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COLONIAL DAYS.

On Monday evening next the choir of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, under the leadership of Blaine Saltzer, will give a musical entertainment of their own arrangement, entitled "Colonial Days." The chorus will consist of thirty voices, assisted by the Royal Puritan orchestra of 10 pieces. It will be given in the church, and the proceeds will go into the new church fund.

The program will consist of choruses, quartets, duets, and solos; organ selections, cornet solo, in part first, and the second part will include a medley of "The Old Songs" that everybody loves. It promises to be a very enjoyable affair. Admission 25 cents.

LIBRARY ELECTION.

The annual election of officers of the Bloomsburg Public Library was held on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock at the library.

The following managers were elected to serve on the Board for the next three years: C. W. Miller, J. R. Townsend, Lewis Cohen, and Mrs. J. L. Dillon.

The other members of the Board are: Col. J. G. Freeze, Prof. O. H. Bakeless, Mrs. Samuel Wigfall, Mrs. C. W. McKelvy, Mrs. J. G. Hartman, Mrs. J. G. Wells, Mrs. J. L. Richardson, and Miss Unangst. Four are elected each year to serve for three years.

PROMOTED TO LIEUT. COLONEL.

Capt. Alexis R. Paxton has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the regular army. Many years ago he was the Teller in the First National Bank, when his uncle, Charles R. Paxton, was the President, and Rev. J. P. Tustin was Cashier.

He was appointed to the army from civil life, by President Grant in 1877, and resigned his position in the bank to accept the commission.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Winter Term of the State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa., will begin Monday Dec. 7th, 1908. Christmas vacation begins Dec. 19th. Work will be resumed Jan. 5th, 1909.

Strong corps in Professional Department. Fine laboratories for work in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Large Library with trained Librarian. Trip to Washington, D. C. Dec. 14th. Total cost \$15.75. Applications will be received from persons not connected with the school.

Free tuition to prospective teachers. Students are admitted to the school at any time. Ask for a catalog.

Address, D. J. WALLER, Jr., Principal.

Free bridges cost a lot of money in Luzerne county. The viewers appointed by Court to report on the value of the bridge that crosses the Susquehanna between Shick-shinny and Mocaqua have reported that in their opinion, \$62,500 is a fair price for the county to pay the owners. It is desired to make the bridge free, and it is likely that the property will soon be taken over by the County Commissioners.

Albra W. Baker, M. D., HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

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To Erect Big Tabernacle.

In the Grove Opposite Milton by the Central Pennsylvania Evangelical Conference.

The beautiful grove on the hill across the river from Milton, which is part of the forty acres purchased by the Central Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church, is to be made one of the finest camping grounds in the country. The site is an ideal one.

"At a recent meeting of the executive committee, composed of C. A. Shaffer, Berwick; Dr. Dunlap, Williamsport, and Dr. Swengle, of Lewisburg, with I. C. Winter, architect of Williamsport, plans were made for the erection of the buildings and laying out of the grounds. The tabernacle will be a large one with a seating capacity of two thousand and connected with it will be a dormitory for the ministers with accommodations for thirty-two. The boarding tent will be 100x30 feet and connected with it will be a dormitory to accommodate seventy-five people. There will also be erected from one hundred to one hundred and fifty tents. The grounds will be beautifully laid out. A boulevard will run along the grounds with benches at the points overlooking Milton and the Susquehanna river and avenues for the cottages.

The board will erect a number of cottages and lots will be sold for those who want to build. The White Deer water mains run through the grounds and will furnish the water supply while it is also expected to get electricity from Milton. The grove will be made a general resort throughout the summer. Everything will be completed in the spring and the first camping of two or three weeks duration will be in August.

Early Christmas Shopping.

An exchange very opportunely remarks:—Every possible consideration urges those who have holiday shopping to do to do it early. There are only three weeks to Christmas.

