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## A STREET CASUALTY.

J. L. Girton Falls Dead While on His Way Home.

The announcement of the death of J. L. Girton, which occurred about half past ten Tuesday morning, came as a shock to this community, and a great many people could scarcely believe the report as he had only a few moments before been in conversation with some friends at the Exchange Hotel and Geo. A. McKelvy's drug store. At the latter place he complained of a severe pain in his left side, and left saying that he would go home and rest awhile. He had reached the southwest corner of Third and Center streets, just two doors above his residence, when he fell over and expired.

The deceased has been a life long resident of Bloomsburg. He was born here in October 1835. For many years he conducted a bus line from Rupert to Bloomsburg. He then engaged in the restaurant business which he followed until he became the proprietor of the St. Elmo Hotel. He sold out in 1893 to H. F. Dietterich, the present proprietor. Shortly after the completion of the river bridge at East Bloomsburg he established a bus line, and conveyed passengers to and from trains on the Pennsylvania railroad. He subsequently disposed of this to Bruce Keichner, since which time he has not been engaged in any active pursuit. He was the local representative of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Since the death of his wife, about eight months ago, he and an adopted son, Edward (Fink), have been living in a house just off of Center street. Another adopted son, Charles, is a member of the United States Army, and is at present in the Philippines. Two brothers, Frank M. Girton, who resides at Plymouth, and Dallas Girton, a resident of Silverton, Col., survive. The funeral will take place from his late residence this afternoon.

## MORE TROLLEYS.

Our Lightstreet correspondent says that the right of way for a trolley line through that village was seeking signatures there last week. It is rumored that releases have been secured most of the way from here to Orangeville by the Columbia & Montour Co. and that an ordinance for a trolley line through Orangeville is now before the council of that borough, who will act upon it on Friday evening.

A charter has been granted for a road from Bloomsburg to Millville, and another one has been secured from Berwick to Nanticoke by Bloomsburg parties. The latter one is intended to connect with the Wilkes-Barre system, and will make a continuous line from here to the Wyoming valley region.

On Tuesday a charter was granted to the Bloomsburg & Benton Electric Railway Co., with a capital of \$120,000. This line is to cover several streets of Bloomsburg, and will pass through Lightstreet, Orangeville, Stillwater, and terminate at Benton. The officers of this company are: W. S. Moyer, President; Grant Herring, L. N. Moyer, W. H. Henrie, J. C. Rutter Jr. and C. B. Lutz, Directors.

The indications are that there is going to be some activity in the trolley business, in this county. Let them come. The more the merrier.

## 15,492 FARES.

Since the opening of the trolley line, which occurred Wednesday of last week, the registers of the different cars show that 15,492 fares have been collected. We cannot say just how many passengers have been carried during that time, and the number of fares collected does not form any basis for an estimate. For instance, a great many people, in fact, the majority of them have ridden over the entire route from Bloomsburg to Lime Ridge, and return, from each one of which four fares were collected. Some only went as far as Espy, paying two fares, so that it is utterly impossible to make an approximate estimate as to the actual number of people carried.

The road so far as completed was turned over to the company on Tuesday, and accepted. Mr. Wagner Fisher of Philadelphia who has been assigned to look after the Company's interest in the capacity of superintendent, arrived in town Monday and assumed his position Tuesday. Mr. Fisher is a thorough electrician and a courteous gentleman. He has held responsible business positions in connection with electrical apparatus. Superintendent Fisher has opened an office on the second floor of the first National Bank building in the room recently vacated by A. W. Duy Esq.

AUGUST 1st, 1899.

JULY 31st, 1901.

## Second Anniversary.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Bloomsburg National Bank

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 31, 1901.

