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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The first meeting of the new town council was held in the town hall on Thursday evening, April 4th, President S. C. Creasy, and members G. M. Lockard, Thos. Gorrey, J. E. Wilson, W. F. Hartman, E. M. Kester and S. Knorr, being present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Building permits were presented and granted as follows:

To C. M. Drinker for addition to his house on Third St.

To L. C. Cronin for house on Leonard Street.

To Peter Jones for privilege to move a house through the streets from First Street to Port Noble.

President Creasy addressed the council on matters pertaining to the town government, incidentally touching on the police force, a new charter, the park, Oak Grove, fire alarm, finances, bawdy houses and gambling dens, milk inspection, tearing up streets for sewer, water &c., Ringrose case, new streets, building permits, &c.

Matter of salary of officers was taken up and, on motion, Secretary's salary was fixed at \$20 per month, same as before.

Treasurer's commission was fixed at 1 per cent. on all moneys paid out, excepting on new issue of bonds, if any, on which the commission shall be one-half of 1 per cent.

Salary of chief of police fixed at \$40 per month and clothes, same as before.

Salary of one policeman in each ward (four in all) to be \$5 a month.

Commissioner of Highways to receive \$1.75 per day same as last year.

Laborers \$1.25, single team \$2.00, double team \$3.00, same as before.

Retaining fee of Solicitor to be \$25, same as last year.

The President appointed the following committees:

Highways—
J. E. Wilson, Stephen Knorr and Thos. Gorrey.

Light and street Railway—
W. F. Hartman, G. M. Lockard and J. E. Wilson.

Finance—
Geo. M. Lockard, W. F. Hartman and Stephen Knorr.

Fire and water—
Thos. Gorrey, E. M. Kester and G. M. Lockard.

Board of Health—
E. M. Kester, W. F. Hartman and G. M. Lockard.

Sanitary committee—
I. W. Hartman, Dr. Harter and Dr. Bruner.

Sewer—
W. F. Hartman, S. Knorr and E. M. Kester.

The following persons were nominated for secretary: F. P. Vanderlice, Edward Ent, O. H. Yetter and R. H. Ringler. A communication from C. H. Moore was read, in which he asked for the position of Secretary, Town Engineer and Street Commissioner, consolidated, at a yearly salary of \$800; or he would accept any two positions or that of Engineer if Council does not think proper to consolidate. By this system the Town would probably save about \$60 a year.

After some discussion it was decided to proceed with the vote for secretary, Lockard and Knorr voting no.

A vote was then taken for Secretary, resulting in one vote each for Vanderlice and Ent and four for Ringler, and the latter was declared elected.

For Treasurer, J. H. Maize, the present incumbent was nominated and elected without opposition.

For the office of Chief of Police there were four applicants, Wesley Knorr who has served for the past year, Wm. Thomas who served two years, Albert Herbine and Harry Housel. Wesley Knorr was elected by the votes of Wilson, Gorrey, Hartman, Knorr and Lockard. Kester voted for Thomas and Creasy did not vote.

The salary of Town Constable was fixed at \$50 a year, and Daniel Laycock elected to fill the position without opposition.

Policemen were appointed as follows: First Ward, Theodore Smith; Second Ward, Frank Baum; Third Ward, Francis Drake; Fourth Ward, John Fry.

For town engineer J. C. Brown and C. H. Moore were nominated. Brown was elected by a vote of 4 to 2.

For town solicitor, Wm. Chrisman, T. J. Vanderlice, R. R. Little and J. G. Harman were nominated. After several ballots the vote stood Little 4, Chrisman 1, Vanderlice 1, and Mr. Little was declared elected.

The following nominations were made for Commissioner of Highways: O. B. Hoffman, Harry Williams, John Cadman, David Fisher, C. W. McKelvy, Peter Billmeyer, Chas. Housel, Levi Cox, Wm. Bidleman and John

Stiner. After twenty nine ballots C. R. Housel was elected, the vote standing 3 for Housel, 3 for McKelvy. The President cast the deciding ballot for Housel.

S. Knorr was elected vice President. Henry Humphrey was appointed Building Inspector for the ensuing year. After attending to some other matters, the meeting adjourned until Monday night, April 8th.

Council met on Monday night, pursuant to adjournment, the President and all the members present but Kester. Mr. Creasy stated that there was on hand \$199.47 of the Stroup fund, which is ready for distribution among the worthy poor, under the will of David Stroup. He has also received \$8.00 for show licenses.

Rescue H. & L. Co., appeared by a committee to inquire about the appropriation of \$50. Referred to committee on fire and water.

Warren Eyer renewed his proposition to make two maps of the town, with all additions since the old one was made, for \$200, or one for \$150. It met with favor, but was laid over for the present. The only official town map was made in 1870.

Geo. E. Elwell presented a bill for balance due on Ringrose paper book, \$32.20. Laid over until a regular meeting.

