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## THE NEW CITY.

Text of the Johnstown City Charter—The Official Document Received Yesterday. IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA. JAMES A. BEAVER, GOVERNOR OF SAID COMMONWEALTH.

WHEREAS, In and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled "An Act for the Incorporation and Government of Cities of the Third Class," approved the twenty-third day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, it is among other things provided in the first section thereof that "cities of the third class shall be chartered whenever a majority of the electors of any town or borough, or of any two or more contiguous towns or boroughs situate within the limits of the same county, having together a population of at least ten thousand according to the last preceding United States census, shall vote at any general election in favor of the same;" and in the second section of said Act it is further provided that "if it shall appear by the said returns that there is a majority in favor of a city charter, the Governor shall issue Letters Patent, under the great seal of the Commonwealth, reciting the facts, defining the boundaries of the said city, and constituting the same a body corporate and politic.

WHEREAS, It appears by the returns of elections held in the several boroughs of Johnstown, Grubbtown, Conemaugh, Woodvale, Prospect, Millville and Cambria, in the county of Cambria, on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1889, that there was a majority in each of the said boroughs in favor of a city charter; and

WHEREAS, It appears that said boroughs have together a population, according to the last United States census, of at least ten thousand; and

WHEREAS, The requirements of the said Act of May 23, A. D. 1889, have been fully complied with.

Now, therefore, know ye, that I, James A. Beaver, Governor aforesaid, in compliance with the provisions of the said Act of the Assembly, and by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby declare the aforesaid boroughs of Johnstown, Grubbtown, Conemaugh, Woodvale, Prospect, Millville, and Cambria, in the county of Cambria, to be and for the City of Johnstown, and do hereby define the boundaries of said city as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center of the Conemaugh river, the same being the northwest corner of the borough of Cambria; thence south thirty-four degrees west six hundred and ninety-three feet to the south side of the Pennsylvania Railroad, thence along said Pennsylvania Railroad south fifty-three degrees east sixteen hundred and fifty feet thence south fifty degrees east twelve hundred and fifty-four feet; thence south thirty-seven and one-half degrees east six hundred and twenty-seven feet; thence south nine degrees east seventeen hundred and sixty-five feet; thence south seventy-eight degrees east three hundred and seventy-nine and five-tenths feet to the center of the Conemaugh river, thence up the Conemaugh river and Stonycreek to a point in the center of the Stonycreek, said point being in a line with the northwest corner of Market street, Johnstown borough; thence by a straight line to a white walnut tree on the southern bank of the Stonycreek, and near the township road leading to Millcreek Furnace; thence south fifteen degrees east eighteen hundred and fifty-six and one-half feet to a sugar tree; thence south forty-nine degrees east eighteen hundred and fifteen feet to a post on the bank of the Stonycreek; thence south seven degrees east to the center of the Stonycreek; thence up center of Stonycreek to the northeast corner of Grubbtown borough; thence south seventy-one degrees five hundred and fifty-two and seventy-five one-hundredths feet to a sugar tree; thence south fifteen degrees west eight hundred and five and two-tenths feet to a rock oak; thence south thirty-five degrees west eleven hundred and seventy-one and five-tenths feet to a black walnut; thence south forty-seven degrees west five hundred and seventy-seven and five tenths feet to a post; thence south twenty-nine degrees east five hundred and twenty-eight feet to a post; thence north fifty-seven degrees east ninety-four feet; thence south twenty-eight degrees east sixteen hundred and ten feet to the center of the Stonycreek; thence up center of Stonycreek to a point fifty feet north of the north side of Cleveland street (extended); thence north eighty-four degrees fifty-six minutes, east fifteen hundred feet; thence south seventy-seven degrees twenty-two minutes, east fifteen hundred and twenty-eight feet, the two courses being the line between Charles Von Lunen and A. Rodgers; thence south sixty-five degrees five minutes, east ninety feet to the east side of road leading to Kring's Mills; thence north fifty-three degrees, east six hundred and sixty feet; thence north sixty-five degrees, east twelve hundred and sixty feet; thence north seventy-six degrees, west three hundred and thirteen feet;

