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TO CONTEST ELECTION.

A petition was presented to court last week, Wednesday, by C. C. Vetter Esq. as a preliminary step to contest the election of William Krickbaum as associate judge at the November election.

The petitioners signed by fifty seven voters, and the allegation is that Whitney Hess acted as judge of election at Millinville instead of A. E. Johnson who was the duly elected officer, and that therefore the election board was not legally constituted, and the vote ought not to have been counted. Krickbaum received 107 votes, and Hughes 39, giving the former a majority of 31 in the county. If this vote had been thrown out it would have given Hughes a majority in the county.

After hearing the petition Judge Evans made the following order:

Now, Dec. 4th, 1907, the within petition is adjudged sufficient and the same is directed to be filed of record in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Columbia county and the 18th day of December, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m., is fixed for the hearing on the same. Notice of the filing of this petition with a copy of the same shall be served on William Krickbaum together with a rule hereby granted upon said William Krickbaum to answer the same on or before the 18th day of December 1907, the day fixed for the hearing which said notice, copy and rule shall be served upon William Krickbaum at least ten days before the hearing. The Court further directs the petitioners to furnish a bond in the sum of \$1000 within 10 days as provided by laws regulating contested elections.

Japanese table ware and fancy china in beautiful designs, at L. E. Whary's china store.

At Gilmore's toy store will be found horns, tool chests, magic lanterns, doll houses, dishes, banks, mechanical toys, engines, cars, go-carts, rocking horses, wagons, toy trunks, sleds, velocipedes, drums, pianos and organs, wheelbarrows, and hundreds of other nice presents for the children.

See the large line of Christmas Calendars, at Mercer's.

An Edison Phonograph Outfit will make an excellent Xmas Gift. You can get it and all the latest and best Records at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

C. A. Kleim is a juror in the United States Court at Harrisburg this week.

A beautiful line of dolls, at Gilmore's.

Prothonotary Terwilliger has been confined to his home for the past two weeks, and was unable to be in court. His place was filled by Deputy Freeze Quick.

We invite a careful inspection of our stock before making your Holiday Purchases. Geo. W. Hess, Jeweler.

An endless variety of plates, cups and saucers, cream and sugar sets, chocolate sets, salad and berry sets, mayonnaise bowls, chamber sets, at L. E. Whary's china store.

At Gilmore's toy store the goods are all up-to-date, and the prices reasonable. Take a look.

John C. Wenner of Benton township served as a juror in court this week. We are printing a series of articles written by him on matters of local history and other very interesting reminiscences. He is an entertaining writer.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Pletcher*
The Kind You Have Always Bought

TEACHERS' RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed by the Teachers' Institute on Friday:

Be it resolved

First. That since it has pleased an overruling Providence to call from our midst one of our fellow laborers, Chas. Dice, we as a body of teachers extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased in this, our common sorrow.

Second. That we extend our hearty thanks to the Catawissa Paper Mill Company for their courtesy shown us during our visit to the plant, to their employes, and especially to Mr. Beckley who so kindly explained the process of paper making to us.

Third. We highly appreciate the work done by the Governor, the Legislature and in particular Representative Snyder from Schuylkill county in securing the passage of the Teachers' Salary Bill.

Fourth. We wish to commend our worthy Superintendent, Mr. Evans, for his deep interest shown in the welfare of the boys and girls, the teachers and the parents as evidenced by the following:

First. The course of study as outlined for the common schools.

Second. The course of study for our village and township high schools.

Third. His attendance and assistance and the many local institutes which we believe to be a great help in educating the people and acquainting them with many problems that are so often the source of friction between parent and teacher.

Fourth. His efforts in placing readable and interesting books into the hands of pupils, teachers and parents by the introduction of the circulating libraries of which we believe there are now nearly a hundred.

Fifth. The School Bulletin which furnishes many facts pertaining to school work which it would be impossible to give otherwise.

Sixth. The establishment of the Teachers' Preparatory School at Benton, which we believe to be a good means for helping some teachers who do not find it possible to attend other places of instruction.

Furthermore be it resolved, that we extend our thanks to the principal and trustees of the Normal School for the use of the auditorium; to the principal and board of directors of Bloomsburg for the use of the High School building, and to the mayor and people of the town for the many courtesies shown us.

Umbrellas Special Prices at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

Jardinières, cuspidors, vases, glassware, and a great variety of beautiful holiday gifts at L. E. Whary's.

