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J. M. Vost, of Bendertown, lost his life while cleaning a deep well for Rush Beishline, in Fishingcreek township, Tuesday morning. The supposition is that he was overcome with the pent-up foul air and sank into the water.

The tramp nuisance is to be abolished at Stroudsburg in a most novel way. The ball and chain purchased by council is to be abolished. Hereafter a promise from a tramp that he will take a bath is all that is required.

Miss Julia Radle, of Herndon, was admitted to the Northumberland County bar last week. She read law with her brother, P. E. Radle, of Shamokin. She is the first regularly admitted woman to the bar of that County.

The Canada thistles are bothering the farmers in many places. Some of the farmers have removed the destructive plant, but other farmers neglect to pay any attention to them. This neglect is very annoying to the farmer who removes them from his land, as it is also a violation of law.

The shirt waist man has been replaced by the straw hat horse, though the number of the latter is limited. The style of the hat is a wide brimmed affair, with apertures, through which the horse's ears penetrate. The animals appear to like the idea. It is a great protection from the heat.

The Clinton Democrat published at Lock Haven has been changed to a semi weekly paper. It will reach its readers every Monday and Thursday instead of only once a week as heretofore. The Democrat is a sheet of the sterling variety, and deserves to succeed. No advance has been made in the subscription price.

Do you want a good second-hand bicycle? If so, go to Mercer's Drug & Book Store. One ladies' wheel, \$9.00, with new tires; one gent's wheel, style, Sentinel, a bargain at \$11.00; one gent's wheel, style, Reading, for \$11.00; one high grade Columbia wheel, gent's, for \$9.50; one Reading Special, with coaster brake, for \$16.50. New last year; one Crescent tandem for \$25.00.

A stray sky rocket lodged in the closed canvass awning in front of B. A. Gidding's store about half past nine o'clock Thursday night, and ignited the cloth. It was hastily torn from the iron rods, and the blaze extinguished before much damage was done. Mr. Gidding's insurance did not cover anything on the exterior and of course he lost the amount being about twenty five dollars. He immediately purchased a new one through W. O. Holmes which arrived and was put up on Monday.

The partnership of Kemper & Evans, tailors, which has existed for several years past, was dissolved by mutual consent on Monday. The business will be continued by Mr. Evans. Mr. Kemper will devote his entire time to the manufacture of his new suspender, a patent on which was recently granted him. The work will be carried on in the White Star Laundry building on West street. Mr. Kemper's device is considered one of the most meritorious inventions of its kind on the market.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

New potatoes are cheap at Tooley & Co.'s.

A little four-page paper, entitled *Our Church Visitor*, makes its appearance this month. It is issued bi-monthly in the interest of the First M. E. church of Bloomsburg, and contains much useful information concerning the work of that denomination. Three pages are devoted to reading matter and the fourth page is filled with advertising matter, which helps to defray the expense of publication.

Mrs. M. M. Hicks passed away at her home in Light Street, Thursday evening of last week. The deceased was about seventy years of age, and is survived by a husband and five children, namely, B. B. Hicks of Scranton, S. H. Hicks of Plymouth, Mrs. S. W. Kelchner of Benton and Mrs. C. H. Kline and Mrs. B. F. Hicks of Bloomsburg. The funeral was held from her late residence Sunday morning. The remains were taken to Berwick for interment.

The atmosphere experience of last week was sufficient to convince the average human being that of all the summer discomforts excessive humidity is the worst. Under such heated conditions it is difficult to enjoy even driving, and any attempt at enjoyment in the way of games leaves the participant in a wilted state. A person ought almost to apologize for making any remarks on the hackneyed subject of the weather. We believe, however, that the weather has been the foremost topic of conversation, hence our disquisition upon it.

The editor of the *Muscotah* (Kan.) *Record* makes the following personal announcement: "For the first time we were married on Wednesday. We have contemplated this step for a long time, but lack of funds always prevented, until we finally decided to get married and trust to providence for the rest. The subscription rates of the *Record* will remain at the same price. Only the immediate relatives were present at the ceremony. Our views on the money question will remain the same, only we need more of it. Will go to housekeeping in the Asquith home, in Second street."

An advertisement in a local paper, not long since, which was very generous in extent, read: "Person to wash and one to sew. Payment in music lessons, Light-street."

