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BOARD OF TRADE.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING SINCE THE FLOOD.

The Secretary Reports the Condition of the Organization—A Feeling Tribute to Departed Members—Full Report of the Proceedings.

The first regular meeting of the Board of Trade since May 7th, was held in the office of Chas. L. Dick Tuesday night, Mr. James Quinn presiding. The minutes of the last regular meeting on May 7th, were read, but those of a special meeting held since May 31st, were ready by Secretary Wagoner in which the action of the South Fork Company, in maintaining such a source of danger to the town was condemned, and in which also it was resolved that our river should be dredged, our bridges built, and that aid should be asked of the Government. A report of the Treasurer showed a balance of \$1,565.89.

It was moved by Mr. Rosensteel that the Secretary, Dr. George Wagoner, be instructed to buy books to replace those lost in the flood; also that he prepare suitable resolutions of their sympathy and respect for those of their members lost May 31st, and that they be placed on the minutes. Secretary Wagoner then read the following:

Mr. President and Gentlemen

As this is the first regular meeting of the Board of Trade since the disastrous flood of May 31, 1889, it is proper that we should sum up, if possible, the extent of our losses and take counsel together about as to our plans for the future.

The books, certificates of membership, receipts and the seal of the corporation were recovered from the wreck of my office. They are all soiled and practically ruined, but the accounts can be easily made up from them. The loose papers, the By-Laws and the papers in the prospect bridge matters were lost.

Up to May 28, 1889, fifty-six members had paid dues for the quarter ending June 31; five had paid for quarters ending June 30 and September 30, and seven had paid for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889. There are eighty members who have paid no dues for 1889. It is probable one-half of them will pay.

The Board was about to occupy their room in the second story of Frazier building. The furniture had been contracted for when the deluge came and swept everything away. The Frazier building is again approaching completion, and as the room is still under lease to the Board, it can be occupied if the Board is to be conducted on the same lines as before.

These losses and the inconveniences resulting from them are not worthy of consideration when we think of the awful loss of members which the Board has sustained. Twenty of our number were swept to death on that day of horror. As the dreadful list is gone over each name will bring before you the familiar face and character of a dear friend who was struck down by this pitiless wave in the very height of a useful career. Alas! Alas! Dr. L. T. Benn, Lou Benford, W. E. Hoopes, John G. Alexander, Richard Jones, H. D. Kennedy, W. Kirkbride, L. Luckhardt, L. G. Ludwig, Chas. Moore, W. E. Parks, Alex. Reck, Chas. Hoyard, J. Roberts, John Ryan, C. T. Schubert, John Streum, Jacob Swank, George Unverzagt and John W. Weakland.

These men were our associates and personal friends. They were citizens who admired the community in which they lived. Their character and business energy helped give Johnstown its reputation abroad and contributed very largely to the prosperity of its people at home. We are only beginning to realize how much the community has lost in these noble men. The loss cannot be measured by money. It will take a generation for new people to grow into the affections and confidence of the people, and be trusted and honored as these men were. If the lives of these men had come to a peaceful close in the ordinary course of events we might contemplate this work as the finished product of useful lives. But to know that they were hurled to death as a consequence of the needless and careless actions of strangers arouses feelings of resentment at the unjustness of their fate.

Our town will rise from its ruins, and the desolation all about us will disappear before the active efforts of our energetic citizens; but however prosperous we may become we shall never cease to regret the untimely tragic death of our associates.

It is now the imperative duty of the Board to take action upon all matters of importance to the public, to consider and formulate plans which shall benefit the people; to make concentrated and energetic efforts to repair the great losses which our town has sustained, and make Johnstown again the happy, prosperous and beautiful place it was before that fatal Friday.

