

INSTITUTE RESOLUTION CAUSED A COMMOTION

SENTIMENT IN THE COUNTY FAVORS CHANGE OF PLACE.

The Resolution Presented by the Reynoldsville Directors Was Not a Sudden and Covert Attack but a Well Considered Plan to Secure for Various Parts of the County an Educational Stimulus Now Confined to One Town.

Because members of the Reynoldsville school board had the audacity to present a resolution in the county school directors' convention last week recommending that the place of holding the county institutes be changed so as to permit of their being held alternately in Reynoldsville, Punxsutawney and Brookville, beginning with Reynoldsville in 1908, there was such a commotion raised in the convention, that, according to parliamentary rules, the convention did not adjourn, but the directors dispersed amidst a babel of tongues. The Brookville *Republican*, in a column write-up of the action taken by our directors, refers to the resolution as the "ill advised and offending resolution," and says: "If such a change as contemplated by this resolution is demanded by a majority of the patrons of the county it should be made manifest in some other way than by an 'unheralded and craftily covered up attack in convention.' Pray tell how to get a public expression from the school directors of the county in a better way than when assembled in convention?"

Now that the *Republican* has attacked our school board for a legitimate action and has given expression to the paper's views of the case, we feel that in justice to our school board, our town and community that THE STAR should make a few remarks.

The "acrimonious discussion" in the convention and the *Republican's* howl about the resolution was caused by no other reason than the fact that Brookville citizens object, most vigorously, to having the county institutes held any other place than at Brookville.

The school law says: "The county superintendent of each county in this Commonwealth is hereby authorized and required, once in each year, at such time and place as he or a properly authorized committee of teachers acting with him, may deem most convenient, to call upon and invite the teachers of the common schools, and other institutions of learning in his county, to assemble together and organize themselves into a teachers' institute, etc."

The school law does not provide that the institute be held in Brookville continuously, all the taxpayers do not reside in Brookville, and for convenience of largest number of teachers and school directors, Brookville is not the most convenient place in the county, therefore, we feel that Reynoldsville is entitled to the institute occasionally.

Our school directors knew that it was within the power of the county superintendent to say where the institute should be held, and the object of presenting the resolution to the convention was to get an expression from the directors in the matter, as county Supt. Jones had promised several months before the convention to change the place of holding the institutes if the majority of the directors favored it. Prof. Jones and Dr. Newcome, the chairman of the convention, knew before the meeting that such a resolution would be presented, and Prof. Jones was willing to have it presented and Dr. Newcome promised to give a roll call vote on the resolution, but he ignored the request in the convention and Brookville citizens, who had no voice or part in the convention, voted against the resolution.

Hon. R. H. Longwell, of Brookwayville, whom the *Record* is pleased to call the "tall sycamore" of the northern part of the county, promised Reynoldsville directors to stand by the resolution, but after it was presented he added to the confusion by moving to amend the resolution, which included Brookville, Reynoldsville and Punxsutawney, by adding Brookwayville to the list of favored towns. Mr. Longwell knew that Brookwayville could not accommodate the institute.



George Mellinger, New President of the Brick and Tile Co.

It may have been one of "Bobs" jokes, but it was not appreciated.

There are several counties in this state where the institute is "passed around" very successfully, and the time is not far distant when Jefferson county will be included in the list of counties that alternate the places of holding institutes.

Reynoldsville can give the teachers, and any others that attend institute, as good accommodations as any other town in the county and we expect, if not this year, before many years, to see the county institute held in Reynoldsville. Why not?

Band of Real, Live Redskins Coming to Reynoldsville Soon

Have Accepted an Invitation to Participate in the Big Reunion on May 26th and Will Appear in War Paint and Feathers.

The fourth annual reunion of the Improved Order of Red Men of Western Pennsylvania will be held in Reynoldsville Tuesday, May 26. This is expected to be the largest reunion ever held by the Western Reunion Association. At least one thousand warriors and braves will be in the big parade in full costumes. There will be a number of bands present.



The following prizes will be given: Tribe with largest number of members in line, \$75.00 banner; Tribe with largest percentage of members in line, \$40.00 American Flag; Tribe coming longest distance, Prophet's costume valued at \$20.00; Council of D. of P. with largest number of members in line, \$15.00 in cash; Council of D. of P. coming longest distance, \$10.00 in cash; best band present, \$25.00.

