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TOWN MATTERS.

The Regular June Meeting of the Town Council Held Last Thursday Evening.

A regular meeting of the Town Council was held in the Town Hall last Thursday evening with President Holmes and members Gorrey, Kunkle, Rawlings, Kocher and Brobst present. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

C. W. Miller on behalf of the Electric Light Company was present and read the contract between said Company and the Town of Bloomsburg for lighting the streets with arc lights for the ensuing five years at a cost of eighty dollars per light per annum, said lights to be the same as used during the past five years, and asked that Council have the same accepted and properly signed. On motion of Gorrey and Rawlings the contract is accepted upon approval of the Solicitor and amended to read "two thousand candle power lights."

Gorrey called attention to the ordinance in relation putting down wooden pavements, and moved that no one be permitted to put down wooden walks on the streets within the built up parts of the Town. Seconded by Rawlings and unanimously agreed to.

Inasmuch as the Sloan estate and others on South Market street had been notified to put down pavements last fall and had been granted an extension of time till spring, and had not yet complied with said notice, the matter is referred to the Street Committee who are authorized to enforce the Ordinance in relation to same and add the twenty per cent. to the cost of work done by the Town.

Complaint was again entered about the water standing in the alley in rear of the Exchange Stables, making it unhealthy and a nuisance to the neighborhood. The matter is referred to the Solicitor, he to see that the nuisance be abated.

Building permits were asked for and granted to G. A. Herring and the Reformed congregation for repairs to residence of former and parsonage of the latter.

Mr. Herring sent in complaint about the condition of the alley near John Wagenseller's property. Referred to Street Committee.

W. A. Hartzell's pavement on East street was reported in bad condition. Referred to Street Committee.

A petition was read asking for an electric light at corner Seventh and Catharine streets. Referred to committee on Light, as was also the light asked for at a former meeting for a point near the Neal furnace.

Bills were presented and the Secretary directed to issue orders for same as follows:

Theo. Smith, sharpening picks &c.	\$ 5.15
W. O. Holmes, work and material	11.78
Moyer Brothers, cement	1.50
Water Co., five hydrants	89.17
M. J. Casey, repairs to fountain	1.75
Harman & Hassert, oak lumber	2.52
Chief Police Knorr	40.00
Constable Culp	40.00
Secretary Ringler	20.00

The special police during show time were also allowed the usual pay.

M. C. Jones appeared and spoke of the necessity of the electric light at Seventh and Catharine.

Several parties were present and entered complaint about the condition of the street on lower Third street by reason of the water running down from Leonard and standing in the road making a mud hole at about Ream's property. The Engineer is to examine and see what can be done to get rid of the water and report to Council early as possible.

A fire plug was asked for on Third street below Leonard. As there is no water pipe extending that far down the citizens were referred to the Water Company to see if said Company would put in a main.

The fire department was talked over and the proper committee urged to see that the Companies kept their apparatus in working order. And the Fire Committee to see that the carriages belonging to the Town be repaired so that they can be used.

No further business appearing Council adjourned.

Edward Casey, an employee of W. B. Taylor, while engaged in the performance of his duties, was bitten by a dog on Monday belonging to the Kechner farm near Orangeville. He bit him back of the hip removing a large piece of flesh. The wound was immediately cauterized and with the exception of feeling sore he is suffering no bad effects. While not rabid, the animal was savage.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

For weeks and months the Senior class of the High School have been looking forward with pleasure as well as considerable anxiety to exercise of last Thursday night, which would sever their connection with the schools in which they had spent so many happy hours and also mark their graduation from the same. The Opera House had been tastefully trimmed and the stage was decorated with cut flowers, growing plants, ferns and palms which were furnished by Bryfogle Bros. In addition to the twenty-one graduates, Principal Sterner, Rev. D. N. Kirkby, County Superintendent Miller, and the Board of Directors occupied seats on the stage under a canopy of flags.

The exercises commenced promptly at 8 o'clock with an overture by Ellwell's Orchestra, after which prayer was offered by Rev. D. N. Kirkby Rector of St. Paul's church which was followed by Miss Josephine Pursel in a very well prepared essay setting forth the virtue of charity. The oration, a brief history of the Monroe Doctrine by Rush Shaffer showed careful study of the subject and was very creditable. Sara Shultz gave a recitation, "The Diver," and Josiah Johnson, an oration, Washington and Lincoln. Paradise and the Peri was the subject of an interesting recitation by Margaret Fortune. This was especially well given. Her gestures and attitudes were graceful and were in accord with the oral expression. Our Country's Example by Chas. Traub was logically prepared, and was one of the most interesting parts of the program. Miss Mabel Moyer held the audience in close attention while she recited that touching piece, The Soldiers' Reprieve. Her recitation was followed with the presentation of diplomas. W. E. Rinker the President of Board after a neat short speech, presented the graduates with their diplomas. The original poem by Clara Fornwald, a Review of the Past, showed her ability to put thought in verse and excited much laughter. The program concluded with the benediction by Rev. Kirkby.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

