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## BLOOM POOR DISTRICT.

WHAT THE STATEMENT SHOWS AS TO COST OF MAINTENANCE.

### Room for Retrenchment.

An examination of the statement of Bloom Poor District published in this paper, and a comparison with those of previous years shows that the number of paupers in Bloom Poor House in 1890, was 12; in 1891, 10; in 1892, 10; in 1893, 13; in 1894, 14; in 1895, 11; or an average of less than twelve for the past six years. To maintain these unfortunate people, it costs the taxpayers of the district over three hundred and fifty dollars for each inmate. Many an honest, hardworking man is compelled to maintain himself and a large family on a less sum than this, and in less comfortable quarters than the Bloom Poor House. We are not in favor of diminishing the comforts of life to the inmates, but we believe that the same comforts can be afforded at less expense.

The salaries paid last year were as follows:

Steward,.....	\$ 650.00
3 Directors,.....	300.00
Secretary,.....	100.00
Attorney,.....	100.00
Treasurer,.....	110.00
Auditors and Clerk,.....	30.00

\$1290.00

In other words, the cost of maintaining a home for eleven people, is one hundred and twenty six dollars per head in salaries alone. We do not pretend to say who has been getting too much pay, but that this aggregate is too much, is apparent. The law under which pay is allowed, reads as follows: "That the compensation of the treasurer, collector, steward, matron, physician and other officers or assistants shall be fixed by the directors, and the compensation of the directors shall be fixed by the Board of auditors at each yearly settlement for the next succeeding year." For some years past it has been customary for the auditors to allow the directors one hundred dollars per year, and then, as one good turn deserves another, the directors have kindly allowed the auditors each five dollars, though the law fixes the compensation of the auditors at \$1.50.

Let us make some comparisons. A member of the Bloom School Board is elected for three years and the third year he is elected either Secretary or Treasurer, and receives \$175.00, or an average of \$60.00 a year. The district embraces three school houses, over a thousand pupils, and twenty teachers, and requires frequent attention from the directors. The treasurer handles about \$14,000 a year. If \$60 a year is sufficient for a school director, why not for a poor director? The Sec. of the school district receives \$175 for three years' service on the board; the Secretary of the poor district gets \$315.00 in the same time. The treasurer of the school district receives \$175 for handling \$14,000; the treasurer of the poor district received \$110.00 for handling less than half that amount last year. The steward gets \$650.00 and a home for himself and family, and has no risks. If crops fail, his salary is paid just the same. The stock all belongs to the district so that if a horse or cow dies, it is not his loss. There is not a farmer in the county who would not like to secure the position, for it is better than he can do with his own land.

The Bloom Poor District has recently got into politics. There seemed to be quite a number of men who were anxious to serve the people as officers of this district, and it created quite a fight at the election. Back of all this is the simple fact that it is certainly a soft snap to help divide twelve hundred and ninety dollars as salaries for looking after eleven paupers, and that is what makes the scramble for the places.

The new board consisting of Wilson, Rhoades and Hagenbuch, was sworn in last Monday. They have it in their power to change the management of this district.

The case of Margaret O'Connor of Centralia against the Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Co. for damages sustained by reason of an injury to her spine on December 30th, 1892 at the Third Street crossing in Ashland, was settled at Pottsville last week, the Company giving Miss O'Connor a judgment for \$997.5. Miss O'Connor's Attorneys were Robt. Buckingham of this place and James Scarlet of Danville, both of whom were present at time of settlement and prepared to go to trial.

The county commissioners are busily engaged in delivering assessment books.

## A GREAT MAN HERE.

Mr. H. L. Hastings, of Boston, the greatest anti-infidel lecturer in America will visit Bloomsburg this week. Meetings have been arranged for him as follows: Wednesday night, Methodist church; Thursday night, Reformed church; Friday night, Lutheran church; Saturday night, Y. M. C. A. hall; Sunday morning, Baptist church; Sunday evening, Presbyterian church. Sunday afternoon meeting for men only, either in Court House or Opera House, when Mr. Hastings will lecture on, "The Mistakes of Moses," which is the favorite theme of Robert J. Ingersol. The music on this occasion will be furnished by the Male Choir and Y. M. C. A. orchestra. It will be the greatest meeting for men ever held in Bloomsburg. At Williamsport a few months ago, the Court House was too small to hold the men, who came out to hear this wonderful Speaker. Judges, clergymen, lawyers, doctors, journalists, mechanics and working men in general attended and declared the address of Mr. Hastings to be a most excellent effort. We expect crowds to attend every meeting while this man is here and a word to the wise is sufficient, that is, come early.

