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COUNCIL MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the town council was held on Monday evening.

G. E. Lewis presented a petition for an arc light at the corner of Pine and Fair streets.

H. Mont. Smith Esq., presented a petition asking for the straightening and widening of Lightstreet road.

C. W. Miller Esq. suggested that the claim of Clara A. Vanderslice could be settled for \$11.00. Her buggy was injured while driving over the new Irondale road which it is alleged was in an unsafe condition.

W. O. DeWitt reported that he had examined the fire alarm system, and that it could be made as good as when first put in for \$300.

The bill of Mack Mfg. Co. for paying brick, amounting to \$1122.42 was ordered paid.

Mr. Rulon presented a resolution approving the bond of J. R. Fowler, Gehrad Snyder, O. B. Mellick and William Fowler in the sum of \$1,000 conditioned for the maintenance of paving for two years. This bond is in addition to the bond of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. in the sum of \$2,000, the solicitor having approved the same as to legality. That the paving on Market Square and all other paving not heretofore accepted, be accepted, and that the President and Secretary are hereby authorized to pay the contractors the amount due them. On motion being duly made and seconded the resolution was passed unanimously.

A communication was received from A. W. Dny, Esq., stating that he represented Mrs. Sarah Sterner, widow of Daniel Sterner, who met his death while employed by the Town in laying a sewer on Jefferson street.

The Street Commissioner stated that there was plenty of cribbing on hand and he had told Sterner that if it needed cribbing he should do so before he went in. Sterner replied there was no need of it. That he wasn't afraid to go in. Street Commissioner said that he told him to take no chances. The matter was referred to the Town Solicitor.

The secretary reported that he had received bids for supplying coal for the use of the town, J. S. Edwards being the lowest. It was awarded him, provided he will deliver it in quantities as the town needs it.

W. V. Robbins stated that he had appointed Frank Deiterich as a deputy collector for the taxes of 1905, 1906 and 1907, which he desired ratified by the Council. On motion the deputation of Frank Deiterich was approved.

The opening of Light Street road was discussed. William Hutton, whose wife owns part of the land that would be taken, was present, and said that the straightening of the street would practically ruin all of their lots, as it would cut off the Main street frontage, and make the lots front diagonally on Light Street road. The matter was referred to a committee, and Kashner, Zeigler and Runyon were appointed said committee, to report at a special meeting on November 25th.

Some other minor matters were attended to, and the meeting adjourned.

PHILO REUNION.

The Philologist Society of the Normal School will hold its annual reunion on Thanksgiving night, November 28th. This is always an interesting event, and many old members come back each year for the reunion. An excellent program is being arranged for the event.

THE MIFFLIN VOTE.

On Thursday last C. C. Yetter Esq. presented a petition to the court asking that the vote of Mifflin township be thrown out for the reason that Witt Hess had acted as Judge of Election in place of O. E. Johnson who was elected last spring. Johnson was present and demanded to be sworn in, but the board refused to swear him. Nothing was done in the matter, and on Saturday Mr. Yetter again called it up, and asked the court to make an order excluding the vote. This Judge Evans refused to do, as there was nothing alleged in the petition to warrant such action.

The Court said that the two judges on Thursday were sitting as a returning board and not as a Court of Common Pleas and had no authority to receive any petitions. They were there to compute the vote as returned, and that the returns were all regular on their face. There was no fraud alleged. Judge Evans said that if Mr. Yetter wanted to raise the question there was a regular way to proceed as set forth in the Act of Assembly: that the vote of a township could not be thrown out upon an ex parte affidavit. There was nothing whatever before the Court.

The Court said that he would allow the petition presented on Thursday to be marked "filed," but would make no other order. Mr. Yetter desired the Court to have entered on the records the fact that a petition was presented by him on Thursday and that the Court took no action upon it. The Court replied that there was nothing before them for argument. "There is nothing before the Court excepting the bare fact that we have allowed the petition presented on Thursday to be marked 'filed.'"

Mr. Yetter desired the Court to make an order that the petition represented that the Judge of Election of Mifflin township was one O. E. Johnson; that he was present at the polling place on the day of election, was not allowed to serve, and that the returns from this election district show that they were signed by Witt Hess as judge of the election. This the Court refused to do. He said the petition did not allege fraud, or that the fact of Witt Hess acting as Judge of Election had changed the result. Court said further that if Mr. Yetter could show that the fact of Witt Hess having served as Judge of the Election in Mifflin township had disfranchised any elector, or was the cause of fraud in the election, then a petition of that kind would have some force.

