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## AN OLD RESIDENT GONE.

John Black is Summoned While Resting at Rohrsburg.

John Black died at the residence of his son, Perry D. Black, in Rohrsburg, early Friday morning of last week. The deceased was one of the oldest residents in Columbia county, being ninety-two years of age. He was born in Northumberland county October 26, 1809, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Black, residing there at that time. Some years later the family moved to this county, where the father of Mr. Black secured employment at his trade, that of a millwright. His death came sudden and in a tragic manner, on the seventh day of December, 1827. While attempting to cross the creek, below Bowman's mill, he was swept down by the current and drowned. At this time the subject of this sketch was a lad of sixteen, assisting his father in the mill, and had become pretty well versed with the business. Mr. Black's first milling was done at the Hoffman mill, at Lightstreet, later at the Bowman mill, and subsequently he had charge of different mills in that section. On account of failing health he was obliged to abandon practical milling and then gave his attention to buhr dressing and the care of mill stones. Later on he went to Greenwood township, where he engaged in the mercantile business and also in the furniture and lumber trade. He also kept hotel for several years and carried on farming, but during later years had retired from active life, and for some time past had been making his home with his son, Ex-Sheriff Black, of this town.

Mr. Black always possessed the sincerest geniality, and his death is a source of sorrow to all who knew him. His wife, before marriage, was Miss Anna, daughter of Jonathan Lemon. She died several years ago. The surviving family consists of five children, Mrs. John W. Fortner, of Centralia; Isaac F. Black, of Morris, Tioga county; Lemon J. and Perry D., of Rohrsburg and Ex-Sheriff W. W. Black, of this town.

The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church, Rohrsburg, Tuesday morning and interment made in the cemetery there.

## Normal Bows to Kingston.

Defeated by the Seminary Boys Saturday Afternoon.

Saturday afternoon, says the *Wilkes-Barre Record*, Wyoming Seminary defeated her old-time rival, Bloomsburg Normal School on the gridiron—22 to 5—in an intensely exciting game.

A crowd of over 700 people, the largest crowd on Wyoming Field this season, attended the game and saw a fine exhibition of hard, fast foot ball from the first whistle of the referee until the end of the contest.

The first half was very close, each side scoring a touchdown and failing at goal. During this half the Seminary line did not play as well as usual. Bloomsburg made her game by hard line bucks, and finally sent Breon on a double pass around left end for her only touchdown. In the second half the Seminary team took a wonderful brace and played all around the Bloomsburg eleven. Seminary made three touchdowns in this half and by hard luck missed a fourth. Twenty seconds before time was called Marshall made a run of forty yards around left end for a touchdown, but the Bloomsburg ends were off-side and the touchdown was not allowed.

The Bloomsburg boys put up a stiff fight, but were weak on defensive play and could do nothing with the excellent interference of the Seminary eleven. When in possession of the ball they were generally able to make small gains through the line, but found the Seminary ends unassailable. For the Normal School the playing of Lu'off, Breon, Robinson and Wagner is worthy of mention.

The Seminary found in Bloomsburg the most aggressive team she has met on Wyoming Field this fall. It was excellent team work that brought victory to the Seminary colors. The features of the game were the long runs of Simons and Maxwell and the line bucking of Hards.

Before the game the students, with their mascot, "Teddy Roosevelt," the mule, and headed by Druggist Evans and the Forty Fort Cornet Band, paraded the streets of Kingston and escorted the contesting teams to the field.

Harman & Hassert have put down a new walk in front of the shops on East Street.

About two years ago we opened this bank, confident in the belief that our excellent equipment, careful attention to business and good service, would bring us good business. Our expectations have been more than realized by our remarkable growth and success. We extend our greeting to all our patrons and friends and respectfully solicit their continued patronage and good-will. To those who have not yet done business with us we extend a hearty invitation to give us a trial, assuring all of our best efforts to please.

## THE Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT. WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of Town Council, postponed from November 7th, was held in Council Chambers in Town Hall at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening Nov. 14 with President Frank Ikeler and members Dieffenbach, Rabb, Kashner, Webb and Cronin present.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings read and approved.

N. U. Funk appeared before Council and presented petition asking for a vitrified brick crossing between the Farmers National Bank and the Bloomsburg National Bank. No action taken, the matter being held over for further consideration.

Mr. Funk also presented a petition of the First National Bank of Berwick asking to be exonerated from Town taxes on its share of the old Neal furnace property inasmuch as the County Commissioners at the late triennial assessment had agreed to reduce the assessment to \$1,000 instead of \$2,000 and that as the Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg had paid its share of the taxes for 1901 on the basis of \$2,000 valuation, the former bank agrees to pay into the hands of the latter bank its share of the Town taxes on said property in the future, thus doing away with the matter of two separate collections. On motion duly seconded the exoneration asked for was granted.

On motion duly seconded the secretary was instructed to notify the Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Company to raise its trolley wire to comply with the provisions of the Town ordinance within ten days or the Solicitor will be instructed to prepare an injunction against them.

Mr. Dieffenbach reported Ninth street south of Market in bad condition and stated that ploughing a ditch alongside the street and using the dirt in the road that said street could be improved greatly thereby. On motion duly seconded the repairs suggested are to be made.

Street Commissioner Neyhard reported gutter on Catherine street in bad condition; also gutter on Main street below West. Referred to Street Commissioner to repair as he thinks best.

