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GRESS IS ELECTED BURGESS.

Four Councilmen Elected--Harry T. Staub Is High Man.

Count of Votes Finished at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday Morning--A Hot Contest Was Waged.

The election of Meyersdale was noted principally for the sharp contest for election to the office of Burgess. There were three Republican candidates, and in this three-cornered fight the politicians of each candidate believed their candidate would win. The vote was heavy and the election officials were kept busy until 10:00 o'clock yesterday morning. Peter Weimer, who recently broke his collar bone, stuck to his job faithfully until the end.

Five hundred and thirty-three votes were counted for Burgess. Gress, 215; Daugherty, 175; Hostetler, 143. All the amendments were carried in both precincts, but a large majority of the voters did not vote either way on the amendments.

MEYERSDALE.

BURGESS.	
No. 1.	No. 2.
Gress, R	128
Daugherty, R	150
Hostetler, R	114

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.	
Cook, R	320

SCHOOL DIRECTORS.	
Ebbecka, D & S	169
Glessner, D & S	132
Gnagey, R & W	168
Moore, R & W	207

ASSESSOR.	
Grof, D & S	136
George, R	214

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.	
Bowmeister, D & S	188
Nangle, R	165
Boose, Tressler, Hay,	60

TAX COLLECTOR.	
Baer, W & R	184
Grof, S	145

AUDITOR.	
Dickey, D W & R	237
Sides, D	135
Holzshu, W	96
Miller, R	92
Burket, P	29
Holtzhour, P	26

JUDGE OF ELECTION.	
Weakland, D	107
Hocking, W & R	240
Kneiriem, S & D	81
Ray,	41

INSPECTOR.	
Weimer, D	155
Shoemaker, W & R	186
Siehl, D	87
Beal, R	50

COUNCIL.	
Saylor, D & S	188
Siehl, D & S	92
Staub, D R & S	212
Walker, D & S	137
Appel, W	101
Dia, W & R	161
Emerick, W & R	197
Hemminger, W	66
Baer, R	119
Mankameyer, S	31

STATE JUDICIAL.	
Alcorn, R	12
Grim, D	39
Henderson, R	18
Kephart, R	218

COUNTY CORONER.	
Kimmell--all parties,	280
Dietz, D & W	119
Snyder, R	130
Brown, S	24
Miller, P	51
JURY COMMISSIONER.	
Brubaker, D & P	117
Pile, W	39
Bender, R	147
Shaffer, S	30

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP.	
Justice of the Peace.	
E. R. Hay, R	177
Supervisors--6 years.	
Austin Walter, D	167
John W. Miller,	121
4 years.	
Chas. O. Shaffer, D	87
Harvey E. Hershberger, R	148
School Directors.	
R. J. Engle, D	199
W. E. Walker, D	224

D. S. Gnagey, R	
Walter Fike,	93
Assessor.	
J. B. Schrock, D	142
E. M. Lichty, R	158
Tax Collector.	
W. M. Duceker,	194
Francis Swearman,	67
Auditor.	
P. B. Walker, D	185
A. Rishel, R	84
John Saylor, R	158
Judge.	
Urias Firl,	156
S. Mosholder,	125
Inspector.	
Wm. Herwig,	156
J. F. Schrock,	125

COUNTY UNOFFICIAL RESULTS.

The two jury commissioners are John G. Bender of Quemahoning township, elected on the Republican ticket, and S. P. Brubaker, of Berlin, elected on the Democratic and Prohibition tickets. Brubaker defeated Josiah W. Pile of Somerset, the Washington party candidate, by a majority of 90. The vote follows: Bender, 2,507; Brubaker, 1,438; Pile, 1,328.

In the Poor Director fight Joseph J. Snyder of Friedens, was elected on the Republican ticket, over Jacob C. Dietz of Listie, endorsed by the Democratic and Washington parties. Snyder received 2,522 votes and Dietz, 2,265.

Kephart, candidate for Superior Court judge, swept the county, received several times as many votes as the other three candidates combined. The vote follows: Kephart, 3,249; Grim, 566; Henderson, 311; Alcorn, 279.

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SHOOTING RABBITS OUT OF SEASON.