Mr. Rosensteel prefaced a motion that the State Board of Health be asked to restore the channel of the river and that Woodvale be cleaned up by saying he was ready to rebuild, but it would be useless for a manufacturer to do so when a rise of two feet in the river would overflow Woodvale, and that himself and others have been again washed out since the great flood—one man removing his house to Morrellville—and further that underneath the sand there was the same disease-breeding filth as in Johnstown borough. The motion was amended to include Millville, and Mr. Storey prepared the following resolution:

Resolved, That the highways and cellars in Woodvale and Millville, and in the same condition to-day as they were when the flood of May 31st, had done its terrible work. The cellars and highways are filled and covered with all kinds of filthy matter, which is detrimental to the health of the citizens of these municipalities and those below us, who use the water in the Conemaugh river, as the embankments are washed away, and the channel of the river often runs through this unhealthy matter; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governor and State Board of Health be requested to have those highways and cellars cleaned, and to turn the channel of the river to its proper course, so far as to protect the health of the people.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to Governor Beaver and to Dr. Lee, Secretary of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Wagoner explained that the reason given by Dr. Lee, why Woodvale was not put in a better condition, was that the present state was not regarded as detrimental to the health adding that what work was done in Johnstown was not through sympathy but for public weal, and that the Governor has not the power to aid any particular locality unless such conditions exist.

Mr. Rosensteel feels that Woodvale was neglected from the first and no proof of its sanitary condition being prejudicial to public health, says the letter of General Hastings ordering work to be done there is now on file.

Mr. Wagoner thinks every place the waters touched to be unhealthy and unsafe. And that the safety of the people depends on the complete removal of all deposits from Woodvale to Cambria City, or the funeral expenses and doctor bills will more than equal the cost of such removal.

Attention was now turned upon the subject of bridges and to what sources we might look for assistance.

Mr. Wagoner thought to give a just share of the surplus relief money left after the next payment to the several boroughs of the Conemaugh Valley would be for the good of all, and many agreed with him. Aid can be expected from the County Commissioners only when the grand jury recommends and approves such action.

Mr. Horrell thought we should go higher and ask the general government for assistance, saying that Governor Beaver and Treasurer Thompson looked in this direction, and that Pennsylvania Congressman and others are willing to do all they can for us.

"The State can never have authority to build bridges and dredge our streams," said Mr. Rose. "Our only resource is the National Government, but since we have not time to wait its action let us go together, assume the debt of all the boroughs, thus increase our own debt limit and go ahead for ourselves; here is hope and I doubt not but that the National Government will aid us."

Mr. Storey suggested that \$2,000 be raised to pay for surveys in order that the condition of our rivers may be brought intelligently before Congress.

Mr. Wagoner finally moved that a committee of five be appointed to devise, in concurrence with the Council, the best means for obtaining aid in dredging our rivers and building our bridges.

The appointment of the committee was deferred for the present, and the meeting adjourned.

BEAVER AND HIS \$300,000.

He Says He Borrowed the Money and That It Was Nearly All Spent for Johnstown.

HARRISBURG, August 20.—Governor Beaver being asked relative to the State funds applied at Johnstown for sanitary purposes, said: "I borrowed \$300,000 which has nearly all been used at Johnstown, and it is now almost exhausted; but very little of it was used elsewhere."

"Will the State work at Johnstown be finished this week?" "I don't know that it will," answered the Governor. "But the exhaustion of the appropriation may necessitate a stoppage of work unless we get more money. It is for the State Board of Health to say. As long as they say the work ought to go on I will try to arrange to carry it on. I have, as yet, made no arrangements to get more money. I don't cross rivers until I come to them. As I said, the whole matter rests with the State Board of Health."

"Are you going to Johnstown?" "I don't know that I am going out there. That is not my intention at present."

SHE NEVER READ THE PAPERS.

A Pittsburgh Woman Attempts to Light a Fire With Kerosene Oil.

About 7.30 o'clock Tuesday morning, Mrs. Levi, residing in a court in the rear of No. 29 Federal street, attempted to start the fire in her cooking stove, and in order to expediate matters poured some kerosene oil on the kindling wood, when an explosion followed, the flames shooting nearly to the ceiling, and communicating with her clothing, which took fire. She ran screaming to the yard, her screams attracting some of the neighbors, who ran to her assistance. By throwing blankets and comforts over her, they succeeded in smothering the flames, but not until she was so terribly burned that it is not thought possible for her to recover. The flesh in many places is burned to a crisp. She is the mother of six little children, and is in straitened circumstances.

A Donation From Johnstown.

