

THE COUNTY TREASURY.

No Funds To Pay Current Expenses.

A LOAN APPLIED FOR.

The jurors summoned to the present term of court, and others having just demands upon the county, are denied payment of what is due them, because of an entire absence of funds in the treasury.

The public officers interested, both commissioners and the county treasurer, regret such condition. We are credibly informed that the commissioners at the last term of court, raised the necessary money to meet the court expenses, upon their own note as individuals, and that the county treasurer has of his own private funds, come to the relief of the county.

For such conditions no body seems to be liable to any censure. The taxes of the current year, 1893, the commissioners are powerless now to obtain by violent means against the tax collectors. The revenue laws, as every one knows, have undergone revision and change, and the tax payer has his right and time within which to pay the tax, and the outstanding taxes from former years are in point of fact, better paid up than usual, despite the stringency of the times.

The drafts upon the treasury have been unusually large, and much of the indebtedness could not have been foreseen or provided for.

Legislation respecting increased liability for costs in commonwealth cases, costs incident to elections under the new laws, the formation of new election districts, the numerous county bridges ordered to be built, contributed to the present condition.

The commissioners of the county presented to the court last Monday their petition for a loan to be authorized, which is receiving the Court's consideration, and the expediency of granting or withholding judicial approval was, without question, somewhat dependent upon the rate of commission, which the proceeds of any loan would be tolled by the county treasurer.

The rate as at present existing, as fixed by the commissioners is 2 1/2 per cent. on moneys arising from such a source. In view of this fact, the County Treasurer, Mr. Kline, addressed the following letter to the commissioners on Wednesday:

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY:—You find yourselves somewhat embarrassed in not being able to pay your orders on the County Treasurer because of the absence of funds and that the loan asked for by you to be authorized by the Court is believed to be delayed, because some think that the compensation allowed by you to me on such money is exorbitant.

I wish to inform you that you are at liberty to so change my compensation for such money to one per cent instead of 2 1/2 per cent.

I do this in order to relieve you and the interests of the public business from present conditions, and I do not want the amount of my pay to hinder it.

Yours &c.,
JOHN L. KLINE, Treas.

We do not pretend to say whether or not the amount of compensation as fixed for that officer is too large or too small. The law imposes the duty of adjusting that matter upon certain public functionaries, and there is no reason to question the integrity of their conduct in the performance of that duty. If any tax payer feels aggrieved, the law affords an opportunity for such a one to be heard. But certainly, Mr. Kline, who is soon to retire from public position, has done all he can do to enable the authorization of the loan, and relieve the county from any embarrassment and his action under the circumstances is very commendable. Without his consent the commissioners could not reduce the commission.

The question as to whether there shall be a loan, and the amount of the loan, is in the hands of the Court, and will receive careful consideration. It is evident that some money must be borrowed to pay for the Catawissa bridge, to erect the Bloom bridge, and to pay bills amounting to several thousand dollars that have accumulated, because the taxes have not been paid in fast enough to meet these obligations. It is no fault of the officials that the expenses of the present court have not been paid. It will all be adjusted soon and everybody will get what is due them.

The furniture, carpets, draperies &c. from the Pennsylvania State Building at the World's Fair will be sold at auction in Harrisburg, beginning on December 19th.

REV. DAVID JEWETT WALLER.

In the death of Rev. D. J. Waller Bloomsburg has lost one of her most prominent, and most enterprising citizens. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at three o'clock and from that hour until five all places of business were closed as a mark of respect to the deceased. The services were conducted at the house. Rev. P. A. Heilman read a hymn, Rev. Dr. S. Mitchell of Mt. Carmel offered prayer, Rev. I. M. Patterson, read a biographical sketch of Mr. Waller, and stated that the wish of the deceased was that no eulogies should be pronounced over his remains. Rev. Dr. McAtee of Danville announced another hymn followed by prayer by Rev. Dr. N. G. Parke of Pittston. The hymns were sung by the Y. M. C. A. Choir. Numerous beautiful floral offerings were contributed by relatives and friends.

Below is printed the biographical sketch, which is so complete as to require no additional statements.

Rev. David Jewett Waller, born at Wilkes Barre, Pa., January 26th, 1815, died at Bloomsburg, Pa., December 7, 1893, aged seventy-eight years, ten months and 22 days. Mr. Waller was of Puritan stock, having no strain of other than New England blood in his ancestry for a period of more than two hundred years. His religious training by the earnestly devout aunts with whom he lived is indicated by the facts that family worship was habitual, and that Sunday was observed from Saturday at sunset. When old enough to read he drove the conveyance each Sunday for two aunts engaged in teaching a Mission Sunday School and was himself installed as teacher of those much older—some adults.