After some further discourse the Court made the following entry on the petition: "And now November 9th, 1907, the prayer of the petition to exclude the vote of Mifflin township from the official count is refused."

Judge Krickbaum received his certificate of election on Thursday, November 7th, and the whole thing is now probably a closed event.

THE MONUMENT.

Bloomsburgers are busy locating the soldiers' monument to be erected at the county seat by the county commissioners. As it is to be paid for by the entire county why should not the outsiders have something to say as to the location?—*Catawissa News Item.*

There is no reason in the world why outsiders should not express their views on the subject, and we will be glad to print them. If any one can suggest a better place for the monument than Market Square Bloomsburgers will be pleased to learn where it is, but it will take a strong argument to convince them.

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TOWN HELP FOR LIBRARY.

On Monday night Col. J. G. Freeze, John R. Townsend and C. W. Miller presented a petition to the town council, signed by about 150 citizens, asking for assistance from the town towards the maintenance of the free library.

The petition claims that it is a matter of public interest and should be maintained by the Town the same as the water, light, etc. It asks that one half of one mill of the taxes for the year 1907, be set aside and paid monthly to the treasurer of the Public Library. The petition was presented by C. W. Miller, Esq., who explained the financial condition of the library and that it had been kept alive only by house to house canvass by certain of its members. According to the financial statement for the last year there appeared to be a deficit of about \$74.74. The Civic Club which had been one of the principal supporters of the library had disbanded, and hence this source of income will be cut off. If the Town would appropriate a certain amount of the taxes as the petition requests, everybody could contribute proportionately to the library. Mr. Townsend also spoke in favor of the matter and said he was satisfied that if the Council would show an interest in the matter an outside party would erect a suitable building which would be an honor to the town, for the home of the library.

The matter was discussed at length by Council. In reply to a question, the Secretary said that it would amount to about \$1,400. It was finally decided to take up the matter at the special meeting on the 25th of November.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The County Teachers' Institute will be held during the first week in December. The program is now being prepared by Superintendent Evans, and will be a strong one. The instructors will be Dupuy State Superintendent Tietrick; Charles Calvert Ellis, who will give a series of popular lectures on the history of education; Dr. W. W. of Washington, D. C., whose subject will be English throughout the common and high school grades; Prof. Alva Agee of State College, who will give a talk of special interest to the teachers in mixed schools; Prof. O. H. Yetter will have charge of the music. Miss Grace Housel will be the pianist.

The lecture course consists of: Monday, The Katherine Ridgway Co.; Tuesday, Dr. S. Parks Cadman, whose subject is, "The Puritan in Two Worlds"; Wednesday, Royal Gipsy Concert Co.; Thursday, Dr. Edw. Amherst Ott, whose lecture is entitled "The Haunted House."

OTHER PLACES HAVE IT, TOO.

Lewisburg has had its war with the milkmen and has come off victorious. November 1st the dairymen advanced the price of milk from 6 to 8 cents. The move caused disapprobation. Consumers at once reduced the quantity of their purchases, and the milkmen found that their supply of milk greatly exceeded the demand. Some bought condensed milk, and in many ways showed dissatisfaction.

A number of firms arranged to deliver milk to the larger consumers at 6 cents and the milkmen found that their trade was rapidly slipping away. On November 8th they announced that old prices would be restored.

THE CURFEW LAW.

An Ordinance to be Adopted.

On Saturday afternoon a petition was put in circulation asking the town council to pass an ordinance requiring all children under a certain age to be off the street by nine o'clock at night. The movement was started by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the petition was in charge of Mrs. L. E. Whary and Mrs. Geo. Harder. A large number of signers were secured, very few, if any to whom the paper was presented refusing to sign.

The number of young children on the streets late at night and the language and conduct of many of them proves conclusively that they ought to be at home, and if parents have not sufficient control over them to keep them there at late hours, it is time for the town authorities to take a hand.

On Monday evening at the regular session of the council Rev. W. R. Whitney appeared and presented a resolution passed by the clergy of the town indorsing the curfew law. J. J. Robinson presented the petition of the W. C. T. U.

After some discussion, on motion of Mr. Rulon, seconded by Mr. Kashner, the Solicitor was instructed to prepare an ordinance establishing curfew law. It was suggested that the age of the children and the time the curfew should ring, should be ascertained from neighboring towns and that the ordinance should be prepared in conformity with them.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Following are the deeds recently recorded by Register and Recorder Frank Miller:

Wallace Slusser and wife to Josiah H. Giger for land in Bloomsburg.