Some have already done much shopping, but those who still have it to do will find this week and next week much better for the purpose than the week or ten days immediately before Christmas Day. The merchants have offered unusual opportunities for early shopping this year, and it will not be their fault if everybody does not have plenty of time to buy with that deliberation which assures satisfactory results.

A rush is inevitable in the last days, for in spite of every good intention there are many who, for one reason or another, are not in a position to shop early. The business done in those days is not as satisfactory either to the seller or to the buyer as that done where there is no pressure. Those who can, therefore, will do themselves the best kind of service by making their purchases as soon as possible.

No one who has been through the experience needs to be told that all the advantages, both in convenience and good results, are with the early shopper. And it is such a comfort to have it all out of the way in good season.

Paul Revere's Ride Declared a Myth.

Walter Benjamin of New York, publisher of The Collector, has in his possession a letter which he believes proves conclusively that Paul Revere never made the midnight ride attributed to him by Longfellow and tradition.

The document is a letter from John Hancock to Elbridge Gerry, dated Lexington, April 18, 1775, at 9 o'clock. This was the night before the memorable battle and three hours before Paul Revere, according to Longfellow, "crossed the bridge into Medford town."

"Dear Sir: I am much obliged for your notice. It is said the officers are gone along the Concord road, and I will send word thither. I am full with you that we ought to be serious, and I hope your decision will be effectual. I intend doing myself the pleasure of being with you tomorrow. My respects to the committee. I am
"Your real friend,
"JOHN HANCOCK."

Mr. Benjamin says that if Hancock, of the Committee of Safety, knew at 9 o'clock that the troops had gone along the Concord road and hoped they would be "serious" that Lexington and Concord were fully aroused to the danger of the coming British troops, and that there would be no need for Paul Revere to send

"Through the night his cry of alarm
To every Middlesex village and farm."

Pact With Japan Complete.

Not a Treaty, But Merely a Joint Statement of Attitude of Two Nations.

Secretary of State Elihu Root, on behalf of the United States, and Kogoro Takahira, Ambassador on behalf of Japan, recently exchanged diplomatic notes defining the policy of the two Governments in the Far East. The actual ceremony of exchange was very brief, Secretary Root handing the Ambassador a note which bore his signature, and the Ambassador giving to Mr. Root a paper defining Japan's policy and bearing his signature.

Assistant Secretary Bacon, second secretary of Embassy Masanoo Hanihara and Mr. Babcock, Mr. Root's private secretary, were witnesses to the transaction. After an informal exchange of felicitations the Ambassador and his secretary left the State Department, the former with a smile on his face, indicating his great satisfaction over the conclusion of the exchanges.

The full purport of the notes already has been set out in press dispatches. They were made public simultaneously in the United States and Japan Tuesday night with a view to their publication in both countries on Wednesday morning.

ACTION BY SENATE UNNECESSARY. The exchange of notes is based on the idea of encouraging and defending free and peaceful commercial development in the Pacific and to this end the signatory parties have prepared a series of articles expressive of their intentions in the matter. Legislative action by the Senate is unnecessary, and the declaration or exchange of notes will not have to be referred to that body.

The declaration is not a treaty, simply a reaffirmation of what both Japan and the United States have stood for in China and in the far East generally. It has no legal standing, but its greatest benefit will be that derived from the moral effect it will exercise in the future diplomacy governing the far East. In this respect, it has been likened to the Monroe doctrine in American history. It was pointed out as rather a singular coincidence that the exchange of notes with Japan regarding China should occur on the same day as that on which Tang Shao Yi has come to thank the American government for the remission of the Boxer indemnity.

GOOD EFFECT ABROAD.

Apart from the reiteration of the attitude of the two Governments interested on the subject of China, the exchange of Monday's notes is very timely and useful, according to the State Department Newspaper publications abroad, while expressing generally a favorable degree of satisfaction over the step taken by Japan and the United States, at the same time show that there is still some misconception of the real attitude of the two countries. America and Japan understand very well what the attitude of the other is, said a prominent official, but there are a number of people in various parts of the world who do not seem to understand, and for this reason a re-statement of the attitude of both Governments was deemed a wise step.

