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## A Desperate Chance.

Robbers Enter the New Electric Light Co's Storage House Sunday Evening.

### Discovered but They Escaped.

By a "desperate chance" we don't refer to the escape of the celebrated Biddle Bros. from the Pittsburg jail two years ago, but to the escape of the two robbers, evidently youths, who succeeded, after being caught like rats in a trap as it were, in getting away from two policemen who stood guard on the exterior of the building, one with a club and the other with a revolver, waiting for their appearance.

The building entered was the new Irondale Electric Light, Heat and Power Company's storage house next to R. E. Hartman's store on Main street. The would be robbers selected what would seem to be a very unseasonable time for such an occasion. It was only eight o'clock in the evening and the street was filled with people returning home from church.

An entrance was effected through the rear door and they had probably been in the building some little time before they were discovered. It was Eugene Quick and Warner Kitchen who first discovered their presence. The occasional flashes of a dark lantern attracted their attention and after investigating to make sure that a robbery was being committed they informed Chief of Police Wesley Knorr. He secured the assistance of special officer Whitemight and plans for the capture of the robbers were made. The chief stood guard at the rear door, while Whitemight stationed himself at the front door. At a given moment Samuel Harman shook the front door, at the same time demanding admittance. Instantly the robbers made a break for liberty. The first threw a roll of wire into Chief Knorr's face, which dazed him somewhat. Before he could recover himself sufficiently the two had gotten past him, one going out and up Market street while the other took down the alley. Several shots were fired after the former but they went wide of the mark.

Lantern in hand Chief Knorr traced them as far as West street, but here the trail was lost. A small leather cap, which one of them dropped in his flight, was picked up and will serve as a clue in apprehending the perpetrators. From all the descriptions it is evident that they were boys, whose minds have become diseased from the reading of trashy literature. The dark lantern and a heater used for melting copper were found on Monday in the rear of Dr. House's lot.

### COST OF COUNTY BRIDGES.

Last year the estimate made at the beginning of the year for building and repairing county bridges was \$10,000. The statement shows that over \$22,000 was expended. This year the board of commissioners estimates that it will take \$15,000 for that purpose, and Commissioner Sterner says that they will endeavor to keep within that limit. Intersected as Columbia County is by so many streams, the item of bridges is one that figures largely in the county finances. Besides the river the sections of the county on both sides of the river are cut by smaller streams, and many bridges are necessary. The Millinville bridge when completed, will make four county bridges across the Susquehanna. Of these, the Catawissa bridge was built by the state, and half the cost of the Berwick bridge was paid by Luzerne county. It is not surprising that this item in the statement is a large one.

### LIBRARY ENTERTAINMENT.

An entertainment will be given in the Free Library this evening by the five E's, Ethel Bierman, Eleanor Welsh, Emaline Eshelman, Elsie Yorks and Ethel Creasy for the benefit of the fund. It will consist of music, recitations, drills &c. The price of admission is 25 cents. These little girls have worked very hard, and have sold a large number of tickets, and they well merit a full house. Encourage them by your presence.

Musical programs for the Easter festival are now in course of preparation by the various church choirs of town.

## A Rough Game This.

With the Score 15 to 14 in Their Favor Pittston Leaves the Floor.

### Normal Awarded Game.

What was unquestionably the roughest game of basket ball ever played in the Normal gymnasium took place Saturday night. Pittston was the opposing team with big, good natured John McGuffie as the leading spirit. Right here we might say that McGuffie made good during the contest, scoring 11 of the visitors' 15 points. He was easily the best man on the Pittston team and without him the game would have been a cinch for Normal.

In the very beginning Pittston registered a kick. They proposed to start play in the centre of the floor in accordance with the rules. Normal had always started play from the side line because of the obstruction in the shape of the horizontal bar. For this game, however, the bar had been removed, and probably should have been left down as considerable time was taken in putting it up and taking it down again, Pittston positively refusing to start until it was removed.

Play finally started and for twenty minutes it was fast and furious. First one side would score a basket then the other. The half ended with Pittston having a shade the better of the argument, the score standing 10-8.

In the second half the excitement knew no bounds. Marcy, who, owing to sickness was unable to play the first half, replaced MacAvoy at Centre, and quickly distinguished himself by throwing a basket, which tied the score. The applause at this time was deafening. The visitors then forged ahead, but their lead was brief, and again the score was a tie at 14 to 14.

Mr. Jones, the Pittston umpire, who by his unfairness at various stages of the game had been hissed by the audience, now realized that if he was to win the game for his side it must be done quickly, so he called a foul on Machado at a moment when there was absolutely no excuse for it. The audience again broke into hisses and jeers, and cries of "put him out," "rotten," filled the air. But he would not withdraw the decision. McGuffie threw the basket and instantly Martin, the Pittston time keeper, blew the whistle signaling that time was up and the visiting team left the floor. Prof. Cope, who was acting as time keeper for Normal, hurried to the centre of the floor and stated that there was yet two minutes to play. He kept time with a stop watch and had been very careful to take out all the time that the teams were not in play. Mr. Martin, on the other hand, used an ordinary watch and, according to those who sat near him and were in a position to know, he paid little or no attention to it in the last half.

