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THE STORM KING REIGNED.

For Three Days the Trolley Cars were Stalled.

Bloomsg and neighboring regions were visited by a snow storm, the most severe of the whole winter, on Thursday, and for three days avenues of traffic were impeded. Railroad trains were late, telegraph and telephone service were crippled, and cars on the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway were completely stalled. Snow in the shape of large, soft flakes, began to descend to earth on Thursday, and throughout Friday and Saturday the fall was almost incessant. A stiff breeze swept the congealed particles along, but, owing to their weight, there was little or no drifting.

It was the people employed in the mills, who reside up along the trolley line, that were made the most miserable, perhaps. The utter inability of the cars to cope with the storm cut off their means of transportation to and from work, and the great delays occasioned were vexatious in the extreme.

Superintendent Hackett rose to the situation and put men to work shoveling the snow off the track, but they labored to a great disadvantage, as it came down nearly as fast as they removed it. On Saturday a road scraper was brought into requisition, by the aid of which the progress of the men was more noticeable. Not until Monday was the road opened, and then only as far as Espy.

No attempt was made to maintain a schedule on the railroads. The Philadelphia mail, due in Bloomsburg at 7:22 in the morning did not get in until after 11 o'clock on Saturday.

Many buildings have been damaged in the way of roofs falling in under the weight of the snow, but the reports are so fragmentary that an approximate estimate of the aggregate loss cannot be made.

Tuesday afternoon a rain storm set in. Under its influence the snow is rapidly disappearing and the streams are coming up with a speed that is alarming. It is no cheerful prospect that the people living in the low lands and along the river are called upon to face.

Licensed to Wed.

Prothonotary W. H. Henric has granted legal permits to the following couples since the last issue of THE COLUMBIAN.

Thomas L. Edwards and Miss Agnes A. Mensch, both of Bloomsburg.

Frank Davis and Miss Annie Erwine, both of Berwick.

Hurley G. Shultz and Miss Amanda Wood, both of Centre.

William Dallas Nuss of Beaver township, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas of Summer Hill.

Clem W. Nugent and Miss Katharine S. Bason, both of Berwick.

Frank Anderson and Miss Maggie Sporenberg, both of Berwick.

Wilford Smith and Miss Ida L. McAfee, both of Berwick.

Arthur Gavitt of Westmor, Pa., and Miss Stella Yohe of Bloomsburg. H. W. Force and Miss Verne Faussey of Greenwood township.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened on Wednesday at eleven o'clock, with Hon. C. R. Savidge specially presiding.

Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company vs. The Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company.

Now, to wit, February 26th, 1902, pursuant to agreement of counsel, the hearing in the above proceedings, heretofore fixed for this date is hereby continued, to be brought up upon the application of either party, upon five days notice to opposing counsel.

BY THE COURT.

Catawissa and Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company vs. Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Company. The injunction heretofore granted is dissolved and the bill of complaint is dismissed at the costs of the plaintiff, for whom an exception is noted and a bill sealed.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN COMING.

We are informed by County Chairman C. A. Small, that Hon. William Jennings Bryan will be in Bloomsburg on Saturday evening, March 8th, where he will deliver his lecture on "A Conquering Nation," in the Opera House. Further particulars will be announced later.

Those who advertise in the COLUMBIAN will please bear in mind that we go to press every Thursday morning, and advertising matter should be with us never later than Wednesday afternoon.

During the two and one-half years of its existence this bank has acquired the patronage of a very large number of the best citizens of this town and county. We most thoroughly appreciate the confidence, goodwill and hearty support of the people, and promise our best efforts to merit the continuous and additional patronage of the public.

—THE—

Bloomsg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

P. O. S. OF A. CONVENTION.

The Joint District Convention of the P. O. S. of A., comprising the counties of Columbia and Montour convened at Benron on Saturday, February 22nd.

