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## A BIG OUTPOURING

Of the Democracy at the Opera House Last Saturday Evening—A Highly Successful Meeting.

### Fred Ikeler Esq., Delivers an Eloquent Speech.

The Young Men's Democratic Club, an organization composed of the representative young voters of Bloomsburg held a highly successful meeting in the Opera House Saturday evening. The speakers were to be John G. Harman Esq., and Fred Ikeler Esq., but at a late hour in the day, Mr. Harman was called away, and the Club had not sufficient time to secure another to take his place. The meeting was called to order and Clem R. Weiss chosen chairman. After making a few remarks in regard to the need of co-operation on the part of every democrat, he introduced Mr. Ikeler as the speaker of the evening. This gentleman's appearance on the platform was the signal of a tumultuous demonstration, and as he stepped before the foot lights he was cheered to the echo. Mr. Ikeler is too well known to need any further comment here, suffice it to say that his speech was a splendid one, polished, logical, scholarly and gentlemanly, and held the close attention of the large audience. His arguments were lucid and at the same time beyond contradiction. Especially effective was his reference to the Bloomsburg Brass and Copper Company, at one time a prosperous industry of our town. But its prosperity was short lived, it fell a victim to the trust, its doors were closed, and the buildings are gradually going to decay. Republicans can advance no argument in rebuttal to this. The plant stands, with extinguished furnaces, and barred doors as a witness to the truthfulness of Mr. Ikeler's assertion. The speaker scored many other points, but a lack of space prevents further comment.

The Buckhorn and Bloomsburg Bands were in attendance, and the music enlivened the occasion and was greatly enjoyed. The meeting was a great success in every way and the young men are to be congratulated for the admirable arrangements and the successful result of their efforts.

### The Ballots.

The ballots for next Tuesday's election are printed and delivered to the commissioners. They are 25 inches long, and 18 inches wide, and are printed on good book paper, better than is used in most counties of the state. Being so large, the paper is not quite as heavy as usual, as a heavy paper would make too much bulk and the ballot boxes wouldn't hold them. A tin straight edge is furnished each district, and the election officers can use this, or cut them with a knife. Complaint has sometimes been made that the ballots are not perforated enough, but if they were perforated so that they would tear off without a straight edge, they would fall off of their own weight. It has also been complained that the pencil point punches through the paper, but one can punch through a card board unless you have a solid surface underneath. With proper care there will be no cause for complaint.

### Y. M. C. A. Evening Classes.

On Monday evening of each week, beginning promptly at 7:30, the following branches are being taught under the direction of Prof. Samuel Pursell: spelling, reading, arithmetic, and grammar.

On Thursday evenings book-keeping will be taught by Prof. Derr.

A number of young men have enrolled and are availing themselves of these privileges, but there is yet room for many more. Any desiring to join these classes are invited to call at the Y. M. C. A. office for particulars.

### Services of United Evangelical Church.

Revival services every evening during the week at 7:30. Sunday school on Sunday at 9:15. Preaching at 10:30. Junior K. L. C. E. Sunday at 2:00. Senior K. L. C. E. Sunday at 6:30. Preaching Sunday at 7:30. A hearty invitation is extended to all these services. Strangers made welcome. J. W. BENTZ, Pastor.

## DRANK POISONED TEA.

An Attempt Made to Take Human Life Without Any Apparent Motive.

A diabolical attempt to take the life of Emanuel Hummel was made by an unknown party, or parties, Tuesday night, or early Wednesday morning. Mr. Hummel is employed as night watchman at the Magee Carpet Works. About half-past one o'clock he turned down the lights and started on his rounds to see that everything was all right. Returning, he found the lights turned on and burning brightly. It aroused his suspicion for a moment, but little thinking that anything was wrong, he sat down to eat a lunch. He took a few swallows of tea, but the application of the beverage to his tongue revealed a peculiar sweetish taste, and he threw the remainder away. He then started for his home, on North Iron street. Scarcely had he arrived until he was taken violently ill. The family physician, Dr. J. C. Rutter, was hastily summoned, and to his quick response Mr. Hummel probably owes his life. An emetic was administered, and the patient was soon out of danger.

It is evident that the purpose of the base act was to poison Mr. Hummel, but it was impossible to determine what kind of poison had been employed, as he had drained the can and there was none of the liquid left to analyze.

