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KILLED BY A FALL.

Mrs. Hester J. Barton Found Dead in Her Home.

For some years past Mrs. Hester J. Barton, widow of the late James Barton, has been residing at her home on West Main street, below Market Square. Her sister, Mrs. Mahala Barkley, has resided with her. Mrs. Barton was 79 years of age, but remarkably active for one of her years. Her sister 89 years of age, has been an invalid for a long time, but able to go about the house. On Monday morning when Mrs. Barkley came down the back stairway she found Mrs. Barton lying at the foot of the stairs. Going to the door she called to Dr. House's family who live next door, and the Doctor went over, and found at once that Mrs. Barton was dead. She was in her night dress, but evidently had not retired the night before, as her bed was undisturbed.

Dr. John was summoned, and found a wound on the temple, her face badly cut, blood oozing from the nose and mouth, and the back greatly swollen and bruised. It was evident that she had been dead for some time, as the body was cold and the rigor of death had set in.

It is believed that Mrs. Barton had prepared to retire, and for some cause had started to go down stairs when she fell. She had been troubled with her heart for some time. Whether she was stricken with heart failure or apoplexy as she reached the stairs, or whether she stumbled, will never be known.

The death of Mrs. Barton in this manner is a sad ending to a life that was characterized by gentleness, charity, and a life long devotion to her church. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and a liberal contributor to its support. Her charities were unostentatious, and many of them were known only to the recipients.

She attended service last Sunday morning, and in the afternoon she remarked to a friend that the rector would be back from his vacation by next Sunday, and she was glad that he had not been called back home to attend a funeral, as had so often happened in previous years. Within twenty-four hours after this remark the rector was telegraphed the news of her death.

Mrs. Barton's maiden name was Quick. She was a sister of the late John G. Quick and Grier Quick of Rupert, and Mrs. Barkley. She was born in Rush township, Northumberland county, December 9, 1828. Her parents moved here when she was a year old. She married James Barton and lived in Montour township at Barton's now Keiter's mill, until about 30 years ago, when they moved to Bloomsburg. Mr. Barton died about 25 years ago.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Diggles officiating. She was laid beside her husband in Rosemont.

BLOOMSBURG HEATING COMPANY

The plant and franchises of the Bloomsburg Steam Heating Company were sold last Saturday afternoon by J. M. Clark, Receiver, at public sale. John T. Tracy and Arthur W. Sharpless are the purchasers, the price paid being \$3,600 clear of all encumbrances.

The plant will be put in good condition, and operated by Messrs. Tracy and Sharpless under the name of the Bloomsburg Heating Company. Heat will be supplied by them at the same price as last winter. They are enterprising men and will no doubt make a success of it.

A HANDSOME NEW STORE.

For the past few weeks alterations have been in progress in the Titman Building on Main street for the accommodation of Harry Rinker's Crystal Palace. The work is now finished and tonight the opening of the place will occur. Mr. Rinker is to be congratulated upon the handsome appearance of his store. It is surely very attractively furnished and decorated, and one must go a long way to find a stand of a like character which approaches it in tasteful arrangement. The color scheme is carried out in a rich red, with a light ceiling, and an abundance of plate glass mirrors empaneled in the walls. A rich looking soda fountain of marble and hard wood occupies one side of the front of the store, and this is nicely balanced by attractive show cases of confectionery on the other side. In the rear there is a spacious balcony for an orchestra, and this will be first put to use tonight at the opening, when Elwell's orchestra will furnish music throughout the evening. The lighting arrangements are of ample proportions, there being both incandescent gas and electric lamps. The floor is covered with a heavy linoleum. Neat chairs and tables fill the rear of the room. No expense has been spared in fixing up the establishment and as a result Mr. Rinker has a stand such as one seldom sees in a town of this size.

IT WOULD DRAW.

The officials of the Columbia County Fair have decided that the space inside the race track shall no longer be used for tying teams. This is a very wise provision, and will eliminate the danger that has always existed, of collisions between racers and the teams and people crossing the track.

It has been well suggested that this space might be utilized to good advantage by laying out a base ball diamond, and then secure two of the crack clubs, like the Athletics and Brooklyn, to play on the mornings of two days of the fair. It is believed by the base ball enthusiasts and many others that these clubs could be procured at not much more than has been paid for some of the so-called "attractions" that appear on the platform in front of the grand stand.

This would not interfere in any way with the racing, and would almost certainly draw an immense crowd. The suggestion is surely worthy of consideration.

