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"PLACED BUT TO TRUTH, TO LIBERTY AND LAW—NO FAVOR SWAYS US AND NO FEAR SHALL AWE"

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## JUDGE PARKER NOTIFIED

ESOPUS, N. Y., August 10.—Notification day, the greatest day in the modern history of Ulster county, arrived with a pouring rain, which set in just after daylight and confounded the prophecies of those who had faithfully promised Judge Parker ideal weather conditions, when he was to receive formal information of his selection by the Democratic National convention as its nominee for President of the United States.

At midnight there was no sign of anything but the fairest kind of a day but when Judge Parker arose at his usual hour the rain was coming down in a steady pour from a leaden sky. The unpropitious weather and the comments of his family and guests on the subject were received by the Judge himself with a smile and he went about the business of the day with his usual cheery spirits.

There was an unusually large gathering at breakfast at Rosemount, and the table at which Judge Parker sat, had about it practically all of his family, there were present: Mrs. John H. Parker, of Derby, Conn., the judge's mother; Mrs. Alfred Tannet, of Kingston, sister of Mrs. Parker; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miles, of Derby, Conn., brother-in-law and sister of Judge Parker; Mrs. Daniel Manning, of Albany, widow of President Cleveland's first secretary of the treasury, and Dr. F. O. Pieloff, the German consul at St. Louis, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

At 10:30 there was some indication of a break in the storm though the rain continued unabated. It was announced that unless the weather cleared the notification ceremony would take place upon the steamboat Sagamore.

Former Senator David B. Hill sent his secretary, P. J. Manweiler, down from Albany on the early train. He carried a huge box of flowers from Senator Hill for Mrs. Parker.

Mr. Hill's secretary brought word that the Senator would leave Albany on the 10:30 train and word was given the engineer of Judge Parker's launch to meet him at Hyde Park.

The informality of the proceedings to come was exemplified by the entire absence of any visible preparation or ceremony about Rosemount. No request was made for police protection. Expecting that the day would be fine and that a crowd would flock to the ceremony on the lawn deputy sheriff Webster, of Kingston, volunteered to bring up a few deputies and have them in readiness in case the press about the speaker's stand made their assistance desirable.

The officer was accepted with thanks by Secretary McCausland, but there was little need of even this presence of civil authority. The only police officer or detective on the place during the morning was chief Humphrey of the New York Central Railroad force, who came to look after the railroad end of the affair.

At 11:30 the rain had nearly ceased, turning to a fine mist, but the cloudy sky showed no break.

At 12:30 the sky which had lightened considerably after the rain had stopped again became very dark and lowering, and Secretary McCausland believed that the speechmaking would have to be done on the boat. Word was received from down the river which indicated that the Sagamore had been late in leaving New York and that it would be 2 p. m. before it would reach Rosemount.

## COMMITTEE STARTED WITH FLAGS FLYING

NEW YORK, August 10.—With flags flying and the band playing, the Yacht Sagamore left the 32nd street pier at 8:15 o'clock today, carrying 525 persons to Esopus to formally notify Judge Alton B. Parker that he has been nominated for President by the Democratic national convention.

A drizzling rain was falling and the gaiety of the occasion was somewhat marred by the inclement weather. The members of the party were hopeful, however, that the weather would clear up by the time the boat reached Esopus which will be about 2 o'clock. The notification committee, the members of the National committee and many other prominent Democrats were guests of the state committee on this occasion. Nearly every prominent Democrat within reach was invited. All of them did not avail themselves of the privilege of going on the boat but many went by train as they did not care to spend so much time on the river.

Some of those who went to Esopus today were Champ Clark, Cord Meyer, Thomas Taggart, William F. Sheehan, Charles F. Murphy, Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas; Patrick H. McCarron, John G. Cardet, Marcus A. Smith of Arizona; Norman S. Mack, Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa; Perry Belmont, Daniel J. Campau, of Michigan; Hon. S. Cummings, of Connecticut; George Foster Peabody, treasurer of the national committee; Thomas F. Ryan, Timothy E. Ryan, of Wisconsin; Representative Timothy D. Sullivan and a large contingent of local Democratic leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Young desire to return thanks to their neighbors and others for kind assistance rendered during the illness and death of their mother, Mrs. Margaret Young.

