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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Gleaned Here and There by the "Courier" Reporter.

COUNCIL IN SESSION.

Several Bills Ordered Paid—Other Business Transacted.

Patton Borough Council met in adjourned session Thursday evening, May 24th, with the following members present: President Campbell, Anderson, McCormick, Cordell, Winslow, Hartshorne and Cornelius. Minutes of meeting held Monday evening, May 21, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner stating that it was impossible for him to get men to work on the street at 15 cents per hour, as they asked for 17 cents. On motion of Cornelius, seconded by McCormick, it was carried that the Street Commissioner be instructed to pay men 17 cents per hour, and that his (Street Commr's) wages be advanced to 22 cents per hour.

The following bills were read and on motion of Cornelius, seconded by Anderson, it was carried that same be erected houses, said houses facing on Terra Cotta avenue.

On motion of McCormick, seconded by Hartshorne, it was carried that council hire R. McPherson to prepare 1900 duplicate.

On motion of Winslow, seconded by Anderson it was carried that the sections of a Borough Engineer be held over until next meeting night.

On motion of McCormick, seconded by Winslow, it was carried that L. Goldstein be exonerated of assessment on Fifth avenue sewer.

On motion of McCormick, seconded by Cornelius, it was carried by a vote of three to two that W. H. Sandford be exonerated one-half of Palmer avenue sewer assessment.

O. H. Winslow asked council to exonerate him of assessment on Beech avenue sewer, as said sewer was not deep enough to be of any benefit to him, even though he would build a house on front of lot.

On motion of Hartshorne, seconded by Anderson it was carried that council adjourn.

Died Saturday Evening.

Ella, wife of Martin Link, died Saturday evening at her home in Clearfield township, after an illness of but 26 hours, at the age of 42 years. Mrs. Link had been in Patton Friday doing some shopping and returned home in the best of health, but about 6 o'clock she was taken ill, and passed away 26 hours later, as above stated. Besides an aged mother and several sisters, she is survived by a husband and ten children. Mrs. Link was a kind wife and a loving mother, and had a large circle of friends who were shocked to hear of her sudden demise. After funeral services conducted in the St. Augustine Catholic church, the remains were laid to rest in the church cemetery nearby.

Monday's Eclipse.

The much talked of solar eclipse of the sun occurred Monday between 8 and 10 o'clock a. m. The sky was clear, with the exception of a few light fleeces which would pass over the eclipse occasionally, and every where in Patton you could see people looking at the phenomena through smoked glasses. It was about two-thirds total in this section, and during the eclipse it was quite dark. Several years will pass before the citizens of this county will again witness the solar eclipse.

Received a Soda Fountain.

H. T. Peters, proprietor of the City Restaurant, on Monday received a new counter soda fountain. It is a beauty and Mr. Peters states that in a few days he will be ready to supply the public with that refreshing drink. He invites every Pattonite, also those who are not Pattonites, to call and see his new fountain.

For Rent.

A store room 21x50 feet, situated on Fifth avenue. Call on or address A. T. Cornelius, Patton, Pa.—261f.

THE TIME LIMIT REMOVED

Methodist Churches May Keep Pastor as Long as They Please.

With the election of Bishops and the important question of admitting women to the General Conference disposed of, the Methodist General Conference last Wednesday resumed the discussion of the pastorage time limit. It was expected that this question would be settled before the close of the morning session.

Discussion that morning was mainly over the minority report of the Committee, which provided for a five-year extension of the pastorage only on a three-fourths vote of a Quarterly Conference, which one speaker declared to be a "vicious proposition," and an amendment was offered by Secretary D. S. Morone, substituting the word "three" for "five" in Section 3 of Paragraph 173 of the Discipline, thus returning to the three-year limit, but with the provision that the pastorage may be extended for periods of three years by a majority of a Quarterly Conference.

The Conference voted to abolish the time limit on pastorage.

After a spirited discussion, the Committee on Book Concerns adopted a report directing the managers of the church's book depositories to close out their stock of miscellaneous books and confine the business to the distribution of Methodist literature. This will mean the closing of the book stores now operated in Boston, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, and San Francisco.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Rev. Alexander Preached a Fine Sermon to G. A. R. Members.

On Sunday the members of Lieut. Peter Kaylor Post, accompanied by a large turnout of Red Men and Knights of the Golden Eagle, attended Memorial services in the First Baptist Church where the pastor, Rev. Alexander, delivered a fine sermon. The line of march was headed by the American flag and Concord Grange Band. When one stops to think how these brave men fought for the preservation of our grand Union, he knows that not many years hence the Grand Army members will all have answered to the great roll call. Several have passed away here since the organization of the Post. So in honor of the dead heroes it is the duty of the American citizens to give a stronger helping hand to the Grand Army each year for the proper observance of Memorial Day, as it's ranks grow weaker as time passes.

