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ROUTINE BOROUGH BUSINESS.

Matters Disposed of at Regular Meeting of Council Monday Evening.

Only one member was absent at the regular meeting of council on Monday evening, and it must be admitted that this council is at least making a record for attendance. There were no verbal communications but a written communication was presented from farmer Isaac Baney in which he stated that he would not accept \$25.00 for the injury to his horse when it stepped through the Willowbank street bridge a year or so ago, and would not take less than \$75.00. The question of the settlement of the claim was continued in the hands of the Street committee.

A communication was received from the State Highway Department informing council that the Department has on hand a number of U. S. army two-ton trucks for hiring out at \$150 per month. The communication was filed for future reference.

The Street committee reported progress on the sewer pipes on Bishop street and presented the treasurer's receipt for \$3.00 for manure sold.

The Water committee reported various repairs to water pipes and also that the water duplicate for 1919 amounted to \$9738.25 and meter bills to the amount of \$298.70 were ready to turn over to the State-Centre Electric company for collection; that \$119.75 had already been paid on the above and turned over to the borough treasurer.

The Fire and Police committee reported the burgess' check for \$19.50.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the hands of the treasurer on June 1st of \$583.20. The committee also asked for the renewal of notes for \$1100 and \$2000 for six months from June 2nd, and one for \$500 for six months from June 6th. Request was also made that the treasurer be permitted to negotiate two new notes, for \$2000 and \$1000 respectively, for a period of one year, all of which were authorized.

Mr. Richard suggested that council take some action immediately toward the selection of a permanent solicitor after some discussion Mr. Cunningham made motion that the Finance committee be instructed to recommend a man for that important position at the next meeting of borough council and the same was passed.

The bond of the State-Centre Electric company as water tax collectors of the borough, in the sum of \$5000, with A. W. Lee, John S. Fisher, Howard J. Thompson and John W. Wrigley, as sureties, was presented to council. The bond covers the entire period of the State-Centre's contract with the borough and the same was approved by council.

President John S. Walker appointed Claude S. Cook and Mrs. R. S. Brouse trustees of the Pruner orphanage and the appointments were confirmed by council.

Mr. Cunningham, of the Waer committee, reported the fact that he had interviewed G. Fred Musser, of the G. Fred Musser Co., Inc., relative to the rental of the Phoenix mill property, and that Mr. Musser stated that they would be willing to pay \$750 per year for a five year lease, but does not feel that they can afford to pay \$1000 a year, the price asked. As chairman of the committee Mr. Cunningham stated that he believed the property worth \$1000 a year. Mr. Fauble, also, favored \$1000 as being very reasonable. Members Brouse and Knisely stated that inasmuch as the company is a home concern it should not be oppressed with an exorbitant rental.

Finally Mr. Fauble made motion that the rent for the year from April 1st, 1920, to April 1st, 1921, be fixed at \$750, and that the company be given the right to exercise an option on or before January 1st, 1921, for the rent of the building for a period of five years at a rental of \$1000 a year dating from April 1st, 1921. The motion was passed.

Borough manager James D. Seibert called the attention of council to the fact that in the grading of south Spring street for the state highway the street had been cut down to within ten inches of the terra cotta sanitary sewer, and that the sewer would not only have to be lowered but replaced with an iron pipe. He further suggested that the iron pipe be extended down Spring street to Cherry alley, a total distance of approximately 700 feet. Inasmuch as the grade there is quite steep Mr. Seibert stated that in his opinion a six inch pipe will be ample to carry away all the drainage from that territory, and that will cost \$1.05 a foot. On motion of Mr. Richard council authorized the putting down of the iron pipe.

Bills to the amount of \$2400.75 were approved and council adjourned.

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SHOOK.—Mrs. Sarah J. Shook, widow of the late James M. Shook, died rather suddenly at her home on South Allegheny street on Sunday morning about eight o'clock. Sunday was her birthday, she having reached her sixty-sixth year, and the children had planned to bring into this day what enjoyment they could, as their mother had been ailing for some months and had been seriously ill during the past few weeks. Last week she had shown such marked improvement that it was thought she might recover and her condition on Saturday was especially pleasing. Hence her death on Sunday morning came as an unusual shock to her children. But her passing away was quiet and peaceful, the end coming like a pleasant benediction at the close of a life well spent.

Mrs. Shook was born in a daughter of the late John and Nancy Lockard. When she was but a few years old the family moved to Lamar where she grew to womanhood and married James M. Shook. Twenty-seven years ago Mr. and Mrs. Shook moved to Bellefonte, and Mr. Shook passed away twelve years later. During the twenty-seven years Mrs. Shook was a resident of Bellefonte, she won many friends through her frequent acts of kindness and determination to stand for what she believed was right. She leaves one brother, three sisters and the following children: Mrs. Harry Rhoades and Mrs. William F. Shope, of Bellefonte; Mrs. David V. Steele, of Tyrone; Mrs. L. R. Poorman, of Huntingdon; Prof. James A. Shook, of Reading; Miss Luella A., of Pittsburgh; Floyd, of Kingsley, Iowa, and Leonard, of Farrell, Pa.