John A. Marker, Charles Fisher and James Fisher, all of Garretts, were out hunting and shooting rabbits in Brothersvalley Township during the closed season and were each fined \$20 and costs by Squire A. J. McKenzie of Garretts.

William Holtzhour, father of Norman Holtzhour of this place, was badly injured on Saturday last while delivering meat for his brother, Geo. Holtzhour, in South Rockwood.

While crossing the B. & O. tracks at the Growall crossing, his wagon was struck by a shifting engine. The wagon was completely demolished and Mr. Holtzhour had several ribs broken and his head badly cut. His condition is serious.

Mrs. K. M. Newcomer, of this place, is his sister.

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That was rather a bold thing to do, and might terminate very seriously for the party taking the team.

THE GRIM REAPER

MRS. SUSAN BURKLEY.

Mrs. Susan Burkley, widow of Elder Cornelius Berkley, daughter of Samuel Meyers, and Magdalena Meyers, was born at Berlin, September 28th, 1827, March 5th, 1848, she married Cornelius Burkley, soon after marriage they both united with the German Baptist church, now the Church of the Brethren, of which they were devoted members. Cornelius, her husband, died, June 30th, 1888. She leaves a son, J. M. Berkley, of Washington, D. C., and daughter, Mrs. M. C. Horner, of Meyersdale, where she had her home for a number of years, and was a helpless invalid for eight years, during which time she was most lovingly cared for by her daughter and family and bore her sufferings very remarkably patiently. As the end came near she fully realized it, but the Christ whom she had served these many years was with her to the last, and on Sunday morning, November 2nd, 1913, the summons came, and her natural sleep in Jesus, aged 86 years, 6 months and 5 days. She was the oldest of four sisters and three brothers, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. George Schrock, of Somerset and Sally Berkley, mother of E. M. Berkley, of Meyersdale, and two brothers, John S. Meyers, Berlin and William S. Meyers, Somerset, the grand children were five, of which one of Washington, D. C., preceded the grandmother to the great beyond, there are three great grandchildren. The funeral took place at the Church of the Brethren, at Meyersdale, on Tuesday November 4th, followed by a large concourse of friends and was in charge of undertaker Clark, the sermon was preached by Evangelist, D. K. Clapper, who just returned from near Hagerstown, Md., and was assisted by Eld. Joel Gnagey of Meyersdale.

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SOCIETY NOTES.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

A Halloween masquerade party was given at the O'Bryan home on North street Thursday evening of last week by Miss Yvonne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Bryan. The young folks were masked and garbed in costumes suggestive of the holiday. The house was tastefully decorated suitable for the occasion. Music and Halloween games were indulged in and the evening much enjoyed by all. A delicious lunch was served.

The following were present: Misses Mary and Catharine Bolden, Margaret Emerick, Eunice Darrow, Angela Reich, Jennie Livengood, Pearl Lint, Leora Beal, Virginia Carey, Florence Hefley, Anna Hady, Katharine Arand, Thelma Thomas and Margaret Hostetler.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church, gave a very delightful and successful Halloween party in their social rooms on Main street. There were one hundred and fifteen present from all churches and everyone joined in the Halloween games with a zest which proved that one and all were enjoying themselves to the fullest.

The white robed ghosts that received you in the pumpkin lighted hall and ushered you through a door that creaked as if all the ghosts of Halloween were holding it shut to keep you from entering into their secret chamber gave you a shiver of expectancy for what was to follow.

Upon entering the social room which was appropriately decorated for the occasion and lighted only with Jack-o-Lanterns, you espied seated upon the floor a witch with a broom stick across her lap before a black kettle when after stirring the contents she would tell your past, present and future of which every word may have been the truth.

Two more witches in their anxious young men and maidens to make known to them by the aid of pumpkin seeds just how soon they would enter upon the seas of matrimony.

Many other interesting games were played. Delightful and appetizing refreshments were served.

The honor guests were to have been the Epworth Leagues of the M. E. church at Berlin and Elk Lick; owing to the bad condition of the roads the Berlin people were compelled to send their regrets. Out of town guests were, Miss Blough, Boynton, Miss Fritz and Mr. Berkley, Berkley Mills; Mrs. Knierim, Lancaster; Mrs. Wm. Shenkemeyer and Miss Freeda Shenkemeyer, Johnstown.

