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M. E. CONFERENCE STARTS TODAY.

Berwick Extends Welcome to Methodist Ministers. Noted Speakers in Attendance

Bishop FitzGerald will Preside.

To-day marks the beginning of the thirty-seventh annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Central Pennsylvania, at Berwick. Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, who will preside, arrived in Berwick on Monday, after having traveled all the way from Porto Rico.

Our neighboring town extends a cordial welcome to the hundreds of visitors, and will do her very best to make the sojourn of the ministers pleasant and profitable.

To day will be taken up chiefly by examinations, and the organization of the Conference. In the afternoon the Rev. Dr. James Morrow will make an address at the Bible society anniversary. In the evening the anniversary of the Educational society and the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education society will be celebrated, and the Rev. Dr. E. L. Eaton of Allegheny, will make an address. There will be addresses by Rev. Dr. W. F. Anderson and Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason. The same evening the Epworth league anniversary will be celebrated in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Stephen Herben, editor of the Epworth Herald, will speak.

On Friday the Woman's Home Missionary society will hold a meeting. Miss Bertha Fowler, of Philadelphia, will speak at this meeting. In the evening Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Hiff will speak at the board of church extension anniversary. Saturday will be laymen's day, while the Woman's Foreign Missionary society will have charge of the evening meeting. Mrs. M. S. Baldwin, of New York city, a worker in China, will speak.

Bishop J. W. Fitzgerald, D. D., L. L. D., will preach the Sunday morning sermon. Among the other interesting services of the day will be a memorial service at 3 in the afternoon.

On Monday Revs. James Hunter and B. F. Stevens will deliver semi-centennial addresses. The Preacher's Aid society and the conference annuity fund will be the subjects of the evening's meeting and addresses. Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to conference business.

The Opera House Proposition.

The printed report that a stock company had been formed, a sufficient amount of stock subscribed, the site selected and ground purchased, for a new Opera House in Bloomsburg is, perhaps without any foundation whatever. The report gained currency through an interview held between Geo. W. Sterner, owner of the alleged site on north Market Street and Dr. J. C. Rutter, in which the former stated that J. M. Robbins, one of the stated promoters of the new opera house, had expressed a desire to gain possession of the property for the purpose of building tenement houses on it, and that he, Sterner, had informed him, that if he had any intention of buying, he had best act without delay, as a thirty day option had already been given a man, who he understood, represented a theatrical syndicate or stock company, and whose purpose it was to build an opera house. This interview passed from one to another, each doubtless enlarging upon it until it reached the ears of a reporter, who seeing the possibilities of a good newspaper story, and recognizing the pandemic interest it contained, gave it publicity.

It seems strange that the story, with all its detail, in the way of plans, proposed width, height, depth and even the stage equipment, size and seating capacity, should be entirely lacking in truth, but so it appears. Each and every one of the alleged promoters, disclaim any connection with the move, and furthermore, say that they have never had any idea of investing in such an enterprise.

Later developments may prove that the story is not all invention, but just now, in so far at least as the men said to be at the head of it are concerned, it fails in fact.

SHAWNEE PARK CHANGES HANDS.

Delightful Summer Resort will be Controlled in Future by Trolley Co.

Public Will be Benefited.

A deal was consummated yesterday whereby the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company, purchased from J. R. Fowler the lease to Shawnee Park, together with all the property, consisting of dancing pavillion, eating stands, merry-go-round, bowling alley, shooting gallery, and swings. The company will at once start to make such other improvements as will place it among the finest pleasure resorts along the river. The whole park will be lighted by electricity, as will also the walk, leading from the trolley track to the Park.

The park is to be free to the general public, but dances other than those of a private nature, which must in every instance be arranged for in order that dates may not conflict, will not be tolerated.

The proposed improvements to the park, include the erection of a covered platform fifty or sixty feet in length, which will serve as shelter to the patrons in case of storm. The company has not yet fully decided about building a switch into the park, but the probabilities are that one will be built.

A. W. Duy Esq., representing the Trolley Co. and J. R. Fowler, went to Selinsgrove today to see Mr. Gemberling, owner of the Park and have the transfer of the lease ratified.

Among the Ball Players.

The opening of the base ball season is fast drawing nigh. Already the great national sport is the all absorbing theme of discussion among the lovers of the game in town, and they are many. In this connection it may be interesting to know where the local players will cast their lots during the season: Boyd Shaffer, goes to Chester, Pa. where he will cover second base for the independent team of that city.

Moyer Lewis, will play one of the outfield positions on the Louacoming Md. team.

Roy Beagle is slated for a place on the Mt. Carmel team, but his position has not been assigned.

John Hummel, who during the past two seasons made such an enviable record with the Wilmington team, will this year wear a Holyoke, Mass., uniform. He will take with him, Ralph Edgar. McCabe, an ex Normal school twirler, will also play with Holyoke.

Ralph Savidge, of Millifinville, who has been dubbed the "human whipcord," was in town yesterday. He had signed and expected to play with Pittsburg this season, but Manager Boyer, of the Savannah, Ga. team in the South Atlantic League, has purchased his release, and he will play with that team.

W. H. Coffman has not signed as yet, he but rather expects to go to Wilmington Del.

President Roosevelt Accepts Invitation.

President Roosevelt on Saturday gave his assurance that unless something unforeseen happens in the meantime, he will be in Wilkesbarre on August 10th. This promise was given to a delegation of miners, who went to Washington for the purpose of inducing the President to visit the coal regions. The national convention of the C. T. A. U. societies will be held in Wilkesbarre on August 10th, when the President is expected to address the delegates. An effort will now be made to have him remain until the following day and make an address to a mass meeting of miners.

