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THE NEW FIRE ENGINE

NOT TO BE PERCHASD BY THE PRESIDENT FIRE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

Salary of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department Not to be Increased—Water Committee Considers For Reducing Rent to Manufacturers.

An adjourned meeting of select and common councils was held on Wednesday evening.

In select council the following named members were present: Messrs. Bolentus, Berger, Long, Remley, Wise and Evans, president.

Mr. Berger presented the following: In connection with the proposed contracts for water, the committee has had a conference with the water committee, they have thought it due to themselves to offer the following plain statement of facts for your information:

The ferules furnished to the city for several years past having been very inferior and unsatisfactory, the committee, for the best public interests as well as for the honor of public economy, have awarded the contract for the same to the best, if not the lowest bidder, past experience having proved that the lowest is not always the best bidder, but in a number of cases have been a combination between the two.

The motion to award the contract for the water to the lowest bidder was carried by a vote of 11 yeas and 11 nays, and the chair voted in the affirmative, and the vote of censure was adopted.

Adjourned.

IRVING AND TERRY AT WEST POINT. The Great English Actor and Actress at the West Point, Pa., March 20.—Last night we all enjoyed a perfect treat—at the "Merobant of Venice." The quartetmaster had built a rough stage at one end of the house, and the other end was draped with rich hangings. The back and sides of the stage were hung with portieres and rugs and the entrances and exits were made between them. The scene was announced as it was in Shakespeare's time by a legend hanging from above.

Resolved, That the action of the water committee in awarding the contract for the supply for the ensuing year for said department is, in the opinion of council, contrary to the law and in violation of the provisions of said ordinance.

The resolution was lost by the following vote: Yeas, Long, Riddle and Evans, president. Nays, Bolentus, Berger, Remley and Wise.

Mr. Riddle offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the water committee in changing and reducing the schedule of water rates as established by ordinance for the special benefit of a few manufacturing establishments, and in reference to the great majority of consumers, have in the opinion of council transcended their powers as a committee.

Mr. Evans said the water committee had more right to change the water rate than they had to accept the resignation of one of its members. The water rate can be changed only by ordinance.

The resolution was adopted.

The resolution from common council on the Clapp & Jones company was laid over to next meeting by the following vote: Yeas, Long, Riddle and Evans; nays, Berger, Remley and Wise.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL. Common council was called to order at 7 o'clock and the following members were present: Messrs. Auzer Baumgardner, Binger, Brinton, Bradie, Buckius, Corney, Cresbach, Eby, Eberman, Evans, Frailey, Franz, Fritch, Halnes, Long, McElroy, Noll, Sing, Shirk, Stormfels and Beard, president.

The reading of the minutes of the regular March meeting was dispensed with.

Common council ordinance No. 16, fixing the salary of the chief engineer of the fire department of the city at \$900 per annum, was read a second and third time and adopted by a unanimous vote. In select council it was laid over, which is 14.

The salary of the chief engineer cannot be increased during the term for which he is elected or appointed, and as the chief engineer of the fire department will be appointed on April 21, and as there will be no meeting of council between now and then to consider the ordinance, the salary for the next four years will be the same as now, \$50 per month.

The question was now raised whether this was a special meeting or an adjourned meeting.

Mr. Brinton said his motion was to adjourn to meet this evening and there was nothing in his motion as to a meeting for a special purpose.

The clerk's minutes read that council adjourned to meet this evening to consider the ordinance fixing the salary of the engineer of the fire department.

Mr. Evans said the members had received notice to meet this evening for a special purpose and he did not think any other business could be done.

The recollection of a number of members of council was that Mr. Brinton's resolution was to adjourn to consider the engineer's salary ordinance.

Mr. Baumgardner moved that the minutes be corrected, after which the chair declared that it was an adjourned meeting for the transaction of any business that might be presented.

THE NEW FIRE ENGINE. The fire committee presented a report of the bids received for a new engine, all of which were published in Wednesday's INTELLIGENCER.

Mr. Baumgardner offered a resolution instructing the fire committee to contract with the Clapp & Jones company for a second class engine, for \$1,000, and the pay for the same to be taken from the contingent fund.

Mr. Evans questioned the legality of the resolution because it contracted a debt for which no appropriation had been made.

Mr. Baumgardner argued that money had been appropriated for the contingent fund and the taking from it of \$4,000 for this special purpose did not require an ordinance.

Mr. Eby called the attention of council to the statement made at the last meeting by the chairman of the fire committee that there was a combination between the manufacturers of fire engines to keep up prices and that no better price could be obtained than offered them. Since then however, upon bids being asked for, the Clapp & Jones offer an engine for \$350 less money.

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THE DEATH LIST.

