

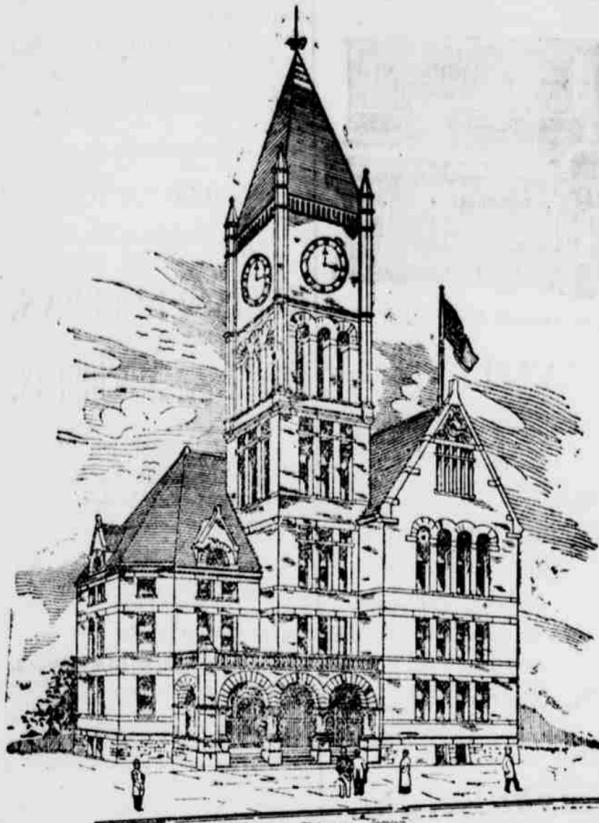
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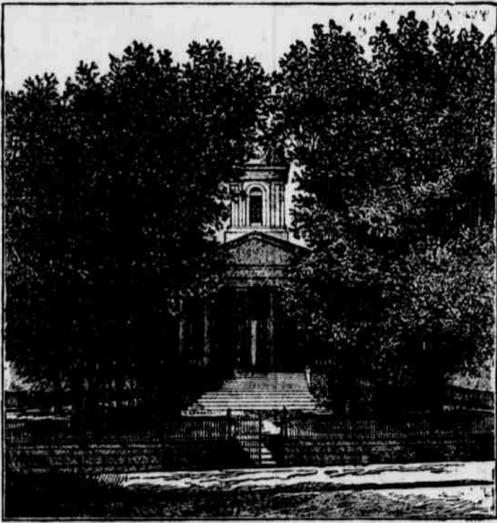
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## COLUMBIA COUNTY COURT HOUSE. THE NEW AND THE OLD.



PERSPECTIVE.

THE COURT HOUSE AS IT IS.



THE COURT HOUSE AS IT WAS.

Northumberland county, from which Columbia county was taken, was organized March 27, 1772, and took in all the valley of the West Branch, and nearly the whole northeastern portion of the state. Columbia county was taken from Northumberland and separately organized by an Act of Assembly, March 22, 1813. In 1815 the county seat was fixed at Danville. Then began a contest for the removal of the county seat to Bloomsburg, which continued until 1845, when the Legislature passed an Act authorizing a vote on the question of locating the seat of justice, and in October of that year Bloomsburg was elected by a majority of 1334. The Court House was erected and the records removed from Danville in November, 1847, and the first Court was held in Bloomsburg in January, 1848. The first Court House was built by Alex. Mears by contract for about \$6,000. The money was raised by subscription among private citizens. The land was donated, sixty-six feet being given by Elisha Biggs, who bought it of Robert Cathcart for \$1,000, and thirty feet or more being given by William Robison. The old jail lot, now occupied by the High School building, was donated by Daniel Snyder, Sr. An addition of about 30 feet was built to the rear of the Court House, in 1868.

