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CONDENSED NEWS.

April is on the last lap.
From present indications there will be a scarcity of flowers for use on Memorial Day.
Mrs. Lafayette Kennedy, of Riverside, is critically ill.
A warm weather bulletin would be welcome now.
Culhane, Chase and Weston's Minstrels are coming.
The High School athletics are all ready for their opening game of base ball on Saturday.
If winter has really kidnapped spring, then it is time to apply that anti-kidnapping law passed by our Legislature.
Culhane, Chase & Weston's minstrels will give two performances at the opera house on Saturday next.
Nelson Bird, of Riverside, is critically ill of heart trouble.
J. H. Cole sells Burpee's Seeds.
The matinee prices for the minstrels on Saturday will be: Children, 10 cents; adults, 20 cents to all parts of the house.
Miss Bertha Snyder, of Riverside, who has been very ill for several days past, is improving.
A rare treat is promised all who may attend the concert in the Y. M. C. A. hall Monday evening, April 29th.
The shirt waist letter carrier will add a touch of color to the government service.
The letter carriers are already anticipating much relief from the order which permits them to abandon coats and vests during hot weather for the cool shirt waist. Now if a like privilege should be granted the cop, that stern body of vigilant officers would be equally happy.
Work on the annex to the Heddens House is progressing rapidly.
The next stated meeting of the Northumberland Presbytery will be held at Northumberland in the fall.
Williamsport is preparing to extend a cordial welcome to the Odd Fellows next Friday. Danville will be well represented at this pleasant event.
Antrim & Co. will open their store in the Brown building on May 1st. A line of dry goods, notions and women's furnishing goods will be carried.
It's not a boom this time. It is a gradual bettering of business conditions with a still brighter future.
Well, a little warm sunshine now would cause Nature to bud into life.
There is more activity in the building trade this spring than we have known for some time. People who have been postponing needed repairs for a year or two are now having the work done.
The river is high as the result of the recent snow and heavy rain in New York state.
Mrs. A. T. DeWitt, Riverside, who has been nursing a fractured arm and other injuries for the six weeks past, is able to be out again.
The fragrant trailing arbutus is out, and arbutus hunters will now make daily trips to the woods during the next few weeks.
It is probable that the second Arbor Day, Friday April 26th, will be appropriately observed in this vicinity.
Mrs. F. M. Gotwalds is ill at her home on West Mahoning street.
The starting of the new shovel works by the Bessemer company will be an event for public rejoicing.
The East Danville band will accompany the Odd Fellows to Williamsport on Friday.
A flock of wild ducks some seventy in number, which settled on the river yesterday morning, afforded fine sport for our local duck shooters. The birds seemed to be untrifled by the hunters and hovered about pretty much all day. By middle of the afternoon their number was considerably thinned, several of the gunners bagging as many as a half a dozen or more.
To The Trade.
We have just arranged with B. K. Shoemaker, of Danville to Handle our line of Pure Medicinal Rye and Malt Whiskies. We guarantee their Purity Rochester Distilling Co.
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A. M. GEARHART PASSES AWAY

A Generous Man Whose Death is Widely Lamented.

A. M. Gearhart, whose critical illness has been noted in these columns, died last evening at 8:45 o'clock. Thus passes away one of our best business men, a public-spirited citizen, a man widely known, whose generous disposition and genial sunny nature won him many friends.

Mr. Gearhart's illness covered a period of one year, the cause of death being abscess of the liver. During the last several months his sufferings have been most intense and death literally came as a relief.

Alexander Montgomery Gearhart was born in this city on July 26, 1846, and was therefore 54 years of age. He was the son of Bonham R. and Elizabeth S. Gearhart, the latter, who is 84 years of age, still surviving.

Mr. Gearhart began his business career as newsboy on the railroad; later he became freight agent on the Catawissa railroad at this city. In 1873 he became station agent of the D. L. & W. railroad at this place, a position he continuously held up to some four months ago when failing health obliged him to retire.

Mr. Gearhart served in the school board for six years and was treasurer of that body for thirteen years. He was a member of the town council for three years, serving as president one year. At the time of his death he was treasurer of Danville Lodge, No. 127, Improved Order of Heptasophs.

The deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter, Nellie, married to William L. McClure, teller of the First National bank of this city. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

Water Rates Too Low.

The borough council held a regular meeting last night, President Kemmer occupying the chair. The following members were present: Goldsmith, Dougherty, M. D. L. Sechler, Fetterman, Davis, Vastine, George Sechler and Gibson.

On motion of Mr. Vastine the following resolution was adopted:
It having come to our knowledge that water is being furnished by the Water Department at a cent per thousand gallons, which is 33 cents less than cost per thousand gallons we are to believe that the Water Department is cognate of the fact. We, the Water Committee, would kindly ask you to investigate if such are the facts.

By the Committee,

AMOS VASTINE,
M. D. L. SECHLER.

On motion of M. D. L. Sechler the purchase of four rubber coats were ordered for the Friendship Fire company.

Mr. Vastine of the Committee on Streets and Bridges made a report stating what disposition was made of the matters referred to the committee at last meeting. John Keim, he said, had consented to fill up the hollows at the foot of Font and Cooper streets on the river bank, caused by the removal of clay.

With reference to the complaint of Mr. Welliver entered at last meeting, that owing to bad drainage surface water was thrown in upon his premises, No. 33 Ash street, the committee decided that the place being naturally low it would be impossible for the borough to do anything in the matter. As to the gutter on Ferry street, in need of cobbling, which throws the water in upon Robert Miller, it was explained that Mr. Miller's gutter is below grade, while that of his neighbors is above grade. Under the circumstances it was recommended that the parties interested get together and settle the matter among themselves.

The report suggested some additional repairs, which was left in the hands of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Dougherty Andrew Russell was granted permission to connect his restaurant with the sewer at Lower Mulberry street.

Franklin Boyer appeared before council to complain of unjust treatment not only from the Friendship Fire company who, he alleged, will not divide the sprinkling of the borough fairly with him, but also from the Water Superintendent, who he accused of discriminating in favor of the Fire company. Mr. Keefe, who was present, explained that the Fire company had complied with the regulations by agreeing to pay the annual water tax of \$125, while Mr. Boyer refused to come to terms. Harry Trumbower spoke in defense of the Friendship Fire company. It was the sense of the members that Mr. Boyer and the Fire company should adjust their differences without the aid of council.

The following bills were approved for payment:

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.	
Regular employees.....	\$99.50
Street work.....	32.05
Chris Hershey.....	1.80
H. Ropp.....	1.25
WATER DEPARTMENT.	
Regular employees.....	\$157.00
Work on repairs.....	71.05
H. B. Patton.....	12.00
D. L. & W. railway.....	1.00
P. & R. railway.....	14.01

Tendered a Party.
Miss Katherine Bausch was tendered a party Monday evening by a few of her friends at the home of her brother, Charles D. Bausch, Railroad street. The following were present: Misses Mae Foust, Bessie Klase, and Rosa Getz, Messrs. Frank Kear, Roy Smith and Harry Camp of this city, and Misses Martha Ferris and Mae Croupe, of Bloomsburg Normal school. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Will Install Water Power.
Bloch & Benzbach have decided to install a water motor in their knee pants factory, Mill street. This will increase the product of their plant about one-third. Bloch & Benzbach employ some seventy-five hands.

IMPROVEMENTS AT READING WORKS

Twenty New Boilers and Two Artesian Wells.

The Reading Iron company is about entering upon an important system of improvements at its plant in this city. The improvements, which include new boilers for both the puddling and heating departments, extensive alterations about the roof and the sinking of two artesian wells, will involve a cost of not less than \$100,000.

The boilers at the plant have been in service many years. Two over heating furnaces were replaced by new ones a couple of years ago. This leaves nine heating furnaces yet to be supplied with new boilers in addition to the twenty-one puddling furnaces. Two of the new boilers, intended for the heating furnaces, have already arrived at the plant and may be seen on the company's switch at the rear of the office. They are upright, water tube Cochill boilers, monsters in size, of 4 inch steel and 54 inches in diameter. The boilers over the puddling furnaces will be replaced with horizontal ones, containing two 18-inch flues, a most approved type.

No time will be lost while the new boilers are being installed. It will be so arranged that the work in progress will not be interrupted for a moment. The work is being done at one time. Thus by the time the thirty some furnaces are overhauled summer will be waning. Evidently work about the big plant for the next six months will be attended with much inconvenience, even if delays do not occur.

