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Message From His Honor, the Burgess.

To the Common Council of the Borough of Emporium, Pa.

GENTLEMEN:—As you will doubtless be called upon, more or less frequently during the coming year, for action of various kinds, relating to our Municipal Electric Lighting plant I assume that a brief resume of the work of the past year may prove of service.

OUR ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT.
After a few weeks of friendly controversy in the local press a vote was taken at our borough election held in February 1901, on the proposition to bond the borough \$7,000 for the construction of an electric lighting plant to furnish street lights and incandescents. The proposition carried by a majority of nearly four to one, and Council of 1901 at their first meeting in March appointed a committee to take immediate action on the subject. This committee was composed of Messrs. Catlin, Balcom and Murry, and was requested to act with the Burgess. The committee elected Mr. J. C. Vail a well known Electrical Engineer of Philadelphia, to prepare plans and specifications. Mr. Vail looked over the ground personally about the middle of March, and at once prepared plans and specifications which were accepted by committee and by Council at regular meeting in April, and bids advertised for in the Press and Independent of Emporium, and the Engineering Record, of New York City. Bids were opened April 30th. The lowest bid was \$9,759.00, but the bidders were unable to show that the engine they proposed to put in would fulfill the requirements of the specifications, nor could they refer to a single instance in which their engine had been used for electric light work. Next bids were \$6,949, and \$6,919, both by Geo. Metzger, Jr., of Emporium; from Olean came a bid of \$7,450; Philadelphia, \$7,612; Philadelphia, \$7,892; Philadelphia, \$8,132; Newburg, N. Y., \$8,507; Williamsport, \$9,760; Pittsburgh, \$8,807. About this time Mr. S. S. Hackett, was appointed to Council and also placed on the light committee to fill a vacancy caused by Councilman Murry's change of residence. The contract was finally awarded to Geo. Metzger, Jr., at his bid of \$6,919, for complete plant except power house and connections. Mr. Metzger's bond in the sum of \$2,000 was accepted and contract legally closed May 13th. Owing to unavoidable delays in shipment of engine and other apparatus the contractor did not pronounce his work finished until September 28th, and same was finally accepted by the borough Oct. 28, 1901, after an inspection by engineer Vail, of Philadelphia, who pronounced all the apparatus to be first-class and as required by the specifications. The line work has stood the high winds and storms of the past six months without a break or a cent's worth of repairs and may fairly be considered to be properly constructed.

COST OF PLANT.
The contractor received \$6,767.00. Expense and bills on account of Electrical Engineer for plans and specifications, blue prints, inspection and etc., also bills for lumber and labor on power house, gas, water and sewer connections, etc., were \$735.00 to which should be added \$129.61 for pipes, plumbing, labor and apparatus which through purchase of the borough accepted the plant, and really a part of construction expenses, making the entire cost of plant complete \$7,681.61.

OPERATING EXPENSES.
Operating expenses for October, November, December, January less above items charged to construction, \$132.74. Included in this, however, is \$54.50 insurance for full year and payments for oil and carbons still on hand. We find that the overcharge on these four months for supplies bought and on hand but not yet used is \$21.00 and insurance for eight months the borough \$36.23, reducing actual running expense for the four months to \$375.74. Expenses for February including insurance \$4.54, is \$31.89, expense for March \$93.08, making a total of 553.91 for six months or \$93.12 per month for 31 arcs, or about \$36.00 per year per arc. To this should be added \$280.00 per year interest on bonds, bringing the cost to the borough of a single arc to \$45.00 per year.

According to the guarantee given by the manufacturers of our apparatus, we have sufficient surplus power to furnish private lighting to the amount of \$900.00 per year. I fully agree, however, with your lighting committee in its conclusion to defer further action regarding inside lighting till the engine bed in the power house is reinforced.

WEAK FOUNDATION.
The fact that the engine bed shows signs of weakness is very much to be regretted, but I fail to find that council or the contractor can be blamed in any way for this condition. The size of the foundation and the construction of it are in every respect equal, and in the matter of the cement employed, better than the requirements furnished by the engine builders who probably lost sight of the fact that the foundation would stand in water whenever water in the branch was high, although their attention was drawn to this several times. I have recently learned that the same thing occurred when a new steam engine was put in at the Iron Works here about two years ago. The foundation was built on precisely the same level as related to the creek, and it was built according to specifications, but after a few weeks use it began to sink so that its reinforcement became necessary. This was accomplished by surrounding the foundation on all sides with a stone wall 18 inches thick, about four or five feet from the foundation. This space was then filled with slag or cinder and flooded with cement. Since this time, about two years ago, the foundation has remained perfectly solid.

