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THE GREAT STORM.

THE WHOLE COUNTRY SNOW-BOUND

Railroads Stopped, Mails Delayed, and Business at a Standstill—The Worst Storm Since the Blizzard of 1888.

Snow began to fall on Saturday night about 9 o'clock, and it kept steadily at it until some time during Monday night. For more than 48 hours the flakes came down, surpassing all records of the last 18 years. The thermometer stood near zero, and the wind blew, drifting the snow in many places. All day Sunday the storm continued, and the attendance at church was very small. Some of the churches were too cold for comfort. At the Episcopal church the thermometer stood at 49 in the morning, and 51 in the evening. This was owing to no fault of the Steam Company, who did all in their power to furnish heat to all their customers, but the unusual and extraordinary weather conditions rendered it impossible to send steam to certain points where the wind seemed to prevent proper circulation. The Sunday papers did not reach here until nearly noon. On Monday the storm continued, and though the Harrisburg mail reached here on time, no Philadelphia mail was received until after eight o'clock at night. The Pennsylvania Railroad abandoned all trains east of Altoona, and it is the most complete tie up that road has ever experienced. One train from Harrisburg reached Altoona eleven hours late. The Limited Express, from Chicago, was obliged to stop at Altoona, and the passengers were cared for at the hotels. At Williamsport only one train on the Philadelphia & Reading got through, and that was four hours late. The trains on the Pennsylvania were several hours late, and on Monday all trains east were abandoned. Trolley roads in all the cities were blocked, and travel was suspended. By a heroic effort the D. L. & W. kept their passenger trains moving, but freight and coal trains were abandoned. Up to Tuesday morning no express matter had been received by the U. S. Express Co. here, but packages from Buffalo came through all right, the storm not being so severe in that section. At Scranton the D. & H. road was tied up, also the Central Railroad of New Jersey. All trolley lines were blockaded, and business was at a standstill.

All the trains on the Bloomsburg division of the D. L. & W. went through, but all behind time. No mail from points below Northumberland was received here Tuesday morning.

The Bloomsburg & Sullivan ran trains all day Monday, not more than an hour late. Though drifts three feet deep were reported on Tuesday morning, the trains got through all right.

The business of the Court was very much interfered with on Monday, and the Court had to adjourn for want of work. Jurors and witnesses were unable to reach here, and some who came, went home without being formally excused, because they had no one to attend to their stock, and protect their families. The Court recognized the unusual conditions, and permitted the continuance of many cases on account of the storm. The public schools held but one session on Monday, and closed at 1:30. The stores were deserted, and no one ventured on the street, unless compelled to go out. Some of the old residents said they had never seen anything like it.

On Tuesday morning everybody was glad to see that the snow had ceased, and that the sun was shining once more. There is now a fair prospect for a period of good sleighing, and there is also a prospect of a big freshet in the Spring, should there be a rapid thaw.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

On next Sunday Feb. 19, Rev. M. L. Smyser, pastor of the Mulberry St. Methodist Episcopal Church, Williamsport, Pa., and a former pastor in this place will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church next Sunday both morning and evening. His many friends will be glad to see and hear him again. He will also meet the converts in the lecture room, in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Let them all be present to hear what he has to say to them. All the members who have not yet reported the amount of their missionary collection will please do so next Sunday without fail.

TOWN COUNCIL IN SESSION.

The Regular Monthly Meeting Held Thursday Night.

The Town Council met in regular monthly session in the Town Hall Thursday night. It was nearly eight o'clock when President Holmes rapped for order. Members Blue, Rishton, Demaree, and Hartman, answered to their names. The first business before the meeting was the granting of the following permits to build:

To E. J. Brown, for a house on Market street, Peter Billmeyer, for an addition to his house, corner of Centre and Fourth streets, and to Jacob Rhoads, for a barn at Port Noble.

The selection of a suitable location for the Goodwill Fire Company was next in order. Two propositions were presented. Mrs. Oblosser will sell a lot 70 feet front by 50 feet deep, for \$500, or will lease a lot, 20x50 feet, for \$40 per year. Thomas Hickey will sell a lot, 50 feet front, by 49 1/2 feet deep, for \$900, or lease a lot 20 x 20, for \$24 per year. The matter was referred to the proper committee.

C. C. Peacock was reappointed a member of the Health Board.

C. W. Miller was present in the interest of the Berwick and Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company, and asked for the right of way through several of the streets of the town. A committee was appointed, in whose hands the matter was placed, and a report will be made at the next meeting.

The following report, from the Board of Health, was read:

To the President and Members of the Town Council, Town of Bloomsburg.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit to you a report of the Bloomsburg Board of Health for the year 1898.

The health of the community has been exceptionally good, very few contagious diseases reported, and all, as a rule, of mild type—few fatal cases.

Ninety-eight (98) nuisances were reported, and all but 5 or 6 promptly abated, and these will be as soon as the weather will permit. The health officer visited and inspected all premises, from which contagious diseases were reported, and the residents were instructed as to using all sanitary precautions for preventing spread of disease.

