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WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN COUNTY.

\$48,470.04 Is Expense Account for Year Just Ended.

BRIDGES, THE BIGGEST ITEM

Few of our readers realize, perhaps many of them never considered what it costs to keep the machinery of the county running for a year. It will therefore doubtless be interesting to know just what the aggregate bill of expense amounts to.

To present the expense account in itemized form would require an extended amount of labor and would take up several columns space in this paper. We therefore divide it into sixteen items made up as follows:

The first is that of bounty paid for the scalps of foxes and minks, amounting to \$28.25.

The heaviest bill of expense was for the building and maintenance of bridges. This sum aggregated \$11,451.77, the greater part of which went to pay for the repairs, \$3,000 to the East Bloomsburg bridge and to the Berwick and Catawissa free ferries. The remaining amount was paid out for the building and maintenance of the almost numberless county bridges.

The cost of elections was \$3,886.72. It required \$3,665.78 to pay the assessors for their work, while roads, views and damages arising therefrom costs the sum of \$4,984.23. The cost of holding court, the pay of jurors, etc., in fact all the expenses arising out of the oiling of the judicial machinery with the exception of the salaries of the president and associate judges, which are paid by the state, amounted to \$6,108.76. The Commonwealth's amount of the costs in cases was \$3,022.12.

Under the item of expense marked "Commissioners" there is a charge of \$7,058.88 which includes the salaries of all the officials in the office of the Commissioners and all other expenses of the court house not included in other items.

The expenses at the jail were \$1,875.43; printing, stationery and postage amounted to \$1,187.40; coroner's inquests, \$298.65; county prison, which includes the county's payments to the penitentiary and asylum and not the jail, \$1,736.34; blank books, \$184.25; soldiers' burial, \$999; forest fires, \$122.46; sheep damages, \$32; miscellaneous, \$1,828.

MISS BIDDLE'S DEBUT.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Biddle will introduce their charming daughter, Miss Marie, at a function at their home at Fountain Springs, Ashland, on Wednesday, Jan. 4, and it will be a notable social event. Miss Biddle is finishing her education at Wellesley College, at Boston, Mass., where her geniality, and many social and mental accomplishments have made her a genuine favorite. She is a thorough musician, and speaks several languages with fluency, and she took a leading part in college athletics, winning distinction as a member of the hockey club, and also in the several musical organizations of which she was a member. She is also a member of the leading college fraternity, and is in all respects a typical American college girl.—Wilkesbarre Record.

Dr. and Mrs. Biddle are well known in Bloomsburg, where the latter resided many years. Prior to her marriage she was Miss Agnes Buckingham, a sister of Dr. H. W. Buckingham and the late Robert Buckingham Esq. Dr. Biddle is the Superintendent of the Miners' Hospital, and is a surgeon of very high reputation.

The reception given their daughter yesterday was a most charming affair, including a tea in the afternoon, and a dance in the evening, at both of which a large number of guests were present.

Entertained at Dinner.

Joseph Ratti, A. Z. Schoch, C. W. McKelvy, W. S. Rishton, F. G. Yorks and Samuel Wigtall of town, and Capt. H. J. Conner of Orangeville, were entertained at an elaborate New Year's dinner at Frank Rickett's, Orangeville, on Monday.

Car Shops in Operation.

Joyous Hum of Industry Can Now be Heard at Plant.

Many Given Employment.

The stillness in and about the local plant of the American Car & Foundry Company, which continued for almost a year was broken on Monday when the doors of the industry were thrown open and the plant started with a force of one hundred men.

The principal work, for the time being at least, will be the demolition of old cars, but the other departments will be fitted up and placed in readiness and before long it is expected that the whole plant will be put in operation.

The resumption is joyous news to everybody and particularly to those for whom the plant furnishes employment.

It is a forerunner of the general prosperity which is promised for the year upon which we have just entered. More work means the circulation of more money which will benefit not only those who earn it but the merchants and the people in general as well. Here's hoping that the business of the company may so increase that it will be necessary to add to the force of workmen and to enlarge the buildings and capacity.

\$40,000 FIRE LOSS.

The Snap Foundry of American Car & Foundry Co. at Berwick. Destroyed.

A fire which completely wiped out the large snap foundry of the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, occurred Saturday afternoon. From the moment of its discovery the fire burned fiercely, which together with the buildings' remote location and the fact that the firemen experienced some difficulty in securing water in sufficient quantity and force to successfully combat the devouring element, made it absolutely impossible to save the structure. The entire fire department of the town was on the scene, and all worked heroically, but the best thing they could do was to prevent the spread of the flames to other buildings. How the fire started is a mystery. The general belief is that it was ignited by sparks from the cupola. There was no one in the building, work having been suspended for the day about half an hour before the fire broke out.

The building was erected twenty-four years ago. It was 330 by 90 feet in size and was originally constructed as a car shop in which refrigerator cars were manufactured. It was afterward turned into a foundry which purpose it served up to this time.

The destruction of the building is complete, together with all its equipment, including a number of valuable patterns.

