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## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To Nominate Candidates for Town Offices—Held Last Night

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of Democrats at the Town Hall last night, the event being the annual caucus, for the purpose of making nominations for the town and ward offices. There were no contests of any account, but nevertheless considerable interest was manifested and when the meeting was called to order at 7:30 a big crowd was on hand.

Freeze Quick was chosen chairman, and W. B. Allen and Clem R. Weiss secretaries.

The first in order was the nomination of one person for President of Council. There was but one name presented, that of Paul E. Wirt, and having no opposition the nomination was made unanimous.

"We are now ready for members of Council" said the chairman, whereupon the following were named: John A. Cox, G. M. Lockard, Conrad Cronin and Thomas Gorrey; W. L. Eyerly and John Gross were appointed tellers. The vote resulted as follows: Cox 148, Lockard 141, Cronin 158, Gorrey 86.

The first three having received a majority of the vote were declared the nominees.

For Justice of the Peace there were two candidates, J. M. Clark and D. R. Coffman. The tellers appointed to count the vote were Rush Zarr and J. S. Williams, which resulted in 133 to 52 in favor of Mr. Clark, and he was declared the nominee of the caucus.

For School Director, C. A. Klein was nominated without any opposition.

There were only three names presented for Auditors. Jno. R. Townsend, P. H. Freeze and William Krickbaum. There being three to be elected, they were made the nominees without any vote being taken.

For Constable the names of Miles W. Betz and F. R. Drake were placed in nomination. The tellers were W. E. Knorr and C. B. Christman. The count showed the former to be the choice of the caucus, the voting being 136 to 79.

This completed the work of the caucus proper, after which each district was assigned a corner in the room, and the following ward nominations made.

First: Judge of election, Chas. Pensyl; Inspector, F. C. Eyer; Registry Assessor, C. B. Christman.

Second: Judge Geo. Belg; Inspector, Geo. Yost; Assessor, Frank Baum.

Third: Judge, Geo. Martin; Inspector, W. A. Evert; Assessor, Clem R. Weiss.

Fourth, Judge, William Kashner; Inspector, John Wanich; Assessor, W. C. Cronin.

It was moved and seconded, that the chair be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur on the ticket.

No further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

### Pleasant Surprise Party.

A large and happy crowd of people from Greenwood, consisting of two four-horse sled loads, invaded Bloomsburg on Tuesday, and proceeded to the home of the Misses Rose and Della Staddon, where they at once made merry. It was a genuine surprise, which added greatly to the pleasure and enjoyment of the evening. Everyone present entered into the festivities, making the occasion one long to be remembered. A sumptuous supper was served, to which all did ample justice. The party was composed of the following:

J. C. Parker, Edna Parker, Grace Parker, Mable Parker, Norman Parker and wife, Frank Wilson, wife and three children, George Miller, wife and one child, Theodore Parker, wife and three children, Elijah Leons and wife, Wm. Robbins and wife, Elmer Parker and wife, Gertrude Dieffenbach, Samuel Miller and wife, Henry Rote and wife, Oscar Yeager and sister, Orvy, Curt Utt and sister, Jennie, Robert VanHorn and wife, Enos Bangs, wife and daughter, Lizzie, J. G. Girton and wife, Grier Derr, Emma Young, Bruce Parker, I. B. Keeler and wife, Clara Merrill, Sarah Reese, Clinton Kitchen and wife, Arthur Eves, Johnson Reese and wife, Joseph Heacock and Amy Heacock.

### Methodist Episcopal Church.

Special revival services are in progress in this church and the meetings are growing in interest and power. Three have professed conversion. Five were at the altar Tuesday evening. All Christian people are asked to pray for the success of the meeting. All the regular services next Sunday. The public is cordially invited to come to the Sunday and week-night meetings.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

The first 1899 meeting of the Bloomsburg Town Council was held in the council chamber of the Town Hall Thursday night. President W. O. Holmes and all the members but one were present.

The first business to receive consideration was the river road near Bryogle's. The Street Committee was instructed to investigate the trouble, and to ascertain what is necessary to be done to put the thoroughfare in proper condition.