Parade at 1.30 p. m. and convention immediately after parade.

A company of real Indians from the reservation at Salamanca, N. Y., will attend this reunion and will be in the parade.

John W. Cherry, who initiated President Roosevelt into the Improved Order of Red Men, and other great chiefs will be present and will give addresses on the order. There will be dancing in Park Theatre and other amusements in the evening. Special excursion rates of the Pennsylvania railroad.

BRICK AND TILE COMPANY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.

At the reorganization of the Reynoldsville Brick & Tile Company's board of directors Wednesday the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, George Mellinger; vice-president, Dr. J. H. Murray; treasurer, Henry Harpel; secretary, Clyde C. Murray.

Save Five Per Cent.

I have received the duplicates for state and county taxes and am now ready to receive payment on same. Those paying within 60 days from May 1st, 1908, will save 5 per cent.

WILLIAM COPPING,
Tax Collector.

Spring jackets.
Coverts, tans and black. \$4.75 to \$10.00. Gillespie.

Council Instructs Solicitor to Appeal In the Shaffer Case

Sidewalk Committee Makes Report and the Burgess Receives a Request to Notify Property Owners where Necessary.

The regular monthly meeting of town council was held May 5th with all members present. Reports were read, petition presented to council and other important business transacted.

Tax Collector Copping reported collections on borough taxes for month of April \$173.72. Chief Burgess McCright reported collections of fines, licenses, &c., for month of April \$24.50.

Petition was presented by property owners residing on north side of Main street, between Fifth street and Cole alley, asking council to construct a sanitary sewer on either Main street or Willow alley, between Cole alley and Fifth street. The matter was referred to the sewer committee to investigate and report at the next meeting of council.

The borough solicitor was instructed to ask for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Jennie J. Shaffer against the borough of Reynoldsville.

The sidewalk committee made report of walks needing repairs or requiring new sidewalks to be built. The Burgess was instructed to notify property owners.

George W. Kline was re-elected street commissioner.

Bills for the month of April were ordered to be paid.

WARM DISCUSSION AT ASSOCIATION TUESDAY NIGHT

Free Criticism was the Order of the Night and Many Things Were Brought Up.

The session of the Business Men's Association last night was one of the liveliest it has ever had, due mainly to the discussion which arose concerning the action of the Reynoldsville school directors in the recent attempt to change place of holding the county institute. The members unanimously commended them for their work. Indications are, however, that the question will come up again next Tuesday evening when the Association meets again.

Incidentally, the Association gained two new members last night. Several important matters relative to public improvement were brought up and the "ginger" displayed showed that the organization can make itself an exceedingly pugnacious factor in local affairs if necessary.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH POWDER 25c.

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Friends of Joseph Aiello will Present Petition for Pardon

Prisoner was Under Sentence of Death at One Time and Had it Commuted to Imprisonment for Life in the Penitentiary.

At the December term of Jefferson county court in 1896 Joseph Aiello, of Walston, was convicted of murder in the first degree. The evidence was such that many believed the killing was done in self-defense, yet the verdict of the jury was first degree murder. His victim was Louis Scalzo and the deed was committed Christmas day, 1895. While the members of the Aiello household were eating dinner Scalzo, who, it was alleged, had been making trouble all forenoon, came to the house and started in to do the family up, and in the melee the intruder was stabbed to death. The case was taken from the county court to higher court; but the judges refused to interfere with the sentence of the lower court. The case was then laid before the State Board of Pardons and the Board commuted the sentence to a life term in the penitentiary. In view of the evidence, and taking into consideration facts that have since come to light in Aiello's case, the friends of the prisoner believe that his deed, viewed in its worst light, has been more than expiated, and a petition for pardon will be presented.

A Commendable Action on Sheriff Scheafnocker's Part.

Sheriff Grant Scheafnocker sent his family of children down to New Bethlehem to visit with friends until after the execution of Dominic Rammuno on Tuesday morning, an act which showed a very nice feeling of the propriety of the occasion and one which has been very generally commended.—Brookville *Republican*.