The new part of the Court House is 70 x 40 feet. It contains large rooms on the first floor for the offices of the Commissioners and Prothonotary, a wide hall leading back into the

old part. The second floor contains a law library room, jury rooms, waiting rooms for ladies, and closets. The third floor has a second Court room, for use at Argument Court, or when it is necessary to hold two Courts at the same time. A. S. Wagner, of Williamsport, is the architect, and the contract for the building was awarded to Mathias Shaffer, who died while it was in course of construction, and his estate is completing the contract.

"O'Flynn in Mexico" was the play presented at the Opera House last Friday night by Alfred Keley and company. It was the first entertainment of the season, and if it is any indication of what is to come later, the managers of the Opera House should have a good season. It was the best show that has been given here in some years. Every part was well acted, and Keley himself as O'Flynn is immense. The play is made up of fine scenery, elegant costumes, good singing and dancing, and fun all through. They will have a good house if they come back here, and we understand they propose to return next spring.

The Philologist Literary Society of the Normal School requests the presence of the citizens of Bloomsburg to a special entertainment to be held in the chapel of Institute Hall on Saturday evening, September 19. Among the special features of this occasion are a tableaux, excellent music and addresses. Admission free.

### McKELVY-SCHOCH.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Schoch, at the head of Market street, was the scene of a brilliant gathering on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when about two hundred guests assembled at high noon to witness the marriage ceremony of their only daughter, Mary Lydia, to Charles Watson McKelvy, only son of I. W. McKelvy. At the appointed hour the bridal party entered the parlor in the following order: The ushers, William Leverett, Esq., of Scranton, and Charles Watson, Jr., of Philadelphia; Charles W. McKelvy, and his best man, Frank P. Pursel, of Bloomsburg; the bridesmaids, Miss Eva Schoch, of Selingsgrove, cousin of the bride, and Miss Elizabeth W. McKelvy, sister of the bridegroom; the bride and her father. Miss Maude Runyon played the wedding march. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr., uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. P. A. Heilman, pastor of the Lutheran Church.

The bride's dress was of white silk, crystal velours, trimmed in white lace and blaes. She wore a white tulle veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Her only jewels were two diamond pendants, one the gift of the bridegroom, and the other of her uncle.

The presents were exhibited without cards, and the display was very large and exceedingly beautiful, including furniture, silver, cut glass, china, Rookwood and Royal Worcester ware, table linen, &c., in great variety. No young bride in Bloomsburg was ever more favored by her friends than was Miss Schoch.

Among the strangers in attendance were Mrs. A. A. Marple of Bridgeport, Pa., Miss Hopkins, Miss Lineaweaver, Miss Kennedy, Miss Gould, Charles Watson, Jr., W. W. McEwen of Philadelphia; Mrs. Harry McAteer of Alexandria; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schoch, Miss Eva Schoch, Harvey Schoch, Ira Schoch, Mrs. Crouse, of Selingsgrove; Mrs. Wilson and Miss Schoch of New Berlin; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Neal of Harrisburg, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wagonseller, Miss Sarah Moody of Sunbury; Miss Edith Barton of Berwick, Miss Schoch, Mr. Arthur Wooley, Danville.

This young couple enter upon their married life with the hearty good will and best wishes of the whole community. All the circumstances of this union are such as give great promise of a happy and prosperous future. That no shadows may fall across the pathway now so full of sunshine and strewn with flowers, for many, many years, is the hope and wish of hosts of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. McKelvy left on the afternoon train on the D. L. & W. and went north. They will make an extended tour, and on their return will take up their abode with the bride's parents.

Mr. J. C. Kunkel of New York City and Miss Ida Turnbach, eldest daughter of Samuel Turnbach were married at the home of the bride's parents Thursday morning, September 17th, at 10 o'clock by Rev. P. A. Heilman, pastor of the Lutheran Church. Little Marguerite Eshleman was flower girl and she performed her part well. There was a large attendance of friends to witness the ceremony. The gifts were handsome, comprising solid silver sets sufficient to grace any table, besides some linen of the very best. The bridal party start well in the voyage of life and many friends wish them a happy and prosperous one. They took the 4:05 train south and will be absent about two weeks when they will return to New York City and make that their future home.

