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CLOSING BARS.

Court Cannot Change the law by Special Order.

A few weeks ago we took the view that the court had no power to make an order closing drinking places on days not provided for by Act of Assembly.

District Attorney Small holds the same opinion, and expressed it to the court on Wednesday when he presented a petition largely signed asking the court to close the bars of all licensed places in the county at 10 o'clock each night.

Mr. Small called attention to the fact that the Court cannot under the License laws fix the time for the closing of the bars except as provided by the Act of May 18, 1887, neither have they power to close the bars on Christmas or Thanksgiving, or, in fact, any other holidays.

Attached to the petition Mr. Small submitted the following:

"On behalf of 748 citizens who have requested me to present a petition to fix the hours for closing the licensed hotels and restaurants in the county, I perform this duty for them under their constitutional right of petition, etc.

"Saving to your Honorable Court, your discretionary powers, it is my opinion that the proper tribunal to fix the hours for closing hotels and restaurants is vested in the law making power of the Commonwealth and to support this contention I need but refer your honors to the following decisions, to wit:

"First—In the absence of statutory provision the Court has no power to make a standing order requiring licensed liquor dealers to close their places of business between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m. Franklin License Cases:—12 D. R. 212; 33 Pitts R. 372; 17 York 18.

"Second—The Quarter Sessions is without jurisdiction to make an order closing the bars on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. The Court is without power to close on any days not designated by the Act of Assembly of May 18, 1887.

"It is my opinion that uniformity should be the rule in all matters pertaining to the licensed places throughout the Commonwealth, and it seems to me that under all the laws and to enforce the rule of uniformity the Legislature is the only tribunal to fix the hours of closing bars and drinking places throughout the Commonwealth."

In presenting the petition to the Court District Attorney Small stated: "In presenting this petition I desire to be fair with the citizens who make the request and at the same time I don't want to misrepresent the legal question involved in this matter in presenting it to the Court.

"I deem it my duty as a lawyer, that while performing the duty for this large number of representative citizens that I must in compliance with my oath as a member of the bar at the same time inform this Court as to the legal questions involved in this petition. The public in general may be satisfied that the Court in its discretion did not exceed its authority."

License Court.

License court occupied three days and a night this week. There was a large number of contested cases and these were hotly fought.

All old licenses where no remonstrances were filed will be granted. No disposition has yet been made of the new applications and those that were objected to.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual Election Draws Big Crowd.

The annual meeting of the Columbia County Agricultural Society for the election of officers, was held last Saturday afternoon in the Court House. Something of unusual interest must have stirred up the members, as the attendance was the largest for many years, 302 members being present.

The meeting organized by electing J. H. Mercer chairman, Harry S. Barton and Freeze Quick, secretaries, and C. C. Yetter, reading clerk.

The salaries were fixed the same as last year: President, \$75; vice presidents and executive committee \$50; librarian, \$75; treasurer \$150; Secretary, \$300; auditors, \$3.00.

The following officers were elected without opposition: President, F. P. Hagenbuch; Secretary, A. N. Vost; Librarian, Harry S. Barton; Executive Committee, A. R. Henrie, A. V. Kressler, Elliot Adams; Auditors, John Scott, J. B. DeLong, H. C. Hess.

For vice-presidents, Henry Deighmiller, W. J. Hidlay, Elisha Ringrose, Ellis Ringrose. E. D. Hagenbuch and C. M. Hess were placed in nomination.

For treasurer J. C. Brown and E. H. Sloan were named.

R. R. Ikeler, Clinton Herring and William Deitterick were appointed tellers of the vote for vice-president, and Jere Kostenbauder, William Hidlay and J. B. DeLong tellers for treasurer vote.

There was a warm discussion as to how the vote should be taken. A. W. Duy offered a resolution that the chair appoint a committee of five to frame an amendment to the constitution providing for system of voting at the annual election that will definitely establish a definite method, thereby doing away with the acrimony that now marks each annual election in which there is a fight. This resolution was adopted. The amendment will be framed and advertised so that action can be taken on it at the next annual meeting.

There was some warmth in remarks made on the subject of the payment of annual dues, J. W. Hidlay intimating that the by-laws requiring the payment of dues by December 1st of each year in order to vote, had been violated, and that votes had been cast by some persons who had paid their dues since that date.

Samuel Brader of Briar Creek proposed an amendment to the by-laws permitting only those persons to vote who had been members for one year.

H. V. White suggested that only life members who have paid the fee of \$10, be allowed to vote. No action was taken on this. Mr. Eves suggested that the life membership fee be raised to \$25, and all life members be given complimentary tickets. Brader's amendment will be voted on next year.

The report of the tellers on the vote for treasurer showed that Brown had 159 votes, and Sloan 143.

For vice-president the vote was as follows: Hidlay 225; Hagenbuch 220; Deighmiller 196; Elisha Ringrose 155; Elisha Ringrose 145; C. M. Hess 47. The four highest were elected.

The meeting adjourned at about 5 o'clock.

Help For Hospitals.

Hon. W. T. Creasy has introduced a bill in the legislature providing for an appropriation of \$4000 for the Joseph Ratti Hospital, and \$8000 for the Berwick Hospital.

1907 The New Year 1907

The past year has been a very prosperous one generally, and indications promise an equally profitable year to come. During such good times almost every one can, if they choose, lay by something for less thriving times, which are sure to come. If you have not already done so, *BEGIN NOW* with the New Year, by opening an account, and regularly depositing your savings with us. We cheerfully assist our customers and friends to make prudent investments.

