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LIVELY MEETING FAIR ASSOCIATION.

F. P. Hagenbuch Elected President and Harry S. Barton, Librarian.

The Attendance Was Large.

Probably one of the most interesting as well as the most largely attended meetings of the Columbia County Agricultural Society was that of Saturday last when the members gathered in the court room for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. There was a lively contest for two of the offices, president and librarian, which fact having been pretty generally circulated among the members, served to attract many who have not been attending the annual meetings, and as a result of which in spite of the stormy and unpleasant weather, the attendance was large.

From the very first it was patent to all that things would be lively. J. W. Hilday expressed his choice for the Chairmanship by nominating E. H. Sloan. W. L. White named F. B. Hartman. It was decided to determine the matter by a rising vote, which resulted in the election of Mr. Sloan. Mr. Hartman in his usual pleasing manner extended his congratulations to Mr. Sloan and expressed his thanks to those who had voted for him, after which organization was perfected by the election of William H. Hilday and Pliny Eves, secretaries, and Clyde C. Yetter, Esq., reading clerk.

The question of salaries of the officers was taken up and fixed the same as last year, after which the nomination of candidates for President was announced to be in order. There were two names presented, F. P. Hagenbuch and H. V. White. The question of how the vote should be taken called forth a lengthy and spirited discussion and it was finally decided that, in order to preclude the casting of any fraudulent votes, the members should vote in their seats rising as they expressed their choice. For tellers the chair appointed Clinton Herring, Clarence Yost and A. B. White. David R. Coffman made strenuous objection to the last named gentlemen, because he was a relative of one of the candidates. Chairman Sloan, however, informed Mr. Coffman that he had confidence in Mr. White's honesty and was satisfied that he would do the right thing. The vote was then taken and the count showed Hagenbuch to be the favorite, he receiving 158 votes to White's 108.

The vice presidents, Elisha Ringrose, W. J. Hilday, Henry Deighmiller and Emery D. Hagenbuch were elected without any opposition, as was also the treasurer, Jas. C. Brown and the secretary, A. N. Yost. In each instance the secretary casting the ballot.

Then came the most interesting event of the meeting, the election of a librarian. For this office there were four candidates, Harry S. Barton, Chas. B. Ent, W. B. Allen and F. C. Frederici. The candidates or the first three at least, had conducted a lively campaign for several days previous, and the fight was a close one. The first ballot gave Barton 122, Ent 94, Allen 46 and Frederici 1. Being unfamiliar with the requirement that a majority of all the votes cast was necessary to elect, and of course believing that the matter was settled, many of the members left the room. A vote as to whether or not another ballot should be taken lost, whereupon Chandee Eves moved that the secretary cast the ballot for the candidate who had received the highest number of votes, which he said could be done if there was no objection. There was an objection however, and quite strong objection too. It was at this point that the Chairman knew not what to do. A vote against a second ballot had been taken, and there was a protest against declaring the candidate who had received the highest vote elected. After much thought and discussion it was decided that the Chairman be empowered to name the successful candidate, and he accordingly declared Harry S. Barton elected librarian.

To meet any contingency of this

THIS CAUCUS WAS A HUMMER

Krickbaum Completely Snowed Under for Member of School Board.

Mercer Was An Easy Winner.

William Krickbaum and his followers were completely routed in the Democratic Caucus held in the Town Hall Friday evening. To the fellows who were of the opinion that the "Old Man" was unbeatable, the result must have been a surprise. From the very moment that he announced himself as a candidate for the office his cause seemed on the wane. Verily "every dog has his day." Krickbaum in the years that have gone by, has had a mighty easy time of it, and he has gotten about everything in sight or at least everything he wanted for the mere asking. But that his power is gone was forcibly shown Friday night when out of a total of 268 votes he received but 85.

It was a big come down for him and he felt it keenly. He took exceptions to the method of procedure and was not willing for the tellers, F. D. Dentler, Geo. H. Keiter and W. H. Housel who were appointed by the chairman to go into another room to count the vote, unless he was allowed to accompany them. This, John G. Harman the presiding officer declared in emphatic tones, he would not permit, unless Mr. Mercer the other candidate desired to watch the count of the vote also. There was a chorus of shouts of approval and disapproval and the storm was at its height when Mr. Mercer who had been unavoidably detained at home, appeared in the door. On being asked by the chairman whether or not he desired to see the votes counted Mr. Mercer answered: "I don't know who the tellers are, but I'm satisfied to leave the matter in their hands." This ended the turmoil, and the chair ruled that Krickbaum could not go out with the tellers. Then there was loud and long cheering and for a few minutes the wildest disorder prevailed.

Before going further with a report of the proceedings it would be well, perhaps to give the organization of the caucus. John G. Harman was elected Chairman and A. N. Yost and Freeze Quick Secretaries.

There was no contest for President of Council. For several weeks it had been understood that Boyd F. Maize, Esq. was to be the party candidate, and his was the only name suggested. He was nominated by Col. John G. Freeze, who in a neat little speech, recited Mr. Maize's administrative ability and eminent fitness for the place. The nomination was seconded by David R. Coffman and Mr. Maize was unanimously declared to be the nominee.

For Justice of the Peace Guy Jacoby, Esq. was unanimously nominated as was also Miles Betz to succeed himself as constable.

There was a noticeable stir in the meeting when nominations for members of council were asked for. These gentlemen were named: Harry Rhoades, William Hassert, J. Warner Mifflin, J. H. Giger and W. L. Ritter. As tellers the chair appointed A. Bruce Bluck, J. G. Quick, G. G. Baker and Bart Bisel. They reported the vote as follows: Rhoades 204, Mifflin 161, Giger 147, Hassert 141 and Ritter 80. The first three having received the highest vote were declared the nominees of the caucus.

