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## A TALE OF TWO CATS.

One Performs a Surgical Operation.

In the family of the editor are two domestic pets of the feline race. One is an Angora from Maine, and the other a white Maltese. The latter was the first comer, and she has always regarded the Angora with feelings of jealousy which have prevented the existence of cordial relations between the two. At every opportunity she has exhibited her antipathy by making a vicious dive at "Tix," the Angora. On Sunday last she rendered him valuable service without the slightest intention of so doing.

On Saturday it was discovered that Tix had a large swelling on his breast, from the effects of which he was evidently much indisposed. He refused to eat and otherwise showed that he was a sick cat. On Sunday morning the swelling had increased in size, and Tix's condition became a matter of some concern. He is a beautiful specimen of his kind, with long silky hair, and a tail as large as a fox's, and possessed of much intelligence, having been taught to perform several tricks with very little difficulty. The owners were at a loss to know what to do for his relief, and were about to consult a veterinary in the hope that he might know something of cat anatomy, when Malta, the white cat, solved the difficulty. Tix was lying on a chair and Malta on the floor was amusing herself with his tail, when she suddenly made a spring and caught him in the breast with her claws. Blood commenced to flow, and an examination showed that the swelling had been punctured. An ounce or more of blood and corruption escaped from the wound, and in a little while he showed evidences of improvement. The swelling disappeared, and by evening he was asking for his supper in his usual manner, and ate a good meal, the first in two days, and has now entirely recovered. What the swelling needed was lancing, but nobody knew that, and the cat would probably have died for want of proper treatment but for the skillful surgical operation performed by the claws of his unfriendly mate.

As with cats so with people. It sometimes happens that when we undertake to do an act calculated to harm others, that we overstep the mark and our evil intentions are turned to the benefit of those whom we wished to injure.

## Death of Peter Billmeyer.

The sickness which has afflicted Peter Billmeyer for nearly five months past terminated in death at his home on the corner of Center and Fourth Streets Saturday morning. He was born in Montour County April 22, 1819. He assisted his father on the farm until 1849 when he was elected Sheriff of Columbia County. Upon the expiration of his term he purchased the Exchange Hotel, and conducted it for a number of years. He then engaged in the mercantile business. In this line he continued until 1881 when he sold out and retired to private life.

The family which is left to mourn his death consists of a wife, formerly Miss Martha Roat, and four children, Mrs. J. Blanche Brayton of New York, Mrs. A. J. Williams, of town, Frank P. of New York and Dr. Harry D. of Waupun, Wis.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. M. E. McLinn of the Lutheran Church, of which the deceased was a member.

## MRS. WILLIAM H. WOODIN.

Elizabeth Foster Woodin died at her home in Berwick last Thursday evening, after a protracted illness, aged eighty years, six months and twenty-seven days. She was the widow of William H. Woodin of the firm of Jackson & Woodin who were the original owners of the Berwick car shops. She was born at Catawissa in 1821, and was a sister of the late Mrs. Joseph Sharpless and George Foster of Bloomsburg. Three children survive her: Clemuel R. Woodin and Mrs. Eudora W. Hanly of Berwick, and John F. of Arkansas. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. R. H. Gilbert of the M. E. Church of which the deceased was an earnest and consistent member.

## Calendars for 1902.

Every subscriber and every patron of this office can have a calendar for 1902 by calling for it. Or we will send one by mail for a 2 cent stamp.

You may make a fortune and you may not. Success is so subtle that it can hardly be grasped; so elusive that it is most difficult to retain. It is surely prudent while in health and prosperity to lay aside safely such sums as you may be able for future contingencies.

We offer you our services to that end.

—THE—

## Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

## Organization of Poor Board.

The directors of the Bloom Poor District Isaiah Hagenbuch, W. B. Allen and Chandlee Eves met at the Poor Farm Tuesday afternoon. This being the first meeting of the new year there were many matters which required consideration. The first in order was of course an organization. This was quickly disposed of by electing Isaiah Hagenbuch as president. Freeze Quick was retained as secretary, his compensation being the same as last year \$100. Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Kline were reappointed as steward and stewardess. The physicians of last year were reappointed with the exception of Dr. T. C. Harter, who is succeeded by Dr. J. C. Rutter. For treasurer the names of O. T. Wilson and W. E. Hartman were proposed, while propositions were received from the First National Bank and the Bloomsburg National Bank. The first institution offered the services of E. F. Carpenter and the latter William H. Hidlay. Services to be gratis in both cases. Mr. Hagenbuch moved that the offer of the Bloomsburg National Bank be accepted which was seconded by Mr. Eves, and Mr. Hidlay was made the treasurer.

For solicitor the names of C. C. Yetter and W. C. Johnston were proposed. A vote was taken which resulted in the selection of the last named gentleman. This concluded the business and an adjournment was decided.

The auditors were also in session at the same time and place. The gentlemen, Jacob Rantz, F. E. Harrington, Boyd Tresscott and Peter H. Freeze, in whom has been vested the authority to examine the accounts of the district were all present. The books were examined and found to be in a most satisfactory condition.

The matter of increasing the salary of the directors was taken up. Each gave expressions to his views, after which it was unanimously decided that the salary of each director be increased from \$87.50 to \$100.

