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JOHN C. WENNER.

We announce with sorrow the death of our good friend John C. Wenner, the well-known resident of Benton township, who passed away at 8:20 o'clock on Christmas. His age was seventy three years, eight months, and twenty four days.

For several months past he had been suffering with heart disease, but his condition did not become serious until within the past month. On Thursday he lost consciousness and did not regain it.

Mr. Wenner had resided in Benton township all his life, and his reminiscences of the early days in that section, which he occasionally contributed to the newspapers, were always very interesting. For many years he was the regular East Benton correspondent of this paper.

He was a man of intelligence and strong convictions, and he was not afraid to tell what he thought. His opposition to compulsory vaccination, was well known through articles published by him from time to time.

He was engaged in school teaching for a number of years, and his mind was stored with useful knowledge.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William Ashleman, of Benton township; Mrs. Freas Ashleman, of Wilkes-Barre and Miss Rebecca Wenner, at home. A brother, David Wenner, of Fishing Creek, and three sisters also survive.

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning. Meeting at the house at 10 o'clock the cortege proceeded to St. James church, where services were conducted by Rev. A. Houtz. A large number of friends and relatives were present.

THE CRAFTSMAN DANCE.

The annual ball of the Craftsman Club, which has come to be the leading social event of the year, was held on Tuesday evening at the Temple, and was attended by about three hundred people. The ball room was beautifully decorated, and excellent music was furnished by Boyles' orchestra of Berwick. The refreshments were served by St. Margaret's Guild.

It was a brilliant scene, and included many handsome gowns and scores of pretty maidens.

Besides the Bloomsburg guests, large delegations were present from Danville and Berwick. Other places represented were Milton, Sunbury, Altoona, Reading, State College, South Bethlehem, Light Street, Lewisburg, New York, Hughesville, Wilkes-Barre, Butler, Camden, Watsonstown, and Catawissa.

It was a great success, and those having it in charge are to be congratulated upon the results of their efforts.

NATIONAL OFFICERS HERE.

The meeting of Bloomsburg Council No. 146 Order of United American Mechanics, on Tuesday evening was marked by the presence of delegations from the Councils of Danville, Catawissa, Central and Hobbie, and also by the presence of National Councilor, John M. Hornbaker, and State Councilor B. Fenton Tinkham. It was an exceedingly interesting meeting, excellent speeches being made by the National and State officials, followed by remarks by B. F. Karchner of Hobbie, Frank Myers of Central, J. H. Fahringer and others of the local council.

A smoker followed the business session.

PETITION FOR BANKRUPTCY.

A. W. Duy Esq. representing some of the creditors of the Bloomsburg Brewing Co. on Monday filed a petition in the United States Circuit Court sitting at Scranton, asking that the company be adjudged an involuntary bankrupt, and that a receiver in bankruptcy be appointed to close up the business of the company. A rule was granted returnable in ten days at which a hearing will be held, and the Court will dispose of the matter as seems for the best interests of all parties concerned. Several of the persons who signed the petition and are parties to the proceedings, claim that there is money due them for labor and material in the erection of the buildings and that there is no money in the treasury to pay the claims. Among these is William Ferguson who claims there is \$1,400 due him for brick and labor; V. B. Moyer claims \$209 for the work on the roof and E. P. Williams claims there is due him \$60 for express charges advanced to the company.

LEG BROKEN SECOND TIME.

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. J. W. Bruner made a professional call above Light Street, using his automobile, and being accompanied by his youngest son, Robert, and Frank, son of Fred Icker Esq. A few weeks ago Robert had his leg broken by falling from the second story of a barn.

At Light Street the automobile skidded in a deep gutter of ice, causing the machine to run into a telephone pole. Robert, who was in the back seat, was thrown out, and his leg broken again, in the same place as before. The machine was hauled into the road, and the boy brought home. It was damaged but little. The accident was one of those unavoidable and unforeseen occurrences that is likely to happen to any machine. The icy condition of the road caused it to skid toward the bank.

BURGLARS GET \$20

Burglars entered the house of J. W. Shuman on Catherine street on Tuesday morning, and stole about twenty dollars in money, and some clothing. Entrance was effected through a rear window. A purse containing \$15 was taken, which belonged to Miss Myrtle Longenberger of Mainville, who was a guest in the house. Two other purses containing a few dollars each were found empty in the sink. Articles of clothing were found scattered around the rooms, and an overcoat and muff on the back porch.

Mr. Shuman discovered the kitchen door and windows open at 3:40 o'clock in the morning when he arose to fix the fire. The family had not retired until about two o'clock, so the burglary must have been committed soon after that hour.

ATTENDING TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

Supervisory Principal L. P. Sterner of the Bloomsburg High School is this week attending the fourth annual convention of the High School Department, Pennsylvania State Educational Association in session at Harrisburg.

Prof. O. H. Bakeless of the Bloomsburg State Normal School on Tuesday addressed the convention on "Preparation and Improvement of High School Teachers."

