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## CHRISTMAS DANCE.

In response to invitations issued by a committee of gentlemen, a dance was held at the Exchange Hotel on Monday night, December 30th. There were thirty-six couples present, and there would have been several more couples in attendance but for illness, and the excellent work which vaccination is doing on numerous arms. Excellent music was furnished by Swartz's orchestra, and the dancing was prolonged until about half-past three in the morning. Nice refreshments were served, and all the arrangements about the house were well made. Those present from out of town were: Dr. Marion Vastine, Henry Geary, Richard Lockard, Miss Marie Sharpless, Miss Katharine Sharpless, Miss Sarah Seesholtz, Miss Helen Baldy, Catawissa; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Jackson, M. J. Oswald, Berwick; Misses Mabel, Elizabeth and Margaret Waller, Alex. Stuart, Indiana, Pa.; Thomas Forrest, New York; George Norman, Philadelphia; Miss Dollie Millard, W. R. Irvin, Centralia; Miss Kelly, Miss Nesbit, Lewisburg; Miss Hutchison, Kingston; Miss Leonore Jones, Nanticoke; W. J. Benson, Mt. Carmel. There were some rich costumes worn by the ladies, and it was a very pretty party in every way.

## Three In Succession.

The Wheelmen basket ball team was up against it again Friday evening. They promised their friends to retrieve the loss of the game at Danville the week before and of course the followers were out in goodly numbers to witness the walloping. But what a disappointment. The locals were slower than a Wilkes-Barre and Western freight train, and it was with difficulty that the audience restrained itself. Danville apparently threw baskets at will, because like the Irishman's explanation of the water going over Niagara Falls, "there was nothing to prevent it." The final score was 28 to 16. This makes three straight defeats for the Wheelmen. The cramped area in which the boys are compelled to practice is responsible in a large measure for the poor showing of late. They pass the ball successfully enough in the small inclosure at the old Presbyterian church, but when they get in a larger room different tactics are necessary and as a result they are lost. But there are also other little defects which can be overcome only by constant practice. We hope to sing a different tune next time.

## Terrible Accident.

At the conclusion of the Christmas entertainment in what is known as the Vanderslice church, situated about one mile and a half from town Saturday evening, an accident occurred which almost resulted in the loss of a human life. The attendance was very large and while the host of souls was passing from the gray light of the building out into the night, Miss Letha Wolf, aged nine years, who had taken part in the exercises, in some manner or other came in contact with a lighted candle. In an instant almost she was enveloped in a sheet of seething flames. The people at once realized that prompt action was necessary and men rushed to the assistance of the unfortunate girl. The flames were smothered by means of shawls but not until her face neck and arms had been severely burned. She was hastily removed to the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Wolf and Dr. Bierman summoned. He dressed the injuries and made the patient's condition as comfortable as possible.

## Death Claims Mrs. A. J. Beagle.

Mrs. Andrew J. Beagle died at the family residence on the Light Street road, on Thursday. Her illness was quite protracted and in many different forms. Death, however is attributed to pneumonia. Mrs. Beagle was possessed of a good christian spirit, and her life was worthy of emulation. The family which consists of a husband, a son and two daughters, moved to this town several years ago from Hemlock township. Shortly afterward, Mrs. Beagle joined the Lutheran Church, which alliance has always been held most sacred by her. She was sixty-three years of age. Short services were held over the remains at the residence Sunday morning, after which they were taken to the Cemetery at Heller's Church for interment.

## THE Bloomsburg National Bank

Is a thoroughly modern, active and well equipped bank, prepared to give its customers every facility of every sort that may be justified by business conditions. Accounts are solicited.

