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NEW FIRE CHIEF.

William Kashner, of the Rescue Company, Succeeds P. B. Heddens.—Clyde Hess First Assistant.

A STORMY ELECTION.

William Kashner, of the Rescue Company, was on Monday evening elected to succeed P. B. Heddens, whose term expires this month, as Chief of the Bloomsburg Fire Department. The ravens of discord attended the election in full force, and by their persistent, and unwarranted criticism stirred up dissatisfaction and strife, to such an extent that a goodly number of the older and more peaceable members of the department walked away and left the meeting in disgust.

There has not been the very best of feeling in the department for some time past, particularly between the Good Will and Liberty Companies, each claiming the right to precede the other in position, parades etc. The discontent, apparently, was gradually disappearing, however, until the last meeting of the Town Council, when the Good Will Company was recognized as the fourth Company of the Town, taking the position to which the Liberty Company laid claim, since which time trouble has been brewing afresh.

The recognition of the Good Will came at a very inopportune time, as the tickets for the election had all been printed and distributed among the members of the other four companies, and this acknowledgment of the Good Will Company's rights disrupted the election plans.

Backed by the action of Council, the Good Will Company, claimed that the office of second assistant chief belonged to them and they accordingly voted for their candidate, George W. Beagle. The Liberty Company candidate for this office was Thomas Morris and he of course, received that company's endorsement.

The resolution of the Council made clear the former company's claim to the office, and the election board acting in accordance with that resolution, decided that Geo. W. Beagle was elected. The Liberty boys are not satisfied with the result of the election, and though they have not publicly declared themselves as to what course they propose to pursue, it is understood that they don't intend to let the matter rest at it.

The other officers elected were Clyde B. Hess, of the Winonas, first assistant chief, and Jacob Stiner, of the Friendships, third assistant chief.

DR. BARBER MAKES RECORD DRIVE.

What the driving record between Bloomsburg and Grovania may have been previous to Thursday last we know not, but we do know that there are few, if any horses hereabouts, that can equal the time made between the two points on that day by Dr. I. G. Barber, of Danville. The timers of the race were A. Z. Schoch, President of the Bloomsburg National Bank, who stood at the telephone at this end, and A. O. Stonge, proprietor of the Grovania Hotel, who held the transmitter to his ear, at his hostelry. Both gentlemen, in order to be absolutely correct, set their watches together. Dr. Barber left the Court House here at 4:31 $\frac{3}{4}$ and reached Grovania at 4:50, having covered the distance in just 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ minutes.

There was no waver but the doctor had made the assertion that he could drive it in twenty minutes, and several of his friends doubted his ability to do it.

He drove his bay mare, and Mr. Stonge says that she was perspiring only slightly and seemed but little fagged.

Soon Be 100 Years Old.

Williamsport will be one hundred years old on March 1, 1906, and there is already talk of properly celebrating the anniversary. We can see no reason why such a celebration should not be a success. Bloomsburg celebrated its one hundredth birthday in 1902, and it was the biggest and best event of the kind ever held in this section.

A FEARFUL DEATH.

Walter Loreman, Aged Eight Years, Ventures Too Close to Machinery.

AN UNWITNESSED TRAGEDY

The lifeless body of his eight year old grandson Walter Loreman, bound between the belts, is the horrible spectacle that met the gaze of Reuben Loreman, as he reached the lower floor of the Red Mill, in Hemlock Township Sunday afternoon.

Work at the mill had been delayed of late, owing to the lack of power, and it was to take advantage of the rain, which had swollen the race, and get out some rush orders, that Mr. Loreman had gone to the mill on Sunday. He was on the second floor, engaged at emptying some corn into the breaker, when the belt suddenly flew off the pulley. He descended to the floor below to learn the cause, and there found his grandson, as above described. The boy's right foot was terribly mangled, but death was probably due to strangulation, as his clothing was tightly drawn about his neck. Whether or not he had made any outcry is not known. If he did the hum of the machinery prevented it from reaching his grandfathers ear.