## CONTRACTS AND BOND APPROVED

Thomas J. Rogers of the Third Ward was elected Water Commissioner Friday night to succeed Andrew Schatz, whose term of office expires August 15.

Mr. Gooser nominated Mr. Rogers for the three years' term. Mr. Fenstermacher nominated Curtis Cook.

Mr. Reifmeyer explained that the fact was approached by Mr. Cook, who asked that his name be withdrawn in case he should be nominated. Mr. Cook's name was accordingly withdrawn.

Thomas J. Rogers, therefore, was unanimously elected as Water Commissioner for three years.

The agreement entered into by the Borough and D. J. Rogers for paving Mill street as well as the bond of \$10,000 given by the latter for the faithful performance of the work was read before Council. It was discussed at great length when on motion of Mr. Vestine, seconded by Mr. Reifmeyer, they were duly approved by Council and ordered to be sent to the Burgess for his signature.

The contract with the Rumsey Electrical Manufacturing Company was also presented and approved. Owing to some details omitted it was left in the hands of the Electric Light Committee, who have power to act. The Committee will probably accept the contract today and hand it over to the Burgess for his signature.

Mr. Reifmeyer of the Streets and Bridges Committee reported that the D. L. & W. Railroad Company in building a switch north of track, near the station, had encroached six feet upon the Borough property at an alley and that upon discovering this fact the Committee on Streets and Bridges had caused the company to discontinue work on the switch until the present meeting when the matter could be brought before Council. The railroad company, he said, is anxious to complete the work and proposes to give the Borough an indemnifying bond providing for any accident which might occur and also to fill up the alley to make driving over the track easy.

The matter was discussed at length, it being the sense of the members that Council has no right to thus permit the railroad to occupy the streets and they were very much afraid that damage might ensue to property and complications arise.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Joseph Gibson, it was ordered that the D. L. & W. Railroad be not permitted to lay its track on the Borough property.

Mr. Reifmeyer moved that the consent of Council be granted to the transfer of the rights, privileges and franchises of the Danville and Riverside Street Railway Company to the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railroad Company.

The Borough Solicitor advised that the matter be referred to the Committee on Ordinance and Police so as to secure a little delay, which would enable him to look into the matter more fully. His counsel prevailed and the action taken leaves the matter in the hands of the Committee who will act in conjunction with the Borough Solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Fenstermacher it was decided to purchase five lengths of 16 inch pipe of the Hospital for the length of broken pipe belonging to the small sewer near the water works. The price to be paid is \$12 per joint.

On motion of Mr. Reifmeyer it was decided to lease the Borough traction engine to Mr. Rogers at one dollar per day for use in the work of street paving, he to be responsible for all repairs.

Mr. Reifmeyer called attention to the fact that the Mill street culvert is finished according to specifications and he moved that the bond of D. J. Rogers, the contractor, be dissolved. It was so ordered.

Mr. Gibson reported that a party was desirous of building a double dwelling at the corner of Ferry and Front streets and that he was desirous of knowing whether the Borough would extend the sewer existing in that part of town so as to take in the point in question and also what rates would be charged. The sense of Council that no action could be taken until the sewer rates are adopted which Council is at present working upon.

On motion of Joseph Gibson it was decided to relay the stone crossings on Bloom street at the entrance to A and B streets.

Mr. Gooser called attention to the irregularity of surface on some parts of Bloom street, where on each side the roadbed is higher than the trolley track. Some, he thought, ought to be done to bring about an equality of surface, otherwise accidents might occur. On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Streets and Bridges, with power to act.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd it was ordered that the alley leading from Bloom to Center streets, known as Pine avenue, be filled up to make travel better, the material excavated on Mill street to be used in the improvement.

The following members were present: Davis, Dietrich, Montgomery, Gooser, Swank, Fenstermacher, Boyer, Reifmeyer, Vestine, Joseph Gibson, and Lloyd. It was midnight when Council adjourned.

