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OUR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE.

The nomination of Hon. Charles H. Dickerman, of Milton, for congress, by the Democrats of this district, recalls an episode in that gentleman's business career that indicates the character of the man. For twenty years prior to 1900 Mr. Dickerman was a member of the firm of Murray, Dougal & Co., Limited, owners and operators of the Milton Car works. Mr. Dickerman was the treasurer of the company and looked after the financial end of the firm's immense business. When the panic of 1893 cast its blighting shadow over the business of the country and prostrated all branches of industry, the firm had contracts on hand amounting to over a million dollars with obligations outstanding for material, etc., for about six hundred thousand dollars. One railroad company followed another in suspending their contracts, or asking for extensions and postponements, and bankruptcy stared the firm in the face. It was a limited partnership, each member being responsible only to the amount of his stock interest. Did the firm take advantage of this and allow its affairs to be liquidated in bankruptcy? We guess not. Mr. Murray, Mr. Dickerman and Mr. Carter, the three leading members of the company, held a conference and the situation was discussed. Not a suggestion was made at that meeting by any member to take advantage of the limited partnership laws, but on the other hand each one agreed to put up personal collateral, and they went down into their strong boxes, and the following day Mr. Dickerman was on his way to New York with half a million dollars worth of gilt-edged securities upon which money was raised and the firm's obligations met. Not a note was protested or a draft dishonored.

From 1893 to 1897 the Milton Car works were operated almost continuously, without a dollar's profit to the firm and hundreds of workmen found employment at the shops through those trying four years of depression. The firm paid the most liberal wages for labor—the same paid by other industrial institutions that were able to keep running, and by careful and skillful management succeeded in getting through without any serious losses. The works gave employment to hundreds of men for a period of years, when every other car building firm in the state had closed down, with a single exception, and when manufacturing in almost every branch of trade was at a standstill. The employees of the firm were always paid regularly in cash. Not one of them from their experience with this firm knows what a store order looks like. And more than this, needy workmen were always advanced money between pay days when the exigencies demanded it. These facts illustrate the character of the man the Democratic party of the Sixteenth congress district presents to the voters for their suffrages. They invite a comparison between the methods of his firm and those of any other labor-employing concern in the country.

THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

A wonderful collection of antiques was gathered by the ladies of the Civic Club in the Old Presbyterian Church. They were most attractively and systematically arranged, and of the thousands of visitors no one was heard to say that he was not pleased with it. Those on the outside cannot conceive of the amount of labor involved in this undertaking. For weeks the ladies have devoted their time to it in the most self-sacrificing manner, and although many of them were almost worn out by their labors, they have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts are appreciated, and that the museum has taken its place as one of the leading attractions of the Centennial. Such a collection has never before been here before, and probably never will be seen again in Bloomsburg. Among the thousands of articles on exhibition, we can name only a few, although each and every one is worthy of special notice. A partial list follows:

