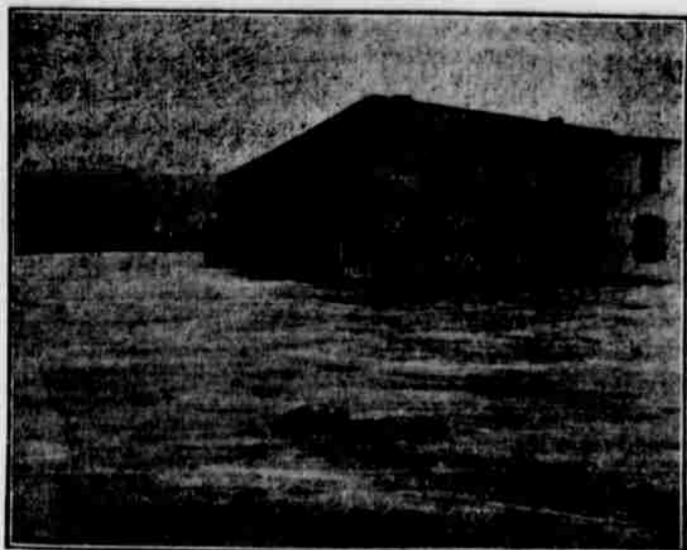


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ROW OF HOUSES ON MAGEE AVENUE,

Surrounded by Water During the Recent Flood. This Photograph Was Taken on Sunday Afternoon, March 2d, 1902.

BLOOMSBURG IS ITSELF AGAIN.

The drastic effects of the great flood are daily disappearing and about all that is left is memory. The three days that the streams were on the rampage were quite sufficient to impress the perceptive faculties to such an extent that one can picture in his mind, far better than words can describe, the really awful conditions that existed. Had we not had the flood of '65 as a precedent the feeling of anxiety, would, no doubt, have been far greater. But at that time, with the water considerably higher than it was last week, the period of suffering and inconvenience was not near so long. Just think of it, isolated from the outside world for nearly a week! No trains on the railroads, mail service suspended, public highways congested with water and travel impeded, the trolley road tied up and telegraph and telephone systems crippled. Probably not in the life of a generation will the like occur again. But we are gradually getting back to the anti-flood days. Railroad and trolley road damages have been repaired and the town can now be reached from all sections of the county.

The high waters revealed a very curious inconsistency. People who will never go to church when it is drizzling, walked a mile or two in a steady downpour and stood indefinitely watching the inundation of the waters. But after all, a true history of human events would show that the generality of persons act from impulse much more than from principle, and this changeableness does not make them so bad as we are first apt to think.

The Court Will Decide.

The court will be called upon to decide whether or not the trolley cars can cross the Catawissa river bridge. Scanlon & Co. met the County Commissioners at their office on Tuesday afternoon. The proposition submitted by the Commissioners involved the payment by the trolley people, of all the necessary repairs to the bridge annually. This Scanlon & Co. refused. They were willing to pay a certain per cent of the expenses necessary to keeping the structure in repair, or they would pay \$500 yearly into the County treasury. Both offers were rejected, and the matter will now be submitted to the Courts. Scanlon & Co. contend, that under the law, they have a right to cross the bridge, and that this action only means delay for them and expense to the County.

FUNERAL OF RUFUS K. POLK.

All that was earthly of the late Hon. Rufus K. Polk was laid to rest in the cemetery at Danville, with impressive ceremonies, Saturday afternoon. Men prominent in the affairs of state and nation attended the obsequies to pay their parting tributes of respect to one who they had revered in life. Every countenance bore evidence of the deep grief felt, in all around sorrow prevailed. Business was suspended during the afternoon, all factories and stores being closed. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. McAtee. The honorary pallbearers were fellow Congressmen, while workmen carried the coffin. There was a profusion of flowers, and many beautiful designs.

Blue birds have made their appearance.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

John Palmer Summoned While on the Street Sunday Morning.

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly to John Palmer about ten o'clock Sunday morning. For something like a year past he had been a sufferer with heart disease, but he did not consider his case serious. Sunday morning he left his home on West Third street and came up town. When in front of Ben Gidding's Clothing Store, he was taken suddenly ill, and without emitting a sound fell to the pavement. He was carried into the hall, but expired almost instantly.

Undertaker G. G. Baker was sent for and he removed the body to the family home. John was a most congenial fellow. He had a good word for everybody, a trait for which he was well known, and from which he never deviated. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Palmer, both of whom, with three other children survive. Rev. G. H. Hemingway officiated at the funeral services Wednesday morning. Interment was made in the New Rosemont Cemetery.

THE WHEELMEN.

Annual Election Held Tuesday Evening.

The annual election of officers of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen was held Tuesday evening, at nine o'clock. E. F. Carpenter was elected president, Edward M. Holmes, vice president, J. Warren Lee, secretary, William C. Snyder, treasurer, and Clem R. Weiss and Ralph G. Phillips, librarians. Auditors, George Low, Warren H. Eyer, Fred Holmes; Board of Governors, George P. Ringler, president, P. K. Vannatta, J. D. Armstrong, H. W. Townsend, T. B. Moore, Louis Gross, E. F. Row.

