

BOUGHT A NEW FIRE ENGINE.

CITY COUNCIL AGREES TO TAKE A NO. 2 CLAPP & JONES MACHINE.

The Old Engine No. 2 and \$1,715 to pay for it. Petition presented to the Board of Public Works...

A stated meeting of select and common council was held in their respective chambers on Wednesday evening.

The following named members were present: Messrs. Berger, Haines, Long, Remley, Middle, Schum, Stormeitz, Wise and Evans, present in person.

The minutes of last stated and special meetings were read and approved.

The following petitions were presented and referred to the appropriate committees: For grading one square of Locust street between Low and Freiburg streets.

For gutters on Shippen street in the vicinity of Freiburg street. For foot crossings at Coral and Third streets.

For gutters on Coral street. For grading alley between Marietta and Columbus streets.

For crossing at North Charlotte between Chestnut and Walnut. For gutters and grading Columbia street and laying curbs.

For construction of 2 foot sewer commencing at Kohler's brewery on Middle street to South Duke and thence to North street.

For the erection of a lamp on Marietta street. For the reduction of water rates in certain streets.

The fire committee offered a resolution authorizing the committee to purchase a No. 2 Clapp & Jones steam fire engine for the sum of \$1,715 and the old engine.

After a lively discussion the resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 4. Common council concurred.

The monthly report of the committee on sewerage and drainage, and water works improvement was read.

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Ordinances in conformity with the above resolutions, were introduced in select council and referred to the street committee.

A communication was received from the secretary of the Lancaster and Bertheloh Telephone and Telegraph Company, which was read, stating that the company will not collect tolls, and will not keep in repair that part of the road lying within the city limits.

A communication was received from Dr. B. B. Bollen, of Lancaster, in which he stated that a large number of books and papers belonging to the city, were found among the effects of the late James C. Carpenter, who for many years was clerk of council and clerk of common council.

The clerk of select council was directed to get the books and papers and place them among the city archives.

The sewerage and water works committee presented a proposition to furnish B. J. McGrath with city water at the rate of \$20 per annum, on condition that Mr. McGrath lay at his own expense 2,500 feet of pipe and keep the same in repair. The proposition was approved. Common council concurred.

COMMON COUNCIL. Common council was called to order at 7:30 o'clock with the following members present: Messrs. Baugartner, Bartsch, Biner, Branton, Diller, Eddy, Eberman, Kverts, Francis, Fresh, Fritch, Groff, Herr, Mayer, McKelroy, McLaughlin, Miller, Sherris, Sieg, Sulzky, Sturgis, Zook and Beard, present.

The reading of the minutes of the April meeting was dispensed with.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS. The following petitions were presented: By Mr. McKelroy, for the grading and guttering of Fremont street, between Laurel street and Love Lane; for the grading and guttering of Union street; for the guttering of Dorward, between High and St. Joseph; for the guttering of the west side of Dorward street, between St. Joseph and Poplar; for crossings at Poplar and Dorward streets.

By Mr. Zook, for the macadamizing of New Line street, between Lemon and New; for the macadamizing of New street, between Duke and Line.

By Mr. Fritch, for crossings on Strawberry street; for crossings at High and Main streets; for the opening and putting in order of Fulton street, between Poplar and Conestoga streets; for the grading of Fourth street, from Manor to Coral streets; for the macadamizing of St. Joseph street between Strawberry and Dorward streets; for the guttering of the east side of Laurel street between Mascor and St. Joseph streets.

By Mr. Auxer, for crossings at East Orange and Franklin streets; for an electric light at the corner of East Orange and Franklin streets; for the macadamizing of East Chesnut street between Plum and Marshall streets; for the macadamizing of Plum street between Line and Shippen streets; for crossings at East Orange and Jefferson alley.

By Mr. Everts, for the guttering of Plum street between Locust and Chester; for the guttering of Chester street from Plum to Ann; for an electric light at East King and Broad streets; for an electric light at the corner of East King and Franklin streets; for a pavement on East King street in front of reservoir.

By Mr. Sherris, for the guttering of South Arch alley, near Strawberry, a distance of forty feet. By Mr. Biner, for the macadamizing of Charlotte street between James street and Harrisburg avenue.

By Dr. Herr, for the guttering of West Grant street, west of Concord street, for a distance of sixty feet.