Nathan Fleckenstine of Orangeville narrowly escaped a severe accident Monday afternoon. He was crossing the iron bridge above Orangeville with a one horse load of hay, just as the south bound train was approaching, and attempted to get over the railroad ahead of the cars. The engineer whistled shrilly, the brakes were applied, the train suddenly checked and the wagon escaped by two feet. It was a fool-hardy venture, that should never be forgotten and ought to be a lesson to others. There is nothing so deceiving as the speed of an approaching train.

The Berwick Band gave some fine selections of music in Bloomsburg, Wednesday morning, previous to their starting for Lock Haven with the Friendship Fire Company. They had twenty pieces, and each played his part to perfection. The band is certainly under excellent management.

There will be a special court of Quarter Sessions on Saturday the 19th, at which time some action will be taken with reference to the removal of the Centralia School board.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

BLOOMSBURG, PA. Sept. 10, 1891.

Regular meeting of the Council with all members present, except Rhodes. Messrs C. C. Peacock, C. W. Neal and C. W. Miller appear representing numerous citizens of the town and property owners adjacent to the site of the bridge they propose to build across canal at foot of Catharine street and request Council to contribute three hundred dollars toward the building of said bridge, the same to be paid any time before July 1st 1892. Bridge to be built in such a manner as to be approved by town engineer. Upon motion of Messrs Willits and White the Council unanimously agreed to contribute the amount asked for.

On motion of Messrs Willits and White the Superintendent of Sewers was instructed to request the trustees of Normal School to have the rain conductor of school buildings disconnected from the sewer, and as fast as it became necessary to notify all others to disconnect.

A communication was received from I. K. Miller regarding the bad condition of the run.

Upon motion of Messrs Furman and Gorrey the Solicitor was instructed to prepare an ordinance to prevent the run from being used as a common sewer and dumping ground, and regulating the sizes of the culverts, etc.

On motion of Messrs. Allen and Willits the following ordinance was passed.

ORDINANCE No. 61—That ordinance No. 25, extending and opening Second street through property owned by J. L. Dillon, passed March 4, 1880, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Proposals for the construction of the Sewer on West street were received and read as follows: Harry H. Hallman, 43 cts per foot; Eshleman & Wolf, 38 cts per foot; Gleason Heist, 30 1/2 cts per foot; W. O. Holmes, 30 cts per foot. Mr. Furman moved that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, W. O. Holmes; that he give bonds to the amount of half the contract and the President be instructed to have necessary paper drawn up. Seconded and carried.

The proposition of I. W. McKelvy to charge for use of scales and do the weighing of stone hauled on Market street at 3 cts per ton was accepted on motion of Messrs. White and Gorrey.

J. H. Mercer appeared and asked Council to put in a larger pipe to carry water under Iron street and down said street at corner Iron and Second streets, the present pipe being insufficient.

A communication from C. C. Marr, asking redress for damage sustained, by overflow of water into his cellar, to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars, was received, read and ordered filed.

A building permit was granted L. R. Bomboy.

The following bills were presented and orders drawn for the same:

Labor on highways	\$369 85
Land improvement Co., rent Oak Grove, 6 mos. to Dec. 4, 1891.	500 00
M. C. Woodward, for August	5 67
Police service	12 50
L. Drake, putting seats in lock-up	4 00
G. B. Martin, repair on swings at Oak Grove	10 75
G. B. Martin, work at lock-up	4 50
" " repairs to hose jumper	1 25
G. B. Martin, sundry smithing	10 13
J. C. Brown, printing	18 00
J. C. Brown, service as engineer	1 75
Bloomsburg Car Co., wood for steamer	1 25
J. A. Hutchins & Co., sewer pipe	112 29
Elijah Shutt, Oak Grove watchman, August	102 38
Bloomsburg Water Co., water for August	83 33
Penna. Globe Gas Light Co., for August.	102 38
Harman & Hassert, sundries	14 84
D. L. & W. R. R. Co., freight	22 46
P. S. Harman, freight paid Bound & Boone, Car of crossing and flag stone	1 12
W. B. Cummings, Sec'y in	81 14
	15 00
Total	1397 21