thence north twenty-three degrees, east seven hundred and seventy feet; thence south fifty-three degrees, east five hundred and eleven feet; thence north eighty-two degrees, east ten hundred and eighty-nine feet; thence north eighty-seven degrees, west one hundred and ninety-six feet; thence north fourteen degrees, west four hundred and twelve and one-half feet; thence north sixty-five degrees, west four hundred and sixty-two feet; thence south forty-two degrees, west seven hundred and thirty-four and one-half feet; thence north seven degrees, west five hundred and forty-four and one-fourth feet; thence north eighty-two degrees, west three hundred and eighty-four feet to the west side of road leading to Kring's Mills; thence along the west side of said road north eight degrees, east six hundred and fifty-three and one-half feet; thence north five degrees, east one hundred and ninety-one feet; thence north five degrees, west three hundred and fifty feet; thence north eight and one-half degrees, west three hundred and eighty-three feet; thence north ten and one-half degrees, west four hundred and eighty feet; thence north two degrees, east two hundred and eighty-four feet; thence north one degree and thirty minutes, west seven hundred and ninety feet to the south side of Bedford Turnpike; thence along south side of said turnpike north thirty-one and one-half degrees, west one hundred and ninety feet (to center of Horner alley); thence along south side of turnpike north thirty-three degrees, west twenty-nine hundred and four feet to a post at the intersection of Bedford street and Horner street; thence north twenty-two and one-half degrees, east six hundred and seventy feet to a stump; thence north twenty-one degrees, west seven hundred and twenty-six feet to a corner between Johnstown and Conemaugh boroughs; thence north seventy-two and one-half degrees, east fifteen hundred and fifty-four feet; thence north fifty-three degrees, east fifteen hundred and eighteen feet; thence north twelve degrees, east eighteen hundred and eighty-one feet to the center of the Little Conemaugh river; thence up Little Conemaugh river to the northeast corner of Woodvale borough; thence south seventy-six degrees, west twenty-one hundred and seventy-eight feet; thence south eighty-eight degrees, west four hundred and fifty-two feet; thence south fifty degrees, west four hundred and ninety-five feet to corner between Prospect and Woodvale boroughs; thence north fifty degrees, west eight hundred and fifty feet; thence south thirty-six and one-half degrees, west eleven hundred and eighty-eight feet; thence south twenty-four and one-half degrees, west five hundred and seventy-seven and one-half feet; thence south forty-nine degrees, west twelve hundred and thirteen feet to corner of Millville and Prospect boroughs; thence north eighteen and one-half degrees, east nineteen hundred and eighty feet; thence north ten degrees, west twenty-one hundred and ninety-four and five-tenths feet; thence north six degrees, west nine hundred and ninety-six and five-tenths feet; thence south seventy-one and five-tenths degrees, west nineteen hundred and forty-seven feet; thence west ten hundred and fifty-six feet; thence south twenty-one degrees, west four hundred and ninety-five feet to the center of Copemaugh river; thence along center of said river and north fifty-one degrees, west ten hundred and eighty-nine feet; thence north seventy-six and one-half degrees, west ten hundred and seventy-two and five-tenths feet to the place of beginning.

And for the purpose of the organization and conduct of the City Government and for all other purposes, and until otherwise provided by proper legal proceedings, the wards of said city shall be and be numbered and designated as follows, viz: The First ward of the City of Johnstown shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the First ward of the borough of Johnstown. The Second ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Second ward of the Borough of Johnstown. The Third ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Third ward of the borough of Johnstown. The Fourth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Fourth ward of the borough of Johnstown. The Fifth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Fifth ward of the borough of Johnstown. The Sixth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Sixth ward of the borough of Johnstown. The Seventh ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Seventh ward of the borough of Johnstown. The Eighth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Eighth ward of the borough of Johnstown. The Ninth ward thereof shall be and

comprise the territory heretofore forming the First ward of the borough of Conemaugh.

