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LOCAL ITEMS.

Excuse.—Our excuse for presenting our readers with a half sheet this week, is, that two of our printers are in Uncle Sam's employ, two are on sick furlough, and the three remaining have been overworked with job work which could not be postponed. We are opposed to giving our readers half sheets, although one-half of our contemporaries are now doing it, and we will not repeat it again if we can possibly avoid it.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.—Regular meeting of Council, August 11, 1863.

Present.—John McClelland, N. J. Mervin, J. Hesser and James Kearney.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

The Supervisor presented his report of labor on streets, amounting to \$107.81.

On motion, orders were granted as follows:—

W. W. Snyder, \$23.00; James Woods, \$22.83; John Dalton, \$23.93; James Wilson, \$24.20; John Haney, \$3.85.

Messrs. J. Elliott & Co. presented a bill for lumber, amounting to \$72.30. On motion, an order was granted for amount of bill.

On motion an order was granted James Kearney for \$5.40 for freight on lumber.

Proposals were received from Messrs. Dempsey, Plack and Peter Lee, for the filling of Allegheny street, North Ward.

Mr. Philip Dempsey being the lowest bidder, on motion the contract was awarded to him at 32¢ per cubic yard, and the said Dempsey to keep the street in good repair for one year from the completion of the contract.

On motion, the Secretary to Council was authorized to have 2000 blank orders printed for use of Council.

On motion, Mr. James Kearney was instructed to consult the Attorney to Council in regard to opening Adaline, Helen and Rebecca streets through that part of the borough formerly known as Greenburg.

On motion, Joseph K. Ely was appointed collector of borough taxes for the year 1863, by giving the required security and other qualifications.

On motion, adjourned.

JOHN McCLELLAND, Pres't.

Attest: W. B. KESSLER, Sec'y.

Moss Shaw Loo's Lectures.—These lectures both Monday afternoon and evening were well attended: the house being crowded on both occasions. Burmah, the home of this young student, is situated in the South-Eastern part of Asia, at least twelve thousand miles from us; and by the route he came, eighteen thousand miles. So great was his thirst for knowledge, that he worked his way all this distance as cabin boy, and now supports himself at college mainly by delivering these lectures. His lectures were instructive and entertaining, and his illustration of the manners and customs of his people were very pleasing.

We think all who attended got the worth of their fifteen cents each; and the boys, no doubt, got ten cents' worth of instruction in ball playing, which he will spend the remainder of the week. Success to the Burmese convert and student. We have only to say to our young readers, use the same exertions, and you too may become educated.

DARKEY LIKE.—A returned member of company F, 76th P. V., who was with the regiment when it landed at Fort Royal, after the bombardment, says that some days afterwards a number of "contrabands" came into camp dressed in suits made of all styles of carpeting. On asking them how they came by such clothing, one of them replied: "You see when de Yankees commenced to frow dem rotten cannon balls, (meaning bombs) dat split all round, massa couldn't stand it and runned away, takin' a few things wid him, but de lead us de carpet and we make clothes of it, ya see."

MURDERED OUT.—The 54th regiment P. V. M., Col. John McKee, to which was attached Capt. D. J. Traves' company from this place, was mustered out of service at Huntington, on Saturday evening and Sunday morning last. Capt. Bell's company, from this place, was also mustered out at the same time, and the "boys" are now at home again, all looking as though they had been killed.

Building it up.—The painters are now engaged in brushing up the iron bridge over the mill-race tracks. When they have finished the job it will be one of the handsomest structures of the kind in the country.

For the Altoona Tribune.

Messrs. Editors.—It may not be generally known that the Soldiers' Aid Society of this place has been in active operation again for three weeks past. During that time we have received from the hands of our citizens \$133.33 in cash, beside donations of muslin, trimmings, fruit, etc. We have forwarded to the U. S. Sanitary Commission 46 quarts canned jelly and fruit; 105 new shirts, 60 partly worn; 60 new pairs drawers, 13 partly worn; 80 handkerchiefs and 15 linen coats, beside sheets, pillows, limb-cushions, old linen, etc. One lady collected, for the Society, over 120 yards of muslin—another, \$60.00 in cash. Will not others do likewise? We have met with a hearty response from a sympathetic public, but the emergency is great, and further contributions are needed. There are noble souls among our townsmen who cheerfully give their time and labor when material is furnished them to work on.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the U. S. Sanitary Commission writes us on receipt of our stores:—"We congratulate your Society on its life and vigor, and feel ourselves the stronger for such co-workers. We shall enquire for the Blair county men in our hospitals; and we undertake (graciously, of course), to ascertain the whereabouts of any soldier, for the comfort of family." They also tell us they are much in need of cushions about ten or twelve inches square, covered with oilcloth; also, bandages, carpet shoes, cotton socks, blackberry jelly and brandy. Will not our farmers and inhabitants of neighboring towns aid us in this noble cause by sending us money, pickles, onions, berries, old linen or muslin, oilcloth for cushions, or anything they can spare, as every little aids; and when we reflect that the subjects of these labors and donations are men who have been willing to give their lives that we and our descendants may enjoy the inestimable blessing of liberty, we must feel that no sacrifice on our part can equal theirs, and we can only show our grateful appreciation by doing all in our power to mitigate their sufferings.

Any contributions may be left at the Methodist Church at the time of our meetings on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, or with Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Rosenberg, Mrs. Fenton, or Mrs. Robert McCormick, Managers.

By order of the Society.

CLAY LLOYD, Secretary.

Aug. 4th, 1863.

ALTOONA SCHOOLS.—The School Directors of this borough have made the following selection of teachers for the ensuing term, commencing on the first Monday in September.

EAST WARD.

1st grade—Primary—E. Elder, Principal, Ella J. Humes, Assistant.

