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NO 17

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

An adjourned meeting of the town council was held on Thursday evening, 18th inst., all the members present. Mrs. Oberender appeared and requested Council to take steps to abate the nuisance in the alley near her premises on Catharine St.

C. W. McKelvy was authorized to renew the insurance on Town Hall when the old policy expires on May 15th.

Building permits were asked for as follows and taken under consideration by the President: James Rauch for house on West Third St.

Geo. Lemon for house on the Armstrong addition.

Dr. Harter for house on Seventh Street.

The following permits were granted; To Paul E. Wirt for retaining wall and house on First St.

To N. J. Hendershott to unload stone and sand in front of his drug store building for the purpose of repairing in the rear.

To Dr. Arment for addition and porch to house on Fifth St.

Dr. Harter also asked Council for permission to establish a new curb line in front of his East Street residence, so as to run the water off better &c. This matter was referred to Committee on Highways.

Mr. Wilson spoke of a crowd of young fellows who congregate on the street corners at night, especially on the corner of Third and Market streets, and requested Council to instruct the officers to use strict measures to disperse the crowd.

Complaint was made of a nuisance on the premises of B. F. Taylor, corner West and third, caused by rubbish and offal. Council ordered that such places be cleaned up and all ash piles and other accumulations hauled away out of the alleys without further notice or delay.

Town Treasurer J. H. Maize appeared and presented his bond in the sum of \$15,000 with Grant Herring, F. W. Redeker and C. H. Campbell as sureties. The bond was accepted.

Solicitor Little stated that in the matter of the Belt Line RR, on Seventh street, he saw Mr. Rhawn one of the attorneys for the Railroad Co., and he said the rails would be taken up and the street left in good condition in due time, and that the Committee on Highways could be on hand and superintend the work. Mr. Little suggested that the work be done before May 1st. As to the Oak Grove matter he was not ready to report at present.

C. C. Peacock, by request of Paul E. Wirt, presented a release for a certain piece of ground to be used as an alley near his place on First street and also an Ordinance vacating the old and making the new alley. Gorrey moved and Wilson seconded that the ordinance be accepted, providing Mr. Wirt pays for publishing the same. Carried.

Mr. Peacock further stated that he would like to have the sewer extended from Jefferson street to Railroad. Referred to Committee on sewers.

Samuel Thomas asked permission to raise his pavement on East street. Referred to Committee on Highways.

C. B. Ohi and others entered complaint about a lot of boys who congregate under the electric light out East street almost nightly and insult people as they pass.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the street Commissioner change about in employing laborers and not keep the same ones on all the time.

G. M. Lockard, chairman of Finance Committee, handed in their report.

The report was lengthy, and we do not give it in full, but the following is a summary statement of the probable liabilities and the probable assets of the town for the current year at a nine mill rate:

SOURCES OF ASSETS:—

Licenses for shows.....\$ 205.00

Over due duplicates \$5968.00

Fines..... 8.00

Sewer attachments..... 16500.00

Taxation..... 1240.00

From issue bonds..... 1240.00

Liquor licenses..... 1240.00

Due from former street opening.....\$642.71

\$17,945.00

LIABILITIES:—

For highways.....\$3280.03

Sewer..... 1102.00

Fire department..... 225.00

Town Hall..... 225.00

Printing..... 175.00

Miscellaneous..... 1000.00

Police and Constable..... 900.00

Salaries..... 425.00

Street light..... 4350.00

Interest on bonds..... 1400.00

Interest on coupons..... 199.62

Bonds maturing..... 3095.00

Water expenses..... 1050.00

\$17,466.00

The above statement don't include the outstanding town orders \$11,412.50 Nor orders which have not been issued..... 1000.00 \$12,412.50

The Finance Committee, in order to inform the Council of the probable amount of money which will be required for the use of the town during the current year, present the following report and recommendations:

1st. That prompt provision be made for the prompt and speedy payment of all debts contracted by the present Council for labor on highway repairs, and the current expenses of the town including water, street lighting, sewer extension, police services, salaries, printing, miscellaneous, etc., and that no orders be issued for such unless funds shall have been furnished for their certain redemption on demand.

2nd. As to the indebtedness of the town as evidenced by outstanding orders, whether bearing interest or not, or of any other kindred indebtedness, that the same be provided for (if there is no legal hindrance) by an issue of bonds bearing a low rate of interest, the proceeds of which shall apply to such former municipal indebtedness. (Such action can however be delayed for some time) this recommendation has reference to damage cases that are pending or in litigation now.

That all moneys received for the town shall be itemized and entered under the head from which it is collected from and not estimated.