The Tenth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Second ward of the borough of Conemaugh.

The Eleventh ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the borough of Woodvale.

The Twelfth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the borough of Prospect.

The Thirteenth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the First ward of the borough of Millville.

The Fourteenth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Second ward of the borough of Millville.

The Fifteenth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the First ward of the borough of Cambria.

The Sixteenth ward thereof shall be and comprise the territory heretofore forming the Second ward of the borough of Cambria.

And I do also by these presents, which I have caused to be made patent and sealed with the great seal of the State, hereby constitute the same a body corporate and politic by the name of the "City of Johnstown," and by the said name to be invested with all the rights, powers, and privileges, with full force and effect, and subject to all the duties, requirements, and restrictions specified and enjoined in and by the said Act of the General Assembly approved the twenty-third day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Harrisburg, the 18th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and fourteenth.

BY THE GOVERNOR. CHARLES W. STONE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

## Funeral of Robert Cobough.

The remains of Mr. R. J. Cobough's son, Robert, mention of whose death by being run over by the cars at Glenwood we noted a few days ago, was brought here yesterday for interment. Upon the arrival of the train on the B. & O., at 1:30 p. m., the casket was opened for the accommodation of many friends who could not go to the cemetery. Headdress. Undertaker Henderson took charge of the cortege, and upon arriving at the cemetery, Rev. Adams delivered a very impressive sermon.

Mr. Cobough, being an engineer on the B. & O., the company very kindly furnished free transportation to him and his friends, some thirty in number. Mr. Cobough being absent from home at the time of the accident, telegraphed to the Brotherhood of Engineers, of which he is a member, to furnish a coffin, regardless of expense. They sent a most beautiful casket, with a silver tablet inscribed with the name and age of deceased.

The many friends of Mr. Cobough sympathize with him in his sad affliction.

## No Pay, No School.

When the teachers of Loretto and surrounding districts met at the school house in Loretto on Saturday the 7th inst. for the purpose of holding a District Institute, they were chagrined to find that the doors of the school house were locked against them. The directors had the keys and demanded one dollar for the use of the room, to be applied to scrubbing the room after the meeting. The teachers were divided in regard to the propriety of paying for the room, but finally concluded not to do so. The leader telegraphed to the County Superintendent. The answer came, "Don't pay."

## Tried to Rob a Convent.

Friday morning of last week at 2 o'clock the Convent of the Sisters at Irwin was entered by burglars, who pried open a shutter of the parlor window. Having found nothing on the lower floor they went up stairs and entered the room where one of the sisters was sleeping. They ransacked all the bureau drawers, one of which had a large sum of money in it, but they failed to find it. In the meantime the sisters, hearing the noise, gave the alarm, which was answered by several men. The robbers becoming scared, made their escape without securing anything of value.

## Charged to the Flood Account.

The Hollidaysburg Register says: "The charges against the June flood account have closed, and it may be interesting to know that the cost to repair the 38 locomotives belonging to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company then damaged was over \$105,000."

## Proposals for River Gauge.

O. D. Stewart, chief signal observer at Pittsburgh, advertises for proposals for the erection of a river gauge on a pier of the Franklin street bridge. Mr. E. C. Lorentz, our local observer, corner of Main and Clinton streets, will give all necessary information.

## A TALE OF WOE.

Another "Johnstown sufferer" recites the ills that befell his once happy family. He goes to Pittsburgh to recite his troubles—the whole thing likely a fabrication.

In yesterday evening's Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph appears the following under a conspicuously displayed head:

Johnstown's history still receives additions. Bereavements by the flood, unknown for months, come up and reveal untold misery. A very sad recital was that by Emile Etoine, at the Union Depot this morning.

