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SPECIAL ELECTION JULY 6.

DON'T FORGET IT, AND DON'T FAIL TO VOTE. IT IS IMPORTANT.

The Ballot and How to Mark it.

The special election to be held next Tuesday in the Town of Bloomsburg on the question of increasing the public debt of the town, seems to be receiving but little attention, and unless the voters are awakened to the importance of this matter, there will be a light vote cast, and there is no telling which way the result may be. This is no trivial matter. Every citizen of the town is interested in it.

This town has a large floating debt, and no money with which to pay it. No more bonds can be issued without the consent of the voters, and there are but two ways to provide for this debt. One is by getting the consent of voters to issue more bonds, and the other is by a special tax. The former is the method adopted by the council, and an election will be held on Tuesday, July 6, for that purpose.

Should the voters decide against this issue of bonds what will be the result? Those who hold claims against the town will sue, hundreds of dollars of costs will be made, and an application will be made to the court to order the levy of a special tax, and every property owner in the town may have to pay twice the amount of town tax that he is now paying. Surely, no one wants to do that during these hard times. If it is to be avoided, every taxpayer should go to the polls next Tuesday and vote in favor of each proposition. If carried, bonds will be issued to the amount specified, and the money will be used for the payment of current expenses for the year ending April 1, 1898, and the money raised on the tax duplicate of this year will be applied to the payment of the floating debt, so that at the end of the fiscal year we shall be no more in debt than we are now, notwithstanding the new bond issue. In fact, the issue of these bonds will not be an increase of the debt, as the bonds simply take the place of the floating debt.

Another reason why this measure should carry is that the town is now paying six per cent interest on the floating debt, while the bonds will bear a lower rate.

THE BALLOT.

The following is the form of the ballot to be used:

TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Special Election for or against an Increase of the public debt of said Town. Held Tuesday July 6th, 1897. Instructions: The voter will erase from each numbered division of this ticket the affirmative or negative proposition for which he does not vote.

1. "Debt may be increased, not exceeding \$4325.00, for construction and extension of sewers."

"No increase of debt for construction and extension of sewers."

2. "Debt may be increased, not exceeding \$7000.00, for opening and maintaining streets, and damages therefor."

"No increase of debt for opening and maintaining streets, and damages therefor."

3. "Debt may be increased, not exceeding \$1200.00, for water supply for one year from April 1st, 1897."

"No increase of debt for water supply."

4. "Debt may be increased, not exceeding \$1500.00, for police and fire protection for one year from April 1st, 1897."

"No increase of debt for police and fire protection."

5. "Debt may be increased, not exceeding \$500.00, for electric light for the year ending April 1st, 1898."

"No increase of debt for electric light."

6. "Debt may be increased, not exceeding \$475.00, for salaries for the year ending April 1st, 1898."

"No increase of debt for salaries."

These ballots are for general distribution, as under the old law, and each voter should get one and mark it before going to the polls, in order to save time.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK

At the Bloomsburg Normal School.

On Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock, the Baccalaureate sermon was preached to the graduating class, in the Auditorium, by Rev. William F. Gibbons, of Dunmore, Pa. The exercises, besides the sermon, consisted of singing by the school, prayer by Rev. Dr. Hemingway, singing by male quartette, vocal solo, reading of Scripture, by Rev. Dr. Conner, and benediction, by Rev. C. H. Brandt.

On Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, there was an exhibition of field sports on the Athletic grounds. The events consisted of high jump, putting 16th shot, hundred-yard dash, pole vault, obstacle race, broad jump, and mile run. Prof. Cope was the referee, Prof. Dennis, Dr. Graydon, and H. J. Lewis, the judges.

On Monday evening a dramatic recital was given by the Junior class. The exercises consisted of an address by William Hayward, class president; music by the orchestra, and a drama, "Borrowed Spectacles," by members of the class. A large audience was present, and the play was well rendered.

The class of '95 held a re-union at 3 p. m. on Tuesday, and at 8 p. m. the class day exercises of '97 were held in the auditorium. The program was as follows:

PROGRAM.

Address, Leslie B. Seely, Pres.
Piano, Andante and Rondo from 2nd Sonata.....Bohm.
Ida Walz and Lizzie James.

Oration, Frank Layman.
Class History, Jessie L. Gilchrist.

Annotations, Grace Paul Leaw.
Song, "Fair Lorraine".....Hutchinson.
Charlie Skeer.