In her death there passes a true woman, a staunch friend, a devout Christian, a devoted wife, and the best of mothers. She rounded out a long and useful life and now, her work done, passes peacefully to rest "as one who wraps the drapery of her couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Funeral services were held at her late home on Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. George E. Smith, assisted by Rev. Dunn, and burial was made in the Union cemetery.

YOCUM.—The people of Bellefonte, irrespective of church affiliations, sincerely sympathize with Dr. Ezra H. Yocom in the passing away of his wife at their home at Woolrich at four o'clock on Monday morning. Dr. and Mrs. Yocom spent eight years in Bellefonte prior to going to Woolrich a year ago and during that time the veteran preacher in the Methodist church won the love and esteem of all who knew him. Mrs. Yocom was a victim of Bright's disease and had been ailing much of the time during the last years of their residence here so that she was unable to mingle to any extent in the church or social life of the town. Her condition grew worse the past year until she finally answered the final summons and passed to the Great Beyond.

Mrs. Yocom, whose maiden name was Laura Shugerts, was married to Dr. A. W. Lee, John S. Fisher, Howard J. Thompson and John W. Wrigley, as sureties, was presented to council. The bond covers the entire period of the State-Centre's contract with the borough and the same was approved by council.

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GATES.—Burns Gates, a life-long resident of Worth township, died on May 29th, at the home of his niece, Mrs. Clifford Kelley, near Port Matilda, as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was a son of Henry and Susannah Gates and was born in Worth township about seventy years ago. He followed farming most of his life. His only immediate survivors are two brothers, George and William Gates, both of Worth township. Funeral services were held in the United Brethren church on Memorial day, burial being made in the Black Hawk cemetery.

MUSSER.—Miss Lulu C. Musser died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Musser, in Millheim, last Thursday afternoon, following a protracted illness, aged 43 years, 8 months and 24 days. In addition to her mother she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Miss Bertha, John E., and Grover, of Millheim; N. Lester, of Cleveland, Ohio; Paul, of Wichita, Kan.; Mrs. D. W. Lewis, of Philadelphia, and Claude E., of Akron, Ohio. Rev. J. J. Weaver officiated at the funeral which was held on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Fairview cemetery, Millheim.

D. A. R. Honored Old Soldiers.

The Bellefonte Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution marked the graves of all revolutionary soldiers and Real Daughters in Centre county with Betsy Ross flags on Memorial day, as follows:

Union cemetery, Bellefonte—Col. James Dunlop, James Harris, Hon. Andrew Gregg, Capt. Joshua Williams, Eliza and Harriet DeHaas.

Curtin cemetery (old)—Philip Barnhart and wife; (new)—Evan Russell, Lawrence Bathurst.

Snyderstown—John Snyder.

Baileysburg—Henry Dale, Jacob Keller, Peter Shuey.

The Branch—Major Andrew Hunter, Elmer Evans.

Milesburg cemetery (old)—Lieut. Robert Fleming and wife, Col. John Holt and wife, Samuel Howe, William Lee, Joseph White (dragoon), Capt. James Miles (navy), Capt. Richard Miles and wife.

Rebersburg—Col. Henry Meyer, Philip Meyer, Spangler monument, George Christian Spangler, George Spangler.

James Huston near Centre Hall, a bronze marker and flag by Mrs. E. R. H. Rogers, or Bellefonte.

Centre Hill—George Woods, Henry McEwen, John Wasson.

D. A. R. monument, Old Fort.

Heckman's graveyard—Wilhelm Long, Christian Miller, John Adam Sonntag, John Frederick Ream.

Pine Grove Mills (by Capt. W. H. Fry) —Gen. John Patton, John Goheen.

Lick Run cemetery, Jacksonville—Capt. Thomas Askey, Capt. William Swanson, David Lamb, Matthew Allison, Mrs. Mary Allison Rishel.

SARAH B. VALENTINE. Chairman

Guessed Dates on Gold Coin.

The contest—guessing dates on two ten-dollar gold pieces—benefit of St. Mary's church, Snow Shoe, closed Saturday, June 5th. The two coins had been sealed by Mr. Isaac Mitchell, of the Bellefonte Trust company, and when the seal was broken the dates were found to be 1879 and 1889. No participant in the contest was lucky enough to have guessed both dates correctly in one and the same guess. There were, however, a number of persons who had one of the correct dates and a number of persons had the other, and it resolved itself into a draw. The names of all persons who had guessed the one date correctly were placed in a hat and the third name drawn was to be the lucky person. The names of the persons having the other date guessed correctly were likewise placed in a hat and drawn in like manner. The lucky persons were Mr. John Treshock and Mr. Thomas Tubridy Sr. The amount realized on this contest was \$807.81.

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KNECHT.—Mrs. Mary Margaret Knecht, wife of W. T. Knecht, passed away at her home in Lock Haven on 8:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the amount realized on this contest was \$807.81.

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