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

A PLAY GIVEN WITH BOTH DRAMATIC AND FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

The participants in the Comedy Given in Messencher Hall Wednesday Evening. A great success was achieved.

The social world of this good city has been on tiptoe expectation for the elaborate and studied presentation of Goldsmith's play, "She Stoops to Conquer."

Mr. Baugartner presented the report of the street committee for the month of April showing the work done and bills controlled.

The water commissioners report for April contained a statement that the four-inch water pipes on Main street be taken up and in its place ten inch pipe be laid.

Mr. Baugartner offered a resolution directing the water commissioners to sell the triangular lot of ground at the end of the reservoir. The resolution was adopted. Select council concurred.

Mr. Brinton offered a resolution directing the property committee to receive proposals for the remodeling of City hall, in accordance with the plans of the architect. The resolution was adopted. Select council concurred.

Mr. Baugartner offered a resolution transferring \$500 from the contingent fund to the printing and stationery department. The resolution was adopted. Select council concurred.

SOLICITOR CARPENTER'S SALARY. Mr. Baugartner stated that council had appropriated \$300 for the salary of the city solicitor this year and he moved that the retiring solicitor be paid for the last quarter's salary at that rate.

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LIFE IN MILLERSVILLE.

Improvements That Are Being Made—Personal and Other Notes.

MILLERSVILLE, May 3.—No busier man could be seen on the State Normal school grounds the other evening than Kilpatrick Oram Lytt, the principal of the flourishing institution. Workmen were there, and are yet, busy in laying underground pipes and putting up a pair of large ornamental columns at the entrance to the front of the ladies' building in the filling of the trencher Principal Lytt and a number of teachers and students took a hearty hand.

When these additions are in running order and the flower beds of geometrical beauty now being constructed are laid out and filled with ornamental plants, the grounds will present a very greatly improved appearance.

Henry Bowman, merchant, too, is making improvements. He bought a 60-foot front of the lawn of Prof. A. R. Byerly, which adjoins the Bowman property. This gave him a very fine yard to the east of his residence, and tearing it off, putting a pretty iron fence around it, and sodding it nicely, makes it very handsome.

A. D. Killefer has opened a new cigar store in the C. F. Rees property. E. B. Greenberg, an old Lancaster township leader, now runs the cigar store, lately owned by Geo. F. Kaylor, who has a factory in a new building on Prince street.

The 33rd anniversary of the Page Literary society will be held on the last Friday in May. All the village pedagogues who were engaged in teaching in other localities, and there are quite a number of them—are home again, a number of them attending school. Among them is I. K. Witmer, who has been teaching New Holland schools for several years. He is engaged in working up a number of papers.

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FOR SUPREME COURT JUDGE.

A HITCH ABOUT BILLS.

As Objection Made to Fees Claimed by the Clerk of Quarter Sessions.

There appears to be a hitch between County Solicitor Shenck and Clerk of Quarter Sessions Killian, in reference to certain fees claimed by the clerk. His bill as presented charged fifteen cents for each witness bill taxed. On the same bill were other items. Solicitor Shenck endorsed the bill as follows: "I approve the above bill with the exception of item—23, constables' and affidavits at 15 cents—\$34.35; as the clerk is entitled by law to 18 1/2 cents for taking witness bills in each suit and not for each witness as above charged; and also with exception of item—33, constables' and affidavits at 15 cents—\$13.50, as this is also illegal for the same reason."

The following endorsement appears under that of Solicitor Shenck: "In order to save the hire of a clerk by the commission, we have entered into an agreement with the clerk of the quarter sessions to separately tax and affirm by us each witness, constable and magistrate on a separate bill, when such bill is to be paid by the county, to pay him fifteen cents apiece for such service and we therefore approve the bill."

JOHN GORICH, A. B. WORTER, County Commissioners. Commissioner Luber refused to sign the above bill because he did not think the county was liable to the clerk or that the commissioners could under the law make any such agreement.