Class Prophecy, Jean F. Menzies.
Class Will, Susan B. Bodmer.

Recitation, "The Rime of the Duchess May,".....Browning.
Gertrude Freeman.

Mandolins and Guitars, Waltzes,.....arr. by Kitchner.
Helen Lawall, Caroline Lloyd,
Louis Gottlieb, Josiah Johnson,
Gertrude Cassidy.

Class Statistics, M. Ada McLinn.
Presentation of Class Souvenirs,
Miriam Edmunds.

Censor, Harry C. Wilbur.
Piano, Valse Brillante,.....Leibling.
Helen Lawall.

Presentation of Class Memorial,
Orra Rollison.

Mantle Oration, Thomas E. Cule.
The commencement exercises were held on Wednesday at 10 a. m., and consisted of the following:

PROGRAM.

Prayer by Rev. M. E. McLinn.
Music, Fest Overture,.....Lentner.
B. S. N. S. Orchestra.

Conferring of Degrees,.....Class of '97.
Conferring of Master Degrees,.....Class of '95
Presenting Diplomas to Graduate Students.
Music, Tambour-Battant,.....Chenet.
Serenade Club.

Presenting State Certificates.
Presenting Diplomas to College Preparatory Graduates.

Music, Polish Dance,.....Scharwenka.
B. S. N. S. Orchestra.
Commencement Address by President Isaac Sharpless.

Music, Reception Overture,.....Schlegel.
B. S. N. S. Orchestra.
Class Song,.....Rowley.
Benediction by Rev. T. W. Tinker.

The following graduates have passed successful examinations under the State Board of Examiners, in the branches named, and have had their diplomas endorsed accordingly.

Cameron A. Bobb,—English History, Solid Geometry, Moral Science.

Margaret Bogenrief,—Elementary Chemistry.

Jos. W. Burke,—Higher Algebra, Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, Solid Geometry, English and American Literature and Classics Elementary Chemistry, Advanced Psychology, Philosophy of Education.

Mark Creasy,—Elementary Chemistry, 5 Books Caesar, 4 Oration's Cicero.

Sara C. Diserod,—Zoology and Geology.

F. H. Green,—Solid Geometry, Elementary Chemistry, Zoology and Entomology, 3 Oration's Cicero, 5 Books Virgil, 2 Books Caesar.

Ada Hayman,—Solid Geometry.

Alfred Houtz,—Geology, Zoology, Entomology.

Merit Lees Laubach,—Geology, Zoology, Elementary Chemistry, Entomology, Solid Geometry, Plane and Analytical Trigonometry, Surveying, Navigation.

H. J. Lewis,—Psychology, Philosophy of Education, English and American Classics, Moral Science, Geology.

Margaret Love,—Geology, Zoology, Entomology, English History.

Anna McNiff,—4 Books Caesar, 5 Oration's Cicero, 4 Books Virgil.

I. A. Seltzer,—Geology, Spherical Trigonometry, Advanced Psychology, 3 Books Caesar, Moral Science.

Warren Shuman,—Entomology, English History.

A. L. Smethers,—Zoology, Entomology, Geology, Elementary Chemistry.

Emily Wheeler,—Elementary Chemistry.

M. L. Willier,—4 Books Caesar, Advanced Psychology, Plane Trigonometry, Surveying, Solid Geometry, Moral Science, Entomology.

Edith Eves,—Entomology.

PARTING ODE.

To-day a silken bond we loose,
Our school days now are done,
And out upon the world we go,
To mingle with the throng;
From teachers dear and school mates true,
As such, we now must part;
And only memories will remain,
Embalmed within each heart.

Farewell, farewell, to all farewell.
Farewell, farewell, farewell,
To all a fond farewell.

'Mid spices there they'll ever lie,
Kept green thro' years to come,
And round our future life they'll throw,
Sweet odors and perfume.
With tender touch thy tomb we'll close;
Blest day, how dear thou art!
And like some sweet, enchanting dream,
Ye'll haunt us as we part.

The Fall Term will open Tuesday, August 31st, 1897.

One hundred and fifty-eight students have been admitted to the next Senior Class.

CLASS OF '97.

Andreas, Margaret, Drums.
Appelman, Chas. O., Wellersville.

