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## THE ELEMENTS WARRED.

Tremendous Electrical Storm Plays Havoc.

Bloomsburg was the meeting place of two violent electrical storms about six o'clock Sunday evening. The day had been a particularly warm one, scarcely a cloud throughout the twelve hours had obscured the sun's rays, and their heat was intense. Suddenly there appeared in the western sky a huge black cloud which quickly covered the vault of heaven from horizon to zenith. A mysterious darkness enveloped the earth, and at intervals of a few seconds, the great black mass was fractured by blinding flashes that zigzagged across it, and the whole firmament seemed ablaze with light. Loud claps of thunder followed each other with a regularity that was uncomfortable in the extreme. Then the sky took on a leaden hue, and a blinding downpour of rain and hail followed. It seemed as though a cloud had burst. The gutters were inadequate to carry off the surplus, and in many parts of the town water covered the pavements to the depth of several inches. Nor did the lightning cease with the descent of the rain. Two buildings in Fernville were struck by the fiery element during the progress of the storm, the residences of E. W. Welliver and John H. Long. In the first instance Miss Lulu Wolfinger, had a miraculous escape from death. She was sitting by the stove, only a few feet away from where the bolt entered. The little four year old son of Mr. Welliver, who was watching the rain drops play down the window panes, was hurled across the room with violent force, but he was uninjured. No damage was done to either building.

The storm was severe north of Bloomsburg. A bolt of lightning struck the barn of Nehemiah Kitchen at Rohrsburg destroying the building together with all its contents. This year's grain was all consumed, and two horses, three cows, and a number of hogs were burned to death. Mr. Kitchen had the property insured, but not sufficiently to cover the loss.

In Center township a ball of fire darted upon Elisha Hagenbuch's barn, and in a few seconds the structure was ablaze. The high wind communicated the flames to the adjacent outbuildings, and all were reduced to ashes. The season's crops were stored in the barn, they too went up in smoke. It required hard work to save the dwelling house from destruction, and while bending their efforts in this direction Bruce Harrison and Henry Thomas fell from the roof to the ground. The latter had his shoulder blade broken and was otherwise hurt. Harrison was injured internally, but not seriously. Whether or not the property was insured we are unable to say. The buildings were occupied by a son-in-law Hervey Vanderslice.

Other minor damages are reported throughout the county. It was without doubt the most terrifying electrical storm that has visited this section in years.

## The Yale Wonder Clock.

W. S. Rishston on Monday purchased and had placed in his store a Yale Wonder Clock. It is an intricate and ingenious piece of machinery, and was purchased by Mr. Rishston for advertising purposes. By placing a nickel in the slot you are treated to a piece of music which compares very favorably to the music made on the large Regina music boxes, and besides you receive a check which entitles you to full value for the nickel paid. There are no blanks. The clock is fitted with four electric light bulbs, white, green, blue and red. One of these flashes on with every nickel that is put in and indicates the amount of goods that you are entitled to, for instance the white light is five cents, blue light ten cents, green light fifteen cents, and the red light twenty-five cents. There is a little aluminum ticket, which corresponds with the color of the light, and these are redeemable in goods whenever presented at the counter. The clock has caught the attention of nearly every one who has passed the store since its installation, and it is bound to be a winner.

## FORMING COMMITTEES.

There have been some complaints heard that this one or that one has not been appointed on some of the Centennial committees. There was no intention on the part of the management to slight or omit anyone, but it was desirable to have the committees composed of men who would give their time to the necessary work to be done. At the outset the public meetings were not as largely attended as was expected, and in forming the committees it was but natural that those should be chosen who had shown some interest in the movement. In fact, if such men had not been appointed the project would have been abandoned for want of support. It was a question in the minds of the more active ones for several weeks whether the flame of centennial enthusiasm could be fanned into life sufficient to make a success of it. Now that it is undoubtedly going to be a great big success, there is no trouble to find people who are anxious to serve on committees. The chairman in appointing the committees took much time in their selection, and it was after much consultation with the leaders that he announced them. Some may have been omitted who ought to have been on, but it was not intentional. If any one thinks it is an easy job to select a score of Committees including several hundred names, let him tackle it once.

