

Supplement--THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1896.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

John E. Fidler spent Monday in Danville. Capt. John M. Buckalew of Fishing Creek, was in town on Friday. George Patterson of Trenton, N. J., was a Bloomsburg visitor on Saturday. John Warton of Wilkesbarre, spent Monday in town attending to business. Paul B. Shultz of the University of Pennsylvania, is home to spend the holidays. Mrs. Abram Fry has been quite ill for the past two weeks. Miss Emma Webb is clerking in the Leister store. J. Lee Harman took a business trip to Scranton on Saturday. Wm. Hayton spent a few days in Wilkesbarre this week. Robt. Hartman of Eighth Street, took in the sights of Philadelphia last week. Mr. John Turner of Scranton transacted business in Bloomsburg on Saturday. Hon. M. J. Phillips of Sullivan County, was in town on Saturday, on business. Clark V. Miller of Millville, spent Monday at this place transacting business. Miss Leatha Lockard left last week for a few weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. Freas Hicks, at Hummelstown. Rev. Rogers Israel, Rector of St. Luke's church at Scranton, preached in St. Paul's church Wednesday evening. Miss Maude Sherwood is one of the extra force of clerks at Hartman & Son's, during the holiday trade. Miss Annie Fox returned from Jenkintown on Monday, where she had been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Gilbert. Mrs. Chas. B. McHenry, of Benton, is visiting at the home of M. and Mrs. J. S. Woods, on East Fifth Street. Mr. John Warton of Scranton, was in Bloomsburg between trains on Tuesday attending to business. Judge Heiler is engaged this week and next in the contested election case of Judge in Schuylkill county. Dr. Johns of Hazleton, addressed the congregation of the Lutheran Church, in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday morning. Mrs. A. J. Townsend and son Paul, of Philadelphia, visited her sister, Mrs. Rev. B. C. Conner at the M. E. Parsonage, corner Market and Third Street, last week. Miss Margaret Laubach is in Berwick this week teaching the new operator of the Telephone exchange which has just been opened at that place. Arthur Colley, who for some time past has been employed at the Tube Works, left on Monday morning for Shickshinny, where he will fill the position of foreman of the tube works at that place.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

New Hose Cart Purchased for the Friendship Fire Co.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was attended last Thursday night by President W. O. Holmes, and members Charles Kunkle, W. D. Brobst, E. A. Rawlings, W. R. Kocher and F. J. Richard.

The Finance Committee, Messrs. Kunkle, Kocher and Richard, made the following report:

We, the members of the Finance Committee of the Town Council of said Town, to whom has been referred the question of holding an election to obtain consent to issue bonds for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the present floating indebtedness of the municipality and to provide for future outlays and indebtedness to be incurred in internal improvements, beg leave to report:

That the bonded debt of the said Town is at present equal to 2 per cent. of the assessed valuation, and that there is also a floating indebtedness amounting to about \$12000. It will be seen, therefore, that this floating indebtedness is in excess of the Constitutional limit and has been illegally created.

We are advised by the Town Solicitor, that the Council can not lawfully issue bonds for this excess indebtedness, either with or without an election, for the reason that an election, so as is proposed, only relates to some future indebtedness hereafter to be incurred, should the electors consent, but does not affect questions of debt already created without submission to the people; and that the said debt could not be funded without an election because it is in excess of the limit imposed by law.

As we have already said in a former report to your body, the only way to pay this floating indebtedness which has been improperly created is by additional taxation, or by such an economic administration of affairs as will permit the Council to gradually liquidate the same out of the current revenues.

Of course, at the present rate of expenditure this could not be done, but we would again advise, as we did

heretofore, that our affairs be managed more economically, and that the tax rate be increased to an amount not greater than one per cent.

We are also advised that an election to obtain funds for future outlays, may be properly held if the same is thought advisable.

But, in our opinion, we do not think that under the present condition of our finances any new debts should be incurred to such an amount as would warrant an election and issue of bonds. Such a course would only increase our funded debt without relieving us from the \$12000 of unlawful excess.

We therefore report the resolution referred with a negative recommendation.

Rawlings moved that the report be laid on the table for action at a special meeting, a meeting of full Council. Seconded by Brobst. Motion lost. At this point member Gorrey arrived and the ayes and nays were then called on the same motion. Yeas—Rawlings, Gorrey, Brobst, Holmes, Nays—Richard, Kocher, Kunkle, whereupon the motion was carried and report laid on the table.

Geo. Ferguson reports pavement along the Hendershott property on Eighth Street in a dangerous condition and asks that same be repaired.