I would suggest, Gentlemen, that

your committee investigate this case, and if practicable adopt a similar plan, as if this should prove efficient and economical it would certainly be very convenient as not interfering with the continuous service of the plant.

The engine and generator are represented and guaranteed by their respective manufacturers to furnish a certain amount of power, and it will at once occur to you that it is very important that, at once our reinforcement of the foundation, inside lights be put on sufficient to test the full capacity of the plant before the expiration of the guarantees.

STREET DEPARTMENT.
I wish to congratulate you gentlemen on the good work done by your street commissioner during the past year, and especially on the efficiency of his department during the winter. I am convinced that there are very few if any towns in the state of any size where the sidewalks were kept in better condition so far as snow and ice is concerned than they were right here in Emporium. As usual, in the spring there are a large number of wooden sidewalks that need immediate attention, but your street commissioner will no doubt give you full particulars regarding these.

FOURTH STREET.
I wish to call your attention to the condition of Fourth street. For years repairs have been made by dumping cinders and dirt in the street, and the center of the road has been gradually rising till in many places it is higher than the sidewalks. This is very noticeable in the square between Broad and Chestnut streets, and is particularly to be deplored at this point, as the brick business blocks in this square cannot be raised to keep pace with the upward movement of the road.

GRADING AND REPAIRS.
In this connection gentlemen I would most earnestly recommend that a definite grade line be at once established from the upper end of Fourth street, to the railroad crossing at the Junction, and that hereafter when repairs are made they be made by cutting down the high points and filling in the low ones till the roadway conforms to one regular grade from end to end.

We have right here in the Borough, at the furnace, and free of charge, some of the finest road making material in the world. I refer of course to the slag or cinder from the iron works, and it seems to me that this ought to be utilized while we have the opportunity. Dumping cinder here and there on top of the street, however, is of very trifling benefit. The road should be excavated where necessary and filled in with 10 to 12 inches of cinder, coarse on the bottom and fine on top, and then rolled with a heavy steam roller. The fine cream colored granular cinder, which may be obtained at the furnace at bare cost of granulating it, would make an ideal top dressing for the heavy cinder and give us a roadway equal to any paved street in existence. I am of the opinion, however, that the granular cinder by itself is of no use for road making unless placed on a solid foundation.

If you can see your way clear to begin work at either end or in the middle on some such plan as this, while we may not be able to finish it this year and perhaps not even next year, there will be some prospect of eventually having at least one street that we may be proud of. I hope, gentlemen, that you will agree with me that all patching and repairing on Fourth street and West Allegany avenue ought to stop and every cent of money hereafter expended on this line of roadway should be devoted to permanent improvement.

BICYCLE SIDE PATH.

Dr. Baker and Mr. Hockley have already secured subscriptions sufficient to warrant them in commencing the construction of this work as soon as the weather will permit. It has been stated, that we would not have the authority to protect a bicycle path from being encroached upon and damaged by horses and vehicles that are by law entitled to the road-way. This is a mistake however as a special act, applying to Emporium only, was passed by the State legislature in 1871, and signed by Governor Geary, which act reserves fifteen feet on each side of 80 foot streets and eleven feet on each side of all streets between sixty and eighty feet in width, this reserved strip is not a part of the road-way and cannot be legally encroached upon by horses and carriages which have no more rights thereon than bicycles have on the sidewalks. It is patent, therefore, that if the bicycle path is built on this reserved strip the Burgess will have ample legal authority to protect the path. In conclusion, gentlemen, I wish to congratulate you most heartily on your selection of officers for the coming year.

Yours respectfully,
E. O. BARDWELL,
Burgess.

Emporium, Pa., April 7th, 1902.

To the School Directors of Cameron County.

Gentlemen:—In pursuance of the forty-third section of the act of May 8, 1854, you are hereby notified to meet in convention, at the court house, in Emporium on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1902, being the 6th day of the month, and select, *via* vote, by a majority of the whole number of directors present, one person of literary and scientific acquirements, and of skill and experience in the art of teaching, as county superintendent, for the three succeeding years, and certify the result to the State Superintendent, at Harrisburg, as required by the thirty-ninth and fortieth sections of said act.

MATTHE M. COLLINS,
County Superintendent of Cameron County.