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

## Why Don't Men Marry?

This was the subject of an extended conversation overheard by the writer while in a local store the other day. There were many reasons advanced. Here they are: A great many men don't marry because they can't get the one they want; bachelors have high notions. Second, because many of them are cowards; they dare not face the music, they dodge the question. Third, because they have no faith in women; they think marriage a lottery. Fourth, they are selfish; they cannot yield for another's good; can't support a family. Fifth, woman's extravagance, probably the most general cause of man's hesitancy; expensive living and extravagant dress. It costs as much to launch a woman on the sea of wedded life as it would to fit out a schooner. The appearance of some Christmas shoppers broke up the conference before the other fellow had been given an opportunity to express himself.

## Terrible Calamity at Rupert.

The little village of Rupert is in deep sorrow over the terrible calamity that befell Joseph Fedder, one of its aged residents Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Fedder was crossing the tracks of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and was struck and run over by the up passenger train due in Bloomsburg at 2.34. The engineer whistled for the crossing, but as Mr. Fedder's hearing is impaired its sounds never reached him, and not until the iron monster was upon him did he realize the danger, then it was too late, and over him went the ponderous wheels, severing both legs, and inflicting other bodily injuries. His condition is critical in the extreme.

We have been unable to learn his exact age, but he is well advanced in years. The whole populace of the little town is effected, and on every hand can be heard expressions of sorrow.

## Dance and Luncheon.

Misses Martha and Ella Franey gave a dance Monday night in honor of their guests, Misses Blanche Maher and Edna Black, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Miss Elizabeth Bachman, of Bloomsburg, in the large store room of J. J. Franey, at the corner of Main and Oak streets. At midnight the dancers retired to the spacious drawing and dining rooms of the Franey residence and partook of a dainty luncheon prepared by the mother of the hostesses, Mrs. J. J. Franey. At about 2:30 the affair broke up, the large crowd having enjoyed a splendid evening. The Riley orchestra furnished the music.—*Shenandoah Herald.*

## Gone to Lewistown.

Eugene F. McCab<sup>2</sup> went to Lewistown, Pa., this morning, where he has accepted the position of General Manager of the Lewistown Electric Light & Gas Co. His family will remain here until spring. A. W. Duy, Esq., will probably assume the duties of General Manager of the Bloomsburg Electric Light & Gas Co., of which he has been cashier for several years.

## Men's Meeting.

Dr. J. P. Welsh will address the men's meeting the first Sunday of the New Year. Special music by the musicians of the Normal School.

The woman's auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association served a free lunch in the Y. M. C. A. building Wednesday afternoon.

## Death of Burton G. Waples.

Succumbs to an Attack of Bright's Disease.

Grovania on Friday morning lost one of its most valued and substantial citizens in the person of Burton G. Waples, who succumbed to an attack of Bright's disease, after an illness lasting only two weeks, in the sixty-first year of his age. The deceased was the son of Captain Waples, and was born and raised in Almedia, this county. He resided for many years in Danville, where he was well known and highly respected.

On the 9th of last month he moved to Grovania, where since 1882 he held a partnership with C. D. Garrison in the general merchandise business and where he was also interested in the lime and stone business.

The deceased was never married. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary J. Fisher, with whom he resided, and Mrs. Sara Lyons, of Norristown. The funeral occurred on Tuesday with interment in the Episcopal Cemetery at Danville.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. John residing on Iron Street, had a narrow escape from death Thursday night, caused by coal gas. Mrs. John awoke early Friday morning with a severe headache, but knowing that she was subject to the discomfort and thinking that it would soon pass over, she went back to bed. She was awakened again this time by the groans of her husband. He had just been vaccinated and she attributed his apparent agony to that cause. At half-past seven he made an effort to get up. He finally reached the first floor where he became unconscious. It was then that the presence of coal gas was discovered. Mrs. John's call for help was responded to by the neighbors, who sent for Doctor John. It is the opinion of the physician that death would have resulted, had the couple remained in the room another hour.

## It is Deputy Allen Now.

The new year has brought with it a change in the list of County officials. Deputy treasurer C. A. Klein on Tuesday resigned his position. County Treasurer Jeremiah Snyder, at once appointed W. B. Allen to the place, and that gentleman is now attending to the business of the office.

