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CITY NOTES

PATENT GRANTED.—Henry B. Campbell, of this city, obtained a valuable patent for improvements in ink-stamps.

ANNUAL REUNION.—The annual reunion of the Fifty-second regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, will be held this year at Pottsville on September 27.

ANOTHER PETITION.—This petition of Edwin G. Blosacker to be discharged from his debts as a bankrupt was submitted to H. F. C. A. Van Wormer yesterday. He owes \$6,841.47 and has no assets.

PROGRAMME DISCUSSED.—The Catholic Historical society and Newman Male club held their first post-summer meeting last evening in Guernsey hall. The programme for the coming winter was discussed.

BOOKKEEPERS AND OFFICE MEN.—The bookkeepers and office men of this city are invited to a meeting to be held next Monday evening, September 25, at 8 o'clock, 14 Lackawanna avenue, for the purpose of organizing a "Bookkeepers' club."

DISCHARGES IN BANKRUPTCY.—In the United States circuit court in session at Pottsville the following persons were discharged in bankruptcy: Simon Kalamanski, Lackawanna county; Samuel and John Kilmish, Luzerne county; James N. McLaughlin, Lackawanna county.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.—Members of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall association are requested to meet at the county commissioners' office at 10 o'clock this morning to examine designs of the soldiers' monument, which it is proposed to erect on court house square.

CORBETT REJECTED.—James Corbett, a member of Company C, Pennsylvania volunteers, who re-enlisted with Lieutenant Murphy in the Forty-seventh regiment, failed to pass the examination at Camp Meade. Mr. Corbett suffered from an attack of typhoid fever while in camp in the south.

MEN'S UNION MEETS.

Court House Repairs Main Topic of Discussion.

The Men's Union of Green Ridge held their first meeting last evening after the close of the usual summer intermission. The meeting was one of especial importance being on "Politics."

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by the president, Attorney George B. Davidson, after which a short talk on the past, present and future of Cuba was given by M. D. Barretto, a former resident of that place. The music of the evening was under the direction of Prof. L. F. Y. Pierce.

After a few remarks by the president on the theme which would follow, he introduced A. F. Kiefer, one of the county auditors who read the report of the auditors on the repair of the Lackawanna county court house. After reading the report, Mr. Kiefer explained the items of work to date. He said cost \$1,546.00 for extras which we cannot find any contracts for, and the total amount of bills paid to date are \$19,318.49 and the pointing up of the vaults which is still under way cost \$2,500. The cost of decorations on interior was \$11,832.15, which we find by consulting experts could be done for much less.

After Mr. Kiefer finished Mr. Giles Roberts called on Architect Lacey to explain some of the bills for extras which he did and which resulted in a slight tilt between Mr. Kiefer and Mr. Lacey over the money employed in auditing the accounts. Mr. Lacey said that the bids not accepted were returned with the certified checks attached and Mr. Kiefer said when he called on the bidders they had received their checks back but not the bids.

Attorney Hannah, who was present, questioned the right of the county commissioners to go to the expense they did and quoted several acts of assembly which call for the authorization by one grand jury and one quarter session court of such work where no money is borrowed but where money is borrowed, two approvals of successive grand juries and two quarter sessions courts.

All three of the county commissioners

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE W. C. T. U.

HELD IN GREEN RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Mrs. C. D. Simpson Retires from the Presidency and Is Succeeded by Mrs. M. W. Vaughn—The Beveridges and Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce Entertain and Instruct—Resolution Passed Against Employing School Teachers Who Use Tobacco—List of the New Department Superintendents.

The members of the Women's Christian Temperance union are not supposed to mind the quantity of water which they talk, but the morning session of the thirteenth annual convention of the Lackawanna County union was held yesterday under very dampening circumstances, for the rain verily descended in floods. However, there was an excellent attendance and no more successful convention has been recorded in the history of the county organization.

The pretty lecture room of the picturesque Presbyterian church was attractive with flowers, while a broad, white ribbon was fastened across the reading desk. The only incongruous element was the drape of pinky-pale Sunday papers, which some inadvertent hand, unfamiliar with the prejudices of temperance ladies had placed around the fern pots on the platform.

The programme was one of unusual interest. Among the features was the appearance of "The Beveridges," they are Mrs. C. E. Beveridge, singing evangelists, who are about in the cause of temperance. They sing bright little selections, something after the fashion of a topical song, embodying pertinent thoughts relating to reform, for instance:

Was there ever set seen
Anything quite so mean
As you Uncle Sam's business
The army center?

Oh the utter nonsense—
That he did it in the interest
Of temperance.

MRS. SIMPSON PRESIDES.
Mrs. C. D. Simpson, president of the county union, presided, with the charm and grace which has done so much to make county unions popular and which has added such dignity to every session. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. George Field.

The appointment of committees was as follows:
Credentials—Mrs. M. W. Vaughn, Mrs. Sterns, Mrs. Alice Arnold, Mrs. Resolutions—Mrs. Dunning, Mrs. Sicker, Mrs. Craig.
Courtesy—Mrs. Clifford, Green Ridge; Mrs. Rhodes, Elmhurst.

