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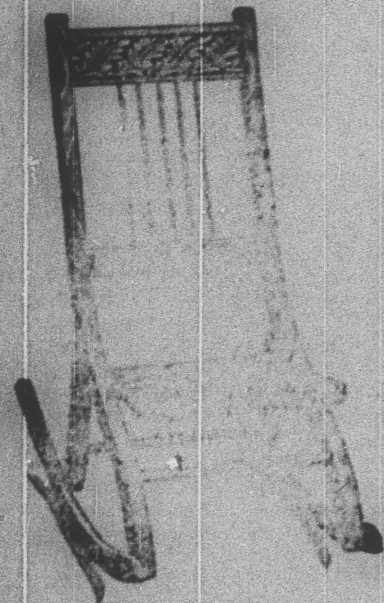
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THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Of the Borough, Met in Regular Session Wed. Night.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Transacted—Several New Board Walks Ordered to be Laid on Different Streets.

Patton borough council met in regular session with the members present as per roll call. The minutes of the meeting held April 8, 1896, were read and approved. Renel Somerville then read petition of the citizens in the west part of Patton, for the opening of Mellon street, and also offered to council the paper served on the property holders and tenants along the line of said proposed street. Mr. Somerville also read copy of ordinance he had prepared, which provided for the opening of the said street, and placed same in the hands of council, together with a draft of proposed street, which had been prepared by the borough engineer. After the request of president of council for property owners along said street to express their views regarding the opening of the same, M. Bogan stated that if the street was run through his land it would make his lots worthless, and if said street was opened he would attempt to collect damages for the same. James Mellon stated that although it would take some of his land, he would donate the land, and remove the fence himself. John Laner stated that he did not think it would seriously injure his land.

On motion council voted that the ordinance for opening said street, as prepared by Attorney Somerville, be adopted and that the ordinance be published in the PATTON COURIER and by the usual posters.

J. M. Spiker and S. E. Jones then made complaint that a board walk was needed from Mr. Spiker's property to the railroad on Klages avenue, and that a footbridge was needed across Chest creek on Magee avenue in addition to the wagon bridge. Council then instructed the clerk to notify the following property holders to build board walks in front of their property at once: J. M. Spiker, S. E. Jones, Chest Creek Land & Improvement company, Mrs. Louise McCann, W. T. Robinson (three separate lots).

Upon complaint of Ralph Leisch council instructed the clerk to notify David Giffin, tenant, and James Mellon, agent, of the Mrs. Mary Driscoll property (owner lives at Lorvito) to build sidewalk in front of this property; also M. M. Crain, Samuel Kirkpatrick and the Catholic church authorities to build sidewalks along their property.

Council also instructed the clerk to publish notice in COURIER to all property owners to build boardwalks in front of their properties.

On motion council voted that permission be granted Hiram Wilkins to cross Magee avenue with a sewer providing the same was done under the supervision of the street commissioner.

P. P. Young reported that as a member of the committee appointed to see Mr. Thomas in reference to his bill, he had attended to the matter, and found the bill correct. On motion council voted that the report of the committee be accepted and the committee discharged.

Council instructed clerk to notify the owners of property opposite the Palmer house on Fifth avenue from which the sewers discharge on the street, to remove the same and abate the nuisance; also notify Peter Somics, to so arrange his drain and sewer so that it would not discharge on the street; also notify E. C. Brown to the same effect regarding drain coming from his property discharging on Beach avenue; also clerk was instructed to publish notice to citizens of the borough to comply with the borough ordinance relating to sewers and drains discharging onto the streets.

Council instructed clerk to look up the record of the Board of Health and report to council at its next meeting the status of the same.

The matter of crossing railroad to meet the new township road was referred to Mr. Somerville with instructions to correspond with the Pennsylvania Railroad company with reference to them erecting bridge over cut. On motion council voted that the wages for working on the streets for the ensuing year be \$1.50 per day or 15 cents per hour.

Council instructed clerk to notify C. W. Hodgkins to comply with ordinance No. 25 relative to building within six feet of the street.

On motion council voted that orders be drawn in favor of The Central Sewer Pipe company for \$40.44 and same to be charged to account of A. M. Thomas, and order be drawn in favor of A. M. Thomas for remainder of his bill as per statement handed to clerk. On motion council adjourned to meet May 7, 1896.

