

ARBOR DAY AT THE NORMAL.

INTERESTING EXERCISES AT THE MILLERSVILLE SCHOOL.

The "Higbee" and "Pattison" Oaks Firmly Planted in the Campus—Musical and Literary Features and the Addresses by the Governor and Others.

After the party from Harrisburg, who visited Lancaster yesterday—including the governor, Senators Brodhead, Heyburn, Ross, Hagan, Wagner, Hesse, and Representatives Heidelberg, Smith, Davis and Isenberg—had taken dinner at the Stevens house, accompanied by the school trustees, Superintendents Higbee, Brecht and Huehrle and some other citizens, they were taken to Millersville in carriages...

The principal expressing the hope that it would live and flourish and be an influence for good, as had the distinguished gentleman in whose honor it had been named; to which the governor gravely responded, "so mote it be."

The discourse then moved to the chapel, which was very soon filled, and to the audience were distributed very handsome souvenirs of the occasion, in shape of elegantly printed programmes of the exercises, containing a copy of the Arbor Day proclamation and the lessons of the day, and poetical quotations appropriate to Arbor Day.

The Normal school choir sang the hymn, "When Trees Are Crowned," after which Rev. J. P. Stein, of the Reformed church, Millersville, offered the opening prayer. Prof. Shantz then made the opening address of the occasion. He explained at length the significance of Arbor Day as it dwelt upon the utility and the lessons of the tree, and the uses of recreations with nature, and warmly welcomed the governor and other guests to the festivities of the occasion and the observance of the day.

Misses Mae Cline and Lillian Knass sang a duet, Geo. P. Morris' "Woodman Spare That Tree," music from Bellini's opera "The Stranger."

State Supt. Higbee, then spoke briefly but effectively; in the same strain as his remarks at the high school in Harrisburg, and with intelligence. He warned the pupils to watch well and tenderly care for the oaks planted today, if they expected their school to pass the lessons of the day, and when he was gone he hoped his oak would bear rich crops of acorns and afford shelter for the young birds of the future teachers of the policy of taking their children out at least once a month in the milder seasons to study the secrets of nature and to learn the lessons of the woods.

He spoke beautifully of the different plants and trees, and his fine poetic verses and earnest utterances were so full of truth and wisdom that he concluded his brief address.

"Sentiments," consisting mainly of poetic quotations relating to the beauty and uses of trees, were then offered by Misses Nell, Kline, Wales, Bartine, Bell, Barnhart, Poles, and other ladies, and the examination of the present year's New Year, the day of resolutions; February Twenty-second and its memories of Washington; Decoration Day; Fourth of July, the anniversary of patriotism; and the closing of the year with Christmas the day of peace—it is now proposed to add Arbor Day.

He traced the tree in history, since the day when the Lord God created the world, and he traced the tree from the time when Adam and Eve were driven from the garden of Eden, and he traced the tree from the time when Abraham dwelt under the oaks of Moriah, and he traced the tree from the time when Deborah dwelt under the palm, and the cedars of Lebanon were a glory to the Jewish race forever.

From out the forests of North America, he traced the tree to the people who had overthrown ancient civilization; and with the rise, the progress and development of forests in the country and the progress and decay of nations. With the destruction of forests had come desolation and natural decay. It was the work of the highest civilization to plant trees.

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OLD LANCASTER SOCIETY.

SOME INTERESTING FEMINE CORRESPONDENCE EIGHTY YEARS AGO.

The Gossip of 1804—A Bridal Dress in the Olden Time—A Lancaster Wedding in 1810—Some Interesting Passages from Well Worn Letters.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin prints some interesting letters, which it says were part of the contents of a package of correspondence written eighty years ago by a young lady in Lancaster of my age's friend, who died recently nearly a hundred years old, and who in her youth was at home at a famous "Furnace," where she had little society, and her Lancaster friends were her resource for news and for dress and all the dear little feminine requirements. There were no postal conveniences then and letters had to be sent between the city and the furnace, or by the chance opportunities of travellers, or by the "waggoner" who made frequent trips for supplies. In most of these letters mention is made of the "waggoner" who was, eighty years ago, a well known figure in the streets of the interior of Pennsylvania.

LANCASTER GAYETTES IN 1804. In a letter dated March 9th, 1804, is the following description of the winter gayeties of Lancaster: "We have been unusually gay for three or four weeks. Every public hall, private parties, at the Misses— we had a most delightful evening and danced until two o'clock on Thursday evening. There were at which were five and twenty ladies and eighteen gentlemen. At both of these the company was much more select than at the usual balls, and enjoyed myself exceedingly. The little queen, Mrs. —, was at both, and dressed most elegantly. She wore a white and black dress, with a train two yards long, trimmed with black fringe. The dress was cut very low before and behind; no lace or handkerchiefs were worn. Her hair was done up, and she wore a large gold cross suspended from it; on her head a wig, with a piece of black velvet, and a comb in the middle of one side, and hanging to the floor. She looked very handsome. She dances in an entirely new style, and does the Waltz step, which I think very well."

