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JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA., FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1890.

NO 3.

SELECT COUNCIL.

Proceedings of that body at the meeting last evening.

The Select Council convened at 7:30 o'clock last evening. President Yeagley occupied the chair. Those answering to the call of their names were Messrs. Slick, Smith, Moses, Kennedy, Haws, O'Shea, Barry, Kist, Hochstein, Huebner and Brinker—11.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There being no petitions or communications the following messages were read from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, APRIL 1890.

To the Select Council of the City of Johnstown.

I hereby nominate the following persons to be Police of the City of Johnstown, and, in accordance with the Act of Assembly, request you to consent to such nominations: Leonard Burkhardt, John T. Martin, Austin Neary.

Mr. Huebner moved that the appointments be confirmed which resulted in a vote of 7 for to 4 against.

The following call for a joint meeting of the Select and Common Council was read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, MAY 5, 1890.

To the Select and Common Council of the City of Johnstown.

By virtue of the authority conferred by Act of Assembly, I hereby call upon and request the members of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Johnstown, to meet in joint session at the hall of the Common Council on Wednesday, May 7, 1890, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to consider the plan of Engineer Schenk for the proper width and location of limits of the river lines within the City, and to further examine and consider a proposition for relief from danger of future floods, and such cognate matters as may be then and there presented by a committee representing the Board of Trade, and also the representatives of the Flood Finance Committee. A full attendance of the members of the Councils is earnestly enjoined.

W. HORACE ROSE, Mayor.

The following message was read from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, MAY 5, 1890.

To the Select and Common Council of the City of Johnstown.

The Borough of Johnstown by an ordinance of resolution duly passed, approved and published established the grade in the portion of the borough lying North and West of Market and Vine or Lincoln street. Parties along that portion of the City affected by the grade lines thus established in many instances have built their houses in conformity with that grade; others are waiting to see what steps the City authorities will take towards bringing the streets and alleys up to the grade elevation fixed by our predecessors, the borough authorities.

The street railway is rapidly pushing its work, and within a very short time must reach the line of Market street in Main; thence it will follow the line of Main to Walnut street; thence along Walnut street to the bridge crossing the Little Conemaugh.

Again, the authorities of Millville established a new grade for Iron street. Persons building along the street have conformed to the grade as thus established; the street railway will traverse Iron street. We must determine at once what steps to take in reference to these grade lines as thus established. If our streets are to be raised above the line that will mark the water level every time there is a slight rainfall, we must raise them to the line fixed by the authorities of the two boroughs referred to.

Your bodies should take immediate action in the premises. The amount of fill necessary to grade the line of the street could, with great relief to the water courses, be taken from the beds of the two rivers within the limits of the City. It will not do to permit the Railway Company to lay its tracks upon the old or present grade lines as the streets stand to-day, if we are at all to elevate the line. I therefore recommend that you at once, either by contract or by forces employed by the Street Commissioner proceed to fill up Main, Walnut, Iron and Washington streets and the Broad street alleys, and streets at the immediate intersection of the above named streets.

I hope to see the work done with as little cost as possible but I want to see it done.

W. HORACE ROSE.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Mayor and City Solicitor be authorized to advertise for bids for filling up the grade of Main, Walnut, Iron and Broad streets, and the intersections of all alleys and streets connecting with these streets, preparatory to the construction of the new railway. His motion was carried.

An ordinance prohibiting the posting of bills on telegraph, telephone, electric light or street railway poles was referred to the Committee on Nuisances.

An ordinance requiring shows or exhibitions to take out a license and providing penalties for the violation of the same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

An ordinance to prohibit nuisances in the City of Johnstown passed second reading.

An ordinance making an appropriation for a city prison and police station, and for holding the Mayor's court was referred to the Committee on City Property.

The Committee on Rivers and Nuisances reported favorably on the bill prohibiting nuisances in the City of Johnstown.

Mr. Shea moved to strike out the clause regarding the penalty for keeping a nuisance in the shape of a slaughter house and no slaughter houses be allowed in the city. The amendment was lost by a vote of 6 to 5.

Mr. Haws then made an amendment that no additional slaughter houses be erected in the city. His amendment was defeated.

Mr. Haws then moved to reconsider Mr. Shea's amendment abolishing the slaughter houses. His motion did not prevail.

The Committee on City Property reported favorably on the ordinance for the building of a city prison, police stations and a place to hold the Mayors' Court. The bill passed second reading.

An ordinance relating to the registration of dogs was referred to the Committee on Police and Public Safety.

An ordinance providing for the levy and collection of license tax in the City of Johnstown and providing penalties for a violation of the ordinance. Passed two readings.

