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DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

A Democratic caucus was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening for the purpose of nominating town officers to be voted for at the February election. John G. Harman Esq., was elected chairman, and W. A. Evert Esq., and C. R. Weiss, secretaries. For President of Council W. H. Gilmore and W. R. Kocher were named. G. G. Baker and Prof. Mouser were appointed tellers. A vote was taken by ballot, and resulted, Gilmore 166, Kocher 50. Mr. Gilmore was declared the nominee.

For members of council, Thos. Gorrey, Jas. Hendershott, John Kelly, Henry Hower, Stephen Knorr and Josiah Giger were named. Hendershott, Knorr and Giger declined, and the other three were made the nominees by acclamation.

For tax collector Edward Stetler was nominated by acclamation. A half dozen others were named, but all declined.

For school director John R. Townsend and J. C. Rutter Jr., were the candidates for nomination. It was evident that this was the office in which the most interest was felt, and that the large attendance was accounted for by the fact that the friends of the candidates had drummed up a crowd. F. D. Dentler and G. F. Quick were appointed tellers, and a ballot was taken, resulting, Rutter 177; Townsend 65. Mr. Rutter was declared the nominee.

The following district nominations were made:

- 1ST DISTRICT.**
Judge of Election, C. S. Furman.
Inspector, F. C. Eyer.
Registry Assessor, W. E. Knorr.
- 2ND DISTRICT.**
Judge of Election, W. S. Fleckenstine.
Inspector, Hal Sterner.
Registry Assessor, C. H. Sterner.
- 3RD DISTRICT.**
Judge of Election, Robert Mc Bride.
Inspector, Wm. Hassert.
Registry Assessor, C. R. Weiss.
- 4TH DISTRICT.**
Judge of Election, Harvey Giger.
Inspector, J. T. Tracy.
Registry Assessor, Wm. Mutchler.

Storm King Sweeps the West.

Hundreds Perishing of Cold and Hunger in the City of Chicago.

The widespread suffering of the unemployed people in the great west and northwest has been greatly intensified by the terrific blizzard and icy temperature which prevails in that section. The situation in Chicago has become so serious that the Mayor has been compelled to issue a proclamation for bread with which to feed the starving hundreds, and he has requested that all the churches in that city be thrown open in order to give temporary shelter to the cold and hungry.

The situation is the same in many other large cities throughout the west and the great blocking of traffic by the heavy snows will render the condition of many thousands almost unendurable.

SLEIGHERS BADLY HURT.

About 10 o'clock Monday evening a sledding party of 40 persons from Tyrone drove into a quarry at Pemberton, six miles below that place.

The sled, horses and pleasure seekers were precipitated 50 feet to the bottom of a precipice where they lay in a great mass.

Twenty-five persons were badly injured and some fatally.

As soon as the news reached Tyrone a special train was fitted out by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and all the doctors in the town were conveyed to the scene of the catastrophe.

The party was mostly made up of young people. Boys and girls with arms and legs broken and with blood streaming from their wounds lay in great drifts of snow, slowly perishing from the intense cold. The mercury stood at 3 degrees below zero, adding to the horror of the catastrophe. Latest report says that none are dead, though about 20 are injured.

A young man by the name of Williams, a student at the Normal School, met with a serious accident on Saturday morning. He was practicing on the bars in the gymnasium, when he lost his hold and fell to the floor on his head and shoulders. It was at first feared the fall would prove fatal, but his condition is much better.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

W. O. HOLMES RENOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT.

In response to call the Bloomsburg Republicans met in the Town Hall on Saturday night, and named a ticket for the election to be held in February. J. C. Brown was made chairman, and W. E. Rinker and Ed. Ent secretaries. The chairman said that every person who voted for McKinley would have the right to vote at the caucus.

Nominations for President of Council were open and made as follows: W. O. Holmes, E. A. Rawlings, O. W. Cherrington and Dr. G. W. Mifflin.

Theodore Garrison, E. H. Harrar and William Shutt were appointed Tellers, and the vote was taken by passing the hat around. The result of the vote was Holmes 73; Rawlings 10; Cherrington 20; Mifflin 2. Holmes was declared the nominee.

Nominations for Members of Council were now in order, but it was announced that but three would be placed on the ticket. Five were named and it resulted thus: W. D. Brobst, 60; E. A. Rawlings, 80; W. U. Jury, 62; J. Lee Harman, 77; F. J. Richards, 70. This count made Messrs. Rawlings, Harman and Richards the nominees, they having received the largest number of votes.