April 4th, 1902—7-4c.

Letter From Prof. Coleman.

The editor of the Press is in receipt of a personal letter from Prof. J. J. Coleman, formerly of Driftwood, who is engaged in educational work in the Philippines. Mr. Coleman enlisted with Uncle Sam and remained there afterwards.

Who Will Erect Houses.

The growing and daily demand for dwelling houses in Emporium, with none vacant, is a great disappointment to persons who locate in Emporium. Why do not some of our citizens, with means and plenty of land, erect some comfortable homes that will rent at reasonable rates? Don't all start at once.

A Flark of Appreciation.

A former very prominent resident of Emporium, having removed to Buffalo and taken sick there, after unsuccessfully doctoring with Buffalo physicians for a time, sent to her former family physician, Dr. R. P. Heilman, for treatment. After a few days' use of remedies sent, reports come back of great improvement and were accompanied with profuse thanks and a double fee.

Baptist Church Notes.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Morning subject, "Two plus two equals four." Evening topic, "Parrots." Bible school at the close of morning worship. C. E. Crandell superintendent. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30. B. Olmsted Pres. Prayer and praise meeting Wednesday evening 7:30. All welcome. Don't miss the Peoples Popular Happy Hour Service Sunday evening 7:30 to 8:30. 25th Benedictary song service.

Distinguished Visitors.

Last Friday a number of prominent tanners, interested in West Virginia, visited Emporium and met many of our citizens. The party was comprised of Charles Gleason, Boston; Wm. F. Mosser, Westover, Pa.; Chas. Irvin, Big Run, Pa.; I. W. Gleason, Gleasonton, Pa.; and L. W. Gleason, Driftwood, Pa. The party, who were in charge of Mr. W. M. Lawler, of Emporium, had returned from visiting the tanneries in this section of the State. They left on mail east to visit at Driftwood and Gleasonton.

Buffalo Trade Excursion.

Last Monday about seventy-five of Buffalo's business men started on their annual trade excursion to be absent one week. The train arrived at Emporium at 4:30 p. m., and was met at the junction by the Burgess and several of our citizens, who accompanied the excursionists to Broad street Station, where a large number of our business and professional men met and commingled with the gentlemen until 5:10, when the train departed for Williamsport, where they remained overnight. A delegation of Williamsport board of trade members met the excursionists at Emporium and accompanied them to the Saw Dust City. They were a jolly party and met many customers, as well as friends. Reporters accompanied the party, representing all the Buffalo papers. We had the pleasure of meeting Richmond C. Hill, of the Times, and F. E. Davis of News.

The Close of the Star Course.

With the Copley Square Trio of Boston the People's Star Course of the Season of 1901-1902, formally closed. The entertainments furnished from time to time have been uniformly of a high order of excellence and have represented not only much hard work on the part of the committee, but a large outlay of money, as only the best attractions in the Lyceum field have been listed. We believe there is a general desire that the enterprise, so successfully operated for the last two seasons, should be continued and made permanent.

It is not unlikely that an effort will be made at the proper time, to enlist the co-operation of our citizens in the furtherance of this end. Of the Copley Trio itself only words of praise may be said. It combines elements of musical variety and novelty, beyond anything previously presented and includes only artists of decided merit. Miss Blanche Sears is a pleasing violinist and captivated her auditors with her masterful interpretations of classic and standard compositions; Miss M. Isola Sears excels as a pianist, having a finished touch and is equally at home with the guitar and xylophone; Miss Marion Whitaker's skillful manipulation of the sleigh bells and xylophone was a highly appreciated feature, as her frequent recalls indicated, while her whistling solos won instant and emphatic favor.

In fact the entire entertainment was worthy of the occasion and of the artists giving it.

Capt. L. S. Hay, one of DuBois' prominent citizens, is dead.

Letters from the People.

All communications under this head must be accompanied by the writer's name. We will not be held responsible for any expression in this department.—Editor.

"Patron" is After Somebody. Who?

The Mothers' Meeting, organized for the good of our schools, was so taken up discussing the "curfew" law last Friday that the following questions were considered of not enough importance to act upon, but were put over until the meeting in September. As they are of great importance to the majority of patrons of our schools, I send them to you for publication that those in authority may answer if they choose.

