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## A DAY'S JOURNEY.

Through Beauty Spots of Columbia and Montour Counties.

One morning during the delightfully cool weather of last week a party of five left Bloomsburg at seven o'clock in the morning for a drive through a beautiful part of Columbia and Montour counties. The host on the occasion was Col. John G. Freeze, and two of his companions were his nephew, Boyd Freeze Walker, of Des Moines, Iowa, and William Leverett, Esq., of Philadelphia, who read law with Colonel Freeze and was subsequently admitted to the bar. Besides these, there were the driver and the writer.

The course lay through a section of the country which was new to most of the party, but which was old stamping ground for the Colonel, who indulged in delightful reminiscences throughout the journey. Few people know the history and the old associations of the surrounding country as does Colonel Freeze, and his charming little touches of humor in connection with his recollections of the various landmarks and items of local interest made the trip a personally conducted tour such as few are fortunate enough to participate in, in these matters of fact times.

Driving through Buckhorn and Jerseytown, past shadowy woods, prosperous looking farms, and picturesque hills, and emerging at times into open spaces whence extensive landscapes spread out magnificently and ran off to the distant ridges—all of which impressed one with the natural beauties of the country.

Derry Meeting House, was the first stop. On a hill overlooking a broad valley to the south, the meeting house stands alone, surrounded by its quaint churchyard and overshadowed by enormous oaks. One of the oldest of the Presbyterian churches in this section, its age is borne mute testimony to, by the tombstones marking the spots where the "forefathers of the hamlet sleep." Some are of comparatively recent date, but others show on their faces dates in the first years of the last century. The door of the meeting house was unlocked, and a visit to the interior showed a neat and comfortable house of worship.

The party went thence by way of Strawberry Ridge and the old Seidel's Tavern to Exchange. This little village was the home of Colonel Freeze in about 1836. Many changes have occurred there. It is a neat little place. Every house is surrounded by a well kept lawn, with pretty flower beds. A bank occupies a brick building of its own. And then—this was a very important fact—the hotel puts up an excellent dinner.

The party roamed around the old mill premises, where the Colonel's father ran a flour mill in the olden days. Nothing is now left but a pair of dilapidated mill stones, and a trace of the foundations.

Then St. James' Episcopal church was visited. It is a picturesque little chapel standing in a grove of trees. Its diminutive interior is well furnished in a simple, yet artistic manner, and is an attractive specimen of the rural church.

Exchange was left behind and Washingtonville was the next point of interest where the party stopped. This town, too, was a former home of Colonel Freeze, and also of Mr. Walker's family before they removed to Lancaster. The houses and places connected with the old days were visited, and little anecdotes of the former residents and of the town of former years were

## COLUMBIA THEATRE.

The work of remodeling the interior of the auditorium formerly known as the "Grand Opera House" is progressing rapidly, and it will be ready for use in two weeks or more.

The stage opening has been enlarged, and all the old slide scenery will be done away with, the scenes being changed by being hoisted up and let down in the high addition that has just been built over the stage.

The enlargement of the gallery is one of the greatest improvements, and the first two rows will be the best seats in the house, as they give an unobstructed view of the stage.

The name has been changed, and the "Grand Opera House" is now a thing of the past. Hereafter it will be known as the Columbia Theatre. Mr. G. L. Henshall, who represents the lessees, as local manager, is now here giving his attention to the arrangement of the interior details, and preparing for the formal opening of the house. He has had long experience in the theatrical business and knows just what is needed. His affability and genial manners have already made him many friends in town.

The town will now have a play house where first class dramas can be presented, and special scenery will not have to be piled up in the alley because too large to go on the stage. The latter will be of standard size, large enough to accommodate scenery of most any play on the road. Dr. John is sparing no expense in his efforts to make an up-to-date theatre, and the managers assert that they intend to give the people of this vicinity a class of theatrical entertainments never seen here before.

## THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The fall term of the Bloomsburg Normal School will open next Tuesday, September 8th, and the prospects are that the attendance will be large.

Many improvements have been made during the summer. Dr. Waller's office has been remodeled and newly furnished. An addition has been built to the kitchen including a new bake oven, and an elevator. Two new fire escapes have been placed on the Auditorium, and painters, carpenters, paper-hangers and cleaners have been busy the entire summer in putting the building in better shape than ever before.

The work at the grove is also completed, and it is now a very attractive spot.