Charcoal stove 1798, Mrs. Marsh. Old lamps and lanterns, Old lamps and lanterns, Samplers 1747, Hair-cloth trunk 125 yrs., Mrs. Boice; Carpet bag, Old stove, Mrs. Smith; Corner cup-board, Mr. Kramer; Surveyor's instruments 100 yrs., Mr. Neyhard; Hand-made caps, collars &c., Black lace shawl 50 yrs. Lois W. Sloan; First communion table used in Bloomsburg at the P. E. Church, Deed for P. E. church lot, 1793; Chair of Caleb Hopkins, first rector of P. E. church in Bloomsburg; Ludwig Eyer's Bible, Knife & fork used during the siege of Londouder, Ireland 1689, Bed 100 yrs. old, Filipino fabrics, spears, shell work, hats, Spanish flag &c., Mrs. Worthington; Forks made in Holland 1795; Chairs made in Holland 1795; Pitcher bought at first store in Bloomsburg, Mrs. Chas. Bouch; China pitcher, spoon-holder and plate 1600, Table-cloth 1840; Collection of spoons, representing seven generations, Mrs. Worthington; Chair and candelabra owned by Rev. David Swift of New London, Conn. (1739-1783); Ladle, used in serving Lafayette during visit in 1816; Sideboard 100 yrs. old, Mrs. W. P. Meigs; Magnetic stone which fell from the sky in Australia, Rohr McHenry; Army trunk-bed and saddle used in Civil War by Col. Ent, Musket used in battle at Antietam, Mrs. Sanderson Woods; Old Iron Guard's flag, Flag of 132 reg. P. V. carried through Civil War; Swords, guns, Stonewall Jackson's Pistol case, Miss H. R. Sharpless; 2 tables at which Washington sat, Mrs. F. P. Pursel and Mrs. Runyon; Collection arrow heads, Joe Townsend; Flint lock gun 100 yrs. old; Collection bullets, Gettysburg, swords, powder, horn, &c. Major Seesholtz; German Bible 372 years old, G. W. Correll; First piano brought to Bloomsburg, Mrs. Hassert. An interesting collection from Miss Berninger of Catawissa, consisting of Chinese finger nail protectors, women's pipe, wood carving, straps, spoons etc. Also from Mrs. Kaji of town, among which are very old cuff buttons, powder box, Jirricksha and a woman's sword, five hundred years old. Jossie, and pine apple cloth made from the fibers of the cocconut leaf and the pine apple leaf, woven with hand looms by the Philippine natives, Spears used by the Ignotes in the northern part of the island of Luzon; Shells, sandal wood boxes, embroideries, etc. from the Philippines.

One of the very interesting features of the Museum was the spinning on the old fashioned wheel by Mrs. J. S. Woods. She was present most of the time, and gave full explanations of the manner of spinning in the olden time, with practical illustrations. There are but few people of the present generation who ever saw a spinning wheel in operation, and in a

very few years the old ladies who knew how to spin in their younger days will all have passed away.

Mrs. S. A. Petrikin, now eighty-seven years of age, was also present part of the time, and operated a wheel that had been in her family since 1810. On the opening night Mrs. Petrikin sat at a piano which was bought for her by her father when she was a little girl, and was the first piano ever brought to Bloomsburg. It was a pretty picture, and must have brought back many sweet recollections of the past to the mind of the aged lady.

In the picture gallery of the museum were portraits of many of Bloomsburg's old residents now deceased. Among them were Judge Elwell, Charles R. Buckalew, Rev. D. J. Waller, Judge Ikelier, Prof. Carver, David Lowenberg, William McKelvy, William Neal, Elisha Barton, L. B. Rupert, Peter Billmyer, Daniel Snyder, William Snyder, William Sloan, A. J. Sloan, Geo. Vance, Robert Cathcart, William Robinson, J. P. Tustin, John R. Moyer, Jos. W. Hendershott, Dr. J. B. McKelvy, Gen. W. H. Ent, Capt. C. B. Brockway, and others.

DEATH ACCOUNTS FOR ABSENCE.

Missing From Home Since Friday, the
Lifeless Body of William Hendrickson
is Found Monday Evening.

There is mystery in the death of William Hendrickson. Mystery that in all probability will never be explained. Out of his home at Riverside, he walked Friday morning, and joined several other young men of that town and came to Bloomsburg to attend the Centennial celebration. They arrived here and were together throughout the day. As evening approached the party separated. Saturday morning Hendrickson was not at home, and all the inquiries made by his family among those who had been with him on the day previous, failed to furnish the slightest clue as to what had become of him. The anxiety of his parents increased with each passing hour, and when Monday morning came, and he was still missing they decided to investigate. John Hendrickson, a brother, came to Bloomsburg on Monday, but his inquiries were fruitless, and he returned home in the evening, without having learned anything that would aid him in the search.

