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## THIS WAS REAL BUSINESS

All Was Harmony Monday Night, and Everything Went With a Rush

### Paving Contract Awarded

Monday evening's meeting of the Bloomsburg Town Council was a tame affair compared with the numerous preceding sessions of that body. Harmony reigned supreme, and the discord and dissension which stained and polluted the previous meetings were conspicuous by their absence. The contrast was decidedly pleasing, perhaps not to the many spectators who had assembled expecting to see a repetition of the wrangle and heated discussions that have marked the former meetings, but to the members of Council the change was visibly gratifying. Not only was the business transacted peacefully and harmoniously, but the various matters were dispatched with a speed that was at once commendable. They did not get together until after eight o'clock, and when the town clock struck nine, everything was disposed of and they were ready to adjourn.

Town Treasurer John W. Lewis, reported his calculations touching the matter of the amount that it will be necessary for Council to levy, in order to pay the interest and bonds when due. Mr. Lewis said it would be necessary to levy a special tax of \$274.60. Mr. Runyon stated that the Act of Assembly required that a special tax be levied and placed in a sinking fund. Some of the other members thought that instead of levying a special tax it would be best to lay aside \$274.60 out of the regular taxes. The latter arrangement seemed to find the most favor, and upon motion it was decided on.

For the paving of Center street, there were only three bids submitted, namely: Thos. Gorrey, O. B. Mellick, and D. J. Rodgers. The former, however, was not accompanied by a check for \$200.00 as required by the specifications, and it was thrown out.

O. B. Mellick's bid was as follows: Guy's brick, \$2.10 per square yard; Clinton Shale, \$2.15 per square yard; Bolivar, \$2.20 per square yard and another kind at \$2.40 per square yard. The bid contained nothing regarding the curbing, as called for in the specifications.

D. J. Rodgers agreed to pave with Bolivar brick for \$2.22 per square yard, Porter brick \$2.23 per square yard and Mack brick \$2.24 per yard. For the curbing he bid as follows: Blue stone 75c per foot, Ohio stone 65c per foot, Resnet curbing 18c per foot.

The opening and reading of the bids was followed by a discussion, which resulted in the contract being awarded to D. J. Rodgers, Bolivar brick will be used with blue stone for curbing.

Treasurer Lewis reported that the taxes were coming in very satisfactorily.

The remainder of the business consisted principally of routine work, none of which was of any particular import.

John Gross has purchased his brother-in-law, Mr. Huber's, interest in the restaurant at Milton, and will conduct the same in the future. Anthony Menzbach, who is at present in the employ of Mr. Gross in the restaurant here, will have charge of the Milton stand.

## WOMAN FIRED FOUR SHOTS

Now in Jail Awaiting Result of Victim's Injuries

### Only Twenty Years Old

The number of prisoners in the County jail was added to on Tuesday, when Anna Riley, a twenty year old adopted daughter of John Riley, of Centralia, was incarcerated, charged with having shot Robert Kile, of Centralia.

At the hearing held before Squire Gerrety at Centralia, these facts were brought out: Kile, on Monday was passing the Riley house, and looking in observed that the occupants were drinking beer. He stepped in and was ordered out. He did not do as commanded, whereupon, Riley struck him over the head with a pick handle and knocked him down. Kile left the house and going out into the road picked up a stone and hurled it into the house. Riley started after him and a scuffle ensued in which Kile was bested. The two had separated when the girl appeared and taking a revolver from her bosom fired four shots at Kile, two of which took effect. Kile moved on for a short distance when he fell to the ground. He was picked up by friends and carried into a nearby house. Constables Langdon and Cain were summoned. The injured man was taken before Justice Black and a warrant sworn out.

Kile was removed to the Miner's Hospital at Ashland, where he now lies in a very grave condition. He has two very serious wounds, one in the back of the head and the other in the back, the bullet of which lodged in his stomach.

At the hearing three eye-witnesses gave testimony. They were Bernard Maguire, Michael Gerrety and John Haley, and they all swore that they saw the girl shoot Kile in the back.

Dr. Davis, at the hearing, said that the man's condition is extremely critical.

In view of these facts, the justice concluded to hold the prisoner without bail, to await the result of the man's injuries.

The constables experienced considerable difficulty in bringing the prisoner to the jail. They accompanied her from the hearing to her home to prepare to go to jail. She went into another room locking the door behind her. After waiting for some time for her to return the officers became suspicious and began to investigate. They found themselves locked in the house, and the girl missing. They got out through a window, and after considerable searching found the girl at the home of an Italian. They were refused admission to the house, and did not secure the prisoner until after they had threatened to break in the door.

### His Condition Serious.

The condition of Rev. A. S. Baldwin, presiding elder of the Danville district of the Methodist church, who resides at Sunbury, has taken a sudden turn for the worse and grave fears for his recovery are now entertained. His condition was reported to be better on Monday, but it is now thought that this was only a fictitious improvement. His son at Philadelphia was sent for and is now home. His condition yesterday was such that no one outside of the family could see him.

