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Fire Board Organizes.

Chief of the Fire Department P. B. Hedders presided at a meeting of the Fire Board held for the purpose of organization in the Town Hall Monday night. The members of last years board were present in order to close up and turn over the books and business to their successors. The Rescue Company had no representatives at the meeting. The following gentlemen from the other companies were present: Friendship, Foreman Curtis Logan, representative W. H. Gilmore; Winona, Foreman Clyde Hess, representative C. C. Furman; Liberty, Foreman W. W. Hartman, representative R. C. Welliver; Good Will, Foreman Clinton Ohl, representative A. B. Naylor.

The Board then organized by electing R. C. Welliver secretary and C. C. Furman treasurer. A remarkable circumstance in connection with the transfer of the books from the old to the new treasurer was that there was no money to turn over, and more remarkable still, there never was any. Mr. Gilmore the retired treasurer stated that he had not been able during his term to get hold of any. This state of affairs leaves the auditors without any accounts to pass upon, and of course cannot perform the duties of their appointment.

The new chief stated that he would make a visit to each of the several companies. He also reported that the Town Council desired a complete list of the officers and members of the Fire Board in order that they may be placed upon the minutes of that body. He closed his remarks by asking the co-operation of all the officers and members of the companies, in order that the present excellent services may be continued.

FURS.

Cash paid for all kinds of raw furs. Always home on Saturdays. F. R. Drake, 440 East 4th street, Bloomsburg, Pa. 18 4t*

What promises to be the very best basket ball game of the season will take place in the Normal Gymnasium tomorrow evening, when the strong Ashland Athletic Association team will be the Normal's opponents. Ashland has played eighteen games thus far and lost but one. They defeated the Pottsville team last Thursday night before upwards of 1500 people. If you enjoy basket ball, don't miss this game. General admission 15c, seats 25c. Diagram opens at Bridleman's tomorrow morning.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

The following are the officers of Theta Castle No. 276 of Bloomsburg for the ensuing six months' term: Past Chief, C. T. Sober; Noble Chief, E. J. Stetler; Vice Chief, B. F. Giger; High Priest, Wm. Lowenberg; Venerable Hermit, H. Werkheiser; Master of Records, John W. Lewis; Clerk of Exchequer, W. E. Shaffer; Keeper of Exchequer, C. W. Funston; Sir Herald, A. Hageneyer Jr.; Worthy Bard, H. S. Bantor; Worthy Chamberlain, J. B. Giger; Ensign, C. H. Richard; Esquire, C. E. Leidy; First Guardsman, Chas. Ruckler; Second Guardsman, Clark Miller; Trustee, S. W. Shutt; Representative to Grand Castle, F. W. Redeker.

Mildred Holland drew one of the largest audiences of the season at Danville last week, the gross receipts amounting to over \$800. She will return to Bloomsburg next season with her new play "The Triumph of an Empress" which is now in course of preparation.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

On January 1st 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Wirt passed their twenty fifth mile stone of their wedded life, and they marked it by giving a reception at their home on First street. They were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. N. U. Funk, Mrs. H. O. Rodgers of Reading, and John M. Clark Esq., who constituted the original bridal party. It is quite remarkable that after a quarter of a century they should all be living and available.

La Tourette's orchestra was stationed in the upper hall, and rendered excellent music. Refreshments were served in the dining room. Mrs. Fairchild of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. C. W. Funston presiding at the table. The guests were served by Misses Estelle Rodgers, Marie Funk, Margaret Waller, Jean Bogg, and

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild of Bridgeport, Conn., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lowry, Mrs. Hanley, Mrs. Oswald, of Berwick; Mr. Sager and Capt. H. J. Conner of Orangeville; Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Waller, and Misses Mabel, Elizabeth and Margaret Waller, of Indiana, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Rodgers, Miss Estelle Rodgers and Master Kenneth Rodgers of Reading; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bloom, Wilkes-Barre.

It was a most charming affair throughout, and the spacious mansion was beautifully decorated. On the parlor mantel was a bank of flowers with the figures 1878-1903 in red roses. The reception lasted from four to seven o'clock, and there were over one hundred guests present. We shall be very glad to attend the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt twenty-five years hence.

ARGUMENT COURT.

Argument Court convened Monday morning at ten o'clock, with Hon. R. R. Little and associates Fox and Krickbaum presiding.

The Court ordered the commission of William Krickbaum, Associate Judge, read in open Court.

Subpoena awarded in libel in divorce of Charles Daise vs. Annie M. Daise. Petition of F. P. Davis, guardian of Reuben H. Davis. Petition for rule to show cause granted.

Petition of N. Stiller and wife for rule to show cause for revocation of adoption of Reuben H. Davis. Rule granted, returnable first day of next term.

Petition of John J. O'Brien for discharge from prison. Petition granted.

