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LICENSE COURT.

The Court-room Crowded With Men and Women. The Application of Girton and Fowler Heard. Other business Transacted.

When Court opened Monday morning, the Court room presented a scene seldom, if ever witnessed. Every seat was occupied, and the aisles were standing full of men and women eager to hear and see all that was transpiring. The space within the bar was crowded with women, and as a consequence the members of the Court were obliged either to stand in the crowd or return to their offices. Before the licenses were taken up the following business was transacted. The license of George W. Sterner was transferred to W. A. Hartzell. On account of serious illness J. P. Hill of Jamison City, was granted six weeks in which to take up his license. In the matter of grading West Street. The exceptions that had been filed to the report of the viewers were withdrawn, and upon petition of Delilah Sterner new viewers were appointed.

Upon petition of Silas Moyer, a rule to show cause why he should not pay the interest in his hands, was granted against H. G. Supplee, Administrator of G. W. Supplee, former trustee of the fund.

In the estate of Rebecca Carman deceased. Petition of the administrator to perfect an article of agreement for the sale of land to Lafayette Keller granted.

In the estate of Hiram Martz deceased. A rule was granted returnable the second return day of next term against the Sheriff, and J. B. Lynch receiver to show cause why the Sheriff should not pay over the money in his hands to the petitioners. The Court stated that there was considerable question as to the election of Constables, and that he had been informed that at a previous term of Court he had said that the act of 1895 did not apply to the town of Bloomsburg as it was neither a township nor a borough, and hence it would not be necessary to elect constables this spring. That upon investigation he was satisfied that the act does cover and include the constables of Bloomsburg and it would be better to nominate and elect them at the next election. The Court stated that Judge Murphy could not arrive here until 11:00 o'clock, and hence adjourned Court to that hour. At the re-convening of the Court at 11 o'clock the crowd if anything was larger than at the other session. The license of Andrew Crow of Centralia, was transferred to William S. Hepler.

The Court at this time stated that there was too much laxity in the manner of keeping the ballot boxes after the election. "They are not properly cared for, and are improperly opened. The law requires that after the election the ballots shall be deposited in a box and sealed with the name of the officers sealing it, and taken to the nearest Justice of the Peace, unless some other place has been provided by the proper officers in which they shall be placed in the custody of some one named by the Court. That they shall not be opened by the next election board until after they have been sworn not to reveal how any one voted."

The application of J. L. Girton, for a hotel license was now taken up. He was represented by Fred Ikeler, O. B. Mellick and James Scarlet Esqs., while the remonstrance was in charge of Grant Herring and C. W. Miller Esq.

J. L. Girton, being sworn in his own behalf testified that he had been in the hotel business for a number of years and that the building in which he proposed conducting his business was supplied with all the modern conveniences and that he considered that it was necessary for the accommodation of strangers and travelers.

Upon cross examination he stated that his first license was issued in 1878 and business conducted in the building now occupied by Moyer Brothers. That at the expiration of one year the license was revoked by the Court. His next license was procured in 1880 and conducted in Mrs. Ent's building for three years, when the place was discontinued. The next one was granted in 1883 for the building in which Blue and Hedden are now located, where he remained three years, and in 1886 applied for, and procured a license for the hotel now conducted by Henry Deiterich. That he conducted said hotel six years and sold the same to Deiterich. The remainder of his cross examination was along the line as to how many licensed places there were already within a radius of 800 feet, and it was shown that there were twelve places at which liquor could

be obtained. There was considerable expression of feeling among the audience as to some of the testimony and the Court stated that unless this was refrained from and order maintained the hearing would be held behind closed doors.

Ralph Phillips testified that in his opinion another licensed place was necessary, and that the building in which Girton proposed conducting his business was well adapted for the purpose. That he had frequently heard complaints because the hotels did not afford sufficient accommodation.

Francis Drake testified that he was a policeman and considered that it was necessary that this license should be granted. That the applicant was a man of good moral character and that the house was suitable for the business. Mr. Herring put him, as well as all the witnesses, through a rigid cross examination and when the question was asked if he considered another place necessary in order to supply the public with drink they all hesitated before answering the question and finally said "they could not say."

Charles Krug testified substantially as the other witnesses with the exception that he considered it necessary to have another place to sell liquor.

On the part of the remonstrance Thos. Gorry was called who said he did not consider it necessary to have another place to retail liquor. There were six or eight places on Main Street now where it was sold. There is sufficient hotel accommodation now, never saw them overcrowded.