The Chairman then gave out that the caucus was now ready for the nomination of a man for School Director, and W. E. Rinker was named, but just as this was announced, J. D. Shaffer, called out, that in behalf of the morals of the public school, and on his own responsibility, he would nominate Mrs. M. E. Walker. This seemed to stir up things for a few moments and made things quite lively. The caucus seemed to pay no attention to Mr. Shaffer's little speech, but he said he was a Republican and a tax payer, and wanted his choice voted for. After considerable sharp talk, quiet was restored and a vote taken which made Mr. Rinker an easy winner, but two voting against him.

L. D. Kase and Thomas Webb were named for Tax Collector. The vote was taken. Mr. Webb received 41 and Mr. Kase 64, which made him the nominee.

O. W. Cherrington was chosen Assistant Triennial Assessor, but it was afterwards learned that he was a member of the election board and therefore could not serve as Assessor, whereupon J. L. Wolverton was nominated.

Following is the result of the District nominations:

- FIRST DISTRICT.**
Judge of Election—Theodore Smith.
Inspector—Edwin H. Ent. Registry Assessor—W. H. Yetter.
- SECOND DISTRICT.**
Judge of Election—Samuel Pursel.
Inspector—Chas. Hendershott. Registry Assessor—John Scott.
- THIRD DISTRICT.**
Judge of Election—Robert Penman.
Inspector—Wm. Deitterick. Registry Assessor—J. V. Logan.
- FOURTH DISTRICT.**
Judge of Election—W. H. Crossley.
Inspector—Elwood Heacock. Registry Assessor—E. H. Harrar.

The slate which was made up before was carried out with the single exception of Councilman, where it had been intended to put W. U. Jury in place of F. J. Richard, but something happened, the slate was broken and down went Mr. Jury. We do not know what Mr. Quay will say to the bosses for allowing the slate to be broken.

The congregation of St. Paul's church had the privilege last Sunday of listening to solos by Mrs. Elmer E. Melick, both morning and evening, at the offertory. The morning selection was Hymn 413, "The God of love my shepherd is," with music by Gounod. At the evening service the selection was "Abide with me," by Barnby, with soprano solo by Mrs. Melick, baritone solo by Deforest Hummer, and quartette by Mrs. Melick, Miss Ware, Messrs. Hummer and Elwell.

Mrs. Melick sang very sweetly and with much expression, in her usual charming way, and Mr. Hummer acquitted himself very creditably.

If dogs become such a nuisance about your premises at night, and after several warnings to the owner, you resolve to shoot him, try and kill the animal outright and relieve its suffering instead of merely hitting the dog so that it takes several days for death to relieve it, as was the case with the one shot on the Light Street road the other night.

PHILADELPHIA FIRE SWEPT.

The Most Disastrous Fire in the History of the City Occurred Tuesday Morning.

A great fire started at 6.40 o'clock Tuesday morning from an overheated oven in the basement of the six story iron building, 1309 to 1317 Market Street, and destroyed or gutted sixty buildings and consumed property valued at a million and a half dollars.

Many small store keepers lost all they had, and several thousand people are thrown out of employment. The fire was the worst that Philadelphia has experienced in a generation. The scene of the great destruction is located in the heart of the city.

Directly opposite to where the fire raged the fiercest, is located the famous general store of John Wanamaker, and though on fire several times and while the frontage on Market Street was badly damaged, the store was saved from destruction.

There were a number of minor casualties among the firemen, yet no one was seriously hurt, but one death resulted. John A. Felt, a book-keeper for a firm in the vicinity of the great fire, dropped dead from heart disease, caused by the great excitement.

It was a fearful morning to fight fire. The thermometer hovered near zero, and the water froze to ice the moment it struck the pavement. The flames gained steadily on the men and every engine in the city was out, on the scene.

The smaller stores along Thirteenth Street to Silver Street were destroyed, but the greatest losses are as follows:

Hirsch & Brother, umbrellas; Hanscom Brothers, grocers, and A. W. Dennett, restaurant; building total loss. Loss on building and contents, \$300,000. The loss to the three tenants and on the building is fully covered by insurance. No. 1319 Market street, occupied by Blum Brothers, cloak manufacturers, loss on building and contents, \$250,000; fully covered by insurance. The Dunlap building, 1306 to 1310 Filbert street, owned by John Wanamaker. Loss on building by numerous tenants, the principal losers among whom are the Dunlap printing company, whose loss is covered by insurance of \$68,000; the Wilbur printing company, loss covered by insurance of \$10,000; the Collins carriage company, loss \$10,000, fully covered by insurance.

