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Great Destruction.

Friday Night's Storm Causes Heavy Losses.

Buildings Blown Down, Horses and Cattle Killed.

A storm long to be remembered, by reason of its great severity and terrible destructiveness swept over a portion of Montour County Friday night. Columbia County did not entirely escape. Jerseytown was in the path of the cyclone, and the damage to property and loss of stock is so great that it can not be stated approximately. Hail stones larger than walnuts descended continuously for a period of fifteen minutes, completely ruining field after field of growing crops. This was followed by a high cyclonic wind which carried buildings from their foundations, subverted orchards, and injured and in some instances killed horses and cattle.

The scene in the Buffalo Valley over at and beyond Milton, on Saturday was one of almost indescribable ruin. Destruction on every side as far as the vision could penetrate. Not a building withstood the tremendous force, roofs were carried away as chaff before the wind. Horses and cattle sought refuge in the barns, which a succeeding gust of wind would blow down upon them. At Strawberry Ridge Hiram Cotner's bank barn was destroyed. Beneath the huge timbers of the structure four horses and three cows were imprisoned. Only two horses were saved, the others together with the cows perished. Others to suffer losses in that immediate neighborhood were William J. Baldy and W. L. Pattison.

At Exchange the storm was equally severe and many people had miraculous escapes from death. Here too buildings were unroofed and whole orchards uprooted.

The Jerseytown residents or many of them are losers in the way of damaged buildings.

For the third time, the coal dock of H. B. Low, of Orangeville, was struck by lightning, during the storm. The building was struck twenty feet from the end and that portion of it was entirely demolished.

The barn of John Berger, two miles north of Berwick, was also struck, and was entirely destroyed by the flames, together with all its contents. The barn was a large, heavily stocked one, and the loss will be heavy.

Reports from other sections show that the storm was terrific. Telegraph and telephone wires were blown down and the service generally crippled.

A JUNE BRIDE.

An event of considerable moment in Bloomsburg's social circles, was the wedding of A. B. Creasy and Miss Martha Brugler, which took place in the Market Street M. E. Church at ten o'clock, Wednesday morning. Rev. Dr. D. C. John, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, an uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. W. M. Frysinger. The church was beautifully decorated with daisies. The bride, attended by her brother, Elmer E. Brugler of Philadelphia, entered the church from the Sunday School room, and walked down the aisle to the altar, where the groom was in waiting. While the words were being spoken, Mrs. Fred Holmes rendered "Oh Promise Me" on the organ.

The ushers were Charles S. Kline, Fred Harder, Catawissa, and Frank P. Eyer and William Webb, of Bloomsburg. After the ceremony, the guests adjourned to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Susan Brugler, on Third Street, where a dinner was served. The bridal couple left on the D. L. & W. train at 12:22 for a honeymoon. They will reside in Catawissa.

Dates Announced.

"Pinafore the comic opera which is being rehearsed by local talent will be given in the Opera House on Thursday and Friday evenings June 26 and 27. A large attendance on both the evenings is hoped for. The strength of the cast and the known ability of the participants will serve to fill the house on both occasions. The correct personnel follows: Miss Cope, "Josephine," Miss Comba, "Little Buttercup," Miss Albert, "Hebe," Frank Colley, "Rackstraw," Ed. H. Ent, "Capt. Cicaron," Frank Eyer, "Sir Joseph Porter," Charles Skeer, "Dick Deadeye," Boatswain, D. J. Hummer, Boatswain's Mate, Freas Hicks.

WADED TO HIS DEATH.

Young George Crossley Ventures Too Far and is Drowned.

The first drowning accident of the season occurred on Saturday, when twelve years old George Crossley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Crossley lost his life. For several days previous, a crowd of youngsters had been gathering near the Red Rock bridge, and amused themselves in various innocent diversions. On Saturday about half-past twelve o'clock, one of them proposed that they go in wading. The proposition found favor, and immediately four of them, George and Crozier Crossley and George and Earl Kemper, entered the water above the bridge. For a time all went well, the boys were enjoying the sport, when suddenly, young Crossley, who had ventured too far out into the stream gave a cry for help. John Reimard, son of Charles H. Reimard, who was standing on the bridge, heard the cry, and at once started for help. Before assistance reached the scene the little fellow had sunk to the bottom, and had been carried by the strong current to a point just below the bridge where the body was recovered, after considerable effort by Frank Keller. A little later Doctors John and Bierman arrived. They worked with the boy, and tried to resuscitate him, but to no avail, he had been in the water too long. The body was taken in charge by Undertaker Baker and removed to the home of the grief stricken parents.