Bills were presented as follows; and orders drawn for the same:

W. L. Demaree, for lumber.....	5.35
Geo. M. Hughes, for work.....	3.02
Police, for service.....	8.00
Chief Knorr, salary.....	40.00
G. F. Quick, Secretary.....	20.00
Electric Light Co.....	432.90
Lock Haven Clay Co.....	11.89
Moyer Bros., Mide.....	.33
Water Co., fire plugs and water.....	251.85
Harman & Hassert, Coal.....	2.90
A. L. Hyssong, soft coal.....	4.50
Cressy & Wells, lumber.....	15.07
L. Hagenbuch, health officer.....	12.50
W. C. McKinney, boots for firemen.....	32.50

John G. Harmar, attorney for Joseph Ratti was present and read the agreement between the Town and Mr. Ratti in relation to changing the course of the Snyder Run, near the Silk Mill and the erection of a culvert for the same. This brought forth considerable discussion, but finally on motion, duly seconded, the agreement was ratified and received the proper signatures.

Solicitor Ikeler appeared and informed the Council that the Town had been sued by the Land Improvement Co., for the purpose of obtaining the unpaid rent or sum claimed by them for Oak Grove. The matter was held for consideration.

Geo. Yost representing the Good Will Second Ward Fire Company stated that their Company is now in proper condition and organized with 43 members in good standing. Through W. H. Gilmore the Company asked for 500 feet of hose, truck, axes and buckets etc.

Demaree moved that Council buy 500 feet of new hose and a truck and secure a building for the said Company to keep the same in, and also in which the Company can hold their meetings. Seconded by Hartman and carried.

Reice, Keefer, Bomboy and Fredrick, local meat dealers, with their counsel B. F. Zarr, appeared before Council and complained about the many country butchers who come into town and peddle meat, contrary to Town ordinances. They ask for an ordinance to protect them. The matter was given to the solicitor for consideration.

This concluded the business, Council adjourned.

### Aged Woman Sold.

Elmira Quick, a Widow, Put up at Auction in Pike County.

The custom of selling the poor, dominates in some counties of this state. The following account of the sale of an aged lady comes from Lackawaxen township, Pike County: "Mrs. Elmira Quick, a widow 78 years old, has been sold at auction to the highest bidder by the overseers of the poor. Strange to say, Mrs. Quick was her own purchaser."

The woman, who has resided nearly the whole of her life in Lackawaxen township, has long been a town charge, and year after year was sold "for her keep." The successful bidder, in addition to receiving a small allowance each week for the maintenance of the woman, managed to secure much work about the house at the hands of the unfortunate woman.

Mrs. Quick became tired of such treatment, and her mind has long been at work to devise some scheme whereby she might thwart the poormasters and bidders, and on the day of the sale she sat silently by while the bidding was being conducted.

One dollar and fifty cents was bid, and the auctioneer was about to close the sale when Mrs. Quick jumped to her feet and exclaimed:

"Five dollars per month—I can maintain myself on that amount."

In vain the auctioneers tried to secure another bid, but finally were compelled to sell the woman to herself.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 24, 1899:

Mrs. E. Bowman, Mr. F. Floyd, Newt. Guthrie, Adam Moser, Mrs. H. Strang, Mrs. Dora Stevens, Mr. A. E. Strad.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say that they were advertised Jan. 12, 1899.

O. B. MELICK, P. M.

## MR. WALKER APPOINTED STENOGRAPHER.

The following order was made by Judge Little last Saturday:

In re application of Newton Walker to be appointed as official Stenographer of the several Courts in Columbia and Montour counties. Now, January 7, 1899, upon the application of Newton Walker, hereto attached, he is hereby appointed as the official Stenographer of the several Courts of the 26th Judicial District, and it is further ordered that the Prothonotary make a certified copy of the application and appointment and this order, and forthwith transmit the same to the Prothonotary of Montour county, to be filed of record in that office.

ROBERT R. LITTLER, P. J.,  
26th Judicial District.

This action of the Court will be heartily commended by many members of the Bar, and by a large number of the people generally. Mr. Walker is a thoroughly competent stenographer, and filled the position for many years very satisfactorily. He is not a politician, and was first appointed because of his merits in his profession.

Mr. J. D. Howery, of Danville, the retiring stenographer, was an obliging and competent official, but being a young and active man, he can find another position much easier than Mr. Walker could.