George Martin's testimony was substantially the same. John A. Funston said that he knew the premises for which the license was requested. Can not see the propriety of another licensed place in this town. Consider that every saloon interferes with a good hotel. There is sufficient accommodations now.

On cross examination he said that he did not go into the saloons, only saw their signs and the effects. He considered that a great injury was being done the poor people of the town by reason of the saloons. More than enough was spent in them to cover all that was given for charitable purposes.

W. C. Richart testified that he knew the place, and the applicant. That he did not consider another place necessary. He did not believe in the granting of any licenses. He thinks that the law authorizing the granting of licenses is a mistake.

The testimony of Jac Keller and David Armstrong was to the same effect.

The application of J. R. Fowler for a restaurant license in Bloomsburg was represented by Fred Ikeler and Robert Buckingham Esqs., and the remonstrance was in charge of C. W. Miller and James Scarlet. The first witness called was W. O. Holmes, who testified that he was acquainted with J. R. Fowler and the place he asked to be licensed. In answer to a question as to whether he thought another place was necessary in which to sell liquors he said he did not like to say it was.

Louis Lowenberg said that he was acquainted with J. R. Fowler and the place. That he was a man of temperate habits and good moral character, and considered it necessary that the place be licensed. He stated on cross examination that the place was located in the opera house. Don't think there is a rear entrance to the room.

F. P. Drinker testified that the reason the license was necessary was because there was only one good restaurant in the town.

Zebulon Shultz said that if a first class restaurant was conducted thought it would be necessary.

Charles E. Randall, testified that he was acquainted with J. R. Fowler and that he was a man of good moral character and considered that another good restaurant was necessary. He stood the cross examination of Mr. Scarlet very well was loaded with answers, in reply to his searching questions.

With this witness the applicant rested the case, and Mr. Scarlet called J. R. Fowler for cross examination. He described the place he proposed to have licensed together with its approaches and entrances. There was an attempt made by Mr. Scarlet to show that he was interested in a distillery. In regard to that he testified that he had no license from the Court. That he had whiskey in stock at the distillery. That he had not sold any since he filed his application, nor would he if he was granted this license. That there was no communication between the room proposed to be licensed and the opera house. E. C. Wells, F. C. Eyer,

John A. Funston, David Armstrong and others testified that there was no necessity for the place. This closed the evidence, and the Court said they would take the papers, and render a decision soon.

In Case of War.

In case President Cleveland's enunciation of the Monroe doctrine calls for a rally 'round the flag there are plenty of indications that there will be plenty of men to rally. Columbia County can put five full regiments in the field if necessary, and furnish officers for several other regiments. In fact we are strong in the matter of officers, and men can be found in every school district who are willing to bleed for their country as captains or colonels. The enrollment for military service in the different townships and boroughs is as follows:

Beaver	135
Benton Borough	79
" Township	122
Berwick, N. E.	
Berwick, S. E.	
Berwick, N. W.	531
Berwick, S. W.	
Bloomsburg, 1st Dist.	
Bloomsburg, 2nd Dist.	
Bloomsburg, 3rd Dist.	873
Bloomsburg, 4th Dist.	
Briar creek	182
Catawissa Borough	278
Catawissa Township	54
Centralia, 1st Ward	
Centralia, 2nd Ward	280
Centre	130
Cleveland	130
Conyngham, North	
Conyngham, West	
Conyngham, South	323
Conyngham, South E.	
Fishing creek	165
Franklin	68
Greenwood, East	
Greenwood, West	171
Hemlock	264
Jackson	105
Locust	125
Madison	135
Main	107
Millville Borough	86
Mifflin	143
Montour	85
Mt. Pleasant	97
Orange	128
Pine	97
Roaring creek	69
Scott, East	
Scott, West	186
Sugarloaf, North	
Sugarloaf, South	181
Total	5329

MARRIED FORTY YEARS.

Last Saturday was the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Kramer of Jerseytown, and their children determined that it should be celebrated in such a manner that they would have cause to remember it for several years. So they invited a large number of friends to help them celebrate the occasion. When the day for the festivities arrived nearly everyone invited was present, because they knew that a good time was in store for them at the pleasant home of the host and hostess. An abundant and splendid dinner and supper had been provided, which was heartily enjoyed by about forty persons. Among those from a distance were Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Brown of Washingtonville, Chas. Kramer, and W. H. Stevenson and wife of Lock Haven, Joseph Kramer and wife, Mrs. W. H. Kramer and son, and Harry Kramer and wife of Williamsport; Mrs. Daniel Ritter and daughter of Muncy, Wm. Kramer and wife of Bloomsburg, W. E. Kramer and wife of Milton, E. F. Johnson and wife of Harrisburg, Jacob Kramer and wife of White Hall.

