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## BOARD OF TRADE.

The Movement Endorsed by Many Business Men.

Meeting Next Week, Thursday Night, For Organization.

Active measures for the organization of a Board of Trade have been taken, and it is now an assured fact.

A paper was circulated and signed by 113 men, representing different business interests and the professions. The paper and the signatures are as follows:

WHEREAS, The best results, in any community, can only be had by the employment of its labor and capital:

And believing that concerted action on the part of those having material interests is necessary to afford such employment, and knowing that in other localities efforts in this direction have been made by the organization of local boards of trade, we, the undersigned, agree to organize a Board of Trade for the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., the manner of organization and mode of operation to be agreed upon by a majority of the subscribers hereto, at a meeting to be convened when not less than fifty have subscribed to this agreement.

It being further understood that each subscriber hereto shall be liable for the payment of an annual subscription of five dollars, the first annual installment thereof payable when the required number have subscribed hereto, a meeting convened and a treasurer elected to receive the same.

Jno. R. Townsend, W. O. Holmes & Son, Paul E. Wirt, I. E. Waller, A. Z. Schoch, Am. E. L. & Gas Co., J. G. Wells, G. M. Tustin, L. T. Sharpless Co. Ltd, Robt. R. Little, James Magee, 2d, S. K. Bidleman, F. G. Yorks, Geo. W. Milfin, F. P. Pursel, Gehrad Snyder, F. D. Dentler, A. N. Vost, Louis Gross, P. K. Yannatta, T. C. Harter, J. L. Dillon, J. H. Mercer, C. B. Ent, Alexander Bros. & Co., J. E. Roys, H. G. Supplee, F. W. Redeker, W. R. Koehler, I. W. Willits, James M. Staver, Wm. Chrisman, E. C. Caswell, E. B. Tustin, Jerre Geese, C. W. Funston, W. L. Demaree, E. W. M. Low, C. L. Cronin, Geo. S. Robbins, J. H. Giger, H. J. Clark & Son, Frank P. Eyer, Wm. E. Hartman, W. J. Lorell, F. B. Riddle, K. C. Buckalew, Andrew Graydon, Thomas Gorrey, J. Lee Harman, Grant Herring, H. V. White & Co., J. P. Welsh, O. W. Cherrington, W. L. White, F. H. Wilson, G. H. Welliver, L. D. Kase, Geo. E. Elwell, F. M. Keiner, E. A. Gidding, C. A. Klein, A. H. Bloom, J. C. Rutter, Jr., C. C. Peacock, Ikeler & Icker, S. B. Arment, C. W. Miller, G. M. Quick, C. S. VanHorn, F. J. Richard, M. J. Hess, K. Hawley, Jr., H. G. Eshleman, F. N. Turner, John Harman, William H. Slate, W. S. Rishon, J. J. Brown, Josiah Ralston, H. W. Champlin, E. P. Williams, I. W. Hartman & Son, E. B. Brower, L. N. Moyer, S. E. Reynolds, Wm. Lowenberg, F. M. Kelly, W. H. Eyer, J. C. Rutter, Miller & Terwilliger, Geo. P. Ringler, E. F. Carpenter, J. D. Armstrong, L. P. Sterner, G. A. McKelvy, J. C. Brown, M. P. Lutz & Son, J. A. M'Killip, W. H. Brower, Clyde C. Yetter, J. S. John, James MacEwan, O. B. Mellick, J. S. Williams & Son, W. M. Reber, Samuel Wigfall, N. U. Funk, Harry Stees, I. W. Bruner, Samuel H. Harman, H. Bierman, H. F. Dieffenbach.

In pursuance of this paper a meeting was held in the Exchange Hotel parlor last Thursday evening, at which about 40 of the signers were present. C. C. Peacock, Esq., was chosen temporary chairman, and S. F. Peacock, secretary. After some general discussion a motion was adopted that a committee of five, including the chairman, be appointed to prepare a plan of organization, and to suggest the names of officers, and make report at a meeting to be held at the Court House on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The chair appointed the following persons as the committee: C. C. Peacock, J. C. Brown, Geo. E. Elwell, H. V. White and L. Gross.

The committee held a meeting on Thursday evening and worked several hours, but were unable to complete their labors, and so adjourned until Friday evening. A general meeting will be held at the Court House next Thursday at 8 p. m.

The paper is still open for signers, and all persons who desire to become members are requested to attend the meeting and sign the paper.

### Money to Loan.

\$1400 to loan on first mortgage on town property, at 5 per cent. and taxes. Apply to Geo. E. Elwell, Atty., Bloomsburg, Pa.

## THEY STOLE WIRE.

Jess Sweigert and Jos. Fausey, in the Hands of the Law.

