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WITHOUT BAIL, THEY GO TO JAIL.

The police raid on a house located in Ralston's addition, a few steps below the B. & S. railroad, early Sunday morning, caused considerable excitement in town. The place was occupied by N. D. Sheldon, wife and daughter, and three young women who gave their names as Bessie Moore, Ella LaBar and Mabel Williams. The party moved here somewhere near the 15th of April, and owing to the questionable character of the house, it has been under police surveillance ever since. The raid was made in this manner: On Sunday morning, about five o'clock, Chief Police Arlington Shultz, assisted by J. R. Stout, Frank Baum, W. S. Fleckenstine, Miles Betz and Newton Lyons, went to the house and while several stationed themselves on the outside in order to prevent the escape of anyone who might be inside, two or three others went to the door and demanded admittance. Sheldon opened the door and asked what was wanted. The officers informed him as to the nature of their errand and entered the house, and after a search found only Sheldon, his little daughter and a man who claimed to be sleeping off a drunk. Not satisfied with this, the officers continued the search, and after some looking around found the other occupants, a man and the four women mentioned above, in the garret of a house near by. The man made his escape by leaping out of the 2nd story window and taking to his heels. The women and Sheldon were at once placed under arrest and taken before President of Town Council Kocher at the Town Hall. The charge against them was for keeping a disorderly house. They were sent to jail to await a hearing before a Justice of the Peace.

At 9 o'clock, on Monday morning, the time set for the hearing, all the parties were on hand, and a large crowd of eager spectators lined up in front of the office of J. M. Clark, in the hope of gaining admittance. They were refused admittance, however, as no one but the people interested and a couple of reporters were allowed in.

The warrant for arrest was sworn out by policeman Shultz, and charged D. Sheldon, Annie Sheldon, Mabel Williams, Bessie Moore and Ella LaBar with keeping a bawdy and disorderly house in the town of Bloomsburg.

Shultz was first sworn. He said that he had made the arrest. He had seen a good many men go in and out of the house at different hours of the night. They found the women and a man in the garret of a house owned by Bryson Lyons. With the exception of a neighbor, Bryson Lyons, who complained of loud talking occasionally, no other complaint was made against the house.

Newton Lyons and William Fleckenstine were sworn. Each one testified that they had seen men go in and out at night, but never heard any disturbance being caused. Fleckenstine, on one occasion, looked in the window and saw men sitting around a table playing cards, but saw no women. Frank Baum testified to having been in the house when a man came down stairs and went out. Sheldon told him that it was a friend of his who had been sleeping off a drunk.

N. D. Sheldon was the last to be sworn. He testified that he was a trainer of fast horses; that he had moved here about the middle of April. He said the policeman had scared the girls and they ran out. He did not interfere with the officers in any way but asked that the warrant be read. He had with him in the house Annie, his wife, his little daughter, Ella LaBar, his wife's niece, the servant girl, Bessie Moore and a friend of the servant girl Mabel Williams. All the men who came to the house were friends of his, and if they were there at one, two and three o'clock he did not see them. His wife ever since their marriage has required medical aid and a servant.

This closed the evidence, whereupon bail, in the sum of \$500 for Sheldon and \$200 each for the women, was demanded for their appearance at Court. They were unable to obtain bail, and all excepting Mrs. Sheldon, who is an invalid, and was held in her own recognizance, were sent back to jail.

The suggestion made by the Pastors' Union, and concurred in by Ent Post G. A. R., concerning the proper observance of Memorial Day, is a step in the right direction. Decoration Day was not intended as a time for festivity of any kind. It should be devoted only to reverential exercises in commemoration of the valiant heroes who died for their country.

COUNCIL MEETING.

9 Mills Fixed as the Tax Rate.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council took place on Thursday night last. The President and all the members were present.

The minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved. A majority of the property owners on the Light Street road having signed and presented a petition asking for pavements between Second and Penn, it was ordered, on motion of Richard and Hower, that the property owners be notified to put down their pavements within thirty days.

A petition was read asking that the southern approach to the Catharine St. canal bridge be graded so as to make it easier to ascend. Referred to the Street Committee and they to report at next meeting.