3rd. That the money receivable during the year shall as nearly as may be, appropriated for current expenses, mentioned in the first recommendation, the payment of interest on present bonded indebtedness, and to such other public improvements as may be obtained by the present Council. The lowest rate of taxation consistent with an economical administration of the town's affairs.

4th. Should the Council ordain the opening of new highways, involving large amount of indebtedness for the improvements as a permanent matter, provision should be made by an issue of bonds or by an extension of time for the payment thereof, rather than have such consideration to enter into the fixing of the tax rate for the current year.

5th. The present indebtedness of the town including the floating indebtedness that is represented by outstanding orders aggregates over (\$50,000) fifty thousand dollars, the assessed valuation of the town amounts to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) so that the indebtedness exceeds already the limit prescribed by the Constitution, and the present Council even if in contemplating increased expenditures by street opening and other required improvements will find itself embarrassed, because of the prescribed limitation of indebtedness, and the Committee on Finance therefore would also recommend to the Council a submission to the vote of the people, to increase the rate of per cent. on the bonds to obtain necessary funds to carry on the requirements of the question of an increase of indebtedness and liquidate the floating debts. Or in other words, to take in consideration the propriety of an increased indebtedness with a proper limitation.

The President complimented the committee and said it was the best report the Council had probably ever had.

Tax rates were proposed as follows: Gorrey 7 mills, Knorr 8 mills, and Kester 9 mills.

President Creasy, who had visited Shichshinny, spoke of the Electric Light plant there and was very favorably impressed with the way the Town run the plant and obtained good light at a very low cost.

On motion of Gorrey and Knorr the Committee on Fire and Water is instructed to meet the Water Co., and see if the Town cannot get a reduction for water for fire protection.

Board of Health is directed to notify H. C. Hoofnagle to remove nuisance such as manure, &c from his lot between East and Catharine Sts. Same to be done within five days.

M. C. Woodward, the old tax collector, is to be notified that he must settle his duplicate at once.

Adjourned.

Within 60 or 90 days the Shamokin—Mt. Carmel Electric Railway company will put on its line a special car that will be used for express. The car will be a large one, of two 100 horse power, and will be run every two hours from 6 o'clock p. m., between Shamokin and Centralia.

T. H. B. Lyon of Mahanoy City, has been appointed Judge of the Orphans' Court of Schuylkill county, by Governor Hastings.

## REV. W. O. LEVERETT.

If the congregation of St. Paul's Church can procure a rector who will fill the place of Rev. W. C. Leverett, whose resignation took effect on the 15th inst. they will indeed be fortunate. Mr. Leverett came here in December 1886, being called here from Carlisle, where he was rector of the church for twenty years. He found St. Paul's church with a debt resting upon it. This was soon paid, and since then the church tower has been completed, a chime of bells placed therein, a Parish House erected, the interior of the church painted, decorated and refurnished, cement pavements laid around the entire property, a vested choir organized, and the congregation considerably increased. He leaves the parish with practically no debt upon it. The bells, the tower, the Parish House furniture, and the new chancel windows were supplied through the liberality of individuals, and the remaining improvements have been made by the efforts of the general congregation, inspired by the rector. Perfect harmony has prevailed and the ill health that led Mr. Leverett to tender his resignation is universally regretted. He is a man of great tact, of culture and education, and was always ready to meet every emergency that might arise, and to settle every question in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. He has had the love and respect of all his people, and of the entire community. His pleasant greeting and hearty handshake for young and old, whether of his own church or not, with his many other charming characteristics, have made him very popular with all who know him. His manner of conducting the service is dignified and impressive, and his preaching is earnest and comes from the heart.

In the Diocese Mr. Leverett has filled responsible positions. He has been President of the Standing Committee for twelve years; has been several times elected one of the clerical deputies to the General Convention; has been Archdeacon, and in other ways his ability and worth have been recognized.

He and his estimable wife and family have determined to make Bloomsburg their home, and about May 1st. will remove from the Rectory to Normal Hill. They will undoubtedly find that their lot is cast among friends, for the services they have one and all rendered, and the influences that they have exerted in the parish and in the town, will ever be gratefully remembered.

## ANTI-TOXIN CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Anti toxin was used for the first time in this section, by Dr. Bierman in the case of Mabel, the five year old daughter of H. G. Supplee, on Sunday, the 14th inst. The child had an undoubted attack of diphtheria, and was growing worse, and as the Doctor considered her recovery doubtful he obtained the consent of the parents to use anti-toxin. The first hypodermic injection was given at noon, when the temperature was at 101. In two hours it rose to 102, and in the evening it had fallen to 100. The membrane began to loosen and come off, and the child rapidly improved. On Saturday she was practically well. The result of this test is certainly very satisfactory.

