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THE CURFEW.

Prominent Resident of Berwick Succumbs to Illness.

It is often hard to understand why men who are useful and progressive citizens, active in all that pertains to the good of the community, and leaders in church work, are removed by the hand of death in middle life, just at a time when they are in the height of their usefulness, while so many drones who are of no good to the public or to themselves are left.

Louis J. Townsend died at his home in Berwick on Thursday evening, November 28th, at six o'clock. About four years ago he became afflicted with stomach trouble, and three years ago he underwent an operation in a Philadelphia hospital, by which he gained temporary relief. But the trouble again arose, and about a month ago he went to the hospital again hoping that he might be helped by another operation. After a consultation the physicians decided that he would not be able to stand the shock, and he was brought back to Berwick on Sunday, November 25, with no hopes for his recovery, and he passed away four days later ready and willing to go.

He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Townsend of Bloomsburg, and was born in Newport, England, on March 7, 1870. The family came to this country in April, 1871. He obtained a good education in the public schools and the Normal, and after learning the jeweler's trade he opened a jewelry store in Berwick in 1890. He was appointed postmaster of Berwick by President Cleveland, and filled the office with entire satisfaction. At the close of his term he accepted a position in the Auditor's office of the American Car & Foundry Co., which position he resigned after several years to accept that of manager of the Berwick Electric Light Co. which he held up to the time of his death.

Mr. Townsend was one of the most zealous supporters of Christ Episcopal Church, Berwick, and was its treasurer for some years. He was one of the most active in organizing the church, and its success was owing largely to his efforts in conjunction with those of a few other earnest members.

He was married in 1892 to Miss Elizabeth Gruver, who with three children, Ruth, Donald and Fred, survives him. He also leaves his parents, two brothers and a sister, Harry W. Joseph, L., of this town, and Mrs. Edward Eyer of Philadelphia.

Mr. Townsend was a young man of amiable disposition, always courteous and polite, and popular with all classes. He will be greatly missed not only in his family but in business, church, and Masonic circles. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Caldwell Consistory.

The funeral was held on Tuesday and interment took place in Pine Grove Cemetery. After brief services at the house further services were held at Christ Church the rector, Rev. O. H. Bridgeman officiating. His remarks were peculiarly fitting for the occasion. The music at the church was rendered by the vested choir.

The services at the cemetery were in charge of Knapp Lodge, with full Masonic ceremonial. Crusade Quartette rendered "Come Unto Me" and "So Mote it Be." A large delegation of Bloomsburg Masons and other friends were present.

The floral offerings were most beautiful and profuse. Nearly two

hundred pounds of flowers were sent from Bloomsburg by express, by loving friends who thus evinced their high esteem for the deceased, and their sympathy for the surviving relatives.

There seems to be little opposition to the curfew law. About the only argument advanced by the few who are opposed to it, is that people ought to keep their children at home nights without asking the police to do it for them.

Therein lies the trouble. Some parents who want to keep their children off the streets are unable to do so, while there are many who could do so, but will not do it. They seem to turn them loose to get them out of the way.

It is because so many people will not do as they ought to do that makes all law necessary. If there were no criminals there would be no reason for courts and jails and all the complicated machinery for the prevention and punishment of crime.

It is not a crime for a child to be on the streets at night, but it is because the child learns many things that it ought not to know, when allowed to run at will after dark, things which tend to a formation of vicious habits, that the law steps in and interferes.

When it takes effect the new ordinance should be rigidly enforced. If it is not, it will soon be a dead letter.

A FORMER RESIDENT DEAD.

J. J. Robbins died at his daughter's home in Wilkes-Barre, last Saturday, after an illness of several weeks.

He was born at Iola, this county, on April 28, 1828, and resided in Bloomsburg for many years. Here he organized the Columbia Iron Works, whose shops were on the site now occupied by the American Car & Foundry Co. and was engaged in other business enterprises. In 1875 he moved to Wilkes-Barre, where he was always an active citizen, engaged in the milling business, and the promoter of the steam heat company and several gas companies.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Charles W., and three daughters, Mrs. J. W. Benscoter of Wilkes-Barre, Miss Hattie E. and Mrs. Edward Paul of Milton.

BANQUET TO GRANGERS.