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NORMAL LECTURE COURSE.

Includes Senator LaFollette and Maude Ballington Booth.

The Normal School Lecture Course starts next Saturday evening. Hon. Robert M. LaFollette, U. S. Senator from Wisconsin, will be present and deliver one of his famous and eloquent lectures on government and reform. The course is perhaps more attractive this year than ever before. It consists of four attractions, all being the very best that could be secured from four widely different fields of interest to all Americans.

The entire course is as follows: Senator Robert M. LaFollette, January 26th.

Maude Ballington Booth, February 27th.

Kellogg-Haines Singing Party, February 8th.

Dr. Edward Burton McDowell, "Panama" (illustrated) March 11th.

Senator LaFollette, whose lecture is the opening number, was formerly governor of Wisconsin, and is one of the strongest speakers in the country.

Prof. Clark, of Chicago University says: "Governor LaFollette is an orator with a mission. He comes to the lecture platform not to entertain, but to instruct; not to pander, not to give to the people what they want but what they need. His purpose is to arouse and stimulate the citizens of this country to a sense of their political obligations and of their power. Governor LaFollette has earned the right to speak as few others have earned it, and his utterances have therefore an authoritativeness that cannot exist in the case of the mere theorist.

Besides the subject matter, there is in Governor LaFollette's manner and delivery a poise and bearing, a power and magnetism possessed only by those who are born orators. I have no hesitation in saying that the advent of Governor LaFollette on the Lyceum platform is one of the strongest additions that has come to it for a score of years.

Sale of seats began at Bidleman's Tuesday, where the diagram may be seen. Course tickets, \$1.25; single seats 50 cents.

THE EXCEPTION, NOT THE RULE.

One of our local contemporaries is misinformed when it says that when Judge Elwell was President Judge of this district he "made a regular practice of always having sessions at night during each term of court."

That is putting it a little too strong. It is true that he did frequently hold court at night when the business on the calendar required this to be done in order to try all the cases, but court was not in session every night at every term by any means. It was not his rule that there should be night sessions, but the exception when necessity demanded it.

CLASS HAS GROWN RAPIDLY.

From a class numbering 18 men a little over a year ago, the Bible class of Fred Ikeler Esq. has constantly grown until it now numbers 200. Every Sunday morning men are seen gathering at the Presbyterian Church at 9:30 to listen to Mr. Ikeler's instructive and interesting talk on Bible subjects. They are men from nearly every church in town and many of them are not affiliated with any church, and some of them have not been church attendants. Mr. Ikeler is undoubtedly doing a good work.

JOSEPH RATTI HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Joseph Ratti Hospital was held last Monday.

The terms of the following trustees expired: F. G. Yorks, Dr. F. W. Redeker, Frank Ikeler, Dr. J. B. Follmer and E. B. Tustin. These were all re-elected except Dr. Follmer whose place was taken by Dr. Ambrose Shuman of Catawissa.

The organization effected is as follows:—A. Z. Schoch, President; L. N. Moyer, Vice President; J. G. Harman, Secretary; and F. G. Yorks, Treasurer.

Upon the recommendation of the Columbia County Medical Society the hospital staff appointed for the year is as follows: Dr. Redeker, Dr. Bruner, Dr. John, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Reagan, Dr. Hower, Dr. Kline, Dr. Vastine; consulting physician, Dr. Sharpless; consulting surgeon, Dr. Gardner; oculist, Dr. J. J. Brown; aurist, Dr. Arment; pathologist, Dr. Altmiller; dentist, Dr. Miller.

Sister Celestine was re-elected superintendent of the hospital for another year, her work in the past having been very satisfactory.

Informal reports of the work of the past year were given by the physicians in charge, and some of the most difficult and critical cases described. There was a total of 118 cases treated during the year, most of which were surgical.

The necessity for the Hospital has been fully demonstrated, and it is believed that arrangements are assured that will provide for its maintenance.

Holds Law Unconstitutional.

Judge Evans handed down an important opinion in the Montour County courts Saturday on the petition of the townships of Limestone, Liberty and Derry to allow the voters to abolish the work tax.

In the opinion Judge Evans declares the Act of April 12, 1905, which allows the work tax to be abolished upon the petition of voters in the township, to be unconstitutional and void for the reason that the act in allowing the electors to abolish the work tax is a delegation of legislative authority, the road law of 1834 setting forth that any one who so desires could work out their tax.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

A. P. Young, Columbia county's representative in the Pennsylvania Agricultural Society, has fixed the following places and dates for holding farmers' institutes in Columbia county during the present year: Benton, February 18-19; Berwick, 20-21; Roaring Creek, 22-23.

The state lecturers will be J. H. Peabody, of Belleville; Prof. H. G. VanNorman, State College, and A. J. Kahler, of Hughesville. County Superintendent Evans will also speak at the several meetings which promise to be of interest and profit.

Bought Berwick Daily.

Vanderslice & Eyerly, the enterprising proprietors of the *Morning Press* have purchased the plant of Berwick Daily *Enterprise*, and will assume control on February 1st. It is said that C. A. Rasely, the present owner, will remain with them.

FRIENDSHIP BALL.

Friendship Fire Co. No. 1 will hold their fortieth annual ball in Town Hall, on Friday evening, February 22nd. Hower's orchestra will furnish the music.

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