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WILL RUSH TROLLEY WORK.

Recent Action of Town Council Will Not in the Least Deter the Officials.

150 LABORERS EMPLOYED.

The belief created by the recent action of the Bloomsburg Town Council declaring null and void the ordinance granting to the Millville trolley line, the right to use certain streets of the town, that the work of construction of the line would be held up for an indefinite period, was dispelled on Tuesday, when one of the officials stated that not for an instant would the work of construction be halted. The company he said proposes to move right along. There are one hundred and fifty men working in the vicinity of Mordansville, to which point the operations have been moved, and this number will be augmented from time to time until the line is completed.

The revocation of the ordinance by Council was occasioned by the Trolley Company's failure to begin the construction of the line within the time specified, which was within one year from the day the rescript was granted.

Opinions, however, are greatly at variance in regard to what actually constitutes the beginning of a trolley road's construction, and the probabilities are that the matter will be thoroughly ventilated before it is settled.

WAGON SMASHED IN RUNAWAY.

The wild behavior of a spirited bay horse, owned by U. S. Morgain, proprietor of the Woolsey bakery, and used in the delivery wagon, created the greatest kind of excitement on several streets Monday morning. The D. L. & W. station was the starting point of the animals wild run. What frightened it is not known, but it was seized with a sudden terror, and it was entirely beyond the power of the driver William Quick to hold it back. He did manage to keep in the middle of the road, until a point, near the corner of Center and Eighth was reached, when the animal made a sudden turn, upsetting the wagon, and throwing its contents, a lot of freshly baked bread and buns all over the road. Quick was hurled out from the front of the wagon, and escaped with only a lacerated left hand and a few bruises. The horse was captured by William Rhodomoyer, who was working near the scene of the spill. The wagon was a wreck, but the horse was not noticeably injured.

LUMBERMAN'S CONVENTION.

A large gathering of the members of the Lumberman's Association met in Bloomsburg on Wednesday in annual convention. The program as published last week was fully carried out. The arrangements, which were made mostly by S. C. Creasy and F. B. Hartman, were perfect, and the visitors expressed themselves as greatly pleased with Bloomsburg and the hospitality of her citizens. Many business places and residences were decorated in red and white, the Lumberman's colors, and the store windows of Clark & Son, Townsend, Pursel, Hartman and Gidding were beautifully displayed in these colors. An excursion to Grassmere Park went up this morning, and a banquet was given the visitors.

J. P. Conway of Scranton shook hands with his many friends in town on Tuesday.

COUNCIL HAD LONG SESSION.

Perplexing Propositions Were Wrestled With Until Nearly Midnight.

SEWER STILL HANGS.

Unless the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company whose property the construction of the proposed Fifth street sewer will greatly benefit and improve comes forward and agrees to bear its share of the requisite expense, the long desired and much needed drain will probably not be built for some time to come.

This sewer has for months been the all absorbing theme at the Council meetings. It was hoped Monday that the above mentioned company would submit a definite answer so that the matter could be settled, but not so. The subject as at the preceding meetings, was discussed, but aside from that no definite action was taken and the sewer is apparently as far away as ever.

Building inspector Samuel Shaffer reported that the Henson building on Iron street was unsafe and in a dangerous condition. A discussion developed the fact that the property belongs to F. P. Pursel, and the secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Pursel to remove the building.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider the advisability of allowing the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Co., to put in a turn out switch at Barton street, and a derailing switch near the B. & S. Railroad, reported that they could see no objection to the switches, and after Mr. Dey, who represented the company, explained the merits of the derailing switch, permission to do the work was granted. An ordinance will be drawn and submitted at the next meeting and the expenses incident to the same are to be paid by the C. & M. Co.

Bruce Vost, appeared and made a request for a sewer on Jefferson street. Referred to committee on sewers.

At this juncture all the members indulged in a lively and lengthy discussion regarding the manner of transacting the business of Council. That is, whether or not persons having special matters for the council to consider should be heard before the regular order of business is taken up. The conclusion reached was that all propositions hereafter must be submitted in the form of a written petition.

A. J. Robbins asked permission to use two feet of Murray Alley on which together with another foot he would give, to lay a three foot pavement along seven houses he has erected there. There was some opposition expressed to granting the request, and it was given over to the committee on highways for investigation and to the solicitor for an opinion as to the legality of the same.

Mr. Magee called Council's attention to a mistake on the part of the assessors, by which the valuation of the Webbing plant on Market Street had been raised. It was formerly assessed at \$1000, and the assessors, without giving him any notice, as required by law, had increased it to \$3000. This year the assessors, he said, admitted that an error had been made, and reduced it to \$2000. He has paid this year's taxes and was ready and willing to pay last year's on a \$2000 valuation, but would not pay on the extra \$1000. The matter, Mr. Magee stated, was brought up by him at this time for the reason that he was going away

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and would not be present at the next meeting. He further stated that he did not care to be in the meeting when the matter was discussed.