Shortly before that terrible flood which almost wiped Johnstown out of existence Emil Etoine left Cambria City for his native town of Creonville, not far from Strassburg, in Alsace Lorraine, to receive a comfortable fortune, which he had inherited from a relative. Etoine had been working as a puddler at the Cambria Iron Works for about two years previous to his departure for the Continent. He left a family consisting of a wife and five children behind him, happy in thought that in a few months the head of the household would return with sufficient means to support them, if not in luxury, at least very comfortably without further hard work of any kind. Etoine sailed on the Katia, one of the Hamburg lines of steamships, on May 20th for Havre de Grace, so happy, as he said, that he felt like embracing every passenger on board the vessel. He reached Havre in good time, and proceeded by way of Paris and Strassburg to his native town.

Everything did not progress as smoothly as he expected when he reached his birthplace. Some other persons claimed closer relationship to the dead uncle, there being, by the way, a natural son living. The matter had to be brought before the courts for adjustment. According to the German laws, a natural son has no rights of inheritance unless it is so plainly stated in the will of the parent. This not being the case, Etoine won the suit easily enough, but it detained him longer than he expected by several months.

During all this time he never heard or read of the Johnstown disaster, though often in Strassburg, and did not keep up correspondence with his wife.

When the law suit had been settled in his favor and he had come into possession of the property, which was principally real estate, left to him, he put it up at public sale and received about \$20,000 for it. With New York exchange for that sum in his pocket, he again embarked for this country about three weeks ago, as happy and contented as a man well could be, who, accustomed to earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, sees a life of comparative luxury and ease before him. He intended to go into some business in Johnstown. He reached Pittsburgh three days ago in the forenoon and boarded the Johnstown Accommodation at 1:30 p. m., which took him to the place where he had left those dearer than all the money in the world.

"When I got off at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station," continued the stricken man, as he reached this point of his story, "I turned back to one of the depot men and inquired of him how far I had yet to go to Johnstown, as I had got off at the wrong station, and how soon the next train left for that town. The man looked at me for a moment as though he thought I was not quite right in my mind and asked me whether or not I could read the sign on the station house. I looked up and there it was plain enough in large white letters on a black ground.

"While I looked at the sign in a dazed sort of a way, another man who had overheard the conversation stepped up to me and said: 'I guess you're a stranger here, or have been in Johnstown before the flood? It's quite changed now, I wouldn't have known it myself if I had been away for six months.'

"As the man spoke I felt as if some one had punctured my heart with a sharp knife, and I fainted dead away.

When consciousness returned I was in the waiting room of the station house and some persons were rubbing my temples with vinegar and making me inhale it. Then I went out to find my wife and children, but something told me that they were dead. The part of Cambria City where stood the house in which I left my family was completely swept away. I made inquiries for forty-eight hours, during which time I had not a morsel to eat or a wink of sleep, but all in vain. Nobody knew what had become of my family, and the people could hardly understand my sorrow and grief, having suffered so much themselves.

"I was told that nearly all the people of Cambria who inhabited that section where my house had stood perished.

"I am not going to remain in this country; everything reminds me of the terrible loss I have suffered. I am going to New York to-night, and from there across the ocean back to my birthplace, where I shall live the rest of my days in solitude and sadness."

It was evident from the appearance of Mr. Etoine that he had suffered great

mental pain. His face was haggard and his eyes had a dreary, far-off look as if he had lost all interest in everything connected with this world.

No such name appears in the directory, and there is no account of any such performance at the Pennsylvania railroad station as that related by Etoine. By inquiry from people in Cambria we failed to learn at any such person's having lived there. It is quite likely that the paper has been imposed upon.