Mrs. Mary F. Kays made the address of welcome, which was graceful and pleasing and fully expressed the kind feeling of Green Ridge people. Mrs. J. B. Santee, of Dalton, made a pleasant response, after which Mrs. J. M. Howell, the corresponding secretary, reported thirteen unions in the county, ten of which had reports.

Mrs. Arnold gave the treasurer's report, which showed a falling off in receipts. The entire returns, however, are not in.

Mrs. Vaughn led the conference of workers. Mrs. Field, of the railroad work committee, read a report prepared by the local superintendent, Mrs. Rought. Mrs. Depue, of the Green Ridge union, gave the report of the equal suffrage movement and recommended the "Journal of Women," by Jessie B. Cassidy, and "The Subjection of Women," by John Stuart Mill. Mrs. Sicker spoke on "Mothers' Work" and the credential committee gave the following list of delegates:

LIST OF DELEGATES.
Mrs. P. B. Butler, Carbonate; Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Rulse, Moscow; Miss Turner, Madisonville; Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Book, Peckville; Mrs. Patterson, Peckville; Mrs. B. Downing, Mrs. Amelia Smith, Mrs. C. D. Simpson, Mrs. Whitmore, Scranton; Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Treverton, Mrs. Mary F. Kays, Green Ridge; Mrs. J. B. Santee, Mrs. Stoll, Mrs. Stone, Dalton.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. M. W. Vaughn, president; Mrs. J. M. Howell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ellen Depue, recording secretary; Mrs. Rhodes, treasurer.

Mrs. A. F. Vost led in the noontide prayer. Afterward, during the social remarks, after which adjournment was made and a lunch was served by the Green Ridge ladies.

An executive session occupied the first half hour of the afternoon. Mrs. J. S. Miller conducted the Bible reading, after which Mrs. Harvey led the memorial service. Miss Grace Spencer sang most delightfully "The Holy City," to Mrs. W. W. Lathrop's accompaniment.

Mrs. Downing, president of the local union, gave an excellent paper on "The Union and Deportures in the Temperance Work." In the course of this she attributed much of the hindrance in advance to the indifference of women in general, the universal love of money in business and every walk of life; the protection of the law, the corruption of courts the constabulary. She closed in an impassioned appeal to make uncompromising battle against the liquor traffic.

MR. BEVERIDGE SPEAKS.
Mr. Beveridge made a few remarks after which he and his wife sang a selection in a striking manner. Following the song he made a fine address which contained strong logic and many telling points.

He spoke of the separation which spread over the country when the commission to Cuba reported the fact that 200,000 people in Cuba were starving, suffering and dying under Spanish domination, but the liquor sellers kill nearly not yet drunkards but women and children yet not once does the nation shudder. Other reforms are considered important. The liquor traffic robs him of his money, takes away his job, makes him hate the church and despise his country, but the people do not stop to think about it. They do not care.

When the vote for a prohibitory law was taken in Canada last year fifty-six per cent of the people did not care enough to vote in either way. In Boston the license law was passed because 32,000 voters didn't care enough to mark their ballots. It is God's people, the church members who neglect this matter. The officers care enough to support their cause. Perhaps we make a mistake when we devote so much time to the stunts and instead should preach to Christians.

The Anti-Saloon League and the Prohibition Union are working along the same lines in a non-partisan way to rouse men to action. They will support any candidate who will declare himself against the liquor traffic. The movement has been marvelous in Rochester and is spreading far and wide.

Mrs. L. J. Lansing made a brief and pleasing address in which she spoke of her own deep interest in the work. She said earnestly: "Women do care, but perhaps the seeming apathy is not so deep as it appears. It is the result of methods already attempted and that, like illness, it was too often considered as a part of necessary evil."

Mrs. Craig then read the following resolutions:
THE RESOLUTIONS.
Recognizing our dependence on Almighty God and praying the Holy Spirit to guide and quicken the young in their efforts to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, we will support the religious observances of the Lord's day; that we will in every way oppose and discountenance sin and that we will use our influence to protect those who labor from being deprived of a day of rest.

Resolved, That the injurious effects of the use of tobacco upon the young in cigarettes or in any other form cannot be combated successfully except by example, as well as precept, therefore we urge that no certificate shall be granted to teachers who use tobacco in any form.
Resolved, That we will combine to work for peace because it builds up while war destroys.

Resolved, We have not words to express our regret that our president, Mrs. Simpson, has thought best to decline the continuance of her name as president of the union. Those nearest her in official relations have learned to appreciate and love her because they know her so well. May her mantle rest on those who follow her.

Resolved, In the removal of Mrs. Fields from among us we lose a number whose place it will be hard to fill, but we are sure the blessing of the Lord will accompany her and that willing hearts and hands will be a blessing to any community where she may dwell.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the pastor and trustees of the church, to the ladies who have so generously entertained us, and to all who have in any way contributed to the pleasure and success of this convention.

