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TOWN COUNCIL

In Special Session to Consider Improvements For Fire Department.

Chief S. H. Harman Recommends the Purchase of a Team, Two Sprinklers, Wagons, &c.

The Town Council assembled in special session Wednesday evening of last week. The main object of the meeting was to consider the purchase of additional equipment for the fire department, and to receive the report of committees on highways.

President of Council Ikeler called the meeting to order.

Mr. Kashner spoke of the deplorable condition of East Third street and recommended that the street as far as Locust street be accepted by the town.

It was moved and seconded that the committee on highways wait upon the Land Improvement Company and if a deed can be procured and the street be repaired by them the same would be accepted by the town.

The report of the fire and water committee was made by Mr. Webb. He stated that the committee had met Chief of the Department Harman, and that he had asked for the following improvements: Four horses, two for the fire engine and two for an aerial truck, the same also to be purchased and placed in charge of the Rescue Company; two street sprinklers, two heavy wagons, and a driver for each team. The fire houses to be sufficiently improved to accommodate the horses and apparatus.

Mr. Harman calculates that \$5500 will cover the expense, and he believes that sufficient revenues could be earned from the use of the horses to pay the interest on the money and also to meet the necessary expenses.

It was moved and seconded that the Solicitor be interviewed in regard to the matter.

Mr. Webb reported that rails are necessary along road beyond Iron street. No action taken.

Street Commissioner Neyhard reported that culvert on lower Market street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, in bad condition.

On motion, duly seconded, the culvert was ordered to be replaced with sewer pipe.

Republican Convention.

The Republican county convention was held in the Court House last Monday afternoon. B. D. Freas of Berwick was elected chairman, and C. E. Kreisher of Catawissa and C. M. Yocum of Roaringcreek, secretaries. C. C. Yetter was appointed reading clerk, and Albert Duy, Jr., page. Twenty-seven districts were represented.

E. B. Guie of Catawissa was nominated for Associate Judge, and H. A. McKillip Esq., was elected delegate to the State convention.

After adopting resolutions endorsing President McKinley, Governor Stone, and Senator Quay, the convention adjourned.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Wm. D. Laumaster, General Secretary of the Danville Y. M. C. A. will address the men's meeting at our Association next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. There will be special music and a large attendance of young men is expected. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. Laumaster is now conducting special meetings for men in the Y. M. C. A. building every night at 8 o'clock. All young men should hear him. He is also conducting Bible readings each afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. parlor at 2:30, for men and women, which are very helpful. All are invited to attend.

U. Ev. Services.

Sunday School at 9:15.
Preaching on "The Promises of God," 10:30.
Junior K. L. C. E. 2:00.
Senior K. L. C. E. 6:30.
Preaching on "The First Commandment," 7:30.
Prayer and Teachers' Meeting on Wednesday eve 7:30.
A cordial invitation is extended to all these services. J. W. BENTZ.

CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP.

Christian Frederick Knapp, a brief notice of whose death appeared in our last issue, was born in the city of Besigheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, on October 12, 1822. His father was born in the same city, in March, 1784, and was a winemaker. In April, 1851, with his wife and six sons, he came to this country and settled in Philadelphia. Later he moved to Kensington, and after twelve years removed to Montgomery County, where he spent the remainder of his days. Christian F. was the third child. He inherited many of the good traits of his father, who was an aid-de-camp on Napoleon's staff during the Russian campaign. Mr. Knapp while a mere lad drove a team on the canal, and rose to the position of captain of a canal boat. Subsequently he learned the trade of a mason, which he followed for many years. He was appointed an assistant revenue collector under Lincoln's administration, after which he engaged in the insurance business, which he followed up to the time of his death.

On October 18, 1825, he was married to Maria E. Vannatta, and to them were born the following children: Caroline M., wife of W. F. Bodine, of Bloomsburg; Sophia A., wife of Harvey Long, of Madera, California; Mary C., wife of Geo. S. Robbins, of New York. Christian F., Carrie, Harold, John E. and Peter E. are dead.

Mr. Knapp was prominent in secret societies. He joined the Odd Fellows in 1846, and the Masons in 1851, in both of which he held high offices. He was a 33d degree Mason.

