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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular Monthly Meeting Held Thursday Night.—Orders Issued for the Payment of Bills. Etc.

The regular monthly meeting of the council was held Thursday evening of last week. The President and all members with the exception of Richard and Brobst being present.

The minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary Ringler and approved.

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

Fred Ikeler, Solicitor.....	\$210.00
W. F. Hartman, work & material.....	10.79
G. B. Martin, repairs, &c....	2.45
R. H. Ringler, ink, matches, seals &c.....	1.25
Arlington Shultz, police service.....	2.00
W. O. Holmes, work & material.....	10.85
M. M. Phillips, work on sewer and pipe.....	9.19
Kocher & Co., coal.....	10.41
Water Co., 57 hydrants.....	89.17
Water Co., for hydrant.....	29.00
Water Co., for a 6 in. T plug, &c.....	51.46
Steam Co., heat Town Hall, Feb.....	38.41
Schuyler & Co., hardware.....	8.25
Chas. Tittle, 2 ton sand.....	.50
Wm. Kline, stone for culvert	5.60
Harman & Hassert, coal.....	3.75
Harman & Hassert, bolt.....	.30
American Fire Engine Co., for new hose cart.....	135.00
Friendship Fire Co., appropriation.....	150.00
Wimona Fire Co., appropriation.....	75.00
Knorr & Culp, policemen.....	80.00
R. H. Ringler, Secretary.....	20.00
P. K. Vannatta, curtains, &c. Friendship Fire Co. room.....	4.70

J. K. Bittenbender, tax collector, appeared and asked exonerations for various persons from payment of taxes for 1894. Some, he stated, had moved away, others were poor and others simply no good. The names are as follows: the sum amounting to about \$52.

M. C. Crawford, W. S. Campbell, J. F. Donahue, Jno. Ertwine, G. M. Follmer, E. F. Fowler, Alfred Gross, Harvy Geiger, W. D. Golder, Chas. H. Gilmore, Chas. Hall, J. F. Harley, W. E. Knorr, John Knies, Dan Kashner, Thos. Kester, John Lawton, John Marshall, W. M. Miner, Harry Miller, A. Noble, John Palmer, W. F. Rhoads, F. Smith, Geo. Sterling, O. P. Swisher, W. E. Splain, J. D. Warner, dog, had no dog, J. M. Weitz, C. Williams.

On motion the collector was allowed the exonerations.

Release of Dr. J. R. Evans for land taken by the town by reason of the opening of Jefferson Street, was presented and read.

Building permits were asked for and granted to Dr. T. C. Harter for a house on East Street adjoining his home on 8 1/2 Street near A. V. Hower and J. D. Shaffer's houses.

To the Armour Beef Co., for beef house on Sixth Street.

To L. Bernhard for rear addition to his residence on Fifth Street.

A. N. Yost, Treasurer, presented a bill for interest paid on Town Orders and on overdue interest on bonds amounting to \$402.89, also for State tax \$120.99. Orders for the amount were directed to be drawn. He also presented deed from Mrs. Demaree to Town for alley near Fair Ground, consideration \$350 as agreed upon, and asked for order. Upon motion Secretary is directed to issue order for same as soon as deed is approved by the Solicitor.

Rush Cook appeared and asked Council to exonerate his wife Phoebe L. Cook from the payment of her '95 and '96 tax on account of sickness. He also entered complaint about the neighbors dogs, saying it was hardly safe for children and at nights for even grown people. The tax business was referred to the Finance committee, and the police are to look after the dogs.

Upon request the Bloomsburg Match Co., is exempted from taxation for ten years, said Co., to put in two fire hydrants and maintain same for two years, and allow the town the use of them when necessary. The building is to be of brick, 100 by 30, with an engine room &c., 20 by 25.

Complaint was entered as to the bad condition of the side walk on Main street from the B. & S. RR. up to nearly the first alley.

Adjournment till Monday night March 15th.

CALLED HIGHER.

One of Doylestown's Most Revered Clergymen Found Dead in His Rooms Thursday Morning—A Sketch of His Life and Works.

As was fitting to a life rich in usefulness and Godliness, death in its most peaceful form came to Rev. Levi C. Sheip, pastor of Salem Reformed Church, while he lay asleep in his apartments at the Meyers building, Doylestown, early Thursday morning. He had been feeling somewhat unwell for several days and complained of a pain in his chest, but he attended a conference of the church officers in Charles F. Meyers' law office Wednesday evening and at that time showed no sign of serious illness. He shortly afterward retired to his rooms and went to bed, where he was found dead Thursday morning.

