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**BRIDGE LETTING.**

The County Commissioners on Saturday opened the bids for three new bridges in Columbia county, one a stone arch in Fishingcreek township and two of steel and concrete construction in Benton and Madison townships. The following were the bids:

Madison township:  
Nelson Construction Co., Chambersburg; superstructure, \$666; masonry, \$5.00 per cubic yard; excavation, 50c per cubic yard.

York Bridge Co., York, Pa., superstructure \$565; masonry, \$4 per cubic yard; excavation, 60c per cubic yard.

A. Buchanan, Chambersburg, superstructure, \$819; masonry, including excavations, \$6 per cubic yard.

Ohl and Moore, Bloomsburg, superstructure \$387.50; masonry \$5.25 per cubic yard; excavation, 50c per cubic yard.

Charles H. Reimard, Bloomsburg bridge complete, including masonry and excavations, \$830.

Benton township:  
Nelson Construction Co., Chambersburg, superstructure \$662; masonry \$3.25 per cubic yard; excavation 55c per cubic yard.

A. Buchanan, Chambersburg, superstructure \$819; masonry, including excavation \$6 per cubic yard.

George H. Keiter, Bloomsburg, \$926 for the bridge complete.

Ohl and Moore, Bloomsburg, bid for superstructure, \$397; masonry \$3.57 per cubic yard and excavation, 50c per cubic yard.

York Bridge Co., of York, \$565 for the superstructure; \$4 per cubic yard for masonry and 60c per cubic yard for excavation.

C. H. Reimard, Bloomsburg, \$860 for the bridge complete.

Peter Keefer, Sunbury, superstructure \$595; masonry, \$4.45 per cubic yard; excavation 50c per cubic yard.

Fishingcreek township:  
Nelson Construction Co., Chambersburg, \$5.50 per cubic yard for masonry and 40c per cubic yard for excavating.

Ohl and Moore, Bloomsburg, \$3.62 per cubic yard for masonry and 50c per cubic yard for excavating.

P. E. and T. H. Tubbs, \$3.94 per cubic yard for masonry and 50c per cubic yard for excavating.

Peter Keefer, Sunbury, \$6.25 per cubic yard for masonry and 60c per cubic yard for excavating.

The contract was not awarded because it was necessary to compare the bids to ascertain the lowest.

On Tuesday Engineer Brown reported that Ohl and Moore were lowest on all three bridges and the Commissioners proceeded to have their attorney draw up the necessary contracts.

**Old Legend Cause of Land Boom.**

Indian Chief Said Immense Wealth Was Hidden Between Sugarloaf and Nescopeck Mountains.

Real estate about the village of Conyngham has gone up a peg or two on account of the reviving of an old Indian legend. It has been handed down for many generations that an Indian warrior once boasted that if the white man only knew what a store of wealth is hidden between the Sugarloaf and Nescopeck mountains, he would refuse to sell the lands.

Timber has been cleared away, farms cultivated and much prospecting done but no person has yet found the hidden wealth. What it can be no person appears to be able to guess. At Black Creek, the McNeal farms were original Indian reservations. Indian relics are found there to this day, but nothing has presented itself to bear out the truth of the statement attributed to the Indians.

In the vicinity of Black Creek are fine wooded lands, plenty of water and in many instances along the creek cliffs of great height present picturesque sights, with their sides of rock running almost perpendicular.

The latest revival of the story of the hidden wealth has caused every farmer in the valley to sit up and take notice.

**Will Stamp Out Black Hand.**

As far as can be done without interfering with the maintenance of men at the barracks the entire force of the State Police Department will be placed at the disposal of local authorities who may desire their aid in rooting out the Black Handers and other murderous blackmailing organizations in Pennsylvania. They are not to be allowed to maintain the long reign of terror that the Molly Maguires were permitted to do.

Geo. H. Keiter has begun work on the state road in Benton township from near McHenry's distillery to the Jackson township line. The contract is for 1500 feet.

**To Hold Institutes In Every County.**

Department of Agriculture Completes Plans for Educational Campaign Among the Farmers—How the Work is Divided.

Farmers' institutes will be held by the State Department of Agriculture in Pennsylvania during the season of 1908. These institutes will be in charge of Deputy Secretary Martin, who completed his schedule yesterday. Two days of institute will be held in every county having not over 1000 farms; three days to each county having more than 1000 and not over 1500; afterwards, one day for each 1500 farms or fraction thereof, additional. This insures department aid to each county in proportion to its agricultural interests.

The State has been divided by Deputy Secretary Martin into five sections, each of which will be in charge of one lecturer, with a corps of assistants. The attaches of the department will attend as many of these institutes as it is possible for them to do. A separate set of lecturers will be assigned to each section and in a given county the same department workers will continue until all the institutes in that county have been held.

The amount of money to be distributed to the managers for local expenses will be according to the number of days of institute held. In order to make the amount ample for the coming season the sum has been fixed at \$12.50 per day of institute. This provides \$25 for each two days of institute.

Institutes have been arranged in this county as follows: Catawissa, January 27-28; Millville, January 29-30; Millinville, January 31, February 1.

**Black Hand Active in Pennsylvania.**

State Police Say They Have Headquarters in New York—Leaders Are Americans.

The State police authorities are in possession of information that the Black Hand operations throughout the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania are directed from central headquarters in New York and that the agents actively engaged in the work of intimidation are not all foreigners, but Americans.