The banquet given on Thanksgiving evening by Congressman and Mrs. John G. McHenry to the members of Benton Grange, was a delightful affair. It was served at the Exchange Hotel, Benton, and about 200 guests were present. The room was beautifully decorated. Hon. Russel Karns acted as toastmaster, and speeches were made by C. H. Dildine, William Lesh, E. E. Shultz, Hon. John G. McHenry, Rev. I. B. Crist and Dr. I. L. Edwards. It was a pleasant affair throughout.

DIED ON THANKSGIVING.

After having prepared the Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday, and apparently in her usual health, Mrs. Frank Keller was seized with an attack of heart trouble after retiring at night. She went to the bath room and a short time afterwards was found dead by her husband. She had lived in Bloomsburg most of her life. She is survived by her husband and six children, all adults.

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COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Teachers' Institute in session this week is a very successful one. The instructors are all men of high reputation and the evening entertainments have all been first class.

The opening number was the Katharine Ridgeway Concert Company. This is the fifth time Miss Ridgeway has been here, and she is always greeted with a packed house. Her recitations are all very entertaining and were filled with mingled humor and pathos.

Miss La Grange, pianist, and Mr. Chalmers, basso, are articles of much merit.

On Tuesday evening the lecture by Rev. Dr. Cadman was fully up to the high reputation which he bears.

The Royal Gypsy Concert Company proved themselves excellent entertainers on Wednesday evening and to-night the series closes with a lecture by Edward Amherst Ott. The institute closes on Friday at noon. Superintendent Evans is to be congratulated upon its success in every respect.

DROWNED HERSELF FOR LOVE.

Because her parents disapproved of the attentions paid to her by a young man, Lucy, the 16 year old daughter of Phineas Smith of Catawissa, drowned herself in the Susquehanna River at that place on Monday morning. Her father severely reprimanded her for entertaining the young man during the absence of the parents on Saturday. Early Monday morning she remarked that she would not go to work at the shoe factory where she was employed, and soon after went out the back door saying she would soon return. After a time a brother went in search of her, and found tracks in the snow leading to the river bank, to a small boat.

The alarm was given and a search in the river begun, but the body was not recovered until Tuesday morning, when it was found near the first pier of the bridge by David Henry and Ben Hollingshead, who were using grappling irons. It was removed to the shore and put in charge of an undertaker. It is a sad case, and the parents have the sympathy of the people.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

PHILO REUNION.

Thanksgiving was Philo Day at the Normal. Besides their annual reunion the day was marked by the dedication of their beautiful new quarters in Science Hall. The program consisted of an address by the President, Albert Solleder, an historical sketch of the society by Dr. Waller, remarks by Profs. Suttiff and Albert, J. C. Brown, Chas. Fritz and Charles Skeer. These were interspersed with selections by the orchestra, vocal solo by Miss Letson and violin solo by Mr. Escanaverino.

A social gathering was held in the gymnasium which was handsomely decorated.

The new room of the society is thoroughly equipped and beautifully furnished.

In the evening the Colonial Oelette gave a concert under the auspices of Philo. The auditorium was well filled, and the program was a popular one, and was very enjoyable.

The union service at the M. E. church last Thursday evening was largely attended. Rev. G. R. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church preached an able sermon.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Looks Like a Busy Term.

The regular December sessions of court opened on Monday morning, with Judge Evans and associates Krickbaum and Yeager on the bench.

The returns of constables were taken and the jury list called.

The constables of Beaver, Sugarloaf, Pine, Greenwood, Jackson, and Fishing Creek townships reported the roads in bad condition, and that many index boards were not up. These cases were turned over to the District Attorney.

H. W. Angle, constable of Scott, returned a communication signed by Charles Schug, charging Wesley Gruver of the Espy Hotel with selling liquor to minors. The court directed the District Attorney to send up a bill of indictment.

Judge Evans handed down the following opinions:

Lewis vs Lewis. Divorce decreed.

Emma J. Harmony vs. John Harmony, decree refused as desertion had not been proven.

In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of Columbia County to file an appeal nunc pro tunc from the settlement of the account of Jeremiah Snyder, former County Treasurer, in the sum of \$1126.52, in a very exhaustive opinion the Court refused the application for an appeal, stating that the county had not been wronged and if either former County Treasurer Croop or Snyder were damaged that it is their own matter. The county paid the order and whether it was paid by the proper treasurer cannot be decided in an appeal of this kind. The allowance of the credit to Snyder did not operate against the county. Rule discharged.

