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REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

W. O. Holmes Nominated for President—Other Nominations.

The Republicans of Bloomsburg met in annual caucus, for the purpose of naming a ticket to be voted for at the Spring election, in the Town Hall, Friday night. The attendance, like that of the Democratic caucus, held the week before, was very large. About the only office for which any fight was made was that of Justice of the Peace, and the result of the vote, when announced by the tellers, created no little surprise among the party leaders. The other nominations were made in routine order.

H. A. McKillip called the meeting to order and stated that he was ready for the nomination of a chairman. Sam H. Harman was chosen, and wielded the sceptre of authority. John V. Logan and W. S. Rishton were elected secretaries.

The first to receive consideration was a person for President of Town Council. W. O. Holmes was named, and having no opposition, was nominated by acclamation.

For Members of Town Council there were four candidates before the caucus, namely: W. L. Demaree, Theodore L. Smith, J. S. Blue and Mathias Faust. The tellers appointed to receive and count the vote were Robert Runyon and Samuel Pursel. The result showed the first three to be the choice of the caucus, the vote being 113, 150, 129 and 61.

Then came the Justice of the Peace fight. C. W. McKelvy, R. H. Ringler and C. C. Yetter were named in rapid succession. The chair appointed Robert Young and Howard Patteron tellers. It was very evident to anyone who heard the whisperings of the ring members that Yetter was not their choice. But his early announcement for the place, and his indomitable pluck and energy displayed in getting the younger element out to the meeting, was too many for the old party leaders, and he won out. The vote as announced was Yetter 85, McKelvy 51 and Ringler 64.

John W. Gibbs was nominated for Constable over Wm. Dieterick by a vote of 115 to 70.

J. C. Brown was nominated for School Director without opposition, as were also Prof. G. E. Wilbur and A. H. Bloom for Auditors.

Ward nominations were made as follows:

FIRST WARD.

Judge—Geo. L. Moyer.
Inspector—C. P. Sloan.
Registry Assessor—A. M. Wintersteen

SECOND WARD.

Judge—T. E. Sands.
Inspector—C. H. Hendershott.
Registry Assessor—W. E. Coffman.

THIRD WARD.

Judge—W. H. Shutt.
Inspector—Jacob Miller.
Registry Assessor—Roy R. Ralston.

FOURTH WARD.

Judge—J. W. Sands.
Inspector—C. H. Sharpless.
Registry Assessor—Daniel Kashner.

The President and Secretary were authorized to fill any vacancies which might occur before the time of election.

Spring Election.

The Spring elections this year will be held on Tuesday, February 21st. As it is necessary to file certificates of nomination with the County Commissioners at least eighteen days before the election the last day will be Friday, February 3rd. And when nominations are made by nomination papers they must be filed at least fifteen days before the election, and the last day to file them will be February 6th.

Fall elections cannot come earlier than November 2d, nor later than the 8th. Spring elections not earlier than February 15th, nor later than the 21st. The last Fall election and this Spring election both strike the latest date.

Defrauding a Landlord.

Judge Simonton, of Dauphin Co., has defined what constitutes the charge of defrauding a boardinghouse keeper. W. E. Muzelbaugh was before the Court on that charge. The defendant, it was testified, had no baggage in his possession when he became a boarder at the establishment. Judge Simonton decided that as he had no baggage when he became a boarder, his offense was not a criminal one, and had no right to be brought up in a criminal court. The Judge instructed the jury to the effect that to come into a criminal court, a boardinghouse keeper must have evidence that a defrauding patron had baggage and sneaked it away from the house.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting for Election of Officers—Held Saturday Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association, for the election of officers for the ensuing year took place in the Court House, Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by R. T. Smith, of Millville. Fred B. Hartman was chosen Chairman, and Harry Barton and Samuel Pursel, secretaries. W. B. Allen, was selected for reading clerk and the meeting was ready for business. The chair requested that the minutes of the previous meeting be read. Approved.