At the age of fifteen he entered Williams College, from which he was graduated in 1834. In the fall of that year he entered Princeton Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1837. After his licensure by the Presbytery of New Castle, and while engaged in ministerial labors at Bloomsburg, he received a call to the church at Milton, as he did in subsequent years to all the leading churches of the Presbytery; but declining it, he was ordained to the gospel ministry and installed the first pastor of the Presbyterian church in Bloomsburg at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery held for that purpose Wednesday, May 1st, 1839. In this his first and only pastoral charge he continued for thirty-three years, resigning in 1871. In addition to his ministerial labors in Bloomsburg, he for many years supplied all the English Presbyterian churches between Danville and the Wyoming Valley, from the Susquehanna to the North Mountain. These flocks are now in charge of four pastors. Over this area more than forty miles square, before it was divided, he traveled on horseback or by wagon about five thousand miles a year, and preached in almost every church and school-house, often having three services on Sunday besides conducting a large number of the funerals of that early time. He preached regularly for considerable periods at Catawissa, Espy, Salem, Berwick, Briarcreek, Light Street, Orangeville, Rhorsburg, Coles Creek and New Columbia. No depth of mud or severity of storm was ever allowed to serve as an excuse for not meeting an appointment. During his pastorate the church in Bloomsburg leaving the frame edifice on Third street, built the brick one on Market street in 1848. His persistent efforts in securing the erection of the present stone church in 1889-91 are so well known as to require no detailed statement.

Profoundly impressed with the importance of systematic instruction in the truth of the Bible, he organized a Bible class in the first year of his pastorate, on Thursday, June 27th, 1839, that met first upon Friday evening and afterward upon Monday evening throughout almost the whole period of thirty-three years. This exercise was always one of very deep interest to him. The weather, the attendance, the passage studied, the apparent interest or want of it, his feeling of happiness or depression, and humble desire that the exercise may be used by his Saviour for the advancement of His Kingdom, are frequently mentioned in his journal. The greatness, mercy, goodness and glory of God were favorite themes, by consideration of which he sought to expand and elevate the minds of his pupils. This Bible class is well remembered by many citizens who therein received Biblical training, though not all members of his congregation. After resigning his charge, and though always suffering from a permanent and painful injury, Mr. Waller still continued to preach as opportunity offered and health permitted. He found great pleasure in preaching, as he some-

times said, "A free gospel."

As a Presbyterian, he was most regular in attending all meetings of Presbytery and Synod during his long pastorate. The journeys of those earlier days were made wholly by private conveyance. When Presbytery met in the spring at such remote points as Jersey Shore and Lock Haven, owing to the distance and deep mud the journeys consumed many days, and when floods had carried away bridges and portions of the road, or masses of ice blocked the way, they were not without peril. A compensation was found in the opportunity thus given for forming wide acquaintanceships in the regions traversed. It is probable that thirty years ago no man was better known than he in the valley of the Susquehanna from Scranton to Lock Haven. He took a very active part in all Presbyterial deliberations. It was his lot to serve as counsel in almost every ecclesiastical trial of that period in his Presbytery, many of which were afterwards prosecuted by appeal before the Synod and some before the General Assembly. While in this capacity he was in the sessions of many General Assemblies, he was also present as a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Northumberland at the first Assembly held out of the city of Philadelphia, that in Louisville, Kentucky in 1844. He was a Commissioner to the Assembly of 1853 in Philadelphia. In 1861 when staunch friends of the Union were needed he was again sent as Commissioner to the Assembly in Philadelphia, which stormy body he served, with his magnificent voice and distinct enunciation, as Reading Clerk, though he did not allow himself thus to be deprived of the privileges of the floor, for he made a strong speech in favor of the Spring resolutions, for which he was afterwards presented with a silk flag, by one who was to him an entire stranger. He was sent as Commissioner to the General Assembly again in 1865, at Pittsburg. The next year, 1866, the General Assembly met in St. Louis, and the delicate questions arising in the church at the close of the war of the Rebellion required consideration. Mr. Waller was one of the Commissioners sent at this time to represent his Presbytery. Thus in the Assemblies marking the opening of the Rebellion, and reconstruction he was a Commissioner. He was subsequently sent in like capacity to the Assemblies of 1876 in Brooklyn, 1886 in Minneapolis, and 1890 in Saratoga. He was also a member of the National Union Convention held in the First Reformed Presbyterian church, Philadelphia in November, 1867.

