

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A Full Account of the Special Meeting.—Two Offices Consolidated into One.—An Additional Paid Policemen.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held at the City Hall last Thursday evening with all the members present. The object for which the meeting was called was stated by President Holmes as being to consider the propriety and advisability of consolidating the offices of Street Commissioner and Town Engineers into one, and then elect a person to fill the position, and also elect policemen. J. C. Brown who for several years has been Town Engineer was called upon to give his opinion as to the propriety of consolidating the two offices. He said that before the Council did so, they had better examine the ordinances and Town Laws and ascertain if the same could be legally done. He thought that perhaps the Street Commissioner should be a man who thoroughly understood grades, and could give them when necessary. Mr. Gorrey was in favor of consolidating the offices and employing a competent civil engineer. The question was fully discussed by the members present, and the advantages of the proposed movement as regards economy &c. was thoroughly ventilated. From the discussion it was apparent that the council was in favor of the consolidation, and the question of fixing the compensation was then taken up. Upon motion of Gorrey, seconded by Kocher, the compensation of Street Commissioner was fixed at \$800 per year, said commissioner to be a competent civil engineer. On this motion all the members voted aye, with the exception of Mr. Rawling.

The next matter of business was the nominations of a person to fill the position. Mr. Gorrey nominated W. H. Eyer, and as he was the only person nominated he was unanimously elected to fill the position.

The salary of Chief of Police was on motion of Gorrey and Rawlings fixed at \$40 per month and uniform the same as last year. On this, all voted aye, except Kocher and Kunkle. Mr. Richards nominated Wesley Knorr the former chief, whereupon he was elected without opposition. The police system was discussed at considerable length and Kocher moved that the present arrangements be continued as to one \$5 policeman in each ward, and in addition three specials be appointed—making four in each ward. On motion of Gorrey, seconded by Rawlings, Kocher's motion was amended by striking out the \$5 compensation; hence four policemen are to be appointed for each district, and are to serve without compensation except as provided for in the By Laws and Ordinances.

Under the arrangements, the members of the Council are to recommend persons for the police force from the different districts, and the President will then consider and make the appointments about the first of May.

Upon motion of Mr. Richards and Gorry the pay of the High Constable was fixed at \$40 per month; and he was to serve from 6 o'clock P. M. to 6 o'clock A. M. This motion was carried by the votes of Brobst, Gorrey, Richards and Holmes. Kocher, Kunkle and Rawlings voting no. To fill this office, Rawlings nominated Charles Culp, and Gorrey nominated Arlington Shultz. A vote being taken all voted for Culp excepting Gorrey who stuck to his candidate.

The President appointed W. U. Jury Building Inspector for the ensuing year.

BUILDING PERMITS.

The following building permits were granted.

To Chas. Krug for dwelling house on East Third street and Chestnut alley, also for barn on same lot.

To C. W. Runyon for barn on rear of his lot on Fourth street.

These permits, however, to be subject to the judgment of the President.

The C. M. Hess sewer matter referred to the proper committee.

Cal. Girton appeared and entered complaint about the sewer at the property of Mrs. J. Cadman corner Catharine and Sixth streets. Referred to Board of Health.

J. L. Richardson presented a bill for work on Light Street road, which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

No further business appearing Council adjourned.

The fact that the circulation of the COLUMBIAN is constantly increasing attests its popularity.

A Big Day Ahead.

Columbia County Veteran Association will meet in Berwick during the month of September, date will be made later on. To all honorable discharged soldiers, sailors and mariners in Columbia County, send your name, rank, company, regiment and residence, with twenty-five cents to Secretary and you will be recorded on the record book of this grand association which has been expressly prepared for that purpose and will be preserved for the future generations to refer to when we are gone. Let every ex-soldier who served in our late rebellion who now resides in Columbia County at once have himself enrolled in this grand and worthy association to meet once each year his old comrades in some place in Old Columbia County. A county that gave many brave and noble soldiers and defenders to our grand Union and the dear old-flag. Comrades, send in your 25 cents, names and records, to the Secretary without delay as we want a full list recorded on our record book.

COL. A. D. SEELY, President.
G. A. POTTER, Vice President.
WM. ROUP, Treasurer.
J. P. HAYMAN, Secretary.

Send your 25 cents, name, Company and Regiment, residence, to J. P. Hayman, Berwick, Columbia County, Pa., box 67, and you will be enrolled as full members at once.

The entertainment given in the Opera House on Tuesday evening under the direction of Miss Cahill, was attended by an appreciative audience. The participants in the program with three exceptions were children ranging in age from ten years down to three, and the manner in which they performed their parts was very amusing, and exhibited careful training, and no doubt the exercise of great patience on the part of their teacher. The musical dumb bell drill was very pretty and was gracefully done by six little girls, and four boys. Eudora Oswald, Marguerite Eshelman, Charles Waller and Richard Oswald danced a minuet very nicely. The "four little kittens" was another enjoyable feature. The Brownies, Drum Major Jim, ten little grandmas, pretty songs, May pole dances, kindergarten, and nearly every number of the program, were heartily enjoyed.