A BRIDAL DRESS IN 1804. Here is a little description of a wedding, from a letter written in 1804: "There were six and thirty people present. The bride wore a white dress, with a white Mantua, with a very elegant mill-mull muslin over it; white shoes and a cord and tassel around her head. Her attendants were three and twenty in number. I saw morning gowns at her father's and the groom had punch-drinking in the evening. Who were the guests, house and saw company there last evening."

FASHIONS AND DRESS EIGHTY YEARS AGO. "There are a number of hats of all descriptions in town. Were you here I think you could pass yourself very soon. They are now very large and of all kinds, with very little trimming. They are of the Leghorn, Dunstable and diamond straw. The latter are handsome but not very durable and soon turn yellow. If you wish a hat very much and cannot come to the city, I will send you one by mail, and I will get you one with pleasure. But I think you might come now the roads are good and the weather is so fine. I have two such hats planted one."

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A LARGE BARN BURNED.

TOGETHER WITH TWO FRAME TOBACCO HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

Two Hundred Cases of Old Tobacco and Twenty Acres of '84 Crop Consumed—The Serious Loss of Israel Landis and Henry Horting, His Tenant Farmer.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock Thursday night the large frame barn on the farm of Israel L. Landis, in Manheim township, about three miles north of this city, was discovered to be on fire and in a short time thereafter was a mass of ruins, together with its contents. Two large tobacco houses, corn barn, straw shed and other buildings connected with and adjacent to the barn were also burned.

The barn was 112 feet in length, the lower story being of stone. It was an old structure but a very complete one, additions having been built to it from time to time. It contained a considerable quantity of hay, straw, and other produce. The tobacco houses contained about 200 cases of old tobacco and 20 acres of the crop of 1884. The loss is very heavy and partly covered by insurance in the Penn township, the Manheim Mutual, and other companies.

Mr. Landis was at Harrisburg Thursday night on his usual errand, and on the morning of the fire he saw the light of the burning buildings from the car window, but did not know it was his own property that was being destroyed.

We learn from him that the contents of the burned buildings were 225 cases of '82 and 25 cases of '83 tobacco, the crop of tobacco cut from 18 acres last fall, nearly all of which was stripped and ready for market; 100 bushels of corn belonging to Mr. Landis; 100 bushels of wheat, one-half of which belonged to Mr. Landis and the other half to Hiram Horting, who works the farm on the shares. On the barn, 20000 lbs. of corn, two large wagons, a horse-power, corn sheller, threshing machine, shovels, rakes, and a large number of other farm implements, and about fifty chickens, which perished in the flames.

Mr. Landis has the following insurances, in the Penn Mutual insurance company: On the barn, \$2000; on the corn, \$1000; on the tobacco warehouse, \$500; on frame tobacco house, \$250; on corn barn, \$500; on the horse-power, \$100; on the corn sheller, \$50; on hay and straw, \$200; on the case tobacco and his share of the loss tobacco he has a total insurance of \$5,075, but the amount of \$1,000 was on tobacco which had been insured in one building and removed to another. The insurance will nearly cover the loss of the buildings, but will not recover the loss on the buildings.

It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin, as there was no fire in the building and no one of the barn hands had seen the barn with a light during the evening. When discovered the upper part of the building was in flames, and it is not known whether the incendiary applied the torch, so that it would be impossible for any one to reach and extinguish the flames.

The fire was in charge of Henry Horting, of Harrisburg, who works the farm on the shares. He was in the barn at the time the fire broke out, and he was in the barn at the time the fire broke out, and he was in the barn at the time the fire broke out.

The light from the burning buildings was plainly seen in this city, and an alarm was sounded from the bell tower of St. Peter's and Market streets. The firemen ran out with their apparatus as fast as Frederick street and then returned.

When the alarm of fire was struck and the driver of No. 4 engine attempted to harness his horses he discovered that his harness had been tampered with, and a good deal of time was lost in putting the harness to rights. The outside iron of the "snap" with which the collar is fastened at the bottom had been bent so that the collar would not fasten around the horse's neck, and it was impossible to run until the necessary repairs had been made. It is believed that some one tampered with the collar, and it is not known whether the tampering was done by a person clad in an ill-fitting suit and with a package of papers thrust in each pocket of his coat had appeared from an unknown quarter, but they did not suspect him. They joked about the style of his clothes and they passed.

