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## ROYAL ARCANUM PICNIC.

A more delightful day can hardly be imagined than that which greeted the Royal Arcanians who assembled at Island Park, near Sunbury, Wednesday, Aug. 14. This was the day set apart for celebrating the 24th Anniversary of the founding of the order which was instituted June 23rd, 1877; and has grown to be a Fraternity of 230,000 members, composed of the best citizens of the respective communities in which Councils are established.

BloomSBurg Council with its friends to the number of one hundred and more attended.

Island Park is a delightful place in which to spend a day. Large, majestic trees, trimmed high thus allowing a free circulation of air, and yet affording ample shade, occupy the grounds. A spacious pavilion is situated near the centre of the park and the usual accompanying Merry-Go-Round, booths &c., are in evidence.

More than two thousand people attended the Royal Arcanum Picnic and each one appeared to have a Royal time.

At 1:30 exercises began in the Pavilion. The Royal Arcanum Choir of BloomSBurg, consisting of Fred B. Hartman, O. H. Yetter, C. D. Linn, H. S. Barton, A. N. Yost, R. F. Vanderslice, F. P. Eyer and S. R. Bidleman led off with one of its choice selections and was compelled to respond to a hearty encore. Supreme Regent Jos. A. Langfitt, who was expected to deliver the address, was prevented by illness from being present, but his place was admirably filled by Past Representative to the Supreme Council, E. Lindsay Grier of Pittsburg. His practical, pointed, forcible talk captured the audience and he was greeted with three rousing cheers. After additional singing by the Choir Grand Secretary, Major Webster C. Weiss was introduced and enthusiastically received. Major Weiss made a great record as Grand Regent during the years 1899-1900 and is deservedly popular throughout the State. Again the Choir sang, and had to double itself before the audience were satisfied.

The Athletic sports were a feature of the day. The events were as follows and attracted large crowds. The winners were presented with prizes.

Sack Race—E. F. Carpenter—BloomSBurg.

Hop-Step & Jump—E. F. Carpenter—BloomSBurg.

Wheelbarrow Race—Mr. Imbody—Milton.

Broad Jump—E. F. Carpenter—BloomSBurg.

Potato Race—H. S. Barton—BloomSBurg.

Peanut Race—L. N. Frymire—Watsonstown.

Three Legged Race—Yost & Barton—BloomSBurg.

Tug of War—Sunbury Council.

Hammer Throw—Mr. Gottshall—Sunbury.

Tub Race—I. C. Smith—Sunbury.

The Twelfth Regiment Band rendered a fine concert during the afternoon and furnished dance music for the evening. Many indulged in dancing during the afternoon.

The Picnic Association met in the afternoon and elected the following officers for next year:

President, Geo. E. Wilbur, BloomSBurg.

V. Pres., Isaac C. Smith—Sunbury.

Secretary, W. E. Lunger—Danville.

Treasurer, A. W. Painter—Muncy.

## INSTITUTE ENTERTAINERS.

Superintendent John K. Miller has secured an unusually strong array of talent for the evening entertainments during the week of Teachers' Institute. The list includes Congressman Charles B. Landis, of Indiana, and Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri, who will conduct a joint debate on "Imperialism"; the Ernest Gamble Recital Company, which includes Mr. Gamble, basso, Miss Grace Jenkins, violinist, and Mr. Frederick B. Morley, pianist; and Maro, the Prince of Magic. Maro is a magician, musician and artist. This is a fine array of entertainers, and Mr. Miller is to be congratulated on securing them.

## AN UP-TO-DATE STORE.

The improvements at F. P. Purse's store are rapidly progressing. The partitions between the old and new parts have been removed and one can just begin to see what an immense store it is going to be. The floor space on the three floors will make it one of the largest establishments in this part of the State.

## Well Equipped.

We have a thoroughly modern, active and well equipped bank, and are prepared to give our customers every facility of every sort that may be justified by business conditions.

ACCOUNTS ARE SOLICITED.

—THE—

## BloomSBurg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

### DESTRUCTION BY WATER.

A Heavy Downpour of Rain. Fills Cellars and Threatens Foundations.

Another heavy rain storm visited this section Saturday night and Sunday. The water came down incessantly from about midnight Saturday till Sunday evening. About five o'clock Sunday afternoon, there was a noticeable break in the darkened canopy, and the clouds disappeared sufficiently in the evening to allow an occasional star to cast its glimmer upon the earth. The let up was only temporary however, and the greater part of Monday the rain descended steadily. There was a rapid rise in the streams, the gutters were unable to carry off the great volume of water, and as a result many cellars were flooded. Several house foundations were reported to be in a dangerous condition, and repairs were necessary. The tracks of the electric railway were under water for a considerable distance out near the old brick yard, and passengers were transferred from one car to another.

A slide on the B. & S. Railroad near the paper mill, called out the section hands, but it was all cleaned away without having caused any delay in the running of trains.

At Danville the flood was the greatest in its history. Half the town was inundated and much damage was wrought. The water reached to the second story of houses along D. L. & W. avenue, and several families had to be assisted to places of safety. Several barns were swept away, as was eighty feet of a thirty foot high railroad embankment, the rails and cross ties remaining intact, spanning the wide chasm. The brick yard, stove works, shovel factory and brewery suffered severely from the flood.

### A BIG PICNIC.

As was predicted, the Silk Mill Employee's picnic, Saturday, was the largest of the season. Between eleven and twelve hundred people accompanied the excursion and all speak in glowing terms of Edgewood and its varied amusements. The report which gained circulation in town, that a heavy rain had prevented the picnickers from leaving the train for two hours after arrival was erroneous. The rain was only light and not more than five or ten minutes in duration.

