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MEMORIES OF EXCHANGE.

Col. Freeze's Recollections of Early Days.

An article appeared in the Danville Morning News recently about a barn raising at Exchange, Montour county. It called forth a letter from our townsman, Col. Freeze, which is printed below. William C. Johnston who is spoken of, was for many years the Register and Recorder of Montour county, and was widely known all through this section.

The letter is as follows:

To The Morning News,
Danville, Penn'a,

Dear Sir:
Going into the office of the Bloomsburg Columbian as I often do, I picked up the Danville Morning News as I often do, and my eye lit upon "Exchange" and the barn raising on an historic spot. Considering that I lived at Exchange many years, many years ago, both at the mill and the hotel, you will not be surprised that I was interested in the event mentioned.

The barn raising, however, was not the principal matter that interested me in the reminiscence article, although the heading first called my attention. My father kept the hotel at one time, and Joseph Levers, father of Amandus Levers, subsequently treasurer of the county, kept the store.

But your reference to William C. Johnston was what most stirred my personal feelings.

When I was the boy I am speaking of, William C. Johnston kept school in an old log school house near the bank of the Chillisquaque creek, under the shade of a great oak tree. I went to school to him for several quarters and a good school master of the old kind he was, too. Some years after that in the course of human events I found myself in the Academy at Danville with William C. Johnston under the tuition of E. W. Conkling.

After we completed our academic terms Mr. Johnston went into the office of John Cooper to read law, and about the same time I went into the office of Joshua W. Comly. We finished our legal courses and by that time the seat of justice had been removed to Bloomsburg and we went there to be examined for admission to the bar.

Judge Anthony was on the bench. He gave us each a committee, but the committees met together in the judges' room and we appeared before them and underwent the torture. We were passed and certified and admitted together, side by side, on the 19th day of April, 1848.

J. G. F.

DR. WILLIAM WILLITS.

The funeral of the late Dr. William Willits, who died in Nebraska last week, was held from the home of L. N. Meyer, on West Main street Sunday, the services being conducted by the Rev. R. H. Gilbert, of Berwick.

The body, escorted by members of Washington Lodge, was then taken to Rosemont cemetery, where the Masonic service was conducted. The Rev. J. W. Diggle offered prayer at the grave. The following acted as pall bearers: R. D. Young, S. C. Seiple, John Knies, L. Reese, R. E. Hartman and William Snyder.

Notice has been posted by the Town Treasurer that the town taxes must be paid in thirty days from July 19th. No extension will be given, and after that time 5 per cent. penalty will be added.

FISH COMMISSION COMING.

Hon. John G. Harman, the attorney for the Department of Fisheries, has received word that the Board of Fishery Commission will investigate the character of Fishing Creek in Columbia county on the evening of August 5, in order to determine what part thereof is a stream inhabited by trout and what part is not.

The Board which will act under the provisions of Section 28 of the Act of May 1, 1909, will hear testimony of any one interested and having knowledge of conditions at Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg, and the proceedings will begin at 8 o'clock. W. E. Meehan, Commissioner of Fisheries, is president of the Board and will preside and the testimony will be taken in shorthand by Miss Anna Metz, the statistician and head stenographer of the Department of Fisheries.

The other members of the Board are: John Hamberger, Erie; Henry C. Cox, Wellsboro; Andrew R. Whitaker, Phoenixville; W. A. Leisenring, Mauch Chunk.

In order that the Board may be able to decide intelligently it desires as many persons present as possible who are acquainted with the conditions of the creek and the different species of fish which inhabit the waters. No person appearing before the Board is sworn, but each is called upon to answer certain questions put to him and to give what information he possesses and from the testimony thus given the Board decides the point at which the creek ceases to be a stream inhabited by trout.

It will be a busy week with the Board. On the 4th it sits in Tioga county to determine the status of Pine creek and on the afternoon of the 5th at Catawissa to hear testimony concerning the status of Roaring creek. On the 6th it sits at Stroudsburg to determine the status of Brodhead's creek.

ROBBED A SAFE.

A most daring and mysterious robbery was perpetrated in Danville Monday, when a thief or thieves in broad daylight entered the office of Attorney Charles V. Amerman and breaking open the drawers of his safe stole therefrom twenty-five dollars.

The robbery took place between 12 and 1 o'clock while Mr. Amerman was at dinner. His office door, it appears, was not locked, neither was the door of the safe, although the drawers inside were carefully locked.

The money belonged to a Sunday school, of which Mr. Amerman is the treasurer. There is no clue to the robbery.

AN OVERWORKED NAME.

My, but isn't the name of Marathon getting to be ridiculously misused. The original long distance run which was performed by a Greek in the fifth century of the pre-Christian era, when he brought the news of the battle of Marathon to Athens, covered a distance of something over twenty-six miles. When the nations revived the quadrennial sports a few years ago, they included the Marathon, or twenty-six mile run, in the list of events.

Nowadays every amateur athletic association that has a run of anywhere from two to ten miles labels it a "Marathon," which is about as much of a misnomer as calling a dog-trot from Bloomsburg to Espy a "Jamison City."



THE BLOOMSBURG NATIONAL BANK
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W. E. RINKER DIES SUDDENLY.

