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LUZEKNE'S BUILDINGS.

Decision Rendered Which Denies County Commissioners the Right to Purchase Land without Authority.

The long expected and important opinion in regard to the right of the County Commissioners to purchase land on which to erect a court house was handed down at Wilkes Barre last Monday by Judges Rice and Lynch. After quoting the recommendations of two succeeding Grand Juries for a new court house, Judge Rice says:—

"The question of our decision is that these reports and the approval thereof by the Court are sufficient to vest the County Commissioners with authority to purchase land on which to erect the proposed new court house." In regard to location of the new court house, the Judge quoted several laws of the early history of Wilkes Barre on the rights of the County Commissioners which restrains them from purchasing any desirable location for a court house except on the square. The Judge then quotes the arguments of the plaintiffs and defendants and several other points of law on the subject of county buildings, and, after reviewing the same, says:—

"First, there is nothing in the language of the acts of 1855 and 1856 nor in the action of the borough pursuant thereto to prevent the location of a court house elsewhere than on the Public Square. Second, as the law stood prior to the acts of 1883, the County Commissioners would have discretion and power to buy land if needs be upon which to erect a new court house, recommended by successive Grand Juries, although the Grand Juries in their reports did not expressly mention the purchase of land. Third, the act of 1883 superseded that of the Tenth Section of the act of 1834 in this particular, as was intended to furnish not only a complete but an exclusive method for the purpose named in the act. Hence, to give the County Commissioners authority to buy land, or to take land by condemnation proceedings, upon which to erect a court house, there must be the reports of two successive Grand Juries that the county requires ground at the county seat for the purpose of erecting the same."

While Judge Lynch does not assent to all the foregoing conclusions, and particularly to the act of 1834, he agrees in all findings of the fact and in the general conclusion that the County Commissioners have not the authority to purchase land without the approval of two successive Grand Juries. The County Commissioners now will present the question to the next two Grand Juries.

If this question had been raised in Columbia county when the new jail was built, the jail would now stand where the High School is, and where it ought to have been built.

THE LICENSE MONEY.

There has been some quibbling as to whom the license money should be paid some contending that the county treasurer must receive it all, and others that it is to be paid out direct to the county and township authorities in proper proportion. The following opinion from the county solicitor settles the question for the present at least:

CATAWISSA, PA., Dec. 19, 1894.
Mr. J. R. Fowler, Treasurer:
Dear Sir:—The liquor license moneys are payable to the County Treasurer. See act of 13th May, 1887, Sec. 9, P. L. 111. If the persons to whom such licenses are granted should neglect or refuse to pay you within 15 days after the licenses are granted, the grant of licenses will be held revoked, and no licenses can issue.
W. H. RHAWN,
County Solicitor.

The Musicals.

A very small audience was present at the Lutheran Church last Thursday evening, but those who went were well repaid. The program consisted of music and recitations by Miss Grace Wall, an accomplished young lady who is visiting Miss Bessie Kuhn; vocal music by Miss Vida Miller and Mr. Frank Colley, and a violin solo by Prof. C. P. Elwell. Miss Maude Runyon presided at the piano.

Sullivan bought a goat, for which he paid \$5. Shortly after he received a tax bill on the goat of \$8. He called on Rafferty, the assessor, and said: "Why do you tax me \$8 on my goat when I paid but \$5 for him?" "Well," said Rafferty, "I have carefully read what the statutes say, and it reads: 'Whoever owns property a butting on the street shall be taxed \$2 a running foot.'"

THEIR NAME IS DENNIS.

Two members of the Faculty of the Normal School united their hearts and hands and lives in the bonds of matrimony last Friday evening. They were Prof. Joseph Dennis of the ancient language department, and Miss Susan Elliot, of the model school. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. A. Heilman in Dr. Welsh's parlors, in the presence of the other members of the Faculty. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dennis entered Buckalew's carriage to go all by their lone selves to the East Bloomsburg station, there to take the train for a wedding journey. But the other teachers would not have it that way, and so without the knowledge of their victims, they had Buckalew's hack in waiting behind the buildings, and after Prof. Dennis and bride had reached East street they were surprised at the approach of the hack containing the Faculty, who accompanied them to the train and saw them safely off, and made it lively for them all the time. On returning to the school the teachers sat down to a nice lunch prepared by Mr. Housel.

No Reading Depot on Market Street.

McKelvey & Neal brought suit against the Bloomsburg Belt Railroad for land taken by the railroad to lay a track, several years ago. There was a report of viewers assessing damages, and from this there was an appeal, and the case was called for trial at last Court. After the plaintiffs had examined all their witnesses and had closed their case, the counsel for the defendant, Messrs Rhawn and Herring filed a paper in which the defendant disclaimed all ownership to the right of way, and abandoned the same to the owners. Under these peculiar circumstances the court withdrew a juror, and the case was continued.

