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CHARLES G. BARKLEY.

The following address presented to the Board of Trustees of the Normal School, at their regular meeting Tuesday evening last, was prepared by a special committee appointed for the purpose, and adopted by a rising vote. Principal Welsh read the address to the students of the school, on Wednesday morning and took occasion to impress upon their minds the value of the strong traits of character pointed out in the address:

Mr. President:—Your committee, appointed to submit to the Board some tribute to the memory of our late associate, Charles G. Barkley, Esq., make report:

Mr. Barkley was a native of Columbia county and was born January 30, 1839.

He early displayed a fondness for and interest in school and educational work. After receiving such training as could be afforded here, he engaged in the business of teaching which he followed for several years, and made such impression upon the people whom he served, that on May 4, 1863 he was elected to the county superintendency of Common Schools, and was re-elected May 1, 1866 and again elected May 4, 1869. His work in this laborious and important office was performed, as was every other duty in his life, with the utmost of his power, and with scrupulous fidelity. And it is not too much to say that his nine years as County Superintendent inaugurated a forward movement in the schools of Columbia County which no other nine years has exceeded. The high appreciation in which he was held in educational matters was more fully evinced during his third term as County Superintendent. It happened that the State Normal School of this District was without a head, and the Trustees were in sore straits. The Board called upon Mr. Wickersham, then State Superintendent, for advice and assistance, and he met them at the office of Col. Freeze, the secretary, on the 19th of December, 1871. After a long and confidential talk on the subject, Mr. Wickersham suggested Mr. Barkley as a proper person for Principal.

On motion of Robert F. Clark, Esq., he was unanimously elected. He accepted, on condition that the Trustees fill the place as soon as possible. The Board met at the Hall the next morning accompanied by Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Barkley. Col. Freeze announced to the Faculty the action of the Board and Mr. Wickersham made an address warmly endorsing the selection. Mr. Barkley continued in charge until March 27, 1872, when at his own request he was relieved. He was appointed a Trustee on the part of the State on May 3, 1875, and remained a member of the Board until his death.

How true it is that the boy is father of the man. When the Rev. Joel E. Bradley was teaching school in the old Arcade, he once told Col. Freeze that he always left the school-room in the care of Charles G. Barkley one of the scholars—that he put the room to rights in the evening, locked the door took the key and was there to open it in the morning with everything in order. And upon the Col. saying, "Is not that a great deal to trust to so young a boy?" "O," he said, "I know him—I can trust him," and so during his whole life, whatever duty was assumed by him, whether as a member of the Town Council, as Town Solicitor, or as solicitor for the County, in the performance of that duty he was always trustworthy. He grew up that way. It was a part of his nature—it was his life.

We have dwelt somewhat at length upon this portion of his career because among us, it was a distinguished trait, one that made his services and opinion always valuable. His thought was the public good, his purpose the safest way for its accomplishment.

In 1866 he began the study of law with Col. John G. Freeze, was admitted to the Bar in 1863, and began active practice in 1872, at the expiration of his duties as County Superintendent. To the bar he brought a solid knowledge of the law, a high and unimpeachable integrity, a patient, thorough examination into the facts of his case; before the court and the jury, a persistent, but at the same time most courteous, attitude; with his brethren of the Bar always genial, always compeconable, and never carrying a sharp contest before the court, a step beyond the Bar.

All these qualifications and characteristics he carried with him into his social and public intercourse, as a man, as a citizen, as a Christian.

Charles G. Barkley died October

10, 1900, at the age of sixty-one years, with many days of useful life before him, had such been the decree of the Almighty.

JOHN G. FREEZE,
JOHN WOLF,
GEO. E. ELWELL.

Death Of Mrs. W. B. Cummings.

Brief indeed was the married life of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Cummings. On the twenty-sixth day of July last, less than four months ago, Mr. Cummings led Miss Laura Rishel to the altar in the Reformed church, and there repeated, after the officiating clergyman, Rev. A. G. Apple of Catawissa, the solemn and impressive words which made them partners for life. After a wedding breakfast in Dr. Welsh's private dining apartment at the Normal School, they left with the felicitations of friends for a wedding trip with bright prospects before them. They took up their residence in Elyria, Ohio. Affection lingered in the home, and they were nappy. But a higher power destined this happiness to end. The latter part of October Mrs. Cummings took sick, and in spite of all that willing hands and anxious hearts could do, her soul passed to the other world. Her death occurred Thursday of last week. The remains were brought to Bloomsburg Tuesday morning, arriving over the D. L. & W. Railroad at 7.20. They were conveyed to Dr. Welsh's private rooms in the Normal School, where the services were conducted Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Rosemont cemetery.

