

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF BURGESS LANGAN

Read at Monday Night's Meeting of Archbald Borough Council.

MANY WISE SUGGESTIONS MADE

During Year the Bounded Indebtedness of the Borough Has Been Reduced and Many Public Improvements Made--A Plea for Better and More Business-Like Financial Methods--A Fire Alarm System and the Purchase of Hoses Suggested.

The following message was read by Burgess John J. Langan at the meeting of the Archbald Borough Council:

Gentlemen of the Borough Council: Before you begin the work that should engage your attention during the coming year, it is advisable to take a glance backward as well as forward, so that we may see what has been done by our predecessors and that we may note in what respects, if any, their work can be improved. Before doing so, however, I consider it only an act of justice to the outgoing council to congratulate them on the results of their labors in the public interest. It is a satisfaction to know that there has been some improvement in every line of borough work. The suggestions made a year ago have been followed in many particulars and the results have been gratifying to me as it may well be to the people of the borough.

Six hundred dollars of the bonded debt was cancelled and the interest on the balance is paid to date. The cost of road work during the year was \$1,900, a reduction of several hundred dollars from the previous year, and the amount thereby saved has been applied on the current debt. The work done on our roads during the year is just as permanent as any done in other years and the methods in other respects are better now than before.

The police system adopted while far from being perfect was a step in the direction of better service and even for this we ought to be thankful. Taking everything into account the tendency during the past year has been upward and the different departments of the borough show healthy evidence of economy.



BURGESS JOHN J. LANGAN, of Archbald.

I would omit a pleasant duty if I failed to compliment you on the ease and facility with which you formed your organization. In this respect you did not suffer by contrast with some of your worthy neighbors. I trust the spirit of harmony displayed last Monday night will be often manifested during the year and that you will be equally united and harmonious on every question whose object is the improvement of our affairs.

THE LIGHT CONTRACT. This year is especially important because you will be called on, before its close, to again consider the light question. The contract with the present electric company will expire early in 1899 and I presume an effort will be made to renew it. This is a matter worthy of your most serious thought. A considerable amount of money is spent each year for light and it should be our duty to see that we get full value for our money. The service given by the present company has been, in the main, very satisfactory and unless better inducements are offered to the borough the new enterprise whose object is the improvement of our affairs, should be renewed with whatever changes you may consider necessary. I hope you will give this important matter the earnest attention it deserves.

During the last year several holders of rough orders felt obliged to have them converted into interest-bearing judgments because the orders were not paid in presentation. It is neither fair nor business-like to have this state of things continue when we are able to avoid it. Nor does it seem fair to make the borough liable for interest on orders issued "on funds." In cases where there is one thinks of demanding interest on account unless it has remained unpaid thirty days. The practice here has been to demand interest from the time the order is presented to the treasurer. The ordinary rules of business should apply to a borough as well as to an individual and creditors of the borough, which are most generally her own citizens, should be public-spirited enough to realize that fact. While there may be any way to prevent the obtaining of judgments against the borough for unpaid orders I question our right to pay interest on them otherwise. I would suggest that you have your position defined by the borough attorney.

Another case of annoyance is the uncertainty of the borough pay day. At present there is no day set aside for the delivery of borough orders and the present method is irregular and unsatisfactory. Would it not be a good idea to make the 10th or 15th of every month the regular pay day and have it understood, let all the orders be signed by the president at one time and attested and delivered by the secretary only. While speaking on this subject would it not also be good policy to have all bills against the borough presented a day or two before the monthly meeting so that they may be examined with a little more care than is now shown. For this purpose the appointment of an auditing committee would be a step in the right direction and

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MRS. LYNSS ESCAPES

The Hospital and a Fearful Operation.

Hospitals in great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls.

Why should this be the case? Because they have neglected themselves! Women as a rule attach too little importance to first symptoms of a certain kind. If they have toothache, they will try to save the tooth, though many leave even this too late. They comfort themselves with the thought that they can replace their teeth; but they cannot replace their internal organs!

Every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warnings in the form of bearing-down feelings, pain at the right or the left of the womb, nervous dyspepsia, pain in the small of the back, the "blues," or some other unnatural symptom, but they did not heed them.

Don't drag along at home or in the shop until you are finally obliged to go to the hospital and submit to horrible examinations and operations! Build up the female organs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will save you from the hospital. It will put new life into you.

The following letter shows how Mrs. Lyness escaped the hospital and a fearful operation. Her experience should encourage other women to follow her example. She says to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I thank you very much for what you have done for me, for I had given up in despair. Last February, I had a miscarriage caused by overwork. It affected my heart, caused me to have sinking spells three to four a day, lasting sometimes half a day. I could not be left alone. I flowed constantly. The doctor called twice a day for a week, and once a day for four weeks, then three or four times a week for four months. Finally he said I would have to undergo an operation. Then I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after one week I began to recover and steadily improved until I was cured completely. By taking the Pinkham medicine, I avoided an operation which the doctor said I would certainly have to undergo. I am gaining every day and will cheerfully tell anyone what you have done for me."—Mrs. THOS. LYNSS, 10 Frederick St., Rochester, N. Y.

I would recommend the creation of such a committee.

TRANSIENT LICENSES. I also wish to notify you that I will not be a borough policeman at the same time. Last year in attempting to collect transient license fees I was put to great trouble and annoyance looking up and following delinquents. It seems to me more the duty of a policeman than of a burgess to look after these. While I am willing to give all possible assistance in collecting license fees I do not believe that either my duty or the dignity of my office demands that I should fill the dual role of burgess and policeman and I respectfully decline to do so hereafter. Let the police or the constable do their share and I will do mine to see that our license ordinances are enforced.