The Committee on Police and Public Safety reported favorably on the ordinance relative to the registration of dogs, and the ordinance passed second reading.

An ordinance from Common Council recommending the First National Bank as the place to deposit the city funds was not concurred in by the Select Council.

The Select Council held that as the Treasurer was under bonds, he could place the funds in any responsible bank he saw fit.

On motion of Mr. Moses, Council adjourned to meet Monday evening, May 11, 1890.

Master Heber Strayer—Son of Mr. John E. Strayer Seriously Injured in an Accident.

While Mr. Lewis Stutsman was driving the hill road near Benshoff's Mill in West Taylor township, yesterday afternoon with a two horse team, the horses became unmanageable and plunged down an almost perpendicular embankment over fifteen feet high.

Mr. John Benshoff, who was sitting on the seat with the driver jumped off, but the driver held to the lines, and landed with the wagon at the bottom with a crash, but was not seriously injured and strange to say neither team nor wagon were badly damaged.

Heber, the nine-year-old son of Mr. John E. Strayer, who was sitting in the back part of the wagon, however, was thrown out and landed upon a pile of rocks in the bed of a stream, where the wagon partly passed over him. He was taken out in an unconscious condition, but soon recovered, when it was discovered that besides a number of bruises on different parts of the body, there was a very severe gash upon the forehead, close to the right eye. He was brought to town where his wounds were dressed, and he is now resting as comfortably as may be expected.

A peculiarity of this accident lies in the fact that but a few minutes before reaching this point the driver jokingly remarked that it would be a bad plunge to go over the road there, when Mr. John E. Strayer, who was also sitting on the seat with the driver got off. He had no serious fears of an accident however, and jokingly called to his son Heber that if anything happened, he should jump off behind. It was fortunate that Mr. Strayer was not on the wagon at the time the plunge was made as the three persons so crowded the seat that neither would have had the chance to save themselves, and more serious results would almost certainly have followed.

Institution of Conemaugh Valley Lodge No. 130, Sexennial League.

Last evening at the G. A. R. Hall on Main street, the new lodge of the Sexennial League which will be known as Conemaugh Valley Lodge No. 130, was formally instituted by Deputy Supreme President Clifford J. Ellis. The hall was crowded with charter members of the new lodge and members of Johnstown Lodge No. 63.

After the candidates had been initiated the following officers were elected and duly installed: Past President, Chas. H. Alter; President, Thos. P. Keedy; Vice President, F. S. Wylie; Secretary, S. R. Schaeffer; Treasurer, Chas. Brinker; Marshal, Henry W. Fox; Chaplain, Frank B. Statler; Guard, Robert P. Linton; Sentinel, R. J. Hutchinson; Medical Examiner, Dr. J. W. Hamer; Trustees, Jas. H. Ramsey, C. A. Frank, Chas. Simon.

The lodge starts off with a good sized member list and is composed of men who are known for their ability in lodge work so that its success is fully assured in advance. In fact from the enthusiasm of the meeting it now looks as if the new lodge may push ahead and soon leave her older sister lodge, (Johnstown No. 63), in the shade.

Under the good of the order several speeches were made giving encouragement to the work and were well received by the members. Considering the stormy night the large and enthusiastic turnout is especially pleasing to every Sexennial in Johnstown.

The Finance Committee Called Down.

To the Editor of the Johnstown Democrat.

I learn that His Honor, the Mayor, has served notice upon the members of Council that a special meeting will be held on Wednesday evening to confer with the Finance Committee upon matters of vital interest relating to the welfare of the town. Now I do not care to discuss here the utility of the measures proposed in conference between Councils and the Finance Committee, but I would like to know by what right the Finance Committee exercises so much authority. This committee has received hundreds of thousands of dollars that were contributed by the charitable everywhere, for the relief of the sufferers. Why does it not pay out the money to the people, and make a statement of its affairs? This is its plain duty, and the members of the Committee should be strictly called to account for the violation of the trusts reposed in them. But in addition to submitting to injustice at the hands of this Committee, the people of this city must also suffer further indignities by having this Committee dictate their business and control public affairs. Is it not a burning shame that the people thus tamely submit to this kind of power? TAX PAYER.

Massillon, Ohio, Police Have a Desperate Encounter This Morning.

MASSILLON, O., May 7.—Policemen Ertle and Hagan had a desperate encounter with two masked burglars about 3 o'clock this morning. Hagan was beaten on the head with a revolver receiving four ugly wounds. He was also shot in the leg. Eighteen shots were exchanged and one of the burglars was captured.

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HE SCHOOL DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

County Superintendent Leech Re-elected Yesterday—The Salary Unchanged.

