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BOARD MEETING.

The Directors of the Bloomsburg School District Elect The Corps of Teachers For The Coming School Year.

L. P. Sterner Retained as Supervising Principal.

The Bloomsburg School Directors, held their regular meeting in the High School building Friday evening. As the prime object of the meeting was the election of teachers, and janitors for the coming school year, which begins in September, and the appointing of committees, there was little else acted upon. Prof. L. P. Sterner is retained as Supervising Principal at a salary of \$1,150 per year. The other appointees are as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.	
First Assistant Principal—	
W. C. Mauser.....	\$85 per mo.
Second Assistant Principal—	
Charles Derr.....	45 "
Elocution and Literature—	
Clare D. Buck.....	45 "
Music—O. H. Yetter.....	60 "
A Grammar—Hannah	
Breece.....	40 "
A Grammar—Gertrude	
Rinker.....	35 "
B Grammar—Ida Rinker.	40 "
B Grammar—Alice Wilson	40 "
Janitor—Isaiah Holter...	40 "
THIRD STREET BUILDING.	
Principal—Samuel Pursel	70 "
C Grammar—Ella Allen..	40 "
A Intermediate—Martha	
Brugler.....	40 "
A Intermediate—Alice Ed-	
gar.....	40 "
B Intermediate—Minnie	
Penman.....	40 "
B Intermediate—Minnie	
Terwilliger.....	40 "
A Primary—Edith Maize.	40 "
A Primary—Mary Kline.	35 "
B Primary—Helen Vand-	
erslice.....	40 "
B Primary—Mabel Moyer	40 "
C Primary—Emma Town-	
send.....	40 "
C Primary—Helen Carp-	
enter.....	40 "
Janitor—John Gray.....	40 "
Sweeper—Hannah Edwards	10 "
FIFTH STREET BUILDING.	
Principal—Harry Barton.	55 "
A Intermediate—Emma	
Cadman.....	40 "
A Primary—Mary Sheep.	40 "
A Primary—Teresa Hehl	40 "
B Primary—Anna Fox...	40 "
C Primary—Anna Snyder	40 "
C Primary—Tillie Casey.	40 "
Janitor—Frank Deiterich	30 "
Substitute Teacher—Mabel	
Heist.....	

The following committees were appointed:

Building and Grounds—J. C. Brown, Joseph Garrison and C. A. Klein.

Supplies—W. E. Rinker, C. A. Klein and J. C. Rutter, Jr.

Finance—Joseph Garrison, R. R. Little and J. C. Brown.

Text Books and Course of Study—R. R. Little, Joseph Garrison and W. E. Ringer.

Grievances—J. C. Rutter, Jr., Joseph Garrison and W. E. Finker.

Compulsory Education—C. A. Klein, J. C. Brown and R. R. Little.

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday evening, July 13th.

A recruiting station has been opened on the third floor of the First National Bank building. The office is in charge of Thomas P. Larkin, Sergeant, 7th U. S. Artillery and F. C. Fessman, Corporal, 3rd U. S. Cavalry. The greatest need at present, is men for service in the Philippines. Choice is given for any branch of the service, infantry, cavalry, artillery or hospital and engineers corps. Enlistments are for three years. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 35 years, of good character and free from disease.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Pensyl, corner of Main and West streets was brightly illuminated last evening, and filled with a merry party of invited guests to welcome home their eldest son Charles K. Pensyl, and his bride formerly Miss Mildred Bobb of Paxinos. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride on Wednesday of last week. They will reside on West street this town.

THE GRIM REAPER.

Death Has Invaded Many Homes in This Vicinity.

MARY YOUNG SHAFER.

Mary Young, wife of Henry Shaffer, died at her home in Greenwood Saturday forenoon last, after a short illness. The cause of her death was heart disease. She was born Dec. 10, 1869 and in 1887 graduated at the Normal School of this town, and for several years taught in Columbia and Chester counties. She possessed varied talents and was frequently heard before farmer's institutes and other meetings, where she always won praise for the able manner in which she treated her subjects.

She was the youngest daughter of A. P. and Rachel Young, of Millville, and was married to Henry Shaffer June 8, 1899. Besides her husband and a little daughter about two months old, she leaves a father and mother and three sisters of her immediate family to mourn her demise just in the prime of womanhood, and the community at large mourns with them because of the admiration they had for her. Her acquaintances were many and none knew her but to admire her. In the Grange, the Sunday school and temperance organizations she was always an active worker.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church, having united with that while teaching in Chester county. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m., and interment made in the cemetery at Millville.

MRS. MAHLON SAGER.

Mrs. Sarah A., wife of Mahlon Sager of Orangeville, died at the Normal School, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Sager was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in 1839, and was therefore 70 years of age. The major portion of her life was spent in the immediate vicinity of her birth. She united in marriage to Mahlon Sager on January 29th 1853, in Richmond, Va., her parents at that time being residents of that city.

