

Borough Council Held an Interesting Session.

Six members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening, the first in a month. In the absence of president John S. Walker at Atlantic City Dr. J. M. Brockerhoff was chosen to preside.

Borough solicitor J. Thomas Mitchell presented a report from the State Centre Electric company showing what work had been done since they took charge of the water department and just what they proposed doing in order to increase the efficiency and reduce the waste. The report included a statement of \$1,923 collected on water taxes and bills for supplies and extra labor amounting to \$56.25.

A communication was received from Walter Cohen offering to contribute \$75.00 toward the building of a sewer on east Bishop street, in order to afford drainage for his two new houses. Mr. Cohen was present and stated that several other residents of that locality were also anxious for the sewer. The matter was referred to the Special committee with power to act.

John M. Keichline, ex-water tax collector, sent in a list of people who refused to pay their water tax and asked that council take some action in the matter. The matter was referred to the Water committee as it is within their discretion to shut the water off if they deem it necessary to force payment.

Mrs. Vonada, of east Howard street, requested the exoneration of her water taxes amounting to \$10.25 as she claimed to be too poor to pay them. Referred to the Water committee for investigation.

Mrs. B. H. Shaffer, of Huntingdon, sent in a written complaint about the condition of the alley alongside her property on east Howard street. She alleges that it has been allowed to fill up so that the water floods her pavement and in winter time keeps the pavement coated with ice. The matter was referred to the Street committee with power to act.

A communication was received from Oliver F. Stark, of Philadelphia, offering to build any sewers, or sewer system, needed or contemplated by the borough. No action was taken on his proposition.

A report from the state boiler inspector showed both boilers at the water pumping station to be in good condition.

A communication was received from Col. W. Fred Reynolds notifying council that taxes aggregating \$365 had been assessed against the Phoenix mill property. The matter was referred to the Finance committee for adjustment.

Mr. Harris, of the Street committee, presented the estimate of the borough engineer for putting down the Pine street sewer, which approximated \$297.91, and recommended that the same be accepted and the sewer built. On vote of council it was so ordered.

The Water committee reported progress in the matter of erecting a fountain outside the fence at the big spring, and also the complaint of eight families of east Beaver street as to the scarcity of water. In explanation of the latter Mr. Seibert stated that there is only a three quarter inch pipe running out there and it is not sufficient to supply all the users. That there ought to be an inch and a quarter pipe and it would require the laying of six hundred feet of it. No action was taken in regard to an immediate improvement of the service.

The Fire and Police committee presented the burgess' check for \$40.00 for fines and licenses collected.

The Finance committee presented the borough treasurer's request for the renewal of notes for \$1,000, \$1,000, \$700, \$2,000, \$800, \$1,300, \$5,500 and \$1,200, all of which were authorized.

At this juncture borough solicitor J. Thomas Mitchell called the attention of council to the urgent necessity of preparing a comprehensive plan for a sewer system for the town. By this he did not mean the construction of a sewage disposal plant but an outline map of the town showing the present sewers, those now under construction or projected and outlines for a sewer on every street in the town. With such a map and duplicate plans filed at Harrisburg, it would enable the borough to build sewers when and where needed and collect two-thirds of the cost of same from abutting property owners. Mr. Mitchell was so emphatic in presenting the case that on motion of Mr. Harris the matter was referred to the borough engineer for a probable estimate as to the cost of the work.

Secretary Kelly again presented the bill of R. B. Taylor for \$189.00 for extra work done at the time he built the state road through Bellefonte in 1909. The bill was endorsed as being

correct by D. F. Judge and Paul D. Sheffer, who were members of the Street committee at that time, and had their affidavits attached. The bill was referred to the borough solicitor and Street committee for further investigation and report at next meeting.

Complaint was made of a number of bad pavements on Logan street; also the pavements in front of the Gordon and Gentzel properties on Curtin street. The Street committee was instructed to make an official inspection of the same in conjunction with the borough engineer and report at next meeting, when property owners will be notified to make repairs at once.