DR. A. K. ROHRER, OF MOUNTVILLE, DIES OF APOPLEXY. Sketch of the Aged Physician's Career—One of the Founders of the County Medical Society—Wm. S. Blair, of Oordenville, succeeds to a Strife of Paralysis.

Dr. A. K. Rohrer, a prominent citizen of Mountville, died at his residence on Wednesday night between 11 and 12 o'clock, at the advanced age of 75 years. Some months ago he was stricken with apoplexy and was recovering from that attack when he was stricken again last evening and died a few hours afterwards.

Dr. Rohrer was of German descent. His great-grandfather was a native of Alsace, Germany, and emigrated to this country in 1732. His father was a native of Lampeter township, and died in 1840.

Dr. Rohrer was born on May 11, 1812, and spent his boyhood years on the farm. When sixteen years old he removed with his parents to this city and began the study of medicine with his brother John. These studies he continued for four years and he graduated at Jefferson Medical college in March 1837. In April of that year he located at Silver Springs and remained there one year. He then removed to the city and practiced medicine there for almost a half century. He stood high in his profession and his practice extended for many miles.

In politics he was a Republican but the demands of his profession prevented him from participating in public affairs. He was a member of the medical societies for many years, and he was always found in sympathy with all measures for the advancement of education. He was one of the incorporators of the Lancaster City and County Medical society and was a regular attendant at all its meetings until a few months ago when illness prevented his attendance.

His funeral will take place on Sunday morning, and funeral services will be held at the Mountville U. S. church.

Death of John S. Blair. A telegram received last evening by Mrs. Mary S. Blair, of No. 423 North Liberty street, Mountville, Pa., advised that her son John died yesterday at New Brighton, Beaver county. He had been sick about three weeks, and the cause of his death was typhoid fever. Deceased was born and raised in this city, and although his name was John he was known among his friends as "Aunt John," because he was the son of a man who died some years ago. John was a cigarmaker by trade and years ago left this city to work in Maytown, where he was for some time. From that place he went to the western part of the state and worked in Pittsburg, New Brighton and other places. He was a very kind and generous man, and he was always found in sympathy with all measures for the advancement of education. He was one of the incorporators of the Lancaster City and County Medical society and was a regular attendant at all its meetings until a few months ago when illness prevented his attendance.

Stricken by Paralysis. William S. Blair, a Locomotive Engineer, Dies After Brief Illness. GORDONVILLE, March 21.—William S. Blair, son of William and Hattie Blair, died at 12:15 to-day, after an illness of two months. Not feeling well he left his post of duty as engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad about February 1st. He was at the time resting at his home, when he was stricken with paralysis, which was followed by another stroke in about two weeks, causing him to be entirely helpless. Not having the use of his tongue his case was a very sad one. He was attended by his father and his parents and wife.

Deceased was born at Intercourse, October 12th, 1862. When about 18 years of age he accepted the position of fireman for the Pennsylvania railroad, serving several years in that capacity. Under the instructions of William Blair, the late assistant engineer, he was promoted to engineer about six months ago. Having been anxious to become more successful and attain a still greater eminence, the loss of sleep and exposure was no doubt the cause of his illness, which resulted as above stated.

He was a member of Enterprise Lodge, No. 75, B. of L. F., and the Mutual Beneficial Association, also a member of Hamilton Lodge, No. 595, I. O. F., of Philadelphia, which order will have charge of the services on Saturday morning next at the house of his father, in this place, at 10 o'clock. The funeral will be held at the house, also at the cemetery at Roland's church at 1 o'clock. The family of deceased have the sympathy of all in their sad and unexpected bereavement.

Mr. Wm. Henry, of this place, died about 4:30 o'clock this afternoon of that illness, a long complaint, a long illness. A loving husband and no son, a daughter, all grown, survive her. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon; services at the house at 2 o'clock; interment at Leacock cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Alice L. Barry took place from her late residence at 9:30 a. m. to-day and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. The remains were taken to St. Mary's Catholic church where a solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. P. J. McCullagh, assisted by Rev. F. Kaul. The choir rendered very efficiently Oswald's mass and "Love's Last Greeting" was finely sung by Miss Annie Lowell, and "The Sad Mourner" by Miss Margaret Kelly.

The pall-bearers were John W. Lowell, H. R. McConomy, W. U. Hensel, esq., and Dr. H. K. Muhlmeier. The final ceremonies were performed by Rev. Dr. McCullagh, and the interment was made in the funeral lot of the family in that graveyard.

Mrs. Blair's Funeral. The funeral of Mrs. Mary Buckwalter Blair, widow of the late David Blair, took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late residence, 220 East King street. Although the funeral was announced to be private, there were a large number of mourning friends gathered at the house to pay a last tribute to the memory of deceased. A fitting eulogium was delivered by Rev. J. Y. Mitchell, D. D., of the Presbyterian church of which deceased was a member. The following old friends of Mrs. Blair acted as pall-bearers: Hon. D. W. Patterson, George D. Sprecher, Hugh S. Gars, and Henry Baumgardner. Four members of the city police force acted as carriers. The interment was made in Woodward Hill cemetery.

