

TERMS.

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PENNA. R. R. TIME TABLE.

On and after Sunday, May 23rd, 1875, passenger trains will leave Mifflin Station, P. R. R., as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Direction and Time. Includes Philadelphia Express, Harrisburg Accommodation, and Atlantic Express.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Cyrus Morrison has enlarged the rear part of his house. A very large assortment of White Goods selling at low prices, at Stambaugh's.

Mr. Allison has put a substantial fence on two sides of his house lot.

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Last Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock, heavy rain deluged over the valley in which this town is built, and situated and discharged its contents in such torrents that the flood produced thereby has been upon this community within a quarter of a century.

There is not much rain south of Moyer's ridge, a little south of Perryville, and eastward the fall at Millerville was of such a character that little damage was done. From David Beahler's to Mifflintown, fences that crossed streams have, with few exceptions, been swept away. The hills fields that have been ploughed this season have been deeply furrowed; tons of their best soil were swept to lower levels. Stones laid enough to use in foundation walls of houses or barns were rolled along in the flood that sped down every gully with a roar from Moyer's ridge.

The damage to fences and fields in Fermanagh township, south of Lost Creek, will amount to a good deal of money. In town the damage to property is as nothing when compared to the loss in the township. A few cellars were flooded. Mr. Logan's cellar or basement to the house in which he lives, at the west terminus of Cherry street, had a stream of water that was too voluminous to make the turn into Water street, and broke down the walls in part and course straight through it, out into the garden, where a back-house was encountered, tumbled over and carried into the canal.

At the intersection of Cherry and Third streets the volume of water that ran down the north side of Cherry street was too great for the gutter on the east side of Third street, water like it broke over all barriers and ran diagonally across Third street to Dr. Crawford's new house, which, with all its complete drainage for ordinary floods, did not escape a deluge in the basement. Other cellars south of the Doctor's residence were also flooded. People in that vicinity thought that the water from the hills of Fermanagh township had been turned down that way, which was a mistake, for if they had, they might search the river for the foundation stones of the buildings of Mifflintown.

Through Bridge street a stream of water ran from curb to curb, and where obstructions presented themselves to its flow high waves rolled, or jets sprang up, as it is called, over the railing current. About the intersection of Water street a jet became itself to the height of about six feet. The water could not all vent itself through the gutters at the end of the street at the canal. A large body flowed half way across the canal bridge and rolled over its sides into the ditch below, which was soon so filled with water that it overflowed the top and ran into the river.

The flood that rolled down the stream that enters the river at the first lock north of town was exceedingly large and did considerable damage in its course. By and by the water subsided, and the people thought that the water from the hills of Fermanagh township had been turned down that way, which was a mistake, for if they had, they might search the river for the foundation stones of the buildings of Mifflintown.

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A considerable quantity of hail accompanied the rain here, but it was not large enough to injure anything. The wind veered often, and at no time blew long from one point. The thunder was loud and the lightning was sharp. The house in which Philo Pannebacker lives, adjoining the foundry, was struck by lightning. It did not strike the highest object on the house, which would have been the chimney top, but struck the southeast corner of the building, about the square, thence down to the kitchen stovepipe, thence out that indispensable conductor down into the stove, cracking its plate, and being through the kitchen with such violence that Mrs. Pannebacker, who was kneeling down but not kneeling, says that all the colors of the rainbow were as distinctly visible in that room as ever she saw them in a rainbow in the sky.

At the close of the sermon the topic "The Church's Duty; How to Do It," was introduced by C. W. Marshall, and received a warm reception, occupying all the time allotted to it. The evening session terminated with a Praise and Promise Meeting—a fitting close to a profitable day's work. SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING. This day's proceedings opened with a full house, and a larger number of delegates were present, and schools represented, than on the previous day. The business of the session was opened with a prayer meeting of half an hour, conducted by the President, which put the convention in good spirit for the discharge of their duties.