The abandonment of this land by the Belt road shuts off all connection with the right of way above, and leaves no way open for the P. & R. to reach Market street, and consequently there will never be a depot on Market street on the Sloan land, under the present circumstances.

More than this, the rails of the Belt road have occupied the middle of Seventh street for the past five years. If this declaration of abandonment is final, and the Belt line is absolutely defunct, the Town authorities should repeal the ordinance granting the right of way on Seventh street, and cause the rails to be removed therefrom. It would be proper for the Council to ascertain from the officers of the Belt road their intentions concerning Seventh street, and if the right of way is abandoned, then remove the rails.

The Police Inspector.

Will R. Wilson's New York play about Inspector Byrnes is called "The Police Inspector." Police plays have been produced before, but this one is entirely new here. It is promised by the management that the play will be handsomely staged and that the Gotham scenes will be faithfully represented. The company producing this detective story is said to be an able one and while part of it attends to presenting the story, there is also a portion of it which contributes pleasing specialty acts to enliven the somewhat sombre story of crime and its detection. Mr. Wilson seems to have based this play upon some of the things he saw in New York, when he was a newspaper reporter, and he has with a newspaper man's accuracy, placed them upon the stage correctly. The characters commonly met with down town in New York are to be seen in the play. There are the fresh newsboy, the organ grinders and noisy negroes, the tough girl and the boot black.

Opera House, Monday, December 31st.

An Impostor.

Last Saturday a girl about eighteen years of age visited a number of residences in town, and solicited contributions for the Epworth League, receiving small sums of money at several places. She said that she had already been requested to solicit for the M. E. Sunday School. Inquiry has proven that the girl had no authority to beg for either of these organizations, and as she has not turned any money over, it went down into her own pocket. The name of this girl is withheld for the present.

"The Police Inspector," which will be played in the Opera House next Monday night, is highly commended by the press wherever it has been given.

Death of Mrs. Swank.

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

It was a large and sad-hearted company of relatives and friends that followed to the grave on Tuesday of last week, the remains of Mrs. J. G. Swank. It was a day upon which the whole community could unite in tender expressions of sympathy for the bereaved family, and there were many hundred who felt the loss of a personal friend.

Mrs. Swank had for several months been a victim of that dreaded disease, Bright's disease of the kidneys, and had for the past six weeks made that heroic fight for life, possible only to the determined will and triumphant faith.

Although her death had been expected for several days, it came at last on Saturday evening, Dec. 15th, with a prostrating effect known only to those who are suddenly called upon to say the last good-bye to those they love most dearly.

The end was a peaceful transition to the state of those who are "asleep in Jesus" and the last words relative to a happy meeting in that better land.

The world likes to hear of the sensational and the unusual, but the unwritten history of many a home has in it more that is truly heroic and goes further to mould the character of our sons and determine the destiny of the nation, than the brave deeds of the battlefield or the wise and comprehensive acts of our legislative halls.

Mrs. Swank will be remembered as one of those who find their greatest happiness in ministering to the needs of those they love, and raising a happy, devoted family within a happy Christian home. A true woman, a loving wife and a devoted mother, a consecrated Christian and an active worker—her memory is a rich legacy to all who knew her.

A short service was held at the house at 10:30 o'clock, after which the procession proceeded to the Berwick cemetery where a burial service was conducted by the Woman's Relief Corps of which she was a member; the funeral sermon being preached in the Baptist church by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. Albert H. Smith.—Berwick Independent.

Daniel S. Jones was instantly killed at Mt. Carmel on the 19th, by a trolley car on the Shamokin and Mt. Carmel electric railway. The man had been standing along side the tracks for some time and was in an intoxicated condition. The motor men in passing him with their cars rang the gongs, but he made no signal to stop. Several cars had passed up and down several times but he showed no signs of a desire to get on the car. As car No. 5 was returning from Shamokin, they noticed the man ahead leaning against a wire pole. He was leaning up against the pole with his head hanging down as a man naturally does in a drunken stupor. He did not move and as the car had passed him before, no particular attention was paid to him and the car went speeding on. Just as the car reached the point he made a lunge as if to grab the car and fell beneath the wheels, the car rolling him and bruising his body and head, and almost severing his arm. The deceased was aged 51 years and worked at Hickory Ridge with his step-son, where they boarded together. The family reside at Mifflin Cross Roads, Columbia county, and consists of wife and eleven children. He had rented a house in Hickory Ridge, and was going to remove his family there after the holidays.

The entertainment at Espy last Friday night, by the Star Dramatic Company, was a success. It is an amateur organization and this was their debut. They played the drama entitled "The Last Loaf." Those taking part were John K. Miller, Adelia Geisinger, Chas. Abbott, W. Bittenbender, Martha Robison, Mr. Harry Phillips, Mrs. Phillips, H. F. Rice, F. S. Nagle, Harry Frane, G. B. Bittenbender, S. K. Worman and Domer Geisinger. The attendance was large, and a fair sum was realized for the purchase of a bell on the M. E. Church. All of the company acquitted themselves admirably. The entertainment will be reproduced this Saturday evening.