## THE LOAFERS MUST MOVE ON.

On Sunday evening Constable Laycock patrolled the vicinity of Third and Market, and compelled the gangs of men and boys that have been accustomed to gather there, to "move on." These crowds of loafers at that corner, and at the First National Bank, especially on Sunday nights, are an intolerable nuisance, and it is to be hoped that the town authorities have taken hold of the matter in earnest. The experiment has been tried before, but never with success, as the crowds leave one corner and at once locate on another. There is an ordinance prohibiting the gathering of such gangs on the streets, and a few arrests for its violation would have a very healthy effect. This will surely be done, unless it can be broken up by the police.

The following letters are advertised April 23, 1895. J. W. Campbell, Mr. J. R. Cressinger, Miss Annie Hennessy, New York Ansto Co., Peter Walter, Mr. Charles Whitmeyer. Will be sent to the dead letter office May 7, 1895.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

A stranger hired a horse and buggy of Winner & Derr last Saturday, saying he would return on Sunday afternoon. He has not returned yet, and no definite trace has been found.

## BRIEF MENTION.

### About People You Know.

F. M. Kelley is visiting his mother and sister.

Col. John Jameson spent Sunday in town with his family.

Thos. E. Harder of Catawissa, has been granted a pension.

J. J. McHenry was in town a few hours on Saturday.

W. Yeager of Roaringcreek, was in town on Wednesday.

Daniel Morris of Locust had business in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Nathan Tubbs of Benton, was a recent caller at our office.

S. D. Neyhard spent the past week in New York city on business.

W. H. Magill Esq., has been elected Solicitor for Benton borough.

Congressman M. H. Kulp spent Tuesday night in town as the guest of F. M. Kelly.

F. T. Gallagher, the sign painter and decorator, made a business trip to McKeesport recently.

O. W. Ent spent Sunday at home, and occupied his place in the vested choir at St. Paul's Church.

William H. Sears, formerly employed by J. G. Wells, is now engaged in the optical business in Wilkes-Barre.

Commissioner J. G. Swank is still confined to his bed by illness. At last reports he was slowly improving.

Mr. P. K. Kikendall of Berwick, spent last Saturday in Bloomsburg. He is one of those who always pays for his paper in advance.

George U. Hughes of Lime Ridge, is another man who never gives the editor a chance to dun him. He always pays in advance.

Rev. Mr. Kirkby who officiated in the Episcopal Church on Sunday, is an assistant minister at Grace Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and is a son of Archdeacon Kirkby of Rye, N. Y. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Meigs during his stay here.

## CASPER THOMAS UNDER BAIL.

The result of the habeas corpus hearing before Judge Ikeler last Thursday, in the case of Casper I. Thomas for the killing of Walter Hayes, was that the defendant was held to bail in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at court. Josiah Ralston, W. H. Gilmore, C. S. Thomas, J. R. Fowler and I. D. White became his bondsmen.

At the hearing, District Attorney Hanley represented the commonwealth and Messrs. Little and Robison the defendant. Dr. Gardner testified to the character of the wounds on the body, and stated that if the artery in the leg had been pressed so as to stop the flow of blood within three minutes after Hayes was cut, his life could have been saved. He was dead in six minutes after he was stabbed.

Frank Miller, one of the coroner's jurors, testified to the statement made by Thomas before the coroner, and Harry Kline told about hearing calls for help, and finding Hayes dead in front of the jail. Counsel for the defendant asked that he be discharged, but Judge Ikeler said it would be very hasty action to discharge him the next day after the killing occurred; that Hayes was killed after dark, with no witnesses present, the only direct evidence being that of Thomas himself. Human life is too sacred to be treated lightly, and the case ought to be investigated by a jury.

Some people thought that Mr. Thomas should have been discharged, but the only question raised by the habeas corpus was whether the prisoner could be admitted to bail or not. The court had no power to try the case on its merits, and acquit the defendant of the charge.

The funeral of Walter Hayes was held at Baker's undertaking rooms on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. P. A. Heilman. There was no singing, and in his remarks, based upon the text, "The way of the transgressor is hard," he addressed the living, and made no allusion to the deceased, nor to the cause and manner of his death. The body was buried in Rosemont, the only relatives present being a brother, and the wife whom Hayes deserted in Williamsport some time ago.

The Pennsylvania Teachers' Association has selected Mount Gretna as the place of its next meeting, on July 2, 3 and 4 next. It is an attractive place, easily reached and central. It is within an hour's ride of Harrisburg, Lancaster and Reading, and but a trifling distance from the flourishing town of Lebanon.

Col. J. G. Freeze was elected Senior Warden, and C. F. Knapp Junior Warden, by the Vestry of St. Paul's Church on Easter Monday evening, instead of vice versa, as announced in our last week's issue.

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