Mr. Knapp was a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, and for many years he was a member of the vestry, retiring a few years ago at his own request. He was always a liberal supporter of the church, and gave freely of his means toward the many improvements that have been made in the church property during the last twenty-five years.

The funeral was held at the house on Monday morning last, at eleven o'clock, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby.

One hundred and sixty one Masons were in line and more than two hundred were in attendance at the services.

The pall bearers were: Frank W. Marteenis, John A. Buck, Hon. J. U. Kurtz, E. D. Hughes, J. M. Staver and J. R. Townsend.

The honorary pall bearers were: Adam H. Schmehl, Gr. Com., Dr. John Valterschamp, P. G. Com., Chas. King Francis, Hon. R. R. Little, Dr. E. W. M. Low, Rev. Jno. A. DeMoyer, Jno. W. Farnsworth, D. D. G. M., Vosburg N. Shaffer, Wm. W. Barrett, Dr. Henry N. Dunnell.

The flower bearers were: Dr. A. K. Aldinger, S. H. Harman, W. H. Brooke, J. Townsend, R. D. Young, H. R. Snyder, Jno. W. Lewis, John Fidler, W. J. Hehl, Dr. J. S. John, Hon. A. L. Fritz, J. M. Shew, W. S. Rishton, Dr. J. E. Shuman, F. D. Dentler, C. B. Lutz.

The floral tributes were profuse and very handsome. The cross and crown was from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; open Bible, from the Grand Council, R. & S. M., Pa. triangle, from Caldwell Consistory; square and compass, from Washington Lodge 265, F. & A. M.; keystone, from Bloomsburg Chapter R. & A. M.; broken column, from Mt. Moriah Council, R. & S.; maltese cross, Crusade Commandery, No. 12 K. T.; crescent and star, from Irem-Shrine, Williamsport. There were also a number of other beautiful floral pieces from relatives and friends.

The services at the grave were conducted by Washington Lodge 265, F. & A. M. H. A. McKillip Esq., being the Master and Rev. W. M. Tinker of Brooklyn as Chaplain.

The Superior Court has affirmed the judgment of O. B. Mellick against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This suit arose out of the contract for filling, at the other end of the bridge at East Bloomsburg, Mellick alleging that the railroad company obstructed the work for which he had the contract, thus delaying him and putting him to extra expense. He obtained a verdict of \$1100 in the Columbia County Court, and this is now affirmed.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness," and every citizen ought to bear well in mind at this time these words. Clean up the winter's rubbish about your yards, and if you have no other place to put it, burn it up.

WILLIAM T. CREASY

Elected Chairman of the Democratic State Committee.

HARRISBURG, April 17.

Representative William T. Creasy, of Columbia County, was this afternoon unanimously elected Chairman of the Democratic State Committee to succeed John S. Rilling, of Erie, who declined re-election. A resolution condemning Senator Washburn, of Crawford County, was unanimously adopted, and a resolution condemning in general terms those Democratic members of the Senate and House who have been in active sympathy with the Republican machine, was carried by an overwhelming majority. A resolution calling for a reorganization of the party in Philadelphia was introduced, but adjournment prevented a vote being taken on the subject.

It was but a few minutes past 2 o'clock when Chairman Rilling called the committee to order, and after roll call nominations for chairman were asked. Representative Ikeler, of Columbia county, who is Mr. Creasy's colleague in the House, arose and in making the nominating speech referred to the auspicious conditions under which the committee was assembled and quoted the warning of Tom Cooper, of Delaware, to the Republicans of an impending revolution and predicted that with a campaign of proper energy and intelligence a Democratic candidate for Governor will be chosen at the next election for that office. Mr. Ikeler spoke of the high character of Mr. Creasy for integrity and his ripe and accurate judgment of affairs.

IS EVERLASTINGLY RIGHT.

"The great premier, William Pitt," he said: "referring to his long and distinguished Parliamentary career, said that he encountered but one man of whom he was afraid. He was not an orator, but he was everlastingly right. In William T. Creasy," continued Mr. Ikeler, "we have the man who is everlastingly right, and under his leadership the Democracy can go forward to honor and victory."