Next in order came the roll call, which revealed the fact that the attendance was not quite up to that of former years. The chairman then requested the treasurer to make some report on the financial condition of the association. Mr. Brown stated that inasmuch as he had printed the statement on slips and had passed them among the members, who could see for themselves, a report was hardly necessary.

The question of salaries was discussed for some length. It was finally decided that they remain the same as last year, with the exception of Librarian, which was increased \$25.

The election of officers was now in order. For President, R. W. Smith and E. H. Sloan, were named. The tellers were A. V. Cressler and W. D. Beckley. The vote was taken and resulted in the election of Mr. Sloan, by 124 to 82.

The nominees for Vice Presidents were: J. T. Reeder, E. D. Hagenbuch, Stephen Pett, J. W. Bowman, C. E. Adams, F. P. Hagenbuch and A. C. Creasy. Four to be elected. O. W. Cherrington, Freas Quick and E. K. Freas were appointed tellers. The vote resulted as follows: Adams 181, Pett 148, Reeder 107, Creasy 95, E. D. Hagenbuch 81, F. P. Hagenbuch 71, Bowman 59. The first four were declared elected.

For the office of Secretary it was discovered that there was a contest. A. N. Yost and C. M. Terwilliger were named. The tellers were Warren H. Eyer, W. R. Kocher and W. H. Brooke. The count showed Yost to be the choice, he having received 111 votes and his opponent 94.

James C. Brown was unanimously elected Treasurer.

There was no opposition to W. B. Allen for Librarian.

The nominees for Executive Committee, three to be elected were: Henry Deighmiller, Thomas Mensch, H. V. Hower, F. P. Hagenbuch, I. B. Ikeler and E. H. Sloan. The vote was taken by M. P. Lutz, C. C. Yetter and J. B. DeLong, counted and announced as follows: Hagenbuch 110, Deighmiller 110, Ikeler 111, Sloan 79, Mensch 66 and Hower 53.

The Auditors elected were William Masters, J. B. DeLong and E. E. Low.

The chairman then called on H. V. White, representative to the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. White responded and gave an able and interesting talk, stating in a lucid manner, what had been accomplished during the past year. He also gave the farmers some excellent advice, and urged them to read the daily stock market report and thereby keep in touch with the pulse of the people.

At the conclusion of this meeting the newly elected officers met and elected E. H. Sloan Chairman. W. W. Barrett was made keeper of the grounds.

It was decided after considerable discussion, that the fair this year will be opened on Tuesday and close on Friday. This, it is claimed will give exhibitors an opportunity to remove their exhibits from the ground on Saturday, and will also lessen the Societies expense in keeping the live stock on the ground over Sunday. Another point advanced in favor of closing on Friday is that the fair may be continued on Saturday, should it storm on Friday.

Sophomores Had a Banquet.

The Sophomores of Susquehanna University held their annual banquet at the Washington House, Middleburg, Friday night. The following responded to toasts: Professor Fisher, Messrs. Burns, Gramley, Terman, Strail, Allison, Lambert, Newhauser, Scheese and Miss Barbe. The class was chaperoned by Professor and Mrs. George E. Fisher.

Mr. Burns, one of the speakers, was a former resident of Bloomsburg, and preached in the Lutheran Church a few weeks ago, while here on a visit.

BASKET BALL.

The Normal School Team went to Danville Monday evening and defeated the team of that city in a very exciting game. The Danville papers, however, claim victory for their boys, as will be seen by the following account of the game, taken from the Danville News:

The game of basket ball, played in the armory Monday night, between the team of this city and the Bloomsburg State Normal School, brought the victory around to Danville again. It was an old-fashioned game, in which our boys were on their mettle from start to finish. The Normal is a team with a reputation second to but few teams. They threw the first goal last night and pitched into the game with a spirit and vim, which showed that they meant to keep ahead if possible. Danville was right on their heels, however, and they were not able to score a point that was not immediately offset by a goal from the home team. Thus the game showed up as the closest and most hotly contested in this city. At the end of the first half the score was 5 to 4 in favor of Danville. It was undoubtedly owing to the fine team work that the victory last night was won. The audience, which was a large one, went nearly wild with excitement, and the applause which was showered upon the home team, as one by one they scored their brilliant points, was deafening. During the second half Sechler was obliged to retire, owing to a slight injury. Both Sechler and Seidel at defense won admiration by their cunning tactics, which effectually prevented their big antagonist from scoring, although in stature, he was a giant compared to either of them. The line up:

