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MERGER SOON COMPLETED.

Handsome Offices for Columbia Power, Light and Railways Company.

News has gone out from Hazleton that the Harwood Electric Light and Power company in a few days will sign a contract to furnish current for electric light and trolley companies of Columbia and Montour counties.

The Harwood Electric Light and Power company, it is reported, will run a line through Nescopeck to Berwick. This will give the farmers along the route a chance to install electricity in their houses and barns and enable them to operate their machinery with power.

Elaborate offices will be fitted up for the Columbia Power, Light and Railway company. The new quarters are in the Moyer building. The plans provide for woodwork and furniture that will be among the finest in this section. The woodwork of the side-walls and counters will be of mission finish and is being prepared by A. B. Hartman of Bloomsburg.

There will be large display windows, in which will be exhibited electrical and small gas fixtures. Directly within the doors will be located the waiting room for the various trolley lines, in which will be placed settees for the use of passengers. A space in the front corners will be given over to the display of gas ranges and electrical appliances.

The offices will contain a telephone switchboard with private connection throughout the various trolley lines as well as to the various plants and offices.

The counter of fumed oak will contain at the front a plate glass top. The various departments will be enclosed by wood and glass partitions, the offices of the cashier, auditor, railway superintendent, gas superintendent, electric superintendent and the general manager utilizing the space. All the partitions will be panelled in wood to the height of four feet, with glass panels above.

The second floor will be given over to a handsomely furnished directors' room and a room for storage purposes. In the basement will be a commodious room for motormen and conductors.

AUDITORS APPOINTED.

The following auditors have recently been appointed by the court for the purposes named:

Fred Ikeler, Esq., was appointed auditor to make distribution of the funds in the hands of W. P. Davis, executor of William S. Hirlinger, deceased.

John G. Freeze, Esq., was appointed auditor to make distribution of the funds in the hands of Rev. Father Murphy, executor of Rev. Daniel Sullivan, deceased.

Frank Ikeler, Esq., was appointed auditor to make distribution in the estate of M. O. Bowman, deceased.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

A week of special services has been decided upon by the Men's Bible Union, beginning March 22nd. Fred Ikeler Esq. and probably other speakers will address the meetings.

Mrs. G. E. Wilbur made an address to the Sunday School of St. Paul's M. E. church at Danville, last Sunday afternoon.

Seventeen new members were added to the Men's Adult Bible Class at the M. E. church last Sunday morning.

THE COUNTY FINANCES.

The county commissioners passed a resolution two weeks ago, in which they decided to appoint a commission of nine public spirited business men of Columbia County, and request that they act as a commission, to serve without compensation, to investigate the finances of the county, and outline a policy for future conduct of the finances.

This resolution manifests a desire on the part of the commissioners to get right on the financial situation, and to stay right if possible.

The proposition to appoint such a commission does not seem practicable, mainly because of the difficulty in finding nine competent business men who would be willing to accept such an appointment, and perform the labor without compensation.

But even though the men so appointed would consent, it would seem unnecessary, for such a commission could arrive at only one conclusion, and that conclusion has already been reached by the county commissioners in their decision to raise the county tax rate this year.

The county has a debt now of \$219,643.38. This big sum has been created largely by the building of bridges. Except for the law providing for the erection of bridges by the state, there would now be no bridge at Berwick or Catawissa, or the debt would be very much larger.

The estimated expenses of the county for 1909 is \$102,158.00, including bonds and interest falling due. Part of the bonds can, no doubt, be renewed. But the debt ought to be reduced, and the county has but one way to do it, and that is by taxation.

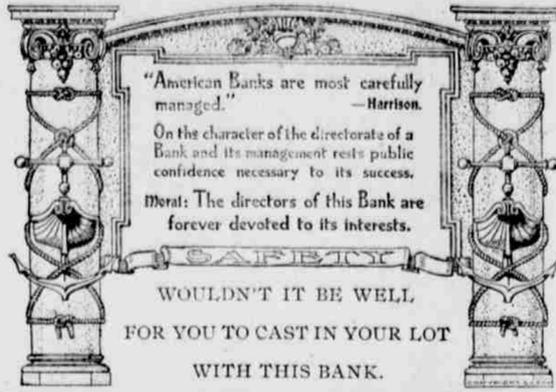
To increase the tax rate is an unpopular act, but it has been forced upon the commissioners, and there was nothing else for them to do. If the debt is to be reduced to any appreciable extent, the tax rate will have to be still further increased in the very near future.

About the only policy that can be suggested is to take up some of the maturing bonds with a new issue so scheduled that a few of them will mature each year, and so on, each year, until all the present outstanding series shall mature and be rebonded, and in the meantime make a tax rate that will produce an income sufficient to pay the interest on all the bonds, take up a few of the bonds annually, and pay the current expenses of the county besides.

No commission can suggest any way by which the county debt can be paid without money, and no commission can suggest any other way of raising money for county purposes, except by taxation. That is the only solution to the problem, and unpopular and undesirable as we may all consider it, it is what we shall have to come to, sooner or later.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. ROBISON.

The burial services of the late Captain J. B. Robison were held at the house last Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. Rev. H. E. Harman of West Berwick officiated. There were a number of beautiful floral offerings, including a pillow of roses and carnations by the Sons of Veterans, of town, and a large wreath by the Bar Association. The pallbearers were: C. A. Small, Wm. Chrisman and Clinton C. Herring, of the Bar Association; and Alexander Cohen, Charles Fornwald and B. F. Sharpless, of the Union Veteran Legion of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made in the Almedia cemetery.