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## BUNCO GAME WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Prominent Williamsporters Taken in for the Sum of \$67,500.

### OUR PEOPLE DIDN'T BITE.

A prosecution begun at Williamsport against Archibald Y. Jamison, of Jackson, Michigan, charging him with conspiracy to defraud and with larceny by bailee and the arrest Thursday of Jamison at Detroit disclosed the story of a unique scheme by which eleven prominent business men of Lycoming and Northumberland counties allege that they were buncoed out of \$67,500. Chief of Police Evans, of Williamsport, has gone to Detroit with requisition papers, and Jamison will be brought back to face the charge and the wrath of his aforesaid friends.

The parties alleging fraud, and the respective amounts involved, are as follows: John Peters, \$10,000; Harrison T. Crawford, \$4,000; Daniel Fessler, \$5,000; G. W. Evenden, \$5,000; W. J. Evenden, \$5,000; S. B. Harman, \$5,000; Frank C. Bowman, \$10,000; Jacob Stroble, \$3,000; Dr. M. L. Emerick, of Hickory Corners, Northumberland county, \$15,000; Isaac B. Tressler, \$5,000; W. G. Casner, \$5,000.

Some time in June last Jamison, who is a smooth tongued man of fine address, came to Williamsport and soon became popular socially. He sold to the parties above named stock of the Western States Portland Cement company, they putting up \$67,500 in hard cash for it, and he departed. Five weeks later he returned, and calling the buyers of the stock together, he broke the sad news that the cement company, by the absconding of the president, had gone all to smash and the stock was worth nothing.

But in amelioration of the distress he announced that he had discovered where the absconding president had left \$300,000 for safe keeping. This he said was in the hands of Wiley Reynolds, treasurer of the Pacific Starch company, which concern had just issued a bond issue of \$200,000 with which to greatly enlarge its plant, and that Reynolds agreed to take from Cowan's money in starch company bonds, under the express agreement that the Williamsporters immediately turn over their stock to Jamison and delegate him a power of attorney by which stock could be transferred to Reynolds.

All this the Williamsporters did, meek as lambs.

Two weeks ago it was discovered that the Western States Portland Cement company is in a flourishing condition and that its stock is gilt-edged. It was also discovered that the Pacific Starch company, which was represented to have works at Jackson, Mich., Tacoma, Wash., and at San Francisco, could not be found on the map at all.

It was then that the prosecution against Jamison was started. N. M. Edwards of Williamsport was engaged as counsel and he went to Detroit, where he accomplished the arrest of Jamison.

Jamison is resisting the efforts of the Williamsport people to have him brought to that city. He has retained some of the best attorneys in Detroit to look after his interests. His attorneys demand of the Governor that the accused man may be not taken from Michigan until after the chief executive of the state had at least heard the story of their client regarding the transfer of the stock certificates. The Governor accordingly fixed August 28 as the time

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for the hearing and Jamison is under \$5,000 bail for: his appearance then. He is formally charged with being a fugitive from justice, and Chief of Police Evans, of Williamsport appears on the legal papers as the prosecutor. Jamison is a man about thirty years of age. He is a chap of prepossessing appearance and engaging manner. The Williamsporters have frequently entertained him at their homes and been his guests in Detroit. His wife is formerly of Columbia county. Some of his patrons in Williamsport say he was a sort of an irresistible fellow.

He made several visits to Bloomsburg in an endeavor to interest some of the local capitalists, but for once, strange as it may seem our people didn't bite.

### FOUND DEAD IN POND.

Indications That Eugene Potter Met With Foul Play.

The vicinity of Mud Pond, not many miles distant from Jamison City, is greatly excited over the death of Eugene Potter, foreman of a gang of men who were engaged in cleaning the pond, which is soon to be used by Col. Bruce Ricketts in furnishing the power for his light and water plant.

Potter, who was twenty-eight years of age, and a companion, lived in a camp adjacent to the work. Friday night two strangers appeared in the camp and asked for lodging, but Potter was compelled to refuse their request on account of lack of room. He offered, however, to row them to the other side of the pond. Soon after their departure from camp Potter's companion retired and, going to sleep did not miss Potter until Saturday morning. Not finding him in camp he instituted a search. He soon found the boat turned bottom side up, and the body of Potter was nearby. He was drowned and had been dead some time.

The two strangers left no trace behind them, and have not been seen by anyone since leaving the camp Friday night. Potter was an excellent swimmer and, under ordinary circumstances, would have been well able to take care of himself in the water.

### NOMINATED FOR THIRD TERM

At a meeting of the Berks county Democratic Standing Committee, President Judge James N. Ermentrout was given his third unanimous nomination, there being no other registered candidates. County Chairman A. N. Seidel announced that no primary election or convention would be necessary.

Judge Ermentrout is well known in Bloomsburg, he having presided during the extended trial of the celebrated Knorr-Wintersteen dynamite case here several years ago.

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