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## THE HOSPITAL.

The Splendid Work Done by this Institution and the Increasing Demand Upon it.

### NECESSITY FOR ENLARGEMENT.

When the Joseph Ratti Hospital was first established in Bloomsburg, there were many who were somewhat skeptical as to its success, but the great work that has been accomplished there has more than justified the expectations of its founder and all who were instrumental in its creation.

Its limited capacity has been constantly filled, and the demands upon its services have been such that many have not been able to secure treatment there, though no serious cases have ever been refused admission.

The Hospital has reached a point now where its enlargement is an absolute necessity. This will require a considerable amount of money, and the only way that the Hospital authorities can secure the necessary sum is by the cooperation of the public. A comparatively small appropriation has been received from the State, but this sum has been more than expended in the treatment of charity patients.

The Joseph Ratti Hospital is not a Bloomsburg institution. Patients from every section of the county and from adjoining counties have been treated there, and its doors have never been closed to any case where it has been possible in any way to make room for it.

An appeal will probably soon be made to the public for funds with which to erect the new and enlarged building necessary for its work, and this appeal should be promptly and cheerfully responded to by residents of the county generally, as well as by those in neighboring communities to which it is convenient, and from which patients are willingly received up to the limit of the capacity.

An appropriation of \$15,000 was made by the legislature at its last session, but this was cut down to \$5,000 by the Governor, and it will be secured only on condition that \$10,000 more be raised by the Hospital during the present year. But this will not be sufficient to make the institution what it should be, and an additional \$20,000 will be required for the erection and equipment of the new building. Last year the appropriation was \$1578.02. The cost to the Hospital for patients treated free of charge was \$2216.46. We append the financial report for 1909, and also the report of the medical staff, both of which will be found of much interest.

### FINANCIAL REPORT.

The financial report as submitted by the superintendent is well worth a careful study. The total income for the year was \$4,925.11, of which sum \$1,578.02 were received from state appropriation; \$268.95 from donations; \$2,946.11 from patients and \$132.03 from other sources. The income was wholly expended in the maintenance of the hospital. There were 200 of what are termed in-patients and 30 dispensary patients treated during the year. The in-patients were treated in the hospital a total of 3,336 days, which would make an average cost per day of \$1.47 2-3, or a cost per week of \$10.33. Of the patients treated in the hospital 72 were charity cases, 11 were admitted as pay patients, but failed to pay, and 8 have paid but a small portion of their bill. This makes a total of 91 patients

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## THE NOMINEES.

Democratic Party Held Caucus Last Friday Evening and Named Candidates.

The Democratic Caucus was held in the Town Hall last Friday evening, with County Chairman, James H. Mercer, presiding, and John Watson and W. W. Barratt acting as clerks.

The nominations opened, and Dr. Charles F. Altmiller was named as candidate for President of Town Council, and H. C. Pollock, Harry Rulon and Dr. I. L. Rabb, for Members.

Geo. E. Elwell was nominated for School Director for the three year term, and C. W. Jones for two years.

Guy Jacoby was again acclaimed as nominee for Justice of the Peace.

The nominations for election officers of the different wards were then made.

For the First Ward, Geo. E. Elwell acted as chairman and Paul Z. Harman and James H. Coleman as secretaries. Nominations were as follows: Judge of election, W. W. Barratt, inspector, William E. Knorr; registry assessor, Wm. A. Gray.

S. J. Johnston called the Second Ward caucus to order and A. N. Yost and N. J. Hofer were appointed secretaries. For judge of election, Clark Runyon was nominated; for inspector, Geo. Belig; for registry assessor, William C. Homer.

E. M. Savidge acted as chairman for the Third Ward, and Harry Strohm and John Trinkle secretaries. W. W. Black was nominated for judge of election; Edward Strohm for registry assessor, and P. H. Freeze for inspector, the vote being Freeze 16, Stetler 12.

Clark Miller acted as chairman and Harry Rhodes and Welling ton Kasner secretaries in the Fourth Ward caucus. John Fry was nominated for judge of election and Daniel Mericle for inspector.

Bert Kramer and Joseph Roat were the candidates for registry assessor and the first ballot resulted in a tie, both receiving 19 votes. The second ballot gave Kramer 20 votes and Roat 18.

## FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of representatives of the fire companies of town was held in the Town Hall last Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a Fireman's Relief Association.

Charles Miller, Chief of the Department, presided. Calvin Girton was secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up by-laws. It was stated that the Town Council would give the association the taxes received annually from foreign insurance companies which amounts to about \$285 every year.

The twenty-four representatives present all signified their intention of joining the association.

## LICENSES.

The Associate Judges evidently thought that there was necessity for more bars in Columbia county, for they overruled Judge Evans' objections and granted six new licenses last Saturday. One of these was for the new hotel at Market and Sixth streets, which was asked for by Anthony Menzbach. Five others were granted in West Berwick. The latter raised a storm of indignation, for that borough already had an overflowing quota of bars.

