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ITINERANT PREACHERS.

Last Sunday afternoon the blast of a bugle on the streets of town disturbed the pacific quietude and made people poke their heads out of the windows to see what it was all about. They saw a wagon, not unlike the Gypsy type, on which was a sign announcing that the occupants were "Israelites of the House of David," and that they intended to preach on the street during the day.

In accordance with this announcement the "Israelites" established themselves on Market Square twice, in the afternoon and evening, and addressed a goodly sized crowd. There were four persons in the outfit; two men and two women. The men were conspicuous for their long hair, which flowed down over their shoulders. They hail from Benton Harbor, Michigan, where they have organized a colony.

Their names are Marion, Andrew, Grace and Ella, and they, like the apostles of old, use only the one name. They are Christians, but have a peculiar creed. With the Universalists, they do not believe in an eternal hell. Nor do they believe in the resurrection of the earthly body.

As near as we could gather from their talks, they believe in the millennium, and that all people who are on earth when it comes will live forever.

They take up no collection, and receive no salary, but depend upon the free-will offerings of their audiences in exchange for a little tract which they pass around. They camped on the fair grounds Sunday night, and went from here to Catawissa on Tuesday.

And now somebody is saying they are fakes, because the men were seen to remove their long haired wigs.

STEEL CARS TO BE BUILT.

Several of the leading railroad companies are now figuring on the purchase of steel cars, the inquiries representing about 6000 cars in all. This would mean the expenditure of six or seven million dollars. The orders may be placed within the next thirty days.

It is reported that the Gould lines are contemplating the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for steel cars. If these intentions are carried out, it may safely be assumed that the American Car and Foundry Company will get its fair share of the work, and this will give work for a time at the steel works of the Berwick plant. When that happens there is likely to be something doing at the Bloomsburg shops. We are told that the Bloom plant is closed "indefinitely." That does not mean "permanently."

When the A. C. & F. Company has orders that require the facilities of the local shops, the latter will undoubtedly start up again. The sooner this happens, the better.

MR. EDISON BUSY AGAIN.

Thomas A. Edison has kept in the background for some time, but he now comes forward with plans for an airship which seems to be superior to any yet advanced. Henri Farman, the French aviator, who is considered one of the leading experts in aeronautics, visited Mr. Edison on Monday, and after looking over the plans declared that they were superior to those of the machine with which he has been making his flights at Brighton Beach during the past week.

The "Wizard" may keep silent awhile, but he is always on hand with something better in every line of invention.

CITIZEN'S BAND CONCERT.

The popularity of the Citizens' Band was well attested on Monday night when a crowd of twelve to fifteen hundred people stood for nearly two hours to listen to a concert, given in front of the court house. Dozens of teams and automobiles filled the street.

The selections were all highly appreciated, as was evidenced by the liberal applause. The band responded several times to encores. Prof. Chas. P. Elwell, the conductor, has brought this organization up to a high state of efficiency, and they can always be sure of a large attendance at their popular open air concerts.

They propose to give a series of Musicals in the Opera House this winter, and then the people can demonstrate their appreciation by giving them liberal patronage. It ought not to be said of Bloomsburg that they appreciate good music only when it is free.

LIPTON MAY TRY AGAIN.

The new racing yacht Shamrock, belonging to Sir Thomas Lipton, has been so successful that it has landed twenty-four out of the twenty-seven contests it has entered this season. This has made Sir Thomas feel pretty happy, and he is again anxious to try his luck at capturing the America Cup next summer.

Notwithstanding the criticism of English sportsmanship incident to the unpleasant occurrences at the Olympic games last month, the genial Sir Thomas has demonstrated during the numerous visits he has paid this country that these qualities are not characteristic of all Englishmen. He became a popular favorite, and was a good loser, and will be welcomed every time he chooses to come over, whether he manages to lift the cup or not.

ON A LONG TOUR.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Lewis of Racine, Wis., and Miss Davies of Greenwich, Conn., arrived in town on Saturday evening, and spent several days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Peacock. They are on a long automobile tour, starting from Boston to Lake George down the Hudson to New York, Atlantic City, Philadelphia; thence to Bloomsburg. From here they went to Eaglesmere, thence to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Erie, and Chicago.

Mr. Lewis is president of the Mitchell-Lewis Wagon Co., and of the Mitchell Motor Car Co., and the Yucca Cyanide Milling and Mining Co.

During their stay here the party were taken out through the country on auto trips, and were very much pleased with the beauties of Bloomsburg, and the surrounding country.