The man who is anxious for the campaign to begin will not have to wait many days longer.

## INTERVIEW WITH MR. SHEPPERSON

The fact was stated in these columns yesterday that the ordinance of the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railroad, which was read before the Borough Council of Riverside, Monday night, was not represented at the meeting by any of the company.

Justice to all parties would seem to demand that that explanation be given why none of the members of the company were present to speak for the ordinance.

During an interview with Chief Burgess Shepperson of Riverside Borough yesterday it was learned that through a sheer accident, which no one deplores more than the Burgess himself, the Danville and Bloomsburg company were not informed that a meeting to act upon the ordinance would take place Monday night and consequently were unaware that it would be advisable for them to be present.

The meeting was a special one called to consider the ordinance. During the day, it seemed, it devolved upon Burgess Shepperson to apprise the Danville and Bloomsburg company of the meeting. The Burgess says he fully intended to notify Mr. Pascoe or some other member of the company and during the forenoon actually called up the trolley office by 'phone; none of the men then were about and the Burgess dropped the matter fully intending to call up the office at a later hour.

During the remainder of the day it occurred that Burgess Shepperson was wholly absorbed by some very important matters which came up in his own business and he forgot to call up the trolley company.

His neglect occurred to him when he reached the meeting. When the question was put to act upon the ordinance, the Burgess objected advocating a postponement, explaining that he had inadvertently neglected to inform any of the representatives of the Danville and Bloomsburg company that the meeting was to be held.

That the counsel of the Burgess did not prevail is altogether another matter. The above explanation as to why the Danville and Bloomsburg company was not present shows that it was through no inclination on their part to recede or abandon their position that the ordinance was thus left to its fate.

Mr. Pascoe takes the view that as a business proposition the Danville and Bloomsburg company should appear at the meeting to South Danville and Riverside people. If granted the right of way on the other side of the river he will agree to build a line to the lower end of Riverside, as well as to DeWitt's Park and will give a bond binding him down to the proposition.

This would insure the people passage backward and forward from any part of Riverside, South Danville and Danville for one fare, whereas if two companies are permitted to exist in the limited field in traveling between Riverside and the various parts of Danville there will of necessity be two fares to pay.

Fraternal Order of Eagles. A lodge of "The Fraternal Order of Eagles," a new beneficial organization which is looming into prominence, is likely to be installed in this city in the very near future.

W. F. Adams, of Catawissa, Organizer, was in this city Tuesday. He placed the matter in the hands of James Henderson, who is now circulating a petition asking for a dispensation for the establishment of a subordinate lodge or lodge in Danville. Fifty petitioners are required and of these eighteen have been secured, notwithstanding that Mr. Henderson has as yet scarcely put forth any effort.

The motto of the order is: "Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality." Aeries have been established in many of our neighboring towns. Shamokin has a lodge with a membership of 300; Sunbury has over a hundred, and the most strongly to South Danville and Catawissa is the membership of the candidate must be "white, sound of body and health, not less than 21 nor over 50, of good moral character, able to read and write and a believer in a Supreme Being."

Looking Over the Ground. Two more sub-contractors appeared here yesterday looking over the ground with a view to putting in a bid for the substructure of the river bridge.

They arrived at South Danville on the 12:10 train and employing a boat were rowed out on the river where they could examine the piers and observe the formation of the river bottom.

Soon after arriving they had a conference with John R. Hughes, the stone dealer, of whom they inquired as to where stones could be procured for the new piers and what disposition could be made of the stones in the old piers.

At the present time when we have been hoping daily to see work begin on the new bridge it is something of a surprise to learn that the contracts have not been all awarded.

Fine Picture of the Twelfth. A picture of the entire Twelfth regiment, including Colonel Clement's staff and the 80th Regimental band has just been completed. The picture was taken immediately after the inspection by Governor Pennypacker at Camp M. S. Quay on Gettysburg's famous battlefield July 26, last.

## READY TO BEGIN WORK

D. J. Rogers yesterday stated that unless held back by rainy weather he would begin the work of paving Mill street this morning.