Gorrey and Wilson moved that the Resolution of Council passed April 5, 1894, entitled "By Law repealing the amendment to By Law 10" be and the same is hereby rescinded; and the amendment as passed Oct. 29, 1891, be and the same is hereby reenacted." Passed unanimously. This places the control of the Street Commissioner in the President and Committee on Highways, instead of in the President alone.

The abandonment of Seventh street by the Bloomsburg Belt Railroad was discussed, and referred to the solicitor, as was also the matter of Oak Grove Park.

Night watchman A. V. Hower was appointed special policeman, and pay for watching town hall fixed at \$1.00 per month. Adjourned to April 18th at 7:30 o'clock.

THE ELEVATOR WORKS.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. April 6, 1895.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN:

I would like to say a word in behalf of one of Bloomsburg's latest industries, namely, the Penn Elevator Works. I have just completed a three story block of two store rooms and four ware rooms, in which Mr. E. T. Long, my employer, had two of the Penn Elevators placed, to the perfect satisfaction of the Architect and owner.

Thomas Podmon, Architect, and S. J. Strauss owner. It is simple in its construction, and yet perfect in its work.

I have had considerable experience in elevators myself, but must confess that the Penn takes the prize for simplicity. It is rapid, yet perfectly safe, simple yet powerful. The work was executed in seventeen days, by Ira C. Seiple and H. C. Rulon, two expert young men in that line who won lots of esteem in this place. Bloomsburg can certainly feel proud of such industries as this.

S. D. HASSLER.

SONG SERVICE.

The Y. M. C. A. will have a Service of Songs, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, for men only. Each church will be represented on the program, with its very best selection of Easter music. By this arrangement those who attend this service will have the privilege of hearing the very best from each church. Something they cannot secure in any other way. On the occasion of the last Song Service men were turned away, and as this promise to be even more interesting those who want standing room inside must go early. The Y. M. C. A. orchestra will be on hand to lead in the congregational singing, which will be an attractive feature.

WENT TO WILKES-BARRE.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Wilkes-Barre gave an entertainment at the 9th Regiment Armory in that city last Friday night. The programme consisted of music and gymnastics. A number of Bloomsburg men participated, including Messrs. Aldinger, Brower, Hummer, Harrar, Cohen, Henkel, Worthington, Low, Stauffer, Thomas, Cherrington, Smethers, Eckroth, Snyder, O'Donnell, Stevens, Fassett, and Marvin. They report that the occasion was a pleasant one.

Never let a chance go by, don't miss "OLE'S LUCK."

BLOOM POOR DISTRICT.

One of the Auditors turns on more Light.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN:

Dear Sir,

Your article of last week was timely as throwing some light on the Poor District business. But not quite satisfactory, as more light is needed.

Your quotation from the law in regard to the matter is no doubt correct except as to the compensation of the auditors. Please look again and see if the auditor's fees are not fixed by the act at one dollar per day. You say that, "For some years past it has been customary for the auditors to allow the directors one hundred dollars per year." A little explanation seems to be needed in regard to this fixing of compensation. The facts seem to be that a board of auditors some years ago was worked up to the point of granting to the directors one hundred dollars as salary, and after that each succeeding board of auditors was made to believe that the law fixed the salary at that sum, and that the auditors had no control over the matter, and so it has run on.

The question of directors' compensation was raised at last audit, and was disposed of by the statement from one of the directors that the law fixed it, and the auditors—or at least part of them knowing no better, took it for granted. But we find the law says "the compensation of the directors shall be fixed by the board of auditors at each yearly settlement for the next succeeding year." Now since this has not been done, what is the position of the directors in regard to salary for this year? The last campaign for the directorship, and the doings since make it clear that reform is needed. If the directors were paid something less than a hundred dollars the scramble for the place would not be so lively. While the question is before the tax payers of the district let the investigation go on until all the abuses that have crept in are laid bare, then hold the proper parties responsible for the correction of the same.

Yours truly
A. P. YOUNG.

Some of the salaries of the Bloom Poor District officers have been gradually advanced. In 1870 Dr. J. R. Schuyler and J. A. Funston received fifty dollars each as directors, but they received some additional pay as secretary and treasurer. From that time to 1884 the pay of directors was \$75.00 and that of the secretary \$50.00. In 1884 the secretary's salary was advanced to \$75. In 1888 the directors and secretary received \$81.25, and in 1889 it was raised to \$100 all around. Singularly enough, it does not appear by the published statements, that the auditors ever performed the duty imposed upon them by law, namely, the fixing of the compensation of the directors at each yearly settlement. They have followed the same form year after year, almost verbatim, and their attention was probably never called to the fact that they were to fix the salaries of directors. This is a duty that should no longer be neglected.

Arbor Days Appointed.

The Governor has issued a proclamation fixing Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 27, as Arbor Days. The Governor says: "Our citizens can do much to repair the losses we have sustained in the deforestation of the mountain regions of the State by the faithful observance of the day in the year set apart for the purpose of planting trees. To ornament the public school grounds and make them more attractive, to protect and add to the comfort of the traveler upon the public roads by the shade of trees, and to preserve the shores and banks of the great rivers and smaller streams of our State by the planting of trees upon them, are objects worthy the attention of everyone who has an eye for the beautiful or a regard for the useful."

