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## CENTENNIAL FUND.

Papers Drawn making Disposition of the money.

### TRUSTEES ACCEPT.

The following document has been prepared and signed, which finally disposes of the balance left from the Centennial. It explains itself. The fund has been invested in Town bonds.

At a meeting of the Centennial Executive Committee of the Town of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, held in the Town Hall on the evening of April 8th, 1903, for the purpose of disposing of the balance left from the Centennial, among other things the following action was taken:

The auditors' report was read, showing the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, L. N. Moyer, to be \$1107.28. Col. J. G. Freeze moved that this fund be appropriated to the Free Public Library, under certain restrictions, to be known as the "Centennial Fund," seconded by A. Z. Schoch, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Schoch moved that three trustees be appointed to hold the fund, to consist of the President Judge of this district, the President of the Town Council of Bloomsburg, and the President of the Free Public Library, and that the money be invested in first mortgage security on real estate in Bloomsburg, other than industrial institutions. Adopted.

On motion J. G. Freeze, Geo. E. Elwell and C. C. Peacock were appointed to draft the proper papers for the appointment of trustees, and defining their duties and powers.

The committee appointed for the named purpose, held a meeting at the office of Col. Freeze on July 17, 1903, when it was decided that the powers and duties of the Trustees of the Centennial Fund shall be as follows:

First. To invest the fund either in first mortgage security on real estate in Bloomsburg, or in Town or County bonds, or in other bonds equally as good (but not in industrial bonds of any kind,) at not less than four per cent. interest.

Second. To pay over the interest, annually or semi-annually as received, to the Treasurer of the Free Public Library, for the maintenance of the library.

Third. In case of death or refusal to serve on the part of a trustee, the remaining two shall serve until a new occupant of the office held by such deceased or refusing trustee, shall be elected.

Fourth. If the Free Public Library shall remain open regularly until July 1, 1905, at any time after that date when the Board of Directors shall determine to purchase a lot whereon to erect a library building, the trustees may pay over the fund to the Treasurer of the Library for that purpose, and for no other, provided that there is sufficient other funds in hand to pay for the said lot in full, and provided further, that no mortgage shall at any time be placed on said lot.

Fifth. Should the Library not prove a permanent success, and should close for want of support before July 1, 1905, this fund shall be subject to the disposal of the Centennial Executive Committee at a meeting called by the chairman, or in case of a vacancy in that office by the vice president, secretary or treasurer, in their order, for that purpose.

JOHN G. FREEZE,  
GEO. E. ELWELL,  
C. C. PEACOCK,  
Committee.

We, the above named trustees of the Centennial Fund, do hereby accept the appointment as such, subject to the regulations above set forth.

R. R. LITTLE, President Judge of 26th District.

JNO. R. TOWNSEND, Pres. of Town Council, Bloomsburg.

MRS. S. C. CREASY, President of Free Public Library.

Trustees.

Three different scientists say that the world will soon come to an end. One says it will be ground to pieces by the moon, another says it will be burned up, while another says everything will be frozen. A consideration of the weather during the past week argues in favor of the latter's contention.

## A TRAGIC DEATH.

Lafayette Travelpiece Summoned While on the Public Road Friday Night.

### Body Found Saturday Morning

Lafayette Travelpiece, a man well and favorably known throughout the whole of Columbia County, by reason of his numerous and extensive business transactions, met a tragic death on the public road leading from Rohrsburg to Orangeville some time during Friday night. His inanimate body was discovered about half past two o'clock Saturday morning by Zehnder Low and David Herring of Orangeville, who were on their way home from J. W. Welsh's. When found, the body was hanging from the wagon, head downward. One foot was caught under the shaft and the other was tightly wrapped with a horse blanket. The body had evidently been dragged for considerable distance as it bore many bruises, and the clothing was badly torn. From the waist up the body was almost nude. There was a large deep gash in the neck caused by coming in contact with the wheel. The horse was grazing by the roadside. Horror stricken at their find Low and Herring lost no time in communicating with undertaker Neyhard who in turn notified Justice of the Peace H. J. Conner and together they went to the scene. The excitement attendant upon the discovery notwithstanding the hour spread rapidly and in a short time many had gathered.