The installation of the new boilers, which are larger than the old ones, will necessitate the raising of all the lower or outside section of the roof covering both mills. This in itself will represent a great deal of work and may reasonably be expected to furnish employment to a large number of local mechanics.

The sinking of artesian wells to supply the plant with water during the months of July, August and September is the only measure for the company to adopt since the abandonment of the canal.

It may interest our readers to learn that the big plant requires 5,000,000 gallons of water per day to supply its several departments. The supply ordinarily is drawn from a dam in Mahoning creek on the company's own land north-west of the borough. This source fails, however, during the low water season. It was then that the canal became an indispensable factor and was drawn upon for all the water used at the plant.

The dam will furnish the main water supply as before. The artesian wells will be relied upon to supply the deficiency. Two wells will be sunk, each 8 inches in diameter. These may be very deep; there is no telling to what depth they may have to be driven before a vein of water is reached. Work on them will begin in a very short time. Thomas B. Harper, of Jenkintown, who will have the work in charge, is already on the ground.

Brought Home From Hospital.
James Ryan, Northumberland, returned home on Saturday evening last, after a month's confinement in St. Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia, for treatment, was brought home by his son Matthew, on Saturday evening last very much improved. Mr. Ryan's case was a very critical one, as it will be remembered, he lay in a comatose state for nearly a week before he was taken to the hospital. An operation performed by the hospital doctors resulted in the removal of a piece of the fractured skull. The patient has regained his reason, although he has no memory of the fall and fancies that he has passed through a siege of illness.

Apoplexy Results in Death.
George Keim, of Watsonville, died on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The deceased was 61 years of age. He was a former resident of this city, removing from here to Watsonville eighteen years ago. He has many friends among our residents, who with his relatives here are grieved to hear of his death.

The deceased is survived by a wife, three sons and one daughter—David, Charles, Harry and Lizzie, all residents of Watsonville.

A Farmer's Long Trip.
James Fenstermacher, of Maudsley, will leave Saturday next for Pacific Beach, San Diego county, California. His trip will mainly be one of pleasure; at the same time he will be on the look out for business opportunities and should the country impress him favorably he may decide to locate in California. Mr. Fenstermacher has relatives in that state and may remain there all summer. Meanwhile his family will abide at the pleasant homestead on the Washingtonville road just beyond Maudsley.

Barned by Molten Iron.
Mont Knorr, of Riverside, a moulder employed at the Stove Works, met with an unfortunate accident yesterday afternoon. He was carrying a ladle of molten iron from the cupola when he stumbled and fell on the ladle. His left hand came in contact with the red hot iron, burning the skin entirely off. The injury is such that he will be unable to work for at least three months.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Miss Mary Holloway and niece, Miss Katherine Rhodes, arrived home Friday evening from a visit with relatives in Richmond, Va. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Burrows, of Norfolk, Va.

Miss Nellie Zaner, of Allentown, spent Sunday at the home of her father, Charles Zaner, Church street.

Jesse Milroy spent Sunday in Northumberland.

William Grove spent Sunday with friends in Northumberland.

John R. Sharpless, Esq., of Hazleton, joined his wife on a visit over Sunday at the home of Mrs. Wilson M. Gearhart, West Market street.

Miss Margaret Clark, of Williamsport, is visiting her parents in this city.

Mrs. James L. Barber, of Philadelphia, joined her husband Saturday at the residence of W. A. Shepperson, on Front street.

Miss Charlotte Persing is visiting Bloomsburg friends.

Mrs. Martha E. Creasy, of Bloomsburg, is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Davis, Mill street.

Mrs. John Waite and daughter, Alice, left Tuesday for a visit with Milton relatives.

Frank Bucher was in Catawissa yesterday.

Rev. E. C. Armstrong, of Williamsport, was in this city Monday, to visit A. M. Gearhart.

Mrs. J. C. Lange returned to Scranton yesterday after a visit with Mrs. George Jacobs, Ferry street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Heddens, of Bloomsburg, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Mrs. John Eyer and Mrs. Creasy, of Bloomsburg, visited relatives in this city yesterday.