## REV. JOHNSTON INSANE.

Sad Condition of the Well-Known Presiding Elder of the Blairsville District. INDIANA, December 20.—Rev. Johnston, Presiding Elder of the M. E. Church of this District, became suddenly insane, a few days ago and was confined at his residence at Blairsville. Yesterday morning he broke away from his attendants and was only recaptured after much difficulty. Last night he was brought to this place and lodged in the hospital department of the jail. Physicians say he will either die or recover in a few days.

[Rev. A. C. Johnston is well-known in this city, having taught school here for many years. Shortly after his admission to the ministry he was stationed at Coopersdale, and is an eloquent minister. At the last meeting of the M. E. Conference he was re-elected Presiding Elder of this district. A great number of people here will be sorry to hear of his misfortune, and sincerely hope for his recovery.]

## EBENSBURG NOTES.

Dr. T. Mason Richards and wife will spend their Christmas in Zanesville, Ohio.

Mrs. Kate Jackson, of Hollidaysburg, is the guest of Mrs. T. McNamara, with whom she will spend her Christmas.

Hon. John Fenlon was in Altoona yesterday on business.

Miss Julia Lemon entertained quite a number of her friends on Thursday evening.

The Ebensburg Silver Cornet Band rendered a serenade on Thursday evening to ex-Sheriff Griffith, it being the seventy-sixth anniversary of his birth. The members of the Ebensburg Amateur Opera Company presented Miss Jessie Clark, of Cresson, Pa., "Beethoven's Sonatas," nicely bound, as their kind appreciation and esteem, which she so well deserves, for services rendered the Company on several occasions. Miss Clark is a fine musician, and her amiable disposition has won her many friends.

Miss Nannie James, daughter of E. James, Esq., was the happy recipient of a fine piano, one day last week, purchased by her father as a Christmas present. Miss James shows a great natural talent for music, and we have no reason to doubt that her Christmas will be merrily spent.

The County Commissioners will meet next Monday for the purpose of appointing a Mercantile Appraiser and janitor for the Court House, and to transact other business pertaining to their office.

## Where Marriage is Made Easy.

In the Ukraine, Russia, the maiden is the one that does all the courting. When she falls in love with a man, she goes to his house and tells him the state of her feelings. If he reciprocates all is well, and a formal marriage is duly arranged. If, however, he is unwilling, she remains there, hoping to coax him into a better mind. The poor fellow cannot treat her with the least discourtesy or turn her out, for her friends would be sure to avenge the insult. His best chance therefore, if he is really determined that he won't, is to leave his home and stay away as long as she is in it. This is certainly a peculiar way of turning a man out of house and home. On the Isthmus of Darlen either sex can do the courting, with the natural result that almost everybody gets married. There is not the same chance where the girl has to hide the notions of a hesitating or bashful swain.

## Expert Gamblers Here.

It will not be news to some to state that much gambling is done in this place. This has been noticeably true since the flood from the fact that several well-dressed young men, formerly not residents of Johnstown, have been spending their time around certain quarters, not on a back street, without seeming to have any particular employment. But they are not the only gamblers in town, nor has it been only since the flood that much gambling has been done, but it is only since then that "professionals" in the use of the chips have made this place their rendezvous. All went along stencily, with varying luck, till within about a week, when two experts, seeing a chance to do up the town, came along. They are said to have made frightful inroads into the "stock in trade" of many of our local blacklegs. Many respectable people willingly aver that these resorts are known to officials whose sworn duty it is to raid them.

## Altoona Odd Fellows.

The Odd Fellows of Altoona have organized a hall association. The capital stock is \$22,000, divided into shares of \$20 each. The Odd Fellows in Huntingdon also talk of purchasing a hall.

## ABANDONING A BIG TOWN.

20,000 People With Their Herd Travel a Hundred Miles for Water.

