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PRINTING THE BALLOTS.

The contract for printing the ballots for the coming election has been awarded to the COLUMBIAN at \$6.50 per thousand for official, and \$4.50 for specimens. This is 50 cents less per thousand than was paid last year, but the commissioners now furnish copy for the tickets just as they are to be printed, whereas heretofore the printer has had to copy them off from the papers filed in the commissioners' office. When the time of the clerk and commissioners is considered in making out the forms there will be no great saving to the county. There are to be 10615 official ballots and 1400 specimens. This is the least number that has ever been printed. The law requires that there shall be 75 ballots for every 50 voters or fraction of 50. This would make about 15000 officials, besides the specimen. This number has been found to be excessive by experience, and has been gradually cut down. The number of specimens ordered allows only an average of 30 to a district. Whether this is enough remains to be seen.

The Daily of the 3rd inst. in speaking of business before the commissioners, says:

"The greater portion of the day was taken up preparing the election ballots for the printers. The old board put this duty on the printer and left it substantially to his discretion how the ballots should be arranged, and where mistakes were made the county paid the bill for the correction."

As we have printed all the ballots since the Baker law was passed, we cannot let this statement as to the printers' mistakes go uncorrected. The form of the ballots has not been left to the "discretion of the printer," but proofs have uniformly been submitted to the commissioners for their approval. Very few mistakes have occurred, and when they were the mistakes of the printer they were corrected at our expense. The county never paid one dollar for correcting our errors.

The only extra payment for tickets was in February 1894, when the Berwick ballots were reprinted by order of the commissioners, after we had completed them according to the form approved by the board. Some objection was made to the form, and they were ordered reprinted. In 1895 the tickets for the districts embraced in Bloom Poor District were reprinted by order of the commissioners. At that time hardly two people could be found who would agree on the same form of ballot, and after careful examination the commissioners decided upon a form. After they were all done, a change of form was agreed upon by the county chairmen of the two parties, and the commissioners, and they were ordered reprinted, so that, as stated before, the county has never paid anything for the printers' mistakes.

STUDENTS ONLY ADMITTED.

A regulation has been adopted by the Faculty of the Normal School forbidding the attendance of any but regular attendants of the school at the Saturday evening literary exercises. It is said that this action was necessary owing to the fact that about 200 children from town and a number of grown people, were so disorderly as to disturb the meetings. Under these circumstances the action of the faculty is right. Those who wish to enjoy the advantages of the school should not abuse the privilege.

An investigation made by the Senate as to the origin of the fire that destroyed the state capitol, seems to indicate that it started from the fire in the open grate in the Lieutenant Governor's room, in some way getting down through the hearth among the timbers beneath. The testimony developed the fact that no precautions against fire had been adopted, no fire brigade was ever organized among the employees, and little if any extinguishing material was kept about the buildings.

The Bloomsburg Council of the Royal Arcanum will hold a public meeting on the evening of the 24th inst, when addresses will be made by Grand Regent Leisenring, and Grand Orator Weiss. Arrangements are being made to make it an interesting occasion. This is an excellent order and gives cheap and safe life insurance, as well as the benefits of a social fraternity.

Prothonotary Henric is the father of an entirely new son, who arrived in Catawissa on Sunday.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A meeting of Town Council was held on Thursday evening.

President W. O. Holmes and all the members Thomas Gorrey, Charles Kunkle, E. A. Rawlings, F. J. Richard, W. R. Kocher and W. D. Brobst were present.

A permit to build a two story house on north side of east Fifth street was granted to C. C. Peacock.

Messrs. Kocher, Richard and Kunkle, members of the Finance Committee, submitted the following in the case of Dr. J. R. Evans against the Town of Bloomsburg. The amount claimed by Dr. J. R. Evans was \$1741.25 for 16 1/2 feet of ground, shade trees, grape vines, berry vines, fruit trees, coal house, &c., destroyed in opening Jefferson street. In order to compromise the matter we suggest that the Town pay to Dr. Evans \$800 and for this amount he will release the Town of all claims to date.

Brobst and Rawlings moved that the report be accepted. Carried unanimously. Same to be submitted to the Solicitor for proper preparation.

Notice from Board of Health was received notifying Council that Isaiah Hagenbuch has been elected Health Officer of the Town of Bloomsburg at a salary of \$10 per month. Same received and filed.