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RESOLUTIONS OF THE BAR.

On Death of Capt. Robison.

At a meeting of the Columbia County Bar Association, held in the Court House Saturday afternoon, the following resolutions, as a tribute to the memory of Capt. J. B. Robison, were drawn up and caused to be spread upon the minutes of the Association:

To the President and members of the Columbia County Bar Association:

On Tuesday, March 2nd, 1909, after a useful and honorable life, Captain J. Boyd Robison, a member of the Columbia County Bar Association, died at his home in Espy.

A son of William and Betsy Robison, born in Bloomsburg, January 3d, 1838, where he spent his early youth. He was educated in the public schools, private academies, graduated at Lafayette College, and subsequently read law, first in the office of Jason T. Gleber, Esq., afterwards with James H. Robison, Esq., Mercer, Penna., and was admitted to the Bar of Mercer County November 17th, 1863.

While a student at law the Civil War broke out and he was the first man from that county to enlist, and was discharged, because of disability, December, 1862. June, 1863, he re-enlisted, becoming Captain of Company H., 35th regiment. He served with distinction, saw much active duty and was confined in Libby Prison for more than six months, and at the close of an honorable military career he returned to Mercer county, where he served as District Attorney.

He returned to Bloomsburg in 1867 and from that time until the date of his death was actively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession.

His high sense of honor and his fidelity to his clients caused him to be held in high esteem by his fellow members of the Bar, while his active interest in all matters pertaining to public affairs, made him a man of force and influence in the community.

Your committee offers this brief tribute to the memory of Captain Robison to be spread upon the minutes of the Bar Association and filed of record in the Court.

A. W. Day,
H. Mont Smith,
H. A. M'Killip,
Committee.

Bloomsburg, Pa., March 6th, 1909.

CONCERT!

The B. S. N. S. Orchestra and Choral Club will give a concert in Normal Auditorium, on Saturday, March 13th, at 8:15 P. M.

The orchestra includes thirteen instruments and the choral club has 90 voices.

Admission 15 cents. The program opens at Bidleman's on Thursday, March 11.

W. Dosh Holloway, a prominent resident of Danville, and well known in Bloomsburg, died at his home last Sunday, after an illness of thirteen weeks. His age was forty four years. He served in the Twelfth Regiment in the Spanish-American war, and after that was elected first lieutenant of Co. F. Twelfth Regiment for a time until he resigned.

WHEELMEN ELECTION.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen was held at the club house on Tuesday evening when the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, George M. Tustin; Vice President, Prof. J. W. Goodwin; Secretary, Harry Achenbach; Treasurer, W. C. Snyder; Librarians, S. F. Peacock and W. E. Johnson; Auditors, C. N. Nagle, H. S. Barton and John A. Whitney.

The old Board of Governors was reelected as follows: A. W. Sharpless, John M. Clark, Fred Beglinger, F. R. Carpenter, W. S. Reed, F. H. Wilson and C. T. Vander-slice.

BLOOMSBURG CAN BEAT IT.

S. R. Mason, the oldest practicing attorney in Mercer county celebrated his eighty-second birthday on Monday. Mr. Mason has practiced law continuously for 57 years. In 1878 he was the Greenback candidate for Governor, and made a notable canvass, receiving 81,758 votes. Mr. Mason is the picture of perfect health and has grown old gracefully, bidding fair to celebrate many more natal days.—EX.

Col. Freeze of Bloomsburg is in his eighty-fourth year and has been practicing law in this town since April 1848, and is now in the sixty-second year of professional life. He is the President of the Bar Association, and takes an active interest and part in all things professional.

Evangelical Appointments.

The Central Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church held at Lewistown during the past week made the following appointments for this district.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

J. W. Messinger, presiding elder. Berwick, Bower Memorial—I. E. Spangler.

Berwick, North—E. D. Keen. Berwick, West—E. Fulcomer. Bloomsburg—E. B. Bailey.

Buffalo Circuit—J. D. Stover. Columbia Circuit—F. H. Foss. Danville—W. N. Walis.

Dushore—H. R. Wilkes. Espy—J. O. Biggs.

Lewisburg—J. A. Hollenbaugh. Lopez—J. M. King.

Luzerne Circuit—R. S. Daubert. Milton—A. F. Weaver.

Milton Circuit—I. M. Pines. Nescopeck—L. M. Dice.

Nuremberg—J. Womelsdorf. Ransom—L. Dice.

Scranton—W. E. Peffley. Sonestown—J. H. Hertz.

Unityville Mission—John M. Price.

West Nanticoke—G. W. Frey. L. A. Harris and F. F. Mayer, members of Unityville quarterly conference; S. Aurand, Berwick, Bower Memorial quarterly conference; S. M. Smith, Buffalo Valley quarterly conference; W. I. Stambach, missionary to China, Milton quarterly conference.

H. Bruce Clark and C. A. Caswell received their handsome new White Steamer automobiles last week.

Miss Ella Watson has gone to Amsterdam, N. Y., where she has taken charge of the millinery department of a large store.



Bring Her With You!

WOMEN know better than men what is good quality in cloth. They know a pure wool fabric when they see it, and they have good taste too in the selection of fabric, design and color. That is why we like you to **Bring Her With You** when you want to buy a new suit or overcoat. Ask for the **International** genuine all wool line, and put the question of worth to her. International quality can stand the severest test—aye—the test even of a bargain-hunting lady. **BRING HER WITH YOU.**

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