The citizens have shown a disposition to comply with all suggestions and directions from health officer.

The following contagious diseases were reported:

DISEASES.	NO. CASES.	NO. DEATHS.
Diphtheria,	4	2
Measles,	15	0
Scarlet Fever,	1	0
Typhoid Fever,	1	0
Small-pox,	0	0

REMARKS:—All premises inspected on report of diseases and houses placarded.

A few cases of fever were reported, but they were generally of a mild type and short duration.

Typhoid fever has always been a very rare disease in Bloomsburg. As a rule all cases are contracted away from the town. The extreme rarity of typhoid fever, and other diseases of like nature, we think due to the good sanitary condition of the town—good, pure water, and good sewerage. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KERER,
Secy. Board of Health.

Exceptions Dismissed.

C. C. Yetter was nominated for Justice of the Peace in this town, by the Republican caucus. R. H. Ringler filed nomination papers for the same office seventeen days before the election. Mr. Yetter filed objections to Mr. Ringler's papers, on the ground that the office of Justice of the Peace is a state office, and therefore, his papers must be filed 28 days before the election. In a lengthy opinion, filed on Monday, Judge Little dismissed the objections, and Mr. Ringler's name will, therefore, be printed on the ballots. The Judge does not decide whether a Justice is a state, or county, or township officer, but he rules the question on the ground that as Justices are elected at the same time as all township officers, that it is subject to the same rules as township officers, so far as nomination and election goes. Judge Bechtel, of Schuylkill county, has decided differently, but we are inclined to the belief that Judge Little is right.

The Calliepan reunion will be held in Normal Auditorium on next Wednesday evening, February 22d.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

SLIM ATTENDANCE AT THE SESSIONS

Widening of the Public Road, Between the Western Terminus of River Street and Rupert Bridge Considered—Other Business.

Sheriff W. W. Black acknowledged the following deeds:

To Geo. E. Mordan land in Madison township.

To L. E. Waller land in Bloomsburg. To J. W. Mensinger et al land in Greenwood township.

To Anglo S. & L. Association for land in Bloomsburg.

To Susan B. Markle land in Briar-creek.

To Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association land in Millfin township.

The last two deeds Lien Creditors receipt read in open court.

Objections to nominations filed by Democratic party of borough of Catawissa read in open court. Filed Feb. 10, 1899 at 2 p. m. fixed for time of hearing.

In re Certificate of nomination Republican party of the borough of Catawissa. Petition of P. B. Ervin for mandamus, alternative writ of mandamus to issue returnable 10th day of February 1899 at 2 p. m.

Peter Appelman Estate. O. B. Mellick appointed auditor.

For road in Franklin township near Francis Ely's barn. Report of viewers continued to next term on account of the death of J. B. Knittle, one of the viewers, before making report.

C. G. Barkley appointed to take testimony and report on divorce case of Ida Mabus vs. Wm. B. Mabus.

Road in Hemlock township near Clell Whitenight's. Order to reviewers is continued to next term.

The matter of widening the public road in Bloomsburg between the western terminus of River street and the Rupert county bridge No. 6 December session. And now February 6, 1899 on motion of Andrew Fritz, counsel for petitioners for road, the order to reviewers is continued with leave to report on first day of next term. J. C. Browns hereby appointed as one of the reviewers to take the place of William Yetter who has refused to act.

Petition for appointment of Chief Burgess for Borough of Millville filed. Court appointed Chas. S. Ely as prayed for.

Declaration of assent of Wm. and Hannah Gingles to sale to discharge lien of first mortgage etc., filed by leave of court.

Jno. W. Eves assignee of James B. Eves acknowledged deeds in open court as follows:

Jno. W. Eves assignee to J. S. John for land in Millville, to Ellis Eves for land in Millville, for Edwin and Rachael Eves and K. E. John, land in Millville.

J. G. Freeze presented a petition of the coal companies of Conyngham twp. under an act of 1893, whereby they proposed to make the roads of said twp., at their own expense. The same was granted. This takes the work out of the hands of the supervisors except they have certain duties to look after the roads at intervals.

Exceptions were filed to the nominations papers of R. H. Ringler, for this town for Justice of the Peace.

In the matter of Commonwealth, at the instance of Wm. Krickbaum, vs. C. B. Ent, charge assault and battery, the court indicated its desire to have the same continued, whereupon on motion of Fred Ikeler, counsel for Mr. Ent, the same was continued to the next term and the witnesses discharged, as were also all jurors not empanelled.

The testimony being closed in Centralia burglary case the witnesses were discharged and counsel proceeded to argue to the jury. Counsel for Harvey Nash, Clem R. Weiss and R. R. John; R. R. John made closing argument. Counsel for John Harvey, James Scarlet and Voris Auten; James Scarlet made closing argument for Harvey.

In the estate of M. M. Foust, deceased, Feb. 6, 1899. On motion of B. F. Zarr H. A. McKillip continued as auditor by the court.

The district attorney finished his address to the jury at 7:30 p. m. The court then charged the jury in the case in an address lasting till 9 p. m. Before jury was sent out exceptions by James Harvey, defendant, to the charge of the court and answers were

filed, same with defendant Arthur Nash.