Within the last two months three buildings of the Y. M. C. A. have been entirely destroyed—one at Johnstown, one at Seattle, and one at Spokane Falls. Yesterday, at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, a collection was taken up to help that institution at Spokane Falls when \$10.56 was given.

SLY MRS. HITCHCOCK.

NOW SHE GOT MONEY FROM MEN WHO WANTED TO MARRY HER.

Advertising in Matrimonial Papers for Hundreds She Paralyzed Them With a Receipt From Her Own Better-Half After Getting the Boobles.

DELIC, N. Y., August 21.—The arrest at Meadville, Pa., of Seymour Hitchcock and wife on the charge of using the United States mails for purposes of fraud, is a matter of special interest in this vicinity where the offenders are well known, and where they began their career of swindling. Seymour Hitchcock is the son of Matthew Hitchcock, a well-to-do and highly respectable farmer of the town of Franklin, this county. He grew up to be an idle but inoffensive young man, and is now, it is believed, the victim of an unscrupulous adventuress rather than of his own evil propensities.

Several years ago young Hitchcock, while still living with his parents, saw an advertisement in a so-called matrimonial newspaper setting forth that a young woman wanted a husband and invited correspondence. He wrote to the advertiser, who proved to be Sarah Huggell, a young woman with a curious history. She is the daughter of respectable parents living near Smithport, Pa. When sixteen years old she made a run away match with a good-looking young fellow, who first ill-treated and then deserted her. For a year or two following, it is said, she led a gay life on the strength of liberal drafts upon the bank account of a wealthy oil operator. When this resource failed, she sought a husband through the columns of the matrimonial newspapers. She is not noticeably handsome, but she is bright and artful and of winning ways. She quickly perceived that a marriage with young Hitchcock would bring money and a degree of respectability, and she spread a net that landed him.

After a time old Mr. Hitchcock got tired of maintaining an idle son and a gay and extravagant daughter-in-law, and cut off the supplies. The clever and unscrupulous woman was equal to the emergency. Doubtless the novel and ingenious scheme she put in practice was suggested by her own successful experience in matrimonial advertising. She took her husband to Oneonta, and from that point sent advertisements to Chicago and San Francisco papers, saying that a respectable young widow desired to hear from a Western gentleman of means and good standing, with a view to matrimony. She got letters by the score from all parts of the West, and sent back ardent replies, enclosing the likeness of a beautiful young woman. The deluded Westerner who took the bait was prevailed upon to send costly presents, or money to pay the fare of his betrothed to the place where they were to meet and marry. When the swindlers had bled their dupe to the utmost, they paralyzed him by mailing a receipt signed "Sarah Hitchcock, per Seymour Hitchcock."

The records of the Oneonta Post Office show that during the two months they operated there Mrs. Hitchcock received over \$400 in Post Office money orders and nineteen registered letters containing remittances in cash of unknown amounts, together with packages of jewelry, etc. When the business was at full tide they got warning that an agent of the Post Office Department was after them for fraudulent use of the mails, and they skipped out of Oneonta, and repeated their operations at Olean, Ashtabula, Erie, and at Meadville, where they came to grief at last.

When arrested, with characteristic cunning and audacity, Mrs. Hitchcock attempted to shift the entire load of guilt upon her husband. She induced him to make a confession to the effect that he was the chief criminal and she an unwilling accomplice. The chances are that the adventuress will go scot free, while the weak and infatuated husband will go to the penitentiary.

Donation of Books to the Cambria Iron Company's Hospital.

The Directors of the Cambria Hospital desire to return thanks to Miss Mary Fairthorn, of Woodbury, New Jersey, for a very kind donation of a large number of instructive and entertaining books, periodicals, etc., for the use of the inmates of the hospital. It is very helpful to the patients in the hospital to have such reading during their hours of convalescence, and as they have a very pleasant reading room attached to the Hospital, this donation is very acceptable, and we trust, that Miss Fairthorn will feel that she has done a real kind act in bestowing the books to these people.

A Pleasant Family Gathering.