The street job purchased for the work reached Danville yesterday. The curbing and probably a large shipment of paving brick are expected to arrive today.

Mr. Rogers says he can employ some 30 or 40 men to begin with. The plow or "roter" as it is commonly known will be used in breaking up the street. It will be attached to the traction engine, which Mr. Rogers has leased of the Borough, and notwithstanding the hard nature of the roadbed the implement is expected to do splendid execution.

Mr. Rogers says that a section of Mill street, six hundred feet in length, running from Market street to the canal will be shut off. Travel will be kept off the street for several weeks. Mr. Rogers expects to finish the entire contract in some two months' time.

Along with the work of paving, the track of the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway will be laid. As soon as the excavation is completed the ties will be laid in position and these will be wholly buried in the course of cement which will then be applied to the street. The rails will be laid as the brick are placed in position and by the time Mill street is paved the trolley track will be completed along that thoroughfare.

Horse Falls in the River. A good deal of excitement was caused at the ferry landing on the South side last evening by a horse falling while fording the river between the shore and the ferry and lying unable to move in the deep water.

The river, which has been rising off and on for a couple of weeks past, during yesterday was higher than for some time past and driving became exceedingly difficult at the South landing where at one point the water is three feet deep.

To make the matter worse the platform, adjusted to suit low water, is now submerged and causes the horses to stumble as they pull out of the water onto the ferry.

That is what happened to a horse belonging to Livermyer Meyer and driven by Tarring G. Brown last evening. Scrambling the animal fell back into the water and becoming entangled lay there helplessly.

The ferry was considerably delayed while several persons assisted to unharness the horse, after which he was gotten upon his feet and led onto the ferry. Fortunately but little damage was done.

Team of Horses Badly Injured. A team of horses belonging to Elmer Kirkner, an Anthony township farmer, were badly injured in a runaway Tuesday.

Mr. Kirkner and hired man with two teams were engaged in delivering grain at the steam grist mill, this city. On their way home the hired man, who was driving, the rear team, stepped at the "Oak Tree" Valley township, to water the horses.

When near Edward Frazier's Mr. Kirkner became aware that something was wrong in the rear and looking backward beheld the second team dashing along at a breakneck pace utterly beyond the driver's control. Almost at the same instant there was a collision, the runaway team dashing into Mr. Kirkner's wagon.

Both of the horses were very badly injured. It was impossible to get them home Tuesday and they were put up at Fred Moser's hotel.

Preliminary Injunction Granted. A preliminary injunction was granted at the court house Tuesday against the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company and the Standard Construction Company restraining them from making a grade crossing or crossing by any other mode with their present street railway tracks of the P. & R. Railway at Bloom street, Danville.

The injunction is returnable August 27, 1904, at 1 o'clock p. m. at the Court House, Danville.

The P. & R. Railway Company is represented by Simon P. Wolverson of Sunbury and W. H. Rhawn of Catawissa. James Scarlet will look after the interest of the Trolley Company.

New Pavement Being Laid. The Borough's enterprise in adopting street paving, etc., is naturally reflected in a similar disposition on the part of private citizens. A spirit of improvement seems to be in the air. Many new sidewalks have already been put down, while still a larger number are contemplated.

On Church street alone at the present time there are no less than four handsome flag stone pavements under way. These are found at the residences of Street Commissioner E. S. Miller, George Ricketts, Arthur W. Dietrich and Philip Cromley. The stone used are all five by six feet. Beverly Muselman will begin work on a similar pavement in a short time.

## BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

The Directors of the Board of Trade held a meeting Monday night at which some very tangible results were achieved, a new industry, which promises to grow and prosper, being placed squarely upon its feet.

There was a good turnout present, J. H. Gooser occupying the chair. The intention was to take some action relating to the apparent delay in the building of the river bridge, but it happened that action was unnecessary, as authoritative information was at hand which showed that affairs relating to the bridge are progressing nicely and that there will be no material delay.

There are always new industries for the Board of Trade to consider, but the majority of these that can be had has been shown by past experience are not of a desirable sort. Last night, however, it transpired that one was brought up which appealed to the Board of Trade.

