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#### ODD FELLOWS AT SHAMOKIN

Will Meet at Danville Next Year.

The celebration of the 80th anniversary of the foundation of the first lodge of Odd Fellows in America on Tuesday gave Shamokin the biggest day in its history. 10,000 Odd Fellows, and many thousands more of friends, wives, sweethearts and ordinary sightseers, thronged the streets so that in some places it was with difficulty that people could move.

A profusion of decorations of all sorts added to the gala air. Even the side streets were not neglected in the matter of gay trimming, so that wherever the visitor walked a delightfully beautiful vista met the eye.

The business meeting of the anniversary association was held in the Shamokin lodge room at 11:30 a. m. It was evident that there would be a big fight on the choice of place to hold the next meeting. The favorites were Danville and Tyrone, and both towns seemed to be running about even. During the morning large banners were made and taken over the town on which were the words, "Vote for Danville in 1909." The individual members also did a great deal of work in inducing the tide of sentiment to turn in favor of Danville.

At the meeting the vote was a close one, Danville receiving 27 votes, Tyrone 23 and Mt. Carmel 2. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27th, 1909.

The feature of the day was the monster parade, in which it is estimated there were 8,000 Odd Fellows in line. The Danville lodges had the largest number of men in line—over 200.

There were 15 bands in the parade and it took the column three quarters of an hour to pass one point. One of the most attractive features of the parade were two floats in which were the orphans from the Odd Fellows' orphanage at Weigh Scales.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, W. H. Kiess; secretary, H. B. Eberly; treasurer, Abe A. Myers. Out of sixty-one lodges, etc., in the district fifty-eight were represented at the meeting.

#### CAREY-NEAL.

The marriage of Miss Mabel, daughter of C. W. Neal, of Bloomsburg, and Wright D. Carey, of Wilkes-Barre, took place in the Reformed church on Wednesday afternoon, April 22nd, at 6 o'clock. Rev. J. D. Thomas performed the ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers. As the bridal party entered, Miss Grace Housel played the wedding march from "Lohen-grin." With the ushers, Mr. Robert Jacobs and Mr. Sutton, of Harrisburg, leading, followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Anna Creasy, of Bloomsburg, and Miss Belle Burr, of Watsontown; the maid of honor, Miss Marie Funk, of Bloomsburg, and the flower girl, Ruth Hutton, the bride entered the church with her father, C. W. Neal, who gave her away in marriage. As the bride reached the altar she was met by the groom with the best man, Ernest Carey, his brother.

During the impressive ceremony Rubenstein's Melody in F was rendered by Miss Housel, who played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the party left the church.

After the ceremony a reception was held for the relatives, the bridal party, and a few intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Carey will reside in Wilkes-Barre, where he is employed by the Gas Co.

#### CANDIDATES' EXPENSES.

Monday was the last day on which candidates at the recent primary election could file their accounts for expenses incurred in the canvass. Those who spent less than \$50 are not obliged to itemize their accounts.

On Saturday and Monday the following accounts were filed in the Prothonotary's office:

W. P. Zehner, Democratic candidate for County Treasurer, \$373.21; John Mourey, Democratic candidate for County Treasurer, \$178.80; George Unangst, Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, \$545.73; Jerry Hess, Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, \$402.25; A. C. Creasy, Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, \$140.57; C. Fred Lenhart, Republican candidate for County Commissioner, \$1,019.44.

The following persons filed affidavits stating that they did not expend over \$50: John G. McHenry, Democratic candidate for Congress; C. E. Kreisher, Republican candidate for Legislature; C. A. Small, Prohibition candidate for District Attorney; Clyde C. Yetter, Henry Traugh, John A. Fortner, Republican candidates for Committeemen; A. J. George, E. M. Savidge and J. H. Mensch, Democratic candidates for committeemen; Henry Traugh, Republican candidate for delegate to State Convention; Louis Rieggel, candidate for Councilman at Catawissa.

#### PAPER CHANGED HANDS.

In the *Sullivan Review* of April 23rd we read with regret that Fred Newell has sold that establishment, and has retired from the newspaper business. For more than twenty years he has published the best paper in Sullivan county, and one of the brightest inland weeklies in the state. The *Review* has been a welcome visitor to our sanctum for many years, and we shall miss Brother Newell's editorials, both wise and humorous, as circumstances required. Should he engage in other business we wish him unbounded success. It is to be presumed, however, that in twenty years he has accumulated an ample fortune in the newspaper business, and can spend the balance of his life in ease and pleasure. That is what always happens to country editors, we don't think.

Mr. L. R. Taylor, of White Haven, is the new proprietor of the *Review*. He is a young man of energy and ability, and will no doubt maintain the high standard attained by Mr. Newell.