## BUCKWHEAT PLENTY.

Reports from various sections of the country are to the effect that the buckwheat crop will be a large one, a condition that will make the lovers of the toothsome buckwheat cakes rejoice.

related by the Colonel. They went to the old mill, formerly managed by Colonel Freeze's father, and found it, like nearly everything else, much changed. Formerly an old fashioned buhr stone mill, it is now a roller flouring mill of no mean proportions. But, although there were many changes, yet the associations of the old town were there for the resident of many years ago, and the Colonel's listeners enjoyed his tales of the yesterday.

The return trip was made past Billmeyer's Park and Jerseytown, and Bloomsburg was reached at six o'clock in the evening, after a most interesting and enjoyable day's journey.

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## STEAM HEATING PLANT.

Legal Questions Regarding Its Sale Argued in Court Today.

The statement in several newspapers that an appeal has been taken from the proceedings in the matter of the sale of the Bloomsburg Steam Heating Plant, is misleading. No appeal has been taken, and none can be taken until a final order has been made by Judge Evans.

The situation is as follows: John M. Clark, receiver, applied to the court for permission to sell the plant. An order was made directing the sale of the plant clear of all encumbrances. The sale was so made, after legal advertisement, to Arthur W. Sharpless and John T. Taey, for \$3500.

There were receiver's certificates amounting to about \$1800, and a first mortgage of \$20,000. The certificates were given priority over the mortgage. The return of sale was made, and the following exceptions were filed by some of the bondholders:

The undersigned, holders of bonds secured by a first lien mortgage on the real estate and franchise of the Bloomsburg Steam and Electric Light Company, hereby file exceptions to the confirmation absolute of the return of said sale, because the Receiver making said sale exposed and sold the same "free of all liens and encumbrances."

Whereas, in point of fact the mortgage executed by the said company to I. W. McKelvy and William Neal, Trustees, bearing date the thirtieth day of June, 1890, recorded in Mortgage Book 21, page 255, given to secure a series of twenty (\$20,000) thousand dollars, of which the undersigned are holders of bonds, was the first lien upon said premises the lien of which mortgage was not and could not have been discharged by said sale.

Argument on these exceptions was heard this morning at 10 o'clock by the court, the points involved being as to the power of the court to give priority to the receiver's certificates over the mortgage, and, secondly as to its power to order the sale discharged from the lien of mortgage.

In this proceeding C. W. Miller Esq. represents the exceptants; Fred Ikeler Esq. represents the Receiver, and Clinton Herring Esq. the purchasers, Sharpless and Tracy. Decision was reserved.

## TWO CENT RATE A HARDSHIP.

Judge Fuller of Luzerne county has made an order restraining the county commissioners from bringing suit against the Wilkes-Barre & Hazleton Electric Railway for violations of the rate law. Since the passage of the two cent rate law by the last legislature the company has been charging 2 cents a mile, but claims it has lost money. After an examination Judge Fuller is satisfied this claim is correct, and that the low rate has given no adequate return for the capital invested. The fare has been raised to three cents a mile.

## NEW TELEPHONE LINE.

The Orangeville and Greenwood Valley Telephone Company is the name of a new line that is being constructed from Orangeville to D. E. Parker's store in Greenwood township. The telephones have already been placed in Orangeville, and the work of completion is going on rapidly.

Samuel H. Harman has accepted a position with the Mitchell and Fletcher Company of Philadelphia, as advertising manager.

## A GROWING CONCERN.

A few years ago the Harman Advertising Agency was started in this town by Samuel H. Harman, the object being to do a general advertising business. It soon worked into the special line of advertising in trolley cars, and built up a large patronage. Later it consolidated with others in the same line, and the name was changed to Pennsylvania Railways Advertising Co., and the main office was moved to Scranton and subsequently to New York.

This company has rapidly extended its territory until it embraces many states, and has grown to be a large and prosperous concern. Three young men of this town are in its employment, namely Alfred Armstrong, who is Advertising Manager, J. W. Armstrong, clerk in the Scranton office, and Louis Buckalew, special representative for this district.

The company buys the advertising privilege on the trolley lines, and then rents out the space in the cars to their customers. Besides many of the states, they control lines in Mexico, Porto Rico, and Alaska.

## WILL ATTEND CONVENTION.

The twenty-second annual convention of the County Commissioners of the State of Pennsylvania will be held at Greensburg on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 15, 16 and 17. A very interesting program has been prepared, the discussion embracing questions the solution of which will benefit the entire state. One feature of the program will be an address on Construction of Public Highways by Joseph W. Hunter, State Highway Commissioner.

C. L. Pohe, one of the County Commissioners, will attend the convention, and the other members of the board will attend if possible.