The loss is estimated at about \$38,000, divided as follows: Building, \$30,000; equipment and patterns, \$8,000, and tools belonging to workmen, \$800.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron W. Hess was celebrated at their home in Millinville on Monday. The occasion was a happy one. All the children and grand children and about fifty relatives and friends united with Mr. and Mrs. Hess in making the celebration one long to be remembered.

Mr. Hess was born in Beach Haven in 1828, and is therefore 77 years of age. Despite his years he still possesses that good health, athletic soundness and vigor of constitution, which comes of correct living, and bids fair to see many more birth days.

Time has also dealt kindly with Mrs. Hess. She is 73 years of age, having been born in Nesco peck in 1822. Their legion of friends throughout the county join in wishing them many more years of health and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rishton will entertain a company of about one hundred and twenty five at euchre this evening at their residence on Market street.

A New Year's Resolution.

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Argument Day In Court Room.

Appointment of Viewers and Guardians, and Other Routine Business.

ALL THE JUDGES PRESENT.

Monday was the regular argument court day. Court convened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, with all the judges present. Only those interested in the proceedings were on hand, and the attendance was accordingly small. The business transacted was as follows:

Bertha Geist appointed guardian of William Geist, Martha Geist, Charles Geist and Elmira Geist, minor children of Elwood Geist, deceased. Bond approved.

Estate of Maggie Berlin. Bond approved by the Court.

Estate of Josiah R. Fritz. Petition of executors for order to sell real estate granted, bond to be approved.

Estate of John Ashelman. Petition to sell real estate granted on approval of bond.

In re estate of Thomas Curry, a supposed deceased person. Margaret Murphy appointed administrator.

Mary Rambo vs. Jesse Rambo. Libel in divorce. Subpoena awarded.

Petition for the appointment of a guardian ad litem of William Roth, a lunatic. Robert M. Watkins appointed.

Petition of appointment of a guardian of Samuel Klase. The first Monday of February set for hearing, notice to be served on said Samuel Klase at least ten days before date of hearing.

The hotel license of J. A. Zeigler, situate in Scott township, transferred to John A. Smith.

George B. Hummer et. al. vs. D. J. Lewis. Rule to show cause made absolute.

W. P. Zahner vs. Stephen Levan and Rebecca Levan. Rule to show cause discharged by agreement of counsel.

Estate of Hannah W. Getkin. Petition to sell real estate granted on approval of bond.

Petition for appointment of viewers for a road in Catawissa township near J. A. Bibby's hotel. Charles Helwig, Samuel Neihard and Charles Reichart appointed viewers by the Court.

In the estate of Daniel Mordan, widow's appraisement, exceptions were withdrawn. Confirmed absolute.

Auditor's report in the estate of Philip Seesholtz. Exceptions argued by Geo. B. Reimensnyder and W. H. Rhawn.

PROMPT WORK.

Commissioners' Clerk J. W. Hidlay, had the county statement ready for the auditors when they began their work on Tuesday. It is no small matter to prepare this statement, but Clerk Hidlay always has it in complete shape on the first day of each year. He is an obliging, competent and intelligent official, always ready to impart any information in connection with the office, and he always knows what he is talking about. Such men ought to be retained in office as long as they are willing to serve.

Henry Meyers died at the Danville Hospital on Friday after having been in the institution five years, aged 38 years. The remains were taken to Lock Haven where there survive him a wife and four children.

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LOST LEG ON RAILROAD.

A number of people, several of whom were from Bloomsburg, were made the unwilling witnesses of a sad accident at Danville Monday, when William J. Brooks, the sixteen year old son of contractor C. S. Brooks, of that town, who, after stepping off the south bound passenger train near the Mill Street crossing, slipped and fell under the cars, and lost his right leg. The boy was the agent for the New York Journal, and it was his daily habit to get on the train at the station and ride to the aforementioned crossing. Frequently he had been told of the danger attending the custom, but he persisted until Saturday, and now he will be a cripple for life. Had it not been for his prompt exercise of reason in throwing his body outside the rail, he would have been ground to pieces.

Among the people from town who saw the casualty, were Charles Hower and Will Peacock.

LOST VALUABLE HORSE.

George M. Hughes lost one of his valuable black mares this morning. He was assisting Fred Neyhard in moving his household goods to the dwelling situate on the alley in the rear of M. E. Church, when the team which was standing alone took fright and started to run away. In leaping across the gutter on Market street, near the residence of Mrs. Skeer, the animal fell and broke its right hind leg. The bone from the fetlock to the hock joint was splintered. The injury being beyond curing, Dr. Welliver was summoned and ended the animal's suffering by shooting it in the head.

Commissioners Organize.

The County Commissioners re-organized on Tuesday for the ensuing year by electing William H. Fisher President and William H. Bogart, secretary. The board made no changes, Thornton Freeze was retained as assistant to clerk Jos. W. Hidlay, and Dr. F. W. Redeker was re-elected physician at the jail. Lemuel J. Black, will continue as janitor at the jail.

In retaining these gentlemen, the Commissioners acted wisely. They have all performed their duties well, and their re-election gives general satisfaction.

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