Mrs. O. S. Kase and daughter, Miss Rachel, attended a wedding in Snyder-town last evening.

F. E. Allen, representing the Philadelphia Inquirer, spent last evening in this city.

Mrs. C. E. Yorks returned to Central yesterday after a short visit with relatives in this city.

Misses Esther Geddyes and Isabel Bittenbender returned to Bloomsburg yesterday after a visit at the home of U. Y. James, East Market street.

Rev. Adolph Meyer was a Bloomsburg visitor yesterday.

Landlord Moyer of Hotel Oliver was in Catawissa yesterday.

John F. Tooley made a business trip to Bloomsburg yesterday.

David Thomas left yesterday for Philadelphia.

E. A. Ives, a prominent insurance man of Wilkesbarre, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Miss Mensch, of Roaring Creek, returned home yesterday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. M. F. Gulick, Riverside.

George Hoffner left for Sunbury yesterday.

AN ATTEMPT TO MURDER

Stephen Moser Makes Confession—Lent His Revolver and Assisted in Plot.

The cold-blooded attempt to murder Frank Taylor, of Liberty township, on Thursday night last, which sent a thrill of horror through the community, is no longer merged in mystery. At least one of the persons, if not the only person, implicated in the dastardly act has confessed his guilt. This our readers will not be surprised to learn is Stephen Moser, the person committed to jail Thursday night from the same township for another offense, toward whom suspicion pointed from the first.

Mr. Taylor, the intended victim, was in this city Sunday and was interviewed by a representative of this paper. The experience of being shot at, although missed, is one that a man is likely to remember for a while and it was not without a shudder, yesterday, that Mr. Taylor recalled the thrilling details of the affair. He says the shooting occurred between 9:30 and 10 o'clock. He was seated in the kitchen with his wife and an employe on the farm named Daniel Morgan. Mr. Taylor occupied a position at the side of the window, leaning back against the wall. Either his wife or Mr. Morgan would have been a target, but he himself was out of range. Finally, the hour for retiring arriving, he changed his position, leaning forward as if in the act of removing his shoes. This move brought him within range from outside and the first thing he knew there was a report of a revolver, the sound of broken glass and a bullet whizzed by his face. Mr. Taylor says that no one but those who have passed through such an experience has any idea of what it is like. First of all there is the sense of extreme peril—the dread of the second shot. He sprang to his feet and as quickly as he could recoiled himself he directed his wife to flee to the other room, in which there was no light, the door opening near where she stood. Mr. Morgan took this advice, but Mrs. Taylor was too apprehensive for her husband's safety and too much excited to do anything. Ultimately the light was extinguished and the family with drew up stairs, but not to sleep. An attempt had been made on Mr. Taylor's life and failed. It seemed perfectly plausible that the blood thirsty enemy might attempt to do the same thing to fulfill his purpose. All night long they kept watch, but an attempt was made to burn the dwelling or steal in upon them unawares.

The next morning the bullet—a 32 calibre one—was found lying on the floor along with a lot of plaster dislodged as it struck the solid wall on the side of the room opposite the window. On the outside approaching the window strange footprints were discovered in the mud. At some distance from the barn a horse had been tied and from the impressions left by the hoofs he had stood there for a considerable time. After the shooting the evening before Mr. Taylor did not see a man mount the horse and ride away, as reported. He states that he even did not see the horse. He was totally absorbed by thoughts of his safety after that time.

Mr. Taylor thinks the shooting was delayed by the presence of Mr. Morgan. The latter occupies a tenant house on the farm and the would-be assassin was no doubt waiting for him to retire to his domicile. On Thursday night, however, his wife was absent, and at the invitation of Mr. Taylor he was spending the night at his house. After waiting in vain for him to leave it would seem that the murderous intruder decided to take his chances and fired the shot.

Stephen Moser was charged with the larceny of chickens by Mr. Taylor and if any credence is to be given to his confession his motive for the attempt on Taylor's life was hatred and a desire to escape prosecution. He was arraigned before Squire Kerswell, of Washingtonville, some three weeks ago. He was represented by R. S. Ammann, Esq., of this city, while the prosecution was with out counsel, and the result was that the defendant was discharged. Moser was arrested again on last Thursday and was to have a hearing before Squire Robert Auten on Friday.