This is the proposition to establish a plant in Danville for the manufacture of mosaic woodwork. After the proposition had been fairly taken up five of our local people pledged themselves to organize a company capitalized at the start at \$10,000 and to be known as "The Mosaic Wood Working Company of Danville."

The product of this plant, comprising the most artistic designs in floorings, ceilings, panel work, and reaching even into the domain of cabinet work, it is believed, will have the widest scope ever attained by any product of the kind in this country.

The first move made was the purchase of the old stone grist mill property on Church street, which will immediately be put in good repair and a power plant installed therein, the work being urged along without any delay into operation and the product placed upon the market.

One of the strong points of this mosaic work, some account of which was given in a previous issue, is that it is not glued, nor does one nail appear on the surface of the work.

The new industry will give employment to men who with the proper application may grow into skilled wood workers.

Struck by a Circular Saw. R. B. Bird, of Riverside, narrowly escaped terrible injury in an accident Tuesday while engaged in sawing wood near Esopus.

Mr. Bird had purchased a large pile of slabs at Jose Hammer's where a tract of timber land had been cleared. With a portable saw mill installed assisted by Jacob Yeager of Riverside he was engaged in sawing the slabs in to fire wood at the time when the accident occurred.

The saw was running at its usual rapid rate when the shaft worked loose in the bearing. Mr. Bird instantly detected what had occurred and realizing his danger sprang backward. It was this action which saved his life, although he was not quick enough to entirely escape the saw, which as it worked wholly loose flew toward him, striking him upon the breast and passing over the left shoulder.

Some idea of the man's narrow escape can be formed when it is stated that every tooth of the saw as it went over the man left its mark upon him by cutting deep into the flesh.

The injured man returned to Riverside where he was given surgical attention by Dr. DeWitt. It is considered fortunate that the vital parts of the body where the saw struck were protected by the ribs and other bones. Had the contact occurred in the abdominal region the doctor stated there would have been but little hope for the man. As it is his injuries are more painful than serious, although the narrow escape is by no means pleasant to contemplate.

Street Arabs Stealing Fruit. As apples, plums and other fruit begin to ripen the housewives about town are subjected to the usual amount of annoyance caused by marauding boys who prowling about the alleys day and night awaiting an opportunity to invade the back yards and steal fruit.

Not only is much good fruit lost in this way, but many trees not yet ripe are despoiled by the greedy and ruthless street Arabs. The boys in most instances, especially when the men folks are known to be absent are insolent in the extreme and have been known to climb over the fence into yards when they could not help but know they were watched.

Clark-Miller Nuptials. The home of Charles Miller on Railroad street, was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday evening at 8:30 when his sister, Miss Ella Miller, of Bloomsburg, was married to Jerome Clark, of Danville, by the Rev. Mr. Nichols, rector of St. Paul's church. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will go to Danville this morning where Mr. Clark is employed and where they will reside.

They start out upon life's journey with the best wishes of their many friends for a happy and prosperous life.—Bloomsburg Press.

Removed to Hospital. Mrs. John Eisenhart, who has been ill for a week or more, was removed to the Mary M. Packer Hospital yesterday morning for treatment. She was taken to Sunbury on the 9 o'clock train accompanied by her husband.

## CONTRACTS FOR CLEANING

The contract with the Rumsey Electrical Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, which is to install the municipal light plant, was approved by the Committee on Saturday morning and handed over to Burgess Pursel for his signature.

At the meeting on Friday night Council was not quite clear on some matters relating to the engine needed for the dynamo. There was doubt on a few other details which could not be cleared up until the next morning, so that on motion the matter was left in the hands of the Committee on Electric Light with power to act.

Accordingly, on Saturday morning the Committee took the matter up. Nearly the entire forenoon was spent, there being present with the Committee, in addition to the Chief Burgess T. T. Burchfield, manager of the Watertown Engine Company; George R. Rumsey and E. I. Van Doran, representatives of the Electrical Manufacturing Company. Mr. Rumsey was present at Council Friday night and as a member of the contracting firm he assured the councilmen that they had secured in every respect a first class and modern electric light plant and that they would never have any cause to regret the action just taken.