A physician was summoned, but it was too late, life was extinct.

The body was removed to his home, near by, and prepared for burial by Undertaker C. G. Baker. The funeral took place yesterday morning.

NEWSPAPER TO CHANGE HANDS.

J. C. Rutter Jr., Register and Recorder of Columbia county, has purchased the *Sentinel* and *Daily* printing office, and will take charge on January 1st. Mr. Rutter is a newspaper man of long experience. He learned his trade in THE COLUMBIAN office about twenty years ago, and has followed the business ever since, until four years ago when he was elected to his present position. He was manager of the *Sentinel*, for several years, and it was under his direction that the first daily in the county was started. He established it at once on a sound basis, and it has been a newsy paper ever since.

Mr. Rutter understands all the details of the business, and will no doubt make a success of it. We welcome him back into the editorial ranks.

A PRETTY CALENDAR.

A calendar has been issued by the Young Women's Christian Association. It has a handsome card cover printed in gilt, with a bar at the top, tied with silk. There are twenty-four pages printed on the mimeograph, each page containing scriptural quotations for each day in the month. The top of each page contains an ornamental design, and altogether it is very attractive as well as useful.

The calendar is the work of Miss Webster, the secretary, and she has displayed rare skill and taste in its preparation. Only one hundred of them have been made, and they are for sale for the benefit of the Association. The price is only 20 cents. There will no doubt be a ready sale for them.

Skating is Rare Sport.

Not for many years has skating been as popular as it is this winter. This is probably because the ice has been unusually fine. The lovers of the sport were out in large numbers all last week, the crowds being so great at times that it was next to impossible to get along without running into someone. The wide water on the canal was the favorite grounds in the early part of the week, but the continued cold weather closed the waters of the creek and then Boone's Dam was the mecca.

Superintendent Hackett immediately placed a number of lights on the trees along the creek, which illuminates a large area of the ice and adds greatly to the convenience of the skaters. The rain of Saturday and Sunday put a temporary stop to the sport.

The High School closed yesterday. It will open on Monday.

Character of Our Investments.

WE LIMIT Our Investments to Securities of the most Substantial Kind; such Securities as are of Acknowledged Value, and easily Converted into Cash.

The Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

THE BOX OPENED.

Corner Stone of Old Presbyterian Church Contained Many Articles of Interest.

LITTLE AFFECTED BY TIME.

The contents of the tin box in the corner stone of the old Presbyterian Church, which was removed last week, was opened by Mr. Yorks on Saturday, and the contents were made known by Dr. Hemingway at the Sunday evening service in the Presbyterian Church. It was rather expected that the box would contain some money, but such was not the case. The contents were as follows: A Bible bound in calf, a confession of faith, bound in half calf; Book of Psalms and Hymns, bound in calf; copy of the charter and incorporation of the church; a brief history of the church in manuscript that shows that the first minister was Rev. D. J. Waller; a list of the subscribers and the subscriptions of the congregation for the building which ranged from three hundred dollars to fifty cents and that the total subscription was \$2,271 and that the church was to cost \$3,000.

In addition to this it contained ten copies of the "Presbyterian," published in Philadelphia and dated April 24 and May 3, 1847. They bore the names of Cathcart and Chamberlain, who were the new subscribers to the periodical. A copy of the United States Gazette, also published in Philadelphia, and dated May 12, 1847, bore the name of William McKelvy. A copy of the Columbia County Democrat published by Levi Tate in Bloomsburg and dated May 8, 1847. Two copies of the Danville Democrat and *Tariff Advocate* dated February 5 and May 7, 1874.

A College for Berwick.

At recent conference of the Eastern and Central Pennsylvania divisions of the Evangelical church, a committee was appointed for the purpose of securing a location for the Albright College now located at Myerstown.

Rev. Isaiah Bower, a trustee of the College, will endeavor to have the college erected in Berwick. Between four and five hundred students will be enrolled in the school, and the building will cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Rector Resigns.