### Kerosene as a Beverage.

News from France of the increasing popularity of kerosene as a beverage suggests the possibility of agitating differences between the Standard Oil Company and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The new habit has made more progress in Paris than elsewhere, and is under observation there by the guardians of the public health. The *petroleuses* seem to begin their evil courses not because they are out of humor with alcohol, but because kerosene is the only stimulant they can get. It produces an intoxication which, though a low spirited affair, has its attractions for the experimenters. How unwholesome kerosene is in its effects, and whether it is worse than alcohol, has not yet been fully determined. Meanwhile alcohol is in no present danger of being crowded out of France. The number of wine-shops has increased twenty five per cent. in twenty four years, and in the larger cities the consumption of wine varies from forty to sixty gallons a head, besides more or less spirits and beer. Thirst like that must either be restrained or rated by home products. There is no prospect that any considerable part of it will ever be allayed by kerosene.—E. S. Martin, in *Harper's Weekly*.

### Elected President of a College.

Dr. J. P. Welsh, Principal of the Normal School, has received an invitation from the founders of a college for women in this state, to become its President, at a salary considerably larger than he has been receiving here. The matter was brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees, and at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 3, a resolution was unanimously passed, offering Dr. Welsh a substantial increase in salary, if he will remain here. He has not yet decided finally what he will do, but it is hoped by the trustees and friends of the school that he will remain here. He is the right man in the right place, and the school has made wonderful progress under his management. On Monday morning the faculty and students of the school presented a long petition signed by every teacher and boarding pupil, asking the Dr. to remain. What effect such pressure will have upon him we do not know, but we trust that his decision will be to remain at the Normal.

Since the above was in type we learn that Dr. Welsh has decided to continue in his present position.

### An Enjoyable Time.

Through the generosity and kindness of F. P. Pursel, in furnishing the team and sled and allowing the store to be closed a half hour in advance of the usual time, his clerks Miss Rose Staddon, Miss Della Staddon, Miss Jennie Utt, John Kneis, Charles Sterling, Arthur Werkheiser and their wives, enjoying a sleigh ride out to Baltis Sterling's in Hemlock township, Tuesday evening. They had previously sent word to Mr. Sterling and everything was in readiness when they arrived. An excellent supper was partaken of. They returned home at a seasonable hour. They are all loud in their praise of their employer, for giving them the opportunity to spend such an enjoyable time, and also to Baltis Sterling and family for their part in the event.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There During the Week.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following licenses to wed have been issued by Prothonotary William H. Henrie since January 4th: Mike Andees, of Wilburton, and Miss Anna Kravik, of the same place. Geo. W. Maust, of Madison Twp., and Miss Lizzie R. Bowman, of Orange township.

Jacob J. Eddinger, of Berwick, and Miss Minnie A. Mensinger, of Berwick.

George Ellis Klingerman and Miss Mattie J. Davis, both of Beaver Twp.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Following is one week's record of real estate transfers, as recorded by C. B. Ent:

Frank W. Heller and wife to John Fine for land in Millville.

Reuben N. Smith, Exr., to Catharine McHenry, for tract of land in Berwick.

Anna McKamey et al. to Grace McHenry, for tract of land in Berwick.

C. C. Peacock et al. to F. E. Miller, for land in Bloomsburg.

### SHERIFF'S SALES.

The following sheriff's sales are advertised:

At the Court House on Saturday, January 14th at 2 o'clock p. m. property of Abram R. Fedder and Elizabeth Fedder, situated in Millin township.

At the same time and date, property of Samuel Fedder and Etta Fedder situate in the village of Millinville.

At the same time and place property of William B. Cummings situate in Bloomsburg.

At the same time and place property of James Magee 2nd, F. J. Richards and J. L. Richardson, situate in Bloomsburg.

At the Court House on Saturday January 28 at 2 o'clock p. m. property of the Magee Carpet Works, situate in the town of Bloomsburg.

### BAD BEEF FED TO TROOPS.

Nasty, Stringy Scraps Sent to General Miles Army.

Major General Miles and his fight on the beef sent to Puerto Rico has stirred up a regular hornet's nest. Here is a synopsis of reports furnished the Dodge commission:

Major Baker—Anything but palatable.

Lieutenant Colonel Miner—Utterly unfit as an article of diet.

Colonel Powell—Produced disordered stomachs.

Major Humphreys—Nasty.

Colonel A. T. Smith—Unfit for issue to troops.

Major O'Brien—Nauseating.

Captain J. W. Duncan—Not a proper food.

Major Van Horn—Nothing more than refuse.

Major Jackson—Soon become nauseating.