During the long session Saturday morning the Committee sought light from every source available and came to the conclusion to adopt the Watertown four-valve engine of one hundred and sixty horse power. An understanding was reached in a few other details affecting the agreement when the Committee fixed its stamp of approval upon the contract and it was placed in the hands of the Chief Burgess.

The bond furnished by the Rumsey people meets the full approval of Council. It had to be returned to Philadelphia Saturday to undergo some modification rendered necessary by the slight change in specifications, after which all the formality required will be speedily complied with.

Wire will be shipped this week, but it will probably be next week before the actual work of construction will begin. The contractors will utilize the poles already upon the street as far as possible in installing the new system and they have already taken steps toward securing permission from the owners of such poles.

To Niagara Falls in Touring Car. Fred M. Owen and Will G. Brown left Saturday night for a fine auto trip which has as its objective point Niagara Falls and will cover a period of ten days. The itinerary takes in their order the towns of Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Tankhannock and Towanda, where a short time will be spent.

From Towanda the motorists will proceed to Elmira and Buffalo arriving at Niagara Falls after a journey of some three days. Clifton Springs and other popular resorts, will be visited during the trip.

All necessary preparations were made for a long trip, the automobile carrying quite a load consisting not only of tools and supplies not easily purchased at some portions of the route, but also of canned foods, etc., for the support of the inner man should meal hours overtake the party when remote from hotels.

Children Taken Orphanically. A little son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Boyer, who reside near the Stove Works, aged respectively 2 and 10 years, were taken suddenly ill Sunday morning with symptoms of ptomaine poisoning. They were very critically ill, especially the little girl whose life for awhile hung in the balance.

Dr. Curry was called and nothing but his prompt arrival saved the little girl's life. The sufferings of both children were most intense. The symptoms indicated a condition of ptomaine poisoning but whether the poisonous matter had been taken into the stomach with food or as is often the case grew out of indigestion and unhealthy conditions in the body the doctor could not state positively.

Wallace Hoover's Painful. Wallace Hoover of the firm of Hoover Bros., South Danville, met with a painful injury Tuesday evening. He was using the planer driven by machinery to dress down a large block used in the shoe factory at this place, when the planer caught in a knot which caused the block to fly upward with terrific force, striking the man in the face.

Mr. Hoover reeled under the force of the blow. Several of his teeth were knocked loose and he was painfully bruised and cut upon the upper lip. He was able to be about yesterday although he suffered a good deal of pain and discomfort.

A Tour of the West. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Voris accompanied by Miss Sara Wright have returned home from an extended tour of the West, during which they took in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Mr. and Mrs. Voris left Danville on June 7th and on their long tour besides St. Louis visited Buffalo, the Falls of Niagara and points in Canada, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Mo., and Hiawatha, Kan. They had a most enjoyable trip.

F. O. S. of A. Picnic. Washington Camp, No. 567, F. O. S. of A., will celebrate its third anniversary by holding a mammoth picnic at DeWitt's Park on Saturday, August 20th, which will be followed with a festival in the evening. A fine program consisting of speaking, singing, etc., has been arranged. Refreshments of all kinds will be for sale on the grounds. A game of base ball between the Danville and Riverside Camps will be one of the features. A general invitation to the public is extended. Admission to the Park free.

## THE WATERTOWN ENGINE ADOPTED

At a regular meeting of the School Board Monday contracts were awarded for cleaning the several school buildings of the Borough.

When it came to opening the bids it was found that there were two or more bidders for the work in each of the Wards with the exception of the Third Ward, which had only one bidder.

The following parties were awarded the cleaning at the figures annexed: First Ward—Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, \$36.

Second Ward—Mrs. Helm and Mrs. Dye, \$430.

Third Ward—Mrs. Mary E. Kinn, \$30.50.

Fourth Ward—Mrs. Rebecca Lovett, \$32.50.

Welsh Hill—Mrs. Anderson, \$4.