#### GOES TO DANVILLE CHURCH.

Bishop Shanahan has appointed Rev. A. J. McCann, of Locust Gap to succeed the late Rev. M. I. O'Reilly as pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Danville.

Father McCann was pastor of St. Columba's church in this town for thirteen years, and he has a host of friends here among all denominations. He is a hard working, conscientious priest and during his pastorate here and at St. Joseph's church, Locust Gap, endeared himself to the people. The announcement of his removal Sunday caused profound sorrow among his parishioners and, after hearing his farewell address, many persons left the church with tear-stained faces.

The church at Danville is to be congratulated on securing such a man as Father McCann, to fill the place of the much beloved Father O'Reilly.

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#### THE STARS.

I read with much interest an article in last week's COLUMBIAN, on the above subject. The starry heavens, is truly, not only a beautiful midnight scenery, but a very interesting subject to contemplate, in meditative study. Of these beautiful shining orbs, modern science has revealed much information, of which past generations knew nothing at all. And at the same time it is but little we know about, or, that future people can ever know about.

True, our solar system is within reach of investigation, of very accurate and comprehensive theories, so conclusive, that we accept them as settled facts or theorems that cannot be successfully disputed or disproven. The planetary system is so interesting, and with all our knowledge of it, yet how little do we know about it. We know the size and movements of them, their distance from us and the sun, but can we ever tell with a certainty or will science ever demonstrate this: That they are inhabited. Of course interest centers so much on this point. If we are not much acquainted with our nearest planetary neighbors, how is it possible to gain any knowledge of the remote fixed stars, systems? I have an authority on Astronomy from which I learn that the fixed stars range from the first to the sixth magnitude, and that the nearest fixed stars are at least twenty trillion miles distant, which might be considered an incomprehension beyond all human imagination or astronomical calculation. I have read articles on astronomy in which the writer computed the distance to the North Star, and which no doubt was as wide of the mark as any other erroneous imagination might be. But such articles are always interesting to read because of the fact that the exploring mind is in search of discoveries and new ideas in relation to what may be found in illimitable space. But nearly always the wandering mind becomes lost in the depths of mystery beyond the power of solution. But how is it possible to estimate with any degree of certainty, the distance to the North Star, when there is no possible means to base any measurements to calculate distance when in fact, the whole of the earth's orbit, 190 million miles in diameter, as compared to the dimensions of the North Star, is only a mere speck, or as a straight line drawn from the orbit to the North Star. Hence it is quite possible that the diameter of the North Star, as a body, is greater in magnitude than the diameter of the earth's orbit. As the universe is beyond the comprehension of finite mind in its immensity, finite mind may penetrate space beyond the light of the sun and the North Star, and the groups of stars around them, but only to find itself in the realms of other starry spheres, way beyond, in the remoteness of the shining orbs that illumine our earth, and in which we are so much interested, but know comparatively so little about.

JOHN C. WENNER.

#### NEARS CENTURY MARK.

Eighty-nine years ago Sunday the first American lodge of Odd Fellows was organized in Baltimore under the title of Washington Lodge, No. 1. There were five members of that lodge when it was started and now, in round numbers, the order in the United States comprises about 1,700,000.

#### ANNALS OF FORT JENKINS, COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Extract from Statement of Nathan Beach

"In the year 1769 my father removed with his family from the State of New York, to the valley of Wyoming, now Luzerne county, State of Pennsylvania, where he continued to reside within the limits of the said county, until the 4th day of July, 1778, the day after the Wyoming massacre, so called. When the inhabitants, to wit, all those who had escaped the tomahawk and scalping knife, fled in every direction to places of security—about the first of August following I returned with my father and Thomas Dodson, to secure our harvest which we had left in the fields. While we were engaged in securing our harvest as aforesaid, I was taken prisoner by the Indians and Tories; made my escape the day following. In the fall of the same year, 1778, my father and family went to live at Fort Jenkins, (Columbia County, Pa.) I was there employed, with others of the citizens, and sent out on scouting parties by Capt. Sweeney, commander of the fort, and belonging to Col. Hartley's regiment of the Pennsylvania line, continued at said fort until about the first of June, 1779, during which time had a number of skirmishes with the Indians. In May, 1779, the Indians, thirty-five in number, made an attack on some families that lived one mile from the fort, and took three families, twenty-two in number, prisoners. Information having been received at the fort, Ensign Thornbury was sent out by the captain in pursuit of the Indians, with twenty soldiers, myself and three others of the citizens also went, making twenty-four. We came up with them at (near Columbia park)—a sharp engagement took place, which lasted about thirty minutes, during which time we had four men killed and five wounded out of the twenty-four. As we were compelled to retreat to the fort, leaving our dead on the ground, the Indians took their scalps. During our engagement with the Indians the twenty-four prisoners before mentioned made their escape and got safe to the fort. The names of the heads of those families taken prisoners as aforesaid, were Bartlet Ramey, Christopher Farrow and Joseph Dewey; the first named, Bartlet Ramey, was killed by the Indians. Soon after the aforesaid engagement, in June I entered the boat department. Boats having been built at Middletown, Dauphin county called continental boats, made for the purpose of transporting the baggage, provisions, etc., of Gen. Sullivan's army, which was on its march to destroy the Indian towns in the lake country, in the State of New York. I steered one of those boats to Tioga Point, where we discharged our loading and I returned to Fort Jenkins in August, where I found our family. The Indians still continued to be troublesome; my father thought it advisable to leave the country and go to a place of more safety; we left the Susquehanna, crossed the mountains to Northampton county, in the neighborhood of Bethlehem; this being in the fall of 1779. In May, 1780, the Indians paid a visit to that country, took and carried away Benjamin Gilbert and family, and several of his neighbors, amounting to eighteen or twenty in all. Said Gilbert was a public friend, of the society called Quakers. It was then thought expedient to raise a certain number of militia men, and establish a line of blockhouses north of the Blue