Petition of J. H. Shultz executor of John B. Shultz, deceased, to sell real estate. Granted.

Sheriff Knorr acknowledged deed in open Court for sole of property to Maurice Naylor.

Petition of Annie E. Gwinner, guardian of Jennie Miller, George Miller and Mary Miller, to sell sufficient personal property for maintenance of said minor children. Granted.

Bond of Thomas E. Harder, guardian of B. S. Manhart, P. L. Manhart, S. P. Manhart and Mabel Smith, with John R. Diemer and A. S. Truckenmiller as sureties, presented and approved.

Petition for citation to file account in estate of Daniel I. Stine, filed. Petition and order of Court for acknowledgement of deed in case of Mary E. Hetler's administration vs. Stephen Miller, filed.

Petition of Commissioners for inspection of four county bridges, filed. Resignation of Vernon P. Eves as County Auditor filed and accepted.

Appointment of John R. Diemer as County Auditor to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Vernon P. Eves.

With the Wheelmen.

Guy Sleppy won the prize, a large fat turkey, at the enche Friday evening. He and Dr. F. W. Redeker each won fourteen games, but in the play off, Sleppy won.

A handsome new piece of furniture in the shape of a hall rack and mirror has been added to the club house.

Treasurer Warren Lee rendered his monthly statement Monday evening. The report was very gratifying. It is highly probable that the club will change its quarters before long. The membership has increased to such an extent that the present quarters are too small. The Board of Governors has two different houses in view, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made with either they will move.

A very interesting pool tournament is now going on. Of the twenty contestants at the beginning there are but two left, they are F. W. Roys, and D. J. Tasker. The match will be finished tomorrow night.

LOST:—On public road between Bloomsburg and Zaners, a small leather grip, on Jan. 2nd. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at residence of J. L. Richardson, 364 East Main street, Bloomsburg.

JEREMIAH J. BROWER.

After a long illness Jeremiah J. Brower passed away at his home on market street early on Sunday morning, aged nearly eighty-two years. His final illness lasted only a few days, but he has been quite feeble for several years.

He was born in Berks county on April 10, 1821, and during his young manhood he followed the profession of teaching. In 1848 he engaged in the mercantile trade at Millinville, removing to Bloomsburg in 1850. For nearly twenty years his store at the corner of Main and Iron streets, now occupied by J. L. Sharpless, was one of the leading business houses of Bloomsburg. In 1869 he erected the building then known as Brower's building, now the Wirt building, next to the Court House, and moved his store to the room now occupied by Alexander Bros. & Co. In 1870 he sold his store to M. P. Lutz, and was then elected Justice of the Peace, filling that office for two terms with credit to himself, and with satisfaction to the public.

After this he engaged for some years in the carpet business in the store now occupied by his grandson, W. H. Brower, to whom he sold. Mr. Brower was a useful and progressive citizen. He served as a school director, member of council, vestryman of St. Paul's P. E. church, and in other organizations. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the order attended the funeral in a body. The funeral service was read by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, rector of St. Paul's church.

Mrs. Brower died July 14, 1893. Four children survive their father: Mrs. Fanny J. Brugler of Missouri; Mrs. Ada E. Wintersteen of New York, Mrs. May J. Lingle of Bellefonte, and E. J. Brower of Bloomsburg.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at half past two o'clock.

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

To those who witnessed a runaway, which occurred on Main street about half past three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the escape from serious injury it not death, of little Ethel, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Bierman is regarded as a miracle. She and several other children were on their way down street. They were directly in front of Lowenberg's Clothing Store, when the new sweeper of the Electric Railway Company passed by. Tooley & Co's horse was standing along the pavement untied, and taking fright at the sweeper it dashed down the street. Another team coming up and the Central bus backed to the curb, blocked the way and the horse suddenly turned in upon the pavement. In the meantime, the little ones, with the exception of Ethel, had reached places of safety. In its wild dash the horse struck her, and she was thrown against the hotel with great force. She was picked up, and carried into the hotel, and then taken to her home. Upon examination it was found that no bones were broken. The doctor was away at the time of the accident, and did not arrive home until quite late in the evening. He informed us that barring a few body bruises, the little one was unhurt.

The horse was caught in front of Clark & Son's Store.

To the Public.

I desire to call attention to the first lecture of our course by Mr. Jacob Riis, on January 12th. We are unable to secure large lithographs of Mr. Riis, and I feared that the absence of these might be understood by some to mean that his lecture was not of the first order. We have been trying to secure Mr. Riis for a number of years and I feel that those who fail to hear him will miss a great treat. It may not be understood by everybody that Mr. Riis was an immigrant and has risen from the lowest conditions of society to his present one of international renown. He is a warm personal friend of President Roosevelt's, and with him laid the foundation which has done so much to bring about municipal reform in New York City, and the election of a reform mayor. His lecture will be bristling with interest, and will be illustrated with views of the slum life of New York City, with which Mr. Riis became very familiar when he was reporter of police news for one of the great daily papers of that city.

