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## MUMMERS' PARADE. DANCE HALL BURNED

The New Year Will be Welcomed in  
By a Celebration in Bloomsburg.

### BIG DAY EXPECTED.

To-morrow is the last day of the old year, and on Saturday Nineteen Ten will be ushered in with what promises to be a big day in Bloomsburg.

The committee which has in charge the Mimmers' Parade has completed its arrangements, and there is every reason to believe that the celebration will be a success. Thirty-two prizes have already been offered by the committee and by Bloomsburg merchants, besides several cash prizes.

The parade will start from the Town Hall at half past one Saturday afternoon, marching down Main street to West out West to Third, out Third to Market, down Market to Fifth, out Fifth to East, up East to Main, down Main to West and countermarching to Town Hall.

Six bands, the Citizens, Millville, Orangeville, Espy, North Berwick, and Bloomsburg, will be in line, and the committee expects fully one thousand persons in costume from this and other towns.

With good weather it is certain that Bloomsburg will have many visitors.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings, friends. Happy New Year! We say this with the full realization that the Christmas bills are coming in, and that it has been cold as blazes, and the coal cellar looks like a keg of cider the morning after; but the Christmas spirit is still upon us, and besides, a man paid his subscription last week, so we feel in a garrulous mood, and cheerfully chirp Happy New Year.

May the next twelve months be prosperous and happy ones. We trust that young and old alike may travel the next lap in life's course, accompanied by all which makes existence a pleasure.

May the baby fail to smash all of his new toys, ere the next Christmas season brings him a newstock; may little Johnny be easy on his stockings and not put mother's eyes so much on the blink that she'll be asking for new glasses next winter; may big sister neither increase the size of her hat, nor become a suffragette; may Brother Bill not grow too large to fit inside of father's cast off jeans; may dear rich old Cousin Percival, who has no relative but yourself, not give up the ghost, dear old soul, but if he should, may he not decide that his millions would be detrimental to your general health, and turn them over to the Hospital for Lost and Starving Pussy Cats; in short may the lemon crop be as scanty as feathers on fish, and the plum tree loaded full, for each and every one of us.

So let us forget the little annoyances and worries of the past as though they were but the five spots we borrowed last summer, and look into the coming cycle of months with a feeling akin to that we would experience were we to be presented with a block of U. S. Steel preferred.

With the hope that your joys may be as numerous as Latin-American revolutions, and your sorrows as few as taxicabs in Bloomsburg we bow to the Spirit of Nineteen Hundred and Ten, and wish you a Happy New Year.

Joe Fest's establishment on Fifth Street destroyed in a short time last evening.

### ICY NIGHT TO FIGHT FIRE.

With the temperature only a few degrees above zero, the fire department was forced to fight a blaze which destroyed the dance hall of Joe Fest on Fifth Street last evening about six o'clock.

The building was a wooden structure, and included a dance hall, 102x40 feet and a two-story addition, 80x16, used as the residence and confectionery store.

A fire had been started in a stove in the front part of the building which in some way set fire to the ceiling. It was only a short time until the entire structure was ablaze. Fest's loss will probably be about \$6,000 upon which he has \$1,000 insurance, while Homer Johnson, who conducted a skating rink in the building, suffered a loss which he places at \$1,300 and upon which there is no insurance.

The fire companies deserve much credit for their valiant and even painful work, for the water froze on their bodies almost as soon as it struck them.

### SHERIFF ENT.

With this week the term of office of Charles B. Ent as Sheriff of Columbia County will end. On Monday next his successor, William P. Zehner, will be sworn into office.

Sheriff Ent has made an admirable official. All the business of his office has been promptly and intelligently handled, and all persons who were brought in contact with him in his official capacity have been courteously treated.

He had a host of friends before he became sheriff, and he will go out with just as many, for he has done his duty in the way that he deemed to be right, without fear or favor, and without undue oppression when the strong arm of the law compelled him to do unpleasant things.

Sheriff Ent will move into his property on Third street, between Market and Center.

### ACCIDENT TO LINESMAN.

Elmer Cain, a linesman of the Bell Telephone Company fell from a pole while stringing wires Tuesday afternoon and struck the high tension wire of the Columbia Power Light and Railways Company. His right hand and right foot were severely burned and death would have been inevitable had not the wire broken, dropping him thirty feet to the ground.

He was taken to the office of Dr. Wolf, in Espy, where his injuries were treated, and afterward removed to his home, where he will be forced to wait for a long time for the burns to heal.

### J. H. MAUST REAPPOINTED DEPUTY.

William P. Zehner, who will enter upon the duties of his office as Sheriff of Columbia County next Monday, has appointed J. H. Maust as his deputy. This is Mr. Maust's third appointment to the office, and is a testimonial to his careful methods in that department.

## 1909 The New Year. 1910

The year about to close, following the serious financial depression of 1907-8 has been a reasonably prosperous one. General business has wonderfully improved so that the coming NEW YEAR promises great prosperity, and consequently a considerable accumulation of money to deposit in a sound bank. The record of this Bank has been one of unbroken success, and never before has it been so well prepared to meet and satisfy the needs of its patrons. If you are not already a patron of this bank, we cordially invite you to start in with the NEW YEAR, assuring you that a trial will prove mutually pleasant and profitable.