Mrs. Elmer E. Melick sang in her usual excellent form, and Miss Anna F. Dunkel recited "The Naughty Little Girl" in a very pleasing way.

Excellent music was furnished during the evening by Miss Maude Runyon, C. P. Elwell and F. E. Miller.

It is to be regretted that entertainments of this kind do not draw as large houses as many of the second class travelling shows that come here. Home talent ought to have at least as much encouragement as the strangers that come here merely for the money they can carry out of the town.

Resolutions on the departure of Rev. G. E. Weeks, formerly of the Baptist church, passed by the Pastors' Union of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Monday morning, April 20th, 1896.

WHEREAS, The Rev. Geo. E. Weeks recently the pastor of the Baptist church, left our midst; and inasmuch as he was always faithful and true to the important trust committed to him while here, seeking the best interests of his own flock and the general work of the Lord in the entire community.

Therefore be it Resolved, That we, the members of the Pastors' Union of Bloomsburg, Pa., take this opportunity of expressing our deep regret at his departure, realizing that we have lost a noble counsellor and an amiable friend, and that the community and the churches have lost a courageous and faithful exponent of every work that has for its object the elevation and improvement of humanity, both from a moral and religious point of view.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Union, that they be published in the papers of this town, and that a copy be sent to Bro. Weeks as a mark of our esteem toward him.

B. C. CONNER, Pres.
I. M. PATTERSON, Sec.

Fare to Allentown.

All persons desiring to attend the Democratic State Convention at Allentown the 29th inst by applying to chairman Chrisman will be furnished with orders so that the fare both ways will be about \$3.60. Call or correspond with him at once.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Last Monday the people residing at the lower end of Sixth street were startled by hearing the report that a child had been burned to death. The facts in the case as we have been able to learn them are briefly as follows: Mike Labant, whose family consists of wife, three children, a girl aged about ten years old, a boy aged five years and a baby aged about three years and several boarders have been residing in the said neighborhood for some time. At the time above mentioned and during the absence of the head of the family the older child took a stick, thrust it in the stove and after it became ignited, put it against the clothing of her little brother and sister. This was repeated several times, until the clothing took fire, and before aid was secured the clothing was almost entirely consumed. The boy was burned so badly that he died about one o'clock. The life of the baby was saved by a neighbor woman who rushed in and smothered the flames. The girl evidently was insane, as after the fire was extinguished, she attempted again to burn the children. The family are Polanders, and the matter should be investigated by the proper authorities.

A Sure Remedy.

Bloomsburg has been literally overrun with tramps the past few weeks. In the absence of a city stone pile, it might be well for the housewife to have a spade near the back door. A little shoveling as an appetizer will do him good. The chances are he'll decline the invitation. An exchange tells thusly how to drive the tramp away. Give him a night's lodging at public expense, but make it a cast iron rule that he shall first take a bath. Weary Waggles would rather face death than soap and water and the use of a good scrubbing brush. "Wash myself?" says he. "It would kill me." And breathing a vast sigh Weary Waggles moves on. The sure way to tell the decent working man out of employment from the tramp is that the decent working man is always not only willing but glad to have a bath.

ARMENIAN SUFFERERS.

Several of the parties who subscribed to the Armenian Relief Fund have failed to pay their subscriptions. There is an urgent call for all the money that can possibly be raised. It is to be hoped that those who have failed to attend to this matter will do so at once, and pay their subscriptions to E. B. Tustin, treasurer, at the First National Bank. Two hundred and ten dollars and nineteen cents has been sent to Brown Bros., & Co., N. Y., who have forwarded it to the proper persons for distribution.

General Manager Leader, of the B. & S. R. R., is making arrangements to put the road in first class condition the coming summer. New and substantial iron bridges are to be erected over Huntington creek, at Forks, and over Raven creek, at Stillwater. All the other wooden bridges along the line will be replaced with iron structures as rapidly as necessary. The road bed is to be otherwise improved with new ties and ballast wherever needed. The freedom of this short line of railroad from serious accidents speaks volumes in favor of its present management and the competency of its employees. In fact, but few other lines of equal length can show as good a record.

A great deal of excitement prevailed in Centralia last Friday for several hours when the two year old daughter of Squire Laughlin disappeared from home. The child either strayed away or was stolen. Several searching parties were organized and after scouring the town for hours in vain search, one party started toward the mountain north of Centralia and after a few hours tramp through the woods they found her midway between Centralia and Mt. Carmel. It is a mystery how the child got there, she was too small to walk such a distance by herself.—Ashland Local.

The Columbian the Proper Medium.

The shrewd business man invests a certain amount each year in advertising. To be effective that advertising should appear in the publication best covering the territory in which he does business. The COLUMBIAN is the representative newspaper of Bloomsburg.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS.

At a meeting held April 6th the following officers were elected in the Lutheran Sunday School: Superintendent, W. H. Brooke; Assistant Superintendent, Prof. W. C. Mauser; Secretary, Will G. Quick; Assistant Secretary, George Alleman; Treasurer, Miss Ida Herring; Librarians, Josiah Johnson, Clark Weaver; Superintendent of Infant Department, Miss Florence Wirt; Assistant Supt. Infant Department, Miss Margaret Evans.