MARRIED FORTY YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whary celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their marriage on Thursday last. They have resided in Bloomsburg during that time, and Mr. Whary has been engaged in the tinning and stove business for a longer period, at the same stand he now occupies. He has in the past few years added plumbing and steam heating to his lines. His record as a business man and citizen is first class.

He is an officer in the M. E. church, and Mrs. Whary is also active in church and temperance circles.

SEPTEMBER COURT CHANGE.

By a change in the time of the regular sessions of court, the September term will open on the fourth Monday of that month, instead of the first Monday. Such a change was made while Judge Elwell was on the bench, at the suggestion of the members of the Bar, but in Judge Little's time it was changed back.

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LEONI MELLICK.

Prominent Philadelphia Attorney Succumbs to Disease.

After an illness of a month from acute Bright's Disease, Leoni Mellick died at his apartments at 1220 Spruce street, Philadelphia, on Monday. The remains were brought to East Bloomsburg on the Pennsylvania railroad this morning, and taken in charge by Undertaker Baker, and at two o'clock this afternoon were taken to Light Street where they were interred in the family plot.

Mr. Mellick was a son of the late Jacob and Elizabeth Mellick, and a brother of O. B. Mellick of this town, and Pulaski Mellick and Mrs. Samantha Brown of Light Street. He was born at the old Mellick homestead in Light Street in 1851, and spent his youth there. His age was 57 years.

He was prepared for college at the Bloomsburg Literary Institute, and entered Yale, where he took the classical course of four years, graduating in 1874. Later he went to Germany where he studied in Heidelberg University. Returning to this country he studied law with Samuel C. Perkins, Esq., in Philadelphia, and was admitted to the bar in that city in 1877, where he built up a large practice and a high reputation. For some years past he was associated with Col. Sheldon Potter and Henry L. Dechert, as the legal firm of Mellick, Potter and Dechert.

He was a vice-president of the Art Club, a member of the University and of the Bachelors' Barge Clubs, a member of the library committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and president of the Yale Alumni Association of Philadelphia. A few months ago he presided as toastmaster at a banquet given by the Yale Alumni Association of Philadelphia to William H. Taft.

Mr. Mellick was a hard student, and prepared his cases with the greatest care. His assiduous devotion to his profession was probably the chief cause of his death, as he allowed himself little or no time for rest and recreation. His taking off in the vigor of manhood, when all his mental powers were at their best, is a source of deep regret and sorrow to his many friends.

OUR JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Concerning the formation of a special judicial district of Columbia county, of which this paper spoke last week, the Philadelphia Press says:

"Columbia county is looking forward to the time when it can become a separate judicial district. It lacked but a few hundred of the necessary 40,000 inhabitants when the last census was taken, and will, no doubt, have full measure when the next enumeration is made. There still will be one difficulty, however. Columbia is now joined with Montour—which has a population of little more than 15,000—to make a district, and if Columbia is given separate judicial dignity something must be done with Montour. It cannot be made a district by itself for want of sufficient population, and it would be surrounded by counties themselves entitled to be separate districts. Under the provisions of the Constitution it would have to be attached to Lycoming, Northumberland or Columbia, and as the latter county is the smaller of the three the natural course would be to attach Montour to it."

MORBID TASTES.

Man is morbid. We have constant proof of this. A murder is committed, and people flock to the place to look things over; an unfortunate workman falls from a lofty height and a crowd gathers to see his mangled remains loaded into an ambulance; several persons are burned to a crisp in a building and the police have trouble in keeping back the crowd who wants to see the charred corpses; a negro is lynched by a mob, and an enterprising citizen photographs the victim swinging at the end of a limb and makes charmingly ghastly post cards of the picture, while another chops down the tree which has served as a gallows and sells it in little chunks to ready buyers for souvenirs.

The pages of the daily papers are covered with attractive descriptions of how so-and-so cut his throat, or what were the last words of somebody else just before he choked himself to death on his suspenders. The papers are to blame for this. True, they are furnishing the kind of reading matter that most people enjoy, and are increasing their circulation among the classes that like this sort of thing, but are they uplifting humanity to so great an extent as they like to make themselves and others believe? Although they are not to blame for the inherent morbidness in their readers, they are culpable of unduly encouraging a tendency which is not compatible with the highest type of refinement and propriety.

Choice articles telling of battle, murder and sudden death are accompanied by illustrations portraying the victim, his relatives back to the tenth generation preceding him, and the hat pin or potato masher with which his light was snuffed out.