J. P. WELSH.

The formation of a stock Company and the erection of a new Opera House is a future possibility. With a good theatre and the proper management Bloomsburg would be the best show town between Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg.

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Death of Benjamin S. Gilmore.

A telegram was received early on Monday morning by Mrs. M. E. Jackson telling of the death of her brother, Benjamin S. Gilmore at Middletown, Va.

Mr. Gilmore was a son of Stephen M. and Jane Doan Gilmore, born in Berwick April 6, 1825, and was therefore in his seventy-eighth year.

The deceased was a resident of Berwick until some time in the forties. He was associated with Levi L. Tate in the latter part of his residence here in the publication of a paper of which he afterwards became the sole proprietor. He afterwards removed to Bloomsburg where for some time he edited and published the *Star of the North*.

At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted as a musician in Company E, 25th Regiment of Ohio, and served continuously until its close.

Becoming a resident of Middletown, Va., in 1880 he was united in marriage with Miss Florence Lemly, by whom and two sons, Melville and Charles, he is survived, as well as his sister here. Before his marriage he edited a paper at Stephen City, Va., and afterwards conducted a journal at his home. Mr. Gilmore was of a most kindly disposition, making friends with all with whom he came in contact. He occasionally made visits to the place of his birth where he was most welcome at the home of Mrs. Jackson and other relatives.

His death was not unexpected as he had been in failing health for some time and the last letter received from his family announced that the end was fast approaching.—*Berwick Enterprise*.

John G. Harman, Esq. who retired from the office of District Attorney last Monday, has the assurance that he filled the office to the entire satisfaction of the public. He has more than ordinary legal ability and he has given industrious and careful attention to the discharge of his duties. He has been fair and impartial, and has never attempted to convict any one charged with a crime whom he did not believe to be guilty. But at the same time no guilty man has been allowed to escape through any connivance of his. He can now devote his attention to his large private practice feeling that his work has been well and faithfully performed.

Mrs. Clark Eaton of Berwick, gave a whist party on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. F. P. Pursel and Miss Lilla Sloan were among the guests.

Excursion Rates.

Taking effect January 1st, 1903 the Lackawanna Railroad Co. will sell excursion tickets to nearly all stations on their line. This will be another improvement that will be appreciated by the traveling public, the tickets will be good for thirty days including date of sale, stopover will not be allowed. 1-1-4t

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- Ladies' and Misses Suits.
- Ladies' Dress Skirts,
- Furs—Wrappers,
- Dress Goods—Silks,
- Curtains—Muslin Underwear,
- Remnants of all kinds.



NEW SERIES.

The Industrial Building and Loan Association, of Bloomsburg, will open a new series for subscription to its shares of stock January 6th, 1903.

This association has matured the 1st and second series during the past year, within a period of eleven years. It has paid \$11,600.00 to matured shares and cancelled \$20,200.00 on loans. Why not subscribe now for stock in an association that has proven to its share holders to be a safe and profitable investment. Profits over 11 per cent. per annum.

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1-3t A. N. YOST, Secretary.

TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

N. S. Tingley has accepted the agency for Reinach, Ullman & Co. of Chicago, merchant tailors, and is ready to supply made-to-measure clothing at prices lower than can be obtained elsewhere. He has a large line of samples to select from. His place of business is the third floor of the COLUMBIAN building. 4t.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on Friday, the thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1903, by John L. Moyer, L. N. Moyer and Martha L. Moyer under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 28, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the Charter of an industrial corporation, to be called "Moyer Bros." the character and object whereof is conducting and doing a general wholesale and retail drug and general merchandising business, including the manufacturing, compounding, buying and selling drugs, chemicals, physicians prescriptions, medicines, preparations and compounds medicinal patent or otherwise, and for these purposes, to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements. 1-4t H. A. MCKILLIP, solicitor.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, and will be presented to the said court on the first Monday of February A. D. 1903 and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter will be confirmed absolute. First and final account of Frank Trivelpiece committee of the estate of Margaret I. Lawson, a lunatic of Greenwood twp., Col. Co., Pa. The bi-annual account of Joseph A. Karris, committee of the estate of Jacob Kline a lunatic of Fishing Creek township, Col. Co., Pa. The account of Herman T. Young, committee of William Baumelster, a weak minded person of the borough of Catawissa, Col. Co., Pa. Clerk's Office Bloomsburg, Pa. January 6th, 1903. C. M. TERWILLIGER, Prothonotary.

The Students Lecture Course,
State Normal School Auditorium.
Twelfth Season, 1903

- Jan. 12, Jacob A. Riis.
 - Jan. 19, Maro, Prince of Magic.
 - Feb. 7, Hon. Walter M. Chandler.
 - Feb. 16, Patriolo Grand Concert Co.
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