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WHEELMEN'S BANQUET.

The third annual banquet of the members of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen's Club was held at the Exchange Hotel on Friday evening, February 21st at nine o'clock.

That it was an unqualified success was owing largely to the admirable arrangements made by the banquet committee, consisting of Frank B. Rupert, John A. Whitney and Harry S. Barton.

The handsome dining room of the Exchange was beautifully decorated with the national colors and portraits of Washington. The tables were very tastefully arranged, and decorated with smilax, and at each plate was a carnation, and a small American flag.

The menu consisting of eight courses, was a very attractive one, and everything was prepared deliciously, and very nicely served by the waitresses. Landlord Snyder did the handsome thing, and was highly complimented on the very satisfactory manner in which he performed his part.

Geo. E. Elwell presided as toastmaster, this being the third year in which he has acted in that capacity at the club banquets.

The speakers of the evening were John M. Clark, Esq., president of the club, whose subject was "Generalities;" Fred B. Hartman, whose toast was "The day we celebrate;" S. C. Creasy, "Who owns our forests;" Hon. John G. Harman discussed "Our Holidays." Rev. Father Murphy and Mayor Coleman were also called upon, and responded very appropriately.

The banquet was begun with a blessing by Father Murphy; there was fine music all through it by Chas. P. Elwell's orchestra; the speeches were all good, a vein of humor pervading them that was very enjoyable; there was much singing by the songsters, and the meeting closed soon after midnight with "Auld Lang Syne."

Altogether it was pronounced fully up to the standard, if not the best in every respect, of the several annual banquets that have been held by the Wheelmen. The custom will no doubt be perpetuated.

JOSEPH MAUST.

Joseph Maust, a well known resident of New Columbia, died Saturday morning at 6:45 o'clock. Mr. Maust had been ill but two days and his death was a great shock to his family and many friends.

The deceased was aged 53 years, 2 months and 12 days. He was born in Berks county, but accompanied by his parents came to this section when an infant. He was a member and an officer of the New Columbia Union church for 40 years.

Beside his wife he is survived by the following sons and daughters: Edward, at home; Mrs. John Arnwine, of New Columbia; W. H. Maust, of Danville; Claud, of Bloomsburg. He is also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Rebecca Wampole, of New Columbia and Mrs. Sarah Williams, of Nanticoke.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning at the home at 10 o'clock. Services were conducted in the New Columbia church.

COST OF ELECTION.

The cost of the February election to the county was as follows: Election officers \$1152.78, house rent \$438.00, assessors \$39.00, constables \$181.00, Justice of the Peace taking care of ballot boxes \$117.00, making a total of \$1027.77.

ODD FELLOWS BANQUET.

The sixty-first anniversary of Van Camp Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was celebrated on Tuesday night by a banquet. It was served in the Parish House of St. Paul's P. E. Church, by the ladies of St. Margaret's Guild.

The menu was as follows: Pea Soup, Stewed Chicken, Saltine Wafers, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Cabbage, Salad, Cranberries, Hot Biscuit and Bread, Ice Cream, Cake and Coffee.

There were present nearly one hundred persons, many of the members being accompanied by their wives.

John F. Watson presided as toastmaster, and did it admirably. Speeches were made by Prof. J. H. Dennis, Prof. W. C. Mouser, C. C. Yetter, C. A. Small, and Rev. J. W. Diggles. The speeches were all bright and entertaining, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one throughout.

DEEDS RECORDED.

The following deeds have recently been entered of record by Recorder of Deeds Frank W. Miller: A. T. Tellier to Chas. W. Diehl for a lot of ground situate on the East side of Iron street between Fourth and Fifth streets, Bloomsburg.

W. S. Ash and wife to Ezra S. Cole for a lot of ground on the South side of Spring Garden avenue, West Berwick.

Wm. R. Casey and wife to Jos. A. Casey for the one-half interest in a piece of land situate partly on Iron street, Bloomsburg.

George E. Sponsler to Aaron W. Fester for two lots of ground Nos. 7 and 8 in section No. 2 of the Berwick Land and Improvement Co's. addition to Berwick, situate in Briar Creek township.

F. R. Jackson et. al. to A. W. Fester for a lot of ground situate in the Southerly corner of Ninth and Mulberry streets, Berwick.

B. W. Miller, guardian of Samuel Klase, to Mary Bolshi for 28 acres and 56 perches of land situate in Locust township.

M. E. Church trustees to trustees of Greek Catholic church for a lot of ground situate at the corner of First avenue and Warren street, West Berwick.

Daniel and R. H. Tucker, Effie A. Harris and Sarah Fenton to Gertrude Freas for a lot of ground situate in the village of Rupert.

SUPERIOR COURT CASES.

The following cases from this county will be argued before the Superior Court at Scranton next week:

Albertus W. Welliver vs. The Ironclad Electric Light Company, appellants. Counsel, N. U. Funk and James Searlet, and Fred Ikeler and H. Mont. Smith.

In the re-estate of Louisa Gross, deceased, Elizabeth E. Cadman, appellant. Counsel, W. C. Johnston and G. M. Tustin.