## A Deal of Immense Importance.

The Central Pennsylvania & Western Railroad, extending from Watsonstown to Orangeville has changed hands. A syndicate, of which State Senator J. Henry Cochran is the president, is the new owner of the road. The line is to be extended eighteen miles to Berwick. The directors of the new concern are Frederick H. Eaton, president of the American Car and Foundry Company, Charles H. Dickerman, of Milton, Democratic candidate for Congress from this district; E. B. Tustin, of Bloomsburg; James L. Mitchell, of the Webster Coal and Coke Company; Eugene R. Payne, and Seth McCormick, of Williamsport. The name of the road has been changed to the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg and Berwick Railroad.

The consummation of this deal means the biggest thing that the country, through which the road passes, has seen for many years, and practically places Millville, Orangeville, Light Street, Berwick upon an excellent freight basis.

Work upon the new extension, it is understood will be commenced at once. The route from Evers-Grove will follow Little Fishing-creek to Light Street, thence up through the Briarcreek valley to Berwick, taking in Lime Ridge and the other towns along the line. Whether a branch will be built from Light Street to Bloomsburg has not yet been definitely decided. It is just possible that the tracks of the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad will be used by the new syndicate. Berwick's big plants will have the best possible shipping facilities, and at Watsonstown the road will be an important feeder for the Pennsylvania.

## Campmeeting at Shawnee Park.

A grand colored campmeeting will be held at Shawnee Park, commencing Sunday, August 17th and continuing every day until the 31st inclusive. Services will be in charge of Bishop A. F. Dickson and Right Rev. C. M. Beckett. Excellent singing by the Dinwiddle Choir, formerly of the John A. Dix Industrial School, Dinwiddle Co., Virginia. This is one of the best colored choirs in the state and is composed of Sterling C. Rex, 1st tenor; Clarence Meridith, 2nd tenor; Harry Cryer, 1st basso; Jas. M. Thomas, 2nd basso; Miss Mamie Thomas, Mrs. Evelyn Meridith, Mrs. Hilda Thomas and Mrs. Thomas Dorsey. Services begin at 10:30 a. m., 3:00 and 8:00 p. m. Sundays, and 8:00 p. m. during the week. Refreshments will be served on the grounds. Everybody invited.

Postmaster Jas. C. Brown has recommended the appointment of W. E. Searles, as sub-letter carrier to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of B. W. Hagenbuch.

## Well Equipped, And Want Your Business.

Our Vault, Safe and general equipment are modern in every respect, and supply every convenience and safeguard for banking. We do an exclusive banking business, and consequently nobody can serve you better.

If you are not already a customer, we solicit Your Account upon the basis of Sound and Progressive Banking, Liberal and Fair Treatment.

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## Every Movement,

No matter what the grade, is carefully inspected before going out of this store.

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Is backed by our unqualified guarantee—a guarantee that's kept.

## J. Lee Martin,

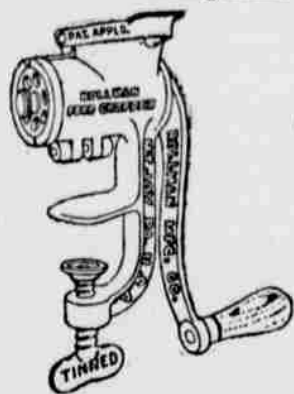
Jeweler and Optician.

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## I Have Moved

Into my own yellow front building, formerly occupied by Ben Gidding's clothing store, and am receiving the following

## Summer Goods:



Food Chop-pers, 50 cents



J. G. WELLS, GENERAL HARDWARE.

## ARGUMENT HEARD.

In Case of Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Against County Commissioners.

Testimony in the equity case of the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company against the County Commissioners was heard before Judge Little on Tuesday. James Scarlet represented the Trolley Company while the Commissioners' side of the case was looked after by B. Frank Zarr.

Attorney Scarlet opened the case for the plaintiffs by reading County Surveyor Boyd Trescott's report in which he recommends the laying of only one track and that the south side of the bridge be used for that purpose.

The cost of placing the bridge in condition for trolley traffic, according to the testimony of M. F. D. Scanlon would amount to about \$6000 for a single track. The cost of a double track would be double that amount and maybe more. Mr. Scanlon concluded by stating that the company was opposed to double tracking the bridge for two reasons. First, because the frog system would not only be inconvenient to the company, but would also be a continued source of annoyance to the traveling public. Secondly, it would necessitate the expenditure of twice the amount of money when there is no necessity for it.

For the defendants J. H. Vastine, S. D. Rinard, John Deimer, Chas. E. Randall, Chas. Pfahler, Wm. H. Fisher, Isaiiah Baylor and Joseph Roberts were called. With the exception of Mr. Pfahler all of them held to the belief that two tracks across the bridge would be the safest and best.

