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## THE CARS ARE RUNNING.

The Electric Railway Now in Operation Between Bloomsburg and Lime Ridge.

The scene on our streets at quarter past ten Monday night, reminded one of a Fair day. Although the fact had not been announced, somehow or other it leaked out that a car would be run over the new trolley road, and people by the hundreds flocked out to see it, in fact the entire populace, or nearly so, lined the street, and the thoroughfare, near the power house, designated on the plan of the town as East Seventh street, was completely congested with humanity. Homes in the most remote portion of the town were deserted, and families stood in groups with their visions focused on a sight which a great many had never seen before—a trolley car. When the word was given that all those who wished to ride could get on, there was a wild rush for the vehicle until there wasn't room for breathing, and you couldn't turn your head for fear you would back it into somebody's face, as a fellow said, who was one of the first to get on, "You couldn't carve your way out with an axe."

When the rush began Mr. Scanlan thought he would count the people who got on board. When he reached 168 he gave up. Quite a number crowded on after Mr. Scanlan ceased counting, and it is estimated that fully 180 people were on board.

The car was in charge of W. G. Barlow, superintendent of the Lewis and Reedsville Electric Railway. The accumulation of dirt on the tracks made it necessary to run slow. Everything worked satisfactorily to the contractors, and they were highly pleased with the great interest manifested.

The electric cars will certainly increase the comforts and conveniences of our people, and it is needless to say they will be appreciated.

The cars are running as far as Lime Ridge. The track is not connected through to Berwick, and the cars will not run through until the supplemental power house is built at Willow Grove.

C. B. Ent is filling the position of conductor on one of the cars that will run for the present.

On Tuesday there was a rumor afloat that an injunction had been granted against the Trolley Company, on the petition of a land-owner this side of Berwick, and that a preliminary injunction had been granted for five days, and work had been stopped. There was no foundation for such a report. No injunction has been asked for, and the company have no knowledge of any such intention on the part of anybody.

## Found Father After Death.

Tuesday of last week David Watkase died suddenly, at J. M. De Witt's residence, of heart disease. The remains were held for several days, in the hope that relatives would come and claim them. No kin to the dead man could be found, and on Saturday the funeral took place. On Monday O. B. Mellick received a letter from W. A. Watkase, of Williams-town, Dauphin county, stating that he had read of the death, and believed that the man was his father, whom he had not seen or heard tell of for upwards of twenty years. He asserted that he had five brothers and sisters, none of whom knew whether their father was living or not. Investigation was made and the authorities are of the belief that he is a son of the dead man. The deceased had often spoken of having children, but attempts to locate them had been futile.

## Visited the Idlers.

A special train on the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad conveyed a happy party of seventy-five ladies and gentlemen to the camp of the Idlers, above Orangeville Thursday evening. The campers put forth their best efforts to make the visit a most pleasant one, and they evidently succeeded as all who went up report that they enjoyed themselves immensely.

It was expected that the camp would be broken up on Saturday, but owing to a rain storm on Friday, which rendered the tents unfit to pack and a general disposition of the members to remain a few days longer it was decided to stay another week.

## Safely Over.

The vessel in which Rev. D. N. Kirkby sailed for England is reported to have arrived on the other side on Tuesday, the 30th, after a ten day's voyage.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Bloomsburg National Bank

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 15, 1901.

(Commenced Business August 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments.....	\$313,705 81	Capital Stock.....	\$ 60,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	8,000 00	Surplus and Profits (net).....	29,279 22
Cash and Reserve.....	54,585 45	Circulation.....	60,000 00
		Deposits.....	227,012 04
	\$376,291 26		\$376,291 26

A. Z. SCHOCH,  
President.

WM. H. HIDLAY,  
Cashier.

## A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Elijah C. Cleaver is Thrown From a Horse and Run Over by a Wagon—Death Relieves His Suffering.

Elijah C. Cleaver died at his home in Cleveland township Monday evening from injuries received in the morning of the same day. He had left his home in the morning with a load of hay, with Ashland as his objective point. After covering about two miles of the journey he attempted to mount one of the horses, when the animal shied, throwing him off directly in front of the wagon, and the forward wheels of the vehicle, with its great weight, passed over him. Though suffering excruciating pain, the unfortunate man managed to get to one side of the road and in this moribund condition he remained until discovered by a man who chanced to pass by, about three hours thereafter.