The sudden death of W. E. Rinker occurred on Wednesday morning at 2:30 o'clock from heart failure. His age was 61 years.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Miss Gertrude Rinker, at home, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Joseph Hooper, of Hutzdale, Pa.; Miss Ida Rinker and B. Frank and George Rinker, of town.

His health had been failing for some time past, but he was attending to his duties on Tuesday, as book keeper for Moyer Bros. where he has been employed for the past twenty-five years. He retired on Tuesday night apparently as well as usual.

He was prominently identified with the secret organizations of the town, being a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.; secretary of Bloomsburg Council, No. 146, Order of United American Mechanics; Theta Castle, No. 276, Knights of the Golden Eagle; Bloomsburg Lodge, No. 436, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; LaVallette Commandery, No. 91 Knights of Malta, and of Colonel Wellington H. Eut Post, No. 250, G. A. R.

He was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and for the past 19 years a member of the Bloom School Board.

Mr. Rinker was a man of excellent habits and upright character, and was popular with all who knew him.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the residence, Rev. G. K. Smith officiating. At the grave the services will be conducted by the American Mechanics.

DEEDS RECORDED.

The following deeds have recently been entered on record by Recorder of Deeds Frank W. Miller: Hiram Bogert and wife to B. E. Keller for land in Orangeville.

B. S. Weskheiser to Peter A. Fetterolf for land in Mifflin.

Peter A. Fetterolf and wife to William Parr for land in Mifflin.

William Parr heirs to H. E. Grover, for land in Mifflin.

W. J. Eastman, et al to Christian A. Small for land in Bloomsburg.

Elizabeth Fetterman to Christina Eveland for land in Locust.

Elizabeth Miller, et al, to Frank L. Miller for land in Catawissa.

W. A. Dent to Sarah S. Dent for land in Hemlock.

I. D. White estate to P. H. Wilson, for land in Bloomsburg.

Frank H. Wilson and wife to Lillie H. White, for land in Bloomsburg.

Isaiah Bower and wife to Grace M. East for a property in the borough of West Berwick.

Isaiah Bower and wife to Harry R. East for a property in the borough of West Berwick.

Maria Dyke to George J. Jones for a property in the borough of Centralia.

George J. and Martha Jones to O. B. Millard for a property in the borough of Centralia.

Clara P. Schuck et al to Samuel Knecht for a tract of land situate in Mifflin township.

Rosemont Cemetery Company to Martha Sterling for a lot of ground in the said cemetery.

Ada R. Trexler estate to Sadusky John for a property in the village of Aristes.

S. R. KAMP, PLAINTIFF.

Simon R. Kamp, a former resident and business man of Bloomsburg, is the plaintiff in a ten thousand dollar suit for damages against Representative Wm. D. Jones, of Ridley Park, Delaware county, charging him with the alienation of his wife's affections. Mrs. Kamp recently secured a divorce from her husband, and last week she and Jones were married. The suit has caused a stir in political circles in the county, and may have an effect at the next legislative election. In his statement filed Saturday in the office of the prothonotary, Simon F. Kamp sets forth that he and Susan M. Shindel were married at Selingsgrove, Snyder county, on September 10, 1881. Previous to November 1, 1905, they lived together at Milmont, Delaware county. Mr. Kamp alleges that previous to that time she made the acquaintance of William D. Jones, who is engaged in the coal business at Ridley Park. Kamp alleges that during his absence Jones became a visitor to his home. Although warned not to call upon his wife, Jones, he says, "disregarded the deponent's wishes, continued the visits to the deponent's wife with the intent and purpose wickedly and wrongfully to injure the deponent and to deprive him of the comfort, fellowship, society and assistance and to alienate and destroy the affection of his wife." Further, the deponent alleges that on November 15, 1906, and at other times and places, that Jones was guilty of misconduct with his wife, Atlantic City being named as one of the places. Kamp says that he was forced to withdraw from his wife, and that Jones took up his residence with her. On June 14, 1908, Mrs. Kamp began a suit for divorce against her husband, charging him with desertion. On December 14, 1908, Henry W. Jones, of Chester, was named as master in the divorce proceedings. A hearing was held on February 5th of this year, and the respondent was represented by an attorney but he made no allegation that the desertion of his wife was for cause, according to the report of the master. On March 27th of this year, after the report of the master had been submitted to the court, Judge Isaac Johnson granted to Mrs. Kamp an absolute decree of divorce. Mrs. Kamp has four children, the oldest being twenty-six years of age. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kamp they lived at Milton, Bloomsburg, Philadelphia and finally moved to Milmont, Delaware county, the present residence of Mrs. Jones, formerly Mrs. Kamp. Mr. Kamp has lived with his son at 1328 Ruby street, Philadelphia. He has an office in the Burd building, at Ninth and Chestnut streets, that city.

He was engaged in the lumber business in Bloomsburg some years ago, and still makes business trips here, selling jewelry.

BENEFIT GAME.

Two teams representing the Craftsman Club and the Elks, respectively, will play a game of base ball on Normal Field this afternoon the proceeds to be given to the Joseph Ratti Hospital.

The power house of the Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Company has been closed down, the Irondale plant now furnishes the power for the road.

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