Mrs. Sager, was a woman, who by her good deeds, won the regard and affection of friends and neighbors. She was a member of the Orangeville Presbyterian church, and was active in all its work. She is survived by a husband, an only daughter, Mrs. Prof. J. P. Welsh of the Normal School. Brief funeral services were conducted in Dr. Welsh's private rooms at the school Wednesday morning, by Rev. J. W. Martyn, after which the remains were taken to Orangeville for interment.

MRS. H. H. BROWN.

After an illness of about two weeks, Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of H. H. Brown, died at her home, in Scott township, Friday afternoon. The deceased was nearly sixty-two years of age, having been born in 1839. Her sickness was a heavy cold, contracted many weeks ago, which later developed into pleurisy. Mrs. Brown's maiden name was Conner, one of the oldest families in the county. She is survived by a husband and two children—Mrs. Hannah Black, of Orange township, and E. A. Brown, of Lightstreet.

A short service was conducted at the house by Rev. J. C. Grimes, after which the remains were conveyed to the Hilday Church, where the regular services were held by Rev. J. M. Martyn, of Orangeville. Interment in the cemetery nearby.

MRS. GEORGE BIDLEMAN.

Mrs. George Bidleman died at her home on Iron street Tuesday morning. She has been an invalid, and confined to the house for nearly seventeen years. She was an estimable lady and bore her suffering very patiently. The surviving members of the family are a husband, also an invalid, and four children. Mrs. Ella Warne, of Newton, Iowa, Mrs. Jerome Woodring, Samuel and Joseph of town. The funeral will occur this afternoon at four o'clock. Service will be held at the house by Rev. J. D. Thomas, of the Reformed Church.

Free rural mail delivery is likely to be an established fact here in a short time. A special agent of the P. O. department was here last week and went over the proposed routes, taking in Iola, Seneca, Greenwood and Welliversville. He was accompanied by Postmaster Eves and Surveyor Trescott, to aid him in determining the amount of territory to be covered, and afterwards he appointed and qualified E. R. Eves carrier for route No. 1, and Jesse John for route No. 2.—Millville Tablet.

CENTRALIA POOR DISTRICT CONTEST.

IN RE CONTESTING THE ELECTION OF DIRECTOR OF THE POOR OF CONYNGHAM TOWNSHIP AND THE BOROUGH OF CENTRALIA.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Columbia County, No. 15, February Session 1895.

Rule to show cause why the Poor District of Conyngham township and Borough of Centralia should not pay the costs of the contest, contesting the election of Director of the Poor of said District.

OPINION AND ORDER OF COURT.

On the 28th of February 1896, the petition for contesting the election of Director of the Poor was quashed, and the proceedings dismissed by the Court. No order for the payment of costs was made at that time. Subsequently this rule was asked for and granted by the Court. The contest failed by reason of there not being a sufficient number of qualified electors to the petition. A large amount of testimony was taken on the question of the petitioners and some on the merits of the contest, which latter however was taken under objection of the respondent. When we granted the rule we heard no argument, and were inclined to the opinion that there was probable cause for the contest, and that the Poor District should pay the costs of the proceeding. What was said then was mere *obiter dictum* and binds no one. We would however feel well satisfied, if we could see our way clear now, to place at least part of the costs on the Poor District. We say some part of the costs, because we find upon examination that a large amount of unnecessary costs were made, and such unnecessary costs ought not to be put on the District in any event. The costs claimed in this case seem to the Court to be outrageous in amount.

It is however unnecessary to discuss the amount of costs, for under the view we take of this case, we cannot impose any of the costs on the Poor District. The fact that at least twenty five qualified electors signed the petition is a prerequisite to the jurisdiction of the Court to entertain the contest. The proceedings in this case were instituted pursuant to Sec. 18 of the Act of 1874 P. L. 213, which for the commencement of such proceedings requires, that for this class of contests, at least twenty five qualified electors of the election district who voted at the election contested, shall have signed the petition. It follows, that unless there are the requisite number of petitioners the Court can render no decision upon the merits of the contest. If courts have no jurisdiction over the merits of the contest, no decision which requires an examination into the merits, or, is based upon the merits, can be rendered in such case. It matters not at what stage of the proceedings the want of jurisdiction becomes manifest, the court has in such case no power to do anything but dismiss the proceedings.

If any person is liable in such case, it is the party who attempted to institute the proceedings, and failed for want of compliance with all the prerequisites of the Act of Assembly. It is contended that this case differs from one in which the want of jurisdiction appears upon the face of the proceedings. But we can see no difference whatever upon the question of the power of Court in the premises. The want of jurisdiction though established by evidence *aliunde*, is just as fatal in the one case as the other. In either case it prevents a decision upon the merits of the controversy. It prevents a contest from being made.