Bahner, J. E., Hickory Corner.
Beishline, Amy V., Fishingcreek.
Benedict, Ella, Duryea.

Bodmer, Susan B., Wilkesbarre.
Bonner, James J., Audenried.
State Certificate.

Braze, John S., Kulerburg.
Broadbent, Millicent, Stoneboro.

Brown, Ernest, Bloomsburg.
Brown, Harry, Lehman.

Bugler, Martha T., Bloomsburg.
Burns, W. C., Winfield.

Butler, Ruth, Wilkesbarre.
Cantlin, Agnes, Shenandoah.

Carl, Jennie S., Roaringcreek.
Cassidy, Gertrude, Wilkesbarre.

Crossley, Arthur, Bowman Creek.
Cule, Thos. E., Plymouth.

Daley, Lizzie, Plymouth.
Davis, Bess, Wilkesbarre.

Dietrich, S. P., McEbensville.
State Certificate.

Dix, Vertie K., Jackson.
Dockey, E. L., Pillow.

Eckroth, May B., Millinville.
Edmunds, Miriam, Dighton.

Edwards, Anna, Benton.
Eves, J. Fred, Millville.

Eves, Phoebe, Millville.
State Certificate.

Freeman, Gertrude, Scranton.
Gelnett, Harvey, Meinersville.

Gelatt, Winifred, Thompson.
State Certificate.

Gilchrist, Jessie, Hazleton.
Gillaspay, Martha A., Rohrsburg.

Good, Mary, Hobbie.
Headings, Amy, Naginoy.

Hess, D. M., Benton.
Huber, Dora Isabella, Hazleton.

Houck, George W., Askam.
James, Anna, Wilkesbarre.

James, Hattie R., Shenandoah.
James, Lizzie, Plymouth.

Johnson, Josiah F., Bloomsburg.
Johnson, Louie H., Northumberland.

Jones, Mary E., Ainsley.
Jones, Maude, Wilkes-Barre.

Jordan, Katie D., Scranton.
Judge, Nellie, Pittston.

Kahler, Anna Isabella, Hughesville.
Kane, Annie, Shenandoah.

Kauffman, Lee, Paxton.
Keiper, Maud, Shenandoah.

Kelly, Bertha, Scranton.
Kern, Jessie, Scranton.

State Certificate.
Klock, Harvey, Herndon.

Knapp, Mary S., Bloomsburg.
Kressler, C. E., Rhodes.

Kressler, Samuel, Bloomsburg.
Lands, John B., Rock Glen.

Lawall, Helen, Wilkes-Barre.
Layman, Frank, Waynesboro.

Leaw, Grace Paul, Langhorne.
Lechleitner, Mary E., Shenandoah.

Lendrum, Grace, Wilkes-Barre.
Levan, Anna L., Limestoneville.

Lindenmuth, Oscar, Ringtown.

Lloyd, Carrie B., Starrucca.
Low, Zerbin, Orangeville.

Lowrie, Blanche, Strawberry Ridge.
Lyons, Harvey E., Kline's Grove.

MacFarlane, Margaret, Plymouth.
Marsden, Maud, Mt. Carmel.

Martin, Eva, Hazleton.
McCullough, Emily, Wilkes-Barre.

McNertney, John, Milnesville.
Meixell, Mae, Belbend.

Menzies, Jean, Wilkes-Barre.
Miller, James, Espy.

Milnes, Mary, Espy.
Moran, John, Centralia.

Moyer, Calvin E., Hobbie.
Moyer, Elizabeth, Centre Mills.

Moyer, Mabel, Bloomsburg.
Munroe, Foster C., Hazleton.

Myers, Hattie, Edwardsville.
Nevin, Ella, Angels.

Nicely, Josephine, Dewart.
Nye, Blanche U., Dewart.

Oplinger, A. B., Nanticoke.
Oplinger, Charles A., Glen Lyon.

Otto, May, Hazleton.
Owens, David, Scranton.

State Certificate.
Pettebone, Leonora L., Forty Fort.

Price, W. A., Harleysville.
Prutzman, Minnie E., E. M. Chunk.

Quick, Charles, Rupert.
Rawlings, Bess, Bloomsburg.

Richards, Kiler, Beaumont.
Riffo, Marion B., Fresco, Cal.

Robison, Bessie, Espy.
Rollison, Orra, Hawley.

Rosser, Richard, Kingston.
Ruckel, Belle, Espy.