The bullet, Thursday night, failing to do its work Mr. Taylor, represented by W. H. Hackenbusch, Esq., of Milton, was on hand Friday to press the prosecution. Moser again being represented by Mr. Ammann. The defendant was held for court. His father, Peter Moser, went his bail, but later withdrew and Moser was committed to jail.

Before being brought to Danville he was confronted with evidences of his complicity in the shooting. He was taken to the Taylor farm where his shoe was found to fit the foot prints left by the wretch who tried to kill Mr. Taylor, while by measurement the hoofs of one of the horses in his charge was found to correspond with the marks made by the horse tied near Taylor's barn Thursday night. Moser, however, denied that he had any knowledge whatever of the shooting.

While in town Sunday Mr. Taylor accompanied by W. B. Startzell, called upon Moser in the jail. Mr. Taylor again confronted the prisoner with evidences of his complicity in the shooting. Moser finally admitted to yield and detailed the part that he played in the dastardly plot. He implicated as the ring leader a very reputable citizen of the locality, whose name is withheld.

According to Moser's story this man, whom he also accuses of being implicated with himself in a scheme of chicken

Improvements at DeWitt's Park.
Dr. A. T. DeWitt, who with the reopening of each spring since the purchase of his park at Riverside has added some new feature as an attraction to the resort, will this spring continue the improvements by erecting an annex to the already large pavilion. The addition, which will add 600 square feet more to the pavilion, will include two dressers, one for ladies and the other for gentlemen. The dressers, which will answer as a receptacle for wraps and enable picnicers to change their costume, will be an accommodation much appreciated by those who patronize the park.

A force of men are quite busy about the park clearing up the grove and making the usual spring repairs, which include a regrading of the bicycle path and driveway. The base ball and foot ball grounds are also being put in shape. The merry-go-round will be installed within the next month.

Dr. DeWitt is looking forward to a very busy season. The reputation of his park as an attractive and healthful resort is widely known and in addition to home patronage he expects to hook a number of picnics from our neighboring towns.

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The first attraction of the season at the park will be the base ball game between Danville High school and Lewisburg High school on Saturday next.

Dr. and Mrs. Wintersteen.
Mr. and Mrs. John Heim last evening gave a reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Wintersteen, of Danville, who were married at that place on Thursday evening, and stopped here on their tour. Dr. Wintersteen is a rising young physician of Danville and his bride is a daughter of ex-Judge Henry Divil. The reception last night was in the nature of a surprise, as they had been led to believe that they were going to the Mask and Wig performance. About forty guests were present, and spent a very pleasant evening. The Stopper and Fisk Junior orchestra rendered delightful music and Mrs. S. V. Border and Mr. Heim favored the company with vocal selections. A part of the surprise to bride and groom was the presence of Mrs. W. L. Sillier and daughter, Miss Margaret Divil, a sister of the bride and Mrs. Ammerman, of Danville, who arrived on the evening train. Excellent refreshments were served. It was a very enjoyable occasion.—Saturday's Williamsport Sun.

Kelly—Huntington.
Miss Emma Huntington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Huntington, and William John Kelly were married at the bride's home on Chambers street yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. The Rev. N. E. Cleaver performed the ceremony.

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BESSEMER CO'S NEW PLANS

Shovel Factory May be in Operation by July.

James L. Barber, a representative of the Danville Bessemer company, arrived in this city Friday and was interviewed by a representative of this paper. It seems to be the policy of the company to give as little publicity as possible to its plans relating to the new industry it proposes to establish here. Upon learning, however, how greatly are citizens interested in the matter Mr. Barber consented to give out a few general facts for publication.

He confirmed the stories printed in these columns relating to the plans of the Bessemer company. It is true that the company proposes to equip the plant and enter upon the manufacture of a variety of articles, the initial feature of which will be a full line of shovels and scoops. The manufacture of other articles, the names of which are withheld, it was explained, will be taken up from time to time as adjuncts. The number of men employed will eventually approximate a hundred or more.

The new industry will be housed in the upper plant formerly known as the plate mill and will be situated on the D. L. & W. tracks. With the exception of the plate mill, which will require some modification, all of a special type, will have to be installed. The men employed in the plant at present are experts, busy in designing the new mills.