Treasurer Schram presented a report which showed a cash balance on hand of \$1092.70.

The report of the Building and Repair Committee showed that a large number of slate are broken on the Third Ward school building as well as on some of the other roofs. The slate, it was explained, has been broken by boys and which may still be seen lodged in the gutters. The roofs of all the school buildings, it was reported, are in need of a general overhauling, some requiring painting.

On motion of Mr. Green it was ordered that D. C. Williams be employed to make a personal examination of the different roofs and report on their condition.

The furnaces in the Second Ward School building are condemned as worn out, repairs costing nearly as much as to replace them with new heating apparatus. They are being removed by the Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company, which is installing three No. 14 warm air furnaces.

On motion of Mr. Fischer the salary of Truant Officer W. E. Young was raised from ten dollars to fifteen dollars per month. The Truant Officer will hereafter be obliged to look after the parochial school and it was to compensate him for his increased responsibility that the advance was granted.

On motion of Mr. Greene it was ordered that a wire screen be placed on the windows of the belfry of the First Ward building to protect them from stones.

The following members were in their places: Dr. Harpel, Orth, Greene, Burns, Haring, Werkheiser, Fischer, Trombower, Adams and Jacobs.

The following bills were approved for payment: C. L. Eggert.....\$ 5.00 Emery Shultz..... 2.10 St. Louis Gas Co..... 51.25 F. B. Startzoff..... 51.57 P. & R. Freight..... 115.02 W. H. Orth..... 26.81 E. W. Peters..... 30.00

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## JAPS GATHER TO PRESS LIAO YANG

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 10.—17 p. m.—The news received at the War Office today indicates the concentration of the Japanese armies east of Simonsong, which is interpreted as showing the intention to press direct on Liao Yang in an attempt to cut off Anshanshan, which is half way between Hai Cheng and Liao Yang.

The Japanese advance on Mukden does not seem to have developed a serious character, and according to the general staff the way is still open, if General Kuropatkin chooses to withdraw.

Rain again seemed to interfere with the movements of the Japanese. A continuance of the rains is considered to be greatly to General Kuropatkin's advantage.

The latter's official report received this afternoon confirms the dispatch of the Press from Simonsong, of August 8, reporting a fight near Tsianshan. The general also reports daily skirmishing on the southern front.

## NERVOUS OVER THE OUTCOME

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 10.—Nervousness over the situation at the front seems to be increasing since the occupation by the Japanese of the Wolf Hills, before Port Arthur.

It is admitted that the besiegers have an elevated position, whence placed guns can command the fortress and while still professing confidence that General Stoessel will be able to hold out with his comparatively small garrison against the enormous number of the attackers and their evident disregard of men, indicated by the reckless manner in which they stormed the outer positions, the state of affairs creates more apprehension than the War Office or admiralty care to acknowledge.

Similar misgivings exist regarding General Kuropatkin's position, the advantages of the new Japanese base on New Chwang in greatly simplifying the problem of provisioning their army being fully realized. But it is the report that the Japanese are working up westward of the main Russian army which occasions the greatest uneasiness. The rumor that they are moving up towards Simonsong, a short distance west of Mukden from New Chwang is generally believed.

With the Japanese cordon tightening south and east and a column threatening the Russian line of communications in the rear toward Mukden, the appearance of the Japanese on the other side of Mukden would almost pocket General Kuropatkin if he has resolved to accept battle with his whole army at Liao Yang. Shrewd military analysts are extremely doubtful whether General Kuropatkin could now withdraw even if he so desired.

Another alarming feature of the situation in connection with the Japanese western column is the report that it includes many Chinese who are Japanese subjects, from the Island of Formosa, whose influence on the local Chinese and the soldiers of General Ma and Viceroy Yuanshikai is feared.

## JAPS ARE NORTH OF HAI CHENG

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 10.—Emperor Nicholas has received despatches from General Kuropatkin, dated August 8 and 9, mentioning a few minor reconnoissances, but saying that there has been no particular change in the positions on either the east or south fronts. On the south the Japanese advance posts are nine miles north of Hai Cheng