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A FATAL FALL.

Dr. J. B. McKelvy Killed by an Accidental Fall From a Second-Story Window.

Heart Failure the Probable Cause of the Distressing Accident.

At any time during the past two years or more, the friends of Dr. James Boyd McKelvy would not have been greatly surprised to hear of his death, even suddenly, and with but little warning. He has been in feeble health for some years, and it was well known that his heart was seriously affected, and was liable to cease beating at almost any moment; but when, on Tuesday morning the report spread rapidly over the town that he had been killed by a fall from a second-story window at his home, during the night, the entire community was shocked and grieved, that he who had been battling with the grim destroyer so long, should meet his death in so sad a manner.

Just how it happened will never be known. On Monday he remained in his room until about supper time, then arose, and after partaking of the evening meal, he smoked his pipe, and retired at the usual hour. At about four o'clock on Tuesday morning H. A. McKillip, Esq., heard a noise, and arousing his wife, they both went out into the hall, Mrs. McKillip going directly to her father's room, to find that he was not there, and Mr. McKillip going into the bath-room, which is directly over the front door. Here he found the window raised, and looking down, saw the form of the Doctor lying on the stone walk below. The shock of such an awful discovery can be better imagined than described. Mr. McKillip was at his side in a moment, and as he raised the Doctor's head, the dying man gave one sigh and then ceased to breathe. The neighbors were aroused and assisted in bearing the lifeless form into the house, and Doctors Reber and Brown were summoned. An examination showed that two ribs were broken on the left side, but beyond this there were no broken bones, no bruises, and no blood, in fact, no injuries that would indicate that death was caused by the fall.

It is believed that the Doctor had occasion to go to the bath-room, and that while there, was seized with an attack of heart trouble, and that he raised the window to get fresh air, and immediately becoming unconscious, and probably in the pangs of death, he pitched forward out of the window. He has had numerous falls recently, resulting from weakness in the lower limbs and dizziness, but heretofore escaped any serious consequences. That the theory, above stated, is the correct one, there can be no doubt.

Dr. McKelvy was born in Bloomsburg on the 21st of September, 1824, and at the time of his death was aged seventy-six years, three months and twenty-four days. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Willits) McKelvy. He was educated in the common schools of this town and in Lenox Academy, at Lenox, Mass., and also took a complete course in Williams College at Williamstown, Mass., from which institution he graduated in 1845. He then read medicine under the preceptorship of the late Dr. Ramsey, of Bloomsburg, and later attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received a diploma as a physician and surgeon in 1849. He immediately afterwards entered upon practice at Millville, this county, where he remained for some time, and then moved to Kentucky, later going to Arkadelphia, Ark. About 1855 he came back to his native town where he spent the remainder of his life. On December 25, 1851, he married Mary Elizabeth Abbott, a daughter of George and Mary (Craig) Abbott, and unto them were born seven children, of whom five are still living: William, now practicing medicine at Breckenridge, Colorado; George Abbott, who is in the drug business in this town, Henry Wilhite, traveling salesman, Mary Craig, wife of H. A. McKillip, Esq., and Harriet Neal, wife of Register and Recorder J. C. Rutter, Jr., all of Bloomsburg. Mrs. McKelvy died in December, 1897.

Dr. McKelvy was for many years

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IN COURT.

G. W. Enterline Makes No Defense Against the Anti-Saloon League.

An Interested Crowd of Spectators Fill the Court Room.

When Court opened, at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, the spacious area was nearly filled with people, all anxious to hear the testimony in the case of the Anti-Saloon League against Geo. W. Enterline, proprietor of Hotel Gilmore. Some exciting developments were expected, but they didn't come. The testimony and the case throughout was rather tame.

His Honor Robert R. Little, and his Associates, J. T. Fox and J. U. Kurtz, were all present.

The first business presented was a road in Bloomsburg, near Richard's blacksmith shop. Exceptions to report of viewers dismissed and Boyd Trescott, surveyor, Chandler Eves and Jacob Harris, appointed re-viewers.

Saturday, January 19, 1901, fixed by the Court for argument of reasons for a new trial in the case of Commonwealth vs. Riter Goss.

The license case was next taken up. The first witnesses heard were a number of boys who attended a supper at the hotel on the evening of October 27th last. The affair was a banquet given by F. J. Richards, of the machine works, to his employees. It appears that the waiter had refused the boys beer. It was disclosed that the drink they obtained had been stolen, and not sold to them. This was followed by the testimony of one Raymond Jones. Jones said that he had been given beer at the hotel on the evening of January 2nd; had only been served with it once. He is a minor.

George W. Hamilton, of Media, was called and sworn. He is a detective, in the employ of the Anti-Saloon League. He put up at the hotel on Nov. 23d, Friday. The following Sunday he was sold beer, and witnessed the dispensing of liquors to others; had played Klondyke, a game of chance, with others, for the drinks. His expenses, during his stay here, were paid by the League.

Testimony, corroborative of the foregoing, was also given by J. Walter Shearer, of Rainsburg, Pa., another detective in the employ of the League. He, too, was also a guest at the Hotel Gilmore, and had kept an eye on the Sunday business. He had seen drink served on Sunday, but could not swear whether it was of an intoxicating nature or not.

Several other witnesses were called, mainly to establish the fact that Solomon Bucher, who, it appears, was sold drink at the hotel, was a man of known intemperate habits.

The respondent submitted the case without offering any evidence or argument. Judge Hinckley and H. Mont. Smith were the counsel for the League, and Judge Herring, R. Buckingham and O. B. Mellick, represented the respondent.

Mrs. Catharine Jacoby.