### Rev. M. L. Snyder Dead.

On Saturday evening Rev. M. L. Snyder, presiding elder of the Altoona district of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference left his home at Bellefonte to attend an Epworth League convention in Altoona.

In the evening he preached in the Eighth Avenue church. He went to bed shortly afterwards and Monday morning was found dead in bed. He was 60 years of age.

Rev. Snyder was appointed to the pastorate of the Bloomsburg Methodist Episcopal church in 1877, and served two years. In 1879 he was transferred by the conference to Berwick where he remained for two years at the end of which he was made presiding elder of the Danville District. He was an earnest worker for the cause of God, and was admired and loved by all who knew him. A wife, two daughters and one son survive.

### Burglar May Be Identified.

Mysterious Man Killed at Cambra Believed to Have Been Named Douglass.

The mysterious burglar who was shot and killed at Cambra by John Hughes two weeks ago, while breaking into the post office has been partly identified.

A photograph was taken of him in his coffin and sent to Horace Wyant, of Dallas, who identified the man as having been at Dallas during the fair there the fore part of October, when, it is said, he gave the name of Douglass.

### Free Lectures at the Tabernacle.

Rev. Xavier Sutton, C. P., will deliver a series of free lectures on the Catholic Church at the Tabernacle from Nov. 5th to Nov. 12th. Subjects: Monday, Nov. 5th, "What Catholics Do Not Believe;" Tuesday, "Purgatory;" Wednesday, "Can Man Forgive Sins?" Thursday, "Bible;" Friday, "The Lord's Supper;" Saturday, "Is There a Hell;" Sunday, "Why I am a Catholic." The lectures begin at 7:45 each evening and will be addressed to non-Catholics. All are welcome.

There are men in town who stand on the corner all day and complain about not being able to obtain employment, and yet, when given an opportunity to make an honest dollar, refuse to work. A certain resident, on Monday, wanted some carpet beat. He offered the job to three different fellows, who were holding up the corner, but it was rejected by all of them. There are, no doubt, many deserving ones in our midst, but there are just as many of the other class, as the above proves.

Arrangements are being made by Prof. Joseph H. Dennis to throw the election returns upon a large screen in front of the Court House Tuesday night. Photographs of the leading men of both parties as well as pictures of our prominent local politicians will be shown. Wilbur Fisher and Michael Tracy have secured a stereopticon for that night and will also give out the returns as fast as they come in. The two lanterns will be operated so as not to conflict.

## DEMOCRACY

Was in Evidence at the Court House Tuesday Evening—The Spacious Court Room Packed to the Doors.

### The Issues Discussed by Hon. James Stranahan.

Though sufficiently spacious for all ordinary purposes, and plenty large enough for the purpose for which it was intended, the Court room was far inadequate to accommodate, with even standing room, the crowd that sought admittance Tuesday evening to hear Hon. James Stranahan, of Harrisburg, discuss the issues confronting the people in the present campaign. It was truly a Democratic night. The street was crowded with them. They came from various sections of the county.

The Buckhorn Band arrived about seven o'clock, followed by a goodly procession of vehicles. A little later the Bloomsburg Band made its appearance on the street, and as the two organizations lined up in front of the Court House the march for admittance began. The supply of seats was soon exhausted and the isles, too, were crowded to the doors, while many were unable to get to the top of the steps.

The meeting was called to order by County Chairman C. A. Small. B. F. Zarr Esq., was elected chairman, and J. K. Bittenbender and Harry Fine secretaries, and the following gentlemen named as vice presidents:

Hon. James T. Fox, Lincoln H. Boody, A. B. Black, C. W. Snyder, John Knies, J. S. Williams, Andrew Evans, C. T. Vanderslice, John Tracy, James MacEwan, John G. Freeze Esq., George W. Sterner, Paul Harman, Charles Savage, Wm. Hartzel, Dr. J. C. Rutter, Harry Derr, W. C. Johnson Esq., W. A. Evert Esq., C. M. Terwilliger, I. J. Hess, Wm. Yost, Robt. Buckingham, Freeze Quich, T. T. Freeze, Peter Jones, Harvey Giger, Warner Mifflin, John Welliver, J. G. Harman Esq., J. B. Robison, W. H. Fisher, Wm. Krickbaum, M. I. Hennessy, Dr. T. C. Harter, C. A. Kleim, W. H. Henrie, W. W. Black, J. C. Rutter Jr. and E. F. McCabe.