A War Hero. In a second hand music book purchased a few days ago by City Engineer Naylor was found a programme of an entertainment to be given at the city on March 28, 1862. The programme sets forth that it is a tableaux—a series of thirteen beautiful living pictures. The entertainment was given by the young ladies of the Soldiers Aid society of Paris, and the proceeds were to be applied to the relief of the wounded of Fort Donelson.

Change of Residence. Rev. E. Meister, pastor St. Stephen's church, has removed to-day to his new and elegant dwelling No. 143 South Dake street.

THE RULES ADOPTED.

By the Foot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association, Philadelphia. Following are the rules proposed upon by the twenty-four firms comprising the Foot and Shoe Manufacturers' association of Philadelphia:

The right of the manufacturer to employ or discharge employees must be acknowledged. Employers or employees must not discriminate for or against any individual because of the size in or is not a member of any organization.

Each manufacturer is to regulate his or their working hours, but in no case shall a day's work be divided into two or three or three departments, in order to fill orders on time.

Shop meetings to be held only after work is closed.

Grievance committee of shops not to meet oftener than once a week.

Pending the discussion and decision of any different body of arbitration shall be no lockout, strike, stoppage or cessation of work by either employer or employee.

In case of disagreement between employer and employee, the duty of the grievance committee to settle, if possible, the matter in dispute; but in the event an agreement cannot be reached the matter in dispute shall be submitted to the board of arbitration.

There shall be no interference with the employment of bands hired by the work, when the wages are satisfactory to the employer and employee, so that competent workmen may be protected.

The joint board of arbitration shall consist of seven members of the Manufacturers' association actively engaged in manufacturing and seven employees working for members of the Manufacturers' association, must come unaccompanied, hear testimony, examine witnesses, and decide on the merits of the case. Said members shall serve for one year until their successors are appointed or elected. Five members from each side shall constitute a quorum.

A majority vote shall be required in all cases. No person shall be questioned or held accountable as individuals or as members of any organization for their actions or omissions in arbitration.

In case of a tie vote, each side shall select a disinterested person, and these two shall select a third person, and their decision shall be final.

The joint board of arbitration shall meet semi-monthly, at such time and place as may be hereafter agreed upon. No complaint shall be received from any organization, but all bills shall originate with and be presented by either employer or employee on or before October 1, of each year, when all charges and debts shall be settled by November 1, to take effect 1st December following, and continue in force one year.

The bill of wages has been presented to the employer shall adjust with each full branch the difference asked by either party, and when all have been adjusted the shop shall be closed until the next meeting of the board. Up to this point there shall be no interference permitted on the part of the Manufacturers' association or any other organization, but in case of a tie vote the matter shall be mutually adjusted by the employer and any branch or branches, these points of difference shall be presented to the joint board of arbitration, and their decision shall be final and binding on both parties.

This bill is presented by October 1 of any year the old bill shall continue in force for another year, except in change of system, or introduction of machinery or other changes, in which case the bill shall be presented by the balance of term of general contract.

The manufacturer's exclusive right without arbitration to use whatever stock he thinks proper, to introduce whatever machinery he deems necessary, and divide and subdivide his work as he sees fit, and the business may require, and it is the right of the employer to pay just wages for the labor performed by him.

The Drawing of the joint board of arbitration must be printed and posted in each factory within five days from the date of meeting.

Applications Withdrawn. The application of Grabbit Withers, of Brecknock township, for a hotel license, and that of Levi D. Wolcott, for a liquor store, were withdrawn this morning. There were remonstrances filed to the granting of the licenses, and from the testimony taken it appears that both parties had violated the liquor law. Their consent thought the shortest way out of the difficulty was to withdraw the applications.

In Need of Funds. The family of John L. Ery, the man who died yesterday morning from a dose of laudanum, was left almost entirely destitute and his wife is without means to bury him. Neither his family nor here are able to bear the expense. The employer and fellow-workmen of deceased will contribute and others who desire to give something towards defraying the expense, can leave it at the home, No. 141 East Fulton street, where it will be thankfully received.

Visiting Friends. George Delcher, son of Philip Delcher, who has been living in Indianapolis for some years, arrived in this city on Wednesday on a visit to relatives. Mr. Delcher while in the army received a peculiar wound which attracted the attention of the leading physicians in the country, but he recovered, contrary to the expectations of the surgeons.

In Favor of the Company. Alderman Barr to-day rendered a decision in the suit of Eliza Craig vs. the Baltimore Mutual Aid society. The alderman took the view that the policy required a weekly demand for money, and as the plaintiff had not made such a demand, he rendered a decision in favor of the insurance company. The case will be appealed to the common pleas court.