- 1.—Would it not be well for our directors to demand the resignation of each teacher employed, as a safe guard against incompetency?
- 2.—In your opinion are not the directors guilty for continuing in office a lax instructor, whom they know to be deficient?
- 3.—Teachers in the lower grades complain of spending half of their time, waiting on the over crowding of pupils, each room averaging 40. Why is twelve a large number for the graduating class?
- 4.—Is brutality one of the requisites of a successful teacher in our schools?
- 5.—Why is writing in all its detail not carried along with the pupils beyond the first grade?
- 6.—Why will teachers, who are pressed for time, spend half of their time, waiting on the terrible punishment they will inflict on their scholars at the close of school, if they do this or don't do that?
- 7.—Why are our boys leaving school in their Grammar and Freshman year?

A Patron.

The above article, coming as it does from a patron of the schools, and a taxpayer, we deem it our duty to publish the same, yet in no matter endorsing the sentiments contained therein. School directors, and especially teachers, have a hard road to hoe. The charges above, or rather insinuations, are questions that will no doubt be answered by the directors or faculty. As far as our teachers are concerned we believe they have given excellent satisfaction. All scholars are not angels—far from it—and living, as the writer does, too close, for comfort, to the high school building, we are of the opinion that had we to live in the same building some of the little scamps, and more of the larger ones, would get a good sound thrashing three times a day; we would adjourn the mothers' meetings and send the members home to keep their children from off the streets.

George Easterbrooks Seriously Injured.

Last Saturday evening, Geo. Easterbrooks, employed as conductor on Emporium & R.V.R.R. met with a terrible accident, while discharging his duties. His train was crossing the mountain from W. D. Johnson's North Creek shingle mill to C. B. Howard Company's property, when a truck under a car, loaded with shingles, broke down. The trainmen attempted to take a truck from under an empty car to replace the broken one under the loaded car. They jacked up the empty car took the truck out and then began blocking up the car so as to use the jacks under the car. While doing the blocking the car swung sidewise overbalancing the jacks and then fell. Easterbrooks was caught under the car. His head was caught on the side by the end of a tie and all the tissues on the right side of head including his ear were torn loose from a line about one inch back of the eye extending from the top of his forehead down into his neck and torn loose back as far as the back of his head and cutting off the temporal artery from which there was a great loss of blood. There was another cut about four inches long over left forehead extending from just above eyebrow to top of head, and one about three inches long on the left side of back of head. The head of the right shoulder blade was also broken and one finger on right hand badly lacerated.

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Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, April 11th and 12th. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed. If you have weak eyes or headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he makes a speciality of correcting all such cases. Lenses ground to fit all kinds of peculiar sight.

Death's Doings.

MURRY.
BESSIE, aged two years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Murry, died Saturday evening after a few days illness with pneumonia. It was a bright little child for one of its years and will be sadly missed by the family. The funeral was held from the home on Seventh street, Monday at two o'clock. Rev. O. S. Metzler officiated and spoke words of consolation to the bereaved family.

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THOMAS TROTTER,
Next door to the Emporium Furniture Company.

Street Paving.

Mr. Josiah Howard, our wealthiest citizen, as well as most public spirited citizen, made a proposition to the Borough Council, of which he is a member, at the regular meeting last Monday evening looking to the paving of Fourth street from the Clinax office to Chestnut street. Mr. Howard declared his willingness to donate one-third of the cost (about \$2,000) provided the people would contribute the other two-thirds, either by donation or from Borough funds.

Our tax-payers are sick and tired of being taxed to keep up mud roads. Let street paving, cinder roads or something besides mud be used. Let not another dollar be expended for mud holes. Make good streets if it be only one block at a time.

Mr. Howard is the heaviest taxpayer in the county, has made his money here, and, probably expects to reside among us for years to come and work for the upbuilding of his home-town and county. His broad ideas of public improvements may seem too much for some of our citizens, but they should remember that no town improves in importance unless the people are progressive and manifest the true spirit of go-ahead-iveness, that attracts the attention of the seeker for homes, the promoter of industries and the manufacturer. To make our county what it should be we all must be more progressive, energetic and wide-awake. Would that Emporium had a dozen Josiah Howards!

Ancient History.

The Smethport Miner is publishing "Ancient History" from its files of 1858. At that date Shippen township, this county, was then a part of McKean county. The mercantile appraisal for that year shows only four business firms in Shippen, viz: L. T. More, Eli Felt, Z. L. Hubbard, B. Earl.

Soldiers Monument.

