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## PROGRAMME

Commencement Exercises

Patton Public Schools,  
THURS. EVE., MAY 11th, '99,  
At 8 o'clock p. m.

The commencement exercises to be held in the assembly room of the Patton public schools on Thursday evening promises to be an event of interest and one in which seven young ladies and gentlemen will close the last chapter of their lives in the schoolrooms of Patton. As this is the first class to graduate from the public schools of this place much interest is naturally manifested and the members of the graduating class will make their debut to an audience which will share with them the pleasure of witnessing the presentation to these young people of their well deserved diplomas.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered in the first M. E. church on Sunday evening by Rev. Witman. Careful preparations have been made for a most enjoyable evening's entertainment, the class being assisted by some of the best local talent of Patton as given in the following programme:

1. Music.
2. Invocation.
3. Music.
4. Essay. "Higher Education for Girls." Minnie Mai Holter.
5. Piano Solo. Miss Helen Prindible.
6. Essay. "Heroism of Scholarship." Clara Cecelia Myers.
7. Duet. Miss Flick and Mrs. Barton.
8. "Class History." Miss Virginia Dale.
9. Piano Duet. Miss Minnie and Jas. Gillicie.
10. Oration. "Character of Washington." Walter James Mellon.
11. Piano Solo. Miss Rachel Sandford.
12. "Class Prophecy." Sara Jayn Holter.
13. Piano Solo. Miss Mamie Jones.
14. Essay. "Libraries." Miss Carrie Crowell.
15. Quartette. Misses Flick and Noonan, Messrs. Dinsmore and Gillicie.
16. Oration, with Valedictory. "Nihil sine labor est." Mervyn R. Lewis.
17. Piano Duet. Miss Minnie and Jas. Gillicie.
18. Vocal Solo. Miss Iona Sandford.
19. Presentation of Diplomas. William H. Sandford.
20. Vocal Solo. "Madrienne." Miss Cecelia Flick.
21. Address. Supt. Thos. J. Fulton.
22. Piano Solo. Miss Lida Gregg.
23. Benediction.

### GRADUATES.

Minnie Mai Holter.  
Clara Cecelia Myers.  
Carrie C. Crowell.  
Virginia Dale.  
Sara Jayn Holter.  
Mervyn Ralph Lewis.  
Walter James Mellon.

### ADMISSION.

Adults, 25c  
Children under 12 yrs. 15c

Edwin G. Dumm heard from. The Carrolltown News says that Valentine Dumm received a short note from his son Edwin, who was injured in a wreck on a western railroad on the 12th of April. The note was written with his left hand. It states that his right arm was broken in three places, his left leg was also broken and he was considerably injured about the head. He says he is well cared for and hopes to pull through. Mr. Dumm was unable however, to reach by mail the doctor who first sent word of the young man's injuries, as he did not state at which of the six or more hospitals in Quincy he was being cared for.

### Superintendents' Salaries.

The salaries allowed school superintendents differ materially. For instance, Montgomery county pays \$2,500 a year, Chester \$2,000, Lancaster \$2,500, Clinton \$1,500, Delaware \$1,800, Columbia \$1,500, Centre \$1,500, Westmoreland \$2,500, Juniata \$1,000, Mercer \$1,500, Berks \$2,000, Carbon \$1,500, Lebanon \$1,700, Cumberland \$1,700, Clearfield \$2,000, Erie \$1,900, Adams \$1,200, York \$2,000, Lycoming \$2,000, Cambria \$1,700.

### Patton Cemetery Co. Notice.

All persons who occupied ground in Highland cemetery for graves prior to August 16, 1898, and have not paid for the same are hereby notified that in order to preserve record and location of their graves, and title to the ground, it will be necessary to arrange the matter with the Cemetery Co. before May 17th, 1899. To enable us to complete improvements and grading now being done the location of a few of the graves must be changed.

PATTON CEMETERY CO.,  
E. C. Brown, Mgr.

### BOROUGH FATHERS' MEETING.

Bridges Needing Repairs.—Communication From Burgess Prindible.

Patton Borough Council met in regular session Monday evening, May 8th, with the following members present as per roll call: Hubbard, Anderson, McCormick, Blair, Cordell and Campbell. The minutes of regular meeting held Monday night, May 1st, were read and approved.

E. P. McCormick, of the Street Committee, reported that bridge on Fifth avenue, near Dr. Noonan's property, and the one on West Magee avenue were in an unsafe condition and that Council should take immediate action for the repairing of same.

President Hubbard stated that it would be advisable for the members to meet Tuesday evening, May 9th, and inspect said bridges and return to council chambers and take the necessary action.

W. T. Robinson was present and stated that in order to reach an amicable settlement with the Borough he would reduce bill \$10.00 and accept the balance, \$15.00, for work done on East Magee avenue. Council ordered same paid.

A communication from A. E. Patton, of Curwensville, relative to old log house, was read. Mr. Patton stated that he would meet Council at the earliest possible convenience.