## A PASTOR SURPRISED.

The young folks of the M. E. Church arranged a surprise upon their pastor, Rev. F. B. Riddle, last evening in honor of his reappointment. The reverend gentlemen and his family were completely surprised. There were nearly one hundred guests and all were served an elegantly prepared supper. The evening was marked by social amusements and entertainment until a late hour. The young people who were instrumental in arranging the party deserves praise for the thorough manner in which they did their work.

Rev. Mr. Riddle greatly appreciated the spirit which prompted this gathering—*Renova News*.

## ANDREW SOLLEDER.

Another old and respected citizen has gone to his rest. Andrew Solleder died on Monday night at twenty minutes of nine, after a few days' illness. He was born in Munich, Bavaria, November 27, 1821, and came to this country in 1846. After living in New York and Lewistown, he came to Bloomsburg in 1852, and followed the business of shoemaker and dealer in shoe findings. Three children survive him, Sylvester, Peter and Lizzie, all of this town. The funeral takes place to-day at the Roman Catholic church, of which the deceased was a faithful member.

## THE POOR DISTRICT MUDDLE.

The situation in the Bloom Poor District steward fight is considerably mixed, but as nearly as can be learned it is about as follows:

The old board, before their term of office expired, appointed a steward, Peter Kline, by the votes of Hilday, Wilson and Larish. Subsequently they met and revoked this action and appointed another steward, C. H. Lee, by the votes of Larish and Wilson, and this after Kline had signed all the necessary papers. Thos. McBride, the old steward, was in possession of the poor house, and permitted Lee to move in. On the first of April, McBride and Lee were both in. Kline contended that the board had no power to revoke his appointment, and went out and demanded admission, but did not get in. He then applied to court.

This was the situation on Monday morning when the new board consisting of Hagenbuch, Rhoads, and Wilson were sworn in. They organized by electing Isaiah Hagenbuch, president; J. K. Grotz, treasurer; Thos. Webb, secretary, and W. H. Snyder, Esq., attorney. On Tuesday morning Mr. Snyder, Kline, the directors, and a couple of policemen, went out to the poor house, and arranged to have Kline's goods moved in under shelter, but the dispute as to who was the lawful steward was left for the decision of the court. The case was argued on Monday, and is now in Judge Ikeler's hands.

On Thursday morning Judge Ikeler filed his opinion, and decided against Kline. This leaves Lee in possession of the stewardship for the present, but there are likely to be some further developments.

L. Bernhard's jewelry store was moved last Saturday to J. Wesley Moyer's stationery store. It is nicely fitted up with cherry shelving and counter, and makes the neatest and most commodious room Mr. Bernhard has ever had.

## AN \$8,000,000 CONTRACT.

Joseph Hendler of Wilkes-Barre Secures the Contract for the Hudson Bridge Abutments.

Joseph Hendler, of Wilkes-Barre, has signed his name to a contract for furnishing the stone for the abutments for the Hudson River Bridge from New York to Jersey City.

The job is worth \$8,000,000 and may be doubled. Mr. Hendler has been in close conference with the New York men behind the scheme for several months, but it was not until Friday that the final arrangements were completed. The contract has, of course, yet to pass through Government inspection, and is subject to its approval. It is not definitely settled who will build the abutments of the New York side, though those interested in that end have decided that the stone selected for the New Jersey end must also be used on the New York side.

Mr. Hendler's quarry is a solid body of rock thirty feet high, forty feet deep and over a mile in length. As to the amount required for the job, Mr. Hendler says that 500,000 cubic yards or thereabouts will be used in laying the abutment on one side, but the amount will be doubled if he secures the contract on the New York end. According to his agreement with the company he must deliver at the New Jersey end of the bridge fifty cars of stone every day until the completion of the work. Each piece of stone must be cut to a certain design so that it can be lifted at once to its proper place on its arrival at Jersey City.