WASHINGTON D. C., April 17.—Treasury balances to-day: Gold coin and bullion, \$242,500,029; silver dollars and bullion, \$161,777,994; fractional silver coins, \$2,000,000; national bank notes, \$43,015,821; national bank deposits, \$10,909,753. Total, \$498,198,222.

Certificates outstanding: Gold, \$24,766,180; silver, \$111,553,911; currency, \$21,726,000.

Internal revenue receipts, \$58,846; customs, \$564,671.

Declaring Penjidel a Small Pothead. Louisville, April 17.—Lord Dufferin, the viceroy of India, has wired the home government that in his mind it would be tantamount to the sheerest folly to go to war with Russia over the question of who shall be the possessor of Penjidel. He says the place is an important one in the Balkans, and it is a town and not worth the shedding of one drop of English blood. It is said that the members of the cabinet have adopted this view of the matter and express themselves as perfectly content to allow Russia to annex the place to her possessions.

Irving's Life in Danger. SALT LAKE, Utah, April 17.—Serious fears are entertained by the people of Helena, Montana, that the Murphy-Edmondson gang will attempt to break out of the penitentiary in sending two of their crew to the penitentiary for long terms. The gang is composed of seven men, and they are supposed to have marked the judge for death. Bill Davis, successor to Con Murphy, is the leader of the outlaws and Jeff Edmondson is his lieutenant. Judge Wallace has a full complement of men, and they are well equipped with a full complement of men, and they are well equipped with a full complement of men.

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NEWS FROM THE GAP.

The Entertainment by the Blochschitz Family, of the Gap, Pa., April 17.—The Blochschitz family gave an entertainment at the Gap, Pa., on Tuesday evening, to a small but appreciative audience. The party consisted of four ladies and two gentlemen, and the skill manifested in the performance on the eight or ten different musical instruments is truly wonderful.

Mr. Jacob Pickett is lying seriously ill at his home in the Gap, Pa. He is a well known citizen of the Gap and vicinity and had been in the Gap for many years. He is a well known citizen of the Gap and vicinity and had been in the Gap for many years.

The new store of Shimp & Barr, in the bank building, will soon open. They have received their stock of goods.

Christian Fox has opened a sewing machine agency at the Gap, Pa. He has a large stock of machines and is ready to take orders for the same.

Mr. Henry Fox has removed his clothing store to the new building, where he has also opened a fine restaurant.

Edward Linnville is still quite helpless from the effects of a fall from a ladder. He is a well known citizen of the Gap and vicinity and had been in the Gap for many years.

The house of Samuel Worst near Pequea nursing home, was injured by fire on the night of the 10th inst. The fire was caused by a candle which had been left burning in the kitchen fire-place and went to bed thinking all safe.

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GRANT GAINING STRENGTH.

REMARKABLE EXHIBITION OF HIS HOLD UPON LIFE.

After a Good Night's Rest He Puts On His Clothes This Morning and Goes Down Stairs to Take Breakfast With His Family, to Their Delight.

NEW YORK, April 17, 8:30 A. M.—General Grant has a very refreshing sleep. He says he has rested better than for many nights and feels strong enough to get up and dress for the day. He has taken his nourishment without pain in swallowing, and has not since midnight been disturbed by coughing. Pulse and temperature unchanged.

G. F. SHIRLEY, M. D. Gen. Grant expressed a comfortable night and this morning passed himself as gaining slightly in strength, and feeling very much better. At nine o'clock Dr. Shirley was met coming from the house. He stated to the United Press reporter that the general's condition had vastly improved. Ex-Senator Chaffee, who was met a few moments later, has asked what he had to say in regard to the assertion that Grant was coming from which Gen. Grant is suffering is not cancer but a trouble that arose from bad blood, somewhat like scrofula. The senator replied, "not being a physician, I can't say."

"When the general arose this morning," said Harrison, "he insisted on getting up and at once proceeded to put on his clothes with an alacrity that was truly astonishing. After dressing he spent the time in walking up and down the room, now and then going to the window and gazing out on the street and at the O'Reilly wagon company. The fire was instead of having been brought into his room, he expressed the desire to sit at his usual at the family board, and picking up his cane went down to breakfast leaning on the arm of Col. Fred."

At the table Mrs. Sartorius, looking bright and happy, met the general and administered to his wants. Mrs. Grant, who has been looking sad for the past month, smiled and was in a cheerful mood. The happy family partook of the meal with greater relish than for many a long day.

THE BIG BUFFALO FIRE. A Paper's Abbreviated Form—The Losses and the Insurances. BUFFALO, N. Y., April 17.—A fire in Buffalo last night destroyed the Morning Express building, occupied by that journal, a job printing