Street Commissioner Neyhard reported that gutter is necessary on Seventh street between Lennon's corner and trolley switch. Referred to Street Committee.

Mr. Dieffenbach stated that a crossing is needed at Seventh and Catherine streets. On motion duly seconded crossing was granted.

Mr. Dieffenbach stated that the residents of West Third street ask for crossing at Scott's alley. No action taken.

Mr. Dieffenbach reported that pavement in front of property owned by Valentine Rutter and Mrs. Crawford is in bad condition. On motion duly seconded the Secretary was directed to notify Mrs. Margaret Rauch to make similar repairs.

Mr. Cronin reported Leonard street in bad condition owing to surface water standing in street after hard rains and asked that some action be taken to have it carried off. Referred to Street Committee with power to act.

David Powell appeared and presented a petition to Council asking for crossing on West street on north side of Sixth street. On motion duly seconded crossing was granted.

In the matter of paving Court House alley, on the east side of Court House, President Ikeler stated that the proposition agreed upon by the committee appointed to confer with the abutting property owners and County Commissioners was that each party should pave one-third of alley proper, but that no report had been received up to this time from the

parties directly interested.

In relation to the matter of laying the trolley track from the terminus of Second street to the Town limits, Mr. Webb stated that it was not possible to lay track in any other manner, and that in his opinion the track is not too high above the surface of the roadway. On motion duly seconded the secretary was directed to notify the trolley company to dig ditches under the track to carry off the surface water.

On motion duly seconded permits for two buildings were granted Wm. Hutton.

Letter from J. L. Dillon read asking that the bridge crossing the canal near the Neal furnace property be removed as he considers it unsafe for the traveling public, and suggests that roadway be cut down and graded similar to that done at the Market street canal bridge. No action taken, the Council having no jurisdiction in the matter; said bridge being the property of the Pennsylvania Canal Company.

On motion duly seconded the secretary was directed to draw order to Joseph Ratti refunding his Town tax, amounting to \$136.58.

On motion duly seconded orders were directed to be drawn in payment of bills.

On motion duly seconded the secretary was instructed to notify Chief Knorr to make arrangements to get a better report on lights out and to pay party reporting lights out the sum of ten cents for each light so found.

On motion duly seconded the ordinance covering the grading of Seventh street between Market and East streets was adopted.

R. R. John, Esq., presented petition asking that Council by resolution recognize Good Will Fire Co. No. 4 as the fourth fire engine company of the Town of Bloomsburg. The matter was laid over until the Secretary can ascertain if such company has ever been recognized by resolution.

Mr. Dieffenbach stated that hose ordered by Fire Chief S. H. Harman cannot be used in connection with that now owned by the Fire Department. On motion duly seconded Chief Harman is to be notified not to order work done on hose and that said hose shall be inspected and if found unsatisfactory is to be returned.

John Lewis, of the Friendship Fire Co., appeared and asked that an incandescent electric light be placed above the door at the Main street entrance of his company. On motion duly seconded light was granted.

No further business Council adjourned.

### Bill Board Advice.

Did you ever stop to read and think over the numerous and varied bill board announcements that attract attention in a day's travel. In a trip last week the writer was more than amused by the phraseology of the advertisements. If a fellow were to take the advice of all the bill boards he would be kept busy taking Henderson's Little Pink Pills and Castoria; while riding a Waverly bicycle he would wear the Walk-Over Shoes, powder himself with Mennen's Toilet Powder, rub his back with Kid-n-Kure, have a quid of Seal Cut Tobacco on one side of his mouth, and a George W. Childs Cigar on the other. He would look at his Ingersoll Watch and find that it was time to take a drink of the beer that made Milwaukee famous. Tell his wife to get up in the dark and use Sunlight Soap; drink Baker's Cocoa for breakfast, Victor Coffee for dinner, Baker's Chocolate for supper, buy a building lot, take a dose of Sozodont and if possessed of a box of Keller's foot ease he could go to bed with his boots on.

### Fight Between Trolley Companies.

On November 14th a bill in equity was filed by the Catawissa & Bloomsburg Electric Street Railway Co. against the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Co. and M. F. D. Scanlan and E. L. Mumma, trading as M. F. D. Scanlan & Co., praying for an injunction to restrain the defendants from going on with the construction of their road, on the ground that the plaintiffs, and not the defendants, have the right to occupy the highway, under their charter. The Columbia & Montour Co. was organized under the old law, and the other company under the recent law.

Judge Lynch of Wilkes-Barre was on the bench specially presiding, and he awarded a preliminary injunction as prayed for in the bill, and the injunction was issued. November 19th was fixed for a hearing, but on that day Judge Lynch was unable to be here, and the case was certified to Judge Savidge of Sunbury, and a motion was made by the defendant's counsel to dismiss the bill. The Judge's decision will probably be filed on Monday. Messrs. Herring, Rhawn and Small are counsel for the plaintiffs, and Messrs. Scarlet and Duy for the defendants.

### Rare Collection of Relics.

A unique and extensive collection of relics is on exhibition in one of the show windows of John R. Townsend's Star Clothing house. They belong to W. E. Ammerman, of Light Street, who was a member of Company D, 28th Regiment, United States Infantry, and were collected by him while in the Philippines. It is the largest and most complete collection that has ever been shown in town, and is prized very highly by Mr. Ammerman. The various curios are nicely labelled, and attract a great deal of attention.

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