John Wanamaker's store, Thirteenth and Market streets, loss \$100,000; mostly by water; covered by private insurance. The Joseph Harrison, Jr., estate owns Nos. 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307 and 1325 Market street; the rear of Nos. 1327 and 1329 Market street; the rear of Nos. 25 and 27 North Juniper street, and Nos. 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 North Thirteenth street. Most of these were small buildings and were badly gutted but the loss on them was pretty completely covered by insurance. These buildings were occupied mostly by small tenants in a small line of business and most of them carried lines of insurance nearly sufficient to cover their losses.

The losses were distributed among so many that only an approximate idea of the total loss could be gathered, but the greater part is covered by insurance. The total loss will probably not exceed \$1,000,000.

The entertainment at the Opera House Tuesday night for the benefit of the Lutheran Church, was a great financial success, the house was crowded to the doors, not a seat being vacant. The program started with a few selections by the phonograph, which were well rendered, but the main feature was the animatroscope. Life size views of different objects were given, some of which were very exciting, the most wonderful of the lot however was a representation of the celebrated Black Diamond Express of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, which flew across the stage at a terrible rate. Prof. Howe was compelled to repeat this picture. The scene of Manhattan Beach after a storm was also worthy of special mention. Everyone who attended was highly pleased, and considering the high order of the entertainment, the admission fee of 25 and 35 cents was very small. The animatroscope is beyond doubt the greatest invention of the age.

People out west have queer ways. A newspaper published over there chronicles births, marriages, and deaths, thus: "Hatched," "Matched" and "Dispatched." A Pennsylvania newspaper heads them "Yells," "Bells," and "Knells."

"MARCY."

There have been numerous entertainments, musical and dramatic, given in this town by home talent in the past, in which the participants have acquitted themselves well, but few have been more enjoyable than that presented at the Opera House last Thursday night. The program consisted of a drama, entitled "Marcy," interspersed with music. The cast of characters was as follows:

Jack Henderson, W. H. Magill.
Jethro Baxter, F. H. Wilson.
Philander Potts, A. W. Duy.
Wally Henderson, Eugene Carpenter.
Jake Baxter, Deforest Hummer.
Harry Woodthorp, S. H. Harman.
Edith Henderson, Miss Vida Miller.
Emma Watson, Miss Lilla Sloan.
Mrs. Henderson, Miss Maud Runyon.
Marcy, Miss Katharine Gardner.

"Marcy," the untutored country girl, and afterwards the refined and educated lady, was played by Miss Gardner like a professional actor. Her manner was natural, and her conception of the part was excellent.

F. H. Wilson as Jethro Baxter, Marcy's father, portrayed the old New England farmer to perfection. His make-up was good, and his manner so comical that the audience laughed every time he appeared.

A. W. Duy as Philander Potts, the school teacher and inventor in hard luck, always in love and always ready for a square meal, was another of the leading characters, and filled his role in a most amusing way. His flights of oratory were usually cut short by an invitation to eat something.

Jack Henderson, the wealthy and cultured city gentleman who falls in love with the simple country girl, and is disowned by his family for marrying her, was well rendered by W. H. Magill. He soon tires of her ignorance and she overhearing a conversation in which he expresses his discontent, determines to leave him and go to school. The parting scene was very pathetic.

All the others were equally as good in their parts, though less prominent in the play.

Mrs. Elmer Melick sang a beautiful solo entitled "Without Thee," with orchestral accompaniment arranged by Chas. P. Elwell. The audience demanded a repetition, which was given.

The orchestra under the direction of Chas. P. Elwell, never played better, and the music was greatly enjoyed.

The net proceeds of the entertainment were about eighty dollars.

J. Lee Martin has completed three years at the trade of watch making. He entered the store of J. G. Wells in January, 1894, and remained with J. E. Roys, when Mr. Wells sold out, to the end of his apprenticeship. He is a young man of excellent character, a skillful workman, and a good salesman. On Saturday he will leave Mr. Roys' store, and on Monday will go to Lancaster to take a course in engraving and fine work, after which he will be ready for an engagement. Whoever secures his services will get a competent and reliable helper.

Charles and George, two young sons of W. B. Taylor were found in their beds in an unconscious condition early on Friday morning, caused by the inhalation of gas from a stove, from which the pipe had come apart. Had they been left go a little longer, they would very probably have been too far gone to be restored, but as it was, the discovery was made just in the nick of time.