On Saturday evening last the sons and daughters, of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas F. Goughnour, of West Taylor township, together with their wives, husbands and children, called at the old home in a body. They were kindly received and after greetings were over, all repaired to the dining room where ample justice was done to the splendid supper that was prepared. The evening was pleasantly spent and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

COUNCIL.

Proceedings of Johnstown Borough Council Tuesday Night.

The Johnstown Borough Council met in the building on the corner of Main and Market streets, President Kennedy presiding, Mr. Ray as clerk.

The minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

The request of the Board of Trade respecting the building of permanent buildings was on motion of Mr. Foster, received and heard and laid aside for future action of the Council. On motion of Mr. Reese the privilege of tapping Washington street instead of Market street sewer, was granted to Mr. Sharkey, provided such power was in the province of Committee on Streets and Alleys.

A letter was then read by the President addressed to him by C. E. Albright, Jr., Engineer of Germantown, Philadelphia, who asked the privilege of regulating the proper lines and grades and re-establishing the street lines if such work was given a non resident. He offers to remove his office to Johnstown, will make a survey and a register of property owners, if a copy of a description of the flooded parts be given. The registry to be the same as that of Germantown. For compensation he asks the Council to give him exclusive rights to set stakes and mark lines of division; no permanent building to be erected unless authorized by him. The charges to be the same as paid to the district Engineer, of his city, by its Council. He will come in person to arrange details and explain the form of registry and list of prices as mentioned. Among the references given were the late Judge Cummins and prominent Philadelphia Engineers. He was answered that no action was as yet taken by the Council.

Treasurer Caldwell reported the amount of fines and cash for July to be \$294.25, and in part for May, \$90. The balance in the treasury to the month of August was \$247.91.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys offered a resolution that thirty-six alleys be used of 120 candle power, at a cost of \$8 each, distributed where found to be most needed. It was shown that these were \$1.50 cheaper than one hundred and thirty-nine sixteen candle power, and their power greater. The resolution passed the final reading.

The report on council claims, etc., showed an expenditure of \$402.10.

Mr. Roberts moved that the bill of the special and regular police be referred back to the Burgess, and individual affidavit made that no other pay was received by them for the months of June and July. It passed finally.

The Committee on Borough Property had contracted for the removal of the building on Mr. Kinney's lot to its former site, on corner of Market and Main, for the sum of \$120—its action was allowed.

The following resolution was offered by the President:

An Ordinance granting to the Johnstown Inclined Plane Company the right to occupy a part of Stoneycreek street for the construction and maintenance of approaches to its bridge and plane.

WHEREAS, The Johnstown Inclined Plane Company has located and proposes to construct an Inclined Plane from a point at or near the intersection of Vine and Stoneycreek streets, and extending thence across Stoneycreek river to a point on the summit of a hill in Lower Yoder township.

Therefore, Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Town Council, of the Borough of Johnstown, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same.

SECTION 1. That the Johnstown Inclined Plane Company is hereby granted the right to use and occupy a strip of Stoneycreek street, not to exceed twenty (20) feet in width, for the construction of an elevated and inclined approach to said bridge and plane; the said approach to be located and constructed upon said street from a point in the direction of Lincoln street to entrance of said bridge and plane at or near the intersection of Stoneycreek and Vine streets.

This resolution will be acted on next month.

On motion it was decided to give attention to a street inlet at corner of Pine and Hickory streets and to other repairs.

The motion of Mr. Chandler to have the scales at once repaired and a building erected was carried.

On motion of Mr. Shryock it was ruled that the old bridge iron should be collected and its value ascertained.

Mr. Roberts made the following motions all of which were carried: That all taxables of the borough be exonerated of the amount decided upon by the assessor in his division in each case.

That the clerk make out a computation of the new valuation of taxable property.

That those who pay their taxes before October be exonerated of 5 per cent.

That the Board of Trade be requested to suggest some plan by which means may be obtained for the erection of permanent bridges.

The President recommended a more vigorous enforcement of borough ordinances respecting the condition of streets and sidewalks.

A special meeting of the Council will be called as soon as the Committee on Borough Property reports on the wrecks of the bridges in the river and what disposition can be made of them.

The attendance was not full those not responding to their names were Messrs. Beam, Foust, Gregg, Ott, Pike and Swank.