One of the remarkable circumstances connected with their married life is the fact that this anniversary was held in the same house in which they commenced house-keeping forty years ago, and which they have continuously occupied.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Monday morning the residence of Robert Howell, in Mount Pleasant township was discovered on fire which was caused by a defective flue. In a short time it was, as they supposed extinguished, but some time afterwards it broke out again and the flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save the building. The dwelling together with all the out buildings were destroyed. The greater part of the furniture was saved. There was an insurance of \$900 on the building.

A Scranton Judge has ruled, that the clubbing of a husband over the head with an umbrella by his wife, is not sufficient grounds for a divorce.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

One of the largest and most orderly conducted caucuses ever held in this town met at the City Hall, Tuesday evening, when the Democratic party met to make their nominations for the ensuing election. It was attended by a large number of the business and representative men of the town. The meeting was called to order by Louis Lowenberg, and William Chrisman, Esq. was elected permanent Chairman, and W. L. Eyerly, Esq. Secretary. The first business was the nomination of candidates for President of Town Council. Dr. T. C. Harter and G. M. Lockard were nominated. J. D. Armstrong and Prof. W. C. Mauser were appointed tellers. The result of the vote was Lockard 80, and Harter 61 votes. Mr. Lockard was declared the nominee of the caucus for President of the Town Council. For members of the Town Council, the following were placed in nomination: Thos. Gorry, W. H. Housel, Charles Kunkle, Elias Furman, Stephen Knorr (who declined the nomination), and George W. Yost.

Warren Eyer and William Barret Jr. were appointed tellers, who subsequently announced that the vote was as follows: Gorry, 99; Housel, 60; Kunkle, 72; Furman, 53; and Yost, 68. Gorry, Kunkle and Yost were declared the nominees. For School Director—C. A. Kleim, W. H. Snyder and A. N. Yost were nominated. The tellers appointed were John R. Townsend and J. K. Bittenbender. The vote was Kleim 83, Snyder 76, and Yost 8. C. A. Kleim was declared nominated.

Constable—Wesley Knorr being the one person nominated, he was unanimously chosen as the choice of the caucus for that office.

Auditor—Considerable difficulty was experienced in the selection of persons for this office. A. L. Fritz, J. C. Rutter Jr., Wm. Krickbaum, and Dr. Redeker were nominated, and declined as fast as the nomination was made. Finally A. N. Yost and Peter Freeze were selected. This concluded the nominations so far as the caucus was concerned, and the chairman requested the voters from the several election districts to organize, and make their nominations for their election district officers. The result of their deliberations is as follows:

First election district—Judge of Election, Frank Ikeler, Esq.; Inspector, F. C. Eyer; Registry Assessor, W. E. Knorr.

Second election district—Judge of the election, John Welliver; Inspector, Samuel Pugh; Registry Assessor, F. P. Baum.

Third election district—Judge of the election, T. C. Harter; Inspector, Robert McBride; Registry Assessor, D. W. Weiss.

Fourth election district—Judge of the election, H. W. Gigger; Inspector, Peter Kehoe; Registry Assessor, Peter Jones.

A great missionary meeting will be held in the Lutheran church tomorrow evening, to be addressed by two representative ministers of the church—Rev. A. S. Hartman D. D. of Baltimore, Md., and Rev. S. B. Barnitz D. D. of Des Moines, Iowa. It is rarely that these two representative men appear before a local congregation. Their work is widely scattered and they seldom travel together.

Dr. Barnitz lives all over the great west. He visited the mission during the drought last year, and was the means of sending many car loads of provisions and clothing to their relief. He will speak of it this evening.

He has just come from the Pacific Slope and will have many interesting things to say about the land of oranges and flowers. Everybody is most cordially invited. Admission free.

The following are the officers of Theta Castle No. 276 K. G. E. for ensuing term:

S. W. Shutt,—Past Chief; John W. Lewis,—Noble Chief; Henry Knorr,—Vice Chief; J. L. Shoemaker,—High Priest; W. E. Shaffer,—Clerk of Exchequer; C. W. Funston,—Keeper of Exchequer; David Powell,—Sir Herald; John Fidler,—Worthy Chamberlain; E. H. Harrar,—Master of Records; J. W. Moyer,—First Guardsman; Geo. B. Edgar,—Second Guardsman; M. H. Bachman,—Esquire; H. R. Jones,—Ensign; Wm. G. Jones,—Venerable Hermit; Trustees—C. T. Hendershott, Geo. L. Moyer, W. E. Shaffer; Representative to Grand Castle—Jacob Shaffer.