## CHRISTMAS.

20 DIFFERENT PATTERNS TOILET # ARTICLES TO SELECT FROM.

Sterling Silver, 25c. to \$12 Each.

Complete Desk Sets, Brush and Comb Sets, From \$2 Up.

See my advertisement on page 5.

J. Lee Martin, Jeweler.

Telephone 1842.

BEN GIDDING.

# REMOVAL SALE!

WE TAKE POSSESSION OF THE

Lockard Building,

Corner Main and Centre Sts.,

# MARCH 1st.

AND WOULD RATHER SELL

# Our Goods at Cost THAN MOVE THEM.

# BEN GIDDING, THE CLOTHIER.

Come in and see us, we'll treat you right.

## Life's Work Ended.

D. C. McHenry died at his home in Berwick on Friday, after a long illness, during which he suffered much. He was in his 74th year. He was born in Greenwood township, and was the son of Absalom and Permillia McHenry, he being one of seven children, two of whom survive. His wife and two daughters survive him, also one grandson and two great grandsons. Few men of Berwick were so well known or more esteemed. He was a member of the school board thirty-two years. He entered the employ of Jackson & Woodin in 1850 and had been with the concern continuously until his sickness disabled him. Funeral services were held on Monday at two o'clock.

An excellent likeness of Fire Chief S. H. Harman graced the state news page of Friday's Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Removal!

J. G. WELLS will remove his hardware store to room now occupied by Ben Gidding, about March 9, 1902.

All goods not in the staple line will be sold at REDUCED # PRICES rather than move them.

J. G. WELLS, GENERAL HARDWARE.

## The Leader Department Store.

THAT GUESS. THAT RUG.

The Contest Closed at 9 O'clock, Dec. 24. There were more than 10,000 guesses.

No one in the store knew the size of rug. No one knew the number of tufts.

At 9 O'clock, December 24th, the following certificate was handed Mr. A. H. Cook, our book-keeper, in a sealed envelope:

BLOOMSBURG, Dec. 24, 1901. I hereby certify that on this day I measured and computed the number of tufts in the Tabriz Rug, which the Leader Store Co., Ltd., advertised that they would give away to the person guessing nearest the correct number of tufts therein. The size of the rug is 11 feet 6 1/2 inches long, 8 feet 5 inches wide. The number of tufts is 2,293,280. I also certify that up to this time I did not know either size of rug or number of tufts.

(Signed) W. LAW, Supt. Tapestry Dept. Magee Carpet Co. A careful examination of the cards was then made and the following cards showed as follows:

A. H. Bloom, No. 497,	2,298,240.
Mrs. W. H. Whitney, No. 521,	2,254,736.
Mrs. F. D. Dentler, No. 557,	2,250,110.

The rug was then given with our compliments to A. H. Bloom, Cashier Farmers National Bank.

The successful guesser went about it in a business like manner. He put in 15 more guesses, taking for his basis of calculations varying sizes of rugs. The other guesses were:

No. 504.....	2,837,460	No. 505.....	3,119,040
" 502.....	2,304,000	" 506.....	2,954,800
" 503.....	2,688,120	" 491.....	2,358,160
" 501.....	2,448,720	" 492.....	2,407,680
" 500.....	2,700,280	" 493.....	2,541,440
" 499.....	2,188,800	" 494.....	2,454,800
" 498.....	2,584,760	" 495.....	2,325,900
" 496.....	2,425,920		

Original cards are hanging in windows of U. S. Express Co., on Main street.

To the disappointed ones we tender our regrets. We wish we could have given away ten rugs instead of one. But a fairer contest we never started or closed.

To our many patrons our sincere thanks. You gave us 75 per cent. increase in business over last year.

AND NOW FOR 1902 WE ASK A 100 PER CT. INCREASE. We promise you better goods, lower prices, greater variety, closer attention than 1901.

Wishing you a Happy New Year we are, yours for business,

The Leader Store Co., Ltd., Fourth and Market Sts.,