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WILLIAM H. FISHER.

William H. Fisher, the present incumbent of the office of county commissioner from the south side of the river, is a candidate for re-election. He is entitled to it under the custom of the party which for many years has selected one of the county commissioners from that side, a custom recognized as just and fair by the rules of the party which now provide that one of the county commissioners shall be selected from the south side. To defeat him would be a breach of good faith to the Democrats of that side, who would then be without representation on the board, and it would be unjust to a man who has filled his first term with fairness to all, notwithstanding the fact that he has labored under the most trying circumstances of any man who ever filled that office. We believe that he has endeavored honestly to perform all his duties to the best of his judgment. If he did not always vote and act according to the direction of his democratic colleague, that is no evidence that his action was undemocratic or contrary to the best interests of the taxpayers. It does not follow that when two Democrats differ as to the management of the business of the county, that one is not a Democrat. Mr. Fisher went into the office with no man's collar about his neck, and he has followed out that policy up to this time. (Perhaps that is the reason for the attack made upon him by the Benton Argus of last week.) There is a certain element in the party that has no use for a man whom they cannot control. Mr. Fisher is not that kind of a man, and we do not know the Democrats of this county if they are going to turn down a man because he has fearlessly exercised his own judgment in the administration of his office. Fisher is entitled to his re-nomination under the time honored custom of the party; under the official rules of the Democratic party; and because he has made an able and efficient officer. Vote for Fisher.

THE COLUMBIAN is not in the habit of espousing the cause of any particular candidate. It endeavors to treat all alike, and has no axes to grind, but as Mr. Fisher is the only Democratic candidate from the south side, and is so clearly entitled to it, we cannot refrain from saying this much in his behalf.

New Paper Mill Going Up.

Samuel Shaffer is superintending the work now in progress at J. M. Shew's paper mill. The old building will be torn down and a new one 140 feet long by 30 feet wide, together with a wing 40 by 20 will be erected. Mr. Shew's original intention was to repair the old building, but in tearing away some of the timbers the roof caved in. An examination of the building was then made, and it was finally decided to erect a new building. When completed it will be one of the largest paper manufacturing plants in this section. The success attained by Mr. Shew is only another illustration of the advantages of having a thorough practical knowledge of the business. He knows every detail of the process of manufacture thoroughly and there is nothing in connection with it that he cannot do.

Only Two Companies Out.

Only two of the town fire companies obeyed the order to be out for inspection by the Council on Friday. They were the Friendships and Liberty. Four of the Rescue Company reported at their hose house on Fifth street, but they not caring to make so small a representation, did not turn out. The Winona Company neglected the order entirely, whether their absence was intentional, or whether the matter slipped the boys' memory is not known. It may be that they like the Rescue Company were too few in number.

The inspection was conducted by President J. R. Townsend and members Reimard, Kashner, Giger and Wolverton. They expressed themselves as being well pleased with the appearance of the men and the condition of the apparatus.

The members of St. Columba's church will hold a festival on the church lawn, corner of Third and Iron streets, Friday and Saturday evenings June 6th and 7th. Ice cream, strawberries, strawberry shortcake, etc., will be served. All are invited.

THIS LOOKED DANGEROUS.

Fire broke out in the Mrs. Mary Phillips boarding house on Main street about three o'clock Tuesday morning, causing the greatest excitement. The scenes which followed the discovery of the flames and the awakening of the boarders, are almost beyond description. Women clad in their night clothes and men in their bare feet rushed from the smoking structure in terror. Trembling with fear and thinking that all other means of escape were shut off Miss Minnie James leaped from the third story to a porch on the second story, fortunately escaping injury.

From the very first the fire presented a destructive aspect and many who stood on the street watching its progress predicted a tremendous blaze. The response of the Friendship company, however, relieved the awful suspense, and in a short time the flames were extinguished and all danger was passed.

Mrs. Jas. H. Coleman was the first to awaken. She was nearly suffocated by the smoke which was rolling into their room in huge volumes. She immediately aroused her husband and he gave the alarm. There was no help in sight and he knowing the perilous position of the others in the house would admit of no delay, hurriedly sent in a call to the Columbia and Montour telephone exchange. The first to answer the call for help were Paul Eyerly of the Morning Press and Geo. B. Martin. They pulled the Friendship hose cart to the scene and turned on the water. In the meantime Mrs. Phillips, who had heard Mrs. Coleman cry out, had gotten up and was trying to awaken the other boarders, and it was a difficult task. The whole exterior was black with smoke and death from suffocation was feared.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Mrs. Phillips hasn't the slightest idea of what caused it. Ralph Phillips attributes it to a burning cigar or cigarette. The blaze when first discovered was confined to the sofa, which would seem to strengthen Mr. Phillips' theory.

There were few people on the scene. The alarm system refused to work and the majority of the residents were unaware that a fire had taken place until they were informed of it in the morning.

Mrs. Phillips carried insurance sufficient to remunerate her for all loss sustained, but Derr Bros. are less fortunate. The water coming down through the ceiling into their restaurant, which is directly underneath, flooded the room and damaged their stock. Charles Reice who occupies the room next to Derr Brothers in the same building, also suffered from loss from the same source.

The loud and prolonged blowing of the Electric Light Co. whistle served to bring out the other fire companies but their services were not needed.

The Winona's Mastodon Minstrels.

The Winona boys are arranging for one of the finest as well as one of the most novel minstrel performances ever given by local talent. Majestic quantity and richest quality is what they claim for the coming event. Every corner has been searched and ransacked for embellishments that are the rarest and the best. Their governing principle is "nothing too good for Bloomsburg." The opening is to be great. It requires an enormous amount of practice. It is described as the one absolute supreme, sublime, historic first part, entitled "All Nations." The costumes will be furnished by the well known firm of Van Horn & Sons of Philadelphia and will be handsome and correct. Twenty-five people will take part in the entertainment. Not one, two or three comedians, but a congress of fun makers, and vocalists. The olio will be an irresistible ebb and flow of all that's matchless and entirely new. Everything that stirs the blood, brings the flush to excitement's cheek and creates roars of laughter. All this is being prepared and will be given to raise money to celebrate Bloomsburg's one hundredth birthday. Tickets will be on sale in a few days; buy one and get a choice of seats.

The Normal Base Ball Club was tendered a serenade by the Bloomsburg Band Monday evening. Each member of the team was carried about on the shoulders of the students. The event was in celebration of the team's victory at State College on Saturday. The expense connected with the serenade was paid by a subscription among the friends of the team in town.

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The court on Monday appointed Thomas Webb to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Bloom Poor District caused by the resignation of Isaiah Hagenbuch. Mr. Hagenbuch has been a good official and has performed his duties to the complete satisfaction of all. He retires because of the press of other business which demands his attention.

The motion for a new trial for Gulick the Northumberland county murderer was overruled by Judge Savidge. This sealed his fate and he will have to expiate his crime on the gallows.

W. H. Brooke has opened an insurance office in the Grotz building on Main street, formerly occupied by J. Lee Martin. The room has been admirably furnished with a handsome desk, chairs, etc. He represents the well known New York Life Insurance Company. Assisting him in the work are Frank P. Eyer and H. Freas Hicks.

Rev. G. H. Hemingway conducted services in Benton Sunday afternoon. He left here in a carriage, with Warren Bittenbender, at half past twelve o'clock, and returned just in time for the evening services which begins at half past seven.

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