Colonel Haskin—The meat was generally disliked.

Lieutenant Colonel McCrea—Black and stringy.

Captain Best—Not inviting.

Brigadier General Vide—Slimy looking mass of beef scraps.

Major Thompson—Men will not eat it.

When General Miles was informed recently that it is said the contractors who furnished the beef intend to sue him, he replied:

"Let him go ahead."

He was informed that through his failure to go under oath the war commission did not regard him as entitled to the protection which they claim to afford every witness.

"I don't require their protection," he said, shortly.

General Miles was reminded that General Corbin testified that paymasters were sent to Puerto Rico as soon as they were desired by General Miles.

"General Corbin is mistaken, and it is not the only instance as to which he is mistaken," said General Miles.

"Forty vessels arrived at Puerto Rico after we arrived there, and not a paymaster was among them."

Mrs. Everett died suddenly Tuesday morning, at her home in Rohrsburg. She and her daughter lived together, and during the absence of the latter a neighbor went in the house and found the old lady lying on the floor.—*Millville Tablet*.

C. R. Buckalew, E. W. M. Low, M. I. Low, J. H. Vastine, E. B. Tustin and W. H. Hilday were on Tuesday elected directors of the First National Bank.

**THE FINAL SALE** AT AUCTION!  
—OF THE—  
**GIDDING & CO. STOCK**  
—OF—  
Suits,  
Overcoats,  
Storm Overcoats,  
Boys' Reefers,  
and  
Men's and Boy's  
Pantaloons,

Entire stock of Fine Shoes, upwards of \$6,000, to the highest bidder for CASH. Sale every day at 2 p. m. and 7 p. m., until stock is disposed of.

is now going on. The goods are being sold regardless of cost.

Everything Must Be Closed Out By Feb. 1st.

This is your last and greatest opportunity to clothe yourself and family at almost

HALF REGULAR PRICES, but do not delay, as the sale positively closes February 1st.

### FINE SHOES

At private sale. Those who cannot attend the auction sale of Shoes can buy at private sale every day until 2 p. m., and from 4 to 7 p. m.

**GIDDING & CO.**

Two Doors Below Postoffice.

## The Leader Department Store.

Muslins and Cambrics.

Our special sale of these goods will continue through all of January. Bear in mind that we are selling such well known brands as Lonsdale, Fruit of Loom and Dwight's and that every piece is full 4-4 wide. No

27 in. goods among them.

Canton Flannels.

You will make a mistake if you do not lay in a supply at the present low prices. There are 10 weeks of stormy weather ahead of us yet and you will need all of your warm clothing.

### DRESS GOODS.

To make room for our incoming Spring stock we have reduced the price on all our Dress Goods, also on all our woolen stuffs. In some cases the price has been cut in half.

Blankets and Comfortables.

Broken lines will be closed out at a close figure for cash. These cold nights make blankets feel friendly.

Coats and Capes.

We are giving up our Cloak Department. Come and make us an offer on anything we have.

### CARPETS.

A long cry to April 1st, but it's coming, and you'll need carpets, furniture and shades for your new house at that time. Make your selections before you are crowded for time. We will make it up for you and put aside until you are ready.

There are many reasons why we can sell you Carpets cheaper than anyone else. We control the manufacture of our own goods. We pay no jobbers' or commission men's profits, nor any freight. This is a saving alone of nearly 5c. per yard, and of our advantage you reap the benefit of low prices. Just keep these figures in mind when you look at Carpet elsewhere.

We offer four dropped patterns in honestly all wool Extra Supers, 45c. per yard. They would be cheap at 55c.

An all-wool filled Cotton Warp Carpet, two patterns we do not intend carrying again, 35c. Cheap at 50c.

A heavy part cotton-filled Carpet, 35c. Patterns all good and fresh.

You know we have a reputation on our 25c. Carpet. It is sold at this price in almost every large city of the country.

For Chamber Carpets, we show two patterns in red, at 12c. to close them out. The goods are not very "hefty," neither is the price.

Full lines of Shades. Lace Curtains from \$1.50 up to \$10.00. We don't ask you to buy. Look at our goods before you place your order elsewhere.

OAK BED-ROOM SUITS, 7 pieces, just as an opener, \$15. We rent chairs and furniture for parties and entertainments.

**The Leader Store Co., Ltd.,**  
Fourth and Market Sts.