(Being also the close of its second year in business.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments.....	\$313,521 61	Capital Stock.....	\$ 60,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	8,000 00	Surplus and Profits (net).....	28,995 47
Cash and Reserve.....	64,325 17	Circulation.....	59,400 00
		Individual Deposits.....	237,451 31
	\$385,846 78		\$385,846 78

A. Z. SCHOCH, President. WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

## THE CANNING FACTORY.

The canning factory people have experienced some annoying delays by the non-arrival of some of their machinery. Much of it is here, but some of the pieces that are the most needed have failed to come. The tomato steamer is here, and with it a ton of tomatoes can be steamed in four minutes. The vegetable boilers, corn cleaners, soldering machine, capable of doing the work of six men, and several other machines are on hand, but cannot be set up until the other apparatus arrives. When in complete running order this plant expects to employ a hundred hands or more, and the experience of similar factories is that they pay a good return on the investment. This industry will prove of great importance to farmers and others engaged in raising garden produce, as it will make a market for all the surplus vegetables and fruits. The officers of the company are: President, William Chrisman; Secretary, William Krickbaum; Treasurer, James E. Reichard; Directors, William Chrisman, C. C. Peacock, William Krickbaum, A. W. Duy, J. H. Giger, R. S. Harlan, who has had many years' experience in the business, is the Superintendent. It is expected that the factory will be ready to operate by the 15th inst.

## Horses Ran Away.

A team belonging to Henry W. Fedder, and driven by his son Charles, took fright at some object in the road above Lime Ridge Monday morning, and ran away. The driver was hurled to the ground with violent force, sustaining several painful contusions. He was removed to the home of his parents, who reside in Center township. The young man was in the employ of Scanlon & Co., and engaged at hauling the workmen on the electric railroad to and from Briarcreek each morning and evening.

## Neglected the Warning.

After having been warned of the danger connected with jumping on and off of moving electric cars, Harry Fowler aged about twelve years, of Espy attempted to board a moving car Thursday afternoon, and as a result was thrown head first to the ground and had his collar bone broken. Dr. Wolf was called in to relieve the sufferings of the unfortunate youth. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Fowler.

## United Evangelical Church.

Prof. Buck, of Bethlehem, Pa., the singing evangelist, is expected to sing in the Evangelical Church on Sabbath at all the services. He is a beautiful singer, as those who heard him at camp can testify. The services may continue during the week. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to hear him sing the gospel.

J. W. BENTZ, Pastor.

## Royal Arcanum Pic-nic.

The Royal Arcanum Pic-nic Association, composed of councils at Muncy, Watsonstown, Milton, Lewisburg, Sunbury, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Berwick, Bloomsburg, and Danville, will pic-nic at Island Park, between Sunbury and Northumberland, on Wednesday, August 14.

Those intending to go from here should notify Prof. G. E. Wilbur by next Monday night.

There is said to be a promising outlook for an increased attendance at the Bloomsburg Normal School the coming term. The equipment has been enlarged and several well-known instructors added to the faculty.

## Mrs. H. T. John Dead.

The esteemed wife of H. T. John died at 11:40 p. m., Thursday and her demise brought to an end a long and useful life, a life which for almost sixty years brought sunshine and happiness to the hearts of all who knew her. Mrs. John was possessed of a lovely disposition and a Christlike character. A noble woman by nature, her whole life was given to good works, and many grief stricken people will mourn her loss. She was the mother of seven sons, all of whom are magnificent specimens of manhood.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Mary Ellen Johnson, was born February 12, 1842, near Catawissa. She was united in marriage to H. T. John July 28, 1863, and the couple settled in Mt. Carmel in 1867. She was one of our town's most highly respected women, and always led an ideal Christian life.

Besides the bereaved husband, seven sons survive: S. C. and Charles L., of Cape Nome, Alaska; C. Elmer, of town, W. H., of Bloomsburg, George W., A. Frank and H. Milton of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the home on South Oak street at one o'clock Monday afternoon, by Rev. W. A. Houck, pastor of the M. E. church. The 2:42 P. & R. train will be taken for interment at Alaska.—Mt. Carmel Item.