The plant will not be ready for operation much, if any, before the Fourth of July, although all the preparations are being actively pushed forward. A certain part of the work will require skilled workmen. Several of these with their families have already moved to town while others will follow between this and the starting up of the plant. In this connection, however, Mr. Barber explained, that local workmen as far as practicable will be given preference.

According to the plans of the company at present no use will be made of the steel plant structure. It is true a force of men have been busy for several days past around the building cleaning up, grading, &c., but their work, it seems, signifies nothing beyond an attempt to clear the ground.

An important item of information given out during the interview was that the Danville Bessemer Co. contemplates starting up its blast furnace here. But little could be learned as to when it will be blown in or anything relating to it beyond the fact that its operation will be entirely independent of the company's other industry here.

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CAPS AND GOWNS ABANDONED

Ladies of the Graduating Class Will Dress in White.

The school board held a regular meeting Monday night with President Jacob Fischer in the chair. Members were in their places as follows: Orth, Barber, Burger, Werkheiser, Black, Fenstermacher, Keefe, Linger and Curry.

Superintendent Houser presented his report for the month ending April 8th, from which the following points were gleaned:
Total number of different pupils enrolled to date—males, 672; females, 664, total, 1336. Number in attendance during the month—males, 563; females, 575, total, 1138. Average daily attendance, 989. Total percent of attendance 90. Number of pupils ill during month, 133.

The showing this month is quite an improvement on last month's report, which in the matter of absentees and tardiness was the subject of much unfavorable comment by the board. The Superintendent and faculty have been hard at work during the past month in an endeavor to effect several reforms in the high school and are meeting with good success. The present report shows 684 absents against 750 last month; 230 pupils tardy against 288 last month and 433 cases of tardiness against 544 last month.

On motion of Mr. Linger two months' tuition fee was refunded to Rev. F. S. Vought, of Riverside, who recently moved to York.

On motion of Mr. Fenstermacher the question of purchasing an encyclopedia for the high school was laid over until the end of the term.

The High School Committee presented the following recommendations:
That the high school commencement be held on the evening of June 6th, admission to be fixed at 10 and 15 cents to cover cost of exercises.

That ten invitations and ten tickets be granted to each member of the graduating class.

That programs and decorations be furnished at the expense of the board.

That the Penn Social Club orchestra be employed to furnish the music.

That a soprano soloist be engaged for commencement.

That James Scarlet, Esq., who has liver the address to the graduating class.

That an order be issued prohibiting the presentation of flowers or gifts in any form to the graduating class while on the stage.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted with the exception of the clause granting each member of the class ten tickets, which was lost on a ye and nay vote.

The committee also reported that the graduating class has decided to abandon the caps and gowns worn at commencement for several years past. The ladies of the class will wear white gowns.

The following bills were approved for payment:
W. E. Young..... \$5.00
Montour American..... 2.00
Henry Kempe..... 5.50
Joseph Lechner..... 5.46
Frank Schram..... 35

Free Concert in Y. M. C. A. Hall.
The concert to be given in the Y. M. C. A. hall next Monday evening will be greeted by a large audience as those taking part comprise some of Danville's best talent. No admission will be charged except the usual basket offering. The following excellent program will be rendered:
Overture..... "Bridal Rose"..... Lavalee
Penn Social Orchestra.
Marches..... "The Ameer," Herbert
b—"The Vicery."
Orchestra.
Intermezzi..... "Cupid's Dream"
Orchestra.
Recitation..... Selected poems.
Miss Russell.
Medley of Southern Plantation Songs
Orchestra.
Piano solo..... "Prelude," Rachmanioff
b—"Scherzo," Beethoven's
2nd Sonata.
Miss Gertrude Heim.
Waltz song..... "Delight," Luckstone
Miss Margaret Ammerman.
Marches..... "A Coon Town Band
b—"A Frangosa."
Orchestra.

An Ancient Timepiece.
John G. Brown has an old clock in his store, Mill street, which is quite a curiosity both as to pattern and age. It is a Schwartzwald clock known to be at least 180 years old, which as an antique antedates the style of timepiece known as the "grandfather's clock," itself something of a relic. It is constructed on the same scale as the large old fashioned clock, but the only resemblance it bears to it is the dial. It is without any case, the works and weights