Pursuant to call the School Directors of Cambria county met in convention at Ebensburg yesterday to elect a County Superintendent. There was a full attendance of 263 directors being present.

The convention was called to order at one o'clock by Superintendent Leech. For Chairman Hon. John C. Gates, of White township and W. G. Comaford, Esq., of Loreto, were named. A ballot resulted in the choice of Mr. Gates. Messrs. Geo. A. Kinkead, of Ebensburg, and P. C. George, of Lilly, were chosen Recording Secretaries. Mr. J. H. Dimond, of Summerhill township, was made Reading Secretary.

The directors from the new borough of Hastings presented a decision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction setting forth that they were entitled to a vote in the convention. The chairman read some law on the subject and interpreted it against them refusing to acknowledge the decision of the State Department. The Hastings men were not permitted to vote.

Contrary to a custom that has been observed in the county ever since there have been elections for County Superintendent the convention voted upon the candidates before the salary was fixed. The first thing the Chairman did after the organization was to call for nominations for County Superintendent.

County Superintendent Leech, Mr. Thos. J. Itell, Mr. John McCormick, and Mr. John S. Foley were placed in nomination.

The first and only ballot resulted as follows: For Mr. Leech: Adams township—David Resley, Josiah Ingston, Edmund Fye, Jacob Grumbling, Wm. Gerhard.

Allegheny township—Anthony Conrad. Ashland, Ind.—David Kratzer, Daniel W. Jams.

Ashville.—P. U. Stoy, Jas. Wilson. Barry township.—A. J. Lieb, John Dumm, John Kline.

Blacklick township.—Thos. Enfield, Th. Reese, Phil. Jones, Wesley Stephens, Leonard Bush, John Edwards.

Cambria township.—Wm. Striker, John Fenny, Jos. A. Smith.

Cambria township.—G. J. Jones, Jonathan Jones, David Jones, R. S. Roberts, Richard Roberts, Thomas Lewis.

Carroll township.—Alex. Leslie. Chest Springs township.—John H. Crouse, Ch. I. Carr.

Clearfield township.—Jas. McGough. Conemaugh township.—Louis Keiper, Sebastian J. Boxler, Andrew Gerber.

East Conemaugh.—S. A. Bickford B. F. Shaffer, A. R. Good, F. J. Custer, Wm. Pringle, Wm. Davis.

Conemaugh township.—D. J. Shaffer, Abram Fyock, Joe. Edwards, Richard Horner, Daniel Noon, John Rager.

Coopersburg township.—John Boyer, Judson Merritts, E. V. Barker, Frank Jenkins, Wm. Colbert, J. Q. Adams.

Crofton township.—Jas. D. Plummer, W. F. Hice, Daniel Kauffman.

Dean township.—G. W. Brown. Ebensburg township.—D. D. Fryce, S. W. Davis, Geo. A. Kinkead, Morgan Hughes, John L. Stough.

Elder township.—Geo. Kibbler, Adolph Libby, Franklin Brown.—Cyrus Shepard, Martin Custer. —McClester, Jacob Noon, J. W. Dick, Amos Dunmeyer.

Grubbs township.—Samuel Wymer, Peter Blough, Wm. Horner, Henry Lape, John Bracken, Wm. Hochstein.

Jackson township.—John Winstinger, J. C. Wakefield, J. A. Rager, Jacob Stuffer, J. A. Gray, J. Arch. Findley.

Millville township.—Enoch James, Jas. Benson, S. S. Reade.

Portage township.—John A. Troxell. Prospect township.—Lacey Kelly, Daniel Buckley, Michael Allen.

Ronde township.—J. G. Hollen, George W. Bowman, —Hollen, J. F. Gilmore, Wm. Glasgow, Daniel Matthews.

Richland township.—Stephen Phinney, Jacob Bumgardner, Jere Walters, Wm. Trent, Daniel Yoder.

South Fork township.—J. P. Wilson, Frank Crissey, Wm. Wysel, Geo. B. Stineman, J. C. Luke.

South Fork, (Ind.)—Joseph Croyle, Harry Strayer Alex. Story, Sherman Croyle, Simon Bumgardner, Henry Burtent.

Stonerock township.—S. W. Repp, Wm. F. Cook, Jos. H. Elenberger, Julius Wilt, John Faust, Wm. D. Miller.

Summerhill township.—Christ Shaffer, Philip Sherburne, Wm. Frazer.

Susquehanna township.—A. A. Grumbling, Aug. Craver, Geo. W. Myer, Wm. Woodside.

East Taylor township.—Daniel Angus, W. G. Graham, Wm. Oppy, Paul Goughnour, Daniel Walter, Wm. Reighard.