## The Bloomsburg National Bank

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER. A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

### CRAFTSMAN DANCE.

The Important Social Event of the Year Was One of the Most Successful Ever Given.

### THE DANCERS WERE MANY.

The annual Christmas Dance of the Craftsman Club was given in Caldwell Consistory Cathedral on Tuesday evening. Being always the leading feature of the holiday season, this year's affair was one of the most successful ever given by the club.

One hundred and fifteen couples were present. Danville, Berwick and Catawissa were numerous represented, while there were many guests from a greater distance.

The ball room, decorated in festoons of black and white bunting, evergreens, and Christmas bells, lighted up well and looked attractive. There was a beautiful display of handsome gowns which enlivened the scene, and made the floor during the dance a beautiful sight.

Before the dance began, the Citizens' band rendered a concert which was well done and greatly appreciated. Seated behind a hedge of pine trees, the Citizens' band and Chas. P. Elwell's Orchestra alternated for the two-steps and waltzes. The music was excellent. H. D. Edgar catered, serving a tasty supper after midnight.

The dancing continued until two o'clock. The combination of a large and handsome building, an excellent floor, good music, and complete arrangements make the Cathedral dances a great pleasure, and the Craftsman Club is to be thanked for giving so many people in this vicinity an opportunity of enjoying them. This year's ball was no exception, and until another is given, it may well hold the record as being the most brilliant.

### THE CHRISTMAS STORM.

Bloomsburg was fortunate in sharing but a small portion of the storm which swept over the Atlantic states on Christmas. In this town it amounted to a little more than a good sized snow fall, but in many localities it broke the record, surpassing in its severity even the blizzards of 1888 and 1899.

Philadelphia suffered more than it has ever done before, all traffic and wires being put entirely out of commission and business seriously crippled. Trolley cars, automobiles and ambulances were stuck in the drifts all night Saturday. Train service was practically at a standstill for several hours.

In New York and New England, conditions were similar, all reports indicating that the storm was one of the worst ever encountered.

Shipping along the coast was damaged to a great extent, and many wrecks entailing loss of life were reported.

### ATTACK ON S. B. & B. NOT BACKED UP.

A letter was recently sent to the State Railroad Commission complaining of the condition of the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg and Berwick Railroad. This was signed by two names which are unknown in Bloomsburg. The Commission has tried in vain to learn the identity of the signers, and it is unlikely that anything further will be done.

### RECENT DEATHS.

#### MRS. SALLIE A. GIRTON.

Pneumonia caused the death of Mrs. Sallie A. Gorton at her home in Frosty Valley last Saturday morning.

She is survived by a son and three daughters, Steward M., of Frosty Valley, with whom she made her home; Harriet, Mrs. Frank Emmitt, and Mrs. Hervey McHenry, of Philadelphia, and by a brother Daniel Zeisloft, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; and two sisters Mrs. Hannah Thomas, of Waterville, Kansas, and Mrs. Maria Zeisloft, of Dutch Hill.

The funeral services were held from her late home Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. S. C. Dickson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Bloomsburg, officiating. Interment was made in the New Columbia cemetery.

#### DONALD O. SNYDER.

Donald O. Snyder died in Williamsport on Saturday after suffering for several months from a ruptured artery.

Mr. Snyder, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gehrad Snyder of town, was the proprietor of the Henry House, at Williamsport, and formerly of the Eagle Hotel, in Pittston.

He is survived by his wife and four children: Beulah, Gehrad, Hilda and Ethel. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gehrad Snyder, and two brothers and a sister, Irvin A., William H., and Miss Emma Snyder, also survive.

The body was brought to Bloomsburg Sunday evening. The funeral was held at the Exchange Hotel Tuesday afternoon the Rev. E. R. Heckman officiating. The members of Washington Lodge attended in a body. The Masonic services at the grave in Rosemont Cemetery were conducted by H. A. McKillip.

#### MRS. LOUISA A. SMALL.

The death of Mrs. Louisa A. Small, the mother of District Attorney C. A. Small, occurred at her home in Cleveland township last Friday night, in her seventy-third year.

She is survived by six children: District Attorney Small, George and Ferdinand, of Cleveland Twp.; Mrs. Sylvester Pensyl, of Nanticoke; William, of Mt. Carmel, and John.

The funeral services were held Tuesday morning, meeting at the house at 10 o'clock, proceeding from there to the Numidia Lutheran Church where Rev. Mr. Wahrman officiated. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

#### MRS. JULIA ANN FAUST

Mrs. Julia Ann Faust died at the home of Charles B. Faust, at Buckhorn, last Friday morning, aged seventy-eight years. She is survived by eight children: Frank Faust, of Bloomsburg; W. H. Faust, of Nanticoke; C. B. Faust, of Buckhorn; Harry Faust, of Rupert; J. E. Faust, of Bloomsburg; Mrs. William Gorton, of Mainville; Mrs. William Corell, of Bloomsburg, and Mrs. Reuben Young, of Buckhorn.

#### MRS. MARTHA HEIST.

Suffering from a recent stroke of paralysis, Mrs. Martha Heist died Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Josiah Ralston. She was seventy-six years old, and had lived in Bloomsburg all her life.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Ralston, and by a brother, John Anderson, of Danville.

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Boys' Corduroy Suits  
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