It is urgently requested that all persons interested in the effort to erect a soldiers monument shall meet at the office of M. M. Larrabee next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

J. F. PARSONS, President.
A. CHAPMAN, Sec'y.

Thanks.

EDITOR PRESS:—Please extend our thanks to those kind friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness to us during our sad bereavement in the death of our daughter BESSIE.

MR. and MRS. ALBERT MURRY and FAMILY.

Editor Press:—We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our kind friends and neighbors, who assisted us during the illness and after the death of our husband and father. Also the Ladies of Gladioli Hive, Tent No. 4, K. O. T. M., of Bradford, Pa., and Mayor P. C. Foley, of Olean, who sent the beautiful flowers.

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WEATHER REPORT.
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Rain.
SUNDAY, Fair.

LOCAL NOTICES.

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Inquire at this office.

FOR SALE on easy terms, a dwelling house on east Sixth street. Apply to W. J. Hughes.

In most cases, pay me the same price for border that you did last year and I will throw the paper in. L. Taggart.

Zinc and Grinding Machine
Devoo Lead and Zinc Paint wear twice as long as lead and oil mixed by hand. Murry & Coppersmith sell our paint.

Never has there been such a variety of paints, oils, varnishes, enamels and varnish stains brought to town as you will find at Taggart's.

SHAW'S PURE MALT—Is free from adulteration, drugs, crude spirits and other harmful ingredients. Absolutely pure.

Sold By
F. X. BLUMLE
36-47-Jy

Tapstry curtains and lace curtains. A fine new line just received. Can't be beat for quality and prices. Call and have a look. GEO. J. LABAR.

The man who speaks his mind to your face is the man to trust. Buy your wall paper at Taggart's, who sells you border for about the same price as the paper.

PASTURE—I have good pasture on Big Run for about 100 head of cattle. Apply to
MRS. AMANDA R. NYHART
Beechwood, Pa. 4-4c.

Carpets! Carpets! Carpets! A finer line of carpet than ever, now on tap at LaBar's. Will meet all competition and go one better. Costs you nothing to call and see them. Come one come all. GEO. J. LABAR.

A fine selection of ladies trimmed hats just received from New York city. Children's hats at 15c and upwards. Children's summer underwear, regular price 15c and 20c, reduced to 5c and 10c.

MRS. E. O. BARDWELL.

WANTED—Cabinetmakers and wood finishers. Steady employment at good wages. None but those who have learned the trade desired. If you are competent come right on, we will pay railroad fares. No strike. W. M. Powell, 203 N. Water St., Rochester, N. Y. 6-2c.

Can Recover the Claims.

HARRISBURG, April 3.—Attorney General Elkin to-day gave as his legal opinion that under the act of 1857, relating to the assignment of claims, if the West Virginia Claim agency presses the writs or the attachment of wages against railroads, and compels the railroad companies to pay the debt, the railroads may proceed against the merchants or other creditors making assignments of these claims, and under the law, recover from them as a penalty the full amount of debt, interest and costs so collected.

Some time ago B. Frank Snavey, C. A. Johnston and other employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, wishing to ascertain what legal right the West Virginia Collection agency had to hold up the wages of railroad employees in this city, Altoona and other points along the Pennsylvania line, for debt, sent a letter to Attorney General Elkin stating the case and asking his opinion on the subject.

Mr. Elkin concludes his opinion as follows:

"This whole system of making collections is vicious, savors of sharp practice, and should not be encouraged. It seems to me that, when our merchants and other creditors fully understand the true character of the suits instituted and the penalty which they must pay in case suits are pressed against them, they will refrain from making assignments of claims for this purpose."

Positive Proof.

The following houses have been painted from seven to twelve years with my paints, (the Champion paints), viz: L. Taggart's, D. W. Felt's, Mrs. J. C. Metzger's, Joshua Bair's, N. Seger's, Sam'l McDonald's, J. P. McNarney's and many others. The county jail and R. P. Heilman's house have been painted two years. I ask you in all fairness, and in justice to myself, to carefully examine these houses. Let no man prejudice you against my paints. I can assure you without truthful contradiction, that there is not a man in our town or county, who has any knowledge whatever, as to the quality of paints, only as he or they have learned from their use, and I defy any person in town to give you such proof as to quality of their paints, as I have. My paints are guaranteed.

Yours truly,
L. TAGGART.

That Beautiful Gloss
Comes from the varnish in Devoo's Varnish Floor Paint; costs 5 cents more a quart though. Sold by Murry & Coppersmith.