THE SPECIAL TERM.

A Synopsis of Monday's Court Proceedings at Ebensburg.

Court opened at Ebensburg at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Judge Johnson presiding. Judge Furst, of Bellefonte, who was to have occupied the bench, did not arrive. Upon petition of the applicants the following persons were respectively appointed guardians:

Geo. C. Miller of Conrad, Emil and Hermann Raab, minor children of George Raab, deceased; Robert P. Snowden of John D. Weaver; John S. Jones of Myrtle Jones; Robert P. Snowden of S. Roger Dibert and John Dibert; Frederiek Schubert of Wm. Schubert; John Gaffney of Peter Gaffney; David D. Stull of Charles Layton; Dr. H. B. Piper of Tyrone of Ira M. Beam; Henry Lentz of John Berg; Patrick Clark of John B. Clark; George Snyder of Harry and Pearl Young; Geo. Klink of Kate, William and Augustus Shafer.

The following licenses were transferred: Jacob Bopp, deceased, to Mary Bopp; Jacob Goenner, deceased, to Margaret Goenner; John Orris to H. J. and Chauncey Lokes; Robt. Butler to Wm. S. O'Brien; Christ. Fitzharris to Michael Fitzharris, Jr.; Frank O'Donnell to Wm. O'Donnell; Clas. Boyle, deceased, to Anna Boyle; Job Morgan, deceased, to ——— Morgan. Petition of Andrew Gilbert and Mary Kesslak, Executors of the estate of Michael Gilbert, late of Lower Yoder township, deceased, for decree of specific performance of contract in respect to the sale of lots, made in the lifetime of the decedent to August Kryat, Joseph Vogel, and August Ferg, respectively. Decree made accordingly.

Jacob Zimmerman, Esq., was appointed commissioner to take testimony in the case of Emma May Wolford vs. Jos. E. Wolford, libel in divorce.

The same appointed auditor to make distribution in the matter of the account of Wm. S. Cook, assignee of C. S. Aldridge, for the benefit of creditors.

Samuel Clark was appointed tax collector for Lower Yoder township.

Judgment for want of appearance was entered in the case of Walker, Dunlevy & Company, of Pittsburgh, vs. Joseph M. Gunning.

T. L. Hunt, guardian of Lizzie Horrell, petitioned Court for an allowance for his ward. One hundred dollars was allowed. Joshua Aurandt, was appointed tax collector of Lilly borough.

The case of R. E. Abernethy et ux. vs. G. D. Benn was discontinued; and that of Nottley & Harter vs. J. H. Fiske, agent, was continued. Both these cases are on next week's list.

The case of Philip E. Chapin vs. the Cambria Iron Company, on the list for the second week of September, was continued by consent.

Cambria Mutual Benefit Association.

The Directors of the Cambria Mutual Benefit Association held their regular meeting, Monday, the 19th. This meeting was devoted mainly to the clearing up of all claims of this Association during the months of June, July and part of August. It embraces a large number of drowning in the great flood. A number of these who were at work, or going to or returning from work, were entitled to \$1,000, and their successors or assigns will receive these amounts. It is very pleasant for the Association to pay this money to those who have been bereaved of their supporters and protectors in the late calamity. There was also a large number of cases of drowning of the Cambria's workmen who had made no provisions for those who were left of their families. These cases are very much to be regretted as this Association was organized by the Cambria Iron Company for the purpose of meeting accidents of all kinds to its workmen. The trust affords to every one, at a small cost per month the opportunity to make provisions in case of their death for their families in time of need. In the presence of these calamities, and the lesson it teaches in making provisions for death at any time, we trust that all who have not yet joined this benevolent Association will now do so. It is in a sound financial condition, paying promptly every dollar of claims on it, and going on with its work in a permanent way. The Secretary of the Association, Mr. Thomas Matthews will be found in the general office on Washington street, every day, and he will afford such information as will enable any who are workmen of the Cambria Iron Company, to participate in the benefits of this Institution.

The Potato Rot.