The new school board held their first meeting in the High School building last Monday evening. The board which consists of the following named persons, Joseph Garrison, J. C. Brown, R. R. Little, W. E. Rinker, J. R. Townsend and C. A. Klein organized by electing R. R. Little Esq. President, J. R. Townsend Secretary, and W. E. Rinker, Treasurer. The tax rate was fixed at seven mills, five for school, and two for building. The bond of the treasurer was fixed at \$15,000. The salary of the treasurer was fixed at twenty dollars per month, and the treasurer's commission at two per cent on all money paid out. The president will announce his committees at the next meeting which will be held on the 26th at which time the teachers will be selected. We have reason to feel proud of our public schools, and we doubt if there is a board of directors in the State that takes as much interest in the schools as does the Bloomsburg. They have a right to expect and should receive the hearty co-operation of all the parents in their efforts to make the public schools of Bloomsburg the best in the country.

A Bloomsburg Boy Honored.

The Philadelphia Record of Saturday contains a column and a half article under the head of "Era of Industrial Arts," and gives an account of the pupils of the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, ninety-nine of whom received diplomas or certificates. Among the pupils to receive prizes was Carlton A. Caswell, son of Mrs. M. E. Caswell, this town. In the Second Year Regular Day Class of the Philadelphia Textile School Mr. Caswell received honorable mention for general excellence, and also received the Textile World silver medal for best results in the preliminary and final examinations, and was awarded his Second Year diploma. His many friends in this place congratulate him upon his success.

Peter S. Harman celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday last Monday. In honor of the event, and to properly celebrate the same, Mrs. Harman gave a party to their children, grand children and other relatives. It goes without saying that it was a very enjoyable affair and every one present had a good time. As a token of affection the family presented Mr. Harman an easy chair.

THE BANQUET TO THE CLASS OF '96.

The third annual banquet of the High School Alumni was held at the Exchange Hotel last Friday evening. Through the kindness of Bryfogle Bros. and Mr. Samuel Pursel the parlors and diningrooms were tastefully decorated with flowers and blooming plants and the whole presented a beautiful appearance.

The party commenced congregating about eight o'clock, and at nine, it was discovered that seventy-eight persons were present to share in the festivities of the occasion. The time from that on until ten o'clock was spent in social conversation when it was announced that all things were in readiness for the banquet, and the assemblage marched into the banquet hall and arranged themselves around the table which had been tastefully set and arranged. After all had done ample justice to the repast, the chairs were pushed back, and upon the signal being given by Mr. W. E. Rinker, the Master of Ceremonies, all were in attention in a minute. He did not succeed in making a very elaborate speech, not because he had not sufficient literary ability but because he had eaten too much. He succeeded however in calling upon Miss Jessie Ent, of the class of '92, and President of the Alumni Association, who responded to the toast "Our Alumni." She heartily welcomed the class of '96 into the Association.

Miss Eura Williams and Miss Anna Savage sang a duet that was very sweet and won hearty applause. The Master of Ceremonies then called on Mr. Josiah Johnson of '96, who ably responded. Miss Mae Evans gave a recitation in her own pleasant and effective manner. Charles Kesty of '93, Harry Barton of '94, and Martha Brugler of '95, in very neat and appropriate toasts lauded their respective classes.

After these, the directors were called on in the order of their length of service on the school board from the oldest member down. Messrs. Brown, Townsend, Garrison, Bittenbender and Little made brief, spicy speeches. Mr. Garrison especially showed himself a skillful punster. After a few words by Principal Sterner and Professor Mauser, the program was closed by all singing "God be with you till we meet again." The guests then returned to the parlor and a few minutes thereafter began to adjourn thus closing the most delightful and best banquet the High School Alumni ever held.

THE MENU.

Roast Beef,	Roast Chicken,
Boiled Ham,	Boiled Tongue,
Saratoga Chips,	
Lobster Salad,	Pickled Cabbage,
Pickles, Olives,	Chow Chow,
Candy.	
Chocolate Cake,	Cocoanut Cake,
Lady Fingers,	Kisses,
Strawberry Ice Cream,	
Tea, Coffee,	Fruit, Nuts,
Banquet Wafers,	Cheese.

There was a little inconvenience caused by the electric lights going out, but we are informed that this was no fault of the Electric Light Company, as during the repairs to the hotel the wires had been only temporarily suspended which caused the trouble.

Annual Examinations at the Normal.

The Annual Examinations by the State Board of Examiners will begin at the Normal School Wednesday, June 24th, 9 a. m.

All applicants must be present at 9 a. m. on Monday the 22nd, to take the preliminary examination under the Faculty. This examination is required by the state.