West Taylor township.—Wm. Ribbitt, L. R. Brallier, Harry Ulery, Adam Kemery, Wm. Bracken, John Stumbaugh.

Washington township.—David Brown. White township.—John C. Gates, Geo. E. Glass, Harry Gates, Jas. F. Davis.

Willmore borough.—G. G. Rorabaugh, I. W. Holder, Wm. Skiles.

Crofton township.—Wm. McClarren, Jos. Long, Peter Long.

Dean township.—Jas. A. McGuire, Jos. Schaffner, Dennis Cawley, Robert Conrad, Wm. Conway.

Ebensburg borough.—E. C. Parrish. Elder township.—Frank Farabaugh, Patrick Dillon, Thos. Ott, Anselm Weakland.

Gallitzin township.—Giles Iomadoe, A. P. Sybert, John J. Godfrey, Frank Coons, Danie Hanlin, Wm. Carlin.

Gallitzin borough.—M. Fitzharris, Chas. Quinn, M. Branan, James Egan, Philip Vogle, Dr. Troxell.

Lilly borough.—Frank Bradley, Blair Short, W. L. McGough, F. C. George, Jos. Moyer.

Loreto borough.—John A. Schwab, C. F. O'Donnell, W. G. Comaford, John Moran, Ed. Shields, Dr. Murphy.

Muster township.—Frank O'Hara, G. W. Garrett, John Noel, Philip Sanders, Anthony Shiver, Jas. Parrish.

Portage township.—George C. Diehl, John Itell, Wm. McKenzie, Wm. James, Peter Seymore.

Prospect borough.—John O'Toole, C. Mooney, John Neary.

Summerhill township.—B. C. J. McGuire. Susquehanna township.—L. J. Bearer, Lawrence Wyland.

Tunnelhill borough.—John Bradley, Thomas Plunkett, J. J. Kinney.

Washington township.—Peter Robins, Michael Storm, Daniel S. Slattery, James Hines, Daniel Henry.

Willmore borough.—Peter M. Kinney —85 For Mr. McCormick: Lilly borough.—M. A. McGonigle.

Summerhill township.—A. H. Dimond, Peter Keating.

Tunnelhill borough.—Patrick O'Dowd, Henry Donaldson, John Porter.

Willmore borough.—P. F. Kirby, Geo. Stahl.—9. For Mr. Foley: Ashville borough.—John Monahan, Leonard Litzinger.

Carrolltown borough.—Ed. Farabaugh. Clearfield township.—Jas. P. McCance, Martin Karl, Albert Nagle, M. J. Wills.—7.

At the conclusion of the balloting Mr. Leech was declared elected, having received a majority of all the votes cast.

A motion was made to leave the salary unchanged—\$1,500 per year. It was moved to amend by making it \$2,000. No remarks were asked for, but the question was put at once. There was a large vote on both sides. Several shouted, "Division," but the Chairman decided the motion lost.

The question on the original motion was then put. There was a large vote in the affirmative, but a storm of noises met the other side of the question. The motion was declared carried.

The convention then adjourned.

GLEANINGS, ETC.

The Kentucky Legislature will elect a successor to Senator Beck on the 20th inst. It is believed in Louisville that Mr. Carlisle will be chosen. The other candidates mentioned are ex-Governor Proctor Knott, State Senator William Lindsay, Congressman McCrary and Lieutenant Governor Bryan.

Some months ago several rascals in Philadelphia were found to have conspired to swindle a Mrs. Emily B. Hooper out of some thirty thousand dollars. One of them, Leopold Alexander, who pleaded guilty, has been sentenced to only three months' imprisonment. In these days justice not only travels with a leaden heel, but often strikes with a gloved and gentle hand. This swindler was a private detective, who was employed by the woman to guard her interests, and frightened her into paying him large sums of money.

Rev. Cyrus Cort, of Green Castle, who opposed Prohibition, was assigned by the Reformed Church classis, now in session at Chambersburg, to preach at the First Lutheran Church, but the congregation refused to hear him, and he did not appear. The classis will take some action in the matter, and it is said that the body regards the refusal of the Lutheran congregation to receive Rev. Mr. Cort as an insult to the Reformed Church.

Talking about the Queen of the May, we should remark that she's liable to get rheumatism if she doesn't put on her flannels.

In ten years more we shall have paid off the entire national debt. It gives us pleasure to look forward to a time when we won't have to lay awake nights and feel worried and uneasy daytimes. It is really encouraging to think that we can begin the new century looking everybody in the face and buying a new suit of clothes every season.