On motion of McCormick and seconded by Blair, it was carried that the Borough Engineer be instructed to give most desirable route and make profile for sewer on Fifth avenue from Magee to west side of Russell avenue.

A communication from Borough Engineer was read stating that Borough would have to purchase several different castings to be used in the paving of Magee avenue; that property owners making sewer taps should tamp ground in filling in ditch. The communication also stated that several of the telephone poles were too far out on said street and would interfere with the curbing.

On motion of Cordell and seconded by Campbell, it was carried that all property owners on Magee avenue from Fifth avenue to P. H. R. be instructed to make sewer taps at once; that the Patton Water company run water taps to all vacant lots on said street before the paving is completed; that the Central District and Printing Telegraph company be notified to move poles in off line of curbing; that Mr. Brown get prices on the several castings needed for use in paving.

On motion of Campbell and seconded by Blair, it was carried that the following resolution be adopted as read:

"Whereas, the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Patton have ordained and laid out and opened a street in said Borough, extending from Fifth avenue to the works of the Patton Clay Mfg. company; and whereas, there is a building occupying a portion of said street, known as the 'old log house,' same being the property of A. E. Patton, trustee, that it is the desire to have said house removed and street opened to full width, and inasmuch as the said A. E. Patton, trustee, by his duly appointed agent, E. C. Brown, has objected to the removal of said building; it is therefore resolved that the Burgess and Clerk of Council, be, and are, hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a bond, in the sum of \$200.00, in the name of the Borough of Patton, to the said A. E. Patton, trustee, conditioned for the payment of such damages as shall be adjudged due the said A. E. Patton, trustee, by reason of the removal of said building and widening of the street aforesaid."

"Should the said A. E. Patton fail to accept said bond, then the same shall be presented to the Courts of Cambria county for their approval and be filed in the Prothonotary's office for the use of the said A. E. Patton, trustee.

"And the Street Commissioner is directed, after said bond has been duly executed and presented approved by the Court aforesaid, to go upon the premises and remove said building from the street aforesaid."

A petition signed by several citizens was presented to Council, praying for sewer on Magee avenue to be lowered so as to afford drainage to the cellars of properties on the south side of said street, and on motion of McCormick and seconded by Anderson, it was carried that the same be tabled.

The following communication was read, and on motion of Campbell, seconded by McCormick, it was carried that same be accepted, put on file and action be deferred until next meeting:

"To the Borough Council of Patton, Pa.: In view of the financial condition of the Borough Treasury and from a careful study of the imperative needs of the corporation of improvements in our streets, sewers, and other public or

quasi-public utilities, this communication is respectfully submitted for your action.

"Attention has been called by many taxpayers to the condition of streets in several portions of the Borough, where partially opened streets and alleys, and in other cases practically no outlet from their properties, which in justice to these, who contribute pro rata by taxation, should be remedied at the earliest possible date.

"For safety to the traveling public, and also as a protection to the Borough from a financial standpoint, the temporary bridges on Fifth avenue, between Kerr and Lang avenues, and on Magee avenue, near Sixth avenue, should be repaired, or preferably replaced by substantial and permanent improvements, which could be done at this time at a minimum cost to the Borough.

"The general condition of the Borough highways is much below the absolute need of the traffic thereon.

"In view also of the fact that the Borough is obliged to construct and maintain sidewalks, when the property owners fail to do so, considerable work should now be done in this line for the better protection of life and limb and the Borough ordinance in this connection be rigorously enforced in all portions of the Borough.

"While this expense must eventually be borne by the particular property benefitted, in nearly all cases the Borough must make the immediate outlay of cash, and await the collection of same, generally by the slow process of law.

"The same applies also to the construction of sewers, which are rightly considered the most important improvements to be made, and should be immediately prosecuted in such districts as have petitioned for same and would further suggest that the recommendations of the Board of Health for the sewerage of such districts as may not have petitioned in the usual manner, be fully investigated and when found to be a necessity to the health or sanitary conditions of the Borough, be constructed from the general fund and the benefits be assessed in the manner prescribed by the Act of Assembly.

"These conditions are more or less familiar to each individual member of your body, and are rehearsed here only to the more important items of expense, as a preface to the recommendations to follow.

"The Borough Treasury is without funds and reference to the last statement issued by the Borough Treasurer and Auditors will explain our inability to carry out these necessary improvements.

"It is also unreasonable that the burden of these improvements, permanent in character, should be borne entirely by the taxation of any single year, and be of equal benefit to residents ten, twenty or fifty years hence.

"In like manner it is not the best policy to make only temporary structures for this year at the lowest cost and poorest workmanship, only to be replaced next year with like structures, and eventually after years of excessive taxation have practically what we have to-day—nothing.