Jackson Robbins to Clark Eyer for land in Greenwood township.

Jackson Robbins to Lewis J. Robbins and George W. Robbins, for land in Greenwood township.

Duval Dixon to Robert J. Force, for land in Briar creek township.

Mary L. A. Swayze, et al. to Louisa Kreamer, for land in Greenwood township.

John M. Fairchild and wife to Margaret Shannon, for land in Borough of Berwick.

J. Allen Stephens to Margaret A. Shannon, for land in Berwick.

C. A. Fenstermacher and wife to Mary E. Mears, for land in West Berwick.

Shepard R. Boone et al. to J. Edward Boone, for land in Scott township.

J. Edward Boone to Mary C. Pague, for land in Scott township.

John S. Housenick to Michael Stepulaitis, for land in Berwick.

George Haydt to Francis Crouse for land in Beaver township.

Martha and Dorothy Brown to William H. Brower, for land in Bloomsburg.

C. A. Fenstermacher and wife to Paul W. Mayer, for land in West Berwick.

Henry A. Miller to M. B. Hoek, for land in Madison township.

Duval Dixon and wife to Robert J. Force, for land in Briar creek township.

O. D. Seward to Emma J. Force, for land in West Berwick.

Josiah Ralston and wife to Alva B. Byrem, for land in Bloomsburg.

For four weeks before Christmas THE COLUMBIAN will go into every home in Bloomsburg, and for that reason will be an excellent advertising medium. It will be made specially attractive during that time.

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CORONER'S INQUESTS.

When Not Necessary to be Held.

Judge Evans has handed down an opinion in Montour county declining to approve or order the county to pay the costs of holding the inquest on the dead body of Joseph E. Birks, who lost his life by drinking carbolic acid by mistake at the Germania brewery last summer. The approval of this inquisition was resisted by the Montour county commissioners.

Citing an opinion of Judge Furst in a similar case the court holds that when a coroner, or, in his absence, a justice, is called upon to view a dead body he should make some reasonable inquiry into the circumstances of the death before proceeding to summon a jury and hold an inquest. Where the surrounding facts do not show violence and there is no reason for supposing a felonious destruction of the person, there is no necessity for an inquest. But when the contrary appears or death is involved in mystery it is a proper case for an inquest. When it is quite evident that death has been caused by disease or other natural causes, suicide, pure accident, or negligence of the deceased no inquest will be needed and, if held, no fees should be allowed therefor.

The above opinion should prove very valuable to justices of the peace when called upon as acting coroners to decide whether or not an inquest is necessary. Care, however, should be taken not to misconstrue any of the points advanced and err on the side of too great a caution thus permitting cases of sudden death to pass in which there is an element of mystery and in which there would seem to be necessity for an inquest in order to show that the authorities are vigilant in their effort to block crime.

Harry Beckley, son of W. D. Beckley, of Catawissa, was married to Miss Lottie Shuman, daughter of P. H. Shuman, of the same place, last Monday morning.

MRS. HENRY RUCH.

Mrs. Henry Ruch, grandmother of Mrs. Fred T. Ikeler, of this town, died at her home in Berwick Friday morning at 2 o'clock after an illness of six months, from slow paralysis.

Mrs. Ruch was aged seventy-nine years, and was a well known resident of Berwick, where she was highly respected. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Emma McMichael, Reuben, Harvey, Gilbert and Frank, all of Berwick, and Chas. of Saginaw, Mich. A sister is also living at Jersey-shore.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon.

Banquet to Judge Evans.

President Judge Charles C. Evans will be banqueted by the Columbia County Bar, on the evening of December 31st.

A meeting of the Bar Association was held in the office of H. Mont. Smith, Esq., on Tuesday evening, when the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that the Bar Association hold a banquet on the evening of December 31st next in honor of Judge Evans. This banquet to be the first of a series of annual banquets to be given by the said Association."

The president, Col. J. G. Freeze, appointed the following committees: Banquet, A. W. Duy, Esq., Hon. John G. Harman and John M. Clark, Esq.; Invitation, H. Mont. Smith, Esq., W. H. Rhawn, Esq., and W. E. Elmes, Esq.; Program, Hon. Fred T. Ikeler, H. A. M'Killip, Esq., and Geo. E. Elwell, Esq.

The place has not yet been chosen. The banquet was first decided upon at a meeting of the members of the Bar, on November 4th.

Christmas Dance.

A Christmas Dance on an elaborate scale is being planned by the Craftsman Club, to be held in Caldwell Cathedral on the evening of December 27th.