Some time ago President Roosevelt made a partial promise that he would come to Wilkesbarre in August, but Saturday's answer finally settles the matter.

Stanley Schuck, son of W. B. Schuck, proprietor of the Susquehanna House, Catawissa, and Miss Jennie Fox, of that town were married in St. John's Lutheran Church parsonage, Saturday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. Altpeter. They will reside at Sunbury, where the groom holds a good position.

COMPTROLLER'S CALL. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Bloomsburg National Bank

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RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Investments, - \$417,357.60	Capital Stock, \$60,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures, - 8,000.00	Surplus and Profits, (Net) 62,665.37
Cash and Reserve, - 107,126.69	Circulation, - 59,000.00
	Bank Deposits, - 15,100.29
	Individual Deposits, - 335,718.68
\$532,484.29	\$532,484.29

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MISSING MAN FOUND.

Charles Johnson of Catawissa, who has been missing from his home for more than three months has been located at Hornellsville, N. Y. It will be remembered that Johnson walked out of his home on the seventeenth day of December to come to Bloomsburg. He called on Dr. J. S. John here the same day, after which he suddenly disappeared, and all efforts to get even a trace of him were fruitless.

Several apertures in the ice, which then covered the river, under the P. & R. Railroad bridge, over which he was obliged to cross in order to reach his home, gave rise to the belief that he had fallen into the river and had been drowned.

He has made no explanation and his family can give no reason for his strange absence.

Death of Mrs. Margaret Vannatta.

Mrs. Margaret Vannatta, relict of the late Thomas Vannatta, a highly respected old lady, passed away in death at her home on Iron street, early Friday morning, in the seventy-seventh year of her age. She had been in feeble health, due to her advanced years, for some months, but her illness was of short duration. Mrs. Vannatta leaves to mourn the loss of a good, kind mother, the following children: Mrs. R. N. Lewis, of Pittsburg; Mrs. John L. Woods, of town; Sade T., Lillian A. and Sophia B. and Wallace at home and John E., of Lewistown.

The funeral occurred Tuesday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. R. S. Nichols of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Will Leave For State College Monday.

W. H. Housel, formerly and for many years, the efficient steward at the Normal School, has shipped his goods and will leave on Monday for State College, where he will take up his duties as caterer in the new McAllister Dining Hall. The Rev. F. V. Frisbie, of Orangeville, who has been elected by the Board of Trustees to succeed Mr. Housel, will assume his duties as steward and superintendent of grounds at the beginning of the spring term next week. He and his family will reside in apartments in the upper building.

Will Hold Dances.

The entertainment committee of the Wheelmen has decided to give a series of five dances. The functions will be held in Joe Fest's new building on East Fifth Street, and music will be furnished by an orchestra of at least five pieces. The committee is composed of Gerald Gross, Warren Lee, H. I. Achenbach, William Calhoun and Reber Mears. This is rather an innovation for the Wheelmen, but with a committee as above mentioned at the head of it, all afterthought of failure is dispelled.

St. Patrick Day In the Evening.

The birthday of Ireland's Patron Saint was celebrated in Bloomsburg by a dinner which James Magee II tendered to the Superintendents of the various departments of his industries. This is the 3rd year that his assistants have gathered around the table to discuss other things than carpets and yarns, and all agree it was the most successful. Covers were laid for 19 and at 7:20 the guests were seated about the table. The table itself was unique. It was in the shape of a harp, with the strings, as someone remarked, under the table. The cover was green trimmed with gold cord around the edges and the green velour which hung gracefully around the side was likewise trimmed in gold, two narrow ribbons at the bottom relieving the green. Deep red roses were carelessly arranged over the table. From the chandelier over the center green bows and Irish flags carried out the color scheme. In fact it was green everywhere, including the shamrock which every guest found on his napkin.

After grace the following menu was discussed and the unanimous verdict was that it should be put down.

White Grapes,	Sugared Oranges,
Oyster Cocktail,	Bouillon,
Sweetbreads on toast,	Grape Sherbet,
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce,	Corn Cake,
Mashed Potatoes,	Red Beets,
Olives, Pickles, Radishes, Celery,	Salted Almonds,
Ice Cream,	Fancy Cakes,
Candy, Nuts and Raisins,	Crackers and cheese,
Black Coffee,	Favors.

The dinner was entirely informal, no toasts being drunk. Simply 3 hours of good fellowship without a discordant note to mar the pleasure of all.

After the dinner, progressive flinch was started and the rubber was won by Messrs Frank Carpenter, and A. F. McCullum.

There were present, F. Carpenter, W. R. Kocher; T. L. Painter, Williamsport; Geo. M. Tustin; John W. Evans, Berwick; W. Law, A. Naylor, John Titel, F. Woodhead, W. Hill, O. Aust, L. Smith, W. Hoffman, A. F. McCullum, R. Moyer, A. Byram and Miss C. E. Kelly.

As the guests bade good-night they were asked to take a small box of tiny candy shamrocks to their wives, with the compliments of the host.

While ascending the stairs at her home near Jerseytown, late Friday night Mrs. John Krebs, slipped, causing a lamp which she was carrying to fall from her hand to the floor below where it exploded, setting fire to the house. The structure with all its contents were destroyed, causing a loss of about \$1500. The insurance will not cover half the loss. It was with difficulty that the children were rescued from the burning building.

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