Planning a Short Session.

The coming session of the Pennsylvania legislature is to be a short and business like affair, if the present plans of the leaders are not changed.

It is proposed to fix the date of final adjournment by a joint resolution at the opening of the session and to get the committees to work early, so as not to delay the consideration of important measures on the floor of the senate and house.

There is some talk of fixing the adjournment date in April, though it is doubtful whether the work could be put through by that time. The last legislature adjourned May 16, and that is considered to be about as early as it is possible to wind up the business of the session.

Although the senate and house meet for organization the first Monday of January, the preliminaries usually prevent the transaction of much business before the first week in February. Adjournment by the middle of May thus gives only three months and a half for actual work.

Cost State Democrats \$8,261.

The statement of the Democratic State committee has been filed at Harrisburg by Treasurer B. F. Meyers. The receipts, all from contributions by prominent party men, amounted to \$8,261 and expenditures to the same sum, Secretary P. Gray Meek certifying to unpaid bills amounting to \$125. Senator J. K. P. Hall, State Chairman George M. Dimeling and Colonel James M. Guffey were the chief contributors.

Here and There.

The Mt. Union Twice-a-Week-Republican says the Penrose political organs are printing plate matter intended to defeat McClain for Speaker of the House at Harrisburg at the coming session. McClain is not an abject slave of the State Machine.

A warning is being sent out by the Scranton police to all milk dealers, grocers, butchers and other merchants to be on the lookout for a fakir who is representing himself as a United States pure food inspector. His scheme is to go chiefly to milk men and examine their cans and dairy, and charge \$2 as an inspection fee. If the proprietor refuses to pay on first demand he generally obtains the money by threatening proceedings. The game has been successfully operated in Scranton and other towns.

Reports to the Game Commission say that more bears are being killed this season than ever before, and Chief Game Protector Kalbfus is of the opinion that the number of bears slaughtered this year will run far into the hundreds.

Deer hunters, too, are having fine success, but reports of violations are also being heard, principally that men are killing fawns and does, whereas the law allows the slaughter of pronged bucks only.

The Court calendar for the Ninth judicial district, consisting of Cumberland county, has just been issued, and shows that Cumberland county has 70 practicing attorneys, 51 of whom are registered from Carlisle.

In the conductor's absence a passenger stole a crowded car at Athens Friday night and ran it to Waverly without collecting fares, and then made his escape.

"We shall always praise Peruna for it saved our boy's life."



HERMAN HOCHMUTH.

MRS. EARNEST HOCHMUTH, 17 Maple St., Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "Two years ago our little boy Herman, was taken down with scarlet fever. He took cold with it, and instead of the eruptions coming to the surface they affected his lungs and stomach. For weeks we watched by his bedside, hardly expecting him to live from one hour to the next.

"Finally he became a little better and was able to sit up. Then he commenced to cough, and in spite of everything we could do he seemed to get worse all the time. His coughing spells would last until he was completely exhausted, and his lungs hurt him a great deal. Every body thought he had consumption.

"One day, while at the drug store, my husband saw a Peruna almanac and brought it home. We read in it a perfect description of his case and we thought we would try Peruna. We bought a bottle, quit everything else, and began giving him Peruna.

"By the time two-thirds of the bottle was used the cough had almost gone. After he had taken two bottles he was perfectly cured. He has not seen a sick day since and is a hearty, healthy boy.

"We shall always praise Peruna, for it saved our boy's life."

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A fine new line of Wedding invitations just received at this office.

Street Commissioner Giger with a force of men has bricked the gutter on Third street from Market to the alley. It is a much needed improvement, as the grade was such that the north side was muddy most of the time, as the water could not run off.

Our Pianos

are the leaders. Our lines include the following makes:

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