CONCERNING STREETS.

There are several projects and propositions to open and widen several streets in Bloomsburg, adjoining the built-up portions of the town. Well, Gentlemen of Council, act and waste no time in talk.

Every street you open and widen will increase the access to various places, increase the value of the property, enable persons to build new houses, increase the income of the town, and in every way tend to double up our comfort and our business and our population.

The longer it is left the more expensive it will become, and that is to be avoided. The sooner it is done the sooner we will receive increased revenue from a small outlay.

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WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

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THE FISHINGCREEKS.

The stations between Bloomsburg and Jamison City are the following: Bloomsburg D. L. & W., Bloomsburg P. & R., Paper Mill, Light Street, Orangeville, Forks, Zaners, Stillwater, Benton, Edsoms, Coles Creek, Laubach, Grass Mere Park, Central, Jamison City.

The whole line of the road being in the valley of the creek, and the run being, including stops, about 1½ hours. In making the run you need several days in order to take in all the camps, parks and other beautiful stopping places.

There are great promises and assurances, that the trolley line from Bloomsburg to Millville will be built and in operation by the first of November. The promoters are not alone in believing that the line will make itself business by accommodating a numerous population of wide awake farmers and business men, living within reach of its accommodation, and the terminus at the new active village of Millville and some two or three other beginnings of towns near by will furnish trade, travel and traffic to keep it busy.

Besides that, there are several points of great beauty as to scenery and surroundings, and at least two bends in Little Fishing Creek, where parks and picnic grounds can easily be constructed.

Persons not familiar with the waters and country drained by Little Fishing Creek should make a pleasure drive above and between the points of the proposed trolley, and pick out places for future, and near future occupation. Now is the time to quietly pick out the place, secure it, and you have the choice near to or far from Bloomsburg, as you wish.

Instead of chopping down trees along the waters and streams, you should care for and plant more. It takes a tree a long time to grow, and its growth ought to be watched, and the natural tree assisted in its development. Some of that care is being given them now, but more and more intelligent care is needed; care all round, that the streams are not dried up, and the forests demolished.

THE OLD CANAL.

Remember, the old North Branch Canal is no longer in existence. Don't open up streets along its winding towpath, but straight, and fill up the old ditch with coal ashes, cinder, and such matter. Pitch into the Railroad Company now owning it and compel it to abate the nuisance of high banks and deep ditches and standing, foul smelling water.

Don't forget that the whole township of Bloom is now the Town of Bloomsburg, and reaches from the Fishingcreek to the Susquehanna river. Give the citizens access to every part of it, lay it out as it ought to be; ignore apparent difficulties, cut down hills, fill up hollows, drain low lands, layout streets on paper as they are to be on the ground shortly.

DOCTORS' PICNIC.

The Columbia County Medical Association held its annual picnic at Columbia Park on Monday. Twenty members were present with their families. After dinner speeches were made by G. H. Bonner, Esq., a member of the Pittsburgh bar, and Rev. Dr. Hemingway, the latter's subject being "The Relationship between the Medical Profession and the Clergy." The only drawback to the pleasure of the day was a severe thunderstorm in the afternoon, accompanied by hail.

STEAM HEAT PLANT.

The plant of the Bloomsburg Steam Heating Company is advertised for sale, and there has been much conjecture and no little anxiety as to whether it will be operated the coming winter. If for any reason it should be closed down, it would be a matter of very serious inconvenience to those whose homes and business places are dependent upon it for heat. If the work of installing private boilers were to begin at once, it would be impossible to get many of them in working condition before cold weather sets in.

A meeting of the holders of bonds is called for this evening at the office of John G. Harman, Esq., to take action relative to the sale of the property, which is advertised for Saturday, August 22nd. It is probable that something will be done so that the plant will be operated, as it will cost but little comparatively to put it in good shape, and it is not likely that so valuable a plant will be permitted to stand idle, as it would very rapidly deteriorate if not in use during the winter.

However, this is all a matter of conjecture, and nothing definite can be stated until the interested parties have decided what they will do.

PAY IN ADVANCE.

Sheriff Ent has made a much needed rule that hereafter in all cases when it is necessary for him to expend money for car fare or meals on the performance of his duty, enough money must be advanced by the party requiring the service to cover all such expenses.