His earnest longing for the coming of the Kingdom of Christ found natural expression in the cause of Foreign Missions. Once a month it was his custom to devote a service to the news from foreign fields. So deep was his interest, that the congregation sharing it with him, became the first in the Presbytery in the sum contributed to the cause. He was elected a member of the Board of Foreign Missions by the General Assembly of 1865 for four years. He was a Trustee of Lafayette College for thirty years having been elected by the Synod of Philadelphia in 1849. During the earlier part of this period the journey to Easton was always made by stage or private conveyance, yet his regular attendance and activity in the proceedings of the Board may be inferred from the fact that at one of the dark periods in the history of the College some of the Trustees seriously proposed to him the removal of the College to Bloomsburg. His interest in education was manifest from the year of his ordination, 1839, when he was instrumental in the establishment of a classical school in Bloomsburg, of which his brother, afterwards President Judge of the XXII Judicial District, Hon. Chas. P. Waller, was principal. The culmination of his co-operation with other leading citizens in this direction, was the establishment of the State Normal School. For many years he received into his own family promising young men from the country, who desired to prepare for college in the schools of the town. He was always active as a citizen. It is within the bounds of truth to say, that no project beneficial to the community failed to receive his support. The hospitalities extended by him in the earlier time were such as to have elicited the comment that more vehicles and people started from his door than from the village inn.

His closing days were those of unceasing gratitude and thanksgiving to God. That he was permitted to see the consummation of many cherished plans for private and public good and to enjoy the loving confidence of the wife of more than fifty four years, of children, and of grandchildren, gave him much pleasure; but these were always secondary, both in his

thoughts and expressions, to the profound sense of gratitude for sins forgiven, fellowship with his Saviour, the privilege of aiding in the spread of the Gospel and the full assurance of faith. In his last illness he gave constant evidence that he had long since heeded the apostolic injunction, "Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on unto perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment." Salvation was not a matter of doubt but a cause of unspeakable praise. To this feeling he gave brief but frequent expression in such words as, "Praise the Lord, Oh my soul and forget not all his benefits," "Only true love is in God through Jesus," "Come taste and find the Lord is good and gracious." The last hymn he recited was, "Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion City of our God." During the last few days many utterances precious to his family were brief prayers for them and for himself, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly," "was a frequent petition. Glimpses of dawning glory were suggested by such exclamations as, "Wonderful brightness," "What transporting views to him who sees time and eternity," "See the silver lining."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."—Rev. 14: 13.

The remaining members of the family are Mrs. Waller, Rev. Dr. D. J. Waller Jr., Principal of Indiana State Normal School, Levi E. Waller Esq., Miss Laura, of Bloomsburg; Mrs. C. P. Hand, of Brooklyn and Dr. George P. Waller of Nebraska.

HOLIDAY WINDOWS.

J. R. Schuyler & Co. have a snow scene in one of their show windows, to call attention to the fact that they sell skates.

Lowenberg's estate exhibit a fine line of neckwear, silk handkerchiefs, &c. in their windows.

J. G. Well's windows contain a beautiful display of diamonds, watches, silverware, including many novelties for the holiday trade.

In one of W. S. Rishton's windows a variety of articles suitable for Christmas gifts, are tastefully arranged. In the other window is a winter scene, where a number of children are riding down a hill. One little one has had a tumble. It is attracting much attention.

Gilmore's toy windows excite the admiration of the children.

H. J. Clark & Son have displayed their usual taste and skill in dressing their windows for the holidays.

A handkerchief window at I. W. McKelvey's arranged by Harry Houck is very pretty.

I. W. Hartmar & Son have attractive windows as usual; they show a variety of articles tastefully arranged.

Hess Bros. windows are full of silverware and stationery in desirable forms.

Smokers' supplies at Alexander Bros. & Co. offer some good suggestions for Christmas gifts.

The goat still occupies one of the windows at Gidding & Salsburg's while the other is beautifully arranged with neckwear and handkerchiefs.

J. H. Mercer shows lamps and a large assortment of holiday goods.

W. H. Slate's windows contain some new attractions, artistically displayed.

J. R. Townsend shows neckwear and gents' furnishing goods in nice variety.

Election of Officers Royal Arcanum.