Death ended the suffering of Mrs. Catharine Jacoby, at her home on Iron street, Tuesday morning. She had been ill for a long time, and since the early part of November, critically so, and her death was momentarily expected. The nature of the disease with which she was afflicted so long and patiently, was rather complicated, heart failure predominating. The deceased was born here, and had never lived anywhere else. Her maiden name was Bidleman. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Bidleman. Her husband, Enos Jacoby, preceded her to the grave eleven years ago. Mrs. Jacoby was an estimable lady and highly respected. Two daughters, Mrs. Pierce Foulk and Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, survive. Mrs. Jacoby had been a communicant of the Episcopal Church from her girlhood, and was always a faithful and regular attendant at church, and ever ready to help in all things connected with the parish.

The funeral will take place from her late residence to-morrow at ten o'clock. Rev. D. N. Kirby will conduct the services. The remains will be laid to rest in Rosemont Cemetery.

REFORM IN THE AIR

The Wave Has at Last Reached Bloomsburg, and Promises to do Much Good.

A Few Suggestions Concerning Reforms That Might Benefit the Public.

The twentieth century has dawned upon the earth, bringing with it an atmosphere of reform that seems to have made itself felt in many places.

In New York City a movement has been started for the suppression of immorality and vice, and a general upheaval is likely to result there. Philadelphia, too, has revolted, and a monster meeting was held in the Academy of Music the other night, which was addressed by Bishop Potter, of New York, and other prominent men. The meeting was a protest against the corrupt administration of the city government, and it is likely to result in much good to the public.

The wave of reform has reached Bloomsburg, and this is evidenced by the action of the Anti-Saloon League, through whose efforts one license will probably be revoked by the Court, and rumor has it that this was only a test case, and that similar proceedings are to be started against several other licensed houses.

The matter of seeing that the liquor license laws are properly enforced is a most commendable one, and the men who have gone at the matter in a practical and methodical manner, are to be commended for their action. It cannot help but result in good to the community.

Besides this movement, Chief of Police Wesley Knorr has given notice that the use of profane language on the streets, and spitting on the pavements, must cease, or arrests will follow. This, too, is a most commendable object, and it is to be hoped that it will not end with merely giving the notice, but that Chief Knorr, and the authorities behind him, will see that it is strictly enforced. A few arrests will prove a wholesome lesson, and then, for a time at least, ladies can feel sure that when walking along the streets they will not be offended by the filth that emanates from the lips of corner loafers, in the shape of profanity, vulgarity and tobacco juice.

But these are not the only matters that will stand a considerable amount of reformation. It is a well known fact that for some years past the nominations for town officers have usually been made by packed caucuses, and that it has often happened that men have been placed in nomination for members of council who represented no general interests of the community, and who have sought the place for some special object of their own. This has often resulted in an injudicious expenditure of money, by men not fitted by business experience for the conduct of municipal affairs, and our public debt has gone on increasing until it has reached the constitutional limit. The figures are not at hand, but it has been estimated that enough money has been expended on Main street, since 1870, to pave it with vitrified brick, from the Normal School to the Scott town hill. For this expenditure the town has for its principal business street a thoroughfare which has a mud coat of several inches in wet weather, and which yields clouds of dust in dry weather, except when this is prevented by private subscriptions to a street sprinkler. These remarks are not intended for the present council, or any other year in particular, but are general, and may be applied wherever they seem to fit best.

The Board of Trade have deemed it wise to take some action in this matter, as it is one of the very purposes for which it was organized, and on Wednesday evening a meeting was held, where it was decided to form a ticket to be submitted to the several party caucuses for approval. While non-partisan, the persons named represent the several parties fairly. Frank Ikeler is suggested for President of Council, and for members, J. M. Staver, W. O. Holmes, William Deiterich, J. H. Mercer, William Kashner and F. B. Hartman. This is certainly a good ticket, and ought to be endorsed.

Another matter that would help

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TOWN COUNCIL.

Every Member Present at the First Meeting in the New Year.

Repairs Ordered on Various Streets—Building Permits Granted.

Every member of Council was in attendance at the first meeting in the new year and century, held in the Council chamber, of the Town Hall, Thursday night. The business transacted was of the routine nature. Secretary Quick read the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted and approved.

The bridge at Seventh and Catherine streets, on recommendation of member Dieffenbach was ordered repaired. In its present condition it is claimed by commissioner Neyhart, to be unsafe.

The committee on Fire and Water is instructed to see the superintendents of the Electric Light Works and the Car Mfg. Co., in regard to using the whistles of the plants for fire alarm purposes.

Mr. Dieffenbach suggested that the old hook and ladder truck be repaired, so as to be ready for use in case of emergency. Referred to proper committee.

President of Council Ikeler appointed a committee consisting of Hartman, Smith and Cronin to confer with the Town Solicitor, in regard to the damages recently sustained by F. D. Dentler and B. A. Gidding. It is desired that the damages be adjusted without incurring additional expense by reason of a suit.

A communication from Tax Collector Kase was read. In it he asks Council to allow him seven per cent. on uncollected taxes. It was decided not to allow more than five per cent.

Mr. Dieffenbach was of the opinion that the new trough at the Town pump should be made of iron. It will be a big improvement in appearance and also more lasting. Referred to Highway committee with power to act.

Building permits were granted to Chas. Keller, house on West Fourth street; Howard Reimard, house on West Fourth street, and C. W. Miller, house on South Market street.

An incandescent light was ordered to be placed at the corner of First street and Glue Alley.

J. R. Townsend was reappointed a member of the Board of Health.

The report of the retiring chief of the Fire Department, Wm. May, was read and approved, and a vote of thanks extended him for his efficient services.

The alarm bell was ordered transferred from William May's house to the residence of the newly elected chief, Sam H. Harman.

A double water plug was ordered at the corner of Sixth and East Sts.

J. L. Dillon appeared before Council and asked that D. L. & W. R. R.

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