The move was evidently a pre-arranged one, as the visitors, together with their time keeper, hurried off the floor. They would not come back and the game was awarded to Normal 2-0.

To a mind unprejudiced, Normal played the better game. They resorted to none of that extreme roughness which characterized the work of the visitors, and their team work was all that could be desired. A feature of the game was a basket thrown by Machado from a difficult angle.

In main strength alone did the visitors excel.

"The umpire robbed us" is an old story, but there is certainly merit in the claim in this instance. It is well for Mr. Jones that he was umpiring in Bloomsburg. Had he been in Ashland, Mt. Carmel or other towns thereabouts he would have been mobbed, as he certainly deserved. The line up follows:

PITTSSTON Position NORMAL  
 Anthony.....forward.....Machado  
 McGuffie.....forward.....Coreoran  
 Dodge.....centre.....MacAvoy  
 Dodge.....centre.....MacAvoy  
 Dodge.....centre.....Marcy  
 Sheetz.....guard.....Riland  
 Blackburn.....guard.....Ruloff  
 Goals from field—Machado, 3; Marcy, 2; MacAvoy, Riland McGuffie, 4; Dodge, Anthony. Goals from fouls—McGuffie, 3. Referee—Jones. Pittston. Umpire Eyer, Bloomsburg. Timers—Cope, Normal; Martin, Pittston.

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### LAST MEETING OF YEAR.

The Bloomsburg Town Council held its last meeting of the year Thursday evening. The members were all present. The session was not a very lengthy one, but considerable business was transacted nevertheless.

In regard to the proposed sewerage of East Fifth Street, town engineer J. C. Brown, stated that in order to do the work properly, 142 feet of 12 inch pipe, 233 feet of 10 inch pipe and 517 feet of 8 inch pipe will be required. He submitted a profile which he had prepared. The matter was thoroughly discussed, and although no definite action was taken, it is highly probable, that the sewer will be constructed. All the residents along the street are complaining that their cellars are filled with water, and there is no way to get rid of it.

The walks along the properties of C. C. Peacock and William Coffman on West Main Street, were made the subject of complaint, and the secretary was authorized to notify the owners to pave them or the work would be done by the town, with the usual penalty added to the cost.

The Street Commissioner was instructed to ascertain the cost of building a twenty-five foot road with two stone culverts on the route of the proposed road at Iron Dale and to investigate and relieve, if possible the situation at Park Street, against which much objection has been raised by the residents.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Trolley Company to make repairs to their road where same is dangerous to travelers.

The recent disturbance at the Methodist Mission was reported to Council, and Chief of Police Knorr was instructed to investigate.

Mr. Kashner reported that complaint had been made to him, in regard to the burying of horses at the foot of Catharine street. It appears that a number have been buried there of late, and insufficiently covered. The matter was turned over to health officer Webb, who is to see that the horses already buried are covered with three feet of earth, and to forbid the burial there of horses in the future.

The bills were paid, and the meeting adjourned.

### THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

There are now about 2250 books in the public library. Of these, 750 were given at the start, 500 have been contributed through the book reception scheme, and 1000 have been purchased with money in the hands of the library committee. In money \$715.46 has been contributed through the book reception scheme. 1800 circulars were sent out to individuals requesting each one to contribute a book named. To these circulars there have been at out 375 responses.

Monday was the first day that no money has been received since the circulars were sent out.

Pictures of Bancroft and Browning were presented by Dr. Fry-singer on Tuesday.

Among the wants of the library are the following:

Any magazines that are worth binding; Soule's Dictionary of English Synonyms; Mrs. Oliphant's Works; Webster's International Dictionary; Standard Dictionary of English Language; Spier's & Sur-enne's French & English Pronouncing Dictionary; Men and Women of the Times; Lippincott's Gazetteer of the World; Lewis & Short's Latin Dictionary; Johnson's Universal Cyclopaedia; Hoyt & Ward's Cyclopaedia of Practical Quotations; Hayden's Dictionary of Dates; Furness' Concordance to Shakespeare; Century Cyclopaedia of Names; Century Atlas of the World; Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia; Sets of Balzac, Dumas and Kipling. Any book will be acceptable.

### A YOUNG INVESTOR.

The youngest stockholder in the Industrial Building & Loan Association is Warren Shutt, son of W. J. Shutt. He is a boy of six or seven years, and earns his own money by carrying papers. He comes to every monthly meeting and makes his own payments. That boy is likely to succeed in life.

### Will Sail For Europe.

Misses Mary and Martha Clark will sail for Europe with their sister Mrs. R. C. Neal of Harrisburg, on the 28th of March. They expect to spend some time in Italy.

When the little buds appear,  
 And the birds begin to sing  
 It's time to get from winter clothes  
 Into the garb of Spring.

**YES SIR,** it's time now for you to blossom out in your Spring togs. Your Suit and Overcoat are here waiting for you. Think you'd better call early and try them on for we want to be sure that everything is just right. If you haven't yet made your selections, you'll find it an easy task here now—we have so many new things to show you that we are bound to please you somewhere along the line. Suits in new Cheviots, Cassimeres, Serges and Worsteds.

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