County Solicitor Shenck and H. O. Brubaker, special counsel for the county, advised the commissioners that they had no right to make such an agreement with the clerk. They advised the commissioners to save the county this extra expense they have two clerks, one of whom could be detailed to attend to this matter. The law on the subject, as counsel find it, is: "The officer entitled to this fee for taxing a bill of costs in any suit, and not to separate fees for taxing the costs of each officer and witness." "No prothonotary or clerk of any court in this commonwealth shall demand of any witness, any sum for a certificate that he has served as a witness; and if any prothonotary or clerk shall transgress the provisions of this section, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor in office." Act of April 16, 1820, sec. 2. Philadelphia vs. Commissioners of Philadelphia county, 5 S. Sergeant & Rawlin, 61.

The bar committee, before whom the clerk of the quarter sessions brought action for these fees claimed, refused to endorse them, and so noted that fact in the compilation of the fee bill. The clerk, having secured the endorsement of a majority of the bar committee, has now introduced the bill from the treasurer. It is not known what the auditors will do. Before the majority of the commissioners affirmed the bill they had a consultation with the county auditors.

OPERATIONS OF WHITE CAPS. They Tie a Man and Beat him With Heavy Whips—That is the way.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., May 3.—About forty White Caps called at the home of W. H. Toney, at English, Crawford county, last Tuesday night, dragged him to a telegraph pole and tied and whipped him unmercifully with heavy whips. His arms were around his head. He is a prominent citizen of that county and is a man of considerable means. He has a wife and family. The charges against Toney were drunkenness and abuse of his family. A Jackson Goodman, who also lives near English, was notified to change his manner of doing business. He refused to do so.

James Pro, editor of the English News, was notified to publish that the White Caps would attend the election next November and that all persons detected in buying or selling votes or acting in any way dishonorable would be treated as enemies of the people. None of the White Caps are known, and it is said they are much stronger and more diligent than heretofore. It is believed that many of them belong in the adjoining counties of Harrison and Orange. The people of Crawford county are much excited, and are determined to capture the White Caps. An attempt will also be made to get Governor Gray to send the state militia to the county so the citizens can have more protection. No one can tell who is to be hanged next. The best people are afraid their lives will be taken.

A TRIPLE TRAGEDY. HELENA, Mont., May 3.—John T. Rand shot and killed his wife and baby at his home in this place last night and then killed himself. Rand was a brutal fellow and frequently beat his wife. A short time ago he was arrested for attacking her and sent to jail. He was released yesterday and immediately went home, where he found his wife and young daughter. Rand struck his wife, knocking her down, and had commenced to beat her when the daughter ran from the house to get help. The father then shot his wife in her arms. She had taken but a few steps when her husband appeared in the doorway with a rifle in his hands and shot her. She fell to the ground and was dead before a doctor could be summoned. As his wife and baby pleased the muzzle of the rifle to his own head and fired, killing himself. Rand was 46 years old and was supposed to have been insane. The baby is still alive, but its back was broken by the shot that killed the mother and it cannot live.

An Editor Goes Into Death. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 3.—Allen O. Myers was sentenced this morning to 90 days in jail and \$200 fine by Judge Pugh. Myers is the editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Fishers Out. BALTIMORE, May 3.—The Evening Post suspended publication today after a precarious existence of three months.

Washington, May 3.—The following bonds were purchased by the government today: \$50,000 registered 4 1/2; \$25,000 coupon 4 1/2; \$25,000 registered 4 1/2; \$25,000 coupon 4 1/2; \$25,000 registered 4 1/2; \$25,000 coupon 4 1/2. Total, \$1,271,250.

A Week's Live. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 3.—The supreme court yesterday affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of William G. George, who was to have been hanged last Thursday, and sentenced him to be executed May 10.

WASHNETT ANNIVERSARY. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: fair weather; light to fresh winds becoming easterly.

Smaltz is a Gypsy Camp. A detachment of police has this morning quarantined in the woods between Lebanon and Ansville. Seven of the gang are down with smallpox, and the Lebanon county poor directors are furnishing them with food for themselves and horses. Dr. Marshall, of Ansville, is the attending physician, and reports they are very poor. The party live in tents, and the remains of the neighborhood give the woods a wide berth.

Indians Pass Through the City. Forty-eight Indians of the Carlisle Indian school passed through this city on a Saturday night at 12:38 p. m. to-day under the charge of Mr. Wm. F. Campbell. They will be placed on farms in Bucks county and in New Jersey.

A GREAT PLATFORM.