It seems to us that there ought to be a little extra or "boot" in this transaction. That the washboard is greater than the piano, and that the sewing machine is greater than the washboard are modern proverbs. Of course, if a laundress wants to get herself up in Wagner, or if a sewing girl wants to cultivate her voice so that she may rise like another Lillian Russel, there is nothing to be said. But on the face of it, the person that secures free washing and sewing in return for music lessons has the best of the bargain.

St. Paul's Year Book.

The Year book of St. Paul's Church Bloomsburg, just published, is a neat pamphlet of thirty-six pages. A half tone of the church property appears as a front piece. The book contains a greeting by the Rector, covering matters of general interest connected with the Parish; a list of all the Rectors of the Parish since 1794; the officers and committees of the corporation; a financial exhibit showing the expenditures from May 1, 1900 to May 1, 1901, to have been \$2,668.24; different organizations of the Parish, including Sunday School, St. Paul's Guild, Altar Guild, St. Margaret's Guild, the Church Periodical Club, Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Friendly Society, Junior Auxiliary, Circle of Kings Daughters, the choir and also contains a brief history of St. Paul's Parish. The book can be purchased from the president of the different organizations, or at this office. A nominal price of ten cents has been fixed to help defray the expense of publication.

FOUL PLAY FEARED.

Albert Metzger Has Been Missing Since Saturday, June 29th.

A source of great anxiety to his family and to his friends in general is the whereabouts of Albert Metzger. He has been missing since Saturday evening, June 29th. On the morning of that day, he and his wife left their home in this town, to go to Bendertown, where they had at one time resided, for the purpose of making some collections from people who owed him for labor. Mrs. Metzger left there in the afternoon with the understanding that her husband was to follow in the evening. He arrived at Forks in the evening, a short time after the train had left for Bloomsburg. This was the last train, and there was nothing for him to do, but walk, if he wished to reach home that night. He did not start for some time, however, as he was seen by a number of people at a church festival which was being held in Laubach's Grove, a short distance below the Forks station. He talked with friends, but some of them say that he appeared rather melancholy. He was offered a ride part way home, but declined, saying "he needed the exercise." This was about half past eleven o'clock, and was the last seen of him.

Mr. Metzger is known to have had considerable money on his person, which fact tends to deepen the impression that he has been foully dealt with.

Horton Laubach, a young man who has for some time past been making his home with the Metzger family went up to Forks Tuesday morning in the hope of getting some trace of the missing man, but returned in the evening without having learned anything in regard to his whereabouts.

Some people are inclined to the belief that he has committed suicide, but those who are more intimately acquainted with him, place little credence in this theory, because he was without trouble of any kind, and was right well to do.

The Royal Arcanum of this town, of which Mr. Metzger is a member will send a committee of four up the creek today to aid in the search for him.

A notable nuptial event was the wedding of William Lowenberg to Miss Julia Kaufman, which took place at the home of the bride's sister Mrs. Samuel Dreifus, at Milton Tuesday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Adolph Myers of Danville. Only immediate relatives were present. The groom is one of Bloomsburg's leading young business men. They are now on a wedding tour and upon return will take up their residence with the groom's mother in this town.

Free delivery of mail is now in force at Fountain Springs and Aristes. The mail for the former place is taken out of the Ashland post office by carrier, and the Aristes carrier gets his mail at Centralia.

STUNTED

Does your hair split at the end? Can you pull out a handful by running your fingers through it? Does it seem dry and lifeless? Give your hair a chance. Feed it. The roots are not dead; they are weak because they are starved—that's all.

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If you don't want your hair to die use Ayer's Hair Vigor once a day. It makes the hair grow, stops falling, and cures dandruff.

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What do you seek? Quality and style, don't you? What next? The price isn't it? This store always leads in those features. These are the points upon which we score our success.

Little Money

Anything as good as we sell, as to style and quality will not be sold elsewhere at one penny less than we ask. Money back at our store for the asking.

1901 DIMITY.

Very select styles, direct from an importer of high style novelties. Imported to sell at 18c. yard. Just came to us. Very best colors, also plain black, red, light blue, pink, yellow, Nile, lavender—yard 15c.

LAWN WRAPPERS.

Made of good material, nice neat patterns, at a price less than you'd pay for the making, \$1.00.

1.25 CORSETS FOR 60c.

This week sale. All sizes but many different kinds from 75c. to \$1.25, reg. for 60c.

