

THE "BIG 9" BANQUET.

MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY MET ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

The 130th Anniversary Celebration Held in Liederkranz Hall--A Number Respond to Toasts--A Pleasant Affair.

The Friendship Fire Company No. 2, of the old Lancaster volunteer department, was first organized on December 10, 1783.

The engine house of the company, which is built but a few years before the volunteer department disbanded, stands on North Duke street next to the railroad bridge.

The members of the company, which is composed of members of the old and new departments, met on Tuesday night for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the company's formation.

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The members who were present were: John H. Baumgardner, president; James H. Galt, vice president; and others.

After the company had reached the banquet hall the land was dismissed and the remainder of the evening the instrumental music was played.

The committee on refreshments, which was headed by James H. Galt, vice president, had prepared a very excellent dinner.

The entertainment was of the highest order and the company was very much pleased with the results.

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BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

A Small Attendance and Very Little Business Transacted.

The Board of Trade met on Tuesday evening, with the following members present: John C. Hager, C. A. Heinlein, J. Fred. Seiner, Harry C. Moore, George W. Reynolds, W. J. Zeller, W. D. Spruill, R. F. Foster, W. J. Zeller, and Dr. J. P. Wickertman.

Mr. Seiner, of the committee on manufacturing reported that he had received communications from Clearfield, Williamsport, Schuylkill Haven about locating manufacturers in Lancaster.

Mr. Hager, of the railroad committee reported that the efforts of the Board of Trade to have the New Holland railroad built and the committee expected to have the Quarryville branch opened in the January meeting.

Dr. Wickertman claimed that it was solely through the efforts of the Board of Trade that the Pennsylvania railroad project was favorably considered by the Pennsylvania railroad officers.

Mr. Reynolds, of a special committee, reported that he had received communications with reference to the abolition of the tax on clars.

Nominations for officers were declared in favor of John C. Hager, who was nominated for president and declined, and it was then decided to suspend the rules so that John C. Hager could be re-elected president.

Mr. Reynolds suggested that the rules be suspended as to nominations for all officers, and board would not be able to go to a quorum at the January meeting.

The suggestion was adopted and the following were then placed in nomination: President, John C. Hager; vice president, Dr. J. P. Wickertman; secretary, Harry C. Moore; treasurer, J. Fred. Seiner; trustee, Geo. M. Frazer.

None of the members had any new business to present and the board adjourned.

DR. HIGBEE VERY ILL. He is Stricken by Paralysis at Millport.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, superintendent of public instruction, was on Tuesday afternoon struck by paralysis in Millport, Pa., where he had been attending teachers' institute.

For some time past he has not been enjoying himself and during his illness on Tuesday afternoon it was noticed by his auditors that his face paled and flushed alternately and assumed a strange expression.

THE SHERKS ACQUITTED.

A CHARGE OF HORSE STEALING AGAINST BROTHERS NOT SUSTAINED.

The Weak Testimony in the Suit Brought by Eberhard Weber--Theodore Klingler, a Prosecutor, to Pay Costs.

Tuesday Afternoon--Upon the resumption of court at 2:30 o'clock, the jury in the Horace G. Myers assault and battery case rendered a verdict of guilty and divided the costs equally between the defendant and Horace G. Myers, the prosecutor.

Prosecutor Henry G. Sherks, of West Hempfield township, were tried for horse stealing. According to the testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses, Eberhard Weber, the defendant, had stolen a horse worth \$120.

The defendant's next undertaking was to show that the horse was not stolen by him, but that it was taken by some other person.

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PATrons OF HUSBANDRY.

Annual Session of the State Grange--Inauguration of Officers.

The State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, are in session in the hall of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg. Worthy Master Rhone made his annual report Tuesday evening.

Chief Justice Fuller Delivers an Oration, Referring to the Services of the First Chief Executive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.--As the hour for the holding of the ceremonies in commemoration of the inauguration of George Washington, first president of the United States, approached, the hall of the House of Representatives presented an animated scene.

When all had been seated prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Butler, chaplain of the Senate. The Marine band, stationed in the south lobby, then broke into the national air of "Hail Columbia."

In the course of his address Justice Fuller said: Washington had become first in war not so much by victories over the enemy or by success in strategy, as by the triumphs of a consistency which no reverses, no hardships, no incompetency, no treachery could shake or overcome.

The orator alluded but briefly to the brilliant war record of Gen. Washington, but in eloquent words portrayed the growth and value of Republican institutions under the administration of President Washington.

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THE HOUSE THROGGED.

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A WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

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CRUSHED TO DEATH.

TEN PERSONS MEET TERRIBLE FATE IN JOHNSTOWN TUESDAY NIGHT.

A Cry of Fire Alarms the Opera House Audience of 800--They Pounce Headlong Through the Doorway.

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