\$60,000 STEEL PLANT IS SOLD FOR A MERE SONG



Clement W. Flynn, Esq., Recently Elected Chairman of Jefferson County Democratic Committee.

REYNOLDSVILLE CITIZENS HAVE GOOD RECORD

No town in this state, perhaps, of its size and financial resources, has made a more heroic effort to help itself in an industrial way than Reynoldsville. When something was proposed that looked good, her people came to the front with their money in a manner that showed the proper public spirit. And they have secured some valuable industries in this way. But this local patriotism has been taken advantage of by a few sharks and confidence men, some of them the slickest in the business, to feather their own nests and "do" the people good. This, however, should not discourage the people of that town from further efforts. It should only sharpen their wits without causing them to lose heart or abate their zeal.—Punxsutawney *Spirit*.

ONLY \$6,000.00 REALIZED AT TRUSTEE'S SALE THURSDAY.

The Last Chapter in a Interesting Tale of Modern Financial Juggling Furnished a Disastrous Climax.—An Effort Will be Made to Interest Outside Parties who Will Operate It.

In 1904 the citizens of Reynoldsville and surrounding community subscribed and paid over \$60,000 for the erection of a steel plant at this place and the stock was watered and juggled until the entire plant was sold at trustee's sale on the 7th inst. for \$6,000. W. Harry Moore, of Reynoldsville, bought the plant.

The American Production Company was name of the company that first started it and afterwards it was sold to the Pittsburg Industrial Iron Works. There is much that we could say about this plant, the manner in which it was conducted, the men that figured in bamboozling the stockholders out of their money and the effect it will have on the town and community in the future, but we will not say it. The stockholders lost all they invested in the enterprise.

It is to be hoped now that some company will buy the plant, operate it and give employment to a number of people and be a benefit to the town. It is a good plant, is in a good location, fuel is cheap and there is every advantage for operating the plant cheaper than such a plant could be operated any other place. There is no reason why it should not be made a paying industry if it is managed right.

After Supper Sale

We were quite sure that there would be no lack of buyers at the first Thursday Night Sale—the crowd came—it saw and was conquered—it needed no microscope to discover the remarkable values. The merchandise was here, exactly as we advertised it—the prices, well we only know that action began at the stroke of the 6 o'clock bell and continued unabated until closing time.

One can bring a crowd with an offering of big values, but one won't do business unless the prices match the advertisement. We did business.

We have prepared for the Second After-Supper Sale with another great budget of bargains. We will see a large percentage of the people who came to the first—and a host of friends—because there has been much talk of the plums that were picked at the first sale. So you had better come too—another crop is ready for those who like to buy goods at retail, at less than most stores pay wholesale.

After-Supper Sale of Ladies' Silk Gloves

We have just received a large assortment of Ladies' 16-button Silk Gloves. Colors, white, black, light and dark tan. A good value at \$1.00—but for our After-Supper Sale Thursday evening, only 75c.

Also a nice assortment of ladies' fine Kid Gloves made to retail at \$1.00. Our price in our Thursday evening After-Supper Sale only 69 cents.

After-Supper Sale of Ladies' Comfort Shoe

In our Thursday evening After Supper Sale we will offer you Duttonhofer's Comfort shoe made from a good grade of Vici Kid with patent tip. This is one of the most comfortable shoes we handle, the lace running down to tip (note cut.) The regular price is \$3.00—our price in Thursday evening's After-Supper Sale only \$2.00. If you have trouble with your feet try a pair of these.

After-Supper Sale of Men's Shoes.

This week we will offer the men of our town a bargain in patent leather shoes. We have two lines, the Everlasting, a good \$3.00 shoe, and Hoyt's Kenwood, a \$2.50 value. Thursday evening we will sell the \$3.00 for only \$2.00 and the \$2.50 for \$1.75.

After-Supper Sale of Men's Dress Pants.

In order to give the men something good in our After-Supper sale, we have reduced all our Dress Pants to the following prices: \$4.00 for our \$5.00 pants, \$3.50 for our \$4.50 pants, \$3.00 for our \$4.00 pants, \$2.50 for our \$3.50 pants, \$2.00 for \$3.00 pants,

Remember none of these goods will be sold at these prices before six o'clock Thursday evening, May 14th. So be on hand when the bell rings.

BING-STOKE COMPANY