ENTERTAINED.

Miss Nelle Pugh, entertained a few of her friends at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Staub, of High street, Thursday evening of last week.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS.

Miss Virginia Carey, gave a very delightful Halloween party at her home on Meyers avenue Friday evening of last week. The evening was very pleasantly spent in playing Halloween games and lunch was served.

BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Last Friday afternoon, while threshing grain at the barn of Lewis Berkley, of Brothersvalley township, the barn caught fire and was totally destroyed. The barn was of unusually large size, being 120x40 feet, and contained the products of 30 acres of oats 18 acres of wheat and 110 tons of hay.

All the live stock was saved with the exception of four pigs and about 50 chickens. Twelve horses were taken out on the barn in safety. The loss amounts to about \$7,000.

Mr. Berkley carried insurance in the Farmers' Mutual Company on the barn to the amount of \$1,400 and on the contents to the amount of \$3,500.

MRS. M'KINLEY SICK IN IOWA.

On Tuesday evening Dr. McKinley received a telegram from Waterloo, Iowa, where Mrs. McKinley is visiting, announcing that Mrs. McKinley was seriously ill. The Doctor left on Wednesday morning at 1:20 o'clock for her bedside.

The many friends of the family hope that he may find his wife improved in health.

On reaching Waterloo, Iowa, Dr. McKinley, found his wife in better condition than he had expected to find her.

LETTER FROM G. E. BISHOP.

The Commercial was recently in receipt of a letter from Mr. G. E. Bishop, of Sterling, Ill., formerly editor of the Meyersdale Republican, which we publish believing the letter to be of interest to many readers of The Commercial:

On Friday of last week your writer received a most pleasant call from F. W. Plock, Meyersdale, who came down from Dixon where he is visiting his parents to spend a few hours with us. He is looking fine and told us of his California trip and of having spent some little time with our friend J. S. Graves and family at San Diego. His visit naturally brought to mind many old friends whom we became acquainted with during our eight years residence in Meyersdale, and put us in the mood of writing this communication.

The country about Sterling was settled in an early day with many "Pennsylvania Dutch," but the majority of them came from Lancaster and the country about that city. We however have a few Somerset county, people here. Mrs. Frank Maynard, who lives across the street from us is a sister of Mrs. Floto, the mother of Will, Dan, Eugene and Gus. She was a Zorn, and was born and reared at Berlin, but has lived here since she was about 20 years of age. Herman Sturtz and his sister, Mrs. Long, were born and reared at Wellersburg. Herman S. Engle, is a member of the Engle family that resided near Boynton for so many years, and served during the war with one of the regiments that was raised in that vicinity.

In his younger days before coming west he was a great personal friend of the late L. A. Smith. We have a young man here by the name of Fike, whose parents reside at Milledgeville, and who were born and reared in Elk Lick township. So you see that it would appear that the "Frosty Sons of Thunder" are well represented in this city after all.

Not long ago we had the pleasure of a visit with Mrs. Nelson Klingaman, who was here visiting a niece. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knepper, of Johnstown, were with her, so I will leave it to the imagination of the readers of the Commercial as to whether they think there was any visiting done.

Sterling is a city of about 12,000 people, with Rock Falls lying on the opposite side of Rock river with a population of about 5,000. We are 112 miles due west of Chicago, on the main line of the C. & N. W. railroad, the through continental route to the Pacific coast. We are in the midst of one of the finest farming communities in the world, and land is now selling in this vicinity from \$175 to \$250 per acre. We have a great many factories, and from figures compiled by the secretary of the Commercial Club, I learn that there are over 3,000 men employed in these factories. We have a fine city hall, paid fire department with its own building, and equipped not with horses and fire fighting apparatus but with an automobile fire truck. We have a \$50,000 Y. M. C. A. building, a fine public library, good church and school buildings, and many beautiful homes. We have 30 miles of paved streets, a street car line, in fact Sterling is a modern up-to-date little city, and we would say to any of our old friends, come out and look us over for yourself.

G. E. B.

SEVERAL SHOT IN RALPHTON FIGHT.