This work must be done at the quarry and it is estimated that it cannot be finished in less than five years. It will give employment to about five hundred stone cutters and about the same number of laborers. Mr. Hendler says that there are in Wilkes-Barre possibly fifty stone cutters, and this work will therefore bring to that city over four hundred more men capable of doing that character of work.

Mr. Hendler is well known here. He was the contractor who did the mason work for the River bridge.

## Nugent's Metropolitans at the Opera House

Those of our citizens who have not attended the entertainments now being given at the Opera House by above company are missing a rare treat. We have had companies here charging from 25c. to \$1.00 who could not compare with them, and prices are only 10 and 20 cents. Last night they presented East Lynne or the Elopement to a good house and all who attended were more than pleased. Miss Maude Miller as Lady Isabel made a strong impression. She has a charmingly sympathetic voice, and her actions are easy and natural. Mae Nugent was the life of the play, and as Miss Corney made a distinct hit. Mr. Frank Walcott and Mr. George Fiend, among the gentlemen were the best.

To-night Thursday, "Little Ferrit" will be presented, and banjo playing and singing and dancing specialties will be introduced. At the request of many ladies East Lynne will be repeated on Saturday afternoon and the price of admission will be only 10 cents; performance begins at 2:30. They are ladies and gentlemen of experience and it is the duty of our citizens to patronize such a company. Get your reserved seats now and fill the house.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

An adjourned meeting of the Town Council was held on Thursday evening, March 28th. President Drinker and members Knorr, Yost, Wilson, Sterling and Creasy present.

Secretary presented and read the financial statement for the past year.

On motion the report as read was adopted and directed that it be printed in the COLUMBIAN, *Republican and Sentinel*, after being audited.

No further business being brought up council adjourned.

The president and councilmen elect met at the Town Hall on Monday at 12 o'clock. S. C. Creasy was sworn in as president, by S. F. Peacock, notary public, and the members J. E. Wilson, Thos. Gorrey, G. M. Lockard E. M. Kester and W. F. Hartman were there sworn by the president. S. Knorr was not in attendance. They meet this week, Thursday.

## Sheriff's Sales Adjourned.

The sale of properties of H. H. Hulme, and W. J. Martin which were advertised by Sheriff McHenry for March 20th, were adjourned until April 6th, the former at ten o'clock a. m. and the latter at three p. m.

## BRIEF MENTION.

### About People You Know.

Mr. J. M. Shew of Light Street is on the sick list.

Carl Wirt came home on Friday to spend his Easter vacation.

Dr. J. G. Reifensnyder of Milton, spent Sunday in town.

Prof. I. W. Niles and family have gone to Wilkes-Barre to live.

Miss Dora Ringler is clerking at Snyder & Magee Co's store.

Mrs. Edward A. Rawlings is spending this week in Philadelphia.

W. D. Henkle has resigned his position in the "Sentinel" office.

Harry Hess, son of Reuben Hess, is collecting for the "Daily."

Mrs. Jane Brown now occupies the premises vacated by Harry Housel.

Miss Mary Frymire has completed her term of school teaching at Stillwater.

Mrs. Alfred McHenry of Benton was among the visitors to town on Thursday.

Ex-sheriff Samuel Smith of Stillwater came down on Wednesday, on business.

Dr. Purman has moved from Northumberland to the Barkley property on Main street.

Harry Housel has moved from the rear of the First National Bank to a house in Raiston's addition.

Elmer E. Brugler who has been studying Pharmacy in Philadelphia, has passed a creditable examination.

Thos. B. Hanly Esq., has moved his law office from Mrs. Ent's building to Peacock's building on Market square.

Hon. I. K. Krickbaum was in town on Saturday. So far as we can recollect, he is the only living ex-associate judge in the county.

Miss Louise Stulen, who has been visiting at her uncle's, Mr. E. C. Wells, for some weeks past, returned to her home in Athens, Pa. on Monday.

A. D. Brader of Centre township spent Saturday in town, and attended the committee meeting. He also found time to pay us a pleasant call.

Clerk C. M. Terwilliger was confined to the house several days last week with the grip. He is able to be at his post again, though not feeling well yet.

