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The general public is debarred from the plant of the Fred Fear Match Company, owing to its inflammable product, and because of the disturbance that many visitors would cause it. It is likely that few people in Bloomsburg realize how complete, well equipped, and interesting is this newest local industry.

A reporter was admitted yesterday, and was courteously shown through the various departments by Mr. Fear. He was surprised at the extent of the plant, and admired its completeness; he was interested in the wonderful machines, and would have tarried many minutes before each one, had not Mr. Fear, who kindly gave him a half an hour of his time, been busy in planning improvements, and led him on to explain the complicated workings of the next machine.

The match makers start with lumber sawed at the plant, make the matches of it, and pack and ship them in boxes made there. The rough boards, taken from the dry-house to the thoroughly equipped saw mill are cut into blocks and slid into bins, whence they are automatically transferred to the match-making machines. To these same machines the inflammable material for the tips is brought in liquid form from the chemical department which is filled with all sorts of mixers that look like big freezers filled with many hued kinds of ice cream.

The match making machines are probably the most interesting in the plant; huge queer-looking arrangements, twenty-five or thirty feet long and some fifteen or twenty feet high. Into these are fed blocks of wood, and from them are taken matches at the rate of over eight thousand a minute, which are dried, sorted, and packed, ready for shipment.

In another department the boxes are made in machines which perform many operations; some on the lids, others on the boxes. Into them are fed a strip of card board from a large roll, which is cut, glued, and folded in proper shape, the completed boxes falling rapidly into receptacles. The lids are likewise cut, printed, sanded, glued, and folded into complete shape from the cardboard rolls.

One of the most admirable features of the plant is that the machinery is manufactured there in the machine shop. At present there are additional match-making machines in course of erection.

Several kinds of matches, of different sizes and grades, are being made, and they will burn! Bloomsburgers, need not fear that they will have the same experience as they did with the product of the match factory which was run for a short time some years ago in what is now the hosiery mill.

A large force of men and girls are at the factory now, but more are needed. As fast as more hands can be secured the output will be increased. It is now ten million matches a day.

"When we get thoroughly settled," said Mr. Fear, "we will have as well equipped a match factory as there is in the world, and certainly one of the very best in the United States."

Of all this, Bloomsburg may feel justly proud that it numbers among its industries the Fred Fear Match Factory, and among its citizens so progressive a man as Mr. Fred Fear.

HARVEY W. HESS.

After a long struggle against disease, Harvey W. Hess of Millinville died on Monday at noon, aged 49 years. He was a son of Aaron Hess of Millinville, and a brother of Dr. M. J. Hess, and George W. Hess of Bloomsburg, and Mrs. A. W. Snyder of Millinville.

Mr. Hess had been treated at the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, where a transfusion of blood from the veins of his wife seemed to benefit him. He was removed here to the Joseph Ratti Hospital, where he remained for some weeks, and was then taken to his home, where he finally succumbed.

As a young man he learned the jeweler's trade, and was later employed by the Engle Engraving Machine Co. as salesman. Later he was employed as head salesman by J. C. Bright & Co. of Hazleton in the retail oil business.

After leaving them he engaged in the lumber business, and also established a fine stock farm near Millinville, in both of which he met with success. For some years past he had been a director of the Bloomsburg National Bank. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was one of the most respected and highly esteemed citizens of Millinville.

Besides his father and brothers and sister mentioned, he is survived by his wife.

The funeral took place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended.

TALKED TO TEACHERS.

Superintendent Lose of Williamsport made a very instructive address at the meeting of the Columbia County Teachers' Association, in the Court House last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was well attended, there being about 125 teachers present from various points in the county. His subject was "The Daily Program."

Among matters discussed at the meeting were the High School debates, and the spelling contests. Superintendent Evans was authorized to appoint a committee of three teachers to select judges for the debates.

As to the spelling contests Supt. Evans announced that he had concluded that only seventh and eighth grades may compete. The whole grade must compete. Each school has two contests—one at home and one in another school. These contests are to decide which school has the best spellers as a whole. Then there is to be held a third or township contest composed of the 3 or 4 best spellers of each school to find the champion spellers of the township. At the County Directors' Association in March a county contest is to be conducted to decide who is the champion speller of the county.

DONATION DAY AT HOSPITAL.

Tuesday, November 2, will be donation day at the Joseph Ratti Hospital. Gifts are acceptable at all times of course, but this day particularly has been set apart on which donations of all kinds will be received from all those who have the interests of the institution at heart. Every Bloomsburger well knows of the good work that has been done at the hospital since its beginning, and a great number of people throughout the county also have reason to feel grateful for the benefits they have derived from it. It is a worthy object, and it is to be hoped the donation day will bring forth many gifts, large and small, from the people of this neighborhood.