Rude, Judson, White Valley.
Sands, Ralph W., Hawley.

Savidge, Mary E., Northumberland.
Schlayer, Annie C., Harrisburg.

Schultz, Sara F., Buckhorn.
Seely, Mary, Beach Haven.

Seely, Leslie, Beach Haven.
Shaw, J. H., Orange.

Shultz, Bertha, Wapwallopen.
Shultz, H. H., Sereno.

State Certificate.
Smith, Belle, Mt. Carmel.

Stanton, Nora M., Shenandoah.
Swank, Martin J., Hobbie.

Taylor, Florence M., Milton.
Traub, Charles W., Bloomsburg.

Umstead, Nora, Bloomsburg.
Vanderslice, Helen, Bloomsburg.

Veale, Mary E., Hazleton.
Wallize, W. S., Quitman.

Walz, Ida, Harrisburg.
Welliver, Curtis, Bloomsburg.

Welliver, Theodocia, Sunbury.
Wetterau, Matilda, Hazleton.

Wilbur, Harry C., Bloomsburg.
Williams, Mary E., Tunkhannock.

Williams, Mary J., Nanticoke.
Williams, Ruth, Gilberton.

Wilson, Elsie M., Hartleton.
ADVANCED NORMAL COURSE.

Bevan, T. W.
Cope, Hettie M.

Dietrick, Flora B.
Fox, J. S.

Grimes, Byron
Hess, Amos

Ragan, Celia J.
Ruggles, Emma

Ruggles, Len B.
Stark, Lottie

Swartz, Myrtle
Traub, Howard

Wiant, David
At 2 p. m., the annual Alumni meeting was held followed by the banquet.

The large dining hall was filled, and four hundred or more persons partook of the excellent repast provided by Steward Housel.

John M. Clark Esq., presided as toast-master. The toasts were "The Trustees," responded to by C. G. Barkley Esq.; "Class of '97," to which Miss G. P. Leaw replied, and "Educational Tests" by Dr. J. P. Welsh. The well trained orchestra discoursed some fine selections, and it was a successful ending to a successful year.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. W. O. HOLMES.

The death of Mrs. W. O. Holmes, which occurred on Friday evening at half past eleven o'clock, was not unexpected. She had been afflicted with cancer for some months, and in March last an operation was performed at the Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton. For a time her recovery seemed possible, and her friends were much encouraged, but a change for the worse took place, and for two weeks her life hung by a thread until the end came peacefully. The age of the deceased was fifty-one years, nine months, and twenty-three days. Her maiden name was Christina Baumgardner and she was a daughter of John Baumgardner of Ransom, Pa. She was born at Ransom, and was married to William O. Holmes on November 20, 1864. They have resided in Bloomsburg since August 1869. The surviving members of the family are the husband, and five children, namely, W. D. Holmes, agent of the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. at Catawissa; Fred, teller of the Farmers' National Bank; Bessie, Edward and Christine who reside at home. Great sympathy is felt for the family in their affliction.

The funeral was largely attended on Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the house, the services being conducted by Rev. G. H. Hemingway of the Presbyterian church.

MRS. F. N. TURNER.

This community experienced a shock on Sunday morning on hearing of the sudden death of Mrs. F. N. Turner, at her home on fifth Street. On Saturday night she retired feeling as well as usual, and on Sunday morning she complained to her husband that she had not slept well, and was feeling strangely. In a few moments afterwards she realized that she was dying and so informed her husband, and told him to call the children. A neighbor was sent for, but before any help arrived she expired, at half past six o'clock. Mrs. Turner's maiden name was Ada Eshleman, and she was a sister of Mrs. C. W. Miller, Mrs. S. F. Peacock, Mrs. A. B. Purcell, Harry and Benjamin Eshleman of this town; Mrs. Frank Rogers of Conklin, N. Y.; Mrs. McCollum of Espy; Mrs. Dr. Piper of Schuylkill Haven; Edward, of Scranton, and Abraham of Middleburg. Her age was forty years and five months, and she leaves her husband and three children, Ruth, Thomas and Warren, all of tender years and needful of a

THE WEEK Before the Fourth

Means the beginning of the end of the clothing season; it means the beginning of glorious reductions, gigantic clearances, values that shoot out dollar saving sparks with catching brilliancy.

A Declaration of Bargains for Friday and Saturday.