William Sechrist was authorized to clean up the street after each curb-stone market, he to collect five cents from each stand for recompense.

The committee appointed on hawking and peddling on the streets, informed council that the report would be ready by the next meeting.

It seems that the town auditors in passing on the accounts of W. B. Allen, during his term as treasurer of the town, made a mistake. They charged him with a certain amount when he should have been credited with it. As a result there is still due Allen something like \$47.00, which amount Mrs. Allen wishes to apply on her taxes. The matter was plain, but inasmuch as the money is due Mr. Allen, the council decided that the allowance would not be made without an order from him.

The recent change in the ownership of the Bloomsburg Artificial Ice Co. plant, and the defective condition of the walk running along side of it, was talked over, and the secretary was instructed to notify the new owner to lay a pavement within twenty days or the town would do the work and add twenty per cent to the cost.

In view of the fact that several parties have ignored the notices to lay pavements it was the sense of Council that the Town should go ahead with the work, and thus show the people that the notices are authoritative and mean business.

After complaint made by Mr. Magee regarding the pavement in front of Harvey Reimard's property on West Fifth street which he said was higher on the outside than on the inside, and prevented the surface water from running off, the street commissioner was instructed to look after it.

Council was made acquainted with the fact that the sewer on East Third street is finished, but it seems that the Town Engineer has not made his report. As soon as this is filed, which was ordered to be done, and the same shows that the sewer has been constructed according to specifications the secretary will draw an order for the amount due.

Mr. Magee called Council's attention to the fact that on various places of different streets the limbs of the trees extended down so low that umbrellas cannot be used in passing under them. It was therefore decided that all property owners having trees along the pavements shall trim the same so that there is a clearance of at least eight feet. This work must be done within ten days, or the Town will do it and add the penalty.

Regarding the Town bonds Mr. Magee stated that bonds amounting to \$5,500 bearing four per cent. interest would be due in August and he thought the same could be refunded at three and a half per cent. The matter was given into the hands of the finance committee.

Up to this point everything pertaining to the councilmanic machinery had moved along smoothly and evenly. But the even tenor which characterized the long drawn out session suddenly gave way to a spell of disputation and wrangle. To a person on the outside it was amusing, but there was but a few there to enjoy it. One spectator says it made the recent Wheelmen's minstrel version of a council meeting look like stage money, and for humor, though perhaps the participants, he said, didn't see or couldn't appreciate it, it surpassed Grave's contribution to "The Chambermaid's Own." This will suffice to

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convey an idea of how it happened.

Chief of the fire department made his report and concluded by recommending the purchase of five hundred feet of new hose. A representative of a hose manufacturing Co., he said was present who would exhibit and explain the merits of his hose to Council.

Here the Council divided and things got lively. Magee though in sympathy with the fire companies but slightly incensed against them for ignoring a request for representation on the Fire Board, stoutly opposed the purchase of hose or any other supplies.

Messrs Giger and Rhoades were in favor of purchasing the hose because they said it was needed. Then came a discussion. Rhoades said the agent should be heard, but Magee said there was no use in it, as he would only say that his hose was the best in the world. Beside that he didn't think it good business to buy without first getting prices from other parties. In this he was supported by Runyon. Then Magee called for a vote. Deily, Giger and Rhoades voted to buy the hose and Runyon and Magee voted against it. Mifflin didn't vote. Magee took another resource and moved for adjournment, but before it was seconded Rhoades and Deily moved that the agent be allowed to speak. The matter was finally settled by a motion to refer it to the Fire Committee.

A resolution was introduced that immediate action be taken to pave Centre street, from Main street, to Pine Alley in accordance with the agreement as filed by property owners at a previous meeting. Bids for the same to be advertised and opened at a meeting to be held July 27th at 8 o'clock, p. m. Giger and Rhoades moved that the resolution be adopted. This Mr. Magee opposed saying that the town did not have \$500 to spare in paving a side street, and called for the ayes and nays. The vote resulted as follows: Ayes, Deily, Giger, Mifflin, Rhoades and Runyon, nay, Magee. Ordinance providing for the same was read. Mr. Magee claimed that the ordinance was defective inasmuch as it did not contain the provisions under which the paving was being done and demanded an aye and nay vote on its adoption. The vote being called Deily, Giger, Rhoades and Mifflin voted aye, Magee and Runyon, no. Mr. Magee insisted that the President's name be called and he voted aye.

The matter of the sewer on Railroad street from Main to Fifth street was discussed and referred to the Town Engineer for an estimate of the cost.

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