There was in this case no legal contest instituted and therefore all that was done on such assumption is a mere nullity. The order of Court referred to by Counsel under which they claim to have proceeded, is no protection and does not change the legal effect of what was done. This order was not made by us, and we presume the Judge who made it, was probably not familiar with the status of the case, but made such order at the solicitation of petitioners or their counsel. That such is the fact is inferred by us from the circumstance of the respondent objecting to going into the evidence on the merits, and asking the commissioner to confine it to the qualifications of petitioners.

In this case the rule to quash the proceedings, was the only matter determined by the Court. When this rule was made absolute, it virtually determined that the petitioners had failed to present such a petition as

would enable them to make a contest.

Therefore now, to wit, June 29, 1900, the Rule in this case is discharged.

BY THE COURT,
JOHN J. METZGER,
P. J. 29th Judicial District,
Specially Presiding.
Barkley for Rule.
Freeze for Poor District.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened for a short session Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock, with Hon. Robt. R. Little presiding.

Krickbaum vs. Huffman. Motion to withdraw deed and agreement from the files so ordered.

In the matter of the account of the managers and other officers by their Treasurer of the Nescopeck Falls Bridge Company. Account confirmed absolutely.

Estate of Ezra Stevens. Petition for rule on heirs. Rule granted.

Estate of Peter Hippensteel. Petition for executors for approval of private sale of real estate and rescinding order for public sale granted.

Estate of M. Louisa Schuyler. Petition for specific performance of contract. Order of Court filed directing Wm. P. Milliken, executor, to tender deed, etc.

Estate of Ambrose C. Biddle. Petition of grand jury to join in sale of real estate. Petition granted. Bond approved.

Estate of E. R. Ikeler. Petition for citation. Citation awarded.

The Zion congregation will hold a festival in E. M. Laubach's grove at Fork's, on Saturday evening June 14th, when cake and ice cream and all the delicacies of the season will be served. It is expected that the Bendertown Band will be present and enliven the occasion with choice music. All are invited. Everybody come.

You can have a nice day's outing by accompanying the P. O. S. of A. picnic to Star Island Park, near Williamsport, on Saturday, July 21st. The successful excursions that have been conducted by this organization in the past are fresh in the memory of our people and we believe the crowd this time will be larger than ever.

Thirty-five years ago Isaac Muffly left his home in this vicinity, and went south. Ten years later a letter was received containing the intelligence of his death. Thursday last he arrived in town, alive and well, and was received with open arms by his sister Anna, who is the only member of the family now living here.

In Court, at Danville, on Saturday, Judge Little refused to transfer the license of Hotel Oliver, of that city, from H. R. Landis to A. H. Neyhard. Mr. Neyhard leased the hotel about two weeks ago. Landis is charged with selling liquor on Sunday, and the Court will wait until this is disposed of.

Charles Mills, who resides on Reservoir Hill has a nice flock of young chickens, thirty four in number. Out of a sitting of 14 eggs, brown leghorns, he got 13 chicks.

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We still have a few of our Half-Price Suits. Come and get them at once, as they won't last later than Saturday.

Ben. Gidding,

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.

Come in and see us—we'll treat you right.

'TIS A LONG CRY to July 31st, when we take inventory. But it's coming, and at that time we want to feel ourselves poor in goods. Our rule is to move slow selling goods at any price. We won't wait until the last week in July to put the knife into the prices, but we start now, when the goods are reasonable. We mention a few things:

Silks.

Suitable for waists. Silk remnants, 20, 25, 40, 50 and 70c. Their value is just double this.

White dimity, reduced from 20c. to 12½c, and from 15c. to 10c.

Shirt Waists.

Which were good value at 50c., now 25c., and others that were 35 and 50c., now 20c.

Remnants

Of Marseilles, to close, from 28c to 18c.

Barred Nainsook, reduced from 20 and 25c., to 10 and 15c.

Shirt Waists.

Of India linen, Pique and other seasonable stuffs, were \$1.00 and \$1.25. To close out the lot, 50c.

Shirt waists, which were \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, now \$1.25.

Bargains in Doylies & Crash Silks

We are closing out Richardson's wash silks at 3½c. per skein. We are also closing out our stock of doylies. These are new goods, bought for this season, but as we have decided to discontinue selling this class of goods, the price will be just cut in half.

Grocery Department.

You certainly must like the goods we handle. The business in this department is steadily growing every month. We will serve you better, the more business we get from you.

Rugs, Rugs, Rugs, Rugs.

We have them from the small velvet rug, 18x30, to the carpet size, 12x15. No one can show you the line of these goods that we do. Consider what it means to give you a selection out of 40 rugs, and at all prices. We will give you a velvet rug, suitable for a porch rug, at \$1.10. \$1.50 would be a reasonable price for them. Our carpet stock is full. We keep it so. The newest designs and colorings are always seen on our floors. We will close out our mattings at cost price.

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