Zeeher Pictured. William Zeeher, a professional base ball player, of whom Lancaster has always heard, will manage the Canton, Ohio, team this season. The Canton, Ohio, team this Monday has a good out of Billy, with a correct history of his career on the diamond.

Small Eggs. E. C. Kittenhouse, of North Mulberry street, has a chicken that has laid a green egg, varying in size from a small bird egg to a large size pigeon egg. The egg is now on exhibition at the Red Rose Confectionery fair.

Foreigning Coming. W. C. Boyd, contracting agent of Foreigning, is in town arranging for the appearance of the show in Lancaster on May 8. He is not certain on which day the tents will be pitched.

Critically Ill. Mr. John A. Hoffman, merchant tailor of 154 1/2 North Queen street, is lying dangerously ill with dropsy of the heart.

A Murderer Confesses. George Dunham has admitted his guilt of the murder of Barbara Kadle, near Woodbury, N. J., and the confession, written by Dunham, will be placed in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Apponnet, the Methodist minister of Woodbury. Unless he is repented Dunham will be hanged on March 29.

Longboards Considered. The trial of Johann Longboards, for the murder of John Harsh, was concluded in general sessions, New York, on Wednesday afternoon. The jury rendered a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree.

GIVEN A HEARING.

THE FOUR MEN ACCUSED OF ROBBERY ABRAHAM HARNISH. Testimony That Was Given Before Alderman Forderly—A Large Crowd Collected at the Court—Counsel Appears For Both the Prosecution and Defense.

This afternoon Abraham Meizer, (Sec. Meizer, Charles Wolf and Harmon Sellers, who are charged with having burglarized the house of Abraham Harnish, residing at Mountville and Robinson street, were heard before Alderman Forderly. On account of the great crowd in attendance, the hearing was held in the orphan's school room. District attorney represented the commonwealth and Brown & Hensel and B. F. Davis the accused.

Mr. Harnish was the first witness and he testified, at some length, the story of the burglary of the night of February 23rd, as has been published in the INTELLIGENCER. He said there were only two men in his bedroom. Both had revolvers, and they were about the size of Wolf and Sellers; they demanded the money which had been received from tobacco or his life; they took the money from witness' clothing and broke open the drawers with a pick, witness thought at the time that the burglars were neighbors and he believes Sellers and Wolf are the two that were in the room; more men were in other parts of the house and on the outside; when the alarm was given afterwards the Meizer, did not come to the house.

Mrs. Barbara Harnish testified that the men had been about the size of Wolf and Sellers, and she believed they were the men, but she would not swear positively that they were the men.

Abraham Souder testified to having a conversation with George Meizer on the Monday morning after the robbery. First he asked him the name of the man who had been arrested afterwards he said he did not; Meizer also told him that all the remaining defendants were at his house on the night of the burglary.

Amos Harnish testified to a conversation had with George Meizer the day after the robbery, and the questions asked by Meizer indicated a knowledge on his part of the robbery.

Officer Barnhill testified that Mrs. Wolf, in the presence of the defendants, said that there was another party in the robbery and that was Solomon Sellers. He also testified that he had heard from Abraham Harnish that the robbery was in the direction of Meizer's house, and that the measure of the tracks corresponded in size to the feet of the defendants.

At the conclusion of the testimony counsel for the defense asked the alderman to discharge the defendants, as there was no evidence against them, and he was returning the cases to court.

The district attorney argued that from the evidence it appeared that the defendants were parties to the robbery and he asked for a return of the cases to court.

The alderman reserved his decision until 4 o'clock to-day.

THE DISSENTING OPINION. Why Three Judges Oppose the Decision Reached by the Supreme Court. Justice Bradley, of the United States supreme court, verbally expressed the dissent of the minority of the court, promising to put his opinion in writing at a future day.

Mr. Justice Field, Mr. Justice Harlan and Mr. Justice Brewer, who are the other members of the court in the result which has been reached. The point on which we dissent is the question of the drawing of the patent of invention. We think that Drawbaugh did anticipate the invention of Mr. Bell.

We think that the evidence on that point is not sufficient to sustain the patent of Bell, and we think that the drawing of the patent of invention is a matter of financial importance or of importance to the public.

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ADVOCATING ARBITRATION.

CHICAGO, March 22.—A mass meeting of carpenters and bricklayers in furtherance of the eight hour movement and under the auspices of Amalgamated Building Trades council was held last night at West Twelfth street, Turner hall. Resolutions were adopted to the effect that the settlement of difficulties between labor and capital should be by arbitration, and the demand was made for the creation by the legislature for a state board of mediation and arbitration similar to the one in New York. Other trades were urged to send delegates to the Amalgamated Building and Trades council and take an active part in the proceedings