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JAMES BOYD ROBISON.

Found Dead in Bed on Tuesday Morning.

Captain J. B. Robison was found dead in bed at his home in Espy on Tuesday morning. His health had been poor for the past two years, but he was able to be around most of the time. He was in town on Monday, and remarked to his wife that he was feeling unusually well. During Monday night he complained of feeling ill, and his wife arose and got him some medicine, which relieved him. At eight o'clock Tuesday morning she was in his room, and he said he was feeling as well as usual. At nine o'clock she went back and called him, and he made no answer. Then she found that he had passed away. He was lying just as she had left him, an hour before, and appeared to be sleeping.

Captain Robison was born in Bloomsburg, January 3, 1838, the son of William and Betsy Barton Robison. He was educated in the private schools of Bloomsburg, and at fourteen was ready for college. At sixteen he began teaching, and continued at this work for a short time. About 1850 he entered Lafayette College, where he remained until the end of his Sophomore year. Some years later the college gave him the degree of Master of Arts. He went to Mercer county, Pa., where he was reading law when the War of the Rebellion broke out. He was the first man from that county to enlist, being a member of Co. G, 10th Penna. Reserve Corps. He was wounded at Second Bull Run, and discharged from service because of disability, December 31, 1862. In June, 1863 he joined Co. H, 35th regiment of emergency men, of which company he was captain. On the mustering out of this company in August 1863 he resumed his law studies at Mercer, Pa.

He was admitted to the bar, November, 1863. Later he became a clerk in the commissary department and while thus engaged, on September 26, 1864 he was captured and confined in Libby prison until February 7, 1865. On his release he returned to Mercer. In 1867 he returned to Bloomsburg and began the practice of law, residing here until 1894, when he moved to Espy, Bloomsburg, up to a few years ago. In His office, however, he continued

Mr. Robison was District Attorney of Mercer county one year, was United States Commissioner three or four years and has also served as Notary Public and county and borough Solicitor. He was a Knight Templar, and in the thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and has served the order in nearly all its various offices. He was also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and of the Union Veteran Legion. He united with the Presbyterian church in 1866, and has since been a member.

On October 16, 1873 he married Jennie, daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann Case Breese, who survives him. There are living eight children: Martha E., at home; J. Boyd, residing above Espy; Bessie M., Jennie, graduate nurses of Philadelphia; Emily, a student at Temple College, Philadelphia; William, of New Castle, and Irwin, at home.

He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Millie Barber, who resides in the west. Other sisters, all deceased, were Mrs. Arlo Pardee, Mrs. George Markle, Mrs. Jane Elliott, Mrs. N. L. Campbell, and Miss Augusta Robison.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and the burial will take place at the Almedia cemetery.

WE STILL LEAD.

The COLUMBIAN PRINTING HOUSE, which has been under the same management for a third of a century, is still at the head of the procession, and intends to stay there.

Notwithstanding the fact that our equipment is more than double that of any other job printing establishment in the county, extensive additions and improvements have recently been made. The seventh press has been installed, five of which are run by electric power.

Within the past few months over thirty new faces of the latest type have been added to our already large stock, giving us an unequalled variety to select from, and affording greater facilities for doing printing of every kind, from the smallest card up to the most complicated forms.

A large stock is kept constantly in general printing supplies, so that it is seldom necessary for a customer to wait for his job until the stock can be ordered from the city.

Our work has been an advertisement for itself. We have never employed a solicitor to gather in work, as orders have come in fast enough to keep us busy, but in these days of push and hustle, and scramble for supremacy, it is necessary to toot one's own horn occasionally in order that no one may forget him.

The COLUMBIAN PRINTING HOUSE occupies its own building. It has more floor space than any other printing office in the county, and none to spare at that. Its facilities are more than double, and the stock of material carried is several times more than any other. Its workmen are unsurpassed, and the prices as low as they can be made consistent with good work.

We respectfully invite the patronage of all those who are not yet among our clientele, and we are duly grateful to the many friends who have so liberally favored us during the many years we have been in the business.

In conclusion we would say that notwithstanding the many recent improvements in the office, there are others in contemplation which will be made in the near future.

KLINE—DRAKE.

Two popular young people joined hearts and hands on Wednesday. They were William Frank Kline of Rohrsburg, and Miss Thursa Lorzora Drake of Bloomsburg.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Drake, on Fifth street, at noon, Rev. E. R. Heckman performing the ceremony. Only the respective families and a few near friends were present. The bride was attired in an Empire gown of silk messaline.

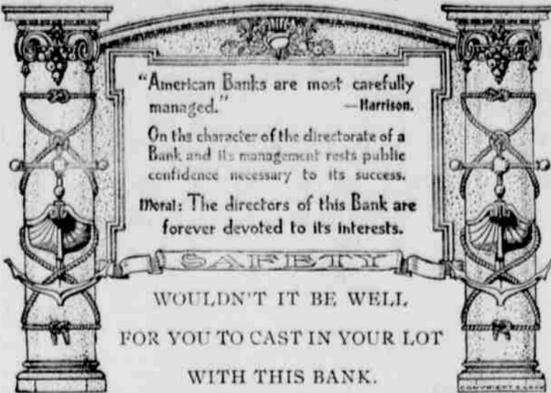
The young couple left on the D. L. & W. train for a three weeks' wedding tour, and on their return will reside in Bloomsburg.