A FATAL WRECK

On the P. E. R.—It Occurred Just East of the Gallatin Tunnel.

A serious accident occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad at the east entrance to Gallatin tunnel, between 12 and 1 o'clock Friday morning. Three persons were hurt, two of whom may die, and four empty Pullman cars wrecked and burned.

A west-bound freight train, on the rear of which four empty Pullman cars were attached, was just entering the Gallatin tunnel when the coupling of the forward Pullman broke loose. The cars dashed down the heavy grade on east side, and as there was no person on them to check the speed they gained velocity at every turn of the wheels. A west-bound freight was ascending the grade, and as a heavy fog prevailed, the engineer did not see the wild cars until they crashed into his engine at the foot of the first grade beyond Bennington. The engine and the freight cars following were derided, and the sleeping coaches piled on top of them. The fire in the engine ignited the wreck, and in a few moments the flames enveloped the mass, the glare lighting up the mountain tops despite the fog.

Sons of Veterans Organize

In pursuance to a call sent out by L. S. Bell for several weeks to the Sons of Veterans of Patton, Northern Cambria and Southern Clearfield counties about 35 sons of old soldiers met in Good's hall last Tuesday evening and formed a camp to be known as Joseph Bauman Camp—S. of V. The camp was named after an old soldier of this vicinity, who had sacrificed his life for the Union. His son, Mr. Frank Bauman, was present and had enrolled his name as a member. The meeting started out with a big attendance. Comrades W. H. H. Bell, S. M. Wilson, John Gantz and some other veterans, whose names were not learned, were present and assisted the boys. L. S. Bell was made temporary chairman and J. J. Scholl and H. T. Gould, secretaries. The following members were elected officers to fill out the term: Captain, J. R. Cornelius; First Lieutenant, Peter M. Swope; Second Lieutenant, H. T. Gould; Camp Council, L. S. Bell, Mr. Swope and John Dillon. The Captain then appointed the following on his staff: First Sergeant, R. S. Touler; Quartermaster Sergeant, Frank Bauman; Principal Musician, Jas. G. Bell; Chaplain, J. J. Scholl. The balance of the appointments were held over till the next meeting. There are possibly 100 Sons of Veterans in this vicinity and the COMRADES would be glad to see every one of them come into the camp. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, May 6th, at 8 o'clock, when all should be present.

A Birthday Party

On Saturday, April 25, a large number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFarlin, of McIntyre avenue, to celebrate their birthday, both, as singular as it may appear, coming on the same day. The evening was spent pleasantly in dancing and playing games, after which an elegant repast was served. All who were present pronounced the affair a very pleasant one and departed with best wishes for Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin.

Quarterly Meeting

The first quarterly meeting of the present conference year will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday, May 3. Love feast at 9:30 a. m.; preaching and Sacramental services at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; preaching at 7:45 p. m. Quarterly conference Wednesday evening, May 6th, 1896.

Changed Hands

On Monday Joseph Farabough, editor and publisher of the Cresson Record, sold that establishment to Swope Bros., of near St. Lawrence, and hereafter the business will be conducted by them. May the new editors ever prosper in their new undertaking is the wish of the COURIER.

Base Ball Game

On Saturday the first ball game of the season will be played at Patton. The Ashville club will come over to "do our boys up," that is, if they will let them, just to show no coldness you know. Remember the date, Saturday afternoon, May 2nd.

To Property Owners

You are hereby notified and required by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Patton to remove and abate the sewer or drain that discharges water and other materials from your house and property into the street, in accordance with the ordinance relating to the same—223 April 22, 1896.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Gleaned Here and There by the "Courier" Reporter.

CAMBRIA COAL FIELDS.

Written for the Johnstown Tribune by Mine Inspector J. T. Evans.

Being interested in the industries of Cambria county, and especially those that pertain to mining, I have watched and noted with pleasure the extension of railroad lines and all forms of progress and development. Having some little knowledge of the advanced made along the lines of the coal industry, I thought it might be of interest to your readers to jot down for their consideration a few facts that I have gathered in this connection. It has been well claimed in this age of steam that the wealth of a civilized country is largely the extent of the development of its coal fields. This being true of countries, it is also true of states and counties.