The evidence closed by the plaintiffs calling John S. Mensch and P. S. Kashner. Both substantiated the contention of the defendants' witnesses, favoring two tracks.

The court then adjourned, but reconvened at three p. m. when argument was made. Scarlet for the plaintiffs and Zarr for the defendants. The court took the papers but withheld its decision.

The Rescue Fire Company has decided to rent uniforms for the Firemen's Centennial parade.

## Warrior Run's Batting was Opportune.

The Carpet Mill Athletic Association team was walloped by Warrior Run at Athletic Park Saturday afternoon because their visitors hit the ball hard and timely. Fifteen hits including seven two basers, explains, better than words, the cause of the locals defeat. The home team put up a very pretty fielding game, and hit the ball, nearly as hard as their opponents, but the hits, invariably came when the bases were empty. One of the neatest catches of the game was made by Joe Stiner. He gathered in a hit to right field while running backwards into the crowd. There were several nice double plays made all of which were loudly applauded. The crowd was large and enthusiastic. The score:

BLOOMSBURG.	R	H	O	A	E
Hummel, 2b.....	1	2	7	4	0
Hagemyer, ss.....	0	2	0	3	0
Beagle, lf.....	0	1	2	0	0
Miller, 3b.....	1	2	1	0	0
Taylor, cf.....	2	2	0	0	0
Rinker, 1b.....	0	1	3	0	0
Stiner, rf.....	1	2	1	0	0
Savitts, p.....	0	1	2	0	0
Edgar, c.....	1	1	1	3	0
Lyons, p.....	0	0	2	0	0
Total.....	6	14	26	14	0

\*Kilcoyne out on infield hit.

WARRIOR RUN.	R	H	O	A	E
Jones, 1b.....	1	1	8	0	0
Speicher, 3b.....	2	2	4	0	1
Kane, 2b.....	3	1	5	3	2
Kilcoyne, rf.....	0	2	0	0	1
Evans, lf.....	1	1	2	0	0
Richards, c.....	1	2	3	0	0
Waters, cf.....	2	2	3	0	0
Paul, p.....	1	3	1	6	0
Gallagher, ss.....	1	1	1	1	0
Total.....	12	15	27	13	4

Score by innings:  
Warrior Run... 2 0 0 2 0 6 0 0—12  
Bloomsburg... 0 1 0 0 1 3 0 0—6

Two base hits—Hagemeyer, Miller, Taylor, Rinker, Stiner, Paul 2, Jones, Speicher, Waters. Hit by pitched ball—Miller, Kane 3, Struck out—by Savitts 1, by Paul 3. Double plays—Savitts to Hummel to Rinker. Passed ball—Richards. Wild throw—Rinker. Wild pitch—Savitts. Time—1 hr. 45 min. Umpire—Shaffer.

## THE MAN and HIS HAT!

How often they disagree! Here comes a round-faced, fat man with a small Derby; Here is a tall, slender man with a thin face, and he is wearing a big cowboy hat!

They don't go to the right store to buy Hats—not enough variety; can't find a hat to suit them, and rather than hunt around, take anything. You're bound to find the right hat here, because the variety is here—and fashion says: Wear the style that looks well.

Soft Hats, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.00 and 50 cents. Derbys, 5.00, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00 and 1.50.

Bring Your Head Here for Satisfaction.

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Corner Main and Center Sts.

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

## Special Summer Sale OF MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

An assortment of Fine Undermuslins at Special Prices. Every garment offered is faultless in style and fit, made of the best materials and trimmed in the most desirable fashion. The entire assortment consists of the famous "QUEEN" UNDERMUSLINS. Superior in every respect.

### "QUEEN" GOWNS.

Handsome styles made and trimmed in a fashion very much superior to the goods you are used to finding at Special Sales.

### "QUEEN" SKIRTS.

Swell, Stylish Skirts that fit, made with French bands—full, generous ruffles. Its a time to buy white skirts as you have never bought them before.



## "Queen" Corset Covers and Drawers.

Note the fine insertings and the fit of these superior garments. As dainty goods as we ever had in our store, and the prices at which we bought them permit us to underprice any similar offering ever made in this or any other store in town. The illustration does scant justice to the garments shown.

### COME AND SEE THE GOODS.

Prices of Garments Illustrated for this sale only 49 cents each.

### SALE COMMENCES

Tuesday, August 12th,

AND CONTINUES ONE WEEK

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Bloomsburg, Pa.