In the matter of opening Scott's alley through land owned by W. L. Demaree the latter made the following proposition: "I will give the Town an alley same width as present alley for \$350 and the balance of the land east of the alley about fourteen feet more or less for \$100 providing the Town accepts the latter within three years."

On motion of Kocher and Richard Mr. Demaree's proposition was accepted without a dissenting voice.

Town Treasurer Yost sent in a request that the Town furnish him with sufficient money to pay the interest now due on Town bonds. After a short discussion, on motion of Gorrey, duly seconded by Richard and unanimously carried, the President was authorized to negotiate a loan of \$1000 for thirty days for the purpose of paying the coupons now due on bonds, and that the Treasurer be instructed to retain the license money soon to be paid the Town, to pay off said loan of \$1,000.

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

Bloom Store Co., goods for B. F. Taylor, ordered by board of health.....	\$ 9 65
O. B. Mellick, cement and team work at corner Iron and Second.....	17 70
Paragon Plaster and Supply Co. for plaster at corner Iron and Second streets.....	11 05
Moyer Bros., 2 bottles chloride Steam Co., three months steam at Town Hall.....	93 81
Water Co., 57 hydrants.....	89 17
Arlington Shultz, police, 2 arrests.....	1 00
F. Drake, police, 3 arrests.....	1 50
I. Hagenbuch, Health Officer, two months salary.....	20 00
P. H. Freeze, 21 days work.....	25 00
J. C. Brown, publishing ordinances and printing slips.....	11 50
J. C. Brown, printing Order Book.....	7 50
Creasy & Wells, lumber.....	44 74
Harman & Hassert, material, coal, repairs &c.....	40 43
Policemen Knorr and Culp.....	80 00
Secretary Ringler.....	20 00

An order was also directed to be drawn in favor of Dr. Evans for \$800 and given him as soon as all proper releases are filed.

Adjourned.

The question of an increase of the bonded indebtedness of the town will not be voted on at the election next Tuesday, for the reason that the ordinance was not adopted in time for thirty days publication previous to the election, as provided by law. The resolution to put this question to a vote of the people was adopted by the Council on January 21st which would give it but twenty-six days publication, hence the tax-payers will not vote on this subject until a special election is held.

William T. Creasy assumed the position of editor of the "Sentinel" last week. He possesses ability, is a strong Democrat, and a gentleman, who, we believe, will not stoop to personal journalism. He delivered his salutatory last week, and on the adjournment of the Legislature he will be actively connected with that paper. We welcome him to the editorial fraternity, and wish him success in his new field.

WIND STORM.

COMBINED WITH HEAVY RAIN, CAUSES SOME DESTRUCTION.

A very severe rain and wind storm swept over this town Saturday afternoon and evening and caused considerable damage. The Furniture Factory suffered to the extent of about one hundred dollars, by reason of some of the roof being torn off and the stack blown down.

The fences at the fair ground were blown down, and the main exhibition building was completely unroofed.

The Car Company had some damage done to their roofs.

The skylights at the Carpet Mill were broken, and some roof wrecked. The loss will probably be about \$900.

The stack at the Steam Company was broken, and some other damage done.

Two large trees were uprooted at Oak Grove.

Many glass were broken at J. L. Dillon's green houses.

Many dwelling houses were caught by the wind and slightly damaged in the way of window glass being broken.

BASKET BALL.

The finest game of basket ball ever played in this town took place in the Normal gymnasium on Friday night last, when the University of Pennsylvania lost a close and hotly contested game by the score of 11 to 10. The attendance at the game was very large, a good many people from other towns being present.

The game was somewhat delayed at the start, owing to the fact that manager Abbott, of the visitors objected to Worthington's playing, claiming that he was a professional, but they finally came to terms, and the game started with Worthington in his position. The Normal boys started in with a dash, for in 30 seconds from the time the game was started, they threw two baskets, and for a while the noise was deafening. These two baskets, practically won the game, as the visitors braced up, and when time was called at the conclusion of the first half, the score was a tie—7—7.

In the second half, the Normal boys kept up the good, and after a half minute of fast work Young made a very good play, throwing a basket from the forty-foot line.

The passing of the ball was one of the features of the Normal team's play, and it being done as it was, so accurately, made the exhibition a very pretty one to witness.