A petition has been circulated asking for the appointment of Carl Bernhard as a cadet at West Point. He would make an excellent soldier, and we hope he may get it.

Hon. W. T. Creasy was in town on Saturday. He says he is not sure about the passage of his bill limiting railroad fare to two cents a mile, as there is some opposition to it.

Commissioner J. G. Swank was one of the numerous victims of the grip last week, and was confined to his room at his hotel for several days. He went home on Saturday.

Miss Bessie Kuhn returned home on Monday evening, after an absence of about three months. She was visiting in Virginia, Washington, Philadelphia, and Mauch Chunk.

Geo. A. McKelvey has moved his residence to the J. Wagonseller property on North Main street, and N. J. Hendershott has moved from his farm to rooms over McKelvey's drug store.

We have received word from Mr. Charles E. Kelchner, who has attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, that he passed his examination all right, receiving good marks in every branch.

W. D. Beckley Esq., has returned from Danville Sanitarium much improved in health. He is delighted with the institution, and with the treatment he received. In thirty days he gained fifteen pounds in weight.

Col. A. D. Seely's many friends were glad to shake hands with him on Thursday. He has been sick for some time and this was his first visit to Bloomsburg in several months. We hope he may soon be restored to complete health.

Mr. I. J. Jamison, our valued assistant for the past year, has temporarily ceased work with us on account of ill health. We shall be glad to learn of his early improvement, and in case he does not resume his position with us, we can most heartily recommend him as a valuable man in any newspaper office. He is industrious, conscientious, strictly moral in every respect, and an able writer.

## BURGLARS.

Gidding & Co's clothing store was entered by thieves on Sunday night, and several hundred dollars worth of clothing stolen. They entered by prying open one of back windows. The night watchman discovered that the windows were open, and notified Mr. Gidding. A reward of \$50 is offered for the apprehension of the burglars.

## Democratic Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Democratic County Committee was held in the court room last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. There was a good attendance, only about one-fourth the districts not being represented. The meeting was called to order by Wm. Chrisman, Esq., chairman, and in the absence of C. A. Small, Esq., secretary, C. H. Dorr of Berwick, was made secretary pro tem. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers. On motion the old officers were re-elected unanimously. Wm. Chrisman, Esq., the efficient chairman, entering upon his fourth term in that capacity.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., April 2, 1895.  
J. M. Gidding & Co., ask your presence at their Spring and Summer opening next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 4th, 5th and 6th, day and evening.

## 3d Anniversary Sale

commences Friday, April 5th, and continues for 10 days.

## Special values in every department.

Friday from 10 to 11 a. m. Men's & Boy's Sweaters, blue, black and white, regular 25 and 50 cent kind at

## 9 CENTS EACH.

Only one to each purchaser.

Friday afternoon, Men's all wool suits, the \$8 and \$10—\$6.98.

Saturday, 10 to 11 a. m., knee pants, age 5 to 13, 9 cents each.

No more than two to each purchaser. Saturday afternoon, Men's all wool suits, black and blue cheviot, also steel mixture at \$4.98.

## J. M. GIDDING & CO.

Tambourines given away with children's suits.

Just think! Children's suits, 15c.

## OPENING THE SPRING SEASON.....

With flying colors at LOWENBERG'S, Bloomsburg's most popular clothing store. Popular because it is nearest to the hearts of the people. Because they are in a position to sell at lower prices than other firms. Never before have they been able to show such beautiful goods at such low prices. All our spring goods are new and we know we tell the truth when we say we show

## The Largest Line of New Spring Goods in Town.

Don't make a mistake. Here are but a few items that will make you save dollars at our store this spring: Men's nobby suits \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8.00. Men's fine black and fancy worsted, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$16.50.

## WOOLEN PANTS, \$1.75

Better ones for more money.

In our children's department we show a most beautiful line and the mothers know how we save them money. Prices lower than ever before. You ought to see the beautiful

## Children's Suits,

\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, and so on.

There is no doubt about it that the place to save money on

## CLOTHING, HATS AND FURNISHINGS,

IS THE

## D. LOWENBERG

Clothing House.

All the new shapes and shades in hats. Prices lower than elsewhere.

New Easter neckties just received.