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GEORGE S. ROBBINS.

After an illness of about three years with diabetes, George S. Robbins died at his home on Normal Hill last Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Hoping to improve his health he and Mrs. Robbins went to California a few months ago, but about four weeks before his death he caught cold, and his condition became such that it was deemed advisable to bring him home, and this was done in a special Pullman car, Dr. Tower of Pasadena, California accompanying him.

He seemed slightly improved for a few days after his arrival, but it was only temporary, and on Good Friday he passed away.

Mr. Robbins was the son of Joseph Robbins, and was born in Light Street. His age was fifty-one years. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Mary Knapp, daughter of the late C. F. Knapp, one sister, Mrs. Clark Brown, of Bloomsburg, and a half-brother, William Robbins of Light Street.

His educational advantages were those of the public schools. In his boyhood he worked on farms and clerked in stores, and when eighteen years of age he went west and remained three years. On his return he clerked in Conner's grocery store for a time, and then clerked for C. F. Knapp in the insurance business. He married Mr. Knapp's daughter, and to them a daughter, Marie, was born, who died at the age of nine years. She was a very lovable and bright child, and her death was a blow to her devoted parents from which they never fully recovered.

When the Wirt Fountain Pen was first put on the market the firm of Robbins & Peacock was formed as general agents for the pen, and this continued for fifteen years.

About seven years ago, through his relations with W. C. Greene, he was elected secretary of the Greene Consolidated Copper Co. and held that position until about a year ago, living in New York. He has been identified with the up-building of the town, having been a director of the Bloomsburg Silk Mill, the Magee Carpet Co. and the First National Bank.

He was for some years a vestryman and treasurer of St. Paul's church, and through his energy many improvements were made in the church property. He was a member of the building committee when the Parish House was built. In various ways he raised money to pay for the cement paving around the church property, for decorating the interior of the church, for electric light fixtures, and for a new carpet. He was very liberal in his donations to the church. On Easter, while he lay dead in his home, his check for a liberal sum was placed on the church offertory, by his direction before his death.

His generosity was proverbial, and his kindness to the needy was unbounded. He will be sadly missed in many places.

He was a devoted husband, a generous brother, a staunch friend, an upright and progressive citizen.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Diggles conducted the services, assisted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, a former rector, now of Hamburg, N. J. and Rev. E. R. Heckman, pastor of the Methodist church, Washington Lodge No. 265, F. and A. M. had charge of the ceremonies at the grave. There were many beautiful floral designs.

The pall bearers were J. R. Townsend, H. B. Clark, L. Gross, M. I. Low, C. W. Funston and W. H. Ryer.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

The official count of the vote in this county is as follows:

For Congress—John G. McHenry, D., 3406; E. W. Samuel, R., 2043.

Representative in the General Assembly—William T. Creasy, D., 2304; William Chrisman, D., 1825; C. E. Kreisher, R., 1135; George R. Styer, 1059.

Prothonotary—Freeze Quick, D., 3329; C. M. Yocum, R., 1899.

Register and Recorder—Frank Miller, D., 2652; John Fortner, R., 1465; Ambrose Goldsworthy, R., 563.

County Treasurer—John Mourey, D., 1604; W. B. Snyder, D., 1104; W. P. Zehner, D., 1321; J. L. Wolverton, R., 1983.

District Attorney—C. A. Small, D., 3277; L. C. Mensch, R., 1955.

Commissioner—A. C. Creasy, D., 1283; Jerry A. Hess, D., 1717; Charles L. Pohe, D., 1852; Geo. Unangst, D., 1411; Charles E. Welliver, D., 1060; James Fairman, R., 132; W. O. Holmes, R., 697; C. Fred Lenhart, R., 831; Elisha Ringrose, R., 769.

County Auditors—Harry B. Creasy, D., 2924; E. D. Hirlman, D., 2806; W. Shannon, R., 1883.

PROHIBITION TOTALS.

The Prohibition totals were as follows:

Delegate to National Convention—S. C. Creasy, 62; John Eves, 51. Delegates to State Convention—Aron Kester, 60; M. P. Lutz, 59; W. W. Skerry, 61.

Representative in Congress—W. T. Creasy, 1.

Representative in the General Assembly—W. W. Skerry, 55; George Styer, 1.

Prothonotary—Edward Doty, 62. Register and Recorder—Edwin Buck, 60; John Fortner, 1.

County Treasurer—M. P. Lutz, 64.

Treasurer of the Prohibition party—M. P. Lutz, 54. County Auditor—F. B. Hartman, 58.

County Chairman—M. P. Lutz, 1; A. W. Eves, 58. County Secretary—Edwin Buck, 59.

District Attorney—C. A. Small, 1; A. W. Eves, 1; L. C. Mensch, 1. County Commissioner—A. C. Creasy, 1; W. O. Holmes, 2.

Member Standing Committee—J. H. Catterall, 1; W. H. Cook, 1; C. C. Yetter, 1; A. W. Eves, 1; J. L. Runyon, 2; J. L. John, 1.

DIETRICK CASE REVERSED.