Both Parties Reside in Espy—Fausey Released on \$800 Bail.

Tuesday night, about half-past eleven, as Night Watchman A. V. Hower was coming up the alley, between the Exchange Hotel and the Bloomsburg National Bank, his attention was attracted by a horse and wagon, standing in the rear of the old Presbyterian Church. He waited awhile, thinking of course, that the owner would put in an appearance. Concluding that something was wrong, he hastened to Main street, where he met Chief of Police Wesley Knorr and Miles Betz. After relating his story to the officers, the three repaired to the alley and conducted a thorough search. They were about to give it up for a hopeless job when they came across a man lying prostrate in the alley with a coil of telephone wire, containing about 5,280 feet, by his side. Upon questioning him the officers learned that the wire was the property of the Columbia & Montour Telephone Company, and that he had stolen it from the basement of the old Presbyterian Church. Unable to give a satisfactory explanation, he was arrested and placed in the lock-up over night.

At a hearing before Justice of the Peace Guy Jacoby, Wednesday afternoon, the man gave his name as Jess Sweigert, and said that he resided in Espy. He admitted having committed the theft. He said the horse and wagon belonged to Joseph Fausey, of Espy; that Fausey had agreed to buy all the wire he could steal, and had loaned him the horse and wagon to haul it. He gained an entrance into the basement with a key, he having recently been in the employ of the Telephone Company. Both were held for Court—Sweigert for having committed the theft, and Fausey for receiving stolen goods. Fausey furnished bail in the sum of \$800. Sweigert was taken to jail.

### ABOUT "FARM NEWS."

We have just learned that some of our subscribers, to whom the *Farm News* was sent as a gift, in 1897, are still receiving the paper, and that they have been getting notices from the publishers, claiming pay for more than two years. When the paper was ordered by us, in each case the cash was sent with it to pay for one year. We kept no record of the matter, supposing that at the end of the year the paper would stop, or, if it didn't, that each person receiving it would refuse to lift it. We never before had notice from any one that the *Farm News* was still coming on. Had we known it, we would have ordered them all stopped. We would suggest now that all who are getting it shall refuse to take it out of the office, and that all who have had letters from the publishers should notify this office, and we will do what we can to get the best settlement with them.

Hotel Gilmore was threatened with destruction Saturday. Robert Hawkins, the colored porter, was walking through the bar room, carrying a gallon can filled with gasoline, when, in some mysterious manner, it caught fire. The fluid spread over the floor with great rapidity, and it required the combined efforts of a dozen men to extinguish the blaze. The can was kicked out into the street and a hose turned on. An alarm was turned in and the Fire Department and Winonas responded, but their succor was not needed. The wall, in some places, was scorched, but the damage was only trifling.

### Court Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday with a full bench.

Good Will Fire Company et al. vs C. M. Hess et al. Hearing in open court. Motion to dissolve preliminary injunction filed by defendants. Plaintiffs entered motion to continue preliminary injunction.

Application of transfer of hotel license from Lemuel Drake to Conrad Island. Refused.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen will not have a race meet this year.

## SKULL FRACTURED

John Cole, of Coletown, Crushed Beneath Wagon Wheels.

Riter Goss, of Red Rock, Will be Called Upon to Answer A Serious Charge.

Death beneath the wheels of a heavy farm wagon, is the fate which befell John Cole while he in company with a friend Jacob Dirk, were returning home from a bicycle ride Saturday night. The casualty occurred a short distance above Benton. The circumstances of the tragic affair, in so far as we have been able to gather them are as follows: Saturday afternoon Cole and Dirk left their home in Coletown, with their bicycles to ride to Benton. They reached their objective point, and remained there until quite late in the evening. It was nearly eleven o'clock when they mounted their wheels and started on their homeward journey. The trip until they reached a point just across the Edson bridge, was without incident. Here they overtook four men in a big wagon. Desirous of reaching home as soon as possible, and as the road was not sufficiently wide to pass, Cole called to the driver of the wagon and asked him to allow them to pass. His request was met by a sarcastic rejoinder, which to give it verbatim was "no d— man can go around this team." Concluding that the driver was under the influence of liquor, and realizing the danger surrounding an attempt to pass, they remained in the rear until about a mile had been traveled. Cole then thinking that he could go around, made a spur, to one side, but he was noticed by the driver Riter Goss, who, maliciously and willfully turned the team over on him. The unfortunate man was crushed beneath the huge wheels of the wagon. Fully aware of what he had done, and knowing that his victim was either seriously injured or dead, Goss never stopped the wagon, but continued on, Dirk was some distance behind his companion at the time, and when he arrived at the spot where the accident had taken place, was horrified to find his friend lying by the roadside and blood flowing from his mouth. He called to him but received no answer. Then bending over the prostrate form he found that life was nearly extinct. Dr. Winley of Benton was hastily summoned, but death took place before he arrived. A conveyance was secured and the remains taken to Benton and placed in charge of undertaker Ira McHenry. In compliance with the law in such cases, a coroner's jury was impaneled on Sunday, composed of Dr. J. W. Winley, S. F. Appleman, J. J. Mather, Dr. I. E. Patterson, Russel Karns and Lowry Cole. The finding of the jury was as follows: "The dead man was John Cole, and that he came to his death on the public road leading from Benton to Jamison City and at a point near Edwards dam where the mill race crosses the aforesaid public road in the township of Benton, on July 21, about 10:30 p. m., by means of a wound inflicted by a wagon passing over the head of John Cole causing a multiple fracture and that the wound was administered and death caused by the willful, malicious and unlawful act of one Riter Goss and others by willfully and maliciously running down John Cole and deliberately driving over his body and crushing his skull, thus causing his instantaneous death."