W. L. Demarree made Council a proposition in reference to opening of Scott alley near Fair Ground, that he will sell enough ground for the alley for \$350, or sell all of the ground east of his lumber sheds for \$450 if used as a street sometime, but if sold the Town is to sell it back to him for \$100, same as they pay for it. Referred to Finance Committee with power to act.

A request was made by C. H. Kline to have the pole removed from in front of Adams Express office, which was put there by the Republican club. Referred to Street Committee.

A petition was presented by resident of South Market and Port Noble streets, asking for fire protection in that vicinity. On motion of Kocher and Rawlings, Council agreed to place a water plug as prayed for.

Petition presented asking that Locust street be accepted by the Town, from 2nd to 5th, and ordained and graded as speedily as possible. Gorrey and Kunkle moved that the petition be laid on the table. Carried unanimously.

Constable handed in his report saying he had served notice on Wm. Girton and Elwood Heacock on 6th street, and Mary E. Brown and A. Z. Schoch on 4th street, requesting them to put down their pavements.

Building permit granted to W. R. Kocher for frame house on Catherine street.

A report was handed in saying that the Friendship Fire Company was in need of eight pair of gum boots, oil, waste, &c. Referred to Committee on Fire with power to act.

The Fire Committee recommended the purchase of a hose truck, as per specifications submitted by the American Fire Engine Co. for \$135. On motion Council authorized the committee to make said purchase.

J. C. Millard presented a release signed by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Millard, releasing the Town from further damages along her property on First Street, in consideration of \$150 already agreed upon and to be paid to her by the Town.

Gorrey and Rawlings moved that the release be accepted and an order drawn for the amount as soon as the release is properly acknowledged. Carried.

An electric light was asked for at a point on Sixth street between Jefferson and Market, for use during the winter months only. Referred to Light Committee.

G. B. Martin sent in a complaint as to the bad condition of the Light Street road, stating that if same is not put in proper shape it will be returned to Court. Referred to Street Committee.

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

C. B. Ent, recording releases.	\$27.50
A. V. Hower, making 3 arrests.	1.30
W. L. Demaree, for lumber.	8.72
C. W. Runyon, hardware.	19.85
Steam Co., steam for Town Hall.	15.13
Harman & Hassert, iron jaw for crusher and work.	9.33
O. B. Mellick, cement work at the Central Hotel crossing.	14.61
Moyer Bros., one bbl. cement.	3.25
Clearfield Brick Co., for 800 vitrified brick pavers.	8.00
P. & R. RR. Co., freight on brick.	13.00

D. L. & W. RR. Co., freight on cobble stone.	16.40
Samuel Neyhard, sand for Centre Street crossing.	2.25
Car Mfg. Co. iron, oak and work.	22.70
Water Co., 57 hydrants.	89.17
Knorr and Culp, policemen.	80.00
R. H. Ringler, Secretary.	20.00

W. G. Ferguson also presented a bill of \$100.88 for putting in the gutter at L. E. Waller's, M. J. Hess, Tustin's and Miller's and for work connected with same. The bill was referred back for correction.

R. C. Buckalew appeared and asked Council to have a bridge placed over the Main street gutter at the alley between the Court House and Farmers Bank. His request was granted.

C. W. Neal presented a draft of the proposed extension of Fifth street from Leonard west about a distance of 638 feet. He stated he had releases from Wirt and Magee and himself, and offered to do the necessary work, which would cost about \$500, and take for his pay an order for the amount and apply same on his Town taxes. Referred to the Street Committee to report at a special meeting.

George Bilig asked Council why the Ordinance requiring people to put down their pavements on Leonard street, is not enforced. He says some of the property holders have failed to comply.

L. S. Wintersteen, attorney for W. H. Yetter, appeared and stated that they had filed exceptions and an appeal in the matter of the assessment of damages by reason of opening Jefferson street, and asks Council to have the matter adjusted soon as convenient. Referred for consideration to the special meeting.

Mr. Wintersteen, also attorney for Mrs. H. W. Sloan, spoke in regard to the appropriations of ground belong to his client for a public highway along the river or what is known as Fifteenth St. He wants Council to go over the ground and see if an amicable settlement can be made as to amount of damages. Referred to Finance Committee.

W. H. Yetter asked that a crossing be put down over Fourth Street, at Jefferson. Referred to Street Committee.

No further business appearing, the Council adjourned.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14th, 1896.

"Dear Boss: Unless you can buy us several more Senators it will be impossible to pay a tariff dividend on the investments of the late campaign." While the above is not the exact wording of the message sent by the caucus of Republican Senators to King Hanna, it contains the substance and real meaning of the request of the caucus steering committee, that Mr. Hanna shall try to "influence" the election of Senators who will pledge themselves to act with the Republicans on the tariff, in several states. Among the legislatures upon which the Republican Senators desire Mr. Hanna to try his "influence" are those of North Carolina, Kentucky, Washington and South Dakota. If high tariff Senators can be secured for all these, the passage of a high tariff bill at the extra session of the next Congress will be assured. Otherwise the matter has been made very doubtful, with the chances against high tariff, by the action of the silver Republicans in declining invitations to enter the Republican Senatorial caucus.