The court adjourned at 9:30 p. m., till the ringing of the bell. The Judges and court officials remained in the court till 1 a. m., for the purpose of taking a verdict if one was returned. Jury not agreeing by that time court adjourned.

Bell rang at 10:45 a. m. Court convened at 11:15 a. m.

Jury brings in a verdict as follows: We find the defendants not guilty.

The defendants James Harvey and Arthur Nash discharged from custody.

The court instructed the clerk to credit the jurors with an extra day's work, they having been out all the preceding night.

Hearing in the petition of P. B. Ervin for Mandamus.

Mandamus refused. No Justice of the Peace to be elected at this February Election.

Petition of Annie M. Skeer guardian of Lloyd B. Skeer for allowance. Prayer granted. Amount fixed at \$600.00 per year.

Petition of Annie M. Skeer, guardian of Joseph A. Skeer for allowance. Prayer granted. Amount fixed at \$600.00 per year.

Petition of Annie M. Skeer guardian of Flora A. Skeer for allowance. Prayer granted. Amount fixed at \$600.00 per year.

SECOND WEEK.

Court convened at 9:30 a. m. Monday with Hon. R. R. Little and Associate Judge Kurtz on the bench.

In the matter of the nomination papers of R. H. Ringler filed. Objections filed by C. C. Yetter. Objections dismissed.

Auditor's report in the Estate of J. M. C. Rank, confirmed nisi.

Auditor's report in the Estate of Jacob H. Creasy confirmed nisi.

Auditor's report in the Estate of Susanna C. Hayman confirmed nisi.

The following persons were named by the court as committee on examination of applicants for admission to the bar: Wm. H. Rhawn, Fred Ikeler, J. B. Robison, H. A. McKillip and Geo. M. Tustin.

Report of sale in Estate of Moses Hower confirmed nisi.

Petition of H. J. Creveling to make deed. Order made as prayed for.

Bloomsburg Banking Co. vs. I. W. McKelvy. Judgment for want of affidavit of defense.

Petition of M. E. Stackhouse, administrator of Clinton W. Lewis, for discharge, filed. Petition discharge as prayed for.

All jurors discharged from further attendance at this Court. All jurors living more than five miles from town, and who cannot reach home, to be allowed another day. Argument Court fixed for first Monday of March.

BASKET BALL.

The Normal School basket ball team continued in its victorious way Monday night by defeating the Wyoming Seminary boys in a one sided game, by a score of 56 to 10. They started out like winners throwing a basket in a few seconds after the ball had been put in play, and during the entire game their great superiority was manifested. The visiting team was lamentably weak at every point, and it was only a question of how large the score would be.

From a scientific standpoint, the battle was good, only one foul being made, and that by a Seminary player. The whole Normal team played good ball, but perhaps McGuffie, Lewis and Clayberger are entitled to a little extra credit, because their basket throwing was gilt edged, and their work during the whole evening was such as to call forth continued applause from the audience, which by the way, was a large one, notwithstanding the fact that the thermometer hovered around the zero mark, and the drifting snow made it disagreeable to be out. The line up was as follows:

NORMAL POSITIONS. WYOMING.
McGuffie...Attack Anderson (Capt.)
Lewis.....".....Billings
Aldinger...Center.....Keller
Oplinger...Defense.....Dershimer

Clayberger.....Carlin
Baskets—McGuffie 9, Lewis 6, Aldinger 3, Oplinger 5, Clayberger 4, Anderson 1, Billings 1, Keller 2, Dershimer 1.

Referee, Smethers. Timer—Cope. Times of halves, 20 minutes.

Oyster Supper.

There will be an oyster supper held at the M. E. Church at Long's on Saturday evening.

COMMITTEE.

TO MY
Friends AND Patrons.

I have taken possession of the store of Gidding & Company, and will be pleased to see all my old friends and patrons of this store.

Soliciting your patronage, I am,
Yours sincerely,
BEN GIDDING.

The Leader Department Store.

ALL-WOOL INGRAINS.

We are closing out 6 dropped patterns. One of them is 45 cents. Made to sell for 65 cts.

Don't lose your chance to buy Muslins and Canton Flannels cheaply. The wholesale market is on the jump. The newspapers tell us that the coming year promises to be the biggest year the country has ever known. All values will be higher. So take the hint in time.

We are Giving Away Our Coats.

For a very little money. Two months of stormy weather before you. Come and fix your own price for what we have left.

Mackintoshes.

We are overstocked and will make a price to move them. We have them cheap enough for you to buy an extra one.

Finest and Newest All-Wool Extra Super, 65c.

Don't buy any Carpets until you see our new goods and get prices.

Special Bargain in a Plain Star Carpet, 15c.

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Try Paris Corn and Nigger Head Peas. Nothing better for the price in town.

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We are coastantly getting new patterns of Dinners and Extension Tables. When you want something Exclusive give us the opportunity to get it for you. We will always make the price right for you.

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ART SQUARE.

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