DANVILLE.	POSITIONS.	B. S. N. S.
Marks	Attack	Lewis
Bede	Attack	McGuffie
Klase	Center	Aldinger
Sechler	Defense	Oplinger
Seidel		
Gaskins	Defense	Clayberger

Danville: Goals from field—Marks 2; Bede, 2; Gaskins, 2. From fouls—Bede, 1. B. S. N. S.: Goals from field—Aldinger, 3; McGuffie, 1; Clayberger, 1. From fouls—Lewis, 2. Score: Danville, 13; B. S. N. S., 12.

LICENSE COURT.

License court was in session again on Wednesday, with Judge Little and Associates Fox and Kurtz on the bench. The attendance was large. The applications of H. F. Dieterick, William Giger were heard, for hotels in Bloomsburg. The charges were selling to persons of known intemperate habits, and to minors, and after notice had been served not to sell to certain parties. In Giger's case he was also charged with selling on Sunday. A number of witnesses were heard. In Dieterick's case the charges were denied by himself and bar-tender. In Giger's case no witnesses were called on his behalf, but Judge Herring, his counsel, asked the court to grant the license, with the understanding that it would be transferred to another party. The court held the cases under advisement, and adjourned until this morning at 9 o'clock. The case of Greist from Pine township is still to be heard.

At the opening of court Judge Little announced that the licenses of H. F. Dieterick and J. R. Fowler were granted, and William Giger's refused. The cases of Yost and Hennessy still remain open.

A Very Interesting Occasion.

The Phillipsburg Journal of last week contained the following account of the visit of Miss Anna Cameron, daughter of Glasco Cameron, of this town:

"Miss Anna Cameron, of Bloomsburg, superintendent of the A. M. E. Sabbath School Association, paid the school of Haven Chapel a fraternal visit last evening and made a stirring address. She was introduced by Mr. Morrison, a delegate to the last district convention. Her address was very entertaining and full of encouragement. At the conclusion of her address Presiding Elder Brown gave a ten minute address, not forgetting to commend the faithful work being done by Miss Cameron. Rev. M. S. Jones of Greensburg, former pastor of Haven Chapel also followed with an address.

The superintendent, Lemuel Jackson, spoke briefly and thought the school would be greatly benefited by Miss Cameron's visit which, it is hoped, will be frequently repeated. Miss Cameron left this morning for Curwinstown. During her stay here she was the guest of Mrs. R. Jordan."

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Last Visit.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been granted by Prothonotary W. H. Henrie:

M. L. Stewart and Miss Lizzie J. Brown, both of Conyngham Twp. Stephen Vaneer, of Salem Twp., and Miss Jennie Paden, of the same place.

Clinton M. Hock and Miss Abby L. Confer, both of Greenwood Twp. W. O. Holmes, of Bloomsburg, and Miss M. E. Hulfish, of Philadelphia.

Joseph H. Sittler, of Briarcreek Twp., and Miss Lizzie R. Knorr, of Centre Twp.

R. H. Karshner, of Iola, and Miss Minnie Fought, of Unityville.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Daniel Snyder et al. to George Ruckle, for tract of land in Scott Twp.

George Ruckle and wife to Harvey C. Ruckle, for land in Scott Twp.

James W. Montgomery to George Cohen, for land in Beaver Twp.

George Cohen and wife to Charles A. Farium, for tract of land in Beaver Twp.

Charles Rasley to James Sponenberg, for tract of land in Briarcreek Twp.

James C. Sponenberg and wife to Ida E. Welliver, for land in Briarcreek Twp.

Mary J. Pursel to Mary J. Walter, for land in Hemlock Twp.