I am pleased to report that our mountainous little Cambria is raising her head high in the matter of coal production. I might state here, too, that, in the opinion of all, the coal which we are sending into the markets of the world is second to none in quality for steam purposes; and what is now mined in Cambria county, it must be remembered, is not taken from a single seam, or bed, but is mined at several points from four different seams. This fact is stated to show that we have at least that many workable seams of excellent quality in our coal bearing strata.

In the year 1885 the coal production of Cambria county was 1,189,161 tons; the average number of days worked in the year was 232; number of persons employed 1,183. The production for 1886 was about 4,600,000 tons, with an average of only 1794 days worked, which shows that the if same average of days had been worked in 1885 as in 1886, the production would be over 8,000,000 tons. It shows that the capacity of the mines, if working full, is over 7,000,000 tons a year. We use the figures indicating millions, little thinking what vast amounts they represent. Taking the actual production of our county for 1885—4,600,000 tons—it represents 184,000 railroad cars of 25 tons capacity each, or 7,360 trains of 25 cars each, which would be about 24 trains of coal for each of the 312 working days in the year. It also means by the advance taking place on the first of April, of five cents a ton, the sum of \$275,000 for the 7,400 employees working in and about the mines of our county.

It may also be of interest to state that the safety of our mines stands very high—even among the best and safest mines in the world that we have any record of. There was about 575,000 tons of coal mined for each fatal accident during 1885 and nearly 1,000 men employed, also, per each fatal accident. This is an unusually high percentage of safety for our mines, the credit of which I attribute to the special care and precaution that was practiced by the miners and mine foremen of this district during the past year, as a great number of the accidents generally occurring in all the mines are from carelessness and a lack of proper precaution being taken.

The Bituminous Coal association recently formed by the operators of the six different coal fields of the State which ship to the sea board, I expect will be a special advantage to our county, as almost the entire product of our mines is shipped to tidewater. This association will be able to control the selling price of coal in the markets and thereby get a fair price for their product, thus enabling the operators to pay better wages to the miners for their work.

The Church Commenced

The foundation for the new Baptist church is being built and in a few days will be ready for the building. When completed will be an ornament to Patton as well as a house of worship as it will be built on modern plans and possess all modern conveniences. The size of the building will be 32x50 feet and is expected to be ready for occupancy the latter part of June. Bloom and Spencer have the contract for building.

Supper at S. P. M.

The supper to be given by the firemen on Thursday night, April 30, will commence at 5 p. m. sharp. Everybody welcome.

Special Notice

The Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Patton hereby give notice to all the property owners in the Borough of Patton, who have not already done so, to build board walks or pavements in front of lots owned by them within thirty days—223 April 22, 1896.

THAT NEW FIRE BELL

A Pointed Communication—Written About the Firemen, Etc.

Mr. Editor—Through some error you stated in your last issue that the firemen had purchased a new bell for their hall.

Now the company, who by the way are not very "flush," have been wanting a bell for some time, but owing to not being financially able to buy a bell, were negotiating for a second-hand triangle to hang in their espado on their hall.

Major John A. Wolfe, learning of the efforts of the boys, quietly purchased a good strong toned bell at a probable cost of \$25.00 and presented it to the boys with his best wishes.

Now here's what I call doing the handsome. Major Wolfe is not like some of our "enterprising residents," who, when asked to subscribe 25 cents, or even 10 cents, will pitch in and give the fire laddies "Hall Columbia" because they are always "begging" for something. Who are the firemen? You may ask. Well they are 30 or 30 young men who, at the call of fire, night or day, will hasten out and spoil 15 or 20 dollars worth of clothes besides catching colds and risking their health—for what—why for the "hearty" condemnation of a few loyal "breakers" who don't want a fire company or anything else that will benefit our bright little borough. Now good people these young men come out at the call to protect yours or my home from that fiend fire. When they ask your assistance, give it. Remember it's not for them, but for you. It all comes back in the long run.

They have erected a good building and have right fair apparatus, but they are not done yet buying; or paying on what they have bought.

The boys are going to give a first-class supper on this Thursday evening, when you can get a good meal. The tickets are 25 cents. Buy one cheerfully.

Here is to the Patton Fire company, may she live long and "brosper." Respectfully Dictated to my typewriter.

LEVI POTTS.