Mr. Harris again called attention to the necessity of rebuilding the Buffalo Run bridge, stating that the borough engineer had secured estimates for two kinds of bridges, one of structural iron and concrete and one of railroad iron and concrete, the cost of each to be from \$350 to \$400. On motion of Mr. Lyon, seconded by Mr. Flack, council authorized the construction of the bridge.

Bills aggregating about \$1,700 were approved and council adjourned.

Judge Johnson Will Address Bellefonte Audience.

This Friday evening, September 22nd, at 8 p. m., the Hon. A. W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, president judge of the Snyder-Union Judicial district, will deliver a lecture on "American Ideals" in the Grand Army hall under the auspices of the P. O. S. of A.

This will be a patriotic address and will be delivered to a select audience of patriotic Bellefonte citizens. Judge Johnson is one of the best orators in the State and has made a specialty of patriotic addresses.

Admission is by ticket only, free of charge, and as the hall capacity is limited only a limited amount of tickets have been printed. If you have not been offered a ticket you can secure one of A. G. Morris, Jr., Charles Garbrick, John M. Fisher, Edward O. Struble and E. F. Young, of Bellefonte, and W. L. Jones, of Milesburg. A well known orchestra will furnish appropriate music during the evening.

This order has held its State convention, the largest of any convention of a state body ever held in Pennsylvania. The net gain in Pennsylvania is over 9,000 this last year. It is the fastest growing order in the State, regardless of the fact that its membership is limited to American born citizens.

In Centre county it is at present having a phenomenal growth, the results of J. W. Yeisley, having charge of the organization department, being personally on the ground. When he arrived August 1st there were five Camps in the county. Since then he has instituted camps at Bellefonte and Lemont. This week he instituted Camps at Pleasant Gap and Centre Hall. Next week Spring Mills, Milesburg and Unionville. Eight more Camps will be put in Centre county as quickly as possible, to bring the total to at least 20 Camps.

New Train Had Narrow Escape.

The new Lehigh-Pennsylvania train did not arrive in Bellefonte until 5.10 on Sunday afternoon and the passengers were thankful they were able to make the trip at that time. The train was running along at its usual rate of speed when, several hundreds yards east of Montgomery, the engineer caught the stop signal at the Montgomery tower, a very unusual thing. He attempted to stop his train but the air refused to work with the result that he ran into a derailment switch thrown open by the towerman and the locomotive and combination baggage and passenger coach were derailed before the train came to a stop. When it did the derailed car was standing at right angles with the track and the one end not far from a steep embankment. It appears that at Montgomery the Reading and Pennsylvania roads cross each other at right angles and it just happened that at the time the fast train came along a long Reading freight train had the right-of-way. The Sunbury wrecking crew replaced the car and locomotive and the train reached Bellefonte just two hours late.

Mandamus Proceedings Instituted.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through Attorney General Francis Shirk Brown last week instituted amicable mandamus proceedings against the Commissioners of Centre county to decide the question as to whether the county or the State is liable for the up-keep of the two bridges on the state road between Lemont and State College. The action grows out of the liability for the repairs to one of the bridges which were recently completed and which was fully reported in the "Watchman" at the time of the controversy. The final outcome of these proceedings will be watched with considerable interest, as it will affect many counties throughout the State. The question of liability for the up-keep of bridges has been a much mooted one ever since the State took over the highway routes under the Act of May 31, 1911, and this action affords an opportunity to settle the question finally. The rule was made returnable on November 8th.

Farmers Should be Wary of New Wheat Varieties.

It is unwise to pay an excessively high price for a new wheat variety just because it is glowingly advertised by the seed firm introducing it. For example, it is claimed by seed firms that two varieties, Marvelous and Miracle, have wonderful tillering capacity, so that a peck, or at most a half bushel is sufficient seed per acre. Both of these varieties have been tested at The Pennsylvania State College Experiment Station, as well as at the Ohio and Virginia Experiment Stations, for yield, when sown at varying rates per acre. Both gave the best yields when sown at the rate of one and a half or two bushels per acre. They are much like Fulcaster and may be strains of this variety.

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