Armed with a warrant for the arrest of Goss, Constable Boyd Gibson, went to Red Rock on Sunday. He secured his prisoner, and brought him to Bloomsburg Monday morning. Without bail, Goss was given a cell in the jail, where he will remain until the September term of court.

John Cole was born near Unityville about twenty seven years ago. At the age of four years he became a member of the household of Lafayette Unger, with whom he lived until he was eighteen, when he began life for himself. For more than a year past he had been employed in a saw mill at Coletown. From a person who was intimate with him, we learn that he was of a quiet disposition, and respected in the neighborhood in which he resided.

There are more prisoners confined in the Columbia County jail now than at any other time during Sheriff Black's term.

## THE TROLLEY ROAD

Delay Has Been Caused by the Refusal of a Few Owners Along Line to Release.

President B. F. Meyers in Town.

Ex-Congressman B. F. Meyers and E. L. Mumma of Harrisburg, arrived in town on Tuesday on business connected with the proposed trolley road from Danville to Berwick. Mr. Meyers is President of the company. He has had large experience in trolley roads, and after going over the ground he is satisfied that the road will prove a paying investment. He says that if the right of way could have been secured when the project was first started, the cars would have been running now. Releases have been obtained from all the abutting owners along the line but a very few, and these few have thus far blocked the progress of the road.

Had releases been obtained to assure capitalists and large money centers that there was no possibility of interruption by the public or individuals along the line, the road would have been constructed without asking residents of this community to invest in either stock or bonds of the road, and thus the risk of the investment would have been assumed by foreign capitalists. Should it prove a financial failure the loss if any, would not fall on local capitalists, and should it prove successful, as it undoubtedly would, it would afford to local investors an opportunity to put their money where the investment would be safe and the returns sure.

Mr. Meyers is so well satisfied that the road will be a success that he says the probabilities are that the line will be constructed from Bloomsburg to Almedia very soon. As before stated the whole line can be built with foreign capital, but the money centers will not invest in a short link, as it is too small a matter for them to go into, and hence the money for this link must be raised locally, and Mr. Meyers and his friends are willing to subscribe a liberal amount towards it. Mr. Meyers and Mr. Mumma went home on Wednesday.

### SHERIFF'S SALES.

Sheriff W. W. Black had a good-sized audience at his office in the Court House, Saturday afternoon. Four properties were disposed of in quick order. The bidding on the first two was quite lively.

Property of Samuel Knorr, in Centre township, to Lafayette Trivelpiece for \$4,000.

Property of Mary J. Pursel, in Hemlock township, to Sarah J. Brown's executors for \$800.

Property of Silas Getz, in Fishing-creek township, to A. W. Duy, Atty., for \$135.

Property of Samuel Neyhard, in Bloomsburg, to Anglo-American Saving and Loan Association for \$100.

## J. G. WELLS,

Successor to S. F. Peacock & Co., Market Square.

### Hay Rope,

### Scythes,

### Forks, &c.,

### Canning Boilers.

Come and see my bargain table, on which I am closing out a lot of goods at cost and less.

J. G. WELLS, GENERAL HARDWARE.

## PRUDENTIAL PEOPLE.

With the thermometer at 100.

With ice at 70.

With thin coats at 50.

With Summer Suits at lower quotations.

With Pantaloons drooping--in price.

With white and fancy Vests declining.

With Boys' Clothes without a margin of profit.

With gilt-edged stock that goes without trust.

Can it be wondered that so many prudential people make investments with us?

## 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.

THE LEADER STORE COMPANY, Ltd.,

4TH AND MARKET STS., BLOOMSBURG.