2d grade—Priscilla M. McCrum

3d grade—David Osborn.

WEST WARD.

1st grade—Primary—J. Rutherford, Principal, Maud B. McCrum, Assistant.

2d grade—North Postlewait

3d grade—Prof. John Miller.

COUNTY CONVENTION.—The People's Party County Convention met in Hollidaysburg on Tuesday, 11th inst., and nominated the following ticket:

Assembly—R. A. McMurry, Hollidaysburg.

District Attorney—John H. Kealy.

Co. Commissioner—Geo. W. Hewitt, Williamsburg.

Director of Poor—Samuel Jones, Tyrone City.

Auditor, for 3 years—Alex. Knox, Blair.

1 year—Geo. W. Reed, Catharine.

THANKSGIVING.—Nearly all the stores and business places in town were closed on Thursday last, and religious services were held in the Methodist and Lutheran churches. The scholars, teachers, and friends of the Episcopal Sunday School, spent the afternoon of the day in one of the groves south of town, where they had an excellent supply of cakes, ice cream, and other delicacies. We learn from those in attendance that it was an exceedingly pleasant picnic.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.—There will be divine service in Logan Hall on Sabbath evening, Aug. 16, at 7 o'clock, conducted by Rev. S. K. Boyer, of the above-named church. There will be regular preaching every Sabbath, either once or twice a day from this time forward. The public are cordially invited to attend. A Sabbath School has been organized, which will meet every Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The State Teachers Association met in Reading on the 4th inst. Major General Sigel attended the Association and delivered an able address. Major General Stahl was also present and made a few remarks. The Association adjourned on the 6th to meet in this place in August next.

FIRE ALARM.—An alarm of fire was raised this (Wednesday) morning by the partial burning of a small frame house belonging to Jacob Good, Esq., on Caroline street, between Emma and Claid streets. The Good Will boys were out with their Engine and Hose Carriage, but beyond a nice little run with the "mashers," they had no sport.

"Whew, how hot!" is now a stereotyped salutation. Well, it has been hot, it still hot, and will likely continue hot for some weeks to come. Some one accounts for the intense heat this season by having discovered that the earth has approached several million miles closer to the sun this summer than for many years.

THE MARKET HOUSE AND HALL.—We hear nothing as yet in reference to the erection of the Hall and Market House. We hope there will be no delay in paying in the stock, in order that the building may go up this season.

THE DRAFT.—At last the time has been fixed for the draft in this District. It commences on Monday next. The entire District will be drafted at Huntington. The draft for Huntington county comes off on the 17th of August; for Mifflin county on the 18th; for Cambria county on the 20th, and for Blair county on the 22d, which will be on Saturday week. The Proctor Marshal gives notice that the drawing will be made publicly in the presence of all who may desire to attend. Respectable citizens will be specially invited to inspect the drawing. Look out for your tickets to the grand ball.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Friday morning last, a boy about 13 or 14 years of age, son of George W. Conrad, of North Ward, when attempting to jump on an engine at the upper end of the yard, in this place, missed his footing and fell with one leg over the rail. One of two wheels passed over it, crushing it from the knee to the ankle. He was taken home and Dr. Christy summoned to attend him. It was evident that the leg would have to be amputated, but the physician attending the boy would not admit of this until this morning, when the operation was performed. We learn that there is little hope of his recovery.

ASSESSMENT.—The Blair County Mutual Fire Insurance Company have levied an assessment of eight per cent on all premium notes in force on the first of May last. Although the assessment may appear heavy, it cannot be so considered when the insured remember that this is the first since 1859, nearly four years. Had there been an assessment of two per cent every year they would have thought it light, yet the present, of eight per cent, for four years, only amounts to that, and is really less than the percentage of almost any other company in the country.

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A Conscript's Epistle to Jeff Davis.

The following quaint epistle was furnished for publication by a member of the Mounted Rifles, who picked it up in a deserted rebel camp, on the banks of the Chowan river, about thirty miles from Winton, while out on a scouting expedition last spring. The letter was addressed in this wise:—

"Read, if you want to, you thiefing scamp-hunter, whoever you are, and forward, postpaid, to the lord high chancellor of the devil's exchequer (if on earth).

JEFF DAVIS, Richmond, Va.
"Camp Chowan, N. C., Jan. 11, 1863.

"Excelsior Davis.—It is with feelings of undeveloped pleasure that an affectionate conscript entrusts this sheet of confiscated paper to the tender mercies of a Confederate States mail carrier, addressed as it shall be to yourself, O Jeff, Red Jacket of the gall and Chief of the Six Nations, more or less. He writes on the stump of a shivered monarch of the forest, with the 'pine trees' waving around him, and 'Ensignium's' planet rising in the air. To you, O, Chief of all chivalry and Khan of Cotton Territory, he appeals for the privilege of seeking, on his own hook, an land less free—a home among the byenas of the north—Will you not halt your 'brave columns' and stay your gorgeous career for a thin space? and while an admiring world takes a brief gaze at your glorious and Khan of Cotton Territory, he appeals for the privilege of seeking, on his own hook, an land less free—a home among the byenas of the north—Will you not halt your 'brave columns' and stay your gorgeous career for a thin space? and while an admiring world takes a brief gaze at your glorious and Khan of Cotton Territory, he appeals for the privilege of seeking, on his own hook, an land less free—a home among the byenas of the north—Will you not halt your 'brave columns' and stay your gorgeous career for a thin space? and while an admiring world takes a brief gaze at your glorious and Khan of Cotton Territory, he appeals for the privilege of seeking, on his own hook, an land less free—a home among the byenas of the north—Will you not halt your 'brave columns' and stay your gorgeous career for a thin space? 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