Overseers of the Poor vs. Directors of the Poor of Schuylkill county. Counsel, Moyer Shepard and Chrisman, Vanderslice and Herring.

Commonwealth vs. Bessie Harrison, M. F. Spellman, appellant. Counsel, H. M. Hinckley and C. A. Small.

Emma F. Goodhart vs. Columbia and Montour Electric R. R. Co., appellant. Counsel, W. H. Sponsler and A. W. Duy, and Fred Ikeler and C. A. Small.

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THE ROAD LAW.

DEAR SIR.—The road law of Pennsylvania has been considered so often and by so many different Courts and Judges, that by construction, it has come to be somewhat uncertain. By the Act of 13th of June, 1836, P. L. 555, at the 5th Section it provides that "The breadth of a public road, laid out as aforesaid, shall not exceed 50 feet." But there is no precise minimum width mentioned in the Act. I do not find any uniform rule for fixing the width of a public road by the Court; but in 1855 in a case which went up from Chester county, the lower court had fixed the width at thirty-three feet, and that seems to have been generally followed ever since.

Of course the lay of the land and the condition of the country enforces a change occasionally, but the usual width of a public road is now at thirty-three feet.

I am sorry to be obliged to say that not one-half of the roads in the country are opened to the required width; although the changes in public travel and in public and private vehicles make it absolutely necessary that the width be uniformly maintained. From the boy's velocipede to the automobile of the millionaire the public roads are overrun with swift moving and almost noiseless vehicles which frighten horses and cattle and people, and in each day's account of accidents and deaths they figure in a bloody roll of disasters. So that instead of narrowing the public roads, the tendency ought to be to widen them to a maximum of 50 feet.

If that were done, and every traveler upon the public highway were obliged to "keep to the right as the law directs," there would not be one accident, where there are now one hundred. The slow moving ox cart has had its day, everybody is in a hurry, and the rights and safety of the general public are ignored.

What then? Why the public must provide wide and good and well made roads, upon which the public can safely travel, or pay in damages what they neglect to pay in good road making.

The Court should not forget that when a road view has been had by and under a competent engineer, and ordered to be opened thirty-three, or forty or fifty feet, that the feasibility of so doing has been considered and passed upon by the viewers, and upon the complaint of a citizen or traveler that the order had not been complied with, the responsible parties would be brought before Court and amerced in such sum as would complete the road according to order.

Every man in the community needs and has a right to the public road, and if you choose, you can make it what it ought to be.

YOURS TRULY.

SUDDEN DEATH.

As she was preparing to retire last Friday night, Mrs. Birch B. Freas suddenly expired from heart failure, at her home, on East street. She had spent the evening at a neighbor's, and was sitting in a chair, when her head suddenly fell backward, and her husband and daughter who were in the room, at once went to her, and found she was dead.

Her age was 68 years, and she was a life-long resident of Bloomsburg. She was an earnest member of the Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Schuyler and Miss Mary, both of this town.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Mr. Heckman officiating.

"THE GIRLS OF 1776."

This charming three act drama will be given in the Normal Auditorium this Thursday evening, for the benefit of Fort McClure Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The proceeds will be applied to the payment of the debt incurred in the erection of the marker on the site of Fort McClure on the Hughes farm.

The play has been prepared by Miss Clare Dudley Buck, director. The cast of characters is as follows:

Madam Evelyn Mayfields, Wife of Colonel Mayfields of ye British Army.....
Madam J. L. Richardson
Amanda, Her Daughters, {
Helen, }Miss Anna Creasy
.....Miss LaVero Robbins
Barbara Steele, "Bitter Sweet,"
Her niece.....Miss Jean Andreas
Dolly Darrah, Ye friend of Barbara.....Miss Margaret Jenkins
"Grandmère" Mayfields, Ye mother of Colonel Mayfields
.....Madam Ralph Keller
Honora Drake, A staunch Loyalist.....Madam R. G. Phillips
Anne Van Dresser, Ye friend of Amanda.....Miss Mabel Suplee
Jacqueline Marie Valcartier, A French-Canadian girl of fallen fortune—Grandmère's attendant.....Miss Florence Tuttle
Betsey Ross.....Miss Ethel Henric
Slaves.

Troubles.....Miss Gertrude Miller
Chloe.....Miss Frances Zarr
Minerva.....
Daisy.....Miss Katherine Richardson
Guests for the Sewing Bee in Act I, and for the Ball in Act III
Misses Elizabeth Low, Jessie Ruhl, Elsie Yorks, Miriam Hess, Helen Hess, Katherine Allen, Marguerite Eshleman.
Time 1776.

The action of the play is laid in Philadelphia and Trenton. The scenes deal with historical facts which occurred during the Revolutionary War, and with plots and intrigues planned at that time, by and against characters who played an important part in colonial history. The play gives a very instructive glimpse of the condition of our country as it was during those strenuous times. Special features: A cake-walk by Troubles. A cantation and cake-walk by the little darkies. Dancing of the "Minuet" by the young lady guests.

