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THE DOG QUESTION.

A Storm of Protest Against the Dog Shooting Ordinance.

On Monday afternoon wherever two or three men were found together, it was safe to gamble on the fact that they were talking about the new dog ordinance which provides for the shooting of unmuzzled dogs on the street.

The occasion of this discussion was the killing of George Keller's pet dog "Foxy," on Market street by John Eifert, the duly appointed dog killer. The circumstances under which it was done were peculiarly aggravating. The dog had been muzzled all along, even before the ordinance. It was following Mr. Keller, who took it down to Bart Pursel's tailor shop to give it a drink, and removed the muzzle for that purpose. Miss Alice Keller was there, and as she went out the dog followed her unnoticed, and in five minutes it was a dead dog. Eifert was near the post office, and seeing the dog, followed it down Market street to E. B. Tustin's, where he shot it. The dog yelped lustily, and ran down to the Third street corner where it fell and died.

In a few moments an excited crowd had gathered, and some very emphatic opinions were expressed. There was talk of raising a fund to test the power of the council in court.

It does not seem as though there ought to be any fight between the council and the public in this matter. The council contains some practical business men of good common sense, and when they find that there is an overwhelming sentiment against the present method of disposing of dogs, they will no doubt be willing to modify the ordinance so as to provide a dog pound, with a fine of two dollars, imposed on the owner, the dogs to be chloroformed after 24 hours, if not redeemed.

A respectful presentation of the matter to the council will accomplish much more than threats of prosecution, and personal abuse of the individual members on the streets. Just keep cool, and go at it in the right way, and the thing can be done. If some one interested in dogs will start a petition asking for a change in the ordinance, he can get nine-tenths of the voters of the town to sign, if the street talk is any indication of public sentiment.

CORONER'S FEES.

Judge Evans recently decided that the inquest on the body of James Flanagan, killed in the mines at Centralia on May 6th last, was unnecessary, and therefore the coroner's costs were not allowed.

Coroner Robert Brennan claims that he held the inquest in pursuance of a notice he received from James N. O'Donnell, mine inspector, under sections 2 and 3 of the Act of Assembly of 1891. Brennan contends that it was mandatory upon him to hold the inquest after notice from O'Donnell, and it is said that he intends to take an appeal to a higher court.

SOLICITING COMMITTEE.

At last Friday evening's meeting of the G. A. R., Commander Bittenbender, of Ent Post, named the following soliciting committees to secure money to defray the expenses of the Monument Dedication Day: Representing the Post—William Thomas and W. W. Black; representing the Circle—Mrs. Elizabeth Ent and Mrs. Norman De Witt.

A MODEL CHIEF.

Chief of Police Weikel of West Berwick, has lost his job, and disappeared from that place, because of his unlawful attachment for a woman named Potter. Both are married, and have children. Last week Friday Weikel was seen going into the Potter house, and a guard was set, including Mrs. Weikel, who watched the place until Saturday afternoon when a wagon was driven to the house and several men carried out a bureau. This was driven at a rapid gait to a house in the outskirts, when Weikel was seen to crawl out of the bureau. The driver of the wagon was arrested and fined for fast driving. Weikel's resignation was demanded by the council, and he left the town on Sunday evening, leaving his wife and three children destitute.

The poor authorities purchased tickets for Mrs. Potter and two children to Rome, N. Y., where she has friends. She got away just in time to escape an arrest for adultery.

BIG TIMBER OPERATIONS.

To furnish props and sprags for the mine workings in Columbia and Schuylkill counties a company of six men has taken a ten years' contract from the mining officials, and while furnishing material they will also clear a tract of woodland 600 acres in extent in Cleveland township, Columbia county, for agricultural purposes. George Dyer now has about forty men at work cutting down the large trees for mine props and the small saplings for sprags. As fast as the trees are cut down and sawed into the proper lengths a gang of workmen are getting ready for buckwheat planting next month. Besides the forty men employed twenty-eight teams are also kept at work, and in the woods a large stable has been erected for the animals, while a boarding house has been erected for the men.

G. E. LEWIS DEAD.

After an illness of several weeks G. Edward Lewis died at his home on Welsh Hill, this morning at 3:15 o'clock, aged 28 years. He leaves a widow and one child. Mr. Lewis has been a clerk in the post office since April 1st, 1902, and was always obliging. He was of a sunny disposition, and had many friends. He was an active fireman, being one of the leaders of the Winona Fire Company, and last year was president of the Six County Firemen's Association.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, who survive him, and the following brothers and sisters: Moyer Lewis, Charles Lewis, Mary and Dora, all living in Bloomsburg. The funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WILL REMOVE BODIES.

