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THE LAWYERS' BANQUET.

The banquet held by the Columbia County Bar Association at the Central Hotel on Tuesday evening, December 31st, was a most enjoyable affair.

There was a good dinner, good speeches and good music. The menu was prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Dodson, and it is unnecessary to say that it was all that any one could wish for. It consisted of eight courses of most toothsome and inviting viands.

Excellent music was furnished during the evening by six pieces of Elwell's orchestra.

A. W. Duy presided as toastmaster, and he performed his part in a masterly and entertaining manner. In opening his remarks he referred to the absence of Col. J. G. Freeze, the honored president of the association, in these words:

"It had been arranged by the Committee on Programme that this feast, the first annual banquet of the Bar Association of Columbia County, should be presided over by the Nestor of this Bar, our beloved friend, Colonel John G. Freeze, that courtly gentleman of the old school, whose upright private and professional life; whose many acts of kindness and thoughtful consideration, have endeared him to us all, but again the multibody of life has interposed and we are deprived of his presence. We will not intrude upon the sanctity of his sorrow, save in passing, to extend to him a word of sympathy, to assure him of our regret at his absence, and to commend him to the gracious keeping of Almighty God."

In well chosen language he then greeted the Hon. Charles C. Evans, President Judge, who was the guest of the evening. Judge Evans responded by thanking the members of the bar for their cordial greeting.

He said that he has held court a number of times in other counties since he has been upon the bench, and in his judgment the lawyers of Columbia county compare favorably in every way with those of other counties.

The other speakers on the program were Hon. John G. Harman, whose subject was "The Law and the Lawyer;" Paul E. Wirt, "The Humors of the Law;" Hon. Fred T. Ikeler, "Our Obligations to the Bench;" J. Gere Jayne, "Our Clients and Our Fees;" C. E. Kreisher, "The Other Side;" H. Mont. Smith, "Ourselves."

The toastmaster then stated that he had been informed by the program committee that no one was to be called upon except those on the printed program, but that they had the honor of having with them a distinguished gentleman who was visiting in town, and who had been specially invited, the Reverend Doctor F. S. Luther, President of Trinity College, Hartford, and a member of the Senate of the state of Connecticut, and invited the Doctor to address the company.

Dr. Luther responded in a brief speech brim full of humor, and brought to a close in a very entertaining way the program of the evening.

Every speech was excellent, and there was not a moment from the time the toastmaster rose to his feet to the very end that was not thoroughly enjoyable. The first annual banquet of the Columbia County Bar Association was a complete success, and it is hoped that the custom will be perpetuated.

The committees in charge of the banquet were: Banquet—Albert W. Duy, John G. Harman, J. Gere Jayne; Program—Hon. Fred T. Ikeler, H. A. M'Killip and G. E. Elwell; Invitation—H. Mont.

CHANGES IN COURT RULES.

The committee of the members of the Bar of Columbia and Montour counties, appointed to revise the rules of Court, submitted important changes to the Court on Monday.

The regular license Court which heretofore has always convened on the third Monday in January will be changed to the third Monday in March, the change going into effect next year.

The change in the time of holding License Court is made, because of the fact that the leases of hotel proprietors generally expire on April 1, and by changing the date of licenses from February 1 to April 1, the necessity of many license transfers on April 1 will be obviated.

The third term of regular court which has been held on the first and second Mondays in September will now be held on the fourth Monday in September and the Monday immediately following.

The regular terms of Court are to be as follows in Columbia County:

Weeks beginning the first and second Monday of February.

Weeks beginning the first and second Monday of May.

Weeks beginning fourth Monday of September and Monday immediately following.

Weeks beginning first and second Mondays of December.

License Court third Monday of March.

In Montour County:

Week beginning fourth Monday of February.

Week beginning fourth Monday of May.

Week beginning third Monday of October.

Week beginning third Monday of December.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At last Saturday's meeting of Locust Mutual Fire Insurance Co. at Johnson school house, Cleveland township, this county, the following directors were elected: Jacob Hoffman, David Long, D. A. Munson, Adam Rarig, Obadiah Yocum, John Gable, M. W. Long.

Wm. E. Hower was chosen president; Haines Yost, secretary, and W. B. Snyder of Locust township, was re-elected treasurer.

WENT TO ANNAPOLIS.

Misses Mira Moyer, Gertrude Gross, Helen Moyer, LaVere Robbins, Ethel Walker, Anna Creasy and Margaret Jenkins went to Annapolis, Md., last week, Tuesday, where they attended a ball given by the cadets of the United States Naval Academy.

Smith, W. H. Rhawn and W. E. Elm s.