LOSDON, December 20.—The great town of Shoshong, north of Cape Colony, South Africa, has been abandoned by the entire population. All that are left of the people, about 20,000 in number, who lived in Shoshong, are a few white traders, who stay there to traffic with the natives of the surrounding country. A white ago Khama, the famous King of Bechuana-land, and his counselors, decided that Shoshong had suffered so severely from scarcity of water for several years past that they would seek a new site for the town. A desirable situation was found about 100 miles northwest of Shoshong, and not a great ways from the Limpopo river.

It was a large undertaking, as the people are quite well to do and have a good deal of personal property and about 50,000 cattle. The fields of Indian corn and millet which they abandoned extended for many miles around Shoshong. The transfer occupied about a month, and the people in their new huts have at least the certainty of an ample water supply.

Shoshong was the largest native town in South Africa, and pictures of it appear in some school geographies and in Reclus's universal geography.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The Following Have Been Granted Since Our Last Report.

William M. Broderick	Millville
Minnie Patterson	West Taylor twp
John Chl.	Johnstown
Rosie Hoffman	Johnstown
Daniel H. Engle	Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa
Helle A. Miller	Stonycreek twp
Russell Chl.	Johnstown
Sadie James	Johnstown
L. L. Ware	Prospect
Ella Hunter	Prospect
Eugene B. Griffith	Lower Yoder twp
Hella Adams	Coopersdale
Edward J. Waltz	Morristown
Mary A. Burns	Millville

## Murphy is Gone to Kentucky.

Mr. W. J. Murphy, better known as "Little Willie," entertained a number of his friends at his boarding place, the Misses Kepple's, at 57 Huber street, last night. The occasion was his departure on his holiday vacation for his home in Louisville, Kentucky, and we have no hesitation in saying it was a royal one. The hostesses were as great in entertaining as the host himself, and the house was as open as the hearts of either. The supper was equal to the occasion, and the music, vocal and instrumental, told for itself of whose selection it was. Among those present were the above named host and hostesses, R. E. Lamberd, E. F. Creed, M. Fitzharris, Walter Dowling, T. D. Broderick, M. F. Murphy, John Fyfan, C. A. Fritz, Tom O'Neal, and J. B. O'Connor.

After thanking the hostesses, and many hearty handshakes with the host, and kindest of wishes for a pleasant visit home, the boys departed, feeling that if his Kentucky friends were as big-hearted as he, the demonstration on his arrival there would more than equal his departure here.

## A Beautiful Design in Monumental Work.

The most beautiful monument ever erected in Grand View was completed yesterday by C. Keim to the memory of Lena A. wife J. M. Shumaker. It consists of first and second bases and a die, surmounted by four beautiful columns supporting a cap. Under the cap is a vase for flowers, and surmounting this cap, which is in gothic style, is a fine statue, life size, of exquisite beauty, representing sorrow. The expression of the face is remarkably life-like, the drapery, the hair and proportions are certainly fine. The work possesses all the more merit because the design is original, which reflects great credit to Mr. Keim. Parties in need of a fine monument or tombstone should call at his works on Adam street, as he has, without a doubt, erected the finest monuments and tombstones in all the cemeteries in and about this city.

## An Editor in Court.

Somerset Standard. A Webster (Pa.) school mistress has brought suit against the Believeron Enterprise for stating that she had been bound over for her appearance at court for whipping a boy at school. The statement was made on what the Enterprise considered reliable information and when it was found to be incorrect a correction was promptly printed, yet the lady insists on dragging Editor Truxal into court. She is evidently inexperienced in courting and may find it is not what its cracked up to be.

## Locust Street Red Cross No More.

Workmen are busily engaged in tearing down the Red Cross hotel on Locust street, according to order from Miss Clara Barton. The lumber will be sold, and the furniture has all been loaded on the cars of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, to await Miss Barton's direction.

## As We Look to Others.

Somerset Standard. The calamity that occurred in the Opera House, at Johnstown, last week, by which a great many people were injured and several lost their lives is to be regretted. Johnstown has certainly had more than its share of sorrow this year.