At a meeting of the councils of the Lutheran and Reformed churches on Wednesday evening, a final agreement was reached by which the bodies in the old burying ground at Center and First streets will be removed to a lot in the new Rosemont Cemetery. This means the removal of an unsightly spot. When leveled down the old cemetery will be a valuable piece of ground.

The weather of the past week has been of varied character, the thermometer ranging from 56 degrees to 104 in the shade. Some grateful showers have cooled the air and gladdened the farmers.

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BLACK HAND AT MILTON.

Fruit Dealer Received Demand for \$5,000.

Fellipo Larosa is in jail at Sunbury awaiting trial at the next term of court under suspicion of having attempted to extort money from Michael Saso, a fruit dealer at Milton, by approved Black Hand methods. He was arrested after loitering around Mr. Saso's place of business for several days and acting in a suspicious manner. When arrested he had two revolvers and a stiletto in his possession.

On Friday Mr. Saso received a letter purporting to have been sent by the Black Hand Society. In it he was demanded to place the sum of \$5,000 at a certain point on the river bridge. The usual threats, in case he refused to comply with the demand, were made. Mr. Saso paid no attention to the letter, but decided to keep his eyes open for the possible offender.

On Sunday evening the actions of an Italian, who was seen loitering about Mr. Saso's place of business, attracted his attention and aroused his suspicions. The State police were communicated with and Private Merritt arrived in town that same evening. In order to more closely observe the actions of the man no arrest was made until Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when the man was arrested, he having hung about the Saso place all of Monday.

He refused to state his business and when searched was found to have in his possession two revolvers and an ugly looking stiletto. He was taken before a squire at Milton and given a hearing, at which he was remanded to jail for trial at the next term of court.

ONLY ONE TERM.

In a speech made to a visiting delegation soon after his nomination, William J. Bryan said:

"The Presidency is the highest official position in the world, and no one occupying it can afford to have his views upon public questions biased by personal ambition. Recognizing his responsibility to God and his obligation to his countrymen, he should enter upon the discharge of his duties with singleness of purpose. Believing that one can best do this when he is not planning for a second term, I announce now, as I have on former occasions, that, if elected, I shall not be a candidate for re-election. 'This is a nomination as purely from the people as can be, and, if elected, my obligation will be as purely to the people. I appreciate the honor the more because it came not from one person or a few persons, but from the rank and file, acting freely and without compulsion.'"

GOOD WHEAT CROP.

Despite the dry weather farmers report that the wheat harvest in Central Pennsylvania has been unusually heavy. Never in years have such yields been known. The insect pests have done little damage and the grain seems not only to have suffered nothing from the dryness, but actually to have been benefited thereby. One Cumberland county farmer has harvested 700 bushels, an average of 30 bushels to the acre. Many of the farmers have already harvested their crops in order to save storage room.

The reservoirs of the Bloomsburg Water Company are to be enclosed with an iron fence. The work will be done by the Richard Manufacturing Company.

DEEDS RECORDED.

The following deeds have recently been entered of record by Recorder of Deeds Frank W. Miller: Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to the surface right in a lot of ground situate in Centralia.

C. W. Turner and wife to Joseph M. Schain for a lot of ground in Berwick.

Dora Hoppes et al. to Frank Fahringer for a lot of ground in West Berwick.

David A. Michael and wife to Frank Fahringer for a lot of ground in West Berwick.

Thomas A. Hartman to Wm. M. Hopper and Mary C. Hopper for a lot of ground in Espy.

John Jamison and wife et al. to B. W. Cole for the northern half of lot No. 32 in Jamison City.

Joseph E. Davenport and wife to John K. Adams for a lot No. 10 in Evans' Addition to the Borough of Berwick.

William R. Lutz and wife to John K. Adams for lot No. 2 in the J. D. Thompson addition to the Borough of Berwick, in Briarcreek township.

Rosemont Cemetery Company to John K. Grotz for a lot No. 20 in Rosemont Cemetery.

Lydia W. Drinker to Clark E. Dent for a lot of ground in Fernville.

John F. Watson et al. to Sallie C. Watson for a tract of land in Madison township.

Dora Lemony and Callie Rix to Albert Rupert for two pieces of land in Beaver township, containing 13 acres and 62 perches.

Ralph R. John, executor of the estate of John Huffnagle to Heber D. Turner for a lot of ground situate in the village of Millinville.

Lehigh Valley Coal Company to Charles A. Beaver for the surface right to a lot of ground situate in Aristes, Conyngham township.

