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THE TOWN ELECTION.

Next Tuesday will be election day. At that time there will be selected a President of the Town Council and six members, and upon them will fall the duty of making the appointments of the several officers under them, including a solicitor, street commissioner, secretary, treasurer, &c.

This town is getting to be a pretty large affair. It handles a considerable sum of money each year, and its business is such that it ought to be done by men who have shown some capacity for business.

Both of the party caucuses have made nominations for council, and we are not informed of anything detrimental to the personal character of any of them. But it is generally conceded that the full party nominations for the office ought not to be elected, because some of the men have not shown any qualifications for so important an office, in a business way.

It would seem, then, that the proper thing for the voters to do is to vote in an independent way, for independent candidates, among whom there are a number of good men, and thus select a council that is competent to govern our municipal affairs in an intelligent and business-like manner.

James H. Coleman has made an excellent President of Council, and should be reelected. James Magee, and C. W. Runyon, independents, and H. C. Rulon on the Democratic ticket should all be returned as members. All of them have proven themselves valuable men for the place. Magee and Runyon are both among our most prominent business men, and have been elected as independents for several years in succession. As long as they are willing to sacrifice themselves for the good of the town, they ought to be retained.

With Coleman as President and these three as councilmen, it matters little who the other three members are though Mr. Naylor has made an efficient officer and should be continued. With these men in the council, the taxpayers can rest assured that the town government will be conducted solely in the interest of all the people, and the council will not be owned nor controlled by any one man nor by any political clique.

Politics doesn't count in our municipal election. Vote for the best men, regardless of party ties.

ELKS BUY HARTMAN BUILDING.

At the trustee's sale of the real estate of R. E. Hartman on Friday last the store property was bought by the Elks of this town, for \$16,525. F. D. Dentler did the bidding for the Elks.

They now own a fine property at a very low price. It will be remodelled, but their plans have not yet been definitely decided upon.

The Hartman residence on Main street, was bought by A. W. Duy, attorney, for E. B. Tustin, trustee for the second mortgage. The price bid was \$4,725.

DR. CRAFT'S LECTURE.

Word has been received that Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, secretary of the International Reform Bureau, of Washington, D. C., who was to have lectured at a union mass meeting in the M. E. church on the 19th of February, will be here a week earlier and will deliver his lecture on the 12th of February instead of the 19th as had been planned. The lunch in the M. E. church has been postponed until the 19th.

WE ONCE SAW LINCOLN.

In his boyhood the editor of this paper attended the college preparatory school of Prof. Geo. R. Barker, on Price street, Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia. It was during the civil war, and at that time an organization known as the Sanitary Commission was engaged in the work of raising funds for the alleviation of suffering among the Union soldiers on the field and in the hospitals.

For this purpose they held a fair in Philadelphia, in 1864. Logan Square was used for the purpose, and temporary buildings were erected that nearly enclosed the entire square.

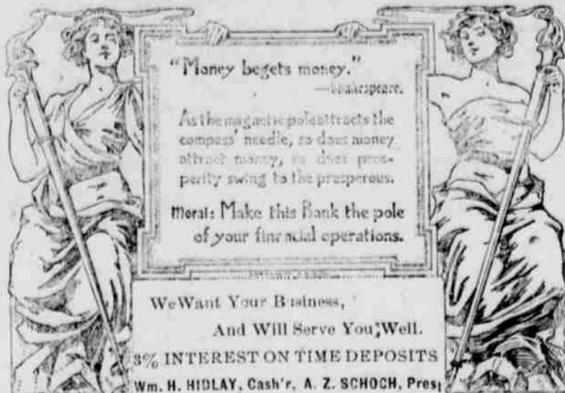
During the fair the President of the United States was present one day, and it was our privilege to be there on the same day. Mr. Lincoln was accompanied by a body guard of fine looking young men, who never left him alone. They were arrayed in gorgeous uniforms, and made a fine appearance. Our companion for the day was the son of the Surveyor of the Port of Philadelphia, and knowing that the President was there, we made every effort to get where we could see him. The buildings were not of the magnificent kind now seen at the various expositions, but were cheaply constructed, but one story high for the most part, and there was no large audience room. So we wandered about as well as we could in the dense crowds that thronged every passage way, and were about to give up hope, when we saw a squad of policemen coming in the corridor where we were, and opening up a passage way. They were followed by a squad of soldiers which proved to be the presidential body guard, and in the center of them towered the tall form of Abraham Lincoln.

His face was then as familiar as it is to-day. There was no mistaking him. Fortunately, we found something to stand upon, and so had a good view of him, for the first and last time.

In April, 1865, after the assassination, we were still in school in Germantown. The remains of the martyred President were lying in state in Independence Hall for three days. On Sunday afternoon with a party of young people, we went into the city to see the remains if possible, taking our places in line, up Sixth street several blocks from the State House. Two lines were passing through the windows on Chestnut street into Congress Hall, where the body lay, and out the back windows into Independence Square.