When Mr. Sheip did not arise at his usual hour Mrs. Meyers decided not to arouse him, on account of his previous indisposition, but about 8.30 o'clock she went up to arrange his room. As he did not stir when she opened the door Mrs. Meyers suspected something wrong and hurried to his bedside. She was shocked to find him cold in death. He lay upon his back as was his custom, his hands folded across his breast. The pillows were undisturbed, showing that he had passed away without a struggle. He probably sank quietly into that sleep which knows no earthly waking. A physician who was immediately called pronounced his death due to heart weakness. Rev. Sheip may have become chilled during the night, for Mrs. Meyers found his gas stove lighted, which was his custom only under such circumstances.

Word of Rev. Sheip's death was sent to his brother, near Chalfont, as soon as possible, and several of the members of his church were notified. A great many of his friends and church members called Thursday morning to pay respects to their deceased pastor. All were profoundly shocked at the intelligence of his death. Rev. Sheip probably had not an enemy in the world, and his loss will be felt more deeply than would be the case with almost any other man in the community.

Levi C. Sheip was the son of John and Hannah Snyder Sheip, one of a family of six children, and was born in New Britain township, December 30, 1833. The Sheip family was of Swiss descent and the pioneer settled in Bucks county in the early part of last century. The Sheips were farmers and the subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, attending the usual country schools until about twelve years old. He then attended the Doylestown academy and afterwards taught school. He prepared for college at Frederick institute, in Montgomery county, and later studied and graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Sheip studied theology at the Reformed Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and was licensed by Goshenhoppen Classis, in 1864. In 1865 he accepted a call and was stationed at Bloomsburg. In 1867 he went to a school in West Philadelphia and in 1868 became pastor of the Salem Reformed Church, Doylestown, which position he continuously occupied until his death.

In 1863-5 Mr. Sheip had a school for boys, in Doylestown, located on the upper story of what is now Mr. Beer's bottling establishment. In 1869 he had a girls school in what is now the Masonic Hall. In 1871, associated with Henry H. Hough, Mr. Sheip established the Linden Female Seminary, which he continued, the last year as sole principal, until the summer of 1879.

In the fall of the last named year Mr. Sheip became principal of the Doylestown borough schools, which position he held, during the last terms in the old building and the first months in the present edifice, down to June, 1890.

Besides his pastoral and educational work Mr. Sheip found time for considerable literary effort, and after a visit to Europe, in 1875, he gave a large number of illustrated lectures upon the countries and scenes of interest which he had visited. Of genial and kindly disposition Mr. Sheip made many friends and he had a large circle of acquaintance, and served very widely and acceptably in the offices of his profession. He was sympathetic and kindly, fond of humanity and a general favorite in the community, where his ministrations were freely given during a long period of years.

During the earlier years of his residence in Doylestown Mr. Sheip was a member of the board of school di-

rectors and served as a time as Secretary. During the last year he had also been a member of the board, representing therein the Second ward of the borough. In 1881 and again in 1884 Mr. Sheip was an aspirant for the County Superintendency, but was not successful in this ambition though he polled a considerable vote.

Mr. Sheip was a member of Doylestown Lodge, No. 245, F. and A. M., in which organization he long officiated as chaplain and among the membership of which he had warm and enduring friendships.

Lately Mr. Sheip had given much thought and attention to the temporal affairs of his church, and it is within but a very short time that he remarked that with the completion of the new house of worship he would feel that his life work had been accomplished. He was well satisfied with the progress that had been made in every way and looked forward with pleasure to the complete fruition of his hopes and plans. In a night the end came and the head of the Salem congregation has gone onward to the greater temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The shock of his death is widely felt in the community, but it will also be generally recognized that the servant was ready when the Master called.—Doylestown Intelligencer, Feb. 25.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following are the appointments made by the Conference, for Central Pennsylvania Evangelical church, held at Carlisle this week. Lewisburg district:

H. W. Buck, P. E.; Lewisburg, J. F. Dunlap; Milton, J. W. Messinger; Milton circuit, E. B. Dunn; Muncy Valley, G. L. Mace; Dushore, D. L. Kepner; Bernice and Lopez, I. E. Spangler; Danville, J. G. Witmore; Bloomsburg, G. W. Currin; Light Street, H. Minsker; Waller, S. Smith; Columbia, W. J. Campbell; Berwick, J. C. Reeser; Nescopeck, M. I. Jamison; Nanticoke, S. S. Mumme; Ransom, F. F. Mayer; Susquehanna, F. Seitz; Scranton, Zion, C. D. Moore; Scranton and Sibley, J. Womeldorf; Zion's Grove, E. E. Schaffer; Luzerne, J. O. Biggs, West Clifford, F. H. Foss.