Ralphton, Nov. 3.--Constable Bruce Keefe was viciously attacked, and injured several people in defending himself, in the Ralphton Hotel Saturday night about 7:30 o'clock. One fellow has a shot in his left leg, another has a shot in his left thigh, a third has a gash above the left eye where he was struck with the butt end of a revolver, and a fourth is rather badly used up. Sheriff Hochard and a deputy came to Ralphton this morning to make a number of arrests.

The attack on Constable Keefe was made, it is said, because of some trouble he had during the afternoon with a foreigner. A number of miners were lined up before the coal company office waiting for their pay. One foreigner became unruly and refused to stay in line and Constable Keefe found it necessary to handle him a little roughly. Friends of the man took up the matter and when Keefe appeared at the hotel in the evening a row was started as some one hit Constable Keefe over the head with a bottle, inflicting a gash in the scalp.

DOINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

New and Old Business Disposed of With Neatness and Dispatch. Bills Presented and Paid.

Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 o'clock.

All the members were present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The secretary was instructed to send another notice to the P. & M. Street Railway with reference to the payment of license.

STREET COMMITTEE.

The street committee reported that bricks had been laid on Main Street from Centre Street to the Brethren parsonage.

The W. M. R. R. is meeting th request of council and is now engaged in completing the work.

E. C. Kyle was directed to connect the roof and yard drain with the sewer.

The street committee is to examine the work on Keystone Street in charge of B. J. Lynch, and when satisfactorily completed a voucher is to be given Mr. Lynch.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Active account.....\$1,581.48
Sinking fund..... 3,068.78
Deeds of franchises have not yet recorded.

BURGESS REPORT.

Fines due.....\$115.00
Fines paid..... 84.90
The report was received and filed.

Policeman Hare made the request to be excused from having the work of disinfecting homes. Granted. His work under the Board of Health hereafter will be to attend to the matter of putting up cards, complaints, etc. Mr. Cramer will have charge of disinfectants.

The Finance Committee is to investigate the matter of the franchise notes and report at the next meeting.

BILLS PRESENTED.

West Disinfecting Co.....\$ 27 50
Drayage..... 56
Baer & Co., tile and spouting... 134 54
Cover & Son..... 2 25
Electric Light--2 months..... 252 84
John Hammer, labor--2 weeks... 20 35
C. Saylor..... 19 80
J. D. Saylor..... 19 80
J. O. Weller..... 27 56
E. Austin..... 6 60
E. E. Klingaman..... 15 00
E. J. Dickey..... 4 80
D. R. Cramer..... 30 00
Fred. Hare..... 30 00
J. C. McSpadden, ballast..... 38 84

BILLS--TWO WEEKS.

J. J. Hammer..... 22 90
J. Austin..... 18 34
C. Saylor..... 21 83
J. D. Saylor..... 21 83
J. O. Weller..... 30 00
E. E. Klingaman..... 16 12
Buhl & Gatesman..... 6 00
Fred Hare..... 30 00
D. R. Cramer..... 30 00

Bills ordered paid with the exception of the light bill and deducting \$1.65 from Baer & Co.'s bill.

Ordinance No. 46, with reference to speed limit, was read, and on motion rules were suspended and ordinance was passed as read.

The Street Committee is directed to see if sufficient speed signs are posted.

The Building Committee is directed to repair roof on the municipal building.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Electric Light Company stated that it was satisfactory to the company with reference to unpaid light by the borough, but that interest would be charged at the rate of 6 per cent. On motion the communication was returned.

Mr. Bowser requested that a former petition tabled should be considered. The information was given that the conditions had not been complied with.

The council decided that all tiling laid by the borough when for any reason removed, are the property of the borough, and the solicitor is to prepare an ordinance to this effect.

The Street Committee is directed to hurry the completion of concrete steps at Centre and Broadway streets.

Mr. Miller, Mrs. Bauman and Mr. Ferner, of Broadway street, are requested to lay sidewalks.

The Street Committee is to change the inlets on Main street at the Post-office and Miller & Collins' corners.

The old race sewage matter is referred to the Street Committee.

The ditch in the rear of Altmiller Hotel is to be tiled. Adjourned.