The boy, it appears had always been possessed of a venturesome spirit. He never saw any danger ahead. Two years ago he fell from an apple tree in the Sloan lot on Market Street and broke his leg. He was in bed for about three weeks, when, notwithstanding the fact that the physician had advised him to remain quiet, he got up and attempted to walk. The bone was not sufficiently knit to bear his weight, and it broke again in the same place. This laid him up for three months.

The sincerest sympathy of all is extended to the parents.

The funeral occurred on Tuesday. Services were conducted by Rev. Frysinger of the Methodist church. Interment was made in the New Rosemont Cemetery.

DOWN THE SHAFT TO DEATH.

Richard Pooley Dies from Injuries Received in a Fall at the Almedia Mining Co's. Plant.

There was a sad occurrence at Almedia yesterday afternoon. The scene of it was the Almedia Mining Company's plant. Shortly after the noonday hour, Richard Pooley, an employee of the company and Walter Jones, a son of the Superintendent of the works, James A. Jones, were standing at the entrance to the Mines waiting for the engineer, Charles Jones to get to his post, and let them down. Thinking that the bucket would bear their weight, they stepped on the edge of it, when suddenly and without warning the rope uncoiled and it shot downward, at a terrific speed. Grabbing one of the cross timbers, Pooley thought he could save himself, but his strength was inadequate, and he fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of nearly fifty feet.

In the meantime engineer Jones, had hurried to his post and stopped the engine in time to save the life of young Jones before the bucket had reached the bottom.

Benjamin Vinton, another employee, was at the bottom of the shaft, and saw his companion fall. He picked up and assisted in lifting the apparently lifeless body to the top of the shaft, and with the assistance of Superintendent it was taken into the engine room. Dr. Bruner was telephoned for. When he arrived he found that both thighs were fractured, as was also the skull and the right arm. The injured man was removed to his home at Buckhorn, where at seven o'clock, surrounded by his weeping wife, two little children, a boy and girl, aged eight and six years, respectively, and sorrowing neighbors, he passed away, without having regained consciousness.

He is survived by three brothers, William, of Buckhorn, Martin, of Kingston and John of Clearfield.

Prior to his engagement with the Mining Co., Mr. Pooley worked for the School Furnishing Company, in Bloomsburg.

The Normal ball team will play the celebrated "All Cuban" club at Blossburg, Pa., to-day and tomorrow.

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Commencement Week at the Normal.

Friday, June 20, 8 p. m., Junior Exhibition.

Saturday, June 21, 8 p. m., Middler Drama.

Sunday, June 22, 3 p. m., Baccalaureate Sermon.

Monday, June 23, 9 a. m., Grand Exhibition of Field Sports.

Monday, June 23, 8 p. m., Music Recital.

Tuesday, June 24, 2 to 4 p. m., Class Reunions.

Tuesday, June 24, 8 p. m., Class Day Exercises, (1902.)

Wednesday, June 25, 10 a. m., Commencement.

Wednesday, June 25, 2 p. m., Annual Alumni Meeting and Banquet.

The State Board of Examiners, composed of Hon. J. Q. Stewart, Deputy Supt. of Public Institution, Prof. VanNorman of Mansfield; Supt. D. L. Hower of Honesdale; Supt. W. W. Rupert of Pottstown. Supt. J. C. Carroll of Fayette County; Supt. Samuel Gehox of Chambersburg; Supt. Joseph Hower of Shamokin; Supt. John W. Anthony of Jeannette and Dr. J. P. Welsh, completed the examinations on Tuesday.

Arrangements are being made and indications point to one of the most successful commencements in the school's history.

Benton School Board Elect Teachers.