Easter Services.

There will be services at St. Paul's Church on Easter Sunday at 6:30 and 10:30 a. m. and 7 o'clock in the evening. Rev. Mr. Kay of the Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia will officiate. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining a clergyman at this season, and the uncertainty as to whether there would be any services, no special music has been prepared by the choir.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Lutheran Church will hold an after Easter Tea, at the house of Miss Ida Herring on East Street, Friday evening, April 19. Price of lunch 25 cents. Ice cream and cake extra.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

George Lemon has moved from Welliversville to Bloomsburg.

S. C. Volney's post office address has been changed from Nescopeck to Nanticoke.

Jere Berger has changed his post office from Iola to Millville.

Harry Townsend has moved into a house of Dr. Robbins on Market Street.

John Beagham, formerly of this town, has moved from Jersey Shore to Birmingham, Florida.

M. P. Lutz and family went to Beach Haven on Thursday to attend the wedding of Miss Lizzie, daughter of Frank Brockway.

Daniel Singly and son Levi of Beaver Valley were in town one day last week, on business. Daniel is eighty-one years old, and is still hale and hearty.

Hon. C. R. Buckalew has been quite ill for a couple of months. On Monday he was removed from the Exchange Hotel to the residence of his son-in-law, L. E. Waller Esq.

A. W. Drescher of Raven Creek spent Saturday in town on business. He brought with him his interesting seven-year-old boy, who took his first ride on the cars, and made his first visit to the county seat on that day.

Judge Ikeler and Revenue Collector Herring attended a reception to Governor Hastings given by the Ross Club of Williamsport on Saturday evening. Mrs. Herring accompanied her husband to Williamsport.

A singular case of superstition affecting several hundreds of people appeared at Scranton, on Monday. Some time ago a woman mind reader predicted that there would be an explosion in the Saquoit Silk Mills, by which a hundred of the girls employed there would be killed. When the prediction was made public it created great consternation among the operatives of the mill, and as Monday was the time fixed by the mind reader for the explosion to take place the hands went to work in the morning with great misgivings. The terror of the explosion that they expected to take place proved too great and 600 girls quit work almost as soon as the mill opened. The dread of the impending explosion spread to the hands at work in the Meadowbrook Silk Mill, the Harvey Silk Mill and a button and woolen factory near by, and 700 hands from these establishments quit work for the day, making a total of 1,300 people who lost a day's wages by the silly prediction of a charlatan.

The smallest sum ever realized by a Sheriff's sale in Lancaster county was that just received from the sale of the personal property of Isaac Walton, of Mount Nebo. A few years ago he was a prosperous merchant, but a series of misfortunes ended in financial ruin. At the sale just held only the neighbors were present, and these refused to bid against Mrs. Walton. The Sheriff first offered the goods at their supposed value in dollars, finally dropping to cents, and in the end Mrs. Walton bought in everything for thirty-one cents.

"Ole's Luck" was presented for the second time this season, at the People's Theatre last night, to an audience that completely filled the house. Of the play we will have to repeat what we said the forepart of the season. It is the best Swedish play that has ever appeared in New York. The Company, headed by that clever Comedian and Singer, Mr. Richard T. Brown, is stronger than when first seen here.—New York Herald, January 7th.

At the Bloomsburg Opera House, Friday, April 12.

The B. & S. R. R. will put into effect April 15th a new time table running 3 passenger trains each way during the summer season.

A passenger car will be run on the freight both ways between Bloomsburg and Orangeville. Train leaving Bloomsburg at 6.10 A. M. will make close connections with C. P. & W. at Orangeville for Millville. This will enable patrons to reach Millville and return same day.

Mrs. John Scott of Plymouth died Monday morning of pneumonia. at the advanced age of 78 years. She is survived by a husband and two daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Dr. Carey of Benton. The funeral took place on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains were taken on the 11:47 D. L. & W. train to Catawissa for interment.

The firm of M. J. and G. W. Hess has been dissolved, and Geo. W. Hess has taken possession of the Exchange Bakery. John Sterling's services are retained for the present, by the new proprietor.

James Scarlet Esq. has purchased a property in Danville from the Frick estate, and has moved into it with his family.

Confirmation Suits.

Busy as Bees

Last Friday saw this store a regular busy body. Do you wonder? Those Men's and Young Men's all wool Suits at

\$4.98

An instance of how we're selling goods all through the store. Friday and Saturday two more special days

Don't let those Boys' all wool knee pant Suits with extra pants at \$2.48 slip your mind.

They're here now. Can't tell how long they will be though.

J. M. GIDDING & CO.

Easter Neckwear on sale.

Tambourines given away with children's suits. Just think! Children's waists, 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 neckwear just received.