While the caucus of Republican Senators did not by a formal vote abandon the Dingley tariff bill, they did what was practically the same thing when they referred it to the steering committee and empowered that committee to act upon its own judgment. Pressure from the woolen manufacturers may compel the Republican Senators to demonstrate by some sort of a vote, not necessarily on the bill itself, that the Dingley bill cannot pass, but the bill is as dead as Ben. Harrison's force bill, so far as any serious attempt to pass it is concerned. The Republicans couldn't pass it if they wanted to, and very few of them want to. This was shown last week when the bill was before the Senate for a few minutes (on Senator Allen's motion to take it up, which carried by a vote of 35 to 21), by the consternation which existed among the Republicans who had

voted for the motion because they were afraid to do otherwise.

Representative Stokes of S. C. has been served with notice of a double contest for his seat in the present and in the next House. Dr. Stokes came to Washington last year with the proper certificate of election but his seat was contested by Mr. Johnson, a Republican. Finding nothing in the case upon which to base an excuse for giving Johnson the seat, the Republicans of the House declared the seat vacant. The two men were again candidates and Dr. Stokes was elected to the vacancy and also to the next House. Johnson's contest depends more upon the Republican majority than it does upon any evidence he expects to produce.

Senator Blanchard voiced the sentiment of nearly all of the democrats in both branches of Congress when he said: "The democratic party, while beaten in the recent election, is compact, organized, and full of hope for the future. It simply bides its time. It has lost some material which can be spared, and gained lots of friends, adherents, and well-wishers. It has always been a party of wonderful recuperative capacity. It will be ready for the fray in 1898 and in 1900. Woe to the republican party if it does not make good that dangerous promise it has heralded throughout the land of prosperity and good times."

Senator Quay has astonished those who thought they knew him, not only by his change of tactics—he has heretofore been the most silent of fighters—but by the wording of some of his published interviews against the candidacy of Mr. John Wanamaker for the Senate. For instance, when he said: "In the U. S. Senate, we have millionaires and business men enough to serve all legitimate purposes. Senators are needed who have no specialities but who will act for the interest of the country in gross without special affinities. The people most deserving of representation and most in need of legislative protection are the farmers, the small store keepers, the artisans and the laborers, and I stand by them."

The truthfulness of the above is unquestioned, but that it should come from Mr. Quay is astonishing. While not himself a millionaire, Mr. Quay has always had the reputation of being in touch with the millionaires of the country. But, he is first of all a politician, and as such is apt to make use of what he thinks to be the most effective weapons to carry his purpose.

Senator Mills has left all the other resolutions relating to Cuba away behind by offering one directing the President to take forcible possession of Cuba and hold it until the Cubans organize a government of their own.

The House is going right ahead passing bills just as though the Senate Calendar was not already choked up with House bills passed at the last session which haven't a ghost of a chance to get acted upon.

The mountain would not go to Mahomet, so Mahomet went to the mountain. After remaining in Washington nearly a week, stopping just around the corner from the hotel at which Speaker Reed makes his home in Washington, without receiving a call from Mr. Reed, Boss Hanna decided to call upon Mr. Reed, and he did so at the latter's office in the Capitol. In view of the humble manner in which most of the republicans waited upon Hanna, this call must have been a little humiliating to him; that it was pleasant to Tom Reed is certain.

A Bonanza in Oil.

Much Excitement in the Northern Part of Pennsylvania.

Much interest is being centered in the oil fields of the northern part of this State. Several weeks ago parties began to open up an abandoned fields in McKean county, and the venture is proving a bonanza. New towns are being built, where but a short time ago was a wilderness. The boom has centered at a village called Chipmonk, and it is said that twenty-five houses were built there in two days.

The excitement rivals the scenes that were enacted in the oil regions almost thirty years ago.

Melvin St. Clair of Milton, who was charged with the murder of William Catherman, was acquitted at Sunbury last week.

Court Proceedings Continued.

List of Petit Jurors called. Those excused were Luther Eyer of Catawissa, Davis John of Main, Geo. S. McHenry of Benton, Thos. Sherwood and F. A. Witman of Berwick.

Report of viewers in favor of a road in town of Bloomsburg beginning at the shop of C. R. Richie on North Iron St., and ending at Race bridge confirmed. Width 33 feet.