Gilmore's Bazar.

As usual Gilmore's Toy Bazar is headquarters for toys of all kinds. He has a large and complete new line. Don't fail to see his stock before making holiday purchases.

Bibles and Testaments, the largest line ever shown in Columbia county, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Gold Spectacles and Eye Glasses for Xmas Gifts at Geo. W. Hess' Optician. Eyes correctly fitted.

ON AN IMPORTANT COMMITTEE.

Our congressman, Hon. John G. McHenry, has been appointed a member of the committee on banking and finance in Congress. As he is a new member of that body it is a high compliment to be appointed to so important a place. He will measure up with many of the old members on the subject of finance, as he has given much study to it.

Books of all kinds, Linen, Rag, Juveniles, Poets and many late Books at Mercer's.

Fine Diamond and Pearl Brooches at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY, (NO. 3.)

As I am a connecting link between a generation of people who have gone to their long resting place, and the present generation, I am enabled to a limited extent, to bring up some things identified with the past generation, but also whose usefulness perished with that generation.

The average home of rural life was indeed very similar throughout the community. Nearly all articles of wearing apparel were home made and home spun. It was nothing new to see two or three spinning wheels humming in nearly every family. But, please remember I speak of a time some sixty or more years ago. At this time not all families had a stove. The hearth and fire place, and chimney stack (a huge pile of stones) were common in every home. The cooking was done in the fire place in pots hung from a crane or pole fixed in the chimney. Bear in mind at this time there were no matches. The chimney place was probably six or eight feet in width and in which could be rolled a large log, generally called "the back log," against which the fire was built for cooking comfort and often for light. To keep the fire over night, the family, before retiring covered up the fire with ashes. But often the fire went out, even in mid winter, when the weather was extremely cold. Now what could be done in such a dilemma. Either go to a neighbor and borrow fire, or strike fire with flint and steel. But this really was the best alternative, but was very often very tedious and required the patience of Job. Often a person would most freeze before succeeding in starting a fire. The sparks from the stricken flint were always expected to communicate the fire to punk, a decayed maple wood. By the way, the habitual smoker always carried his flint and steel with the punk in his pocket and when he desired to smoke, he could not strike a match for there were none, and hence the steel and flint communicated the fire with the punk and then he was obliged to blow the breath most out of himself to get sufficient fire to enjoy a smoke.

As there were no ranges, or cooking stoves in those days, the people had their bake ovens out of doors, and built out of stones and mud. Very few people in our day remember anything about these things, or perhaps never heard tell of them. In speaking of the home manufacture of wearing apparel, I have not spoken of the material entered into the various fabrics of home manufacture. Every farmer and probably every family was obliged to sow a patch of half an acre or more of flax, on which all depended for their summer suits, when once cured and ready for use. The quality of flax was said to be good when the fiber coat was heavy on the stem. It usually grew about three feet tall, the bloom was blue, and when in full bloom it looked like a blue field. The balls developed before ripening, and when the seed was ripe, the balls were a light brown and the flax was ready to pull, or harvest. Flax for domestic use was always pulled up by the roots. It was a long and tedious process, the flax was subjected to before it was ready to be hatched, or combed. I manufactured the stuff and know all about the processes. Before the fiber coat could be separated from the stem, after boiling or threshing the flax, it was thinly spread upon the grass and exposed to rain and sun in order to rot the stem, or woody substance, for a month or two, after which it is ready for the flax-break and swingle blade. After this it was drawn through a coarse hetchel when the coarse tow was combed from it. Then it went through a fine hetchel when the fine tow was combed from it. Thus it was reduced to three grades of yarn to be spun from it. After the last hatching the flax had a deep glossy appearance and the finest thread was spun from it. I have not space to follow the process or different stages of its operations before it was put to final use. When a girl, my mother learned the weaving trade and she was an expert weaver. She wove linen tablecloths and spreads, and woolen coverlids from patterns of many designs. I have no recollection that any other person in my knowledge could weave from patterns of any design. Shoe cobblers were as abundant as weavers. This means that many heads of families made and mended the shoes of their respective families. My father was also a shoe cobbler. He never learned the shoemaker's trade but he made and mended shoes for all who applied in the entire neighborhood. Thus with the aid of three sons, he cleared up a large farm and reared a family of nine children. He began in the woods, clearing the spot on which the house was built. As I am the old-

est of the family, my experience in early life was that of rough and tumble, over stumps and stones. Father's farm, in common with neighboring farms, was very stony. But then there was lots of fun and sport. I think I enjoyed life in youth, in spite of all drawbacks, as well as the youth enjoy life in this late day.