Opened Their Club House.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen opened their club house on East Main street Tuesday evening, with a gentleman's progressive euchre. The attendance was most gratifying and the affair had a salutary effect upon the organization. Thirty-two contested for the prize a handsome picture. When the playing was over it was found that five were equal in number of points secured. It was agreed to deal the cards around, and the first person to get a jack was to be the winner. This was done, and the prize fell to P. K. Vannatta. It was fully a matter of luck, and as the square shaped celluloid bearing the figure of a servant loomed up before the goodnatured uptown paper hanger his face took on a triumphant cast. Now Pete will have to admit that for once at least, Dame Fortune smiled upon him. It was nearly one o'clock in the morning when the party broke up. It was one of the most enjoyable events the club has ever conducted.

Must Buy a \$10.00 Suit, Help Raise a Pole and Shout for McKinley.

We extract the following from the Benton Argus:

"Among some of the election bets to be paid this year is the following: Mr. John V. McHenry, of Stillwater, waged Mr. John Hufford, of the same place, a \$10 suit of clothes that Mr. W. J. Bryan would be our next President. Then the two gentlemen made the proposition that should McKinley be re-elected Mr. McHenry was to go to Mr. Hufford's home and help the latter raise a pine pole and shout for McKinley; and should Bryan be elected Mr. Hufford was to go to Mr. McHenry's home and assist in hoisting a hickory pole and shout for Bryan. Mr. McHenry can console himself with the thought that he can go into Mr. Hufford's house and regain his strength from the 'full dinner pail'—if the bottom has not fallen out."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The men's meeting next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 will be held in the lecture room of the Lutheran church. Rev. G. H. Hemingway will make the address. All men are invited to be present.

On Friday and Saturday of this week the Y. M. C. A. building will be closed on account of making the necessary preparations for the Bazaar which will be conducted next week.

Everybody is invited to attend the bazaar. Lunch supper Monday, Oysters Tuesday, Lunch supper: Wednesday, Chicken and flannel cakes Thursday, and good suppers on Friday and Saturday. A large display of useful articles in great variety will be on sale.

The High School foot ballists got up against it at Orangeville Saturday afternoon. They expected an easy victory, but were disappointed. The sturdy youths were in the game to win and came within an ace of accomplishing their purpose. Time was called in the last half with the score a tie at 5 to 5.

IN THE DAYS OF LONG AGO.

An Interesting Story of Happenings in Colonial Days.

The Danville *Sun* prints the following from the diary of Colonel Burd, Commandant at Fort Augusta:

"Through the courtesy of Robert W. Russell we have been permitted to examine a very interesting volume made up of records of Pennsylvania when this commonwealth was a colony. The first division of the book, about 300 pages, is devoted to Pennsylvania marriages occurring between the years 1742 and 1763. The full name of the contracting parties is given with the date of the marriage. Every person with any claim to pioneer blood ought to be able to substantiate it by pointing out his ancestors in the list of marriages. It is not there, then in the list of 'persons naturalized,' which forms the next division, or in the list of 'officers and soldiers in the provincial service,' which follows:

The most interesting division of the old volume is the journal of Col. James Burd while building Fort Augusta, at Shamokin, as the book locates it, in 1756-57. Fort Augusta, as is well known, occupied the present site of Sunbury. The whole country here about, then was a savage wilderness, and the vague ideas entertained of the land up the North Branch, especially in this locality are of peculiar interest. The first entry bears the date December 8, 1756. Colonel Burd was very original in his orthography and seldom spelled the same word twice alike. He proceeded at once to provision the fort and it is interesting to note the enormous quantity of rum that was required to keep the colonial soldier in fighting trim.

On December 11th, the fort received a "28-horse load of flour, and 13-horse load of rum." On the 23rd the arrival of three loads of rum were reported.

The entry of December 18th reads: It frizes prodigious hard; the West Branch is fast and the North Branch is full of ice and moves slowly. On the 23rd inst. the snow was over two feet deep, the entry reading: "Snowed all last night, compute the snow this morn'g to be 2 foot 4 inches deep." On January 4th "the snow being froze hard cutt the soldiers' ankles prodigiously." All of which affords some idea of the severity of an old fashioned winter.