For several months the State police department has been directing its attention largely to these operations, and now it is said to be in possession of a mass of information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the ringleaders.

More than fifty arrests have been made by the State police in the last six months in connection with Black Hand operations. Nearly all these persons have been fined or imprisoned, though some are still awaiting trial. In a majority of cases the defendants have readily obtained lawyers far beyond their means to retain. This is only one of many circumstances pointing to a central organization.

In the bituminous coal region the State police also have been quietly busy with the Black Handers, and there are more than a score of foreigners in the New Castle jail as a result of their efforts.

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Some changes have taken place in the Normal School faculty. Prof. Clark has accepted a position in a western school, and has resigned. Mrs. Cook of the Model School staff will not return, and Miss Martha Conner, librarian, has accepted the position of assistant librarian at State College. The new teachers who will fill these places have not yet been announced.

Among the new teachers is Miss Helen Carpenter.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1907

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ikeler last Thursday.

William Leverett returned to Philadelphia on Monday.

The usual services will be resumed on Sunday in St. Paul's Church.

The public schools opened on Monday with an enrollment of over 11,000 pupils.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Rutter passed the fifty-ninth anniversary of their marriage on Monday.

The Buckalew Bros. livery stable will be sold at public auction on Saturday, September 7th.

The hospital is in an over-crowded state, and an addition to the building is much needed.

Miss Esther Kendig, of Lancaster, was the guest of Miss Lilla Sloan on Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Marie Funk and brother Harry went to Towanda today to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Elwell.

The State Encampment of the Patriotic Order Sons of America is in session in Philadelphia this week.

Former United States Senator John I. Mitchell died in Wellsboro, Pa., on the 20th inst., after a long illness.

Dr. D. J. Waller returned from his summer home in Canada this morning. The family will come later.

It is rather unseasonable weather for August when the thermometer stands at 50 degrees nearly every morning.

The Odd Fellows' Picnic at Columbia Park last Saturday was largely attended, and was a success throughout.

Frank A. Frear, the new principal of the Fifth street school, will occupy a house of C. A. Small on First street.

The Bloom School Board has purchased four new organs for the schools, of C. C. Seebold, he being the lowest bidder.

J. M. Heddens, the Centre street meat dealer, lost a valuable horse on Monday. He had recently retuned \$500 for it.

Edward Eyer of Philadelphia, whose wife and child are visiting at J. R. Townsend's, came up last Thursday to join the family.

Peaches are peaches now-adays. They are selling at 2 for 5 cents, or 15 cents a small box. Dealers say they have to pay \$1.75 a basket in the city.

A party of Bloomsburg's young society people will hold a dance at Columbia Park on Friday night. Oppenheim's orchestra of Wilkes-Barre will furnish the music.

The Trustees of the Normal School will dine at the school on Friday, and inspect the changes and improvements that have been made during the vacation.

Miss Maude Patterson, of Trenton, N. J., has been spending the past ten days with friends here. Her father, Rev. I. M. Patterson, was pastor of the Presbyterian church of this town for a number years, immediately preceding Dr. Hemingway.

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Jesse Rhone died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Harvey at Stillwater, on Saturday, aged 83 years. He was the father of Mrs. Stephen Girard of this town.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Harry White of Almedia and Miss Sue Milnes of Espy. It will take place at the bride's home on September 17th at 12.45.

Two trick bicyclists attracted a large crowd in front of the Exchange Hotel on Tuesday. One of them was without arms, apparently having been born so. They performed some remarkable feats.

Charles Alexander, son of Oscar Alexander, was married at the home of his parents on West street, last Thursday, to Miss Rosenfelt, of Philadelphia. The groom is engaged in business in West Berwick.

Mrs. Prof. J. H. Morgan and daughter Margaret, of Carlisle, are the guests of Miss Mary Sharpless. Mrs. Morgan was formerly Miss Mary Curran, daughter of Prof. H. A. Curran, who was for many years a member of the Normal School faculty.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa. post office: Miss M. Louise Gillmore, Mrs. Sarah E. Huff, B. Kirshan, Elizabeth L. Lowe, Mr. T. J. Powell (2) F. Seigel. Cards. Miss Anna Bodine, Miss Elizabeth Brooks, Mrs. Martha Campbell, Mr. George Krum, Mrs. Bertha Lowe, Mrs. R. A. Wheeler, Mrs. Belle Yeager (2)

Miss Eva Rupert started this morning for South Dakota, where she has accepted a position as teacher in an Indian School. She recently attended the twenty-fifth anniversary of her graduation in the Chautauqua course, at Chautauqua, N. Y. She and Miss Guest, a former teacher at the Normal School, were members of the first class graduated at Chautauqua.

The Normal School fall term will open on Tuesday next. Many changes and improvements have been made in the interior of the buildings. The study hall has been removed to the second floor over its former location, and the new room is larger and in every way more desirable than the old one. Recitation rooms have been rearranged, and the Model school has two additional ones. Prof. Albert's rooms are in what was formerly the library. Painters, carpenters and other artisans are very busy getting things in shape for the opening of the school.

**HOSPITAL DONATION.**

The citizens of Catawissa last week donated to the Ratti Hospital \$86 in cash, and a liberal supply of dry goods, food stuff, &c. The people of our neighboring town recognize the fact that the hospital is a very worthy charity, and a number of cases from there have been treated.

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