A year ago I called your attention to the unlicensed saloons of the borough and I suggested that the council take steps to see that the license laws were enforced. I regret that so little attention was paid to the matter, because I consider it of great importance. The arguments used last year are of equal force today. There is little doubt that the law is being violated and it will continue to be unless there is a move made against the violators. The borough is financially interested in the enforcement of the law and it ought to be possible to do something more than we are now doing. It seems strange that the constables are the only persons ignorant of the condition of the saloons. There should be something done in this matter and I trust you will give it your attention.

One year ago I pointed out the great necessity of purchasing a few hundred feet of hose for the Second and Third wards and placing the same in the hands of some responsible person. Now any one who has seen the firemen pull their hand machine through several inches of snow and noted the time it took to reach the scene of the fire cannot fail to see the wisdom of the suggestions I made last year. While speaking of this matter I desire to express my appreciation of the excellent work done by the firemen and I would heartily favor giving them any assistance they may need.

One thing that would greatly add to their efficiency is a fire alarm system. Some of the boroughs in this neighborhood have already introduced elaborate systems and while I would not approve of spending a large sum of money for this purpose we should have something better than our present primitive alarm.

No doubt there will be other matters before you during the year which it is not necessary to speak of now. I simply called your attention to the important ones. I trust you will consider them calmly and carefully, that you will do your utmost to benefit the borough so that when the year is over you will be able to look back to it with pride.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD. The funeral of Mrs. Mary O'Gara took place from her late home on Third street, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains were followed by a large number of friends and relatives. A high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Father Lynett, who also delivered a very impressive sermon. The pallbearers were Thomas Henry, Michael Muldoon, Bartley Mullin, Michael Clark, Martin McAndrew and J. Laughney. Interment was made in Carbondale Catholic cemetery.

A gentleman called on some of our prominent citizens Monday and said he represented a shot firm and came here with the intention to open such an industry in the town, providing the people of the town take \$10,000 worth of stock. Then a \$20,000 plant will be located here. This would prove a great boon to the town as it would give employment to a large number of men and boys.

George Cardiner, who left on last Friday for New York in search of his boy, who he claims, has been lost since last September, returned home on last Saturday evening without any consolation. Mr. Cardiner said that he searched the towns where the Forkel boy said he thought he had gone to, but in vain. No information could be learned about his boy. Mr. Cardiner reported at the police headquarters in Port Jervis and gave the description of his boy. The police have been notified to be on guard of such a lad.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yeater, of Second street, were visiting friends in Carbondale yesterday.

Last Friday Miss Agnes Holmes had the misfortune to run a rusty nail through her foot while attending to some duties around the house. Her mother, with great effort, removed it. She is now in an almost helpless condition.

Dr. A. J. Baker, of Duryea, was visiting his parents on South Main street yesterday.

There will be a 10-cent supper given at the First Baptist church this evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society. A good time is anticipated, and a large crowd is expected.

Mr. Richard Hawkins, of South Main street, was doing business in Carbondale yesterday.

Work which should have commenced at an early date putting a road through on South street, Mayfield, has been postponed until Mr. Charles Winters returns. The map of John B. Smith and the one owned by Mr. Whitmore were on the scene a few days ago and it was found necessary that a lot which



have entered into a secret combination to flood the market of the agents with their product and thereby "freeze" them out of business, retaining in this way direct control of the business. Allegation is made also that this procedure is equivalent to an abandonment of the light company's patents in consequence of which strong interests have been induced to come into the field as competitors, thereby breaking down the agents who were guaranteed the protection of the patents. Damages are asked and the court is petitioned to restrain the defendants from continuing the "freezing out" process.

PHILLIES IN PRACTICE.

The Club Will Spend Two Weeks at Cape May.

Philadelphia, March 15.—The members of the Philadelphia league baseball club left here at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Cape May, where they will spend two weeks in limbering up their muscles and ridding themselves of the "Charley Horse." The party included eighteen players, in charge of Manager Stallings and Mike Scanlon, the club's veteran "rubber."

The players were: Pitchers Orth, Wheeler, Fifeid, Dunkie, Donohue, Platt, Murphy, Dugleby, and Jimson (the Indian); Catchers McFarland and Fisher; Infielders Douglass, Cross, Abbatteccion and Elberfeld, and Outfielders Delahanty, Thompson and Flick. Of these only seven—Orth, Wheeler, Fifeid, Dunkie, McFarland, Delahanty and Thompson—have heretofore been with the club, and Thompson was not in harness last season. Six more whose names are on the club's roster failed to put in an appearance, but will probably report in a day or so. The absentees are: Boyle, Lajoie, Cooley, Nash, Barnhart and Becker. The players will return from Cape May on April 2 and begin a series of exhibition games on the local grounds.

CAPTURE OF PAUL MUELLER.

Suspected of Having Been Identified with Three Murders.

York, Pa., March 15.—What may prove to be an important arrest was made yesterday at Glen Rock. The prisoner gave his name as Shuler, but he answers the description of Paul Mueller, the murderer of F. D. Newton, wife and daughter, near Brookfield, Mass., last November, and of a man except for a slight discrepancy in weight. Suspicion was first drawn upon him by the fact that he never retired without taking an axe to his room. He has been in the neighborhood three weeks, working on a farm.

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