But for some reason our line moved very slowly. In two hours we had nearly reached Chestnut street, and the line had begun to go more rapidly, and we were led to believe that we should soon be able to pass through the Hall, when one of the young ladies in our party was overcome by the heat and the crowd, and fainted away. Of course, there was nothing to do but get out of the crowd, which was done, and she revived in a short time, but by that time the hour for closing the windows had arrived, and we were too late to get in. We saw the catafalque on which the casket was borne through the city, and that was all.

We have always been rather glad that the one time we saw Abraham Lincoln was as a living, breathing man, the President of the United States, and not as he lay in his casket, the victim of a cowardly assassin.



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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

St. Valentine was a Romish priest who befriended the martyrs in the persecution of Claudius II, and was in consequence arrested, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded, February 14, A. D. 270.—Pope Julius built a church in his honor, near Porte Mole, which gave its name to the gate, Porta St. Valentini, now called "Porta del Popolo," and by the ancient Romans "Porta Flaminia".

Observe—The 15th February was the Festival of Februa Juno (Juno the Fructifier), and the Roman Catholic clergy substituted St. Valentine for the heathen Goddess.

This makes quite an interesting little history of the well known and now well observed St. Valentine's Day.

The amendment of the Roman clergy shows the reason why the day is now set apart to social festivities and love making among young people—thus combining somewhat the commemoration of both the Christian martyr and the Heathen Goddess.

These observances link together the present and the past. They teach us history in legend. They keep alive the reasons for the history of persons, places and things, and the why and wherefore. The fact is one thing, the reason why is another, and helps to fix in the mind this foundation fact.

NOTA BENE.

HARTMAN STORE TO CONTINUE.

The Elks have leased the first and second floors of the Hartman property to the R. E. Hartman store, and it will be reopened after the confirmation of the sale by the court, with an entirely new stock of goods. R. E. Hartman will be the manager, and the public generally will be pleased to know that this old stand, the oldest in town that has been continuously conducted by one family for so many years, is not going out of existence.

The Hartman store has been characterized by fair dealing, and for handling good merchandise at reasonable prices, and the long experience of Mr. Hartman will enable him to command the same liberal patronage that it has always enjoyed in the past. We wish him abundant success under the new arrangement.

FIREMEN AT CHURCH.

A fair representation of the members of the Bloomsburg Fire Department attended service at St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening, in accordance with their annual custom. Rev. J. W. Diggles preached an excellent sermon, his subject being "Heaven."

SOME OLD PAPERS.

In a window at J. R. Schuyler's Hardware Store are several copies of the Philadelphia Inquirer, published in April 1865, at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln, and giving a full account of that great crime.

BISHOP'S VISIT.

Right Reverend James H. Darlington, Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, will administer the rite of confirmation in St. Paul's Church next Sunday evening, and preach. The Bishop is an eloquent and interesting speaker.

LINCOLN DAY.

Will be Observed by Exercises at Normal, and Public Meeting.

Mayor Coleman has issued the following proclamation:

In commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, lawyer, statesman and President of the United States during the dark days of the Civil War, one of the greatest of Americans and one of the great men of all time, I, James H. Coleman, Mayor of the Town of Bloomsburg, do recommend that the people of this city exhibit their love and reverence for the memory of this great American by joining in the exercises to be held in this city Friday, February 12, 1909.

That this celebration may be marked in the most solemn manner, I urge upon the citizens of Bloomsburg to testify by their attendance in the schools and at the mass meetings to be held in the Court House, the love and honor in which the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined in the hearts of the people of the Parlor City of Pennsylvania. As a further mark of honor let the people hang out their flags from every home and place of business.

JAMES H. COLEMAN,
President of Town Council.

A public meeting will be held in the Court House at 7:30 on Friday evening. The Citizens Band will furnish the music, and give a concert in front of the court house, weather permitting.

The following program has been arranged:

Singing, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," by the audience, of by Harry Barton; prayer, by the Rev. W. R. Whitney; introductory remarks, by E. E. Bittenbender, chairman of committee; violin solo, by J. O. Pace, of the Normal School; recitation, "Tribute to Lincoln," by Catherine R. Richardson; address, H. A. M'Killip; singing, by audience, "Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds," reading, "Lincoln's address at Gettysburg" by W. Brady Belig.

"Short Sayings of Lincoln," by G. P. Landis, of the Normal School; address, Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr.; short talks by old soldiers, Sons of Veterans, and others; singing, "America," by the audience; benediction.

The G. A. R. requests that all citizens decorate their homes and places of business with flags.

BARN BURNED.

The barn on the farm of Harry Evans, in Frosty Valley, was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin, on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Evans was in Bloomsburg, and the fire was discovered about 12.30 by Geo. Jones, an employe. The horses and the cattle, excepting three calves were removed from the building, also some of the machinery. A new straw shed, wagon shed, and pig pen were also burned. All the crops in the barn were lost. The loss is a heavy one for Mr. Evans.

J. W. Young has purchased the property of Mrs. G. W. Mifflin, on West Main street, the price paid being \$8,500. Mr. Young is a son-in-law of the late Senator Geo. D. Jackson, of Dushore, and a few years ago came to Bloomsburg with his wife, and engaged in the insurance business.



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