The annual election of officers for the Royal Arcanum was held Wednesday evening, December 13th, when the following were chosen for the year 1894: Regent, J. K. Bittenbender; Vice Regent, L. T. Sharpless; Orator, J. C. Brown; Secretary, F. H. Jenkins; Collector, W. H. Brooke; Treasurer, C. S. Furman; Chaplain, G. A. Clark; Guide, H. P. Chamberlain; Warden, D. W. Campbell; Sentry, J. W. Eyer; Organist, E. E. Caldwell; Trustees, W. S. Moyer, J. C. Brown, W. M. Reber.

An accident occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad near Nanticoke on Wednesday at 10:30 a. m., when the passenger, known as the Harrisburg Express ran into the rear of a freight train. The freight was running into a siding and had not gone quite far enough when the passenger collided. Twelve passengers were injured, among the list being John A. Garman, District Attorney of Luzerne County.

Messrs. Shuster & Hawk will be in Bloomsburg, Tuesday December 26th with a car load of western horses.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Judge and Mrs. Elwell have both been ill from an attack of Grip.

Rev. P. A. Heilman preached in the Lutheran church at Wilkesbarre last Sunday.

Mrs. Rev. I. M. Patterson was confined to her bed for several days with the grip.

It is reported that J. P. Hill has leased the City Hotel at Jamison City for next year.

Mrs. R. W. Oswald has been confined to the house with the grip during the past week.

Miss Emma Harrar of Newark, N. J., is visiting her brother E. H. Harrar and wife on Fifth street.

Among those reported sick with the grip during the past week, are P. A. Evans, W. H. Brooke, S. H. Harman, W. C. Cummings, and J. J. Lawall.

Ex-Judge Hinckley, of Danville, was in attendance at court in Bloomsburg Wednesday, as one of the attorneys in an important case.

Harry Townsend who has been confined to the house with La Grippe is again out assisting his father in the Gents' Furniture store.

Miss A. D. Webb of Pottsville, Miss Sarah Derrickson of Milton and Mrs. R. C. Dinker of Bethlehem were in town on Monday to attend Mr. Waller's funeral.

Mrs. Catharine Kline, of Williamsport, who recently became afflicted with gangrene, is lying in a very critical condition with no hope of recovery.

Hon. E. M. Tewksbury is in attendance at the Farmers' Convention in Georgia this week. He started for Harrisburg last Saturday, and from there expected to go direct to the South.

Editor W. H. Smith of Benton, was in town on Monday, having been called here as a witness in the Krickbaum-Snyder suit. The settlement rendered his presence unnecessary, and he was just a little disappointed that he did not have a chance to go on the stand.

Rush Zarr, son of B. F. Zarr Esq., was admitted to the Bar last week, after completing a course of law studies with his father. He is a young man of excellent qualifications, and will no doubt become a successful lawyer. We extend our congratulations.

DEATH'S HARVEST.

On Monday two more families were called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones. Mrs. Mary A. wife of George A. Herring, breathed her last at six o'clock in the morning, after an illness of less than a week, from the grip. Her age was fifty-six years, seven months and five days. Her husband survives her with one son, Senator Grant Herring, and one daughter, Miss Ida. She was a member of the Methodist church, and an affectionate wife and mother. She was a daughter of Daniel and Priscilla Hess, and was born in Mifflinville, this county. Three brothers reside in Shenandoah. She was married to George A. Herring in 1860 at Lime Ridge, and moved to Shenandoah in 1864, and returned to Bloomsburg in 1876, where they have since resided.

The funeral was held at the house on Wednesday morning, the services being conducted by Revs. W. G. Ferguson and P. A. Heilman. The burial took place in Rosemont Cemetery.

At twenty minutes after ten on Monday morning Mrs. Elizabeth Christian Pott, widow of the late Benjamin L. Eshleman, died at the residence of her son, Harry G. Eshleman, on Centre street. Her illness was of long duration, and she was confined to her bed for several weeks past. She was nearly sixty-five years of age, and was the mother of fifteen children, eleven of whom are living. Those residing in Bloomsburg are Mrs. C. W. Miller, Mrs. S. F. Peacock, Mrs. William Pursel, Harry G. and Benjamin.

Mrs. Eshleman was a daughter of Abram Pott, the founder of Port Carbon. Her husband was an extensive coal operator in the Schuylkill region during his life time.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. M. Patterson at the house at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, and the remains were taken to Port Carbon for burial.

One of the ladies' whist clubs was entertained by Mrs. C. W. Funston on Tuesday evening.

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