Farmers have arrived at the conclusion that the Early Rose variety of potatoes is beginning to show more signs of rot this year than formerly, and attribute it to the fact that they think the Early Rose has had its day. On the majority of farms a general complaint has been made that the Early Rose variety is on the decline in this country, and that the other varieties will take its place. With but very few exceptions the farmers generally agree that of what potatoes they have dug up this year, that the Early Rose variety is rotting more or less.

Case Settled.

In case of Mrs. Joseph Stiller vs. M. J. Murphy and John Gorman, set down for trial at Court a *nolle prosequi*, has been entered by the District Attorney on payment of costs by defendants.

CAPT. McCLELLAND'S VIEWS.

He Thinks We Will Have More Floods Unless the Channels are Widened.

Captain McClelland, of Pittsburgh, who was in the city last week, returned home Saturday. To a reporter of the *Post* he expressed himself as follows:

He said he had gone to Johnstown at the request of the Pittsburgh members of the relief commission to assist Secretary Kremer in arranging for the second distribution of the relief fund. He spoke in the highest terms of the efficiency and thoroughness of the work of Mr. Kremer, the secretary of the commission. That official, he said, had almost perfected a plan by which there would be little or no delay in the second distribution.

As to the work of cleaning up the town, Captain McClelland said, from his observation, it was scarcely more than begun. A number of alleys and short streets are still covered with the flood debris. Hundreds of cellars are yet to be cleaned, and until they are the people cannot begin building. Whether all the cellars will be cleaned by the State is an undetermined question. The rumor that all State work was soon to cease has a depressing influence. It is argued that no favors should be shown in this regard, but that all should be treated alike. That the Conemaugh should be deepened and widened seems to be the universal opinion. Although the South Fork dam was a constant menace to the entire Conemaugh valley, yet while it remained it seemed to check any sudden rise below the dam. Now some plan must be adopted to permit the flow of a volume of water larger than formerly. This the people of Johnstown cannot do themselves, nor should they be expected to. And whatever is done, should be done quickly, before the flood season begins.

On the whole, Captain McClelland said, he found an improved feeling existing among the people. There was more cheerfulness noticeable generally. Merchants were unusually busy, and all who were willing to work could get employment.

MARRIAGE BELLS.

The Wedding of C. A. Mitchell and Miss Irene Findley.

For a long time Mr. C. A. Mitchell, the hustling commission man, has been contemplating matrimony, but seemingly could never get his courage to the sticking point. After the events of the late flood, however, he possibly realized more than ever how near the chosen one was to his heart, and proceeded at once to make arrangements to take the important step. Mr. Mitchell was more thoughtful than many young men who enter with scarcely any thought of the future upon matrimonial seas, and he therefore purchased a home of his own at Moxham. This was nicely fitted up according to the wishes of his intended, and after this wedding last night the happy couple retired to their own home, where they received the congratulations of their friends. The bride is Miss Irene, the fair daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Findley, who are now residents of Moxham. The newly-married couple have the good wishes of all their friends to thus venturing to embark upon the sea of matrimony, and the earnest wish is expressed that their bark may not be too rudely tossed during the squalls which are sure to meet them in their travels over the ocean of life.

A New Hospital.

The Philadelphia branch of the Red Cross has determined to locate a permanent hospital in Moxham. When Dr. R. S. Wharton was in Philadelphia last week to hand in his report, he consulted with Prof. Pancoast about the matter. It was not then determined where or how soon the hospital would be built, but as Prof. Pancoast will be here today he will consult with the Hornerstown Hospital staff and new developments will be made. When Dr. Wharton left here last week several people thought he had severed connection with our people, and a petition was at once made and forwarded to Philadelphia to have the popular doctor return. With it a petition was sent to Prof. Pancoast by a large number of people who have fallen in love with the work of the Philadelphia branch of the Red Cross, to build a hospital here. The petition will soon be acted upon.

Conemaugh's New Lock-up.

The staid residents of Conemaugh borough are as proud of their new lock-up as a boy with his first pair of boots. The men drop in and inspect the fine points, and the young men and girls come round and gaze on it with speechless amazement. Speechless is used advisedly here, because if you should happen to be gathered in the acting Burgess would not only knock you silly, in pronouncing your sentence. It would be worse than an electric shock. There was only one inmate last night, a common drunk.