In speaking of the event the *Shamokin Herald* says:

"BloomSBurg in all her glory and chivalry came to Shamokin today on the first Philadelphia & Reading excursion to Edgewood Park. Primarily the outing was the annual picnic of the BloomSBurg Silk Mill, but in addition to the employees of the factory, many other residents of Columbia's county seat took advantage of the excursion and flocked to the coal region metropolis.

The excursion, the largest to visit Edgewood from such a distance, was extensively advertised in BloomSBurg with glaring hand bills, which told the beauties of Edgewood and "her nine acres of virgin forest."

### Sheriff Sales.

In addition to the properties advertised in this paper, Sheriff Knorr will sell properties as follows, at the Court House, in BloomSBurg, on Saturday, August 31st:

Property of J. W. Perry, situate in Sugarloaf township.

Property of Jacob Boas, situate in Catawissa township.

At the same place, on Saturday, September 7, at two o'clock p. m., property of Mrs. B. Fleckenstine, situate in Orangeville Borough.

### HIGHEST TYPE OF NORMAL SCHOOL.

BloomSBurg State College Has Many Attractions and Advantages.

The following appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* August 15.

The BloomSBurg State Normal School, which opens Monday, September 9, represents the highest type of the present day Normal School. For years the school has enjoyed the reputation of ranking foremost among the educational institutions of the State, and, incidentally, it has the reputation of having had the largest graduating class ever graduated from a Pennsylvania State Normal School. This has been due to the high standard of scholarship maintained by the able instructors that comprise the faculty.

Surrounded by a highly efficient corps of University trained teachers, Dr. Welsh, the principal of the school, has brought about the most flattering results. So successful has Dr. Welsh been that he has been the recipient of a number of flattering offers from other institutions of learning, but the trustees, realizing his worth, have thus far retained his valuable services.

In addition to the regular Normal course, the school maintains a college preparatory course, as well as one in music. It is a widely mentioned fact that those who enter college from the preparatory department of this school are usually the honor men of the institutions from which they graduate.

The Department of Music has developed into one of the most important departments of the school. Experienced teachers, trained under the best masters of America and Europe, give the student such a thorough education that it is not equaled by many conservatories of music.

The school is, above all, progressive; every department of the school is imbued with that spirit. This means, too, that the student enjoys every advantage of thoroughly up-to-date buildings. The march of improvement never stops. A new front, with a tower and clock, are among the recent improvements. This summer the kitchen has been entirely remodelled, in order that the unique method of serving meals may be the more successfully carried out. The student at the Normal is allowed the privilege of ordering his or her meals from a menu, and is allowed ample time for each meal. This has proven to be a remarkably successful innovation, and one existing in few, if any, schools of the kind.

### H. D. McBRIDE.

This morning at ten o'clock all that is mortal of Hugh D. McBride were consigned to the grave in Rosemont cemetery. The services will be conducted at his late residence in Hemlock township at ten o'clock, after which the remains were brought here for interment.

The home at which Mr. McBride breathed his last was also his birthplace, he having been born there January 30, 1828. At the time of his death he was a little over 73 years of age. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William McBride both of whom are dead.

His boyhood days were spent on the farm. When eighteen years of age he began to teach school which he followed for a number of years. He then learned the plastering trade and worked at it until he purchased the homestead where he has resided ever since. Mr. McBride was a prominent citizen of his township and commanded the respect of all his fellowmen.

A wife, formerly a Miss Stecker, and two children are left to mourn the loss of a good husband and kind father.

### MEETING OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

Miss Lulu Houser Chosen as Elocutionist.

The only vacancy in the corps of instructors for the BloomSBurg public schools, that of teacher of elocution, was filled by the Board at a meeting held in the High School Building Monday night, when Miss Lulu Houser, of Felicity, Ohio, was elected to that position. Miss Houser's application was accompanied by recommendations of the first order, and the directors, being satisfied that she is fully competent to fill the position, her election was made unanimous.

The teachers and janitors were all present and appended their signatures to the contracts for the ensuing year.

Secretary Brown reported the total amount of the tax duplicate, for all school purposes, for 1901, as \$17,554.73, an increase of about \$400 over that of last year.

The recommendations, as made by the Text Book Committee, were freely discussed by the teachers and directors, and upon motion, duly seconded, were unanimously adopted.

Other important matters were brought before the Board and given full consideration, the meeting lasting until past 12 o'clock.

School opens Monday next, August 26, with bright prospects, and the attendance promises to exceed that of any former year.

A number of bills were presented and the Secretary directed to issue orders for same, after which an adjournment was taken until Friday night, August 30th.

### U. Ev. Services.

1. S. School at 9:15. 2. An illustrated talk after the S. School.

3. K. L. C. E. 6:30. 4. An interesting Missionary Program rendered at which inspiring addresses will be delivered 7:30. 5. Prayermeeting on Wednesday eve 7:30. A cordial invitation to all these services. Strangers always welcome.

### J. W. BENTZ.

Brick crossings have been laid over Main street, at Iron street and in front of the Court House.

## BELT BUCKLE SALE.

In order to reduce stock of

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**J. LEE MARTIN.**

**J. G. WELLS,**

Successor to S. F. Peacock & Co., Market Square.

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12 quarts,	50c
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16 quarts,	60c
20 quarts,	75c

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GENERAL HARDWARE.

BEN GIDDING.

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In all styles and prices.

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