The third number of the Normal Lecture Course will be Leland T. Powers, in his various impersonations, in Normal Auditorium next Wednesday night, February 3rd. This is looked upon as one of the best attractions of the Course.

The deed to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, of Wilkesbarre, after being lost for over fifty years, was found on Tuesday. It was considerably gnawed by the mice, it having been thrown to one side with some old rubbish.

The Williamsport basket ball team went down before the superior playing of the Normal School five in Normal Gymnasium last night by the score of 23 to 8. The visitors played a fairly good game, but Capt. Worthington's boys played better, and the score tells the rest. Williamsport has been playing all winter but this is the first defeat they have sustained since their visit here one year ago.

Some people forgot that the new year started on the first of January as many are still writing 1896.

GOOD ADVICE



is often never heeded until too late. This sale may prove just that way to you. The prices now will not, in fact, cannot be repeated. It's a splendid opportunity to clothe yourself and family, and at first cost of manufacture. The winter has just about opened. Storm Overcoats, \$3.90, \$4.50, \$6, \$7, \$8. Boy's Reefers, 1.75, 2.25, 3, 3.50. Warm Wool Underwear, complete sizes in best grades. Mufflers, lined or unlined gloves.

THE Gidding's Store.

RANKS HIGH AS A COMPOSER.

Chas. J. MacHenry, son of John J. of Benton, has long been known by his friends here as a fine musician. He has been residing in Richmond, Va. for some years past, and the following clipped from the Richmond Dispatch of the 19th inst. shows what he is doing down there. That says:

Mr. Charles J. MacHenry, the composer of a large number of popular and successful pieces for the piano, has received a very flattering offer from the firm of Messrs. Hoock & Co., of Memphis, Tenn., for the purchase of one of his latest efforts.

This piece is a march, which was composed by Mr. MacHenry in competition for a prize of \$100 offered by the above firm for the best march, to be known as the "Prize Centennial March," and distributed at the forthcoming Nashville Centennial. Two hundred and eighty-eight manuscripts were submitted from all parts of the country, and after much deliberation this number was sifted down to seventeen. Mr. MacHenry's march was among this number, and he has received an offer from the firm of a good round sum for his march, which he has accepted.

Mr. MacHenry is a very popular young musician. He is employed at the music store of Messrs. Manly B. Ramos & Co., and his future as a composer seems to be particularly bright.

For the Organ Fund.

The choir of St. Paul's church will give a chicken and waffle supper in the Parish House some evening during the third week in February.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew are contemplating an entertainment of some kind in the near future. It will probably be a lecture in the Parish House.

The proceeds will go to the new organ fund.

The Republican caucus will reassemble this evening in the Town Hall for the purpose of nominating a man for member of Council, J. Lee Harman, who was named on Saturday night having withdrawn.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A short session of court was held on Monday, with Judge Ikeler and associates Millard and Fox on the bench. Silas J. Benjamin & S. I. Shortess. Rule to show cause why lien should not be stricken off the list and to set aside service of Sci. Fa. Papers given to the Court.

In the matter of the Bloomsburg Banking Company, Mr. Freeze asks the Court to extend the time etc., for the Receiver to file his answer and furnish a list of stockholders for thirty days.

In re-estate of minor children of John S. Kline, deceased, late of Benton township. Petition to have guardian H. H. Hulme enter into security, etc. Rule granted, returnable second return day of February Court.

John W. Frantz vs. Ellen Shoemaker. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be stricken off.

Estate of Andrew Solleder. Exceptions to report of Auditor. Est. of Jonas Doty, dec'd. Rule to show cause why execution shall not issue. Papers submitted to Court.

THE TOWN ELECTION.

At the coming February election the following officers will be voted for in Bloomsburg: President of Council; six members of council; two school directors for 3 years; tax collector for 3 years; 1 judge of election in each district; 2 inspectors in each district; 4 registry assessors.

Fell Heir to \$20,000.

SHAMOKIN, January 23.—Miss Kate Meenahan, of Centralia, received word from Denver yesterday that she had been allotted \$20,000 out of an estate of \$150,000, left by Richard Evans, who died a few weeks ago.

At the Prohibition caucus held at the office of M. P. Lutz & Son on Friday night, the following nominations were made. For President Town Council W. R. Kocher, member of Council, H. G. Supplee.

In the public schools of Germany, the bright pupils are separated from the stupid ones. Medical men do the sorting.