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THE CENTENNIAL.

The Centennial Committee will hold a regular meeting this evening. The celebration of Bloomsburg's one hundredth anniversary is still two weeks distant, but already people are arriving to remain until after the big show. The event gives promise of being a brilliant success, and in every way commensurate with the occasion. We would advise our readers to take advantage of Centennial week and visit Bloomsburg, for it will give them an opportunity to see the town in its finest dress, and a display which is not often afforded. The entire populace will set everything aside, and lend themselves to the celebration. The first day's program will include base ball, a grand civic pageant, illustrating the business and industrial life of the town, and a fine display of fireworks in the evening. On the second day the firemen will hold sway. There will be in line, beside the local department, fifteen companies from other cities, with at least a dozen brass bands. There will also be a game of base ball on Friday. The program of amusements will be varied. Already contracts have been closed with a Gypsy Camp and Palace of Illusions, and the committee has lines out for Darkness and Dawn, the show that scored such a success at the Buffalo Exposition. If good weather prevails, the Centennial should be a brilliant success. Are you coming?

The official invitations were received this morning, and are ready for distribution. They are sold for five cents each, which is the actual cost.

The firemen have adjusted their difficulties, and will be ready to show the best parade of the kind ever seen here.

Will Benefit Several Communities.

The construction of the Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg & Berwick Railroad, will do much for the people of the several townships through which it passes, because it will bring them closer to the larger towns, and establish a convenience the worth of which can hardly be estimated. The business people of Berwick and Bloomsburg will also reap benefits from the enterprise, as it will make the townships suburbs, almost of the two towns. There is to be no waiting or delay, after work is started, and it is expected that the early part of next year will see the completion of the line. There will be no cuts of any account to contend with and the road for a greater part of the way can be made on railroad grade. The road will be first class in every particular, and the entire line ballasted with stone. The stations between Orangeville and Watsontown are all to be remodeled, and improved. The site for the station at Berwick has not yet been decided upon, but the probabilities are that it will be located near the Store Company's building. By pushing the road to a speedy completion, the gentlemen at the head of the enterprise will win the thanks of many people.

Court Proceedings.

Court was in session on Monday. Hon. R. R. Little presided. Sarah E. Johnson et. al. vs Simon S. Beyer. In Equity. This case is the outcome of a contract made between Harry Johnson, son of the plaintiff and Simon S. Beyer, involving the sale of a tract of timber land for \$200.00 without the plaintiff's knowledge. In the bargain certain rights were reserved, including some young timber on the tract and the tops of trees. The agreement was drawn with the stipulations omitted and the plaintiffs refused to sign it. This did not deter Beyer and he proceeded to cut the timber. He was ordered to quit but refused to comply. The plaintiffs then secured from the court an injunction restraining him from further operations. Depositions of Sarah E. Johnson were read in court, and Harry Johnson was sworn. The injunction was continued. Sadie Stephens appointed guardian of Almond, Lizzie and Dora Stephens minor children of Jasper Stephens.

Mayor Townsend, who has been confined to his home for more than a week past, is slowly improving. He was taken with lumbago while in the city in the early part of last week, and the constant jolt of the train on his return home aggravated the disorder. He came down stairs yesterday and expects to be able to be out in a few days.

"THE FARMERS' PICNIC."

Our Agricultural Friends Had a Gala Time Thursday. Beautiful Grasmere Thronged With Visitors.

To say that the farmers' picnic at Grasmere Park last Thursday was a colossal affair is putting it mildly. We will not estimate numbers, nor tell what we saw, for the woods and picnic ground was full of people. Nor shall we comment upon any of the speeches except one, later on, in this article. As for the political complexion of the vast assemblage, all shades of views were represented. So were all the religious beliefs, creeds and doctrines; and probably infidelity was not less conspicuous. But it was a remarkable crowd, of men and women, old and young, boys and girls and children, all bent upon enjoyment, and apparently all succeeded. While many people expected to see Pattison, the democratic nominee for Governor, we heard one person remark, that he "had a high regard for him," but "he was not his man." We are not sure, but think that he was the "lone republican of Jackson." So it is in politics the country over, "we have a high regard for him, but he is not our man." The prominent features of the day's exercises was the speech of County Superintendent Evans, whose theme was, "Rural Education." We were wholly absorbed and interested in the plan, or course he outlined, which he proposes to pursue to the letter, and from the tenor of his remarks, he will exert every energy at his command, to accomplish his purpose.

He said that rural children had better opportunities for study than town-children, from the fact that there were less fascinating attractions to divert their attention, to allure and rob them of their studies. The whole scheme, as outlined by Mr. Evans, seemed to us, theoretically more plausible than practicable. Yet, if he is a person of indomitable will, and untiring and persevering energy, he may reach the ideal at which he aims. If he can withstand the clamor and protests of all classes, teachers, directors, pupils and patrons that may rise in opposition to such a course, he will accomplish a very great work. But to fully succeed, it is necessary that the patrons of the schools co-operate, by sending their children very regularly to their respective schools. And also visit their schools frequently.