The examinations in the Sub-Junior and Junior studies are open not only to students, but to all persons who expect to enter the school. Certificates are no longer issued to successful candidates, but records are kept, and any succeeding year, as suits the convenience of the applicant, credit for the branches passed is given.

The Treasurer's sale of seated and unseated land last Monday attracted quite a number of people to the Town. Owing to the illness of the Treasurer the sales were conducted by John B. Casey and a number of tracts were sold. The sale was continued until next Monday at 10 o'clock A. M. In addition to the people who were here on account of interest in the sales, the politicians were out in full force repairing their fence.

MRS. JAMES SHEW.

Anna Mary, wife of Mr. James Shew died at her home in Lightstreet Tuesday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock, aged sixty years, seven months and seventeen days. She has been under the physician's care during the past eighteen months part of which time her condition was critical. She was a patient sufferer, and bore her affliction with christian resignation.

She is survived by a husband and eight children, namely; Maggie J., at home; Lydia C., wife of R. J. Ruhl, of Glen Wilton, Virginia; Eliza Anne Rebecca, wife of J. B. Kidd, of Eklo, Maryland; Mary, wife of D. S. Richards, of Hoffmanville, Maryland; Josephine, wife of G. B. Smith, of this town; Phoebe, at home; James U. M., Irene Georgeanna, wife of W. M. Ent, both residing in Light Street, and John W. E. at home.

The funeral services will be held in the Methodist Church of that place, on Friday afternoon at three o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. R. E. Wilson, her former pastor.

Church Dedication.

The dedication of the new Christian church at Benton will occur on Sunday, June 21st. The first of the series of services will be held Saturday evening, June 20th, to be followed Sunday morning by preaching at 10 o'clock; in the afternoon at 2:30, and in the evening at 7:30. Rev. F. M. Rains, of Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the leading ministers of the Christian church in the United States, who is also Financial Secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, will officiate at all the services, and will be assisted by a number of other prominent ministers who are expected to be present. A cordial invitation is extended to the Christian congregations and the public in general to attend these services. Arrangements have been made for properly entertaining those coming from a distance from Saturday until Monday. Let all come who can and they will be hospitably entertained by the congregation here. Everybody will be welcome.

Resolutions of Thanks.

The following was unanimously adopted: Resolved: That the thanks of Col. Ent Post No. 250 dept., of Penna., Grand Army of the Republic be and is hereby tendered to the citizens of Bloomsburg and vicinity for their very liberal donation and assistance on Memorial Day. Also to the Ladies Circle of the G. A. R. and the Ladies Aid Society for their assistance in preparing flowers, and also to the Bloomsburg Cornet Band and Drum Corps. By order of the Post. C. P. SLOAN, Adjutant.

FIRE AT BERWICK.

A fire at Berwick Tuesday morning about half past four o'clock destroyed the livery stable of Welliver and Mitchell, the blacksmith shop of Wm. Ross and a barn occupied by Garrison Bros. All the stock, wagons &c. were gotten out with the exception of a horse in the Garrison Bros' stable. The loss is five thousand dollars outside of the insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The following article in relation to Rev. M. E. McLinn, the newly elected pastor of the Lutheran Church was clipped from *The Lutheran Evangelist*.

Rev. M. E. McLinn, the faithful pastor of our church at Lovettsville, Va., has, we learn, been called to the church at Bloomsburg, Pa., lately served by Rev. Mr. Heilmann, who is resting and recuperating. The great loss of Lovettsville will be the great gain of Bloomsburg. Brother McLinn is one of the most efficient brethren in the gospel ministry. We regret losing him from the Synod of Maryland.

Robert Morris and Zach Thomas who represented Ent Post No. 250 G. A. R. at the State Encampment at Chambersburg have returned home and report a large attendance and interesting session. After a desperate struggle Capt. Darte, of Wilkes-Barre was elected Department Commander over James B. Denworth of Williamsport.

The following letters are advertised June 9, 1896: Miss Minerva A. Bloom, Mrs. Stella Creasy, Harvey G. Gardner Mr. W. M. Jones, Mr. George Krumb, Mr. Harvey Mausteller, Mr. B. C. Shafer, Mr. W. C. Stephens, Mr. A. H. Snyder. Will be sent to the dead letter office June 23, 1896.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

First the Blade

Next the ear, then the full corn in the ear. That's the way corn grows, by degrees. This store grows the same way. We've got beyond the merchandise ear, now we're after the full corn. Last year's, last month's, last week's, even yesterday's merchandising is only useful to us in showing how much better we might have done. Each day brings us nearer to the people, more closely in touch with their needs and better prepared to supply them. Every day, in season, brings new goods. If you are not a daily visitor here you cannot expect to form an intelligent conception of our efforts to make this store the clothing centre that it is.

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