The water main is being relaid on Light Street road.

Red Letter Prices

on every suit and overcoat in our store—to close out.

\$20.00 suits	- - - - -	\$15.00
15.00 " "	- - - - -	11.00
12.00 " "	- - - - -	9.00
10.00 " "	- - - - -	7.50

Overcoats at same prices.

Single pants—200 pair, English Worsteds, worth \$5 and \$6, at \$3.75.

97 pair English Scotch chevots, \$3.50 and \$4.00 kind, at \$2.50.

140 pair all wool cassimere in neat stripes and hair lines—regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 kind, at \$2.00

Lined dress and working gloves—heavy woolen shirts at reduced prices to close.

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REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

When W. D. Beckley Esq., called the meeting to order in the City Hall, Monday evening, a large crowd composed of some of the best men of the town were present. Prof. G. E. Wilbur was unanimously chosen as permanent chairman, and in his remarks thanking the caucus for the honor, said that they had not assembled to discuss the state of affairs in South America or the Venezuelan question, but that matters of more importance demanded their consideration. W. E. Rinker and John Scott were chosen as secretaries.

For the office of President of the Town Council, W. O. Holmes and F. P. Drinker were placed in nomination, and it was decided that the vote should be by ballot and A. W. Duy and Robert Runyan were appointed tellers.

While these tellers were counting the vote the business of the convention proceeded and the following gentlemen were nominated for members of the Town Council. Fred J. Richards, E. A. Rawlings, W. D. Brobst, J. E. Wilson, John Scott, M. K. Appleman (who declined), Daniel Lautach, W. G. Ferguson and G. W. Mifflin. As tellers to count this vote B. W. Hagenbuch and Edward Geringer were appointed.

For School Director J. C. Brown received the unanimous vote of the caucus and was declared the nominee.

The tellers appointed to count the vote for President of Town Council reported that W. O. Holmes had received eighty-two votes, and F. P. Drinker nineteen votes. Mr. Holmes was therefore declared the nominee for that office.

For Constable the nomination was unanimously given to Daniel Laycock, and G. E. Wilbur and A. H. Bloom were elected as candidates for the office of Auditor. Tellers appointed to count the vote for members of the Town Council reported that

F. J. Richards had received	76	votes.
E. A. Rawlings " "	60	"
W. D. Brobst " "	81	"
J. E. Wilson " "	39	"
John Scott " "	18	"
Daniel Laubach " "	9	"
W. G. Ferguson " "	25	"
G. W. Mifflin " "	22	"
Robert Pursel " "	3	"

Whereupon F. J. Richards, E. A. Rawlings and W. D. Brobst were declared the nominees of the caucus for members of the Town Council.

The President then requested the members of the different election districts to make their selection for officers of their respective districts, and the following was the selection as made by them.

1st Election District—Judge of the election, Theodore Smith, Inspector, Fred Holmes, Registry Assessor, W. H. Yetter.

2nd Election District—Judge of the election, Samuel Pursel, Inspector, Charles Hendershott, Registry assessor, W. C. Pegg.

3rd Election District—Judge of the election, O. W. Cherrington, Inspector, Edward Geringer, Registry assessor, J. C. Millard.

4th Election District—Judge of the election, J. L. Wolverton, Inspector, W. J. Shutt, Registry assessor, E. H. Harrar.

Prohibition Caucuses.

The prohibition caucus Saturday evening was well attended, there being more than double the number present of any former town caucus. Councilman E. M. Kester was chosen chairman and C. W. McCaslin secretary. Fred B. Hartman offered prayer and the meeting was declared open for the purpose of making nominations for town officers. After a number of those present had expressed their views it was decided to make but one nomination this year, that being for member of town council. A number of names were presented for nomination but on the second ballot W. R. Kocher was declared the nominee. Mr. Kocher is well known in this town as a progressive, enterprising business man and a conscientious Christian. He will no doubt poll the entire prohibition vote and get a heavy vote from his friends in other parties.

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A BIG SLIDE.

Owing to a slide which occurred Saturday afternoon about three o'clock on the N. & W. B. Rail Road nearly opposite Almedia, the afternoon, evening and Sunday morning trains were obliged to go around by Rock Glen. The track was cleared so that the train due at East Bloomsburg at 6:08 could pass.

New electric light poles are being erected in different portions of the Town. Two have been recently planted at Fourth and Market Streets.