For Town auditors Peter H. Freeze, A. H. Stroh and John Knies were named. The latter declined, and Freeze and Stroh were nominated by acclamation.

This practically ended the work of the caucus, and the chairman called on the nominee for Mayor, Mr. Maize for a speech. He responded, and thanked the voters for the confidence reposed in him, and promised, if elected, a clean, live, honest and progressive administration.

The result of the word nominations follows:

First Ward—Judge of Election, John Watson; Inspector, C. C. Furman; Registry Assessor, Barton Bisel.

Second Ward—Judge of Election, C. M. Hess; Inspector, F. P. Baum;

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Registry Assessor, Harry Giger.

Third Ward—Judge of Election, George Herring; Inspector, George B. Hunt; Registry Assessor, D. F. Weiss.

Fourth Ward—Judge of Election, Charles B. Ent was nominated over John Fry by a vote of 29 to 28; Inspector, Henry Knorr; Registry Assessor, Michael Flaherty was nominated over F. R. Drake by the vote of 36 to 25.

After providing that any vacancy which might arise before the election should be filled by the organization of the caucus, the caucus was adjourned.

THE HOSPITAL ASSURED.

That Bloomsburg will soon have an institution where all persons suffering from bodily injuries or afflicted with illness may be taken for care and proper treatment, there is no longer any doubt.

The first move for a hospital here was made four or five years ago, since which time much effort has been put forth to secure it. It is now a certainty and all through the philanthropy and public spiritedness of Joseph Ratti, our esteemed townsman and treasurer of the Bloomsburg silk mill. The hospital will stand as a lasting monument to the liberality of Mr. Ratti and will show that, although his native land is Italy, he has a preference for this particular quarter, and a generous and most kindly feeling for the welfare of the whole people.

Mr. Ratti has purchased the residence on East Fifth Street, now occupied by W. L. Ritter, and will have it fitted up to provide surgical aid and nursing for patients suffering from injuries, and medical aid and nursing for sick persons who can not be properly cared for in their homes, and also to instruct and train men and women in the duties of nursing and attending upon the sick and disabled.

It is to be known as the "BloomSBurg Hospital," and the application for a charter will be made by the attorneys, Judge Herring and John G. Harman, Esq., at the February term of court.

The board of managers for the first year will be as follows: Joseph Ratti, L. N. Moyer, J. C. Brown, F. G. Yorks, E. B. Tustin, C. M. Creveling, A. Z. Schoch, Frank Ikeler, J. G. Harman, C. C. Peacock, Grant Herring, Geo. S. Robbins, P. E. Wirt, L. E. Waller, Dr. J. W. Bruner, Dr. J. J. Brown, Dr. B. F. Gardner, Dr. F. W. Redeker, Dr. S. B. Arment, Dr. J. R. Montgomery, Dr. J. S. John, Dr. G. L. Reagan, Dr. J. H. Bowman, Dr. L. B. Kline and Dr. J. B. Follmer.

After the charter is obtained the board of managers will meet to organize.

NEW STEWARD AT NORMAL.

The resignation of W. H. Housel as steward at the Normal School has been accepted, and at a special meeting of the board of trustees held on Tuesday evening, Rev. F. V. Frisbie, of Orangeville, was elected to fill the vacancy, to take effect on March 27. Mr. Frisbie was not an applicant himself and was persuaded only after considerable effort. He is a graduate of Lafayette College, and is a man of excellent business judgment and will no doubt fill the position with entire satisfaction.

Daniel E. Krum, formerly proprietor of the East Bloom bus line, has purchased the W. W. Crawford store at Main and Leonard Street, and will take charge the first of next month.

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DIRECTORS DISAGREE.

An Old Stove the Cause of All the Trouble.

The doors of the Tank School house in Catawissa township are closed because the board of directors is halting between two opinions. It appears that the stove used to heat the building threw out so much sulphur that the children couldn't stand it. Complaint was made and the directors met to consider the matter. Here is where the hitch occurred. Three favored the repairing of the stove with a new grate, while the other three held out for an entire new stove. It was afterward found that a new grate would not relieve the situation, but a new stove has not been purchased. Meanwhile the school is closed and the children of that vicinity are denied educational advantages.

RECTOR'S HORSE KILLED.

This morning the horse belonging to Rev. R. S. Nichols was found in its stall at Buckalew's livery with one of its hind legs broken. It is supposed that he broke it in some way in getting up in the stall, as the bruise on the leg was at a point where it was impossible for another horse to have kicked him. Two veterinary surgeons examined the limb and pronounced it past remedy. There was nothing left to do but to shoot the animal and this was done. Mr. Nichols has owned the horse for a number of years and it was a great pet. He had it with him in the South during the Spanish war, and he feels keenly its death in this unfortunate manner.

A Good Show.

Vance & Sullivan's excellent company presented "Why Girls Leave Home," a play founded on the celebrated Bechtel tragedy at Allentown in the autumn of 1903, at the Opera House last night. The melodrama depends largely on its climaxes, and they are thrilling in the extreme. The theme is a gloomy one at best and the story morbid, but its artistic virtues are many, and its presentation, to our mind places it in the front rank of the melodramas of 'to-day. The acting of Guy Durrell, as Dan Sherwood, and Anne Stoddard, as Pearl Sherwood, his sister, was worthy of special note.

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