Berwick Land and Improvement Company to John Henry Mease for lot No. 105 situate in the Borough of West Berwick.

C. G. Murphy estate to John J. Langdon for a lot of ground in the Borough of Centralia.

Charles W. Turner and wife to Nanticoke Brick Company, for 150 acres of land situate in Millin township.

H. H. Sands and wife to Susquehanna, Bloomsburg and Berwick Railroad Company for right of way over a tract of land in Mount Pleasant township.

Henry B. Heimwrich and wife to Susquehanna, Bloomsburg and Berwick Railroad Company for right of way over a tract of land in Mount Pleasant township.

Charles Reichart and wife to the Peoples' Nanticoke Coal Company for three tracts of land situate in Beaver and Roaringcreek townships containing in all 1503 acres.

ADDISON HOFFMAN DEAD.

Addison Hoffman, son of the late ex-sheriff John W. Hoffman, died at the home of Sheriff C. B. Ent on Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, aged 30 years. He had been ill for several months. He is survived by his mother and one sister, Mrs. C. B. Ent. He was turnkey at the jail for a time, but was obliged to resign last February on account of ill health.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Geo. B. Herbert, an old newspaper man, and a writer of fine ability, is in Bloomsburg for the present, and will probably be located here permanently. He has been prominently known throughout the state as a Democratic worker for many years.

TOWNSEND

TO CLOSE OUT

SUMMER GOODS

BIG

REDUCTIONS

ARE BEING MADE

ON = ALL = LINES!

TOWNSEND'S

CORNER.

Wild West Hold Up Near Sunbury.

Six Masked Men in Daring Robbery on Packer's Island—A Clever Ruse.

Six men, with their faces concealed by black masks, and enforcing their demands with leveled revolvers, perpetrated a daring outrage on Packer's island, between Sunbury and Northumberland early Saturday morning that savored of the wild west in true fashion.

Too late to catch the last car for Sunbury Hiram Young and John Bollinger, two young men of Northumberland, were walking from that place across the island to Sunbury, escorting two girls from Sunbury to their homes, between 12 and 1 o'clock.

Suddenly six masked men stepped from the darkness, leveled revolvers at them and told them to throw up their hands. Quick as thought Young took out his pocket book and threw it in the road back of him, and then raised his hands. The highwaymen not noticing the action, searched them and found nothing on Bollinger, but took Young's silver watch, which was a standard railroad time piece, valued at \$65. They debated a while undecided whether or not to take their coats, but finally let them go and then disappeared.

The two men with the girls made their way back to Northumberland and took the late train to Sunbury without further adventure. Before daybreak Saturday morning Young returned to the island to look for his purse. He found it where he had thrown it when held up several hours before. It was intact and still contained the \$52 of his railroad pay, which he had received on Friday, and which he had cleverly saved from the hands of the thieves.

There is no clue to the identity of the highwaymen which can lead the police to their capture, and they apparently have thoroughly covered their tracks, and made good their escape.

Fifth Anniversary of Public Library.

Every one will find something to interest them at the Public Library rooms. Be sure to attend the reception to be given during the afternoon and evening of July 17th.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform adopted by the Democratic National Convention is especially direct and forceful in its language on the planks of immediate public interest and discussion.

It declares for a modification of the manner of issue and the use of injunctions, and for a Department of Labor.

For tariff revision on a revenue basis.

For railroad regulation, the physical valuation of railroads, and protection for employees.

For an income tax.

For the regulation and control of trusts.

For publicity in campaign contributions, and against the misuse of patronage.

For ultimate independence for the Philippines.

The arbitrary power of the Speaker of the House of Representatives is denounced, and regulations to curb such power is advocated.

Economy in administration of the Government is pledged, and Republican extravagance is denounced.

In conclusion it says: The Democratic party stands for democracy; the Republican has drawn to itself all that is aristocratic and plutocratic.

The Democratic party is the champion of equal rights and opportunities to all; the Republican party is the party of privilege and private monopoly. The Democratic party listens to the voice of the whole people and gauges progress by the prosperity and advancement of the average man; the Republican party is subservient to the comparatively few who are the beneficiaries of governmental favoritism. We invite the co-operation of all, regardless of previous political affiliation or past differences, who desire to preserve a government of the people, and who favor such an administration of the Government as will insure, as far as human wisdom can, that each citizen shall draw from society a reward commensurate with his contribution to the welfare of society.

Hon. John G. Harman and Sheriff C. B. Ent returned from Denver on Monday night. J. H. Mercer stopped off at Newark, Ohio, to visit his father.