About six o'clock Monday evening Chief of Police, Mincemoyer of Danville, received a telephone message from Coroner Sharpless, of Catawissa, stating that a body corresponding to that of the missing man had been found about two miles above Catawissa. Chief Mincemoyer at once conveyed the intelligence to John Hendrickson, and he came up to the scene of the discovery and identified the dead man as his brother. The body was found lying at the foot of an embankment, along the Pennsylvania Railroad, nearly midway between Catawissa and Mainville. To all appearances death had occurred at least two days previous. The body was in an advanced state of decomposition. What was the cause of death, when did it happen, and where was he going, form a combination of questions that can not be explained. It may have been an accident; there is a possibility that he was the victim of foul play. There is evidence that in a way supports both theories. His neck was broken, which would lead to the belief that he fell from the train. And then on the other hand, there were several bruises on his person, and a scar on his head which might be construed to show that there was a struggle.

The remains were taken in charge by undertaker Thos. E. Hardr of Catawissa, and sent to the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Hendrickson of Riverside. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

The young man was 21 years of age, and generally admired. His untimely death is impressively sad and is a severe blow to his parents.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

The Paragon Plaster Co's Plant Wiped Out
Entailing a Loss of Several Thousand
Dollars.

The inaccessible location of the building from the water plugs and a start of several minutes, during which time it had gained considerable headway, are the unfortunate elements which entered into the almost total destruction of the Bloomsburg Paragon Plaster and Supply Company plant Tuesday night.

W. R. Kocher was the first person to discover the fire. He was standing on the D. L. & W. station platform, when a volume of smoke issuing from the vicinity of the building challenged his attention. He at once started on an errand of investigation, but before he had time to reach the scene, flames shot up from the building. He telephoned to the Exchange Hotel and an alarm was sent in. The whistle of the Richards Manufacturing Company was also used to call out the fire department. In a short time all the companies were on hand, and four streams of water were turned on the burning structure. The firemen never worked better and they are entitled to great praise. Only a short distance away was the White Milling Company's building and the Atlantic Refining Company's Depository containing more than one hundred thousand gallons of oil. Had the flames reached the latter a terrific explosion and a tremendous loss of life would have resulted. We mention this to show the great danger which surrounded the firemen.

The company's loss is a heavy one as only a light insurance was carried. The concern was a branch of the Paragon Plaster and Supply Company of Scranton and had a capacity of several car loads a day. W. L. White has been the manager of the local plant. Fortunately the flames did not reach the office and all the books of the company were saved.

Fate appears to have marked the building, this being the third time that it has been on fire. It was also damaged by the cyclone several years ago.

All the stock was ruined by water. The machinery too, it is feared, can never be used again. Whether or not the company will rebuild, Mr. White is unable to state.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. White was at the plant until nearly nine o'clock. But inasmuch as it started in the boiler room it is very likely that it caught from that source.

THE DETECTIVES' WORK.

In order that the public might be protected against the hordes of thieves and pickpockets that are always on hand wherever there is a big crowd, it was deemed wise to procure the services of detectives during the Centennial. The Executive Committee therefore requested the town authorities to procure two detectives from Pinkerton's Agency, and the men arrived here on Thursday morning and reported to Mayor Townsend, and were sworn in as special police. In less than two hours they spotted "Reddy" Sheridan, a professional pickpocket, and took him to police headquarters where he was notified to leave town, which he promptly did. Shortly afterward they found George Breen, a professional thief recently released from the Reading jail, and he, too, was invited to leave town. No thefts were reported in town that day. At night the detectives were called to Hon. Fred Ikelier's house to investigate the alleged burglary, and after thorough examination were satisfied that no burglary had been committed by any one from the outside.

On Friday the detectives spotted Edwin Evans, a pickpocket and general thief from Lancaster, and locked him up. In the evening they found "Dutch" Snyder, another thief, who was attempting to rob a drunken man. He too was locked up, and both these men were ordered out of town next morning.

The presence of the detectives no doubt kept many crooks from coming here, and scared others who were here out of town, and the result was that not a single case of pocket picking or theft of any kind was reported to the police during the two days.

The public schools of town opened on Monday, with the following enrollments, High School, 227, Third Street building, 399, Fifth Street building, 288. This number will very likely be increased during the next few weeks.

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