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#### "THE CREATION."

This splendid musical composition will be rendered in the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, May 12th by the Bloomsburg Choral Society under the direction of Charles O. Skeer. It will be accompanied by C. P. Elwell's orchestra of about twenty pieces. Rehearsals have been in progress for some weeks, and the chorus numbers eighty or more voices. The former concerts of this society are sufficient guaranty that this production will be of a high musical order. Haydn's "Creation" has never been attempted in this section before, and may never be again. Only the cities aspire so high as that, and Bloomsburg should take pride in the fact that it has an organization that not only is not afraid to tackle such music, but that it can succeed most admirably.

The prices of admission will be low. The church ought to be filled. Let everybody make arrangements to be there.

#### ABUSED A HORSE.

Lawrence Hill of Pine Summit was arrested Monday for abusing a horse belonging to Correll's livery, and fined \$10 by Squire Jacoby. Hill has been employed on Evans' farm below town. He hired the horse on Saturday to go to Pine Summit, but instead went to Millville and Iola, driving the horse until it was nearly exhausted.

It was necessary to go to Berwick to find an officer of the Humane Society to proceed in the matter. It is a pity Bloomsburg can't have an officer of this society. There would be plenty for him to do.

#### STOLE BISHOP'S DINNER.

Bishop Darlington made an official visit to St. John's church at Bellefonte last Sunday, and was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. John Hewitt at the Rectory. For the Sunday dinner Mrs. Hewitt had prepared three nice chickens and other good things, and placed them in the refrigerator on Saturday night. Thieves visited the place during the night and stole everything in the refrigerator, and other arrangements had to be made for the Sunday dinner at the rectory. Mr. Hewitt was a former rector of St. Paul's, Bloomsburg.

#### COMMANDERY BALL.

The tournoi and ball given at Caldwell Cathedral last Friday night by Crusade Commandery, Knights Templar, was a brilliant function. About 150 couples were in attendance, and the grand march was participated in by uniformed Knights only, and their ladies, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bidleman leading. The music was exceptionally fine, the waltzes being played by C. P. Elwell's orchestra, and the two steps by the Citizens' Band.

Delicious refreshments were served by the members of St. Margaret's Guild.

Altogether it was a delightful occasion, and one of the most brilliant social gatherings this town has ever seen.

#### EYERLY-RITTER.

The marriage of Paul R. Eyerly, one of the proprietors of the *Morning Press*, and Miss Amy Ritter, took place in the Lutheran church on Wednesday morning, April 29th, at 9:30 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Byers officiating. Only the families and a few friends were present.

The bride and bridegroom were unattended. Mrs. W. H. Brooke presided at the organ. The church was beautifully decorated.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ritter, on Normal Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Eyerly have gone on a tour in the south, and will be at home after June 1st in their newly furnished residence on Market street.

The bride is one of Bloomsburg's very estimable young ladies, and Mr. Eyerly is a hustler in the newspaper business, having made the *Morning Press* one of the best inland dailies in the state.

We extend our warmest congratulations.

Mrs. Elwell Funk spent last week at the home of N. U. Funk Esq., and attended the Carey-Neal wedding. She returned to her home in Philadelphia on Monday.

The M. E. church will give a lunch supper, Friday evening, May 8th, 5 to 10 o'clock. A good bill of fare with cake and cream extra. Supper 15 cents.