The Justice of the Peace empaneled a jury composed of F. S. Henrie, G. A. Henrie, G. S. Welsh, Edward Smith, Zehnder Low, and David Herring, which, after carefully considering and weighing the facts in the case rendered this verdict: "We find that Lafayette Travelpiece, of Willow Springs, met his death by accident while on the road from Rohrsburg to Orangeville." It was at first feared that he had been the victim of foul play, knowing as everybody did that he frequently carried large sums of money on his person. This theory however was exploded when upon examination his pockets were found to contain something like sixty-five dollars in money and a gold watch.

He was known to be subject to heart disease and the generally accepted belief is that he was suddenly taken ill, fell from the wagon and expired.

The body was prepared for burial by undertaker Neyhard, of Orangeville, and removed to his late home at Willow Grove, from which place the funeral occurred at ten o'clock Tuesday morning. Interment was made in the cemetery at Briarcreek. A wife who has the sincere sympathy of all, survives, besides a sister Mrs. Joseph Shultz of Iola and two brothers Dallas Travelpiece, of Creasyville and Jacob Travelpiece, of Orangeville.

It will never be known at what time the accident occurred, and the exact cause of death will always remain an unsolved mystery. A post mortem examination alone would have revealed this fact but inasmuch as it was not held, the incident has closed forever.

A peculiar fact, in connection with the fatality is that about forty years ago, a brother met death at nearly the same place in a similar manner.

## New Electric Plant.

The Machinery all in Place and Ready to Run.

### DYNAMO TEST TODAY.

The plant of the Irondale Electric Light and Power Company is so nearly completed that the electrician of the Westinghouse Co. who put in the dynamos, is expected here today to see that every thing is all right. If he arrives there will be light in every lamp of the company that is turned on.

There are two turbines of 250 horse power each, that move the wheels. The water supply is from the old Irondale race. Boilers and engine will also be used in case of any lack of water. The boilers are completed and the engine is under the roof, though not yet in place. In a very short time the new company will be in full operation.

## To The Public:

It is no longer considered a violation of banking ethics to ask for what we would like to have, and acting on the theory that what is greatly worth having is certainly worth asking for.

## The Bloomsburg National Bank

Solicits the accounts of all responsible people, promising all the courtesies that are usually extended by an obliging and carefully conducted banking house. We propose to continue to conduct our business on safe and strictly business lines, believing that such a course will be to the best advantage of the public generally.

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

## Library Directors Meet.

The Centennial Fund Invested in Town Bonds.

### GOOD REPORT MADE.

Probably one of the best meetings of the Directors of the Public Library, surely one of the most gratifying was held in the library rooms Tuesday evening. A number of the directors are out of town, and of course could not be present, but what the meeting lacked in numbers was more than made up in enthusiasm.

The librarian, Miss Renninger, made a very pleasing report, which showed an increased attendance over that of the previous month. The report made apparent the gratifying fact that the library is daily growing and is filling the want that the founders had in mind when the movement for its establishment was first projected.

Another report made was that of the committee of the Centennial Fund. The money, amounting to \$1100 has been invested in town bonds at four per cent.

The response to the maintenance sent out has been very generous, but the Directors are desirous that still more be returned.

All the bills presented were paid and there is still a substantial balance in the treasury, a condition of which everybody who is a friend of the library should feel proud.

## Small Pox In Berwick.

One Well Defined Case of the Dread Disease, and Three Cases of Varioloid.

### Many Others Exposed.

The residents of Berwick are in a state of great consternation over the discovery that the dread disease small pox exists in their midst. The family afflicted is that of Edwin Fisher, residing on Susquehanna Avenue, West Berwick. The disease is in the most virulent form, and the condition of the victim is considered quite serious. The head of the family had been ill for several days, but the true nature of his illness was not known until Monday afternoon, when Dr. McKee, of Plymouth, a specialist in the treatment of the disease, who had been called in consultation with the attending physicians, Dr. Clark and Dr. McCrea, diagnosed it as a well defined case of small pox. Mrs. Fisher is afflicted with varioloid as are also two of the boarders.

There is fear that the terrible malady will spread, as the boarders are employees of the American Car & Foundry Company, and for several days mingled with the numerous other workmen not realizing the dangerous nature of the rash with which they were suffering.

