COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The Sheriff exposed the Elevator plant to sale at the Court House last Saturday and sold the same to C. W. Miller, attorney. The consideration was \$29,900.

ARGUMENT COURT.

Judge Metzgar of Williamsport held Argument Court last Saturday morn-

In the matter of Frank Billmeyer, trustee et al. vs. Wm. Neal et al. The court made the following order.

Now, Dec. 7, upon hearing of rule granted by the Sheriff, an issue is awarded to determine the title to the property in dispute, in which issue the claimant, C. W. Neal, Trustee and Executor shall be plaintiff and the execution creditors defendants, and 30 days is allowed the said claimant to file declaration and bond.

In the Conyngham Poor Director contest they allowed the amendment and bill of particulars asked for, and fixed Thursday, December 26th as time for argument.

The viewers for the Mifflin river bridge reported against the bridge.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION. The following letters of administration and testamentary have been issu-

ed by Recorder Ent during last week. In the estate of Clinton Ellis late of Catawissa deceased, to Harry Rutter. In the estate of Caleb Barton late

of Bloomsburg deceased to Thomas J. Barton and Dr. H. W. McReynolds. In the estate of Lloyd Rarig late of Roaringcreek township deceased, to E. M. Bitner.

In the estate of Chandler R. Eves late of Madison township deceased, to Jos. W. Eves. In the estate of Clinton Lewis late

of the township of Jackson to M. E. Stackhouse. In the estate of Delila Barton late

of Bloomsburg deceased, to C. W.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following deeds have been entered in the Recorder's office since those last published.

George Andrews and wife, to Mary Andrews, for tract of land in Locust Silas Conner, to William Hagenbuch,

for tract of land in Orange township. Thomas C. Lazaleas and wife, to Natalie Coal Co., for tract of land in Conyngham township.

S. C. Creasy and wife, to Sadie J. lones, for lot of ground in Blooms-

Lloyd S. Wintersteen et al., to I. W. McKelvy for lot of land in Blooms-

Caleb Barton et al., to S. C. Creasy for lot of land in Bloomsburg.

Wm. Eyer and wife, to Ita Robins, for tract of land in Greenwood town-

I. W. McKelvy Ex, to Mary L. Neal, for lot of ground in Bloomsburg. for lot of ground in Bloomsburg. C. E. Albertson, to S. H. Albertson

for lot of ground in Benton. J. P. Fritz and wife, to Margaret A.

Hess, for tract of land in Sugarloaf township. George Remly and wife, to S. A. Remly, for tract of land in Jackson

township. C. W. Hess and wife, to William Fritz for land in Sugarloaf township.

John Kester to Delian Kester, for tract of land in Pine township. Ralph Lashell and wife, to Austin B. Pifer for lot of land in Catawissa.

Lewis Thomas and wife to Kate P. Willits for tract of land in Montour township. James Dyke and wife, to Mary

Dyke for lot of land in Centralia. William H. Shuman, to Margaret A. Mensinger for tract of land in

Main township. Harman J. Hess, to Fishingcreek township school board for lot of land

in Fishingcreek township. Jackson and WoodinCo., to Miner Hartman, for land in Berwick. David R. Gordon, to John Benfield

for tract of land in Pine township. B. W. Jury, to George T. Crist for lot of ground in Bloomsbury.

Rachael Long, to Samuel Merkal for tract of land in Locust townihip.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. The following marriage licenses

have been issued by Clerk G. M. Quick since those last published. Neal Maust of Madison township,

township. Horace G. Pennington of Fairmount Springs, to Miss Sadie S. Werk-

bieser of Greenwood township. Harry Faust of the town of Bloomsburg, to Miss Ida M. Andy of the

same place. Albert Clews of the Borough of Centralia, to Miss Mary A. Lamb of

the same place. James P. Harnen of Centralia, to Miss Nora Curley, of the same place. David W. Drumheller, of Cata-wissa township, to Miss Emma M.

Betgar of Virginia. William A. Stewart of Bloomsburg, to Miss Martha Cotterman of the

same place. Eugene H. Baird of Ridgway, Elk County, to Miss Margaret M. Chil-

cote of Rohrsburg. David R. Eves of Millville, to Miss Frances Barber of McEwensville, Pa.