On the 27th an order was received from Captain Jameson placing the soldiers' allowance at 1 pound of flour and 1 pound of meat per day.

Among the quaint entries is one of February 15th: "This morning John Appleby, of Capt'n Salter's compa', died; 2 men employed in making Coffin for ditto."

Entry of Sunday 20th reads: "The fort was so wet we could not have prayers today." On Sunday of the week following it was recorded: "No prayers on acco't of the severity of the weather."

The Indians were the ruling factor about that time, and although they were not altogether trusted, yet it was policy to treat them well and they seldom left the fort empty handed. The tribes in league with the French finally attacked the fort in great numbers coming down the North and West Branches. Col. Burd was apprised of their advance, however, by friendly Indians and the fort was prepared for them. On July 17th he says: "I had all the Indians to dinner with me today, which gave great satisfaction."

One entry reads: "this morning the Indians keep howping and howling on the other side of the river and fire three guns." Again, "this day two warrior Indians arrived. I suspect them to be going to murder the inhabitants. I have ordered them to be watch and if I find them intent toward the inhabitants I will send a party after them to kill them."

On Sunday June 12th the entry reads. Sent Ogohrodaribo up the North Branch to Reconoiter with orders to go to Lapach Peetos town, about ten miles from hence, where I suspect the Body of Indians to lay."

"Lapach Peetos town, was evidently quite near the site occupied by Danville.

Visited The Camp At Danville.

O. H. Sands, F. T. Treas, G. Stiner, H. W. Watts, R. Girton, H. May, C. B. Ent, F. T. Bundy, J. F. Adams, S. Shafer, D. H. Creveling, Daniel Stiner, Samuel Kashner, J. C. Millard, H. M. Stetler, P. W. Javens, and T. Daily of Washington Camp No. 319, P. O. S. of A. went to Danville Tuesday evening and paid a fraternal visit to Camp No. 364 of that town. They were banqueted at the Heddens House.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened on Friday. Hon. R. R. Little and Associate Fox on the bench. The first business was the attachment for election officers of Catawissa township.

Joseph Carl, Chas. Banks, Frank Miller, W. W. Gensel and Jeremiah Yeager sworn.

Jeremiah Yeager, inspector, brings sealed envelope as commanded by the Court, and Court directs clerk to open same and turn to information therein contained as to the vote for Laubach for the office of Representative in General Assembly. This was found to be the same as all other returns, showing no vote for said Laubach.

Court directs the return that was taken out of the envelope given to minority inspector to be inserted in the envelope and securely bound up and wrapped with tape and sealed with sealing wax and to be returned to him. Upon the hearing this day Court directs the words and figures. "Thirty-three" to be placed opposite name of W. S. Laubach for the office of Representative in the General Assembly. (See paper filed.)

Court further orders that the county pay cost of attachments.

David R. Coffman appointed Congressional Return Judge.

Coal Takes a Drop.

The price of all household sizes of anthracite coal has dropped 25 cents a ton says the Philadelphia *North American*. Continuing on the subject that journal says: "The prices now are \$6.25 a ton for broken, egg; stove and nut, and \$4.50 for family pea coal. On account of the scarcity of pea and buckwheat, the prices for them remained the same, and there is little chance for a reduction in either grade during the winter.

The reduction is attributed to the steady stream of coal which has been pouring from the mines. The output from the mines throughout the anthracite region has been exceptionally large, and the railroads have been making every effort to make up for the loss during the strike. If the present activity continues, the dealers say, there will be no doubt that a further reduction will be made within the next few weeks.

The Philadelphia Coal Exchange held a meeting last week. The principal topic of discussion was the "short weight," and drastic remedies were proposed to remedy the evil, which it is said will continue until check-weighing machines are established."

Thanksgiving Day November 29.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church of Jerseytown are arranging to serve a grand dinner in the newly fitted parlors of the new church. Every person is invited to this Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner will be served at the low price of 25 cents, children 15 cents. Several kinds of meats will be served, and in every way a complete dinner, thus saving the expense of getting up a dinner at home, and then you will be showing yourself friendly to the cause, and you also will be lending a little aid in the planting of a new church in this portion of God's great harvest field. Let every body come to the Thanksgiving dinner.
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