Much care has been expended in the preparation, and the costumes are very pretty. The advance sale of tickets has been large, and the hall will be well filled.

During the evening a number of musical selections will be rendered by the B. S. N. S. orchestra.

The members of the Marker Committee are Mrs. H. V. White, Mrs. R. R. Little, Miss Helen M. Low, and Mrs. L. P. Sterner.

BAND CONCERT.

The Citizens Band concert in the Normal Auditorium next Monday evening, March 2, promises to be among the leading musical events of the season. There will be thirty or more instruments in the band, and the boys have been practicing faithfully for some time past. The program will include many popular selections. Mr. Charles O. Skeer will sing the "Toreador," and Mr. Gines Escanaverio will play a violin solo.

The concert will be under the leadership of Prof. Chas. P. Elwell, who has brought the band up from a membership of about a dozen to its present size, and with the reputation of being one of the best bands in Central Pennsylvania.

The price of admission is low, 25 and 35 cents, and the band is certainly deserving of a very liberal patronage. Seats at Bidleman's.

YOUR LAST CHANCE!

All Winter Suits for Men Must Go This Week.

This is your opportunity to revel in clothing bargains—to purchase a spic-and-span, new stylish suit for Spring, below actual cost of materials and making.

Every day Spring goods are arriving and crowding us for room and it is absolutely necessary for us to sacrifice all Winter clothing. Understand, this is your last chance to get our high-class clothing at these tremendous cuts in prices.

\$10.50 now buys any fancy fabric Sack Suit that sold at \$12, \$14 and \$15.

12.50 now buys any fancy fabric Sack Suit that sold at \$16, \$18 and \$20.

15.50 now buys any fancy fabric Sack Suit that sold at \$22.50, \$24 and \$25.

40 Overcoats that sold at \$15, \$18 and \$20, your choice **\$9.25**

TOWNSEND'S CORNER.

DEMOCRATS CONFER.

A meeting of a number of prominent Democrats from different sections of the county was held in the Court House on Tuesday afternoon, county chairman Mercer presiding, with J. W. Hidlay as secretary.

Sheriff C. B. Ent was selected as one of the two delegates from this Congressional District to attend the Democratic National convention at Denver, Colorado. The other delegate will come from Northumberland county. The person selected by the committee of that county is Mathias Croninger.

As candidates for delegates to the Democratic State convention which meets at Harrisburg on the 6th of May, Bruce Bower, of Berwick, Clinton Herring, of Orangeville, Alphonso Baker, of Catawissa, and Cyrus Hartline, of Madison township, were selected. The county chairman was given power to fill any vacancies which may occur.

It was the sense of the meeting, however, that these selections do not preclude any person from becoming a candidate who may desire to do so.

STATE ROAD BUILDING.

State Highway Commissioner Hunter gave in his Scranton speech the following facts relative to road building in Pennsylvania under the new good roads law:

The act of April 13, 1903, appropriated the sum of \$6,500,000 for the reconstruction of township roads to cover a period of six years, of which sum 10 per cent, or \$650,000, was set aside for maintaining the highways reconstructed by state aid or that had been or might hereafter be reconstructed by the several counties or townships themselves. In addition to the original sum, the legislature of 1907 appropriated \$3,000,000, but this sum was reduced by the governor to \$1,000,000, making a total of \$6,850,000 to be used in reconstruction work during the six years.

There have been fully completed and accepted by the department 324.5 miles of road at a total cost, inclusive of bridges and culverts, of \$3,325,520.28, being \$10,248 per mile, or \$1.94 per lineal foot, an increase over the average price of \$1.68 per foot, prior to January 1,

1907, occasioned by increased cost of labor and materials. The cost of bridges and concrete culverts included in the above total cost, is about \$155,000. There are under contract 224.1 miles, the contract prices of which is \$2,321,196.37, of which about 100 miles are practically completed. The average of all extras on completed works is 11.1 per cent. The average cost of inspection is 3 per cent. of the road and the average of the engineering expenses is 2 per cent.

MURDER NEAR LOCUST GAP.

Another brutal murder, growing directly out of the rum besotted conditions in the regions, was committed last week near Locust Gap, this county, when Conrad Whine shot and instantly killed his son, John Whine. The particulars of the affair as brought out at the coroner's investigation, showed that the murderer, who is a drunken brute, made a threat that he was going home, 'to do up the old woman,' meaning his wife. This reached the ears of his son, John, who is a sober, industrious young man of twenty-three, who lives with his wife and two children some distance from his parents home. Young Whine and his wife started for the home of the elder Whines, the husband walking ahead. When he entered the house he found his father abusing his mother and he attempted to protect her. The infuriated brute then savagely attacked the son, who jumped through a window to escape. He went around to the front door where the elder Whine met him with a double barreled shot gun. He discharged both barrels, the second charge entering the young man's side near the heart, producing instant death. The murderer was arrested by the Mt. Carmel police and brought to Sunbury jail. He is about forty-seven years of age and a drunken, vicious character.

There will be no dodging the local option question this year. Legislative candidates will be called upon to define their position—to say whether they will support or oppose a measure giving the people the right to vote for or against license.