A conveyance was secured from a nearby farmer and he was taken to his home. Doctors Wintersteen, of Numidia, and Vastine, of Catawissa, were sent for, and responded promptly, but could do little to relieve the suffering of their patient, and he died shortly afterward.

Mr. Cleaver was quite well known throughout Columbia county. He fought beneath his country's flag during the civil war, having been a member of Company I, 13th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was a member of H. H. Hoagland Post, 170 G. A. R., of Catawissa.

Born in this county March 18, 1833, he was in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He is survived by a wife and eight children—six sons and two daughters—namely: Rev. Nelson E., of Danville; Prof. Wesley M., of Milton; Editor Charles L., of Mt. Carmel; Joseph C., of Tamaqua; Brittain W., of Roaringcreek; Clarence G., of Numidia, and Rosie A. and Hanna L., at home.

The funeral will occur from the family home this afternoon. Interment will take place in the M. E. Church cemetery at Roaringcreek.

## The Wall No Barrier.

James Alexander of Centralia, who last Saturday was placed in custody of Sheriff Knorr at the jail, on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, evidently didn't take very kindly to the surroundings as the very first opportunity which presented itself he made himself scarce. He occupied a cell alongside of a prisoner by the name of Harry Farver. Tuesday afternoon it was decided to give them the freedom of the yard. They also at the same time had full access to their interior apartment. Shortly thereafter some friends called to see Farver, and while he was engaged in conversation with them, Alexander went into his cell, secured the blankets from his own and Farver's bed, and quickly connected them. Satisfied that the rope was sufficiently strong to hold his weight, one end was fastened to the transom of Farver's cell, the other end hanging down into the yard near the wall. He then returned to the jail yard, removed his shoes and stockings and before Farver noticed him had already reached the top of the wall. The alarm was given, but the prisoner made good his escape. He was tracked however, over the River hill at East Bloomsburg, but there took to the woods and all trace of him was lost. He is still at large.

August Freund, the old veterinary surgeon, died at his home last Thursday, aged about 80 years. He was born in Germany, and had been in this country about 30 years, most of which he spent in Bloomsburg. He was buried on Sunday afternoon.

## Believed His Family Would Be Better Off Without Him.

"The Second ward, this city, Saturday last came very nearly having a case of suicide. Joseph Eck, an industrious and hard working man, over come by ill health, lost heart under his burden and decided to end his troubles by taking a dose of laudanum.

It was shortly after 3 o'clock when Dr. P. C. Newbaker in response to a call arrived at the Eck home, Railroad and East Market streets, and found the head of the family in a deep stupor, the general symptoms being those of opium poisoning. A powerful emetic was administered, which had the desired effect. Afterward the patient was walked about briskly for half an hour or more, so that in time he came around all right.

Mr. Eck said that he always tried to get along, and did whatever he could find to do when able to work. Two years ago he injured his back, after which rheumatism and lumbago set in. He has become very much discouraged, and has given up hopes of ever being able to work again. The burden of making a living falls upon the rest of the family and it has become very painful for him, he said, to see his wife working so hard, while he is unable to render any help and only increases the burden to be borne.

He at first stated that he took the laudanum thinking it would relieve his pain. He afterward admitted, however, that he took the drug with suicidal intent, believing that his family would be better off without him."

The above is taken from Monday's Danville News. Eck for many years resided in Bloomsburg, occupying and owning a property in Ralston's addition.

## Mrs. Nathan Fleckenstine.

At the home in Orangeville yesterday morning occurred the death of Mrs. Nathan Fleckenstine, after a long illness from consumption. She was a daughter of the late Joseph Pone, and was born and raised in this county. The deceased was in her eighty-sixth year, and enjoyed the esteem and respect of all who knew her. The surviving children, eight in number, are Mrs. Geo. Bartsch and Jacob Fleckenstine, of Philadelphia; William S. Fleckenstine, of Scranton; Mrs. Samuel Hidlay and Mrs. W. H. Snyder, of Bloomsburg, ex-county Treasurer Geo. S. Fleckenstine, and Joseph Fleckenstine, of Orangeville. The latter has been residing with his mother. Her husband, Nathan Fleckenstine survives her. William H. Hidlay, cashier of the Bloomsburg National Bank, and J. W. Hidlay, agent of Adams Express Co., are grandsons.