Norman J. Pursel to Daisy Zimmerman, for tract of land in Bloomsburg.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

The following sheriff sales are advertised to take place:

At the Court House on Saturday, January 28, at two o'clock p. m. property of James Magee Carpet Works.

At the same place on Saturday, February 4, at two o'clock p. m. property of David Albertson, August Stander, and William Pullen, situate in Greenwood township.

At the same time and place, property of Erastus Hendershott, situate in Madison township.

At the same time and place, property of David Martz, situate in Briarcreek township.

At the same place on Saturday, February 18 property of Joseph Madij and Charles Madij, situate in Roaringcreek township.

Evangelistic Services.

On next Sunday, Jan. 29th Rev. J. D. Smith will begin a series of Gospel Meetings in the Baptist church. Rev. Thomas Elger the noted Prison Evangelist, and an old friend of the pastor, will be with us for one week, from Monday Jan. 30. Rev. Elger is a man filled with the spirit and power. For years he has devoted his life to labor among the criminals in our jails and prisons, pointing scores of them to the Christ. No man in this land, perhaps, has done more in that field than has he. He has labored in many of our large cities with pastors of all denominations, and his labors have been signally a word of God.

I earnestly ask all Christians of every name to pray that his coming may stir Bloomsburg to its center. The following are some of the subjects upon which he will speak: Monday evening Jan. 30, "An Instrument of Ten Strings." Tuesday 7:30, "Forgotten Men." Wednesday, "The Quickening Sense of the Soul." Thursday, "From Bondage to Liberty." Friday, "Wonders in the Dark." Sunday, Feb. 5, a. m., "A Study of the Face of Jesus Christ." Evening, "Home Sweet Home."

There will be meetings each afternoon beginning with Tuesday at 4:15 o'clock, to enable the teachers in our schools to be present. The public and especially the unconverted are urged to attend all these services.

J. D. SMITH, Pastor.

To Use Heavier Rails.

The Reading Railway Company has decided to re-steel its road between West Milton and East Mahanoy Junction, on the Catawissa road, with 90-pound rails. This line is used almost exclusively for shipping coal over the mountain, and the 75-pound rails now used are found to be too light for carrying the large engines used by the Company in this traffic. The Company is erecting, in the yards at Catawissa, the largest coal dock, water tank and turn-table, on its entire system. The new steel rails are being received from Steelton.

THE FINAL SALE
—OF THE—
GIDDING & CO. STOCK
—OF—
Suits, Overcoats, Storm Overcoats, Boys' Reefers, and Men's and Boy's Pantaloon,

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.

Here's a Leader.

A stair carpet made of tough material, plain ground, with bright stripes

15c. per yard.
Made to sell for 25 cents.

Stair Carpet.

3 Beautiful Patterns

Carpets, full width, bright coloring

25c. per yard.

Goods just out of looms.

An all wool Filling, full width, heavy goods

40c. per yard.

Some would charge you 50c.

TABLE LINEN

We offer you a special bargain this week. An all Linen Table Cover, fringed, made to sell for \$1.25, we will close out at 98c. Sets of Cover and Napkins, out of unbleached linen, which we have been selling for \$7.00, we will close out at \$5.50.

Other bargains in heavy goods. We've got a few all wool Sweaters we wish you would take off our hands. We'll just cut the price in half, as there are but two colors. And it will pay you to take our heavy all wool Underwear and carry over to next Winter. We want them closed out, and if one price won't move them, another must.

CARPETS

You cannot buy Carpets cheaper, in either New York or Philadelphia, than you can with us, notwithstanding the so-called cheap offerings. You can buy your Carpets of similar quality more cheaply from us than anywhere else.

Come and look at our patterns. We have special prices on patterns we do not intend running any longer. Quality just as good as our choicest patterns.

Special prices on all grades of Ingrains.

RUGS

This is a day of Rugs. For something cheap and good nothing fills the bill like an art square. We will give you a 9x9 all wool square for \$5.00. This is the wholesale price. We can give you a cheaper one for just half—\$2.50 for a 9x9.

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