Nathan Harvey, of Topeka, Kan., has in his possession his wedding suit, which was made in Richmond, Ind., in 1832, in a shop in which Schuyler Colfax, General Burnside and ex-Congressman Shryock were journeymen. The suit consists of white duck trousers, a buff vest with brass buttons and blue swallow-tail coat, also trimmed with brass buttons. The cloth for these garments cost \$4, and the making \$8. Mr. Harvey also has a hat, purchased for the same occasion, which was made by Oliver P. Morton.

John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil King, was a newspaper reporter a quarter of a century ago. He picks up millions now as easily as he picked up items formerly.

Harvey Van Pelt, a prominent Democrat of Center Hall, Centre county, died Friday night of Bright's disease. He was associated with Governor Beaver and General Hastings in the building of the town of Hastings, in this county.

THE LOCUST STREET VIEW.

The Report in the Matter of Opening That Highway.

The viewers in the matter of widening Locust street from Park Place to Market street have prepared for presentation to the Court the following report:

To the Honorable Robert L. Johnson, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County:

We, the undersigned, appointed by the annexed order of the Court to view the premises and assess the damages, if any, which the within named property holders have sustained by reason of the opening of said street in said order mentioned respectfully report:

That we met for the purpose of performing the duties imposed upon us by the said order at 2 o'clock on the 25th day of April, A.D., 1890, and after having been severally sworn or affirmed, according to law, proceeded to view the premises, assess the damages and award the benefits as therein directed; and, after having carefully viewed the same, we are of the opinion that the property owners on the line of said street are damaged and benefitted respectively as follows:

The Marbourg heirs have sustained damages to the amount of \$2,557.30; and we do accordingly award them that sum.

We are also of the opinion that George W. Statler has sustained damage to the amount of \$250 to his improvements; and we award him that sum for the same.

We are also of the opinion that George W. Statler has sustained damage to his land to the amount of \$4,700; and we award him that sum for the same, making the total of the damage and the total of the amount awarded to George W. Statler \$4,950, making the grand total of damages awarded the sum of \$7,537.30.

We are also of the opinion that the following named properties are benefitted as follows:

Property of Charles Kress benefitted . . . \$3,900 00
Property of G. W. McGeary benefitted . . . 1,440 00
Property of the Strayer heirs benefitted . . . 695 70
Property of Mrs. Sarah Maclay benefitted . . . 716 00
Property of W. F. Mayer benefitted . . . 298 70
Property of Gottlieb Lettenberger benefitted . . . 298 70

And we do accordingly assess each of the above benefitted properties with its respective sum, making the total benefits assessed the sum of \$7,289.30, leaving a deficiency of \$248.

We are of the opinion that the City of Johnstown is benefitted to the amount of \$248; and we do accordingly assess the City of Johnstown that amount, making the grand total of benefits assessed the sum of \$7,537.30, the same being the sum total of all damages awarded.

Witness our hand and seals—

P. S. FISHER, [L. S.]
G. W. MOSES, [L. S.]
JOHN RAAB, [L. S.]
CHARLES UNVERZAG, [L. S.]
ALEXANDER ADAIR, [L. S.]
L. M. WOOLF, [L. S.]
LOUIS WEIN, [L. S.]

Gospel Meetings.

A series of Gospel meetings, to continue for ten days, commenced in the Trinity Evangelical Church on Morris street, yesterday evening. Rev. E. W. Rishel, of the Evangelical Church, of Morrellville, was present and preached the first sermon. His discourse was based on the Parable of the Sower, and was much appreciated. The meeting was well attended. The meeting is open for all who may desire to attend. All will be welcome. The prayer of all God's people is requested, that the blessing may attend these services. The Gospel of Christ is the only power that can elevate humanity.

THE LOSS \$2,000,000.

Damage by the Fire at the Singer Sewing Machine Works.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. J., May 7.—The entire western front of the Singer Sewing Machine Factory, on First street, was gutted by last night's fire.

The flames worked their way to the main building extending along Trumbull street, cleaning out the stock, needle, finishing, adjusting, inspecting and milling rooms. The pattern department was also destroyed, together with 50,000 finished machines and 18,000,000 needles.

The loss is estimated at \$2,000,000, fully insured, by the Singer Company. All work is suspended and over 3,000 operatives were idly gazing to-day at the burned building. It will be at least two months before work can be resumed.

The fire started in the high clock tower of the main building a few minutes past 11 o'clock. The blaze was first discovered by one of the watchmen, but he lost his presence of mind, and there was a good deal of delay in sending out an alarm. Explosions of benzine followed one another rapidly, throwing the flames great distances.

Lost or Suffocated in a Mine.