At a meeting of the Benton School Board held Thursday evening, the following teachers were elected for the coming fall and winter terms. L. H. Dennis of Bloomsburg, principal; Frank Laubach of Benton, intermediate; Charles Belles of Benton, grammar; and Miss Myrtle Crossley of Benton, primary. Thirteen applications had been filed, and the competency of each was carefully considered by the board before the selections were made. Mr. Dennis who was elected principal was at the head of the schools of Orangeville, the past winter. He is an able teacher, a good disciplinarian, and we believe will give perfect satisfaction.

Danville will have a Fourth of July celebration. On account of the Centennial, the national holiday will be allowed to pass in Bloomsburg unobserved, so far as a demonstration is concerned.

Tonight's Program.

Following is the bill for the "Big All Nations Minstrels," which takes place in the Opera House tonight. Reserved seats are only 35c. and can be had at Bidleman's book store.

FIRST PART.
Opening Chorus, "My Old Kentucky Home," "What's All This Noise About?"

Introducing Comedians.
W. H. Coffman, Gerald Gross, Anthony Menzbach, John Williams, John Gilron, Art Heimiller.

Interlocutor.
Mr. G. Ed. Lewis.

"Where the Mississippi Flows," Mr. Cooney.

"Aint Dat Scandalous," Mr. Coffman.

"My Own Wild Western Rose," Mr. Geisinger.

"The Sentinel Asleep," Mr. Hummer.

"I Got Mine," Mr. Heimiller.

"Again," Mr. Conway.

"Sing Me a Song of the South," Mr. Hassert.

"Down in The Mighty Deep," Mr. Snyder.

Grand Finale—"All Nations," Mr. Coffman.

SECOND PART—OLD.
"Howdy Boys," Mr. Coffman.

Just Come Down, Mr. Coffman.

Society and Not Society, Cooney and Heimiller.

D. J. Tasker

Illustrating the Latest Popular Songs, Cooney and Barrett.

"I Just Can't Help From Lovin Dat Man," The work will conclude with Fashion's Favorites on the March.

Every dollar contributed to the centennial fund will make the celebration so much better. You want to lend your aid, do you not? The above entertainment is to raise money for that purpose. Buy a ticket.

Only One Team Won.

Out of the three Bloomsburg base ball clubs on the diamond Saturday afternoon, the Silk Mill aggregation was the only one to land a victory. They defeated the St. Elmos of Danville, at Athletic Park, but the exhibition as a consideration of the score, 17 to 11 will prove, was of the rag-time variety. The one time terror to batsman "Red" Williams started in to pitch for Silk Mill, but his curves were banged to all corners of the lot. After the visitors had piled up ten runs in four innings, "Red" was sent to right field and Guernsey Lyons took his place. After the change Danville only scored one run, while the locals brought their side of the string up to 17.

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Would your suit look any cooler if you saved a few dollars on it? If so, look at the suits we are selling for \$3.48, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50 and \$9.50.

In weather like this you want everything to count for coolness, and hence the fit is an important part. You can't very well keep cool when you're raging mad at that bad-fitting coat that pulls down on your favorite shoulder bone. Skeleton serge coats, blue or black; single breasted, 50c. to \$7.50; double breasted, \$5.75 to \$3.50. Some new flannel trousers, \$1.50 to \$4.00; what pretty things they are.

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Secondly-- We have the goods. You have the money. Frankly we want your money. We'll pay you 5 per cent. per month interest for your money, and will give you full value in the bargain.

And Again-- Our plan is simplicity itself, and commends itself to the prudent. That's what it's planned for. We provide you with a deposit book. Every purchase you make is put down in your deposit book. At the end of every month bring in your book to be balanced, and we give you a merchandise check for 5 per cent. of your purchases. This check you can use in purchasing anything in our stock. You could apply it on an old bill if you wanted to. Compare the advantages of our system over the Trading stamp scheme. With the latter, you have to make your choice from among a dozen articles, everyone gotten up cheaply for this gift business. You may want sugar much more than you do a lamp or a cheap rocker. With our plan you can buy sugar; can buy any one of 1000 articles. Our prices are not loaded with 10 per cent for the purpose of deducting 5 per cent.

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