3/4c. YARD

10 pieces best twilled cotton towel- ing, will be sold this week at per yd. 3/4.

200 YARDS 4/4c. yard.

Dress Gingshams, in small plaids, 6/4c. goods here, 7c; most stores. This weeks sale, yard, 4/4c.

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Our New Store Good Goods

The most comfortable to shop in. Our new, free, quick delivery to everybody in town. Is it of interest to you; step up to our counter, buy and 'twill be sent to your house quickly.

1901 SWISS.

Ground plain, colored tints, raised swiss embroidered figures, colors, Nile, lavender, red, new blue. Little earlier in season wholesaler asked us 18c. yard. We now sell it to you at yard, 15c.

SHIRT WAIST SUIT

Made of navy blue, polka dot duck, flounced skirt with seven rows of white braid. Waist has sailor collar, edged with white duck ruffled; collar, front and sailor tie, made of white duck, new Bishop sleeves, suit 2.75.

Polka Dot Skirts.

We have one style—polka dot, navy blue duck, with double ruffle; each ruffle trimmed with 3 rows of white braid, also one trimmed with blue braid, \$2.50.

WHITE PIQUE SKIRT

Full sweep, excellent style, fine material, \$1.50.

Always. Trash don't find harbor in our store. All the antiquated stuff we had was sold at auction last spring. You know it!

1901 FOULARDS

Or printed pongees, good imitation of silk. This season's creation. Some in short lengths, others in full pieces, almost every new color to be had in this line. Regularly sold at 30c. to 50c. yard. This week per yard, 29c.

SHIRTSWAISTS

New this season, made with wide sailor collar, trimmed with white insertion, collar and front of white tucked india linen. Regular price \$1.50. Special for this week \$1.29.

PRINTED LAWNS 5/4c.

15 pieces, almost every color, from the mill this season. Reduced for this week from 7c. per yard to 5/4c.

Children's Gingham Dresses 22c.

Made of good material and nicely finished with seam covering, deep hem, sold at 29c. This week 22c.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON,

BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.

A SUNDAY EVENING WEDDING.

"For better or for worse" are the sacred words repeated after the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. M. Fry-singer, by Frank H. Evans and Miss Cora Myers, who were the principals in a unique wedding, which took place in the Methodist Church Sunday evening. Pursuant to a previous arrangement the couple appeared at the church at the close of the evening service ready to assume the bonds of marriage. They presented themselves at the altar in the presence of a large audience. The spacious interior was filled, even the aisles were occupied, and it was once proposed that the gallery be called into requisition. This match introduces to Bloomsburg quite an innovation in the way of weddings, and so happy has been the result that it is not bad judgment to

Should be Looked After.

Residents of Sticks-shinny are circulating a petition to have sufficient water let into the canal to make it a running stream. The water is stagnant and unhealthy, and is causing disease among people residing in close proximity. Several cases of malaria fever in Bloomsburg are attributed to it. At one point, near the Catharine street bridge, the stagnant water is an ugly, greenish color, and the stench emitted is enough to knock a person down. It is high time that the local board of health takes some action in the matter.

Lutheran Church Services.

On Sabbath July 14th Rev. J. A. Singmaster D. D., Prof. in the Theo. Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., will preach in the Lutheran church, morning and evening. The members of the congregation are asked to be present and all others are cordially invited. Strangers welcome. The pastor will be present.

M. E. McLinn, pastor.

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- The "Hahn" Hammocks and Marguerite Chair. New and pleasing.
- Sterling Wickless Oil Stoves, for summer cooking.
- Extra Fine Fibre Water Coolers. Once tried always used.
- The "Hess" Perfumes, unexcelled. All scents.
- The E. & B. Non-Corrosive Ink. The best in the world.
- The Famous U-No O Shoe Dressings and Polishes.
- Floral and Plain Crepe Paper. All colors and designs.
- A full line of Fine China and Crystal Glassware.
- Best assortment of High Grade Low Priced Jewelry in town.
- Our line of Tin, Granite and Agate Ware, cannot be excelled.
- Reed Anti Rusting Tinware. We guarantee it.
- Celebrated Wade & Butcher Cutlery. You know its quality.
- Baskets, all kinds and sizes, at prices that will astonish you.
- Swift's Celebrated Snap and Wool Soaps. Best toilet and laundry soaps made.

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