## MRS. BARTON'S WILL.

By her last will and testament dated March 16, 1903, the late Mrs. Hester J. Barton gives the home where she resided, to her grand niece, Hester C. Mensch, and the three story brick building adjoining, with nine feet of ground, to Mrs. Minnie E. Mensch.

Besides several personal bequests, she gives St. Paul's Church five hundred dollars, and St. Paul's Guild, one hundred dollars. The balance of her estate is to be divided into five equal shares, which go to her brothers and sisters or their heirs. William Mensch is appointed executor.

## BAND CONCERT.

A crowd of several hundred people was attracted to the Town Hall last Sunday afternoon to hear the concert given by the Citizens Band, under the auspices of the Friendship Fire Co. A fine program was rendered under the direction of Chas. P. Ewell, including "The Heavens are Telling," from the "Creation." That it was enjoyed is evidenced by the fact that the crowd remained until the end of the last number. The Band is doing fine work.

## BANDS FOR THE FAIR.

The Agricultural Society has engaged the following bands for fair week: Wednesday, Buckhorn Band; Thursday, Citizen's Band of Bloomsburg, and Watson's town Band; Friday, Berwick and Northumberland Bands.

# TOWNSEND

## NEW LINE

of Pleated Shirts, Blue and Tan

50 CENTS.

A NEW LINE OF  
FOUR-IN-HAND TIES

50 CENTS.

# TOWNSEND'S CORNER.

## A SUCCESSFUL OPENING.

The opening of Harry Rinker's new Crystal Palace last Thursday evening was a great success. More than a thousand people passed in and out during the evening, and fourteen young lady clerks were kept busy waiting on them, while Hudson Mann and Charles Fisher operated the soda fountain.

Excellent music was furnished during the evening by Chas. P. Elwell's orchestra. The store room is certainly a beauty, and Mr. Rinker is to be congratulated and commended for his "sand" and enterprise, which has given Bloomsburg such a place.

## AUTO ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Funston and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Schuyler went to Philadelphia on Thursday last in Mr. Funston's touring car. Boyd Cadman drove the machine. They returned on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McKelvy and daughter Margaret went to Harvey's Lake on Saturday to spend Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. William Leverett accompanied them as far as Wilkes-Barre.

W. K. Armstrong and family came up from Sunbury on Wednesday in just one hour.

## BIG ENROLLMENT.

The public schools opened on Monday morning with an enrollment of 1139 pupils. Last year on the opening day there were 1087. The numbers in the different buildings are as follows: High School, 217; Grammar School, 125. There are 33 in the senior class. At the Third street building 476 enrolled, and at the Fifth street building there were 321.

## BRICK FOR CARPET MILL.

John Keim of Danville has been awarded the contract for furnishing eighty thousand brick to the Magee Carpet Company. The brick will be used in building the extension to the factory.

Mr. Keim began the work of shipping the brick to Bloomsburg last Thursday. Meanwhile he has all four of his yards in operation, employing five moulders.

## KILLED ON TRACK.

Charles Quick of near Forks, was run over by the B. & S. passenger train Tuesday evening, due at Forks at 6:53. He was lying on the track on a curve near Whitenight's grove, between Forks and Zaners, and the engineer, Thos. Casey, did not see him until too late to stop.

Both legs and the right arm were cut off, his head was badly cut, and many bones of the body were broken. When the train was stopped the man was still breathing, and the engine was sent to Benton for two surgeons, but before they arrived the injured man was dead.

Quick had spent the day in Benton, and came down on the evening train to Zaner's, and from there started to walk down the track towards his home. Becoming drowsy it is thought he lay down on the track for a nap.

Quick was 48 years old, and leaves a wife and twelve children, many of whom are yet young. The body was taken in charge by undertaker McHenry of Benton. The funeral will be held on Saturday at his home near Forks.

## WHO'S AHEAD?

Is Bloomsburg larger than Danville? If the number of children attending the public schools of the respective towns is an authentic indication, we are led to believe that we have not only gained on our sister town down the river, but are actually ahead in size. According to the reports from the various schools in Danville, the number of pupils on hand on Monday was 1120. Bloomsburg's total was 1139. To this number must be added a considerable number of others who will be in the Model School at the Normal when it opens next week. Is Danville smaller, or are the truant officers less active, or is the town a victim of race suicide?

## BALL AND CHAIN.

The ball and chain is in waiting for any traps that wander into this town. The hoboes have become such a nuisance on the outskirts, that heroic measures became necessary. Chief Baum is on the watch for them.

David J. Tasker was in town a couple of days this week looking after Columbia Theatre matters.