"The Little Tottoon" which was performed at the Opera House on Tuesday night, was a very lame affair according to those who attended. It is reported that the troupe is an amateur party from Scranton.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

Guy Jacoby Esq., is hobbling around with a rheumatic foot.

W. W. Drinker of Scranton was among the holiday visitors to the home circle.

Norman Hendershott, who is attending State College, is at home on a vacation.

Clyde Sechler, of Danville, was the guest of Will Crist on Monday.

Mrs. John S. Gilbert is spending a few days in town with her relatives.

Barton John, a Lehigh University senior, is spending his holiday vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tyson are spending the week in Brooklyn.

Montgomery Smith is home from Dickinson College, Carlisle, for a brief visit.

Carlton Caswell is at home again. He has been studying in Philadelphia.

I. J. Jamison is spending this week with his family in New Columbus.

Edward Eyer, who is a drug clerk in Philadelphia, was at home on a short vacation.

Frank Bomboy of Philadelphia, has been visiting his mother at Espy this week.

Walter Barton of Hazleton, spent Christmas in Espy among relatives and friends.

Wm. Ernst, of Buckhorn, an old subscriber, gave us a call on Saturday.

Hon. A. L. Fritz has been suffering with a sore hand, but it is nearly well now.

Samuel H. Harman attended a party at Pittston on Wednesday evening.

Charles H. Lawall, who is clerking in a Philadelphia drug store, was at home for a few days last week.

Carl Wirt is among the young students who are at home on vacation. He is attending school at Garden City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Neal and sons, Robert and Harold, spent Tuesday in town. Robert is a student at Yale College.

Silas Young delivered a number of nice turkeys, ready dressed, in town, for Christmas dinners.

Mr. Dorr, editor and proprietor of the Berwick "Independent," dropped in upon us on Saturday.

Dr. H. W. Buckingham of Phillipsburg, spent Christmas with his mother and brother. He is as hearty and as jolly as ever.

E. E. Durns, who was G. W. Bertsch's coat maker for several years, was visiting friends here the past week.

Dr. J. G. Reifsnnyder of Milton, was at home over Christmas, with his mother, Mrs. Dr. Willits.

Miss Martha Bachman, sister of Mrs. O. B. Mellick, while visiting the latter here, has been quite ill.

Dr. Arment will not remove to Philadelphia until he sells his property on Fifth street, and will continue to practice medicine.

Mr. D. B. Whitmore, of Orangeville, we are pleased to class among our recent callers and advance subscribers.

Charles Keichner, student at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, is with his parents this week.

Mr. Elmer G. Brugler, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, spent the holidays with his mother and friends in Bloomsburg.

Messrs. Henry Barton and T. D. Robbins, of Lime Ridge, were in town on business on Friday.

Thos. Gorry Jr., who is attending lectures in Pharmacy in Philadelphia, is with his parents for a few days.

Alinas Cole, of Derr's, was in town last Thursday. He is an old resident of Greenwood, and one of our old subscribers.

Hon. Thos. Chalfant of Danville, spent a few hours with Bloomsburg friends on Tuesday.

Mrs. William Leverett is spending this week at home. Mr. Leverett was here on Christmas, and will also spend next Sunday here.

H. D. Manning has been visiting his brother, William H. at Brighton, New York, where the latter is an extensive and successful nurseryman.

Kent Hosler, son of Deputy sheriff W. N. Hosler, spent Tuesday in town with his father. Kent is teaching school in Roaring-creek township.

Benjamin Wagner of Newlin spent a few hours in town on Monday, and will read his newspaper for the coming year, knowing that it is paid for.

B. F. Brobst of Hemlock was in town with a load of nice apples on Saturday. He made arrangements to get the "World" twice a week, with this paper, while here.

Prof. Noetting will spend the holidays at his home in Selinsgrove, Pa. Will return to resume his duties at the Normal on January 1st, 1895.

Geo. Masteller of Hemlock township took time on Friday to drop in our office and pay us a friendly call. He will read his paper for a whole year in advance without fear of being dunned for it.

Cyrus Robbins, of Asbury, was a visitor at this office on business on Saturday. Being of quiet disposition and affectionate nature, he sadly mourns the recent loss of his loving wife.

Dr. A. Graydon sent out some very neat holiday greetings to his friends on Monday. They were photographs including his residence, a scene on the canal and the world's "Holiday Greetings," and were his own work.

Ben. Vannatta, Morris Broadt, Herve Furman, Harry Wilson, Frank Derr, Boyd Furman, Henry Knorr, Thos. Moore, Will L. Crist, Willie Rice and Howard Furman spent Christmas day with Danville friends.

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