P. B. Heddens appeared and presented a petition asking for extension of the sewer on East First Street from J. R. Fowler's line north-eastwardly, for a distance of two lots and an alley, that this should have been done when the other was put in. Referred to the Street Committee and Town Engineer and a report to be made at the next meeting.

Residents of Catharine Street sent in a written request that the grade be given for the side walks, and the property owners be required to put down pavements on said street between Sixth and Eighth. This matter was also referred to the Street Committee.

Town Engineer Brown presented a profile showing the grade on Fourth St. between West Street and Railroad Street; the cost to grade same would be about \$500. Kocher suggested that the Council go upon the ground and examine closely into the matter. Gorrey suggested that it should be seen to that all the property owners along the part to be graded sign a paper releasing Town from all damages by reason of said grade.

On motion of Gorrey seconded by Supplee council decided to meet upon the ground to be graded on Fourth Street, on Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

A blue print was handed in with a request from E. B. Tustin that Columbia Avenue be made an ordained street of thirty feet wide, that it is already graded and paved on one side, therefore the cost of grading the balance will be but little. On motion of Rishton and Gorrey the request is granted and the Town Solicitor is directed to prepare the proper ordinance.

Richard spoke of a certain portion of the Lightstreet road in front of property of J. Fetterman, that certain conditions or agreements had not been exactly carried out. The matter was referred to the Street Committee.

C. G. Barkley appeared in behalf of Mrs. Sterner and Mrs. Mears in reference to the damages awarded them by reason of grading West Street, and desires that a settlement may be arrived at. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The tax rate was then taken up and nine mills adopted by the votes of the entire Council.

Town Treasurer Yost presented his bond in the sum of \$15,000 with O. W. Cherrington, H. V. White, C. C. Peacock and W. S. Moyer as bondsmen, and the same was accepted by Council.

On motion of Gorrey, seconded by Richard and unanimously carried the President is authorized to borrow \$3000 for a period of sixty days.

W. U. Jury was appointed Building Inspector.

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

G. M. Quick, Stroup legacy &c.	\$26.60
F. E. Miller, mantle for light.	.65
Sentinel, publishing statement.	25.00
G. E. Elwell, publishing statement.	25.00
Steam Company, for steam.	65.05
Gas Company, for light.	48.70
A. V. Hower, 2 arrests.	1.00
Wesley Knorr, 8 days police.	11.33
Charles Culp, 8 days police.	11.33
F. P. Baum, killing dog & arrests.	45.50
W. S. Fleckenstine, arrest.	.50
R. W. Lyons, police service.	2.50
Miles Betz, killing dog, &c.	1.00
Water Co., fire hydrants.	90.00
Messrs. Freeze, Wilbur and Bloom 3 days auditing Town accounts.	18.00
G. F. Quick, Secretary one mo.	15.00
A. Shultz, Chief Police one mo.	40.00
Electric Light Company for April.	400.00
C. W. Miller appeared and asked Council to look into the matter of the	

GIDDING'S

The Sale of the Year

THE MANY VALUES

That this store offers from day to day is well worth looking after. The best goods for little prices made so by our desire to keep this store ever to the front and keep our salesmen busy. You can't go wrong in buying here. We protect you by our guarantee—your money back. Last week's buyers were many, this week's buyers still more. We're making special prices to move stock quickly. Rather many sales and small profits, than small sales and big profits. Read this interesting news, then come and make comparisons.

Men's New Cassimere Suits

The only suits in our store that are not strictly wool—still they are made up of good strong cloth and will give splendid service and advertised as Great Bargains by other stores at 5 and \$6. Our Sale price,.....\$3.95.

Men's Strictly All-Wool Spring Suits

In handsome Cassimeres, Cheviots, Homespun; suits are made with first-class trimmings and linings and equal to those as advertised as Great Bargains by other stores at \$8.00. Our Sale price.....\$4.75.

Men's All-Wool Fast Black Clay Worsted Suits

In Sack and Frock coats. Suits are made with the best of linings and trimmings and equal to those as advertised as great bargains by other stores at \$10. Our Sale price.....\$8.50.