The bride is one of the first graduate nurses of the Joseph Ratti Hospital, and Mr. Kline is a successful traveling salesman. He is a member of the Wheelmen Club.

POOR DIRECTOR APPOINTED.

On Monday the court appointed Emory D. Hagenbuch a director of Bloom Poor District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of O. T. Wilson. Mr. Hagenbuch is well qualified for the position.

J. H. Maize has moved his law and insurance office from the Townsend building to his residence on North street.



**THE BLOOMSBURG NATIONAL BANK**  
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COUNTY TAX RATE 5 MILLS.

Resolution Adopted to outline Financial Policy.

On Thursday last the County Commissioners fixed the county tax rate for 1909 at 5 mills. The estimated expenses of the county is \$102,158. The valuation of taxable property is about \$14,000,000. A five mill tax on this basis will produce over \$70,000.

Commissioner Lenhart offered the following resolution:

Whereas Columbia County has never had a financial policy and no provision is or has ever been made to meet the bonds falling due each year, and

Whereas, the bonds and interest payable this year (1909) are \$33,258 or about 63 per cent of the county's income, the total of which is about \$53,000, under the present rate of taxation.

Whereas, the estimated expenditures of the county for the year 1909 are \$69,100. This estimate includes the commissions of the tax collectors and the treasurer, which was never before included. Add to this the bonds and interest payable, we have a total of \$102,158, that the Commissioners must provide for this year. If the policy of short time loans (if it can be called a policy) is not stopped at once, in two years the bonds and interest falling due will amount to the total income of the county.

And, whereas, we the board of County Commissioners, realizing that this is a matter of great importance to the taxpayers of the county, it is necessary for a financial policy, not only to govern this board, but, a policy that is broad enough to govern future boards, and to make provision for the payment of the county's obligations in the future. Therefore be it,

Resolved, that it is the sense of this board that if we, the Board of County Commissioners, outline such a policy, it in all probability would not be carried out in the future, therefore we believe that if we can procure nine public spirited citizens to act without compensation, as a Commission, to investigate the finances of the county and outline a general policy to conduct the same it would be of vast advantage to every taxpayer and would govern future boards, and therefore, be it

Resolved, that we appoint a commission of nine public spirited business men of Columbia county and request that they act in the capacity, and that upon receiving the consent of the nine citizens that we furnish them with a competent secretary and with whatever else they deem necessary to further the object in view.

EXTENSIVE CHANGES.

Severance & Roberts will make extensive changes in the Tooley store room, preparatory to their occupancy.

The frame building in the rear of the present brick building will be removed and a two-story brick addition will be erected, size 30 x 70 feet. The entire front will be changed, and the entrance will be from the pavement with no step. When these contemplated improvements are made it will be one of the finest store rooms in this section.

George Norman of Woodbury, N. J. is visiting his mother on Center street.

BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Important Business Transacted and Committees Appointed.

An important and largely attended meeting of the Columbia County Bar Association was held in the Grand Jury room on Saturday when several matters of importance to the profession were considered, and committees appointed to take action upon them. The meeting was presided over by Col. John G. Freeze, president of the association.

A resolution was unanimously passed endorsing Hon. Charles Rice, of Luzerne county, as a candidate for the vacancy on the Supreme Court Bench.

Two Grand Juries having recommended that the special Act of Assembly under which all fines imposed by the Court go to the Columbia County Law Library Association be repealed, and as the association thought that an effort would be made at this session of the Legislature to have an Act passed repealing the same, a committee consisting of Messrs. Smith, M'Killip and Herring was appointed to use their efforts to oppose the passage of such an Act.

Another matter which was considered was the fee bill. A committee consisting of Messrs. Ikeler, Harman, Smith, Kreischer and Jackson was appointed to revise the same.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Day, Herring, Johnston, Evans, Elmes and Kline was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws of the association. The rules of the Law Library Association will also be revised by a committee consisting of Messrs. Rhawn, Fisher and Mensch.

REV. ISAAC O. BEST.

When the Bloomsburg Literary Institute first occupied its new building on the hill in 1867, what is now known as the Auditorium, Prof. Henry Carver was the Principal and he gathered around him an excellent faculty. Among the teachers was Isaac O. Best, teacher of Latin and Greek. He was a very popular teacher, and remained until 1871.

When he left Bloomsburg he prepared for the Presbyterian ministry. A letter recently received from him by Prof. F. H. Jenkins in answer to one written to him, gives his record since leaving here, and he has many friends who will be interested in knowing it.

He was for one year Principal of the Mt. Morris Academy; three years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Otisco, N. Y.; sixteen years Principal of the Clinton Grammar School, a boys' college preparatory school; ten years pastor at Mayfield, N. Y.; six years pastor at Chili, N. Y. A year ago last August he returned to Otisco as pastor, and is now residing there. Nearly one hundred boys who were under his instruction at various times, have entered the ministry.

Prof. Best has not been in Bloomsburg since 1871, but should he and Mrs. Best decide to pay a visit here we have no doubt but that they would receive a very warm welcome.

Rev. J. D. Thomas will attend the funeral of his uncle, William Thomas, at Slatington on Saturday. The deceased was seventy-five years old.



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