A very gratifying report was made by the treasurer. The organization is in excellent condition, from a financial point of view, and the membership is constantly increasing. You will travel a long way before you meet a more congenial lot of fellows than the Bloomsburg Wheelmen.

Mrs. Hannah Smith.

Mrs. Hannah Smith, widow of the late Samuel E. Smith, died at her home on East Seventh street at an early hour Saturday morning, from a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Smith and family moved here recently from Stillwater. The family resided here before, when Mr. Smith was Sheriff of Columbia county. At the expiration of his term they removed to Stillwater, where they remained until his death, in 1898. About a year after they came to Bloomsburg and have resided here ever since. Mrs. Smith was about fifty-four years of age and was a devout Christian woman. She is survived by ten children, among whom are William J. Smith, senior member of the firm of Smith & Geisinger, of Stillwater, this county, and Mrs. Miles Ash, of Raven Creek. Dr. T. C. Harter, of this town, is a brother.

Proctor Inn Sale.

All the personal property at Proctor Inn, Jamison City, will be sold at auction on Friday, March 28th, at 10 o'clock a. m. It consists of bedroom suits, parlor and dining room furniture, carpets, &c.

The real estate will be sold at the same time. 3 13 3t.

April 1st is near at hand. That day used to be the principal settlement and money-changing date of the year. It still is to some extent. If we can be of service to you in making your exchanges conveniently and safely, we will be pleased to do so.

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HON. WM. J. BRYAN.

Delivered His Lecture "A Conquering Nation" to a Capacity Audience in the Opera House Saturday Evening.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan, was in Bloomsburg Saturday evening. He arrived here on the evening train over the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, from Danville, where he had gone to attend the obsequies of the late Hon. Rufus K. Polk. Had the prearranged plan been carried out, he would have been the guest of the committee in charge of the lecture from noon on and Bloomsburg would have been honored by his presence for the balance of the day.

He came down from Scranton, where he had lectured the previous night, on the Penna. train due at East Bloomsburg at 11.50 and was met at the station by the committee, which was composed of Hon. William T. Creasy, Hon. Fred T. Ikeler, C. A. Small Esq., John G. Harman, Esq., Jno. C. Rutter, Jr. and John R. Townsend. He had heard the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. Polk, and being desirous of paying his respects to the departed congressman, went on through to Danville.

As stated above he arrived here at 6.14 in the evening and was escorted to the Exchange Hotel, where a restless crowd was anxiously awaiting his arrival, all eager to grasp the hand of the man who had been the standard bearer of the Democratic party in two presidential campaigns. It was certainly a sight. Seldom, if ever before, was an individual accorded such an ovation in Bloomsburg. The pavement, for the entire length of the Hotel was in a state of impassibility. The motivity of the crowd, is almost indescribable. He finally succeeded in making his way through the surging throng into the hotel. He was fatigued and tired from the day's travel and wanted rest, but this he was compelled to forego. Acceding to the great demand, he reappeared in the parlor and shook hands and exchanged greetings until it was time to go to the Opera House.

It was a representative audience that filled the Opera House. Republicans and Democrats, of State fame and official importance, were assembled together, to hear the distinguished exponent of Democratic principles. Ladies too, were present in large numbers and their presence imparted an added charm to the gathering.

Fred Ikeler introduced Col. Bryan to the audience at 8.20. He was given a cordial reception as he stepped forward.

He started by saying that there were three reasons for his appearing in different places. First—"That they all voted for me and therefore I ought to go and see them." Second—"That none of them voted for me and that they need missionary work." Third—"That the parties are about equally divided and a speech will accomplish something." The speaker then proceeded. He touched upon the various leading questions of the day, in a masterly manner. His reference to the Philippine war was especially brilliant and eloquent, and has been the cause of setting many who heard it to thinking. He said that he believed that the United States can whip the Philippines, but there is no telling how long it will take. Spain had been at it for a long time, and realizing her inability to do it had sold the option on the fight to the United States for \$20,000,000.

There were many manifestations of approval upon the conclusion of the lecture, and it was evident that the speech had made many friends. He handled the subjects so well, and explained them so lucidly that every-

body could comprehend. His lecture has given new information, and we find ourselves really ignorant of what we thought we understood, and see cause to reject what we thought our truest interest.

After the lecture Colonel Bryan was tendered a reception by the Elks, of which order he is a member, in their handsome rooms in the Ent Building. Refreshments were prepared and served under the direction of J. R. Fowler.

When the feasting was concluded all repaired to the large meeting room and listened to a short address by Mr. Bryan. The talk was replete with choice sayings and was well received.

At this juncture Photographer Ralph Phillips took a flash-light of the gathering. A few minutes were given over to social intercourse, when Colonel Bryan, after bidding all a kind good night, left with Hon. W. T. Creasy for the latter's home in Catawissa, where he remained until Sunday evening, when he departed for New York City.

[READ MY AD ON 5TH PAGE.]

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