## Expensive Apples.

On Saturday morning at about half past eleven o'clock, George, the ten years old son of W. H. Crossley, fell from an apple tree on the Sloan lot now owned by E. B. Tustin, and broke his left leg midway between the knee and hip, and one of the bones of his left wrist. He fell about fifteen feet. Miss Angie Wireman who resides at W. S. Rishton's reached him first, and the neighbors at once gathered to render any possible assistance. Drs. Bierman and Bruner were summoned and the limbs were bound up temporarily, and a cot was provided on which the boy was taken home by one of Sharpless Co's. delivery wagons which happened to be passing. His parents reside on Fourth street below West. Mr. Crossley is not at home. Dr. Willits, the family physician, was summoned by Mrs. Crossley, and he reports the boy as getting along comfortably. It will be about six weeks before the boy will be able to walk. Boys cannot be taught to keep out of trees. In this case they were not very good apples, and it was somebody else's apple tree.

## Open Cars Are Inconvenient.

Many people are wondering why the Electric Railway don't place some open cars on the line. There is perhaps more real pleasure to be derived from riding in an open car but they are not without their disadvantages. The way open cars are constructed now, without any middle aisle, they are decidedly annoying to employees. Conductors have to crawl along the outside steps to collect fares, and are exposed to all kinds of weather. After careful consideration, there can be very little argument advanced in favor of the open cars.

There has been an unprecedented increase in the price of potatoes in the wholesale market. It jumped from 70 cents a bushel to \$1.10 in less than a week. Ordinarily, at this season of the year, the tubers can be had in abundance for 15 cents a peck, but the price now is considerably in advance of these figures. Reports from other potato producing states indicate that rains came too late to save the crop, so that the drought appears to have been quite general.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened at 3:30 p. m. Thursday, with His Honor R. R. Little on the bench.

Commonwealth vs. Aaron Trexler. Charge, shooting Charles Earnst. Petition for habeas corpus. Hearing in open Court. Defendant Trexler admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000 for his appearance at next term of Court, the defendant and W. F. Rhoads entering into recognizance for the above sum.

Court convened at 9:30 a. m. Monday, with His Honor R. R. Little and Associate Judges Fox and Kurtz on the bench.

Estate of Elizabeth Wetzel. Opinion and order of Court filed. In re distribution of proceeds of sale of real estate of Caleb Girton. Case stated and opinion of Court filed.

Estate of Dr. J. R. Evans. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

In re estate of Emma H. Neal. Petition to borrow \$4000.00 filed. Granted.

Estate of Jacob Moyer. Exceptions to auditor's report withdrawn and report confirmed absolute.

Estate of Jacob Moyer. Petition and decree discharging estate of C. B. Jackson, deceased, late trustee, from future liability. Petition granted. Order made by Associate Judges.

Estate of Elias Dreiblebis. Petition of R. R. John for writ of Fi. Fa. Rule granted.

John Broffee appointed guardian of Thomas, William and Catherine Wetzel. Bonds in the sum of \$200 each approved.

## A SERIOUS FALL.

Mrs. John Gross was the victim of a most unfortunate accident Saturday afternoon. She was coming down the steps leading from the third to the second story of that portion of what is known as the Exchange Block, where they reside, when in some manner or other she slipped and plunged down to the second story. Her husband realizing that she was critically injured sent for Drs. Redeker and Purman. They arrived in a few minutes and found her suffering intensely. The examination disclosed that both knee caps had been broken in the fall and the left thigh bone fractured. Other parts of her body were also slightly injured.

## Free Tuition.

By a recent law tuition has been made free at State normal schools. Dr. J. P. Welsh, principal of Bloomsburg Normal, is sending out letters to old graduates and friends informing them of this and appealing to all who want an education to grasp this opportunity. The old graduates of this institution will be glad to learn that the Bloomsburg Normal is the only one in the country at which students enter the dining room at their leisure and order their meals from a printed bill of fare to suit their appetite and taste. The cost to boarders at a normal school now with free tuition is but \$1.40 a year.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Giger, Monday evening.

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