On Monday morning in Philadelphia, the Supreme Court handed down an opinion reversing the judgment of the Oyer and Terminer court of Montour county in the case of Peter Dietrick who killed "Corkey" Jones in Danville. There have already been three trials. The first time a juror was withdrawn at the end of the trial. The second time there was a conviction of murder in the second degree. Fred Keler, Esq., who defended the prisoner, took an appeal to the Supreme Court, and a new trial was granted. The third trial resulted in a conviction of murder in the second degree, and Judge Evans imposed a sentence of fourteen years in the penitentiary. Again an appeal was taken, and again the case has been reversed. Judge Herring defended Dietrick in this trial.

The next trial will be the fourth time that Dietrick has been tried. The defense set up each time has been that the shooting was an accident, as Dietrick was on the verge of delirium tremens at the time and was carelessly handling a revolver.

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A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

PROCTOR INN NO MORE.

What has been known as Proctor Inn for some years is now a thing of the past. It has been torn down, and the lumber shipped to Scranton where it will be used in the erection of houses.

About 1889, when Jamison City was laid out by Col. John Jamison, Col. Corcoran of Williamsport, and A. L. Fritz Esq., a stock company was formed for the erection of a modern hotel up on the hillside. Soon after the B. & S. railroad was built, a special train was run one day, and a free ride given to all persons who might be prospective investors, to see the site selected for the hotel. The ground had already been levelled off. A train load went up, and out of these a number were found who were willing to invest in the proposed project.

A company was organized, and was named "The Manor Rest Inn Co." Plans were procured from a Philadelphia architect, and the work of building proceeded. The contract was awarded to Smith & Wesley of Benton. The building was of the Swiss style of architecture, and when completed made a beautiful appearance on the mountain side. It was 92 feet long, and four stories high. On the first floor were the office, bar room, pool room, and wash room. The second floor contained the parlor, sitting room, dining room, and kitchen, and the two upper floors contained 32 bed rooms. It was all handsomely furnished and fitted up in an elaborate style throughout. It was intended specially as a resort for Bloomsburg people, but somehow it never seemed to attract people, and was a financial failure.

The building and furniture cost about \$15,000, but the stock did not sell as was expected, and so the company could not pay the bills and a reorganization was effected by letting the property go to Sheriff's sale on a mechanic's lien. A syndicate was formed and it was bought in for \$6,000, the number of stockholders being reduced to twelve. Among them were Col. Jamison, Charles Evans of Atlantic City, Thos. E. Proctor of Boston, Senator C. R. Buckalew, W. R. Tubbs, Dr. McReynolds, all of whom are now dead.

The name was changed to Proctor Inn. Among the landlords who conducted it were Stiltz & Co., John P. Hill, L. B. Howell, and others.

After being closed as a hotel for several years the building was sold at public sale for about \$600, the furniture having previously been auctioned off. A. L. Fritz bought the property in, and later sold it to Parvin Kile, who obtained a license and conducted it as a hotel for a year or two, and a few months ago he sold it to a Mr. Yonkin of Sullivan county, and he it is who has torn it down and removed the lumber to Scranton.

It was a delightful spot, and if it had been appreciated and patronized by Bloomsburg people it would still be there. It was right in the trout fishing district, and for a few days' outing, or a stay over Sunday it was a most charming place. Now it will be remembered longest by those who invested their money in it, and received in return when the property was sold and the affairs of the company finally closed, ten cents on the dollar. We were one of 'em.

Dr. J. C. Biddle has been re-elected Superintendent of Fountain Springs Hospital at Ashland, and has accepted. Miss Atta Gearhart of Danville, has been appointed superintendent of nurses.

THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

While the Republican scrap was in progress last Saturday afternoon the Democratic county committee met in court room number two, and unanimously elected James H. Mercer chairman; A. N. Yost, treasurer, and secretary, Warren H. Sharpless. The following are the members of the committee:

Beaver, H. C. Krapp; Benton borough, Harvey W. Belles; Benton township, F. P. Cole; Berwick, N. E., Chas. Brader; Berwick S. E., Clark Bower; Berwick N. W., Harry Grozier; Berwick S. W., James Fox; Bloom 2nd, Otto Kemper; Bloom 3rd, Edmund Savage; Bloom 4th, A. J. George; Briarcreek East, Gideon Michael; Briarcreek West, P. Croop; Catawissa township, D. H. Fetterolf; Catawissa borough, Clark Bowers; Centralia 1st, James S. Brennan; Centralia 2nd, John J. Conway; Center North, E. B. Hess; Center South, Tilden Weiss; Cleveland, Isaiah Rhoades; Conyngham E. N., Thos. Laughlin; Conyngham W. N., Oliver Miller; Conyngham W. No. 1, John V. Gillespie; Conyngham W. No. 2, Thos. Howe; Conyngham S. W., Michael Gordon; Conyngham S. E., James Murphy; Fishingcreek E., A. F. Creveling; Fishingcreek W., Dyer McHenry; Franklin, Clark Yost; Greenwood E., Bartley Albertson; Greenwood W., R. M. Eyer; Hemlock, Thos. Howell; Jackson, M. O. Eveland; Locust N., J. W. Snyder; Locust S., M. L. Bellig; Madison, C. H. Fruit; Main, James M. Platt; Millin, Thos. Aten; Millville, W. W. Shoemaker; Montour, J. H. Mensch; Mt. Pleasant, D. F. Moridan; Orange township, C. C. Megargell; Orangeville, Clinton Herring; Pine N., John Morris; Pine S., Clark Stackhouse; Roaringcreek, Jerry Kunkle; Scott E., H. C. Dieterick; Scott W., Frank Hippensteel; Sugarloaf S., F. P. Hartman; Stillwater, A. B. McHenry; West Berwick 1st, Philip Clemens; West Berwick 2nd, George Knecht.