In the matter of the appointment of an inspector for the school district of Beaver township. This proceeding came to court on a petition setting forth that the directors refuse to provide school accommodations at Klingaman's corner. The directors flatly deny the charge and claim that there is no necessity for a school building at Klingaman's corner. The report set forth that the directors had been negligent in not providing these school accommodations, but the Court held that this of itself was not conclusive and binding of the Court, and unless it could be shown that the school directors were willfully negligent in providing accommodations the rule must be dismissed. Now December 2, 1907, rule discharged.

In the estate of Margaret A. Smith, late of Greenwood township, deceased, report of sale confirmed nisi.

In the estate of Emma McNinch, deceased, report of sale confirmed nisi.

Rebecca H. Chromis vs. Robert V. Chromis, divorce, subpoena awarded.

In the estate of Mary E. Brewster, deceased, report of sale confirmed nisi.

In the matter of the corporation of the Orphanage and Home Association P. O. S. of A., corporation proved by master and charter decreed by the Court.

In the estate of Sarah E. Johnson, deceased, report of sale confirmed nisi.

In the matter of the application of Mathias Frantz, a weak minded person, for the appointment of a committee, Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 o'clock, fixed as the time for the hearing.

Report of viewers on public road in Catawissa confirmed nisi.

In the estate of William Getkui

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and David Raup report of sale confirmed nisi.

The petition of P. W. Miller, guardian of Samuel Klase, a weak-minded person, for the sale of real estate ordered sold, bond in sum of \$300.

The report of viewers on the opening of East First street in the Town of Bloomsburg confirmed nisi.

In the reopening of East Fourth street, on motion of A. N. Yost, Esq., the view in this case was continued until February term, 1908.

Owners of land in Franklin township upon which it is proposed to erect a school house presented a petition for a rule to show cause why they should not appeal from the assessment of damages.

On motion of District Attorney Small, it was decided to take up the West Berwick riot cases on Thursday morning.

In the estate of Mary A. Pursel, a lunatic, report of auditor on distribution confirmed nisi.

The petition of Albert C. Boston and Mame C. Boston for the adoption of May Ringrose, daughter of Harry Ringrose. The father and mother of the children have separated and are living apart. Adoption decreed.

A petition was presented by E. J. Flynn, Esq., in the matter of the lunacy of James Naughton, of Conyngham township. The petition was signed by his niece Sarah Naughton and an order was made appointing a commission in lunacy.

On motion R. O. Brockway was continued as commissioner in the matter of the lunacy of Alvada Campbell to report at February term.

R. Elizabeth McClure vs. C. B. McClure, divorce, J. G. Jayne, Esq., is continued as master to report at February term.

In re partition proceedings in the estate of Delilah Kramer, deceased, the return of the writ of partition continued until next term.

In re estate of George W. Supplee, deceased, H. Mont. Smith Esq., is continued as auditor to report on the first Monday of January, 1908.

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DANVILLE LODGE OF SORROW.

The Elks' memorial service in the Danville Opera House last Sunday afternoon was a beautiful and impressive one. The stage decorations of flowers and palms and evergreen formed a most attractive scene. A large audience was present.

The program consisted of prayer, selection by the Orphans Glee Club, alto solo by Mrs. Divil, bass solo by W. R. Miller, memorial address by Hon. C. B. Staples of Stroudsburg, closing exercises by the lodge, interspersed with selections by the orchestra.

The orchestra consisted of twelve pieces, three members being from Bloomsburg, namely Prof. Chas. P. Elwell, Guy Knorr and Lloyd Kitchen, the others being from Danville. Prof. Elwell was the leader, with first violin. The following selections were rendered by them:

Prelude—"Bohemian Girl."
Interlude—"Evening Star" with trombone solo by Guy Knorr.
Interlude—Handel's "Largo."
Postlude—"March Pontificale."

In speaking of the music the Danville Morning News says:

"The prelude was exquisitely rendered and it should be remarked that throughout the whole service the orchestra splendidly sustained its opening effort."

Judge Staples' address was an admirable one, and the entire program was a most appropriate and inspiring one.

DIED AT HOSPITAL.

Miss Verda Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, of Benton, contracted typhoid fever while nursing a patient in the Williamsport Hospital where she was in training for a nurse, and died last Thursday. The remains were brought to Benton on Friday, and the funeral was held on Sunday in the Benton M. E. church. The attendance was very large.

R. R. John has moved his law office to the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Champlin in the Ent building.