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## CHARLES W. RUNYON.

Prominent Merchant and Member of  
Council Suddenly Expired  
on Monday Morning  
at His Home.

### BURIED TO-DAY AT ALLENTOWN.

This community was startled on Monday morning by the announcement that Charles W. Runyon was dead. He expired at his home at about 3 o'clock a. m. He was attending to business as usual on Saturday, and on Sunday evening he retired at about half past ten after reading to his son Robert who has been ill for some months past.

He mentioned the fact that he had pain in the head, but otherwise gave no indication of illness. At about 3 o'clock in the morning he was attacked with intense pain, and started for the bath room, saying to his wife that there was nothing she need do for him.

In a little while Mrs. Runyon became uneasy, and started after him, and found him lying on a bed in an adjoining bed-room. She spoke to him and tried to arouse him but he was unable to speak, though he indicated that he understood what she said by nodding his head.

In a few moments he lapsed into unconsciousness, and in spite of efforts to revive him soon passed away, though the efforts were continued for some time, and Doctors Bierman and Brown were called in. A stroke of apoplexy is supposed to have been the cause of his death.

Mr. Runyon was born in Starkey, Schuyler county, New York. His parents' name was Abel, and they died when he was about three years old, leaving him and two sisters to survive them. Soon after Charles was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Layton Runyon then residing in Troy, Pa., and was always a dutiful son, never realizing any difference between his own parents and those who adopted him.

He passed his youth and young manhood in Troy, and was married to Miss Sarah Persons of Allentown back in the sixties. They came to Bloomsburg over thirty years ago, and Mr. Runyon went in partnership with his father in the hardware business, and about 15 years ago purchased the entire business, and conducted it successfully ever since.

He was a director of the Farmers National Bank from its foundation, and for the past five years was a member of the Town Council. He was an efficient councilman and a good citizen.

He is survived by his widow, and one son Robert, at home, and a daughter, Mrs. Dr. Bitner, of Allentown.

Funeral services were held at the house this morning, Rev. E. R. Heckman officiating, and the remains were taken on the 11:28 Reading train to Allentown for interment.

### BRICK PLANT FOR BLOOMSBURG.

Application has been made for a charter for the Bloomsburg Brick Company.

The gentlemen interested in the company are George L. Low, J. W. Young, W. R. Kocher, J. E. Shuman, H. R. Mears, Myron I. Low and W. W. Zwengel.

The new plant will be located at a point east of Oak Grove and will be equipped with the most modern machinery for making dry press brick, paving blocks and other shale products, all the machinery being electrically driven.

### FIRE AT JERSEYTOWN.

Home of Robert Butler Destroyed Last Thursday Night.

Fire, resulting from an explosion of a lamp, completely destroyed the home of Robert Butler, in Jerseytown, about 10 o'clock Thursday night. The building together with all the household goods, with the exception of two rocking chairs were burned.

Mr. Butler and daughter, Miss Pearl, had gone to a grange supper and had left a lighted lamp on the kitchen table. The daughter, returning home ahead of her father, saw an unusual bright light in the kitchen, and hurrying on to the house, pushed open the door to find the room in a mass of flames.

She could not get into that portion of the building and when her father arrived, an entrance was made through another door, but the flames meanwhile had gained such headway that it was impossible to save but the two chairs that were near the door.

The burned home was a frame structure of fair size and comfortably furnished. Between \$1,200 and \$1,300 insurance was carried by Mr. Butler.

Mrs. Butler was visiting at the home of Eli Appleman, Valley township, over Thursday night, and did not see the ruins of her home until she returned to Jerseytown next day.

### WHEELMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen Club held the annual election Tuesday evening, with the following results: President, Lloyd B. Skeer; vice president, J. T. Goodwin; treasurer, A. W. Saarpless; secretary, C. R. Nagle; Librarians, Frank Rupert and Prof. J. H. Dennis; auditor, Harry S. Barton; board of governors, Harry C. Mendenhall, W. S. Butler, J. C. Hagenbuch, R. Emmet Eyerly, Josiah Little and Samuel Miller.

The following committees were appointed: Finance—Samuel Miller, H. C. Mendenhall, W. S. Butler; House—W. S. Butler, R. Emmet Eyerly, H. C. Mendenhall, J. T. Little, J. C. Hagenbuch; Entertainment—Edward Creasy, R. N. Wolverton, Clyde Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Barratt, the new stewards, have taken charge of the club house.

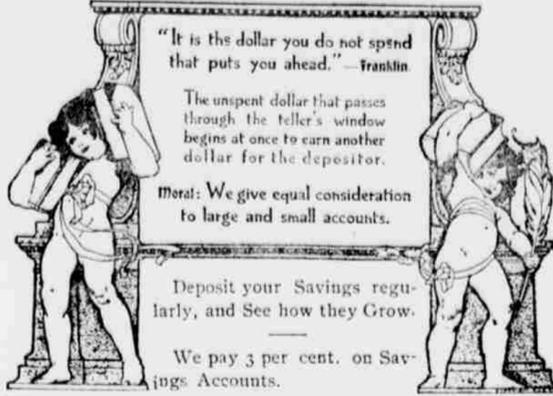
### NEW ORGAN FOR REFORMED CHURCH.

The new pipe organ in the Reformed Church of Bloomsburg, which is the gift of Mrs. M. E. Ent in memory of her daughter, is rapidly nearing completion. It is expected to have it dedicated on Palm Sunday, when various members of other congregations in town will assist in the musical program.