At the close of the prayer-meeting items of business occupied some time. Among the items transacted were, the election of J. Beidler temporary treasurer, (the regularly elected treasurer, Prof. D. A. Harman, not being present); the fixing of the assessments from the schools, at one dollar from country schools and two dollars from town schools; the election of delegates to the State Convention, to assemble at Lebanon on the 8th of June, and continue through the 9th and 10th.—Rev. G. D. Pennebacker, of Mifflintown, and Supt. Samuel Buck, of Port Royal, were elected; and the fixing of the place of holding the next convention. Academics and Mifflintown were nominated, and the vote being taken on Academics, it was fixed upon as the place. The vote stood 19 for, 15 against. "What Shall the Harvest Be?" was then sung. The business having occupied considerably more time than was allotted to it on the Programme, the next two topics, Teachers' Meetings, and Normal Classes and Institutes, Exercises,

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At the close of the meeting the usual fee of five dollars was voted the sexton. The thanks of the convention were tendered the Lutheran congregation for the use of their church building; to the "Committee of Arrangements" for the admirable manner in which they had discharged their duties; to the citizens for their generous and warm-hearted hospitality; and to the choir for their excellent music, which lent much to the life of the convention. The subjects remaining on the programme were: "What Do I Need Most as a Teacher?" "What have I Learned at this Convention?" "What am I Resolved to do when I return to my field?" These themes having been announced by the President the convention resolved itself into a general "experience meeting" of exceeding interest, which continued without abatement until 9:40, when the President arose and announced that he could remain no longer—that it was time to bring the convention to a close. A motion was then made to adjourn sine die, which being so ordered, the President made a few very appropriate remarks; after which he announced the hymn, "Come, Christian Brethren, ere we part."

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The next was like unto it in importance, namely, "How to Secure More Efficient Co-operation with the Home." It was opened by Rev. A. Copenhaver in a few well-timed and excellent remarks. He was followed by others in animated discussion, in the midst of which the hour for adjournment came, and it had to be closed. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Stewart. EVENING SESSION. The evening and closing session opened at 7:45, with a prayer meeting of a very elevated character, which continued almost or quite an hour, the main subject of which was prayer for the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the labor of the convention,—that His influence might accompany the delegates to their various fields of labor,—especially that His blessing might descend upon the schools in the neighborhood, and upon those who had so hospitably entertained the convention, with an especial remembrance, in a prayer by the President, of the Soldiers' Orphan's of the school in McAllisterville.

At the close of the meeting the usual fee of five dollars was voted the sexton. The thanks of the convention were tendered the Lutheran congregation for the use of their church building; to the "Committee of Arrangements" for the admirable manner in which they had discharged their duties; to the citizens for their generous and warm-hearted hospitality; and to the choir for their excellent music, which lent much to the life of the convention. The subjects remaining on the programme were: "What Do I Need Most as a Teacher?" "What have I Learned at this Convention?" "What am I Resolved to do when I return to my field?" These themes having been announced by the President the convention resolved itself into a general "experience meeting" of exceeding interest, which continued without abatement until 9:40, when the President arose and announced that he could remain no longer—that it was time to bring the convention to a close. A motion was then made to adjourn sine die, which being so ordered, the President made a few very appropriate remarks; after which he announced the hymn, "Come, Christian Brethren, ere we part."

At the close of the singing, the Rev. A. Copenhaver offered a fervent closing prayer, the President pronounced the benediction, and thus closed the most interesting and successful convention we have ever had. But we cannot leave this interesting subject without first making mention of the admirable arrangements which were made for the convention; the very generous and warm-hearted hospitality of the people; and the delightful music of great variety, which was interspersed in great abundance by the choir, which was composed principally of about fifty boys and girls from the Soldiers' Orphan's School, and the children of the village, under the efficient leadership of Dr. Milton McLinn of the Orphan School; all which contributed very materially to the success of the convention. We believe the convention was one that will long be remembered by all present, as well as by the community in which it was held.

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