Rev. A. Houtz will conduct funeral services to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

## Lighted the Scene From a Tree.

"Ralph G. Phillips, of Bloomsburg, says the Eagles Merc Daily News who is conducting the Eagles Merc photographic studio, took a flashlight picture of the Raymond young people as they were gathered for their marshmallow roast last Friday evening. After getting the camera ready Mr. Phillips scaled a convenient tree and at height of 20 feet touched off the flashlight powder, one of the party below having previously removed the cap from the camera, replacing it as soon as the exposure was made. The photograph was a very flattering success."

Frank H. Sloan, son of C. P. Sloan of Market Street has been nominated by the Republicans, as their candidate for city engineer of Baltimore. Mr. Sloan was twice elected to this office before.

## AT THE COURT HOUSE.

The Following Deeds Have Been Recorded During the Month.

Catharine H. Tustin to Bloom Car Mfg. Co. in Bloomsburg.  
T. Harvey Doan et al to Frank H. Shirk in Berwick.  
F. R. Jackson to Chas. A. Shaffer in Berwick.  
Wilson Yeager Ex. to C. A. Small, Locust township.  
H. P. Yetter to B. R. Yetter, Main township.  
Lydia Baker to Francis F. Houck, Beaver township.  
Margaret C. Brittain et. al to F. H. Eaton et. al, Briarcreek township.  
Francis H. Barnes to American Car and Foundry Co., Berwick.  
C. P. Sloan and wife to E. B. Tustin Bloomsburg.  
Henry E. Drake to Elwood Knouse Benton township.  
Isaiah Bower to Samuel Stetler, Berwick.  
G. W. Clark to Harry James Clark, Catawissa.  
A. L. McCloy and wife to Jennie Dieffenbach, Bloomsburg.  
M. M. Irwin to Dorothy Schwenpenheiser, Mifflin township.  
John S. Watters and wife to Dorothy Schwenpenheiser, Mifflin township.  
Elijah Hess and wife to D. B. Hartman, Elk Grove.  
John Longenburger to Miles Longenburger, Beaver township.  
Wm. Mowrer and wife to Jeremiah S. Brobst, Catawissa township.  
Samuel Deicher to John H. Krepennack, Madison township.  
Charles Adams and wife to George W. Yeager, Locust township.  
Mary E. Erwine to Hiram A. Kline Berwick.  
H. J. Zimmerman to Amos Reifeldler, Madison and Hemlock townships.  
Michael Boyles and wife to Duval Dickson, Berwick.  
Duval Dickson and wife to W. T. Lowry, Berwick.  
Duval Dickson and wife to Boyd H. Dodson, Berwick.  
W. H. Woodin et. al to Boyd H. Dodson, Berwick.  
H. W. Beaver and wife to D. W. Billig, Numidia.  
Mary A. Snyder et. al to Geo. Ruckle, Center township.  
P. K. Shultz et. al. Ex. to Archer M. Hess, Sugarloaf township.

## SHERIFF SALES.

Sheriff Daniel Knorr on Saturday sold the following properties of Thomas Gorrey, with the exception of a lot in Hemlock township, which was bought by C. C. Peacock for \$391.50. The other properties were knocked down to the plaintiff in writ, State Capital Savings and Loan Association, Nos. 48 and 49 for \$150.00, Nos. 50 and 51 for \$260.00, Nos. 53 and 54 for \$350.00, and Nos. 55 and 56 for \$1,025.00. They are all in Bloomsburg.

On Saturday next August 3rd at two o'clock in the afternoon the Sheriff will sell the property of Isaac W. Yeakel, situate in Conyngham township.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hower lost a two weeks old son by death Monday.

**J. G. WELLS,**  
Successor to S. F. Peacock  
& Co., Market Square.

**Maslin**  
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6 quarts, - - - - -	35c
8 quarts, - - - - -	40c
10 quarts, - - - - -	45c
12 quarts, - - - - -	50c
14 quarts, - - - - -	55c
16 quarts, - - - - -	60c
20 quarts, - - - - -	75c

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