NEW JERSEY DEMOCRATS TUNE THEIR POLITICAL HARP.

Urging the Reduction of Federal Taxation With Regard to Interest on Capital and Labor and Endorsing the Administration as Fair, Honest, Economical.

TRENTON, N. J., May 3.—The state Democratic convention, to elect delegates to the national Democratic convention at St. Louis, met in Taylor's opera house today. It was called to order by the chairman of the state committee, Charles E. Winfield, who was chosen temporary chairman. Ex-Assemblyman Barrett, of Newark, was made secretary.

After the appointing of the usual committees the convention adjourned until 7 o'clock. The platform of the convention will endorse the platform of the last national Democratic convention as embodying all the doctrines and the principles necessary for the proper conduct of national affairs demanded by the exigencies of the present time. It urges upon the representatives of the Democratic party to secure the early fulfillment of the pledge and promise of those resolutions according to the letter and spirit, and more especially those wherein are demanded a reduction of the redundant revenues of the government and the revision of the tariff with regard to the interests of the agricultural and manufacturing industry and of labor and capital to be affected thereby.

It congratulates the party and the country that President Cleveland had proved the fidelity of Republican predictions of disaster to follow a change to Democratic rule, but had on the contrary given a pure, honest and economical administration, and from it removed all suspicion of corruption and jobbery; maintained the peace and dignity of the nation; administered the finances as to uphold the public credit and retain the confidence of the financial world; provided for the rehabilitation of the navy, reduced the expenses of the government; restored millions of acres to the public domain; impartially carried out the law throughout the length and breadth of the land; nullified all sectional feeling and prejudices; united all sections of the country North, South, East and West, and advanced them to greater achievements and a common destiny.

FOR AND AGAINST. Arguments on the Question of Admitting Women as Delegates to the General M. E. Conference.

NEW YORK, May 3.—At to-day's session of the general Methodist Episcopal conference Bishop Andrews, of Washington, D. C., presided. The opening hymn was by Delegate George S. Darborn, of Kansas.

Bishop Nind, of Topeka, made his first appearance at the conference to-day and with him came all the bishops now at the conference.

The journal of yesterday was then read. A motion by Delegate F. Nelson, of Kansas, that the contested delegates be given seats on the floor pending a decision as to their eligibility caused some discussion which was closed by Dr. Reid calling for the order of the day.

It was decided to take up the question of the eligibility of women to-day. Dr. J. H. Pa's, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, argued in favor of admitting women as delegates. Dr. Frank, president of the Michigan University of Dakota; Dr. Flood, editor of the Christianian, and others, also spoke in favor of admitting the women delegates.

Dr. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, opposed their admission on the ground that it would be a violation of the rights to take part in the debate. Dr. C. C. Quail, of Central New York, Dr. A. Wheeler, of Erie, and others, also spoke in opposition to the admission of women.

Before the discussion concluded the conference took a recess at 3 p. m., when it will meet in the evening in the church to organize committees. Committees on rules and order and reception of fraternal delegates were appointed, however, before recess.

A BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS. The Failure of a Directors' Successor Causes the Bank's Closure.

KENNA, May 3.—M. C. Allison, owner of the Hoover & Allison twine factory here, and the cotton mill at Zanesville, assigned to Hon. John Little last night.

The second National bank, the oldest and largest in this city, closes its doors this morning and is now in the hands of the government.

The community is in a feverish state with a possibility of all the banks closing before night.

Mr. Allison is at the point of death. His illness was caused by the fire in the office of the owner of the gas works and a large stockholder and director in the Second National bank.

The officers of the bank claim they closed to prevent a run and that they are perfectly solvent.

Gov. Hoover's Appointments. HARRISBURG, May 3.—Governor Beaver today appointed commissioners to select sites for a new bridge over the Susquehanna and coal bituminous coal regions of the state for the use and care of injured persons, as follows: Fourth district, David Cowen, Wellboro; Sixth district, H. D. Tate, Bedford; Third district, J. J. Spearman, Sharon; Second and Fifth districts, J. M. Reid, Danbar; Eighth district, J. P. Coburn, Annapolis; First and seventh districts, Henry Warner, Hoboken. These appointments are in accordance with a law passed at the last session of the legislature and it is understood the commission will set at once.