Before introducing the speaker Mr. Zarr spoke for a few minutes. He touched upon the most important issues of the campaign. His remarks were well received and he was loudly applauded.

Hon. James Stranahan of Harrisburg, was then introduced. He was cool, collected, and talked easily and freely. He pointed out the many flaws in the Republican system of government, and with convincing arguments he showed the incompetency and incapacity of that party. Not an issue was left untouched. The speaker gave considerable time to the plea of prosperity and pointed to the great coal strike, as evidence that the Republicans are endeavoring to fool the voters. If prosperity really exists to such an extent as claimed by Republican orators it is certainly thinly spread, as nowhere can it be seen. When he concluded he was loudly cheered.

### Y. M. C. A. Anniversary.

The ninth anniversary of the Bloomsburg Y. M. C. A. will be held next Sunday evening, in M. E. Church, at 7 o'clock.

The address of the evening will be delivered by Thos. H. Atherton, Esq., of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Atherton is one of Wilkes-Barre's prominent attorneys, and is known all over the State as a staunch supporter of the Y. M. C. A. work. His addresses at conventions and other Y. M. C. A. gatherings are always listened to with much interest and profit. We are fortunate in securing him for our anniversary service, and it is hoped that he will be heard by a large audience. The practical business men of Bloomsburg will certainly be interested in hearing what another busy business man has to say about this phase of Christian work.

The evening preaching services in nearly all the churches will be set aside, giving an opportunity for all to join in the union service who may desire. Everybody will be most cordially welcomed.

The Democratic majority in this county will be at least 2500.

### CHARLES B. JACKSON.

After an illness of ten days, Charles B. Jackson, Esq., died at his home in Berwick on Thursday, October 25th, at about one o'clock. He had been suffering from diabetes for several years, but his friends were not looking for a fatal termination so soon. He was in attendance at Court at the September term, and was in Bloomsburg during the Fair, and appeared to be as well as usual. For nearly a week before his death he was unconscious most of the time, and the end came peacefully and painlessly.

Mr. Jackson was the son of the late Morrison E. Jackson, who, in his day, was one of the ablest members of the Bar of this county. He was born in Berwick June 7, 1846, and was married in Ohio on February 14, 1867, to Miss Emma G. Campbell, who, with one son, Alexander C. Jackson, a member of the Bar of Luzerne county, survives him. His mother, Mrs. Anna S. Jackson, and a sister, Mrs. Anna G. Oswald, reside in Berwick. He was educated in the Berwick schools, and Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport. At the age of eighteen he engaged in the mercantile business at Berwick, and followed it until his admission as a lawyer, in 1875, when he became a partner of his father, and so continued until the death of the latter, in 1879. He had a large practice in this and Luzerne counties, and enjoyed the reputation of being a careful and honest lawyer. The funeral took place in Berwick on Saturday at four o'clock, and was very largely attended. Delegations of lawyers were present from Bloomsburg and Wilkes-Barre.

### BAR MEETING.

A meeting of the members of the Bar was held in the Court room on Saturday, October 27th, at 1:30 p. m. Col. J. G. Freeze called the meeting to order and stated the object to be to take appropriate action on the death of Charles B. Jackson, Esq. Mr. Freeze said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE BAR: Two weeks ago we gathered in silent sadness about the grave of Chas. G. Barkley, and to day we are about to assemble for the same solemn duty, at the last resting place of Charles B. Jackson. To that bourne whence no traveler returns, they have taken their departure, and if we could see the meeting of the spirits who have passed beyond the sun, we can well imagine the cordial greeting of friends so lately here in full life, and active in the business of the world.

Mr. Jackson read law with his father, Morrison E. Jackson, and was admitted to practice February 2, 1875, on motion of Col. Freeze, of the examining committee. He was in full and active practice almost to the day of his death. I may truthfully say of him what Judge Elwell said of his father, on the occasion of his death, in 1879: "He died with the professional harness on." No man can say of him that he was other than an honorable opponent. His course was plain, transparent and clear. He required no writing to back what he said. His word was his bond.

A committee on resolutions, having been previously appointed, their report was called for, and presented by

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