Commonwealth vs. Thos. E. Harder and sons Charles and Guy, Charles Hamlin prosecutor, was tried, charge, assault and battery, Verdict not guilty, and costs divided between prosecutor and defendants.

Return of inquest estate of Daniel Morris, deceased, confirmed nisi.

Com vs. Curtis Honaberger. Assault and battery. True bill.

Following roads, &c., confirmed absolutely: Report of viewers against bridge in Madison township near Jacob Wintersteen's.

Report against road in Pine township near Gustavus Dens.

Report in favor of road in Greenwood township near Jno. C. Lemons.

Report in favor of road in Benton twp. near S. H. O'Brien's.

Report in favor of road in Montour township, near Geo. Y. Mourey's.

Report against road in Catawissa twp. near John Shuman's.

Report widening Third Street, Benton Borough.

Curtis Honaberger vs. Gabriel Wetzel, assault and battery. Verdict, defendant not guilty and each to pay one half the costs.

Report of Grand Jury in favor of a county bridge in Cleveland township.

Sale of real estate of A. K. Smith, late of Jerseytown, deceased, ordered and John B. Casey appointed Trustee to sell same.

Estate of Peter Creasy. Frank Heiler appointed auditor to make distribution.

The jury in the case against Wm. Harvey, Philip Hess, Peter Hess, Katharine McHenry, Wm. B. Hess, Allie Harvey, Wm. Bartlett, James Hess, John Hess and Rhoda Hess, who were charged with forcible entry and detainer on the premises of J. P. Fritz and occupied by J. C. Linn in Sugarloaf township, brought in a verdict of guilty.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

We have examined the public buildings and find them in fairly good condition, except that some repairs are needed in several of the cells of the jail as follows: To the iron bedsteads a number of which have broken legs and are otherwise rickety; also to the plumbing in two or more of the cells; the basins and hoppers in some being broken and parts of same gone. We also recommend that some action be taken by the Court in the case of John Vanderville now confined in a cell at the jail, to the jury he seems to be insane and a dangerous person, and that he should be removed to some more proper place than our county jail.

C. W. RUNYAN, Foreman.

Com. vs. J. R. Fowler, charge selling liquor on election day. Plea, guilty. "On the statements of counsel for the defendant and the District Attorney that the sale was made on the evening of November 3rd, 1896, after the polls were closed and the vote announced to the public and the defendant believing that he had then a right to sell under the law and for that reason asked for a suspension of sentence so far as the same relates to imprisonment of the defendant, it is so ordered and the sentence of the Court is that you J. R. Fowler pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$50 to the Commonwealth or give bail for the payment of the same to the Sheriff within ten days and stand committed until this sentence is complied with."

BY THE COURT.

Com. vs. Philip Hess et al. Now December 10, 1896, the reasons filed in this case by Defendants' Counsel for a new trial and in arrest of judgment are over-ruled and while we consider the verdict of the Jury right and proper according to the evidence and the charge of the Court, yet in order that Allie Harvey and Rhoda Hess being married women acting in the presence of their husbands shall not and cannot be held for crime committed, the verdict of the Jury is set aside as to them, and in order that James Hess, John Hess and Wm. Bartlett shall not be prejudiced by the verdict aforesaid, or the charge of Court, we set aside as to them the verdict so far as it relates to their guilt of forcible entry, and sentence them only in reference to their guilt of forcible detainer, and that they be committed to the custody of the Sheriff, each to pay one-seventh of the costs of prosecution and that Peter Hess, Philip Hess, W. A. Hess, Katharine McHenry and Wm. Harvey pay a fine of one dollar each to the Commonwealth and that each also pay one-seventh of the costs of prosecution within fifty days of this date and in case of non-payment of said fines and costs at the expiration of that time a bench warrant may issue to apprehend the defendants sentenced or any of them and commit them to the custody of the Sheriff.

BY THE COURT.

Accidentally Shot.

Jacob Thomas of Wilkesbarre, started on a hunting trip on the Nanticoke Mountains yesterday. He stopped at his uncle's house to get supper. His cousin picked up the gun and pointed it at the young man, thinking there was no cap on it, but the gun went off, the contents striking Thomas in the side and leg below the knee, tearing away a large portion of the calf.

The following letters are advertised Dec. 15, 1896: Frank Roy Evans, Mrs. Kate Fletcher, Mr. Jas. Foster, Ella Heard, Miss Sallie Hill, Mr. Hooke, N. B. Stapleton, Mr. Amsey Vananken, Mr. Thomas Wilson.

Cards: Mr. Tobias Williams. Will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 29, 1896. JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

The Superintendent of buildings of New York, last week made the startling statement that 3,200 buildings in New York City are absolutely unsafe.