"I would therefore recommend to your body, that a special election be called at the earliest practicable date, to submit to the suffrages of the people, the advisability of issuing bonds to run ten to twenty years, of such an amount as you deem requisite to carry out the improvements necessary and likewise to refund the Borough bonds now outstanding to the amount of \$7,600 bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, as the information I have from authoritative sources justifies the supposition that bonds bearing 4 per cent. interest can be sold at par and perhaps at a premium.

"Provisions should also be made for the payment of outstanding orders, which likewise bear 6 per cent. interest, after acceptance by Borough Treasurer.

"To sum up, we have a bonded indebtedness of \$7,600 at an annual interest charge of \$450, and in addition thereto we pay probably \$50 more or less annually on Borough orders, or a total interest charge of upwards of \$500 per annum. We have probably \$600 or \$700 of unpaid orders issued.

"The improvements contemplated above, roughly estimated, will require about \$3,000 to \$3,500.

"Provisions should therefore be made to cover the above enumerated items, and also provide for a reasonable working balance to carry on such work other than above as is needed, a total of probably of \$12,000, the interest charge on which would be less than we are now paying and would put our affairs on a business basis.

"The rate of taxation for interest and debt account would not of necessity be increased, only for the purpose of earlier redemption of the obligations and the millage for Borough purposes

proper could be reduced to a greater extent, and on the whole would give us sufficient funds to carry out the improvements needed, benefit the present generation as well as the succeeding, make the Borough orders worth 100 cents on the dollar and reduce the rate of taxation to an appreciable extent.

GEO. E. PRINDIBLE,  
"Burgess."

The bill of W. T. Robinson was then presented and on motion of Winslow and seconded by Anderson, it was carried that same be accepted and order drawn for the amount—\$15.00.

The following applications for the position of Chief Police were received: P. J. Hartsog, W. P. Jackson, W. J. Gill, W. T. Robinson and S. E. Jones. Five ballots were taken, all resulting in a failure to make a choice—Gill and Jones having three votes each on every ballot.

Council then adjourned to meet on regular meeting night, Monday, May 15th, at 8 p. m.

### Two Bills Signed.

Governor Stone, Attorney General Elkin and Senator Mitchell are carefully going over the bills awaiting the executive's signature. The Governor Thursday signed two more measures left by the Legislature. One is House Bill 492, appropriating \$200,000 to cover the deficiency in the fund for the care of the indigent insane. The executive also attached his signature to the Butter Bill, which provides that all packages of butter made by working of stale butter and adding skimmed milk and other ingredients shall be plainly marked with the word "Renovated." There was a big fight in the Legislature on the passage of the bill, a determined attempt having been made to have the term "new process" used instead of "renovated." Major Levi Wells, of the pure food commission, who coined the latter term and helped frame and pass the bill, regards the signature of the bill as a great victory for pure food in the State.

### Obituary.

The funeral of Major J. A. Wolfe, whose death occurred at Mount Lake Park, Md., on Tuesday, the 2d inst., took place at Philipsburg on Thursday under the auspices of Moshannon Lodge, No. 391, F. and A. M., of which order deceased was a member. Major Wolfe was for several years proprietor of the Palmer house of this place and was highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities. In 1861 he enlisted in the famous Bucktail regiment and during his service of four and one-half years was promoted to the rank of Major. He was aged 59 years and is survived by a daughter and two sons. The Major had many warm personal friends in Patton who learn with sorrow of his sudden demise.

### Donahay Gully.

Much surprise was created at the trial of W. A. Donahay, ex-assistant postmaster at Barnesboro, who was charged with embezzling more than \$4,000 from the post office at that place when he was arranged in United States court at Pittsburg, by his counsel the Hon. J. D. Hicks, of Altoona entering a plea of no defense. The plea was accepted by the court and several witnesses were examined to determine the character of the crime. It was developed at the trial that at the time of his appointment to office the firm of Donahay Brothers, of which he was a member, was deeply involved in debt.

### Apportionment of Delegates.

Republican State Chairman Elkins has caused to be prepared the apportionment of delegates to the State convention based on the vote cast for Governor last year. For this section the apportionment is as follows: Blair, 3; Bedford, 2; Cambria, 3; Clearfield, 2; Indiana, 2; Somerset, 2; Westmoreland, 5. The total apportionment for the State is 243. Philadelphia gets 64 and Allegheny 22.

### Grand Opening.

The grand opening of Patton Fire Company's Park will take place on Tuesday, May 30th, when a grand dance will be held in the afternoon and evening. Refreshments will be served on the grounds. Finest music in the country has been secured. Everybody invited.

### Ordinance for the Printer.

Punkstunbury borough has passed an ordinance prohibiting any person from out of town taking orders for printing in that place without first taking out a license.

### Property for Sale.

A valuable property, consisting of a good 2-story frame building used as a store and residence, with first-class basement, situated on Fifth avenue. Splendid well on premises. Also good out-buildings. Will be sold at a reasonable figure. Call on or address JOHN GAGLIARDI, Patton, Pa.

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