This they should do; not so much as a courtesy to the teachers, but it is a duty they owe to their children and the schools. Our schools are in need of many reforms, and it is hoped that these reforms will be instituted under the present administration of Superintendent Evans. Now, that Mr. Evans has defined his policy, let all who are interested in the intellectual development of our children, and the progress of our schools, put their shoulder to the wheel and help lift our schools to a higher state of proficiency. The intellectual development of our children is of far greater importance than earthly treasures, or legacies—the greatest legacy obtainable, is a first class education. The children of our nation are the jewels of our country, and why shall they not be rounded and polished by a system of free education, and become useful citizens and ornaments to society. We shall expect that Mr. Evans will be a power that will count in the progress and development of "Rural Education" in Columbia county. J. C. W.

The Public Library.

The Free Public Library, second floor of the new Clark building, Centre street will be open to the public during the Centennial. We trust the citizens will not forget it when showing their guests the advantage of a residence in our town. The room will not be formally opened to the reading public until later but with a suitable room and the co-operation of our citizens, it is possible to fill a long felt want of our town. There has already been contributed sectional book-cases that will hold several hundred volumes, but more are needed. Any one desiring to make donations in this line, or toward the further furnishing of the room or any communication in regard to this movement may be made to Miss Laura P. Waller, Pres. Library Dept.

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Every Watch

Is backed by our unequalled guarantee—a guarantee that's kept.

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W. H. Gilmore, Chief Marshal.

At a meeting of a committee from the Centennial committee and a committee of three from each of the five recognized fire companies of town held in the committee rooms in the Hartman building Monday evening the matter of chief marshalship of the parade on firemen's day of the centennial was considered. Since the appointment of Mr. Gilmore by the Centennial Committee considerable complaint had been heard, and the purpose of this meeting was to get the representatives of the various companies together and hear what the objections were. Each company was heard separately. It appeared to be the sense of the committees from the Rescue, Winona and Liberty company's that John Fortner should be the chief marshal of the parade, for the reason that he is chief engineer of the department. The matter was discussed at considerable length and owing to the fact that the sentiment of the meeting appeared to be so evenly divided the question was finally put to a vote. The majority favored Mr. Gilmore, and his appointment was sustained. The parade will consist of five divisions and each will have a chief marshal with aids. This is the manner in which the firemen's parades are conducted at the big gatherings in the cities.

Base Ball at Berwick Saturday.

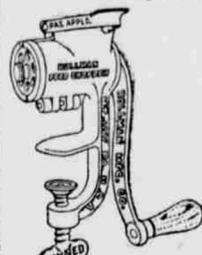
Base ball received a black eye in Berwick on Saturday when the game between the home team and Freeland came to an end abruptly in the sixth inning in a free-for-all fight. For five innings the visitors were shut out without a hit or a run, but in the sixth they opened up and scored five runs before a single man had been retired. At this juncture, it is said, one or two precocious enthusiasts wishing to prevent defeat which was sure to follow, started a fight. It had the desired effect, the game was stopped and the umpire called it back to the fifth inning, giving the Berwick club his decision by a score of 4 to 0, they having made four runs before the trouble started. This is one way of winning games, but it isn't the true sportsman like fashion.

I Have Moved

Into my own yellow front building, formerly occupied by Ben Gidding's clothing store, and am receiving the following

Summer Goods:

Food Choppers, 50 cents



J. G. WELLS, GENERAL HARDWARE.

The Millinville Bridge.

The King Bridge Company of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the largest bridge building concerns in this country, was on Tuesday awarded the sub-contract for the iron and steel superstructure of the new Millinville river bridge by contractor Charles H. Reimard. The County Commissioners have taken action upon the matter and in a resolution presented by Commissioner Kitchen consented to and approved the same. The said resolution calls for the filing of a bond by the bridge company in the sum of \$15,000 for the faithful performance of the work, the said bond to be accompanied by a certificate from the Probate Judge of the court of the county in which the sureties reside, certifying that the sureties are worth the amount stated in said bond. Contractor Reimard is now engaged building tool houses and doing other preliminary work. The canal has been filled in, and just as soon as the Pennsylvania Railroad Company completes the switch at Millinville, work on the substructure will be commenced.

The Clerks Picnic.

Pleasure held full sway at Shawnee Park last evening. The occasion was the annual picnic of the clerks of town and their friends. It is estimated that at least six hundred were in attendance and everybody enjoyed themselves. The clerks certainly made a wise selection in Shawnee. It was simply grand in the park last night. The music, the lights and the merry faces, all seemed like a fairy land and then the gentle wind that stirred the branches of the trees was full of perfume. Music was furnished by the Centennial orchestra.

To Employ 100 Men.

Just as soon as the smelter, which was recently ordered by the Beaver Lake Copper and Smelting Company, arrives the force of workmen will be increased from its present size of four to one hundred. The smelter will have a capacity of 100 tons daily. The assays show copper in from 7 1/2 to 63 per cent, the average being 18 1/2 per cent.

THE MAN and HIS HAT!

How often they disagree! Here comes a round-faced, fat man with a small Derby; Here is a tall, slender man with a thin face, and he is wearing a big cowboy hat!

They don't go to the right store to buy Hats—not enough variety; can't find a hat to suit them, and rather than hunt around, take anything. You're bound to find the right hat here, because the variety is here—and fashion says: Wear the style that looks well.

Soft Hats, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.00 and 50 cents. Derbys, 5.00, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00 and 1.50.

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