The instrument is of colonial design, and is being built by Reuben Midmer and Son, of Brooklyn, the builders of the organs in St. Paul's Episcopal and in the First Methodist Churches.

### JUNIOR CONTEST PARTICIPANTS.

Announcement has been made yesterday by Miss Swartz, head of the department of Elocution of the Bloomsburg High School, of the participants in the annual Junior contest. They are: Gladys Wharton, Ruth Doty, Ethel King, Helen Pegg, Sabla Shobert, Glenn Purcell, Clyde Peter, Elbert Knorr and Frank Williams. All these participants have shown superior work in this department.



**THE BLOOMSBURG NATIONAL BANK**  
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### REV. T. H. CULLEN.

Former Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, died in Philadelphia on February 15th.

#### BURIED AT MT. HOLLY, N. J.

The following article is taken from *The Churchman*, published in New York, in last week's issue:

"The Rev. Thomas H. Cullen, a retired priest of the Diocese of New Jersey, residing in Philadelphia, died on February 15th, aged seventy-five years. The committal of his body was made in St. Andrew's churchyard, Mt. Holly, N. J., the Rev. James Stoddard, Rector of St. Andrews, and the Rev. Howard E. Thompson, Rector of St. Peter's, officiating.

Mr. Cullen was Rector of the last named parish for nearly twenty years during which time he had also charge of Holy Innocents, Beach Haven, N. J., and was in many ways prominent in the diocese.

From this, his last rectorship, he retired more than fifteen years ago, on account of ill health. He had many friends, and many people remember with gratitude his abundant labors."

The Rev. Thomas H. Cullen came to Bloomsburg as Rector of St. Paul's Church, January 5th, 1863. He remained here until the fall of 1870.

When he came here the congregation occupied the old brick church which stood where the Rectory now stands. Early in his rectorship a movement was started for the erection of a new church. The old one was too small and much dilapidated.

These efforts under his leadership were crowned with success. The corner stone of the present handsome structure was laid on September 11th, 1868, and completed early in 1870. For some months previous to its completion, services were held in the Court House, the old church having been pronounced unsafe for occupancy.

Soon after the new church was occupied, Mr. Cullen presented his resignation, much to the surprise and regret of the congregation and vestry. He had done splendid work, and there were no dissensions of any kind, but he stated that he had been here seven years, and with a new church and new parochial activity he felt that a new rector also would be beneficial to the parish. His resignation was reluctantly accepted, and he and his estimable wife left here, bearing with them the love and respect of their people, and of the entire community.

The stained glass window in the church near the chancel was the gift of Mrs. Cullen's Sunday school class.

It is our recollection that Mr. Cullen came here from Tioga, Pa., where he was rector of a parish, and that from here he returned to the same parish.

He subsequently was called to Freehold, where he remained until ill health compelled him to retire. He was a man of most lovable disposition, a good preacher and a devoted pastor, and all who remember him here will learn of his death with deep sorrow.

A handsome new electric sign in blue and white has been placed on the front of the new F. P. Pursel store.

### DANVILLE GETS LIGHT FROM HERE.

Irondale Plant Lights the Town.

On Saturday night for the first time the electrical current was brought into Danville from Irondale; the two transformers recently installed in the plant of the Standard Electric Light company were started up and the system was given a thorough trial. Everything was found to work admirably. The test will be continued each night this week. Within a few days the high voltage current will be brought to Danville from Harwood.

The transformers are two in number and are installed among the other machinery at the plant. The current entered the transformers at 23,000 volts and left them reduced to 2,200 volts.

The long line is now completed. Nothing remains but to finish the high tension oil switches for controlling the 25,000 at the Berwick and Bloomsburg plants.

The Irondale plant will be run each night this week to fully test the wires and machinery. Meanwhile the lines of the Danville and Sunbury Transit company and the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway company will be supplied with the Irondale current after being reduced in voltage. Connection with the overhead system of the Danville and Bloomsburg line has been established.

### BOY LOST FOOT UNDER TRAIN.

Max Bryfogle, the fifteen years old son of W. C. Bryfogle, of East Third Street, was the unfortunate victim of an accident last Thursday which resulted in the loss of his left foot.

He, with some other boys, had gone to the river to see the high water, and crossing to East Bloomsburg were running beside a moving Pennsylvania freight train when young Bryfogle slipped and his left foot was caught under the wheels.

He was helped into the station and later taken to the home of Dr. Bierman by Arthur Bruner where the foot was amputated about four inches above the ankle by Dr. Bierman and Dr. Bruner. The boy was then taken to his home.

The townspeople have a great deal of sympathy for the unfortunate boy and his family.

### SUCCESSFUL CALLIPIAN DRAMA.

The Callipian Literary Society of the Bloomsburg State Normal School presented a drama in the Auditorium last Saturday, which drew a packed house, which it proved to have merited.

"A Kentucky Belle" was a piece full of amusing comedy, and clever lines, and the work was exceptionally well done.

#### "VARSITY" WON CONTEST.

The resulting score in a Five Hundred contest between the "Varsity" and "Scrub" teams of the Craftsman Club, held last Monday evening, showed an advantage of over seventy-one hundred for the former.

#### PHILO VS. CALLIE.

Preparations are in progress at the Normal School for an inter-society debate between two teams representing respectively the Philologist and the Callipian Literary Societies. It will take place within a short time.

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