Will Soon be Here

The grand old glorious 4th of July will soon be here and are we going to celebrate or are we going to do like they do in some of the old way back towns—forget that there is such a day. This is the holiday of all holidays for the true American and let us make it one of the noisiest days Northern Cambria county ever witnessed or heard of. The COURIER has been informed, but not officially so, that the Patton Fire company expect to take charge of the celebration in Patton this year. If they do let us all turn in and help them. They are the boys who can make things jingle if they go into it. Let the grand old day be ushered in before daylight with enough noise to awaken everybody in Patton and for miles around. That is the way they used to do it and that is the way to always do it. Hurrah for the 4th of July, only two months ahead, that's all.

A Colored Minister

On Sunday morning Rev. Geo. Basely, a colored minister of Washington, D. C., preached in the Methodist Episcopal church to a large congregation. In the evening he delivered a sermon for the Baptist congregation in the Yeager hall, and on Monday night gave a lecture entitled "The Origin of the African Race" in the same hall. He described his escape from slavery and the religious and intellectual progress of the colored race since that war.

A New Band for Patton

The prospects for a new cornet band in Patton are quite favorable. Six young men, who are elegant musicians, each playing a horn, came to Patton from Houtalade last week, and discoursed some good music on our streets. They have secured work here and will at once proceed to organize a band for Patton of several members. The material is here for a good organization of this kind.

Physicians Appointed

Superintendent A. G. Palmer has appointed the following physicians to act for the Beach Creek railroad when necessary during the ensuing year: S. W. Worrel, Patton; E. B. Campbell, Williamsport; S. E. Bickell, Jersey Shore; Frank N. Irvin, Peale; C. F. Belcher, Mynson; W. B. Henderson, Phillipsburg; G. B. Shively, Woodland; S. C. Stewark, Clearfield; Ash D. Bennett, Mahaffy.

Sinking a Shaft

The Patton Clay Manufacturing company are sinking a large air shaft in their clay and coal mine south of their works to give ventilation to the miners. They have the hole down in the earth about thirty five feet.

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

A Boiler of a Saw Mill Bursts With Awful Results.

THREE MEN KILLED.

Frank Gates, Demetrius McGough and Harry Burgoon Terribly Mangled.

An awful accident occurred near Flynton, Cambria county, about the noon hour on Saturday, and as a result three men were instantly killed and another was slightly hurt. The dead are:

FRANK GATES, single, aged 30 years. DEMETRIUS MCGOUGH, married, aged 41 years.

HARRY BURGOON, single, aged 21. Isaiah Gates, married, of Coalport, was slightly injured.

So far as could be obtained the particulars of the accident are as follows: A portable saw mill had been put into a small tract of woodland near Flynton, the purpose being to cut up the timber preparatory to its being shipped to the market. Flynton is a small village on the line of the Cresson & Irona railroad. The mill was owned and operated by J. A. Burgoon, and there were these men employed on the work: Isaiah Gates, his son Frank, Demetrius McGough, all of Coalport, and Harry Burgoon, son of the owner, residing near St. Augustine.

All of the employees were in the mill when the boiler suddenly exploded with awful force, instantly killing three of the men, injuring the fourth, and blowing the mill to atoms. The noise of the explosion was so great as to be heard a distance of three miles. Those who first came upon the scene of the accident could find few remains of the mill. Its parts had been scattered to the four points of the compass. The bodies of the three dead men were also horribly mangled, and pieces of flesh and clothing were strewn for one hundred or more yards about the place of the disaster. An idea of the force of the explosion may be formed when it is stated that a part of the body of unfortunate Demetrius McGough was found in the swinging top of a tree and in order to recover it the tree had to be cut down.

While the cause of the accident is not positively known it is stated that the boiler was without a steam gauge and that the safety valve would not work. Isaiah Gates, the only employe who escaped death, was so dazed by the shock that on Saturday evening he was unable to give any lucid account of the explosion.

Demetrius McGough was a son of Charles McGough, of 2828 Sixth avenue, Altoona. He was aged about 41 years and leaves a wife who resides at Flynton, but no children. He is survived by his parents, five brothers and three sisters, as follows: Thomas, of Millville; Charles and Gus, of Cambria county; Silas, of Lloydsville; Mrs. Larie Burgoon, of Clearfield; Mrs. Vingling, of Millville; Gilbert and Tillie at home. The remains of all were interred in Cambria county.

Harry Burgoon was a son of J. A. Burgoon, who lives near St. Augustine, and was a young industrious man well liked by all who knew him. His remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at St. Augustine on Monday morning.

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