Men's Beautiful Spring Suits

In rich Cassimeres, handsome home spuns, fancy and plain Cheviots, fine Worsteds. Suits better than those advertised as great bargains by other stores at 12, 15 and \$16. Our Sale price.....\$9.45.

Men's Fine All-Wool Spring Overcoats

Made up in the latest style, and better than other stores offer at 10 to \$12. Our Sale price.....\$8.50.

Men's New Spring Trousers

In fine Black and Blue Cheviots, Black and Blue Stripe Worsteds. Trousers that are advertised as great bargains by other stores at \$2 and \$2.50. Our Sale price.....\$1.45.

Men's New Spring Trousers

Of the finest Worsteds, Cassimeres and Cheviots, made up with the best trimmings and linings. Trousers that are advertised as great bargains by other stores at 4 and \$5. Our Sale price.....\$2.95.

Boys' New Cheviot Suits

Suits are well made with good trimmings and linings, and better than those advertised as great bargains by other stores at \$2. Our Sale price...\$1.25.

Boys' Fine All-Wool Cheviots

And Cassimere Suits in all the new Spring cloths and styles—Suits that are made better—Quality better and will wear longer than those boys' suits advertised as great bargains by other stores at 2.50 and \$3.00. Our Sale price \$1.79.

Boys' Finest Spring Suits

In beautiful Cassimeres, rich Worsteds, fancy plaid and gray Cheviots, handsome Homespun—Suits made up with the very best of linings and trimmings, and better than those advertised as great bargains by other stores at \$5.00 to \$8.00. Our Sale price.....\$3.95.



Men's and Boys' Tourist hats, six shades, black, brown, java, mocha, steel and pearl; turned or flat brim, of regular \$1.50 quality, our Sale price, \$1.00. Men's and Boys' crush hats, four shades, blue, brown, pearl and drab, pure fur, 50 cts. Straw Hats, the largest stock of them ever put under one roof in this city. Beautiful children's sailors, 15 and 25c. All the newest Boys' and Men's straw hats, 25 and 50c. Boys' waists, the new colors, 19 cts. Fancy waists with large ruffle, 39c. The greatest value giving ever known in the history of clothing selling in this city. Every price, every garment strictly guaranteed, or your money back.

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Two Doors below Post Office. Nearly opposite Court House.

boundary line in the alley between J. B. Casey's and Mrs. Vanderslice's properties on Iron St. Referred to the Street Committee and Town Engineer.

The Park question was the next thing brought up, and as the Council desired to consider the matter somewhat privately, the visitors, numbering upwards of fifty were asked to leave the room. The visitors complied with the request, and after some little discussion, Rishton offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, L. E. Waller, Esq., has submitted a proposition to the Town Council offering to plant trees in the plot known as "The Town Park," upon certain conditions, and whereas application has been made by the Bloomsburg Athletic Association asking for an extension of the lease now claimed to be held by the said association for the said park; which lease expires June 3d, 1897, which said application has been endorsed by a petition of a large number of citizens of the Town, and it being the opinion of the Council that it is too late in the season to plant the park with trees, and it is not considered advisable under the circumstances to extend the lease of the said park at this time, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that we will not grant to the said Athletic Association an extension of their lease during our present term, nor will we accept the proposition of Mr. Waller or any other citizen or citizens to plant the park with trees during our present term of office.

Gorrey thought that the resolution, if adopted, simply meant that the question would be left open to become an issue in the Spring election. Richard was willing to let the boys

play ball in the Park but that they must surrender possession of the same when it is agreed by Council to let citizens plant trees therein.

In fact the sense of the entire Council was that the grounds might be used for ball purposes this summer or until the question is definitely settled. After more talk Kelly seconded Rishton's motion.

Gorrey then moved to amend the resolution so as to grant the Athletic Association or Base Ball Club the privilege of using the Park until October 15th, and then accept the proposition of L. E. Waller to plant trees. The amendment was seconded by Richard and carried by the votes of Gorrey, Richard, Supplee and Kocher, the others Hower, Kelly and Rishton voting against the amendment. And thus ends the third inning.