After this a few weeks are spent in a search for the villain, if the case happens to be a murder, and people stop in the midst of their breakfast every morning to read of the latest developments as set forth in bold headlines.

In the meantime something of international importance occurs; a great invention has been perfected, a monarch is crowned with great splendor, or an important treaty is ratified; any one of these matters is lucky if it gets a single column on the steenth page, and the public, after reading the heading, will turn over to the most revolting tales of horrible accidents and read every word.

If a gentleman in an out-of-the-way village is neatly carved up and nicely packed in an old trunk and stood away in the woods for a few months, the finding of him in this uncomfortable position later on stirs up more interest than the discovery of a continent, and the smallest details of the case are remembered long after the once bleak shores of the new land have become civilized communities.

As long as the public press shall continue to cater to the tastes that prefer accounts of murders, robberies, divorces, and other horrible things, so long will that kind of taste continue to be the prevalent one.

WILL TEACH AT DANVILLE.

Miss Ella Allen has been elected a teacher in the third grade in the third ward public school at Danville, to fill the vacancy caused by the illness of Miss Alice Smull. Miss Allen has been teaching in the Bloomsburg schools for the past fifteen years, and is a very capable teacher. She will enter upon her duties next Monday.

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THE WEATHER.

Some Cool Mornings and Evenings for August.

During the past week the weather has been more like fall than it was like dog days. The following is the record for the past seven days, at 7 o'clock a. m. Friday, 48 degrees; Saturday, 58; Sunday, 60; Monday, 53; Tuesday, 53; Wednesday, 52; Thursday, 52.

The first continued rain that has fallen in many weeks began on Tuesday evening, and fell most of the night. It was a boon to farmers who are ready to plow for fall seeding, but the ground has been too dry for plowing.

For the past week it has been unusually cool for August.

RETURNED TO TOWN.

After spending most of the time for the past seven weeks at his delightful summer cottage up the creek, Commander E. E. Bittenbender of Ent Post, G. A. R., has returned to town to devote his attention to the arrangements for the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument. He is giving much time to preparations for one of the greatest demonstrations Bloomsburg has ever had.

During the summer Mr. and Mrs. Bittenbender have entertained large numbers of their friends, at one time accommodating twenty-five people with lodging. Their generous hospitality is proverbial.

SUNDAY CONCERT.

A concert is to be given by the Citizens' Band, under the direction of Prof. Chas. P. Elwell, in front of the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, under the auspices of the Friendship Fire Company. The following program has been arranged:

1. March, Grenadier Guards, Losey
 2. Overture, Lustspiel, Keler-Bela
 3. Entr'Act from "Mlle Modiste".....Herbert
 4. Italian March, A. Frangosa-Mario
 5. a. Ballad, Sweetheart Days, Costa
 - b. Song, The Palms.....Bailey
 6. The Heavens are Telling, from "The Creation,".....Haydn
 7. Idyll, The Glow Worm.....Linke
 8. Selection, Fantasia.....Hubbell
- America.

TIME TO BUILD.

Labor and Building Materials Cheaper Than For Some Years Past.

There is a good deal of building going on in the various parts of the city, says a recent editorial in the Chicago Tribune. There ought to be to be much more, according to the testimony of those who have studied conditions in the industries connected with building. An editorial in a recent number of the American Lumberman makes the assertion that material and labor can be secured on more advantageous terms now than at any time within the last five years. If that is correct, then the time to build is right now. The warehouses are full. There are large stocks on hand of lumber, building hardware, lime, cement, and all the other materials needed in construction. While there has been no special announcement of reduction in prices, competition is accomplishing the same end. People want to get business and they are ready to make concessions to secure it. Glassmakers, lumbermen, hardware dealers, brick and stone men—in fact, those who handle almost every article of construction—are anxious for sales. The mills and factories which have been running on short schedules or have shut down entirely are eagerly awaiting opportunity. The workmen who have been idle are ready to handle the machines and will have more zest in it because of their enforced inactivity. Money is much easier. The banks have funds available and at reasonable rates. Yellow pine, hemlock, spruce, northern pine and hardwoods are offered at considerably lower rates than those of last year. In fact, no matter in what direction the would-be builder may turn, he will find conditions far more satisfactory from his point of view than for a long time. Under such circumstances all that is needed for a building boom is a general appreciation of the situation. Those whose interests lie along the line of building trades are awaiting the activity certain to come when people awaken to the chances now available. Those who have wanted to build but have held back because of high prices have a splendid opportunity at the present time. The right time to build is now.