RICHARD EDWARDS.

Richard Edwards, a well known resident of Bloomsburg, died at his home on Railroad street, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, after a short illness. Mr. Edwards was born in England in 1828, and came to this country in 1857. About a year after his arrival in this country he came to this town and has resided here ever since, and was known as one of our most respected citizens. He has been the janitor at the Third Street School building for nearly fourteen years, and was filling that position at the time of his death. He is survived by a wife and six children. The funeral took place from the Baptist church, of which he was a faithful member, on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

A WRECK.

A collision occurred on the Reading railroad near Danville, early Wednesday morning. Two engines were drawing a train of loaded cars, when another train dashed into it. One engine was totally wrecked while another rolled down over the bank, and five cars were banged to splinters. The fireman John Dolan, who resides at Milton, was severely burned about the face and arms, but he will survive. The scene was one of ruin. It is seldom that an accident of this kind happens without some sacrifice of life, but this was indeed a fortunate occurrence.

Fire at Jonestown.

On Thursday night of last week, A. T. Chapin's barn and furniture ware-room were destroyed by fire. The barn and its contents, except live stock was a total loss, while the contents of the ware room were all saved, and by the heroic efforts of a bucket brigade a small portion of the building is still standing. If the entire building had burned undoubtedly his residence and store would also have burned. Mr. Chapin's loss is about \$1000, with no insurance. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. The buildings will be rebuilt as soon as possible.

"Killarney and the Rhine," by the J. E. Toole company gave a creditable performance to a small audience at the Opera House on Thursday night.

FITZSIMMONS-CORBETT.

On Wednesday March 17th inst., one week from yesterday will take place at Carson City, the big fight between two of the world's greatest pugilists, Robert Fitzsimmons, and James J. Corbett, for a purse of \$15,000, and the championship of the world. There seems to be a great diversity of opinion, as to who will win. There has been a great deal of talk on both sides for the last three years, both claiming the championship. They have been matched two different times, but owing the interference of the authorities in the state where the fight was to take place, their managers have never been able to bring them together, but they will have clear sailing this time as far as the law is concerned. To all those who study the records of the fighters, Fitzsimmons is very popular. Bob has a long string of victories to his credit to offset his two defeats, one of which (the Sharkey affair) was no defeat at all, and the other (Jim Hall) is said to have been a lay down. Corbett's record is not so good, possibly because he has not engaged in so many finish fights. When he fought with Jackson in 91, which lasted 61 rounds, it was very evident to every one that Jackson was decidedly the best man, but Corbett had the referee on his side, and this together with the fact that Jackson was a colored man the fight was called a draw.

Since they entered the ring Fitzsimmons has won 27 fights while Corbett has 9 to his credit. We will give the name of the winner in our next issue.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday afternoon with Judge Metzgar on the bench.

G. M. Quick appointed auditor in J. H. Parker estate.

Hotel license of A. W. Shuman in Main transferred to John Bowman.

Loren M. Luke, of Luzerne Co., admitted to practice in the Columbia County Courts.

J. Harry Hess appointed auditor in Berwick in place of H. F. Traugh who resigned to accept the office of Chief Burgess.

A petition was also presented, asking for the appointment of C. K. McAnall as Registry Assessor in N. W. Berwick, but not acted upon at this time.

The case of Shuman et. al. vs. Llewellyn which was to have been heard, was continued; the injunction to hold until final hearing.

Atley Lemon appointed guardian of Allen Lemon, minor child of May P. Lemon.

Estate of I. W. McKelvy, auditor's report to which exceptions have been filed. The Court asked to pass upon the exceptions.

Estate of Silas McHenry, petition for sale of lands for payment of debts.

E. L. Barber vs. The Magee Carpet Works. On motion of Jno. G. Freeze judgment for plaintiff for want of appearance. There were three motions of the above all granted.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Harry Griffith, manager of the Milton baseball team, has signed the following players for the coming season: Catcher, Hutchinson, who played first base for Milton last year; first base, Carpenter, of Harrisburg; third base, Sweeney, who played last year with York; short stop, Butzer, who played that position for Hanover last year; left field, Trook, of last year's Milton team; centre field, Huffman, formerly with the Carlisle team, Cumberland Valley league.