We hear a great deal of talk about the good roads in other cities. Does any one know of any better roads than that of the main road in Scott township? Does any one know of a road that can be made much cheaper than such a road? There is more travel up the main road than upon any other road in this section, and yet there have been no repairs upon it for many years. Visitors to our town all make comment upon it, and they know of no road anywhere that equals it for cheapness of construction and endurance.

### A BIG ATTRACTION.

"The Midnight Alarm" one of the most successful plays in the theatrical world will be presented here Saturday evening, Sept. 19th.

We clip the following from the Buffalo, N. Y. Courier:

The standing-room sign went out early last night at the Academy of Music. The potent attraction was "The Midnight Alarm," a play new to Buffalo theatre-goers, but which has established itself for the future as a sterling attraction. The play is full of bright spots; dark villainy is relieved by flashes of delicious comedy. There was an appreciable lack of that inconsistency so often seen in modern melodrama. The author, Jas. W. Harkins, Jr., has evidently studied his subject until he has it at his finger-ends, or say, his pen-point. The centering episode is the end of the fourth act when the midnight alarm is struck. Here is presented one of the most effective scenes ever presented in this city. Trucks, engines, and all the various paraphernalia of the fire service, dash across the stage in full view of the spectators. This must be seen to be appreciated. Every act was beautifully and becomingly set, and some fine scenery presented. Miss Fanny Temple, who personates the living statue clock, is the center around which the manager of the play has gathered a company of sterling merit. "The Midnight Alarm" promises to eclipse all previous records at this popular house before the end of the week.

The following article appeared in *The Churchman*, (New York) the leading paper of the Episcopal church, in its issue of last week:

"St. Paul's parish, Bloomsburg, will soon celebrate its centennial. The deed for the land on the main street of the town is dated 1795. The congregation now worships in the fifth church building since the organization of the parish. The first one was a log building and stood on the site of the present handsome bluestone Gothic edifice. The latter was completed in 1870, except the tower. Through the liberality of Col. John G. Freeze, a member of the vestry, and chancellor of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania, a stone tower 70 feet in height, is now being erected as a memorial by himself and wife to their deceased children, and it will be completed in a few weeks. Mr. Paul E. Wirt, also a member of the vestry, will place a peal of bells in the new tower as a gift to the parish. A choir of young men and boys was organized June 1, under the direction of Mr. Geo. E. Elwell, and began singing after only three weeks' rehearsals. They have improved wonderfully, and the music is hearty and greatly enjoyed by the congregation. It is expected that stalls will be placed in the chancel before Christmas, and the choir will then be vested.

But these are not the only indications of progress in the parish. The walls of a new parish house are nearly up. When completed the building will cost about \$7,000. It is of the same material as the church, and will contain a chapel, Sunday-school room, parlors, kitchen, etc. The two buildings will be connected by cloisters. The several guilds of the church have raised half the money for the parish house, and the balance has been made up by individual subscriptions, so that it is intended to complete the building free of debt.

The beloved rector, the Rev. W. C. Leverett, is accomplishing a good work, and much of the present progress of the parish is due to his excellent administration."

We have received a fine Art Catalogue from Zaner, Kelchner, and Blaser, proprietors of the Zanerian Art College. They founded their school of Penmanship at Columbus in 1888. During the three years of their progress they have had students from seventeen different states besides the District of Columbia and Canada. Messrs. Zaner and Kelchner are from this county, where they have hosts of friends who are glad to learn of their success. They began life empty handed and their success is due only to deserved merit as accomplished by their untiring energies.