At this season of the year swindlers and peddlers of every description begin their operations throughout the rural districts in gulling the residents and fleecing them out of their hard earned savings. The advice of the COLUMBIAN to all is not to have anything to do in a business way with total strangers, however plausible their arguments may appear; and we caution all never to sign a paper of any character whatever for them, unless absolutely certain that it is what it represents upon its face and in contents.

The old Pennsylvania Railroad Station at 32nd and Market Streets Philadelphia was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. The direct cause of the fire is not known. It originated, however, in a car filled with gasoline, which was standing in the car shed, and from which the flames spread rapidly to surrounding cars and to the building itself, which is an incredibly short time was wrapped in a mass of fire. Eight Pullman cars, between twenty and thirty passenger coaches and many valuable records belonging to the company were consumed. Two people were killed and fourteen injured.

Evidently there are people in this town who know a good thing when they see it, and are experts when it comes to judging chickens. F. J. Richards mourns the loss of four of his finest which were taken from his hen house a few days, or rather nights since. They had better not repeat the visit as Fred is prepared for them.

The bulletin board in front of the clothing establishment of J. M. Gidding & Co., is attracting considerable attention these days. The base ball scores of the National League are displayed therein. By the way—what's the matter. Isn't Bloomsburg going to have a team this season?

Charles Low died at his residence in Orangeville Sunday evening about 7 o'clock. Aged sixty-six years. He had been in poor health for some time. He leaves to survive him a wife, and one son H. B. Low. The funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock A. M.

Old Colonel, a faithful horse belonging to C. H. Reice, having outlived his usefulness was shot last Saturday. He had been a valuable animal, and for many years had done him good service. He resorted to this means rather than have him misused by another party.

The newly appointed street commissioner assumed visible control of his office Monday morning. He started with a gang of men cleaning Main street, and will continue until all the streets and alleys in the town are put in a proper shape.

Quite a number of our people have visited the upper end of the County for the purpose of alluring the speckled beauties from their native element, and generally their efforts have been successful. Among the anglers were W. B. Taylor, Louis Lowenberg, H. O. Wert and Harman Fowler.

William Pegg, who was elected Registry assessor for the 2nd District at the February election resigned his office, and the Court appointed F. P. Baum, who formerly held the office, to fill the vacancy. This is a good appointment.

A Great Camp Meeting Ground.

Arrangements have been made to build a \$5,000 auditorium at Mount Grove, Luzerne county, camp meeting ground. The park has been greatly improved. New walks have been cut and new tents erected. There is expected to be a bigger crowd than ever this summer.

J. H. Maize, who served as Town Treasurer for four years has turned the books and papers pertaining to his office to his successor A. N. Vost, Esq. He was a faithful and efficient officer.

Courage.



The world is ready to applaud any man who has courage. No other trait of character so commands the admiration of all men, everywhere.

Every walk of life requires bravery of some sort to make it a success.

There is no other calling or business, perhaps, that requires the same amount of pluck, energy, grit and perseverance at the present time as does the retail clothing trade.

It requires courage to be honest in these days, courage to be truthful, especially when the advertising atmosphere is so heavily charged everywhere with exaggeration, falsehood and misrepresentation.

But we "would rather be right than President," would rather have the confidence and good will of our patrons than be rich. Hence we mean to continue right along on the same broad, solid, sound foundation of uprightness, integrity and fair dealing. There is, however, something in our store just now that is more eloquent than words. It is our new Spring Stock; it is the neat, attractive, stylish and reliable clothing that speaks louder than words. Particularly to those who can appreciate such clothing. Examine the stock. You will find for instance, a big display of Men's Suits, Sacks and Cutaways, all wool, fast color fabrics, stylishly cut, well tailored, and as perfect fitting as the best made. Your eyes will tell you, the minute you see them, that the Suits, Overcoats and Trousers are all that heart could wish. The Boys' and Children's department will attract your attention, too.

In fact, you will discover something bright, new and attractive everywhere throughout the store, and your own good judgment will convince you beyond a doubt that the prices are low—lower than you ever expected to pay for wearing apparel of equal quality.

We can't help feeling proud of the line, and you can't help feeling proud of yourself when you're fitted out. Just try it.

J. M. GIDDING & CO.

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Next to Nothing Prices.

Clothing ALMOST Given Away.

A large stock purchased from overstocked Rochester Clothiers at 50c. on the dollar, enables us to offer the following phenomenal values:

Men's Suits, \$3.75 and \$3.90

Sold in every store for \$5.00 and \$7.50,

Fine Cheviot Suits, \$5.00, \$6.98, \$7.50

(Clay and Scotch mixtures) Worth easily \$2 to \$3 more.

Children's Knee Pants Suits, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50

Worth double the money.

Men's Pants, all wool, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50

Just one-half what some stores sell them at.

It is dollars in your pocket when you can buy Fine Clothing

so cheap at

THE D. LOWENBERG CLOTHING STORE.