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DEER RAVAGING THE CROPS

Farmers' Rage Helplessly, and Dare Not Shoot the Intruders.

NO WAY TO CHECK THEM.

The State Game Commission will have a knotty question to settle before long, but one that is of vital importance to farmers whose domains are next to woods in which deer stay. From three different points in Lycoming county reports have been received that crops have been practically ruined by the ravages of deer. The presence of so many deer is attributed to the protection accorded by the present game law, which makes doe immune from killing, and the boldness of the animals is remarkable. Jonas Wilson, who owns a small farm near the head of Sugar Camp run, north of Warrensville, estimates that he suffered \$400 loss during the past season because of the visitation of deer to his place. His farm is practically surrounded by wild lands, he having hewn a place out of the wilderness. His fields upon all sides are skirted by woods, and in at least two directions these woods run for 15 miles without a break.

Last spring, or early summer, when oats began to get thrifty, showed Wilson that a new pest, and a terribly destructive one, had suddenly come upon his place. One day he found five deer in his oat fields, and when he had chased them out he discovered they had ruined at least a third of the entire patch. Of the five, only one was a buck. He did not dare set the dogs after them because that is against the State law, but he was under the impression that he did have a legal right to chase animals if they were again found in his fields destroying his crops. He was advised to take counsel upon the matter from the State Game Commission, and learned from it that under no circumstances is he permitted to shoot a deer out of season, and then he must not, for any reason, kill a female deer. This ruling left him the victim of the ravaging animals, and before the summer had passed deer had ruined not only his oats crop, but also his corn and buck-wheat crop.

A report received from the Loysock region, and another from the Trout Run section, are of almost similar experience to that of the Sugar Camp man, and the backwoods farmers are determined that they must be relieved from such an oppressive condition else they will be compelled to sell their land at a great sacrifice and move out of the deer belt. The Trout Run man reports that his entire buckwheat field was ruined in three nights, and by the tracks in the field it was guessed that there must have been as many as 10 deer in the drove.

A condition which eloquently shows the increase in the number of deer in the woods of Central Pennsylvania, due to the working of the present protection given the does, comes from Cammal. There is in that section what is known as the "salt springs"—a series of small mountain springs, the water from which has a distinctively salty taste. Before the time of the lumbermen and the cutting of timber, the residents of that section of the

THE BEN GREET PLAYERS.

An effort is being made by the Normal School to have the Ben Greet company of English players come to Bloomsburg some time this winter to present one of their Shakespearian plays. This company is well known both in England and throughout the United States, where it has played not only in the larger cities, but at nearly all of the colleges and universities.

To those who are not acquainted with the Ben Greet players, a word of explanation may be in order. They play the Shakespearian dramas, as well as those of several of the old English dramatists, using the original texts, and presenting them in the manner in which theatrical companies did three centuries ago in England. No scenery is used and the curtain does not fall from beginning to end of the drama. Aside from being entertaining and well acted, the Greet productions are highly educational, giving an insight into the methods of the early English stage.

The writer has had the good fortune of seeing this company present Shakespearian plays in the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Charles Dudley Warner, in Hartford, Connecticut, and has personally met Mr. Greet several times.

Mr. Greet is a cultured English gentleman, somewhat past the middle age, and his charming personality is reflected in his acting.

In order to secure this company, those in charge at the Normal must have two hundred seats disposed of at one dollar each before they can close the contract. These will be the best seats in the auditorium, the rest selling for fifty cents. It is to be hoped that the lovers of the legitimate drama in Bloomsburg will be eager to grasp the chance to see this Ben Greet company, which is both entertaining and educational.

LIGHT HOUSE FINISHED.

The iron light house that has been in course of construction by the Richard Manufacturing Co. is completed, and has been approved by the government inspector. It will soon be shipped to the Atlantic coast where it will be erected for the government.

BAPTISED IN RIVER.

Two persons were baptized in the river above the East Bloomsburg bridge last Saturday afternoon, by Rev. H. G. Trumbauer, pastor of the Pentecostal Church on Eighth street. A large number of persons witnessed the ceremony.

State always knew the neighborhood of the "salt springs" to be choice deer country, because of the attractiveness of the water for the animals. The coming of the Woodsmen, however, drove the deer out.

Four years ago the last stick of timber was cut off that section, and the wilds are just as lonely as ever. And with the loneliness came the deer again, only more plentiful than ever. A man who visited that section within the past month reports having seen 11 deer in the neighborhood of the "salt springs," while the soft soil for many rods around show a perfectly tramped condition where the deer have roamed around. The wilds in that section, because of their isolated and ideal conditions, have become virtually a nursery for the deer tribe.

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