At the conclusion of Mr. Ikeler's speech Chairman Rilling asked for other nominations. None were made and, on motion, Mr. Creasy by acclamation was elected as State chairman. Mr. Rilling presented Mr. Creasy, who said, among other things: "I accept the office with a full knowledge of its burdens and responsibilities, and I pledge myself to represent the Democracy of the entire State. We are confronted by a political machine that is 'ripping' up the government of the cities of the State that it may increase its power. To oppose the usurpation of the majority party nothing is more necessary than a compact and aggressive party, and to attain that we must have organization."

GREETED WITH CHEERS.

Cheers greeted the utterances of the newly-elected chairman and the manifestations of faith in Mr. Creasy's intention to unite the party throughout the Commonwealth showed plainly the belief of those present that there is hope for the party in the near future. Retiring Chairman Rilling was accorded a vote of thanks for "his loyal and unselfish devotion to the best interests of the party during his terms of service as chairman of the state committee."

THE NEW CHAIRMAN.

William Trenton Creasy, of Catawissa, Columbia county, who was yesterday unanimously chosen to succeed John S. Rilling, of Erie, as chairman of the Democratic State committee, is a Pennsylvania born and bred.

He was born in Columbia county in 1856 and his early life was spent on a farm. He graduated from the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, and aided school teaching to his other labors.

It was not until 1893 that he began his political career. In that year he was made Mercantile Appraiser and School Director, and in the following year he was elected to the Legislature being re-elected in 1896, 1898 and in 1900. In 1899 he was the Democratic nominee for State Treasurer, but was defeated.

Mr. Creasy has always been a democrat and came into great prominence when, as a member of the ways and means committee, he championed the tax conference bill in aid of real estate men, and voted and worked against the election of Senator Quay. During the present session Mr. Creasy has been much in the public eye through his efforts to defeat the many iniquitous measures of the State Republican machine.

The remains of William Samuels are expected to arrive here some time to-day or to-morrow. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Samuels and died in the Philippines about a year ago.

The A. & T. Biograph Co. did not make a visit to foreign countries for subjects, but they have the pictures just the same. You can see them at the Parish House soon. Patronize your home people.

The May number of *McClure's Magazine* contains an article on "Deep-water Politics," by Miss May McHenry, daughter of Daniel McHenry, deceased, of Stillwater. The piece is well written and mentions several known men of that vicinity.

William Coffman resigned his position at J. W. Moyer's store Saturday night. He left for Allentown yesterday to play base ball. Will possess the qualities of a good one. His record will be watched with interest by his numerous friends.

T. F. Penman, revenue collector for this district, announces that, owing to a decrease of business as soon as the war revenue taxes are abolished, he will be obliged to reduce the deputy collectors in this district by two. It has not yet been decided who the unlucky ones will be.

Work on the electric railroad is progressing rapidly. The rails are down from the second canal bridge, above town, to a short distance below Almedia, and a large force of hands are grading beyond that point. The roadbed will now be ballasted and the track leveled, and it will then be ready for the cars.

The production of a comedy entitled the "Fire Laddies" will take place in Wilkes-Barre, next month. The parts will be assumed by members of a Society of that city. D. J. Tasker of this town has been requested to direct the rehearsals. The piece was given in Bloomsburg four years ago, by local talent for the benefit of the band.

Jacob B. Yetter of Catawissa died suddenly on Wednesday morning. He was managing the Susquehanna Hotel for Mrs. Hutchins whose husband died not long ago. He was found about half past five in the morning, lying on the office floor in front of a wash stand. He had evidently gone there to wash when he was stricken. He was once the Republican county auditor, and was respected by all who knew him.

There was some excitement in and about C. R. Stecker's grocery store last Thursday evening, about eight o'clock, caused by the falling of a large kerosene lamp. The lamp was suspended from the ceiling. It fell to the floor and the inflammable liquid was instantly ignited. Mr. Stecker picked up the burning vessel and threw it out into the street. The blaze he then extinguished with flour, using nearly a barrel in smothering the flames. The loss sustained was only trifling. The fire companies were out but did not reach the scene.

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Our stock is carefully picked. Smaller quantities and a more frequent buying keeps our stocks just ahead of our competitors.

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