We Extend to our Patrons and Friends

"THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON"

and we wish also to express to them our sincere appreciation of their generous support and good will in the past. We assure them all of our best efforts in their behalf during the coming year. Our business will continue to be conducted in such a manner, that we may not only retain our old patrons, but will gain many new ones.

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A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

ARGUMENT LIST FOR JANUARY.

The following is the list of cases which will be heard next Monday at Argument Court:

In re Cyrus Fry estate vs. Exceptants; rule to show cause.

Com. vs. Thomas Bitler; District Attorney bill for indictment.

In re petition and report of viewers to vacate road in Scott township vs. Exceptants; Exceptions to report of viewers.

In re road in Catawissa township, near D. F. Knittle's, vs. Exceptants. Exceptions to report of viewers.

In re estate of J. J. Brower, deceased vs. Exceptants. Exceptions to report of auditor.

L. N. Moyer vs. The Borough of West Berwick. Petition to file appeal from J. P. nunc pro tunc. Answer of plaintiff.

In re Charles M. Creveling, executor, vs. Richard Thornton, defendant, and notice to Anna A. Gale and Bradley W. Hess, terre tenant. Exceptions to affidavit of defense.

Com. vs. Joseph Cole et al; rule to show cause why defendant should not be discharged.

THE OLD YEAR.

Tonight at twelve o'clock another year passes into the ranks of the "has beens," and we are all a twelve-month nearer the great beyond.

Each individual must judge for himself whether the past year has been well spent. Have we prospered in business, and if so, has every dollar of the wealth accumulated been honestly and fairly earned? Have we kept the good resolutions made a year ago today? Have we been of any use to our fellowmen, and is the world any better for our having lived?

To some the contemplation of the dying year will be accompanied with pleasure and satisfaction. To others, well, that depends.

To which class do you belong?

A HEINOUS CRIME.

Samuel VanHorn of Hemlock township was committed to jail on Saturday, without bail, the charge against him being rape of his daughter, aged thirteen years. The arrest was made on information laid by Elmer Taggart, a step-brother of the girl, and VanHorn was found at a lumber camp back of Shickshinny, and arrested by State Constable Smeaton.

VanHorn is 43 years old, and is said to be a graduate of Wyoming Seminary. He offered no defense, and when remanded to jail he broke down and cried. The penalty that faces him is fifteen years in the penitentiary and \$1000 fine.

This is the third case of a similar character that has happened in this vicinity recently.

MUMMERS' PARADE.

A big time is expected tonight. The parade will move at 8 o'clock and go down East to Fifth, out Fifth to Market; up Market to Third; down Third to West; up West to Main; up Main to Normal Hill and then countermarch to the square where the Mummies will disband. The five bands which give promise of plenty of music during the evening will then mass and play "Onward Christian Soldiers" under the leadership of Prof. C. P. Elwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Unangst of New York are visiting Miss Unangst on Third street.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE.

The Director of Farmers' Institutes, Hon. A. L. Masters, has granted to this county a Movable School of Agriculture to convene at the Court House, Bloomsburg on January 11th, 1909 at 10 o'clock a. m.

Attention will be given to general farm topics, the answering of questions relating to farm management and household affairs.

The Dairy, Agriculture and Poultry will receive special attention by experts in each.

It is expected to make the occasion something more than an ordinary Farmers' Institute, more time will be given to the topics taken up. Those interested will have an opportunity to discuss questions as related to their special conditions, have their difficulties investigated and perchance some of the stumbling blocks that have been hindering their progress removed.

Attention will be given to testing milk and judging cows. Find out whether your cows are paying.

Forty cents per dozen eggs is an attractive proposition. Come learn how to have the hens lay them.

For horticulture there is a vast field. Fruits and Berries! How shall we have them in abundance?

Beside the experts named in the posters Director Martin will be present to lend assistance whenever needed.

In educational matters the principal of the Normal School, the county superintendent and Prof. Albert will be invited to present such topics as to them may seem best.

Farmers of the entire county are invited to spend the week in learning the lessons and enjoying the sociability.

To the members from the Township or Grange showing the largest enrollment will be presented a Jersey male calf eight weeks old, entitled to registry in the Herd Book of the American Jersey Cattle Club. Dam testing 5:4 butter fat, and weighing 1000 lbs. and making now more than two pounds of butter per day.

A. P. YOUNG,
Chairman.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

On last Thursday morning Miss Agnes McReynolds was found dead in her bed. Not responding to her mother's call at 7 o'clock an investigation proved that she had been dead several hours, as the body was cold.

On Wednesday she was up town and did some shopping, and seemed in excellent health and spirits. She was a daughter of the late Dr. H. W. McReynolds, and is survived by her mother and a brother, Matthew. She was an active and consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Hemingway officiating.

Geo. F. Kindt and wife of Orangeville celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday. A number of friends were present, and some handsome gifts were received. Mrs. Kindt was born and married in her present home.

At least 50 families residing on Shonk's Hill, Plymouth, Luzerne county, are without water for domestic use. A settling of the earth in that vicinity has broken the water pipes that supply them, and the water company has thus far been unable to remedy the difficulty.

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