IN MEMORIAM.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church held on Tuesday evening, April 21st, 1908, the following minute was adopted:

The Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, hereby expresses its profound regret at the loss of one of its members, Mr. George S. Robbins, who died on Friday morning, April 17th, 1908.

Mr. Robbins had been a member of the Vestry during the past year after an interim of three years, during which time he resided in New York City.

He had previously served upon the Vestry from Easter, 1893, to Easter, 1904, and during that time he was a most active and efficient member.

He was a member of the building committee during the erection of the Parish House and through his energy, funds were raised for the laying of the cement pavement upon the church property; for the decoration of the interior of the church; for the purchase of electric light fixtures, and for the purchase of a new church carpet.

He was always most liberal in his gifts to the church and his judgment in the temporal affairs of the Parish was of great value.

In his death the church has lost an ardent worker and the community an upright citizen.

To his sorrowing widow we extend our heartfelt sympathy and we direct that a copy of this minute be sent to her and that the same be spread in full upon the minutes of the Vestry.

JAMES W. DIGGLES, Rector. Attest: A. W. DUV, Secretary.

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THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

A Bitter Fight Results in Restoring the Old Leaders to Control.

The contest for control of the Republican county committee resulted in a complete victory for the McKillip-Duy forces, and the overthrow of Chairman Clyde C. Yetter and Judge Kurtz.

The committee met in the court room last Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. It was announced by Mr. Yetter in the morning that the meeting would be held behind closed doors, and no one would be admitted but regularly accredited committeemen, but opposing forces would have none of this, and had made arrangements with friends on the inside to open the doors, or failing in this, to break them open. Any trouble of this kind was avoided by the refusal of the commissioners to allow the doors to be locked, and so everybody got in who wanted to.

Chairman Yetter called the meeting to order, and then began a scrap over proxies the chair finally ruling that no proxies would be allowed. There was much excitement and loud talking, and even charges that Yetter had obtained a proxy from William Robbins of West Scott by fraud, but this at length passed over, and a temporary organization was affected by the election of H. F. Traugh of Berwick for chairman, and J. C. Cryder and W. W. Shannon, secretaries. They were all Yetter men.

The vote for chairman then began, C. C. Yetter and John R. Diemer being nominated. The result was 29 for Diemer and 22 for Yetter.

Behind this fact was the fact that R. S. Bowman's term as postmaster of Berwick has expired, and Judge Kurtz wants the office. It is said that C. C. Yetter would have been an applicant for the Bloomsburg post office in place of J. C. Brown when the latter's term expires, had the Yetter party succeeded in controlling the organization. Not only that, but the control of the organization means the control of nearly all other offices in the county filled by government appointments. The McKillip-Duy-Brown faction are now in the saddle, and the Yetter-Kurtz combination can do nothing but wait and go after their scalps next year.

SUPERIOR COURT DECISIONS.

The Superior Court in session at Pittsburg, on Monday handed down a number of decisions, among them being the appeal from the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, in the estate of Louisa Gross, in which the decree is affirmed.

In this case there was a citation to file an account, the account was filed, an auditor appointed, and the auditor's report confirmed finally without exceptions. After some time had passed, an order was asked for, to compel the accountant, Mrs. E. E. Cadman, to pay over the moneys found by the auditor to be in her hands, to the parties entitled to it. This order was made, and from that she took an appeal. This appeal is now dismissed, and the order of the court below stands.

A Montour county case also heard by Judge Evans, is reversed. It is the case of Hospital for the Insane, at Danville vs. Danville and Mahoning Poor District. An insane woman supposed to be a pauper, was committed to the Asylum by the poor district, under a contract to pay the usual amount paid for indigent patients. After a time the woman died, and it was then discovered that she owned real estate, which on being sold, left a balance of about \$1200 in the Administrator's hands after payment of debts. The hospital then sued the poor district to recover the difference between the amount they had received as pay for an indigent person and what they claimed to be entitled to as pay for a patient who had property sufficient to maintain her, making her a private patient, the charge for such being \$4.00 a week.

The case was heard by Judge Evans, and he gave judgment for the amount claimed by the plaintiff. This judgment the Superior Court reverses, but upon what grounds we are not yet informed.

EASTER OFFERING.

The special Easter offering at St. Paul's church was \$477.13. The collections for other purposes run the total amount of the offertory for Easter up to \$570.17, with some additional promises.