THE SUPERINTENDENTS.
The executive committee reported department superintendents as follows: Scranton and Jail, Mrs. J. M. Howell; Franconia, Mrs. Ella Depue; Haverhill, Mrs. Williams; Parry, Mrs. Ella Rhodes; parlor meetings, Mrs. Mary P. Stoves.

Ordinances providing for a combination chemical engine and hose wagon for the William Connell Hose company and appropriating \$1,150.00 to pay the claims for extras on the Cumberland hose passed third reading.

The resolution dealing with penalties on the delinquent Abetax and Grand Paving companies were concurred in. Mr. Schroeder wanted to postpone the resolution directing the removal of the Grand company's material from North Main avenue in case work is not commenced within fifteen days, saying he was reliably informed that the company would start work next week.

Council concluded that if this was so the passage of the resolution could work no harm, and all the members, including Mr. Schroeder voted in its favor.
Mr. Schneider presented the first partial estimate on the South Side sewer for the confirmation of councils. It was in the sum of \$2,000.00 and had the approval of City Engineer Phillips and the auditing committee. Council also approved it. This is a new system of making partial payments, being in conformity with the recently rendered opinion of City Solicitor Vosburgh.

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50c \$1.00 gloves at 50c—Very fine quality of kid—all colors and sizes—two clasp or button—NO Mouse-gaitears, in fact, not a glove in the lot that is out-of-date. We shall offer these at a special price for a short time only. The bulk of them are our regular one dollar stock and are ONLY sacrificed in order to clear the decks for new goods arriving daily. This is a rare opportunity.

Friday sale of domestics

- Again for today some world-beating prices to make things interesting for economical shoppers. These are goods you need
- Shirting prints—Full standard shirting prints, 25 inches wide, regular price 5c. Friday..... **2c**
- Cotton batts—Six bales for today's sale, regular 6c batts. For Friday..... **3c**
- Indigo prints—Regular standard indigo prints of the 6c quality Friday..... **4c**
- Apron gingham—Standard brand of apron gingham, in large and small checks, regularly 6c yd. Friday **4c**
- Unbleached muslin—Yard wide unbleached muslin, worth 6c. Friday..... **4c**
- Bleached muslin—Yard wide Hill bleached muslin, worth 7c. Friday..... **5c**
- Eiderdown flannels—For Friday special, our 45c quality of eiderdown..... **29c**

Sale of popular dress goods

- Crepon effect dress goods—Very good quality, an excellent wearing black figured fabric, worth 50c the yard. Here on Friday at a special price..... **33c**
- Very stylish plaids—Patterns equal in effect to those usually found only in high-class goods. The real value is 60c—made to sell for that price. Here Friday..... **43c**
- Crepons—500 yards of our \$1.25 quality of black crepons at a special Friday price..... **95c**

Sale of wool blankets

- We offer for today some exceptional bargains in FINE blankets. The real value as stated here may be relied upon.
- \$3 quality, 10-4 white, on Friday at..... **\$2.39**
- \$3.50 quality, all wool sanitary gray..... **2.50**
- \$4 quality, all wool, extra quality, Friday **2.98**
- \$1 blankets at 50c—These are part wool and were formerly sold at 98c. Here on Friday..... **50c**

Friday sale of curtains

- Getting busier every day on our second floor. Large variety, and prices that are RIGHT have made this department a much sought place.
- 75c Nottingham curtains, with pole, 43c
- A very special quality of curtains at a very special price. All these are full length and full width—all of them are in new patterns and all of them are with pole and trimmings complete—ready to hang..... **43c**
- Half-price on all sash goods
- In order to introduce our new stock of sash goods we shall make tremendous sacrifices today:
- 1000 yards of double width scrim, worth 5c the yard. Special on Friday..... **3c**
- Figured and plain silkolines, worth 12 1/2c..... **8c**
- Fancy crettonnes—new effects—worth 12 1/2c..... **8c**
- Fish nets—double width—worth 15c..... **8c**
- Striped Swisses—double width—worth 15c..... **8c**

Special sale of ribbons

Extraordinary Friday sacrifice at half customary prices.

Satin ribbon	Width—No. 5	No. 7	No. 9	No. 12	No. 16
	Reg. Price 8c	10c	12c	14c	16c
Warranted all silk	Our Price 5c	7c	8c	10c	12c

- No. 7 fancy all silk satin ribbon, 12 1/2c kind. **5c**
- Nos. 60 and 80 plain all silk satin ribbon... **15c**
- No. 1 baby ribbon—all colors, bolt of to yds. **5c**
- Nos. 30 and 40 fancy all silk ribbon..... **15c**

Two bargains in umbrellas

- Twenty-six inch—Good quality gloria—natural wood handles—strong frame—an umbrella that was made to retail at 75c—came to us much under the regular price. Special on Friday only..... **35c**
- 28 inch—Some style and make as the above, but with 28 inch rib. Customary price, 50 cents. Here on Friday only..... **45c**
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