J. W. Creasy of Mifflin township, to Miss Lizzie P. Foulk, of West Burlington, Pa.

John Kitchen of Greenwood township, to Miss Ottie Eves of the same place. H. H. Kase of Fishingcreek town-

ship, to Miss Minnie Robbins of the same place. C. W. Alstetler of Main township, to Miss Lizzie Roach of Roaringcreek

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL.

December Monthly Meeting.—Bills Approved, Petitions Presented, and New Lights Ordered.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held at the City Hall last Thursday evening. They were late in organizing, and before the President came Mr. Lockard left, and the following members transacted the business, Creasy, Wilson, Gorry, Hartman, and Kester.

Mr. Creasy informed the Council that he was ill, and hence desired a short session, transacting such business only as was absolutly necessary, and defering the remainder for a special

The following bills were presented: Frank Baum, 4 nights extra

	Police	\$	5.00
1	extra		5.00
۱	Water Co., new hydrant		59.48
i	W. L. Demaree, lumber		26.94
d	Harman & Hassert, plates		12.30
ď	Water Co., 56 fire hydrants		88.34
	Car Co., iron and work		1.70
	S. Neyhard, moving stone		
2	crusher		6.00
	W. O. Holmes, work, ce-		
	ment, &c		1426
	E. J. Brown, sprinkling, June		
)	to October		10.00
	Wm. Ferguson, hauling, labor		
ŧ.	&c., on North street		155.40
	Wm. Ferguson, culvert Jef-		55.1
	ferson and hauling	- 3	74.30
	Wm. Ferguson, labor Jeffer-		14.0
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50.00 Ohl & Gross, stone North St. 60 00 Secretary one month..... 20.00

Regular Policeman one month..... On motion bills approved and Secretary directed to draw orders for same all except the Holmes bill which was laid over for investigation.

In the matter of widening and grading the Light Street road J. L. Richardson informed the council that all property owners along the same had signed a release of damages, with the exceptiou of Dr. Gardner who refused to sign it owing to the fact that the grading would interfere with the approach to his stable. He made the

following proposition to the Council.

That he would lower the floor in the said stable so as to bring it on grade with the street, and guaranteed that the cost would not exceed \$40. It might be less, in all events the Town would only be obliged to pay John M. Clark, assignee, to same the actual cost of the same. On motion the proposition was accepted

C. W. Neal desired the Council to accept the alleys and streets between Third and East Fifth streets. He said the object was to enable parties to get grade. Referred to Committee

on Highways for immediate action. C. M. Hess desired the extension of the sewer on West Third Street so as to connect with his property.

Referred to committee on sewers with power to act. The following building permits were

granted. G. T. Crist dwelling house on West Street. Dr. Redeker house and barn

on East Street. C. M. Hess house on West Third Street. W. S. Moyer representing the Sloan Estate, requested an extension of time for the laying of a pavement

along their property on Market Street. Upon motion it was granted. The Street committee was ordered to have the fountain put in order for

winter. Upon motion the Solicitor was instructed to prepare an ordinance in

regard to tramps. On motion of Wilson and Gorry and unanimously carried, it was ordered that the Solicitor draw an ordinance imposing a tax on non-resident hack

owners or drivers. In accordance with the report of the committee on light it was decided to place are lights at Third and Catharine, Ninth and Catharine, Fourth and Jefferson and Second and Barton Neal Maust of Madison township, streets. At this point, owing to the to Miss Sadie Mericle of the same illness of the President the Council

adjourned until Monday evening. The Committee on Highways reported that the culverts and filling on lefferson and North streets were completed. The cost of these streets so

far was as follows:	
JEFFERSON STREET.	
Building culvert	\$ 66.00
Hauling, teams etc	107.40
Plow points	.90
Labor	181.00
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Total	355-30
NORTH STREET.	
Building culvert	\$100.00
Hauling dirt	125.25
Labor	13.50
	241.75
	355.30

Total for both streets \$595.05

BIDDY'S CLOTERS-PIN LEG.