Milton always starts the season with a rush, but like Bloomsburg, the enthusiasm soon dies out. Miltonians at the beginning of the season are always boasting of the strength of their club, but when they come out way they are forced to admit "that there are others." Their team last year was a member of the Central Pennsylvania League, and when they arranged for a game with our boys we hardly expected to be in it, but after a few innings, it was plain to be seen that Bloomsburg was too fast for the leaguers and the result was never in doubt.

J. R. Schuyler & Co. will carry on the manufacture of their well known Bicycle Locks and Animal Traps, in the rear of their store room on Iron Street. A small shop has been built there for that purpose. Schuyler's bicycle locks are considered the best on the market, and the traps manufactured by this firm know no superior as a rat catcher.

GIDDING'S.

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All the Country Needs



To put it on its feet commercially is public confidence. We have public confidence. We've won it by honest conservative business methods. We sell best goods at lowest possible prices, challenge any comparison in this vicinity. Whatever you buy at this store is good (unless by a mistake in our own buying) and if its our fault we're willing to pay you liberally for our fault. We're making special preparations for Spring trade with a wonderfully well selected line in each department, from the youngster of 3 to the man of 70 or older. Nothing shall be wanting. The men's Spring Suits are here and at lower prices than we've ever known them.

Spring Overcoats for men and young men. A beautiful silk lined covert coat at \$11.90, every penny's worth of \$15 value in it. Splendid, all wool, black and grey mixed men's Spring overcoats at \$5.00.

All the new things in spring hats \$1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00.

GIDDING'S

The newest colorings in spring neckwear 25 and 50 cents.

Presentation of a Bible by the Adj.

In behalf of Comrades, of Jackson Post G. A. R. of Berwick, Pa.

Resolved, that we acknowledge our indebtedness to Comrades, James P. Hayman A. D. C. & P. A., William Roup P. J. V. & O. of D., Orvin H. Barnard P. P. C. & S. V., Minor Hartman P. P. C. & O. of D., Prof. A. U. Leshar P. P. Camp 105 P. O. S. of A. for the presence and assistance on the occasion of the Installation of the Officers of Pealer Post and last but not least their subsequent highly appreciated and valued present, the Holy Bible, by which we recognize their trust in our God, who will finally muster us all into the Grand Army of Heaven, if we will trust and obey him, for this we most earnestly pray:

Resolved, that these resolutions be published in the Berwick Independent, the Bloomsburg COLUMBIAN and the Benton Argus, also a copy be sent to the Jackson Post G. A. R. of Berwick, Pa.

Attest, C. B. WHITE Adj.

S. A. WILSON.

Strawbridge A. Wilson, well known in town, died at the home of his son George N. Wilson, where he has been living for some years, on Tuesday morning, at the age of sixty-five years. He had been sick only since Saturday. He contracted a heavy cold, which was followed by pneumonia and death was the result. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. Charles G. Barkley. The funeral will take place from the residence of his son to-day.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hemingway. He was a carriage maker by trade, and at one time conducted a factory in the building now occupied by W. J. Correll & Co. For several years he was the proprietor of the bakery in the Phillips building, and at another time had a grocery store, but for some years past he has led a retired life. His wife, who was Miss Caroline Pursel, a daughter of the late John Pursel, died a few years ago, and since then Mr. Wilson has been living with his only child, George.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS.

Mar. 11—The king of humorists, "Bob" Burdette.

Announcements of any other entertainments will be made under this head without charge, by leaving word at this office.

Found Murdered.

A Ringtown Railroad Employee Shot and Deserted.

Daniel Minsinger was found dead near his home in Ringtown, Tuesday morning.

An examination revealed that he had been shot. He was employed on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for twenty-five years.

The case is regarded as one of murder, but his assailant is unknown.

East Third Street looks very well since being cindered, and is a great deal better than before, but it didn't need the work half as bad as some parts of Fifth Street. In the kind of weather we have been having for the last two weeks it is next to impossible to get along either with a vehicle or on foot. It would not be a bad idea for the street commissioner to look up the condition of some of the streets and spread the work around a little bit.

L. T. Sharpless & Co., limited, is the name of the new grocery firm just formed last week, for the carrying on of the wholesale and retail grocery business. The firm is composed of the following members, L. T. Sharpless, I. D. White and J. L. Wolverton. They are all men who have had years of experience in the grocery business, and judging from their ability, they should conduct a very successful store.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Woods at their home on East Fifth Street, Monday evening. An enjoyable evening was spent until a late hour. Those present were the Misses Sophia, Sadie and Lillian Vannatta, Miss Anna Woods, Miss Annie Eyer, the Misses Mattie and Minnie Penman, Miss Dora Marr, Mrs. Wentz of Port Carbon, and Wallace Vannatta.