This convention was one of the most earnest and enthusiastic meetings ever held by the P. O. S. of A. in this section of the State.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, A. U. Leshar, Camp 105; Vice President, A. H. Kline, Camp 540; Master of Forms, H. H. Brown, Camp 17; Secretaries, J. V. Wilson, 364; F. R. Clemens, 540; E. A. Brown, 17; Treasurer, J. L. C. Kline, 123; Conductor, George Labor; Inspector, L. B. Stiles; Chaplain, Dr. I. L. Edwards; Executive Committee, Kline, Remley and Robbins; Committee on Resolutions, Messrs. Dr. I. E. Patterson, C. E. Whitenight and Arthur Merrill.

President Ralph G. Kisner's address was a carefully prepared and eloquently delivered patriotic oration. Messrs Kline and Leshar, Dr. I. L. Edwards and S. B. Karns, Esq., spoke on the good of the Order.

The following resolutions which were unanimously adopted were ordered to be published in every paper in Columbia and Montour counties and to be sent to every Camp in the Central Pennsylvania District, comprising the counties of Luzerne, Columbia, Montour and Northumberland.

BENTON, PA., Feb. 22, 1902.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Montour and Columbia District Convention of the P. O. S. of A. have here this day assembled ourselves together for the transaction of such business as may be for the good of the Order—now, therefore, be it and it is hereby

RESOLVED, That while we welcome to our shores well meaning emigrants of every land and every religion who conform to the emigration laws, we do most heartily protest against the admission of men of Anarchistic tendencies; That we hold that he who aims a death-blow at our government or its chief executive, whoever he may be, is a traitor and a despicable scoundrel, and should be punished accordingly, and that they who teach, preach, or act the doctrines of Anarchy be apprehended by process of a law to be enacted by Congress, and that such persons be isolated, be given an island, placed upon it without any government, guarded by a naval picket and be permitted to work out their theories to their ultimate conclusion. Having found our Joint Convention to be for the good of the Order and realizing that it has become a source of strength and enthusiasm.

RESOLVED, That the Columbia Montour Joint District Convention hereby extends a cordial invitation to all camps in Luzerne and Northumberland counties to join with us in an enlarged Convention to meet at Light-street, Columbia Co., Pa., on Saturday, February 21, 1903.

RESOLVED, That we most heartily thank our retiring President, Ralph C. Kisner, Esq., for the efficiency, fidelity and zeal with which he has served this convention for two terms, and that we likewise thank all the officers who have contributed to make this convention a success.

RESOLVED, That our thanks are hereby extended to Benton Camp No. 113, P. O. S. of A., for their hospitality in furnishing us their beautiful hall as a place of meeting.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be instructed to request the State Secretary to inform every Camp in each district of the appointment of each successive District President, and that the State Secretary be also requested to inform each District President of those Camps which, having paid their

per-capita tax, are ready for the installation of officers.

RESOLVED, That we heartily recommend that the members of the Order in the counties represented in this body be requested to devise some method by which we may be well represented at the Pennsylvania State Camp to be held next Summer in Williamsport, and that we use our individual efforts to further this end in our respective Camps.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each Camp in the Central Pennsylvania District and printed in the papers of said district.

A. U. LESHAR,
F. R. CLEMENS,
I. E. PATTERSON.

E. A. BROWN,
J. V. WILSON, } Secretaries.

Dedication of Bethel M. E. Church at Almedia.

The dedication of the Almedia M. E. church more than surpassed our most sanguine expectations. If the weather would have been as we were desiring and hoping, crowds would have been on hand, as contributors, or simply to occupy a seat.

The church at no time was more than one-half full, but I take great pleasure in announcing that an edifice costing \$2,000 with a balance due on dedication of \$276, was more than met, and stands as a unique structure unencumbered.

Dr. Evans and Dr. Gray were on hand and preached the word in a masterly manner to the entire delight and pleasure of all, and it is almost needless to state they manipulated the solicitations with wonderful skill and surprise; so that before the evening sermon by Dr. Evans the Bethel M. E. Church of Almedia was handed over to the worship of the True God, without a dollar of debt upon it.

Thus the day closed amid rejoicing and to the utmost satisfaction of all.

The musical from 3 p. m. to 3:30 was fine in every respect.