Charles J. MacHenry is the author of a piece of music called Staunton Grand March, published by Manly B. Ramos & Co. Richmond, Va. Mr. MacHenry is a son of John J. MacHenry of Benton, and is an accomplished musician. He has published a number of his own compositions. His residence is in Richmond, where he is engaged in the sale of musical instruments.

If the weather be favorable the stone work on the Parish House will be completed in another week.

### PERSONAL.

Isaiah Bower, J. G. Jacoby Esq., and F. Stewart of Berwick were in town on Tuesday, attending an audit.

Mrs. G. Stuart Kirby of Mauch Chunk, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Kuhn, this week.

Mr. Lewis Hess of Espy, has been quite ill with rheumatism for the past three weeks, but has sufficiently recovered to be about.

Mr. Ezra E. Brown started last Friday on a two weeks tour through the States of Illinois and Iowa. Mrs. Brown has been visiting there since the 25th of May. They will return next week.

Col. J. G. Freeze was taken suddenly ill on Saturday, and was confined to his bed until Tuesday. His sickness prevented his going to Wilkes-Barre on Monday to take part in the Ellis Young case as counsel.

Thomas B. Hanley, son of the late S. P. Hanly, has registered as a law student in the office of Col. J. G. Freeze. He will reside in Bloomsburg for the present, with his sister, Mrs. R. W. Oswald.

E. A. Rawlings is building an addition to his meat market.

Mr. Thomas Rutledge of Espy, had an attack of paralysis last week.

The Ellis Young case was set down for trial at Wilkes-Barre on Monday. A number of witnesses from the upper end of the county went up on Monday.

Hugh Conway of Centralia was in town on Monday for the purpose of consulting an attorney about bringing a law suit for damages for the breaking of his arm.

The new town clock was started at one o'clock Saturday afternoon, Sept. 12th. It was illuminated for the first time Tuesday night, and the time can be easily distinguished a great distance.

During the severe storm Tuesday afternoon the dwelling house of Mr. Laubach, at Forks, was struck by lightning. The chimney was demolished, and Mr. Laubach badly shocked.

Jacob Bechtel of Hastings, Michigan, an old pioneer of Columbia Co., died at his late residence on Sunday, September 13th aged 79 years and 3 months. His son Peter Bechtel resides in Williamsport.

Mr. John A. Funston has in his possession some interesting papers concerning the old Episcopal church at Jerseytown. Some of the papers are dated more than a hundred years back. Among them is one containing a genuine signature of Bishop White, one of the first of the American Bishops.

A little child of Joe Snyder of Roaringcreek was bitten Saturday last by a dog, and so badly torn that but little hopes were entertained of its recovery. On Monday, Mr. Snyder, who is an employee of the B. & S. railroad, received a message to come home at once, as the child was worse. In leaving for his home he expressed fear that the child would not live. The dog was a large one of the Newfoundland species, and had been known to attack other persons.

John M. Gorman of Nanticoke has made a vigorous canvass in Luzerne county for the democratic nomination of district attorney. The convention was held last Tuesday, and Mr. Gorman was nominated. Mr. Gorman made several speeches in this county during the Pattison campaign and gained a great many of friends. He certainly deserves success for the work he has done for the party in National and State campaigns.

The lot of the Scranton reporter evidently is not a very happy one. A few nights ago, at a late hour, one was sent to interview a man on Mifflin avenue, and while trying to arouse him from sleep, he was observed by two men. They supposed the reporter was a burglar and immediately took him in custody and marched him to the station house. When the reporter arrived there the policeman recognized him, while his captors apologized and went their way in confusion.

On "Thanksgiving Day" the ladies of St. Paul's Church intend to furnish dinner and supper in the Entertainment Room of the new Parish House. Ample provision will be made for all who may come.

The arrangement is made for both dinner and supper, in order that families may be relieved of home preparation on that day if they wish. Further particulars hereafter. The ladies of the Episcopal Church solicit the patronage of the community, in this their first Thanksgiving Dinner.