Mr. O'Brien Given Three Months. DUBLIN, May 3.—The trial of Mr. William O'Brien, M. P., for a speech made at Loughree, on the 5th of April, was continued to-day. Mr. O'Brien was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

The case for the crown before the O'Brien trial is closed. Mr. O'Brien cleared no defense and will make no appeal from the sentence of the court.

From Quakers. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 3.—George A. Montgomery, a turpentine dealer here, mysteriously disappeared three weeks ago. The Kemper-Loven lumber company yesterday issued an attachment against him for \$33,000, alleging that he has absconded and fraudulently disposed of his property to cheat creditors. He owes \$50,000.

Chosen by the President. WASHINGTON, May 3.—The president to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: Henry George, of Kentucky, to be agent for the Indians of the Colorado river agency, Arizona. Postmasters: Howard H. Edwards, Fayetteville, N. Y.; J. A. K. Keiser, Ellenville, N. Y.; N. H. Sixty, Horseheads, N. Y.

His Fever Low. BERLIN, May 3.—The bulletin issued this morning states that the emperor's fever is low and that his general condition is relatively satisfactory.

James Black of Lancaster, Receives the Nomination. Sketch of the Prohibition Candidate—Declarations of the Platform Adopted—Delegates Chosen to Represent the State in the National Convention.

HARRISBURG, May 3.—The second day's session of the state Prohibition convention convened at 9:15 o'clock this morning by prayer and singing. A resolution was adopted which censured a few of the political newspapers for garbled and inaccurate reports of the convention. After a great deal of miscegenation of the Prohibitionists, the nomination of a candidate for supreme judge was in order. The names of Hon. Lewis D. Vail, of Philadelphia, and Hon. James Black, of Lancaster, were placed in nomination. Mr. Black attempted to withdraw his name, but his admirers would not hear of it. He finished with them by standing. Vail had but fifty-four votes. Black was then nominated unanimously.

Er-Judge Chase, of Keaton, nominated Mr. Black. It was known that Mr. Black did not want the nomination and insisted upon the withdrawal of his name, but Stevens, of Erie, secured the floor, and with Mr. Malachuk, of Allegheny, Palmer, of Fayette, and Court, of Erie, seconded his nomination in speeches that brought out the sentiment that the convention had determined to name Black or nobody. The friends of Vail tried to make the claims of that candidate at the time when an opportunity was offered. Mr. Black after some trouble to secure recognition from the chair, stepped forward, reannouncing all that the party had done for him and appreciating what they still proposed to do. He finished with them by the withdrawal of his name. Other speeches were made, but nobody volunteered to ask that Mr. Black's request be granted. For Lewis D. Vail fifty-four persons arose to their feet. When Mr. Black's name was called the entire convention stood up and cheered.

The convention named E. D. Nichols and W. V. Bacon for electors at large; Charles S. Wolfe, A. A. Barker, James Black and A. A. Stevens delegates at large to the national convention, with sixty delegates and alternates.

THE PLATFORM. The platform adopted declares Pennsylvania to be a Christian state, and that the Prohibitionists accept Almighty God as their Father, and that they believe in the Scriptures as his code of laws for their government; that the making and sale of liquor is the most dangerous foe to the perpetuity of civil and religious liberty; that attempts by license laws for its removal have failed; that prohibition is the only remedy for its removal; that they pledge themselves to secure this by constitutional amendment; that high license laws are delusions and snares; that the vice of the people are a crime and public liberty of taxation or revenue; demands the repeal of the revenue tax on liquor and tobacco; demands the repeal of the laws which make it a textbook of pure morality should be maintained in the public schools; that the protection of the Sabbath from secularization is an essential part of the peaceful worship of Almighty God; that interference with the free ballot should be prohibited; that the right of franchise should be secured to all citizens; that the right of suffrage, where withheld from any cause, should be restored; that no advanced basis as is deemed wise; and, lastly, invites the co-operation of fellow-citizens in the effort to free the state from the curse of the drink traffic.

SKETCH OF THE NOMINEE. James Black was born in Lewisburg, Union county, Pa., on the 23d of September, 1823. He is the eldest son of the late John Black of Lancaster, a contractor in his time built some of the most important railroads and other public works in the country and in Canada. James remained with his parents in Lewisburg until he was about twelve years of age