

REV. DR. HARK'S ADDRESS.

THE TALKS OF AMERICAN LITERATURE BEFORE THE NORMAL SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Its Foundation Laid After the Revolution—Some of Those Who Contributed to the Wealth of Good Literature.

MILLERSVILLE, Pa., July 1.—This evening the students and their many friends who have come to enjoy the commencement exercises were entertained by a most interesting and scholarly address.

Prof. Irving A. Heikes introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. J. Max Hark, D. D., of Lancaster, Pa. His subject was "The Development of American Literature."

Here are a few excerpts from the address: As Minerva sprang fully clad from the brain of Jove without infancy or youth, so the American people sprang from the British bosom, being at once her equal in civilization and culture.

America had no misty age of legend, nymphs and unlettered past. No Iliad was possible. The land and the people did not become cultured together, but a civilized people came to an unbroken forest.

During the early colonial period we had no literature. Muses were spinning and hoeing corn. The forest had to be subdued and a home had to be reared.

As long as America belonged to England true American literature could not exist. But after the Revolutionary war, when wealth and comfort became more common, its foundations were laid.

Washington Irving was the first who fully expressed in his writings the true life of the American people.

THE OFFICIAL RETURNS.

How the Sixty-Seven Counties Voted on the Two Amendments.

The total vote polled on June 15th, as officially returned by counties, is as follows:

Table with columns: COUNTY, Pro, Con, Abst. Lists 67 counties and their respective votes.

MEETING OF STREET COMMITTEE.

Rids Received for the Paving of North Christian Street.

A meeting of the street committee of councils was held on Monday evening, and it was decided to have crossings laid at First and Coral, Manor and Filbert.

John F. Stauffer agreed to furnish and lay Belgian or asphalt blocks for \$2.47 and curbing at \$1.98 per foot.

J. G. Galbraith agreed to pave the street, according to specifications at \$2.38 per square yard or \$2.80 per yard.

The committee will recommend to councils the acceptance of the last named bid of Mr. Galbraith, and the award of the contract to him.

THE FOURTH IN THE COUNTY. How the Holiday Will Be Observed By People of Different Sections.

There will be Fourth of July celebrations in different towns of the county next Monday.

A RELIC OF OTHER DAYS.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM A JOURNAL PUBLISHED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THIS CENTURY.

"Sector" Shows the Necessity of a Historical Society—Some Local History of Eighty Years Ago Noted.

The writer of the contribution on the newspaper press of Lancaster county, in "Mombert's History," very appropriately says: "Although printing has been styled the 'art preservative of arts,' it is remarkable that perhaps the only exception to the rule is to be found in the history of that important branch of art itself."

We have now before us a four column folio (10 by 18), entitled "Constitutional Democrat," printed weekly, by John R. Mathews, a few doors from the court house opposite the sign of the Conestoga Waggon.

Now, no reference whatever is made to this journal in Mombert's history; nor yet in the more recent history of Lancaster county published by Everts & Peck, of Philadelphia.

The market this week for home trade tobacco was far more active than the preceding one. All kinds were sold.

The cigar industry throughout the country is in a state of depression.

John F. Stauffer, of this county, has been appointed to the position of collector of the Pennsylvania lottery.

THE CHESAPEAKE CLUB. The Chesapeake club will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the Stevens house.

HEAVY TAX RECEIPTS. Monday was the last day on which city tax could be paid to save the abatement.

ENTERED HALL. John H. Buckley has been prosecuted before Alderman Hall for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

WITHOUT A DEATH WATCH.

SHERIFF BURKHOLDER'S MEN ARE REFUSED ADMISSION TO THE COUNTY JAIL.

The Responsibility, if Anything Should Happen to Jacobs, Rest Upon Keeper and Inspectors, Says That Official.

The death watch who have been serving in the prison over James H. Jacobs, for about a week, were refused admittance by Sheriff Burkholder.

The transactions in seed leaf during the past week were moderate. They were limited almost exclusively to the small lots.

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THE BICYCLE TOURNAMENT.

The Long List of Riders Who Will Contest for Prizes.

The bicycle tournament at McGraw's park on next Thursday will be the largest ever held in Lancaster county.

First Event: One mile—novice—open, 1st prize, fine stitching, bicycle, 2nd prize, cyclometer; 3d prize, oxidized silver match safe.

Second Event: Two mile safety—open, 1st prize, oxidized silver match safe; 2d prize, bicycle; 3d prize, bicycle saddle.

Third Event: Half mile, hands off—1st prize, bicycle; 2d prize, bicycle saddle; 3d prize, bicycle.

Fourth Event: One mile flying start, 1st prize, elegant gold medal; 2d prize, silver cup; 3d prize, nickel.

Fifth Event: One mile tandem bicycle—1st prize, two sets of bicycle; 2d prize, bicycle.

Sixth Event: Half mile club—1st prize, bicycle; 2d prize, bicycle saddle.

Seventh Event: Half mile, hands off—1st prize, bicycle; 2d prize, bicycle saddle; 3d prize, bicycle.

Eighth Event: One mile ordinary—Consolation prize, fine hand satchel.

Ninth Event: One mile ordinary—Consolation prize, fine hand satchel.

WRECKED AND BURNED.

A TRAIN ON THE NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY PLUNGES INTO A WASHBOAT.

Five Trainmen Killed and a Large Number of Passengers Injured—Firemen and Physicians Sent to the Scene.

LYNCHBURG, Va., July 2.—A special from Liberty, to the Advance, says: A fearful wreck occurred on the Norfolk & Western railroad, near Thaxtons, about 26 miles above the city.

The train wrecked was known as No. 2, which left Roanoke a few minutes before midnight. A heavy rain storm had preceded throughout the night.

Five persons are reported to be killed and a number injured, and a number injured, but no names have as yet been forwarded to the U. S.

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS. Jack Smith, who had hydrophobia on the highway near Danville, Ill., on Monday.

IN RECEIVING THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR. The pope alluded to his possible departure from Rome.

THE TRACKS OF THE BALTIMORE & POTOMAC RAILROAD ARE WASHED AWAY FOR FIFTY YARDS AT STONY RUN.

WEATHER FORECASTS. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2.—Rain; nearly stationary temperature; easterly winds.

THE BIG FIGHT. Sullivan and his party have gone to New Orleans and Kilrain will soon start.

HELD FOR A HEARING. Last evening Chief of Police Smeltz arrived in Lancaster with Samuel Dyer.

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