For Pennsy, the work of Milligan, was exceptionally fine.

The men lined up as follows:

PENNA.	NORMAL.	
DeLaffre.....	attack.....	Moore.
Milligan.....	attack.....	Detwiler.
Shrack.....	centre.....	Young.
Stewart.....	defense.....	Harrar.
Buckley.....	defense.....	Worthington.

Goals from field, Moore 2; Detwiler 3; Young 1; Milligan 3; DeLaffre 1. Goals from fouls, Moore 1, Milligan 2. Time, 20 minutes. Referee, Dr. Van Horn. Timer C. B. Lutz.

Mrs. A. H. Dreisbach died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Shaffer, on Friday morning at four o'clock, aged fifty six years. Her health had been failing for some time past. Her husband, G. W. Dreisbach, died some years ago, and Mrs. Shaffer is the only surviving member of the family. The funeral was held at the house on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. I. M. Patterson.

Mrs. John Zaner, of Fishingcreek, died last Thursday night, aged over seventy years. Her husband and nine children survive her. The funeral took place on Monday morning, Rev. A. H. Houtz conducting the services at the house, and Rev. E. A. Sharretts at the church. A large concourse of friends followed the remains to the grave.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rishton have issued invitations for a large party to be given at the Club House on Market street, on Thursday, the 18th inst. in honor of Mr. Frank H. Sloan and his bride, of Baltimore. It will no doubt be the leading social event of the season.

"Voluntary man-slaughter" was the verdict returned at Sunbury Tuesday night, against Patrick Boylan, who fatally stabbed Frank Roarly, at Locust Gap, in October last.

J. Howard Patterson, son of Rev. I. M. Patterson, was admitted to the bar last week. He read law in the office of C. G. Barkley, Esq.

Court Proceedings.

W. C. Thomas was appointed constable to attend the election in West Greenwood district at the ensuing election.

A petition was presented to vacate and relay a road in Sugarloaf township near Henry C. Hess'.

A petition was presented for a public road in Fishingcreek township near Thomas J. Coleman's.

In the estate of Jonas Johnson a sale of real estate was ordered for the payment of debts.

Commonwealth vs. Isaac Yocum, surety of the peace. The defendant was sentenced at the last court of quarter sessions to pay the costs of prosecution and give bail in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace toward all citizens, especially toward Isaac Richard the prosecutor. It appearing to the court that the oosts had not been paid a rule was granted to show cause why a bench warrant should not be issued for the payment of same.

Commonwealth vs. Jared Williams. This was a case in which the defendant had been found guilty of desertion. At the time he had a wife and two children and the court sentenced him to pay eight dollars per month for the support of his family. Since the order was made one of his children died and a modification of the order was requested reducing the amount. The court after hearing the allegations of the parties said he would reduce the same and file his order in the Prothonotary's office.

Application for a county bridge over the Hemlock creek in Hemlock township near Buckhorn on the road leading to Frosty Valley, the Grand Jury returned the same as being approved.

At this time the court took occasion to say to the Grand Jury "that his remarks yesterday complaining of apparent slowness of action in the transaction of business, that after an investigation of the facts he found was not their fault. That they had been waiting in their room hours at a time with no bill before them, and even when cases were called for trial on Monday and Tuesday parties were not in attendance with their witnesses. The court assured them that hereafter the District Attorney would be obliged to dispose of the cases when called, and unless legal grounds be shown for the absence of parties and witnesses the cases will be summarily disposed of, and that similar delays shall not hereafter occur."

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

We have examined the public buildings and find the county jail clean and apparently in good condition, except plumbing in three or more cells, water spouting blown or torn away, front doors weather beaten, pointing on walls fallen out, six or more cells not sufficient bedding—also stone walk in front in bad shape. At Court House, in Commissioners office plastering broken on ceiling. In Treasurer's office steam pipe leakage and covering on writing tables worn out. In Sheriff's office floor in very bad shape, unfit paper on side walls. Inquisition tables not in proper shape. In election room now used by county Auditor, renovating needed. Second Court room plastering on ceiling broken. Matting on steps leading to main entrance of Court room torn and in a dangerous condition. Also railing post on same steps broken at base. In conclusion, report to His Honor that we acted upon all matters as quickly as they were brought before us in keeping with our oath and his instructions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN P. HILL, Foreman

Estate of George Bittner, deceased. Order of sale and report read and confirmed nisi.