An Interesting Demonstration Concerning Heredity in the Ovipara-

"If there is one thing I despise more than another," remarked a gentleman the other day, "it is a man who does not regard the truth with sacred awe. I notice that the local papers are full of big egg, big pumpkin, and other stories of that sort that have little real merit in them, and I fear that some of them do not even have the redeeming virtue of being strictly true. I believe they are exaggerated. Now I have a story for you that is not only a good one, but it is true. What does a story amount to if it is not true? Any foo' can make up a lie. I hate a liar. Here is my story:

"I was down in Indiana County the other day and stopped at a farm house for dinner. After dinner I sat down on the porch to take a smoke. I saw an old hen hobbling about in a very awkward way, and I said to the farmer's wife:

"'Madam, what is the matter with

"That hen,' said she, 'is lame. It has an artificial leg.

'Oh, it has, has it?' "Yes, You know there was some very cold weather last winter, and one night the hen froze her leg off. I pitied her. I nursed her and doctored her up, and she finally got well. But she couldn't walk on one leg. So I just stuck a clothes pin on the stump of her leg, tied a string around it to hold it on, and she does very well with it."
"'Well, well, I said, if that isn't

"'Yes,' replied the good lady, with a smile, 'but that isn't the strange part of it.'

'No! "'No, indeed! The strange part of it happened afterward, and one would scarcely believe it, if one hadn't seen it with one's own eyes. This spring that hen with the clothes pin leg wanted to hatch. I didn't think she could. 'Fraid she'd break the eggs with her stump. But I kind o' pitied her, 'cause she was a cripple, and I put thirteen eggs under her. She stuck right to her business for three weeks and never broke an egg-hatched out every chick-

"'Well,' I said, 'that is not so re-

"'No,' replied the woman, 'that was not so very odd, but that isn't it. The funny part of it was that every one of those little chickens had a wooden leg!" -Punxsutawncy Spirit.

A Natural Kicker.

After breakfast, when half a dozen of us were settling our bills and making ready to take the 'bus for the depot, a man who had kept in the background stepped up to the desk and said to the landlord:

"Sir, you had a wretched supper last night!"

"I didn't hear any complaint," was the reply. "Sorry if you did not find things all right." "And it was a miserable room you

gave me, sir-a miserable room." "No. 45 is one of our best rooms, I wish you had spoken of it last night." "And it was a wretched bed, sir-the poorest bed I ever saw in a hotel!" "Is it possible! Why, it's a new half

"And, sir," pursued the guest, as he sawed the air with his right arm, "the breakfast, which I have just finished was an imposition—a meal which no ditch digger would be satisfied with." "You don't say!" gasped the land-lord. "If you are not satisfied, I am sorry, indeed. Under the circumstances

I will take nothing from you." "Sir! What is the amount of my

"Why, it would have been \$2.50, but under the circumstances-"Only \$2.50!"

"That's all, sir; but under the cir-"Sir!" shouted the guest as he straightened up, "I demand that you make my bill \$3. Yes, sir, and here is the money, sir, and I shall never stop at your house again as long as I live! The landlord looked at him and turn ed pale as he made several unsuccess

ful efforts to speak. Finally he managed to whisper: "For the land's sake, but what kind of a man are you, anyhow?'

'A kicker, sir-a natural kicker!" re plied the guest, "and your omnibus is now five minutes late, and if I miss the train I'll sue you for \$20,000 damages!"-Detroit Free Press.

'Twas a Fairy Tale.

"He-re" The genius drew a glittering object from beneath his cloak -is the wonderful lamp!"

Aladdin regarded it intently. "It's a beaut," he said, "but what's wonderful about it?" The genius bowed low.

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The next instant he vanished. On the following evening Aladdin used the lamp to light his way as he wheeled to where the beautiful princess awaited him, and before he had gone a block he knew that genius was a liar and the wonderful lamp was all it was not said to be.—The Wheel.

In Training. "What's the matter with Mabel?" asked the girl in blue. "I never see her in society any more."

"I think she has gone into training, replied the girl in pink. "Into training?" exclaimed the girl in

"Yes. I understand young Mr. Tillotson has jilted her and she is dieting In order to show the ravages of blight-ed affection when the time comes to sue him for breach of promise or something of that sort. Mabel is a very is the largest and Chicago Post.

"I don't yike you, Aunt Jennie," said Wilbur, after his aunt had interfered with some cherished idea he had in "An' if you don't let me alone I'll save up my pottet-money an' buy a tapir."

"A what?" asked his aunt.
"A tapir," said Wilbur. "An' tapirs'
they cats ants!" — Harper's Round

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