## Called to the Realm of the Higher Life.

Mrs. Loretta Brown answered the last summons, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Hess, on Iron street, Sunday evening. Her illness, which first manifested itself in the shape of lagrippe, had its beginning in the latter part of December. She took medicine in the hope of checking the disease, but it appeared to take a firmer hold upon her system and finally developed into pneumonia, which is attributed as the cause of death. Mrs. Brown had been a resident of Mifflin township for a long while. She possessed many Christian virtues and was respected by all who knew her. She was in her eighty-fifth year and is survived by five children—James C. and Samuel C. Brown and Mrs. G. W. Hess, of Bloomsburg; Elmira, who lives at home, and Albert, a resident of Kansas. The husband, William N. Brown, has been dead for a number of years. There are also surviving two sisters—Mrs. Charles Shady, of Avoca, and Mrs. Lydia Remley, of Fowlersville. Funeral services were held at the residence on Iron street Wednesday morning. The remains were taken to Mifflinville for interment.

## Of Special Interest to Men.

Mr. H. A. Black of New York City will give a special message to the men of Bloomsburg next Sunday at 2:30 P. M. in the Association building. Mr. Black is a specialist in Y. M. C. A. work and will give a profitable as well as interesting address. Violin Solo by Mr. Nuss.

## G. A. R. INSTALLS OFFICERS.

The installation of officers by the G. A. R., in their hall Friday evening was numerously attended by Post members and their friends. The ceremonies were of a public nature. There were no invitations issued, but the request was passed from one member to another, and the large gathering gave evidence that the desire of the Post to have the public present had been given pretty general circulation. Post Commander W. O. Holmes was in charge of the meeting. The following are those who were inducted into office:

Commander—George W. Sterner.  
Sr. Vice Commander—Clark Kressler.  
Adjutant—C. S. Fornwald.  
Quartermaster—W. R. Ringrose.  
Sergeant—B. F. Hicks.  
Chaplain—N. B. Fowler.  
Officer of the Day—J. H. Fahringer.  
Officer of the Guard—Jerre Wagner.  
Inside Sentinel—W. B. McBride.  
Outside Sentinel—Robert J. Morris.  
W. D. Moyer was selected as delegate to the State Convention, to be held in Gettysburg in June; W. R. Ringrose, alternate. For trustee, for a term of three years, W. O. Holmes was chosen unanimously.

The remainder of the evening was given over to addresses, music and refreshments. Eloquent and well chosen words were uttered by Rev. N. C. Naylor, of Washington, D. C., Geo. W. Sterner, Rev. J. D. Smith and Rev. W. R. Whitney, of town. Each of the four gentlemen were listened to with marked attention. The addresses were interspersed with selections by Schwarz's Orchestra and a stringed quartette, under the leadership of J. D. Goss. It was, indeed, a pleasant evening, and Ent Post has won many golden opinions for the courteous treatment of all who attended.

## His Suffering Ends in Death.

Joseph Fedder, who met with such a terrible accident at the D. L. & W. Railroad crossing, at Rupert, on Wednesday of last week, died at the home of his son, Harvey Fedder, at Rupert, at ten o'clock Friday night. Had he survived the calamity he would have been helpless for life, as one leg had already been amputated and it would have been necessary to remove the other. He was in great agony all day Thursday, but for several hours preceding death the pain had apparently left, and he slept peacefully away.

[READ MY AD ON 5TH PAGE.]

## Big Stock of

**ROGERS' Knives and Forks and Tea Spoons**

which I will sell at prices very low in order to reduce stock before I move.

March 24, 1902 I will occupy the store room in the Ent building which is now Rish-ton's Drug Store.

**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.

## Students' Reception.

Last Saturday evening the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of the Normal School held a reception in the Gymnasium, for the new students who entered at the beginning of the winter term. The event was a very pleasant one. A committee including Dr. Welsh, Miss Perley, Miss Bartholomew, Dr. Aldinger, Mrs. Aldinger and Mr. Preston received the guests, a large number being present.

The gymnasium was nicely trimmed with evergreens and Normal colors, and the B. S. N. S. orchestra furnished several selections which were greatly enjoyed.

A guessing contest created a great deal of fun and the prize was won by Harry Spencer.

Refreshments were served by the ladies and gentlemen of the societies.

Leases, 3c each, 30c a dozen.

Notices to quit, 10c a dozen. For sale at this office. tf.

## 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 Dep't Store.

### Just Through Stock Taking

And there are a number of broken lots in all departments that a little money will move. Our buyer is now making spring selections in the New York and Philadelphia markets.

### Our Business to be Doubled for 1902.

It showed a handsome increase over 1900, but in 1902 we want to do twice as much as we did in 1901. We will take you into our confidence, for unless you help we cannot increase our business. We are going to give you the cheapest and best selection of

### Linens and Linings in Columbia County.

Every department is to be increased. The line of Shirt waists we handled the last two years will again be carried by us this year, and the

### Patterns are Private to Us.

Then you took such an interest in our rug guessing that we have several other interesting features for 1902, and we will pay handsomely for your wit and influence. Just keep us in mind when you want to buy anything and we are going to save you money.

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THE

## Leader Dep't Store,

Fourth and Market Sts.,  
Bloomsburg, Pa.