Rev. Erskine Wright, rector of Christ Episcopal church, Danville, on Friday night tendered his resignation to the vestry, to take place on January 1st. The cause assigned for Rev. Wright's resignation is ill health, his physician advising that he retire from all work for a period of three months.

Rev. Erskine Wright assumed charge of Christ Episcopal church on March 5th, 1899. Before coming to Danville he was assistant rector in St. Clement's church, Philadelphia.

Normal Closed for Holidays.

The Normal School closed yesterday for the Holidays and the students are leaving today for their respective homes to spend the vacation which will extend until after New Years. This is the vacation that overshadows all others of the year, and the beaming faces of the students showed the happy anticipation of meeting their parents, and receiving their kindly remembrances.

Useful Christmas Presents

(Here's a few of them.)
Mrs. Potts' Irons, Dover Irons, Bissell Sweepers, Wringers, Nickleware, Carving Sets, Enamel Ware, Pocket Knives and Shears.

Mechanical Toys, Skates, Sleds and Tool Chests.

FOR SALE BY

J. G. Wells,

General Hardware,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

MISS MARION HARTER.

Mrs. Marion M. Harter, aunt of Mrs. John K. Miller, died after an illness of several weeks, from a cancerous affection at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, in the Fetterman house on Main street, at half past ten Monday morning. Miss Harter had been a victim of the above ailment for more than two years past but only for a few weeks had she been poorly, and up until the day preceding her death she was able to be about the house. She was a public spirited woman, and assisted in starting the public library, and always took a lively interest in matters pertaining to its success. Besides her niece, Mrs. Miller, she is survived by three brothers, two residing in Minneapolis and one in Chicago. Private funeral services were held at the house Tuesday afternoon conducted by Revs. Hemingway and Kirkby. The remains were taken to Delaware, Ohio, her former home for burial.

BRIEF COURT SESSION.

A brief session of court was held on Monday with all the judges present.

W. C. Johnston was appointed auditor of public accounts.

In the articles of agreement between J. R. Shultz and John V. Shultz, a petition was presented by the former for the ordering of a specific performance of contract, which was granted.

Petition of Edward Reese, to have certain real estate conveyed free of dower, filed and petition granted by the Court.

Petition of James L. Evans, guardian ad litem of Howard Moharter, to convey real estate, which was also granted by the court.

The court adjourned until the first Monday in January.

The Stock Bought In.

Two blocks of the capital stock of the Farmers National Bank, one of ten and another of five shares, was put up at auction in front of the Court House Saturday afternoon, but on account of the lack of bidders, they were not sold. The block of ten was offered first and bid up to \$238 a share, and the five was run up to \$236. Both were bought in by A. W. Duy, attorney.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

We extend to our army of Friends and Patrons a Christmas Greeting.

The year about closing shows the largest business of our experience.

THANKS TO YOU, our friends, for your ardent support and cordial indorsement of our endeavors.

Excuse us if we failed in any respect, and do us a Favor by allowing us to rectify.

We have still higher ideals—better things to be done during 1904.

Your enthusiastic commendation of our endeavors gives us great encouragement.

Thank You Again, and a Merry Christmas To All.

BEN GIDDING

Corner Main and Center Sts.

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.,

Come in and see us,
we'll treat you right.

That KEG in Our 4th St., Window.

Have you looked at it?

HAVE YOU GUESSED the NUMBER \$1

of tacks that we have hammered used in purchased into it. The KEG is in ing goods plain sight. Nothing con- in our store en- cealed about it. titles you to

We even put a mirror at be too late. the back so you can see The gifts will be given

How Many tacks are Hammered into it?

Have YOU GUESSED

Thursday Eve. Dec 24th at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Wm. Hidlay Consider the value of of the Bloomsburg the gifts. There are 5 of National Bank them, all desirable arti- is custodian of cles. Then, how easy it is the envelope to get one of the 5 gifts. in which is Large stock to choose placed the from in every depart- correct ment and every dollar's number worth you buy entitles you of tacks to a guess.

\$1 THE LEADER DEPT. STORE,
4th and Market Streets,
BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.