The organ committee of the M. E. church has made a contract with R. Midmer & Son of Brooklyn, for the erection of a pipe organ for that church, a legacy for that purpose having been given by the late Mrs. Sarah Brown. The organ complete, with the water motor, will cost about \$2500. The organs built by this firm are among the best made, and from personal knowledge we feel confident that the committee will have no occasion to regret their selection.

Great excitement prevailed at Millville Tuesday by reason of a fire at that place. The blaze was first discovered in a blacksmith shop, and before the flames could be subdued three buildings were totally destroyed, a wagon factory, blacksmith shop and saw mill, all owned by John Eves. The loss will probably reach \$8,000, partially insured.

GIDDING'S

Children's Suit Novelties

for little fellows, age 3 to 8, vestee suits, blue cloth with red trimmings and red vestee fronts, of regular \$5 value for \$3.50. Vestee suits, light mixture with gold braid, brown vestee with gold braid, \$5 value at \$3.50.



Junior Suits

to wear with Fauntleroy waist, neat gray, blue or brown and cassimere, sold everywhere at 2 and \$2.25, for \$1.48.

Boys' Reefer Suits

age 3 to 8, with large collar, braided, blue, brown or gray mixed Cheviot, sold in other stores at 2.50 and \$3.50, at 1.95 and \$2.50.



Children's Blouse Suits

The very newest colors, olive with white trimmings, buff with olive trimmings, not handled elsewhere in town. Sold everywhere for \$5.50. Our Sale price, \$4.50.

Blue Cheviot Blouse Suits, 98c.

25 dozen boys' all wool cassimere knee pants, worth and sold for \$1.00 at other stores. Our Sale price, 50c.

50 dozen Children's three-fourths wool knee pants in serviceable mixtures, worth 50 cts. Our Sale price 25 cts.

A FINE GAME.

The Normal School club suffered its first defeat of the season at the hands of the Bloomsburg team yesterday afternoon. The game outside of the first inning when the Normal boys went to pieces allowing their opponents to score 4 runs, was a fine exhibition of ball playing. The league players did not get here and the team was filled out with three of the High School boys. As usual, Berry who went in the box for the Normal in the fifth inning had the heavy batters guessing. Following is the score by inning.

Bloomsburg 5 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—6
Normal 1 0 0 2 0 1 0 0—4

Batteries—for Bloomsburg, McNeely and Goodhart. For Normal, Laubach, Berry and Berry. Hits, Normal 13, Bloom 6.

CENTRALIA MOST FORTUNATE.

In addition to the library won by the Centralia school in the Times contest last week, the following persons from that place were awarded prizes in general competition for votes cast by the contestants for their prize: Supt. J. H. Eisenhower, fourth prize for teachers, Shakespeare's works edited by Richard Grant White; John J. Reilly, professor in high school, Prof. Fisk's History of the American Revolution; and Joseph Davis, a little fellow, secured second prize in the boys' contest, having 107,969 votes cast for him, for which he received a bicycle. Good for Centralia.

The appearance of the front of the St. Elmo Hotel has been improved by repainting.

COMING EVENTS.

Supper at the Parish House by St. Margaret's Guild, tonight from 5 to 9 o'clock. Cold ham, veal loaf, egg salad, potato croquettes, hot soda biscuits and coffee. Supper 15 cents, ice cream and cake extra.

There will be a piano and organ recital in the Presbyterian Church Friday evening May 14, by Mr. L. Rooke Loomis, a wonderful blind musician from Philadelphia. Assisted by local vocalists. Admission twenty-five cents.

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

Early Morning Fire.

The residents of town were awakened from their slumbers at about half past one last Friday morning by the fire alarm, and in a short time the fire companies and a large crowd of people were at the scene which was in the alley just above Sixth Street, about half way between Catharine and East. The one house occupied by a Mr. Dewalt and owned by Cyrus Drake was burned to the ground and another adjoining occupied by Michael Shoemaker was considerably damaged. It seems to be a mystery what started the fire as Dewalt and his family were not at home at the time and there was no fire in the house. The flames spread very rapidly and it required energetic measures on the part of the fireman to keep it from spreading. Mr. Drake had his house partly insured, but the other is a total loss as there was no insurance on it.