Many thanks to the Crider orchestra, the choirs and other selections given for the helpful hand on this auspicious occasion.

W. H. HARTMAN.

Color-Blind Employees Dropped.

Along the entire system employees of the Lackawanna railroad have been discharged for failing to pass the recent examination under the new regulations. Most of the discharges are due to failure in standing the color test. It is the intention of the management to dispense with the services of any of its employees who are defective in distinguishing the difference between colors and there is undoubtedly no hopes of reinstatement to their former position of men who have proved color-blind in the recent examination.

Fishes are commonly sold dead, as they do not live long after they are taken from their element. Codfish are an exception, as they live for some hours out of water. The fishing schooners have wells where they keep their catch, and when coming home from the fishing grounds are careful to avoid floating ice, lest the fish freeze. It is not an uncommon sight to see codfish alive in Fulton Market, New York, that have come all the way from the Newfoundland banks, part of the trip having been made in specially constructed tank cars.

VISITING CARDS.

The latest styles in type for visiting cards can be seen at this office. By a change in the arrangement of our show case, ladies can order cards in the front office without going back into the work shop. Call and see samples. tf.

A FINE EXHIBITION.

The ninth annual gymnastic exhibition, given under the direction of Prof. A. K. Aldinger and associate Miss Margaret M. Bogenrief, in the gymnasium Monday evening was one of the most successful and enjoyable performances ever presented there, and the large audience was delighted. Every number on the lengthy program was executed in a way that merited the applause received. Polka steps by Senior model school girls, Indian clubs by Junior girls, dumb bells by Junior boys, scintillating solo with illuminated clubs by Alfred Armstrong, pyramids, by middle boys, and Aesthetic exercises by senior girls, are worthy of special mention. In the last mentioned number every gesture was the personification of grace, and the various attitudes were adequate in expressing the gamut of human emotions.

No end of time and inexhaustible patience on the part of the instructors and a close application of those participating must have been necessary, in the rendition of such an enjoyable program. The school is certainly to be congratulated on the success of the annual gymnastic exhibition.

Now, in addition to oil, natural gas has been struck in the test well of the Montoursville Prospecting Company, on Murray Run, in Gamble township, Lycoming county. When a depth of 540 feet had been reached by the drill the flame shot up six feet upon a match being applied. Drilling will be continued until the third sand is reached, when the hole will be shot. The discovery of gas, the drillers say, is strong evidence of oil territory.

Fitzsimmons and Jeffries, the world's leading pugilists have signed articles to fight. The match is to take place some time in May. Don't wager too much on the outcome, you may lose.

[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

Removal!

J. G. WELLS
will remove his
hardware store to
room now occu-
pied by Ben Gid-
ding, 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.

BEN GIDDING.

WE MOVE
Next Monday
and in a day or two will
have on display

OUR NEW
Spring Goods

In the meantime we
will sell what we have

AT A SACRIFICE

Ben Gidding,
THE CLOTHIER.

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

The Leader Dep't Store.

5 Per Cent. 5 Per Cent.

We have been telling you we want double
the business for 1902 that you gave us in 1901.

WE'RE GOING INTO

The Banking Business
AND WILL PAY

5 Per Ct. Per Month on Deposits.

IMPOSSIBLE!—Oh, no! Here's our plan,
briefly. Full particulars in our circulars:

Trade with us and we furnish you with a
deposit book of the Leader Bank. Every pur-
chase you make is entered to your credit in
your book. At the end of the month we give
you

5 Per Ct. on the Amt. so Purchased.

You can take this 5 per cent. credit and
with it purchase anything to that amount in
the store. We do not say to you that you have
to buy a chair or a lamp that you may not
want. If you have a credit of \$1.00 take it
and buy a dollar's worth of sugar, or potatoes,
or muslin, or anything else you may want.

HERE'S 3 BIG POINTS:

GOODS RIGHT,
PRICES RIGHT, AND

5 Per Cent. Interest on Everything You Buy.
Bank opens for business Feb. 8th.

THE
Leader Dep't Store,
Fourth and Market Sts.,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

5 Per Cent. 5 Per Cent.