This is a wise rule. Heretofore in many cases the sheriff has not only lost his fees for service, but also the cost expended by him in performing that service. In the cities and many of the counties, all of the official costs and fees are required to be paid in advance. In this county it has been the rule that the sheriff spends a year or two after his term expires in trying to collect his fees, and then loses many of them.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

Michael Reilly who swallowed his false teeth, and underwent an operation by the opening of the throat for their removal, is reported as slightly improved, though his condition is still serious.

Charles Stetler, a 13 year old boy of Danville, fell from the second story of the addition to the Danville Hospital for the Insane on Monday, and sustained a fractured skull. He was carrying water to the workmen. The boy was brought to the Joseph Ratti Hospital where an operation was performed to remove the pressure on the brain, and he regained consciousness, but his condition is critical.

Miss Helen Rupert, who was operated on for appendicitis a couple weeks ago, underwent a second operation on Monday.

BEASLY TRACT SOLD.

The property of the Catawissa Coal Co., in Conyngham township was sold by Sheriff Ent at the court house on Tuesday for \$63.10, subject to a mortgage of \$75,000, and tax liens and costs of \$796.25. The tract is known by its warrant name as the Johnson Beasly tract, and is valuable coal land. Some years ago it was the subject of much litigation in court. It is said that the present sale took place for the purpose of perfecting title.

TOWNSEND

THIS WEEK

ALL our Soft Collar
Shirts that were \$1.50

THIS WEEK \$1.00

A nice line of Men's
Fancy Half Hose that
were 25 cents,

**This Week 15 CTS.
A PAIR.**

TOWNSEND'S CORNER.

UNSANITARY CONDITIONS ALONG CANAL.

Attention has often been called to the condition of the old canal bed, and various schemes have been suggested to have this nuisance abated. The present unsanitary conditions which exist where Market street crosses the abandoned waterway is disgraceful, and should be remedied at once. A thick green scum covers the stagnant pool, and acts as an admirable disease breeder. It is from just such sources that epidemics spring, and that illness has not yet developed from it is remarkable. When one considers that a little stagnant water in a tomato can will breed enough mosquitoes to infest many houses, the possibilities of the old canal may be realized.

If the owners of the property cannot be persuaded to remedy it, the local Health Board would do well to do something immediately for the safety of the community. A few dollars expended in oil to pour over the surface of the offending pools would help matters a bit. Just because an epidemic has not been started is no reason to neglect precautions. It is generally the case that the cause is attacked after it has done its harm. Let's not wait.

RACE OF SKY PILOTS.

Balloon enthusiasts expect to have an interesting time tomorrow up in the Berkshires, when the first point-to-point balloon race ever held in this country will start from North Adams. Five contestants will start and each must designate, just before leaving, the place where he intends to alight, which must be at least thirty miles from the start. The balloon which lands nearest to the post office of the town selected by the pilot will be declared the winner of the cup, which is offered by the North Adams Aero Club.

TWO NEW CHURCHES.

Applications have been made for charters by two new congregations of the Christian Church; one at Derris, and another at Millville. This denomination, which is comparatively new in this vicinity, is steadily increasing its members.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Town Council Monday evening steps were taken to enforce the payment of taxes for 1906 and 1907. There are a great many delinquents, and as the town needs money it was decided to take decisive measures. Upon consultation with Collector Robbins the plan is to be adopted of taking the first five names from each letter in the alphabetical list of delinquents and against these executions will be issued to collect their taxes.

George Trump was given permission to use a portion of Scott alley for threshing his crop.

E. E. Yohay was exonerated from the payment of a dog tax as he has no dog.

Report was made on market fees. Sums collected \$8.10, and costs of cleaning up the street \$3.00, which gives a profit to the town.

The council ordered a new issue of bonds for \$5,305 to redeem bonds due August 1, 1908.

The pavement on Fifth street and Sixth street was discussed. It is reported as being too low. The town engineer was instructed to examine it.

After ordering a number of bills paid council adjourned.

YETTER-ADAMS.

Clyde Charles Yetter, Esq., and Miss Mary Adams, both of Bloomsburg, were married on Tuesday in New Jersey or Philadelphia. It was a surprise to all their friends, and it is not known just when the event took place. The first intimation here was the appearance of their names among the arrivals at the Bellevue-Stratford, in Philadelphia, on Wednesday.

Mr. Yetter is the well known lawyer and politician, and former President of the Town, and the bride is one of Bloomsburg's popular school teachers.

THE BLJOU.

This popular amusement place is undergoing extensive repairs and changes, including a new front. It is closed this week. When completed it will be up to date in every respect. Messrs. Kline & John have been giving their patrons the full worth of their money.