I told you last week what some people told me about the shad. In my youth our streams had an abundance of fish, suckers most prolific, and many a good catch did I enjoy. But, Oh, could you see the vast flocks of wild pigeons that I have seen, even the heavens spread over with them, it seems to me that the river full of shad would be no circumstance to the pigeons. Some expert pigeon catchers caught as many as a hundred dozens in a season of good pigeon flight. Yes, excitement, sport and game were not lacking in my young days.

My motive for improving this golden opportunity was to have a little chat with all you Bloomsburg people on topics most of you do not remember, and to give you as much ruralistic and antiquarian information as possible.

JOHN C. WENNER,
Benton, Pa.

Diener sets in open stock, in Haviland, Elite, Johnson's English Porcelain, and Austrian, at L. E. Whary's china store.

Mirrors, Shaving Sets, Military Sets, Traveling Cases, Fancy Box Paper, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Watches, Watches, Watches, fine cheap and pretty at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

Christmas tree ornaments at Gilmore's.

Dr. L. G. Adams, for thirty years a physician at Evansville, died on Sunday evening, aged 58 years. His wife survives.

Paul E. Wirt Fountain Pens at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

Collar and Cuff Boxes, Necktie Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Burglars in Danville.

The barber shop of Thomas J. Evans on Bloom street, Danville, was burglarized at an early hour Sunday morning. The thieves secured at least a hundred dollars worth of booty, comprising the most valuable articles in the shop.

This is the third time within three years this shop has been burglarized, and each time he has lost heavily and on none of the occasions have the robbers been apprehended.

Diaries for 1908 at Mercer's.

A fine line of Hawkes and Dorringer Cut Glass at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

ZONGRONE TO THE PEN.

John Zongrone who was the star witness in the West Berwick "Black Hand" cases, and sent some of the leaders to the penitentiary, pleaded guilty to the charge of impersonating an officer, and extorting money from foreigners. He was sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of \$500, and 18 months in the state prison.

The 23rd Christmas at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Ralph Smoyer has sold his store on Sixth street to A. J. Learn.

The stock of Christmas Presents at Mercer's Drug and Book Store is larger than ever.

Electric light is going to cost like smoke now, but you can see a nice line of Lamps of all kinds, big and little at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Toilet Sets, many kinds, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

"Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl" will hold forth at the Grand Opera House Dec. 20. The title suggests the theme of the piece, which is said to be one of the best from every point of view, to be seen at the Grand Opera House this season. "Bertha, The Sewing Machine Girl" is a play of sensations of the thrilling type, whose story, said to be consistent and plausible, is laid in New York City, where its heroine, Bertha, toils at the sewing machine to get the necessities of life, for herself and Jessie, her blind younger sister. The fight is a strenuous one but our heroine is brave, and she wins out in the end. The piece has four acts and twelve scenes. The company will be found thoroughly competent in every respect, and the performance will be well worth seeing.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Bulletin.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ON THE RAILS.

At no other period of the year does home-hunger grip the human heart with such an eager yearning as at Christmas time. The lasting memories of the old homestead, the tender welcome of the older and the merry greetings of the younger dear ones, the happy reunion about the festal board, the pungent odor of the cedar, the witchery of the holly, the lurking sentiment of the mistletoe, all combine to make a lure well nigh irresistible.

It is the season of reunions and foregatherings, of meeting and parting.

The zest of travel is rife, for apart from the home-goings and social exchanges it is a holiday time for many and there are pleasant excursions to be made, where sightseeing has an added relish from the prevalent gaiety and good cheer.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is always popular at holiday times. Its system is so far-reaching, and at the same time so closely interwoven with the needs of the traveler, its trains are so numerous and so well equipped for the accommodation of every class of travel, and its ticketing arrangements so satisfying that it might be termed the Santa Claus route.

Its Limited trains carrying the highest grade of travelers, completely appointed in every detail, offer exceptional advantages to the children going home from school for the Christmas vacation. The boys naturally gravitate to such trains; the girls will find every comfort and safeguard, as well as a maid at their command.

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