Those in attendance were: John G. Harman, H. Mont. Smith, A. W. Duy, C. R. Weiss, Frank Ikeler, Fred T. Ikeler, Wm. Chrisman, Geo. E. Elwell, H. A. M'Killip, Freeze Quick, Robert S. Howell, C. H. Campbell, N. U. Funk, C. C. Yetter, W. B. Linville, G. M. Tustin, R. R. John, Reber Terwilliger, C. A. Small, Frank W. Miller, A. N. Yost, Andrew L. Fritz, C. W. Miller, J. H. Maize, Edw. J. Flynn, W. H. Rhawn, C. J. Fisher, Wm. C. Johnston, H. B. Stees, J. B. Robison, Auber J. Robbins, C. B. Ent, Elisha Ringrose, A. B. Black, J. A. Hess, Charles M. Harder, J. H. Maust, O. B. Mellick, C. L. Pohe, L. C. Mensch, C. E. Kreisher, T. J. Vanderslice, Paul E. Wirt, Dr. F. S. Luther, W. D. Beckley, Charles S. Kline, C. E. Geyer, A. C. Jackson, W. E. Elmes, J. G. Jayne, James L. Evans, Judge Evans, Judge Krickbaum and Judge Yeager.

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COUNCIL MEETING.

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

The contract for the Gamewell Fire Alarm System was executed. It was decided that tramps found in the town limits shall be compelled to work, and the ball and chain gang will be established again.

The council went into executive session to discuss the matter of straightening Light Street road.

William Hutton demanded \$60 a month damages on account of the council refusing him a building permit for a building at intersection of Main street and Light Street road.

An arc light was ordered at Eighth and Market. A petition for a light on Glen Avenue and North Iron was referred to committee on lights.

Mr. Brown, town engineer, reported that the alley between the High School and Buckalew's livery is not a public alley.

The location of the Soldiers' Monument was discussed. The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved that the County Commissioners be requested to meet the Town Engineer upon the ground on Market Square Tuesday January 7, 1908, and inform him what ground will be needed for the Soldiers monument and that the Town Engineer lay out and stake off what is desired, and place rope around same so that the citizens can be informed as to how much space will be required. Said stakes to remain until Wednesday evening following, and that the street commissioner be instructed to place red lights on same during the night."

A number of bills were ordered paid, and council adjourned until Wednesday evening to discuss the matter of location.

DR. F. S. LUTHER.

Dr. F. S. Luther, who spent last week in Bloomsburg visiting friends, is President of Trinity College, Hartford, and a State Senator of Connecticut. He is in great demand as a public speaker. Two weeks ago he spoke on the subject of "The Puritan and the Quaker" at a banquet of the New England Society of Philadelphia. Charles Emory Smith was toastmaster, and United States Senator Knox was one of the other speakers.

Next month he will deliver an address on Abraham Lincoln, at a meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven. Secretary Tait will be the other speaker.

MRS. DAVID W. JONES.

Mrs. Grace F. Jones, wife of David W. Jones, steward of Caldwell Cathedral, died at her home on Fifth street on the morning of December 29th, after an illness of a year.

She was a sister of Mrs. Dr. H. Bierman, and an estimable lady. She was an earnest member of the Baptist church, and took an active interest in its work.

Her husband and two daughters survive her. The funeral was held on Wednesday, January 1st, and the remains were taken to Dauville for interment.

"Sweet Louise."

Raymond Jolly, son of Dr. G. L. Jolly of Orangeville, and a student at Lafayette College, is the author of a ballad entitled "Sweet Louise." By those who have heard it the piece is said to be a very creditable production. It is on sale at Bidleman's Book Store.

ARGUMENT COURT.

Regular argument court was held on Monday. Only two cases were argued. One was the Commonwealth against John Stevanko, on a rule to show cause why the action of the grand jury in placing the costs on the Midvalley Coal Co. should not be set aside. E. J. Flynn was for the rule, and District Attorney Small, the commonwealth.

The other case was that of John T. Murray's use vs. James Magee, demurrer to plaintiff's statement. G. M. Tustin represented the demurrer, and Fred Ikeler the plaintiff.

The report of the committee on change of court rules was made by Fred Ikeler, chairman. The substance of this report appears elsewhere.

In the afternoon the case of the Overseers of the Poor of Beaver township vs. the Overseers Black Creek township, Luzerne county, was heard by Judge Evans. Fred Ikeler represented Beaver township and Mr. Jones of Luzerne county the other side.

Upon petition L. C. Mensch, Esq., was appointed guardian of Ruth Harder, minor child of George Harder, late of Catawissa, deceased.

The rule to show cause why the Beaver School District should not pay the cost in the proceedings to remove the directors was made absolute.

Upon petition presented by C. Clyde Yetter, Esq., J. L. Darrah was appointed inspector of the election in West Scott Election District vice Benson H. Creveling, deceased.

Dr. J. R. Montgomery was discharged as committee of Mary Anna Pursel, a lunatic.