The Fisher home has been quarantined by the authorities, and every precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of the malignant disease. Two watchmen are employed to keep the house under surveillance day and night and no one except the regular physicians are allowed to enter or depart from it.

Audanio Dominico, who for several days was held as a prisoner in the county jail was discharged Tuesday, the charge against him, that of assault and battery, having been settled with the complainant, Joseph Augusten. Dominico resides at Centralia.

## A Full Line of New

## HAMMOCKS

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1.00 to 8.00.

All this Year's.

No Old Patterns Carried Over.

FOR SALE BY

J. G. Wells,

General Hardware,  
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

## Merchants Organize.

Form Association for Mutual Benefit.—Officers Elected.

John R. Townsend, President.

Local merchants took the initial step in formation of a protective Association last night. The meeting was held in the Townsend building and was largely attended, J. R. Townsend was made temporary chairman. He stated the object of the meeting and the purpose of the organization. The benefits to be derived he said are many, among them might be mentioned, the reduction of fire insurance rates, the moderation of freight and express rates, and the prevention of selling on the streets and from door to door, by people who do not pay a mercantile tax. Then too there is another wrong which this union of merchants will right, and that is worthless advertising, such as concert and home theatrical programs etc. This imposes a burden of which the merchants have long complained, but which when solicited could not be refused individually. Mr. Townsend stated that the merchants of other towns have been greatly benefited by the association and it was for those present to decide whether or not Bloomsburg should have one.

Bruce Clark was then elected secretary, pro tem, and Louis Gross moved that a permanent organization be effected. The motion was seconded by R. E. Hartman and passed. The following officers and directors of the Merchants' Protective Association were then elected: President, John R. Townsend; Vice President, Louis Gross; Secretary, Bruce Clark; Treasurer, Charles M. Evans; Directors, R. E. Hartman, F. D. Dentler, Lawrence Tooley, J. E. Roys, Joseph Wells, Mrs. Ide, W. S. Rishton, J. G. Quick, H. G. Supplee and F. P. Pursel. Mr. Townsend stated that he appreciated the honor of being placed at the head of the organization, but he would be better satisfied if some other person were chosen. However, as the desire that he accept the office was general, he acquiesced.

The president, vice president and secretary were empowered to draw up a set of by-laws and report at the next meeting to be held Wednesday, August 26th.

BEN GIDDING, Bloomsburg's Clothier.

Here are some of our Moving Prices.

\$18.00 Suits \$14.00.

12.00 " 9.00.

9.00 " 6.50.

Wash Suits, Crash Pants Etc., at Cost.

\$15.00 Suits \$12.00.

10.00 " 7.50.

8.00 " 6.00.

Special Prices on All Shirt Waists and SHIRT WAIST SUITS.

Anything about profit, or even cost, we are going to have a Clearance of Summer Stocks. Every dollar's worth must go, and our sacrifice prices will make them move on the double quick. Fall goods are pressing Summer Clothing hard. Every day brings new arrivals which must have the place now occupied by the remainder of our Summer stocks. If prices slashed to the very quick will vacate the tables, they shall be vacated. The cost or former price of the garments cuts no figure. Every one is of superior quality—but they're Summer goods. So the buyer who wants to anticipate next year's wants and secure a bargain of the first water had better speak quickly. Such snags as these will not remain long on our counters.

WE DON'T CARE

Prices Reduced Quality and Style not reduced.	Shirt Waists Reduced.	Prices Reduced Quality and Style not reduced.
White Shirt Waists, Graduated flounces, waist trimmed with Hamburg insertion. Were 3.90 now 2 75	THE LEADER DEPARTMENT STORE	White Lawn Skirts. Some with Tucked circular flounces, others with box plaits and tucks. From 3.00 to 2.00
White Shirt Waists, Tucked skirts trimmed with lace insertion and tucks. Were 4.25 now 3.00		Shirt Waists, Striped Madras, Lawns and Gingham 2.00, 2.50, and 3.00. From 3.00, 3.50 and 4.00
White Striped Madras Suits, Gored skirt, shirred flounces, waist trimmed with lace and tucks. Were 5.90 now 4.75		Shirt Waists, Striped Madras and Lawns. Were 75c and 1.00. Now 39 cents.
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