## BIG MERGER.

The Rumored Combination of Trolley and Light Companies Proves to be Large One.

### PHILA. AND SCRANTON CONNECTED.

The merger has been officially announced. After weeks of guessing on the part of the public, Mr. E. R. Sponsler, president of the Columbia Power, Light and Railways Company, has given out a statement disclosing one of the biggest associations of capital which has ever taken place in this part of the country. A holding company is to be formed, and is already financed, which will combine the Columbia and Montour, Danville and Bloomsburg, Northumberland Light Heat and Railways Company, the Shamokin and Edgewood Company, the Shamokin and Mt. Carmel Company and the Schuylkill Railways Company, and twenty electric light plants and five gas properties in Berwick, Bloomsburg, Danville, Sunbury, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Centralia, Ashland, Girardville, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and McAdoo.

Seven million dollars will be expended, two millions being spent in this section. The entire line between Berwick and Danville will be rebuilt over a private right of way, work beginning in June. The lines will be extended to Sunbury and Wilkes-Barre. The Harwood current will be used.

An express train service will be instituted, with a forty-mile-an-hour speed, which will eventually be extended from Wilkes-Barre to Pottsville.

The lines of the Shamokin and Edgewood Company will be extended 20 miles to Sunbury and this connection with the Shamokin and Mt. Carmel and the Schuylkill Valleys Railways gives the connection without interruption from Shamokin to Mt. Carmel and Centralia and thence to Ashland and Mahanoy City via Girardville and Shenandoah.

By the junction with the Schuylkill Valley lines and with the Lehigh Valley Traction Co.'s lines at Tamaqua, extending to Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Reading and Philadelphia, the links are forged that connect Philadelphia with Scranton.

The engineers have been over the ground, and there now remain only the final preparations for creating the big network of trolley lines and connecting the lighting plants of this entire section.

## BREAK IN PIPE LINE.

The oil pipe of the Tidewater Pipe Company was broken by the ice last Friday at the point where it crosses the Catawissa Creek at Mainville. The pipe crosses the stream about ten feet above the normal water level, but with the rise in the creek, the ice reached the pipe, causing the break, and entailing a loss of about \$6,000.

The crude oil poured into the stream, and made unpleasant conditions around Mainville. The water was five feet deep in the Kester mill, and the oil ran in, which necessitated much cleaning when the flood subsided.

The Mount Carmel postmaster-ship has gone begging for a long time. Why not hold a municipal raffle, and settle the thing?

## POULTRY SHOW.

Good Showing of Stock at the Midway Makes a Fine Display.

The Midway is filled with feathers and noise this week, for the Poultry Show is in progress. All of the local fanciers have exhibits of their birds, and there are also great numbers of out of town birds from all over the eastern part of the state. Chickens of all sorts, ducks, geese and pigeons, and Belgian hares are there in big bunches, and present an excellent showing, a remarkable one indeed, when one considers that this is the first show of the kind in Bloomsburg.

The Midway is entirely filled with coops, five double rows of them, in two and three tiers. The judges will award many valuable prizes, including cash and silver cups, which are on exhibition in the Gelb display window.

The management of the show is to be congratulated in making this first exhibition the success that it has proved to be.

## BUGGY SMASHED IN RUNAWAY.

As Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crawford were driving up Main Street near Barton Street on Sunday afternoon, their horse became frightened at Dr. R. E. Miller's automobile. Its antics toppled over the buggy and threw the occupants to the ground. The horse then started on a little journey of its own, incidentally throwing the buggy against a pole, and tearing itself out of the harness, then making a dash for Mr. Crawford's farm pursued by Dr. Miller and Mr. Crawford in the automobile.

There was comparatively little left of the vehicle and harness, but Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were fortunately uninjured.

## CONSISTORY MEETS.

Caldwell Consistory is now in session in the Cathedral. The first meeting was that of Enoch Lodge of Perfection 14°, held on Tuesday evening. Yesterday was taken up with work up to the sixteenth degree, and to-day it proceeds to the thirty-second, which will be conferred this evening. At ten o'clock a banquet will be tendered to all members of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Bloomsburg.

Many out of town members are present, including several thirty-third degree Masons.

## CRAFTSMAN DANCE.

The first of the winter series of informal dances given by the Craftsman Club was held in the Cathedral last Friday evening. Owing to the disagreeable weather, the attendance was not so large as was expected, but a goodly number were present.

Elwell's orchestra furnished the music. Light refreshments were served by H. D. Edgar, of the City Cafe.

The other dances of the series will be held February fifteenth and April fifteenth.

## RANSLOW GEORGE.

Ranslow George, a resident of Cleveland township, Columbia county, died Friday morning at 6 o'clock of Bright's disease, aged 56 years. The deceased is survived by a wife and 6 children. The funeral was held Sunday morning from the home.

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