Return of inquest in re estate of Adam Utt, deceased. Confirmed nisi.

Wm. McBride vs. Columbia Co. Continued at cost of defendant.

John K. Young's executors vs. Silas J. Benjamin. Continued by arbitration.

The Leader Co., Limited, vs. Hess Iron Manufacturing Co., two cases, both improperly on the list.

All other cases, except C. W. Hess et al. vs. B. & S. R. Co., continued.

W. Holstine vs. Wm. Markle and I. W. Cherrington. Petition to set aside Fi. Fa. Rule granted to show cause. Returnable next term.

Clinton Derr vs. Fannie E. Derr. Subpoena in divorce awarded.

Estate of Joseph P. Davis, deceased. Elisha Ringrose and Harvey Knorr, appointed appraisers.

H. H. Hulme, H. F. Kelchner and B. E. Long appointed viewers for a road in Sugarloaf township, near Henry C. Hess.

DISAGREEABLE



Conditions are sure to exist at some seasons of the year, and in business as well as in weather. Its not a pleasing fact for us to realize that we are to loose all contemplated profit on our storm overcoats, dress overcoats, and boy's and children's reefers, but they must be pushed out of the house promptly and money realized. Our lines of men's and boy's suits are exceptionally strong in regulars, slims and stouts. Gloves, underwear, sweaters, &c at absolute cost.

GIDDING & CO.

costs, including charges of J. C. Brown, engineer.

Helen Swisher vs. James Ritter. Interpleader. Verdict for the plaintiff. Mr. Ritter sold a buggy to Abijah Swisher, who failed to pay for it. Ritter then levied on his personal property to secure his pay, but Mrs. Swisher, the wife, claimed the ownership of all except the buggy, hence the interpleader.

Road in Greenwood, near Heacock's station. Report of viewers continued to next term.

Estate of Caleb Barton, deceased. Grant Herring is appointed Auditor to distribute balance in hands of executors.

Estate of Andrew Fowler deceased. G. M. Quick is appointed Auditor.

Kate Cook vs. Charles Cook. Divorce. W. A. Evert is appointed commissioner to take testimony.

The trial list was gone over and cases not already tried, disposed of as follows:

D. M. Osborne & Co. vs. W. P. Kline. Settled.

Dr. J. R. Evans vs. Town of Bloomsburg. Settled.

School Furniture Co. vs. Bloomsburg Belt Line. Possible settlement.

J. M. Rhone use vs. Chas. Gibbons et al. To be submitted to the Court.

Jacob H. Fritz, administrator, vs. W. A. Kile, et al. Continued on account of sickness of J. W. Kile, a defendant, but not to be continued again for same cause.

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C. H. Moore, Sylvester Hutton and Reuben Belles appointed viewers for a road in Fishingcreek.

In the case of Hilday vs. Angle, the jury rendered a verdict on Wednesday morning for the defendant.

Estate of Michael Fetterolf. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

In matter of account of M. E. Stackhouse, administrator of estate of Clinton W. Lewis deceased. H. A. McKillip is appointed Auditor to pass upon exceptions and make distribution.

A Pleasant Evening.

The first of a series of receptions to be held by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, took place on Thursday evening of last week, and was a very pleasant gathering. A silver collection was taken at the door. Light refreshments were served by the ladies, and several musical numbers were given, including vocal solos by Mrs. Elmer Melick and Miss Natalie Foulk, piano solo by Miss Maude Runyon. Mrs. J. L. Richardson recited several pieces and the whole entertainment was delightful. The second of the series will be held this evening and the third next Thursday. These receptions are for everybody who wishes to attend, and all are welcome. The attendance at the first one was not as large as it should have been. The money is used for missionary purposes. The proceeds amounted to nearly eight dollars the first night. A piano has been rented for a month and placed in the Parish House, and is used on these occasions.

Bar Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Bar Association in the court room on Saturday, 13th inst., at ten o'clock, to consider the report of the Law Library Committee for the years 1894-5-6; also to consider ways and means, and to elect a secretary.

The choir of St. Paul's Church will give a chicken and flannel cake supper in the Parish House on the evening of February 25, from 5 to 9 o'clock. Supper 25 cents. The proceeds will go in the organ fund.