association.

After the business of the meeting had been transacted addresses were made by many prominent Odd Fellows of the county.

Brother M. E. Hayhurst, of No. 264, Orangeville, deserves especial mention. He is a member of this great fraternal organization and has been identified with it for many years.

He is now past his 70th year, with the vigor of young manhood. He addressed the meeting on the principals of Love, Friendship and Truth, which showed he was not a novice in the ranks. Brother Hayhurst is stored full of good things. He recited two poems which created a great deal of applause. At the conclusion of the second poem the meeting accorded the Brother a vote of thanks and invited him to come soon again.

In connection with the meeting we must not forget that Brother J. H. Rinard, P. G.; A. L. Rinard and C. C. Cleaver, P. G., were the committee that made the tables croak with good things to eat and drink. To say that all enjoyed what the committee furnished it would only be necessary to look at the tables before the eating began and after the departure.

The meeting was a success and more than met the expectations of the members in No. 60 and the visiting lodges.

## A Pronounced Success.

The free roast pig lunch, given by C. B. Ent, at his hotel Saturday night, was a pronounced success. The Bloomsburg Cornet Band was present and helped even the occasion by rendering several of their fine selections. Mr. Ent retires from the hotel business with the best wishes of all. His successor, J. M. Kline, took possession Monday evening, and is now in full charge. Mr. Kline is ripe in experience and will, no doubt, conduct the hotel in a first class manner. He formerly resided in Benton, later kept the old Kile hotel above Elk Grove, then went to South Danville, and from there here.

## SURPRISED A SNEAK THIEF.

District Attorney John G. Harman was aroused this morning about five o'clock by the barking of a dog in a neighbor's yard. This was followed by the mewing of the family cat, inside the house, and Mr. Harman put on his bath robe and went down to the kitchen to let the cat out. As he opened the door he was surprised to find a man on the back porch helping himself to the contents of the refrigerator. The man was also surprised, and taking to his heels he ran out on Third Street. Mr. Harman threw off his bath robe, and, arrayed only in his night shirt, and in his bare feet, he gave the thief chase. The latter turned up Whitman's Alley to the Exchange Stable and then out to Market Street. Mr. Harman was obliged to give up the chase on account of the cinder in the alley, which cut his feet. He feels quite sure that he recognized the man, but not sure enough to identify him under oath. He says that hereafter when he goes to let the cat out he will carry a revolver.

## Commissions for Justices of the Peace.

Justice of the Peace commissions for the following named persons have been issued by Register and Recorder J. C. Rutter, Jr.:

John T. Berger, Catawissa borough.  
V. P. Eves, Millville borough.  
William Mensch, Montour township.  
Harrison J. Conner, Orangeville borough.  
Elj J. Ohi, Hemlock township.  
D. C. Black, Centralia borough.  
Daniel H. Fetterolf, Catawissa township.  
James M. Ammerman, Fishingcreek Twp.  
Philip Harris, Centre township.  
E. B. Beishlue, Stillwater borough.  
Jno. R. Keeler, Benton borough.  
John Cortwright, Conyngham township.  
James H. Harman, Orangeville borough.  
Emanuel Laubiach, Benton township.  
John G. Reichart, Greenwood township.  
John H. Langer, Jackson township.  
J. L. Fisher, Cleveland township.  
L. M. Creveling, Fishingcreek township.

Each person above named is commissioned to serve five years, dating from Monday, May 6th, 1901.

## State Chairman Hon. William T. Greasy Serenaded.

On Saturday evening the State Chairman was invited by County Chairman, C. A. Small to spend the evening in Catawissa. Of course the State Chairman accepted the invitation and while filling the engagement the Catawissa Silver Cornet Band called on the corner of Fourth and Shuman streets and gave the Chairman a proper serenade. Of course the State Chairman did not know that this was perpetrated by the County Chairman, but he now thinks so.

## A Queer Case.

Joseph Kramer, who has been confined in the county jail since last September, is in such a mental condition that it is thought he should be sent to an asylum. This is a queer case. Kramer was tried and sentenced to prison for abusing his wife. A few months later his wife died and left a will in which she gave all her real estate to the husband who had abused her during her life, and made him the executor of the will.

## Destroyed by Fire.

The Iola Hotel, situate a mile above Millville, was burned to the ground, together with nearly all the contents, at about four o'clock Monday morning. The building was owned by Joel Morton, of Berwick, and the furniture by Charles Gold, who occupied the hotel. The loss is partially covered by insurance. It is supposed the fire caught from a defective flue.



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The truant officer of our public schools reports that a number of pupils under the age of twelve years are being kept out of school by their parents and allowed to work in the mills or factories, which is contrary to law.

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