A breaking away of old traditions, eschewing the beaten paths of trade, carving out new clothing history as grand and glorious in its way as the achievements of the colonies, values that the whole town, even the country for miles around must pay tribute to the bargain celebration.

Every man can certainly have a new suit at these prices.

Elegant dressy men's all wool suits in the new mixtures of standard \$6.50 and \$7.50 grades
Black 4.90, Greys 4.90, Brown \$4.90, Blues.

Men's real fine suits of standard \$10 quality the town or valley over, thoroughly all wool, lined with double warp Italian, perfect fitting splendid assortment,
Sacks 7.50, Cutaways 7.50, Black 7.50, Blue.

Of course at 10 and \$12 we'll give you suits that are at the top notch of perfection, strictly custom tailored from top to bottom in all the very finest Worsted, Cheviots, Homespun, &c.

Gidding's

Washable Neckwear, the New Plaids, string ties 6 for 25cts. Straw Hats all reduced. Special lot men's soft cambric shirts, fast color of 50c quality, perfectly new goods, 25c.

mother's care, to whom she was devoted. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hemingway at the house on Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock, and the remains were buried in Rosemont Cemetery.

DAMAGE BY STORM.

Last Friday afternoon about three o'clock black clouds obscured the sun, and it grew quite dark. Many people who have been quite nervous at the appearance of a storm since the great blow of last fall, were in an unhappy frame of mind for a time, but no damage was done here, though there was a heavy downfall of rain, and some wind. Not long after the storm had ceased here, news reached the town that other places had not fared so well.

The gable end of the Worsted Mill at Millville was blown in, doing damage to the amount of several thousand dollars, and the chimney on the store of C. B. Henry's store was blown off and the roof broken. Thos. Wilson's barn near Millville was unroofed, and numerous small buildings in the neighborhood were injured. Jumping from Millville to Centre township the wind struck the barn on the farm of the late Judge Millard, and completely demolished it, killing three horses, and breaking machinery and wagons. A fine apple orchard was ruined, and smaller buildings injured.

Mrs. Millard and family have been singularly unfortunate. About three years ago their home burned down, and a new one had to be erected. Then last fall the storm damaged some of their buildings, and uprooted trees, and only a few months ago Judge Millard was taken from them by the hand of death. We have not heard of any serious damage elsewhere in the county, beyond the uprooting of trees and slight injury to crops.

The new organ fund of St. Paul's Church is now about \$2200.00. On last Sunday the voluntary subscriptions in the church amounted to \$89.00. Another opportunity will be given next Sunday at the close of each service, for any who have not yet subscribed and desire to do so, to have their names placed on the subscription book. Any amount will be acceptable, no matter how small.

THE KARNIVAL.

The attendance at the Karnival last Thursday and Friday evenings was large, and the performance entertaining. Eighty-five young ladies represented as many business houses, and marched about the stage, each one carrying a banner with the name of the firm thereon, and wearing appropriate costumes. The displays worthy of special mention were those of T. L. Gunton and Artificial Ice Co., who presented very pretty tableaux.

Miss Katharine Gardner, representing J. E. Roys, on Friday night wore over \$6000 worth of diamonds, and went through some very graceful Delartean movements which displayed the sparkling gems to good advantage.

Miss Natalie Foulke represented J. W. Guernsey, dealer in musical instruments, of Scranton, and was becomingly attired. She sang a pretty song and did it well.

Miss Kunkle, in behalf of C. H. Reice, dealer in meats, made a hit by carrying a little pig on the stage. The pig was very much alive and made its presence known by a series of squeals. Miss Kunkle was awarded the prize by a vote of the audience.

Miss Catharine Strohm represented THE COLUMBIAN, and she has our thanks for the graceful manner in which she did it.

All the others did their part well, and many of them made decided hits, but it is impossible to allude to them all individually, for lack of space, and because we cannot remember them all in such a multitude.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Ransley, aged about thirteen years, son of James Yost, who resides on Eighth Street, near the Furniture Factory, met with a fatal accident on Tuesday afternoon. He was riding on a load of lumber, when in some way or other he fell from the wagon to the ground and the hind wheel passed over him lengthway, crushing him almost beyond recognition. The unfortunate boy lingered for about an hour when death relieved him of his suffering. The funeral took place from the house to-day.

The county commissioners will meet on Friday instead of Saturday, this week.