Upon petition presented by A. N. Yost, Esq., an inquest in lunacy was ordered held in the case of Peter J. Weaver, of Fishingcreek township.

On petition of L. C. Mensch, guardian of Mary R. Leader, the court gave him authority to borrow \$1500, \$1000 of which was to be used in paying mortgage and the balance for the administration of his trust.

W. C. Johnston, Esq., presented a petition asking Court permission to release certain lands upon which Susan Heller of whom he was guardian, held a mortgage, from the mortgage. The request was granted.

Upon petition presented by Fred T. Ikeler, Esq., H. Reber Mears, Administrator of Sarah Appleman, deceased, was given authority to mortgage the homestead on Iron street in the town of Bloomsburg, in the sum of \$300.

Edward Walsh committee of Martin Walsh, upon petition presented, given authority to execute a mortgage in the sum of \$625 upon the ward's real estate in Centralia.

Dr. George E. Creasy guardian of Mathias Frantz of Berwick, was given authority upon petition presented to execute a mortgage in the sum of \$825 upon the real estate of the said Frantz in the Borough of Berwick.

In the matter of the sale of the real estate of the Bloomsburg Lumber and Manufacturing Co., T. E. Hyde, the receiver, presented a petition setting forth that he had sold the same to George W. Rhoades, and that he had failed to comply with his bid. Court allowed him to amend his return and granted an alias order of sale.

R. R. John, Esq., executor of John Huffnagle, late of Mifflin township, was given authority to sell certain real estate of the testator.

H. Mont. Smith, Esq., was con-

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tinned as auditor in the estate of George W. Supplee, deceased, to report at February term of court.

Emma Harmony vs. John Harmony, divorce. H. A. M'Killip, Esq., continued as master to file his report on the first Monday of February, 1908.

In re inspection of county bridges Messrs. Pealer, Jarrard and Ikeler were continued as inspectors to report Monday, January 13.

Charter was granted the Calvary Methodist Episcopal church of West Berwick.

John L. Fisher, John C. Cryder and S. J. Pealer were appointed viewers on two county bridges in Scott township.

THE ROSE MAIDEN.

This beautiful cantata will be rendered by the Bloomsburg Choral Society in the Normal Auditorium on the evening of January 27th under the direction of Mr. Charles O. Skeer.

The orchestra of twenty pieces will contain a number of artists in their profession, and the vocal soloists secured by Mr. Skeer are Miss Sadie Kaiser, soprano, and Miss Grace Duncan, contralto, of Wilkes-Barre; William Gould, tenor, of Williamsport, and Harold Kilgore Smith, basso, of New York city.

The work selected is one of great beauty, and the society has been engaged in rehearsals for some weeks, and already have it well in hand.

Mr. Skeer has established his reputation as a conductor, and the production promises to surpass anything of the kind ever given in this locality.

LIBRARY BENEFIT.

A concert will be given in the Normal Auditorium on January 17th, for the benefit of the Free Library. Miss Sadie Kaiser of Wilkes-Barre will be the special vocalist, and will be assisted by Miss Housel, Mr. C. O. Skeer and other local talent. Miss Kaiser has a charming soprano voice, and has devoted much time to its cultivation, both in this country and Europe.

A LIVE CONGRESSMAN.

The many friends of Hon. John G. McHenry, Congressman from this district, are pleased to note that he is sizing up to his ante-election promises and pledges and proving that the confidence in his ability to meet the full requirements of the position has not been misplaced. With the opening of Congress he at once took a place among the leading and experienced members and is recognized as one of the few representatives who are not mere figure-heads in that body. Mr. McHenry has been placed on the banking and finance committee, one of the most desirable positions, but one which he is fully equipped to fill. This special recognition prompts the *Miltonian*, the leading Republican paper of the county, to say: "The whole district, regardless of politics, rejoices that our member has been recognized thus early in the session and predict for him higher honors ere the session closes."—*Watsonstown Record and Star*.

POOR BOARD ORGANIZED.

The Bloom Poor Board met on Monday and organized for the year. O. T. Wilson was elected President; C. R. Weiss, Secretary, and W. H. Hidlay, Treasurer. The salary of the secretary and directors was fixed at \$100 a year, the same as heretofore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawk were continued as steward and matron, at a salary of \$700. Dr. R. Miller was appointed physician for Bloomsburg and the poor house.

The auditors met on Monday and examined the accounts. The auditors are Joseph Larish, Sugarloaf; William Masters, Millville; John Bowman, Greenwood; P. H. Freeze, Bloomsburg, and John Jones, Scott.

The business of the Bloomsburg post office is increasing. The receipts of the office for the last quarter were about one thousand dollars more than the corresponding quarter of the previous year. During the same period 9003 packages were registered.