On Memorial Day (Wednesday) the Post at Patton went to Carrolltown, where appropriate ceremonies were conducted and all soldier's graves decorated.

Wandering Through the Woods.

The following is clipped from the Mountain News column of the Pittsburg dispatch: "An individual, apparently demented, has been wandering through the woods in the neighborhood of Conemaugh Furnace, and has attracted the attention of the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad on numerous occasions. Officer Michael Sullivan, of Johnstown, was sent down to Conemaugh Furnace yesterday morning in an attempt to locate the fellow, but he was unsuccessful. This afternoon another report comes from that place to the effect that the man was seen, but that he had fled through the forests, when effort was made to capture him."

Leave a Hotel.

James Rush, the well-known railroad conductor, formerly on the Ebensburg Branch, but lately located at Glen Campbell, and George M. Schell, formerly proprietor of the Lafayette House, at Hastings this county, have leased for a period of five years the Crone Hotel, at South Fork. They are to take charge June 18th, and in the meantime the hotel will be closed, pending the transfer of license. Both gentlemen are known by many Patton people, who wish them much success in their new location.

Married Wednesday.

Squire Boone said the words yesterday that unite for life Alfred Erskon and Miss Sena Holm, both of Patton. The ceremony took place at the residence of Charles Olson, on Fifth avenue, in the presence of a number of friends. The bride and groom are both well-known and highly respected in this place, where they will immediately take up the duties of housekeeping. Congratulations are extended.

Strawberries and Cream.

The Ladies of the Baptist church will hold a strawberry and ice-cream festival in the church on Tuesday evening June 5, also sandwiches and coffee will be served. Come one, come all and have a pleasant time.

CAMBRIA COUNTY TOWN SOLD.

Capitalists Purchase Frugality and Rich Coal Lands.

A million dollar deal consummated in Philadelphia Saturday involves the sale of the entire town of Frugality, this county, and opens the way for immense coal developments, the transfer involving one of the richest tracts of coal land in Pennsylvania.

The transaction involves the extensive holdings of Supreme Justice John Dean, heretofore operated under the title of the Frugality Coal & Coke company. The price is understood to have been something in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

The new concern will be known as the Cresson & Clearfield Coal & Coke company. Its officers are: State Senator J. Henry Cochran, Williamsport, president; P. A. B. Widener, Philadelphia, vice-president; E. A. Ballard, of the law firm of Shapely & Coke, Philadelphia, secretary and treasurer; W. L. Elkins, Thomas Dolan and P. A. B. Widener, Philadelphia, and Senator C. L. Magee and J. L. Rhodes, Pittsburg, directors. P. H. Walls, the president of the old company, becomes manager and selling agent for the new concern. The offices will be moved from the Rothschilds building to the Land Title & Trust company's building, Broad and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia.

Included in the deal are 10,000 acres of coal and extensive mining operations. The town of Frugality, where the old company owned every foot of ground and every building, passes bodily into the hands of the new concern. It contains 150 houses, a large department store, two churches, three schools, a large hotel, and a town hall. The new company will spend \$500,000 to enlarge the mining and coke-making plants.

This is the first case in Central Pennsylvania where a whole town, including the churches and schools, has changed ownership in a day. Frugality is on the line of the Cresson & Coalport branch of the Pennsylvania railroad. The road was built by Justice Dean in 1888, and was operated by him until 1894, when he sold it to the Pennsylvania railroad. The line is 27 miles in length and hauls more coal to the mile than any other branch of the Pennsylvania system.

North Cambria Enumerators.

John Murphy, Loretto; Maggie Murphy, Loretto (substitute); Thomas H. Myers, Ashville; Ellis L. Glasgow, Glasgow (substitute); I. K. Myers, Barnesboro; Richard D. Evans, Vetsia; William R. George, Belsano; Leighton Rowland, Vetsia; Ed. D. Brawley, Carrolltown; Joseph V. Maucher, Carrolltown; R. McPherson, Patton; Geo. P. Dunegan, St. Augustine; Oliver Evans, Ebensburg; John Gittings, Dearmin, (substitute); William A. Libby, Hastings; Peter V. Able, (substitute); Jacob Yeckley, Gallatin; H. J. Conway, Elsie; John A. Gray, Dearmin; Levi D. Shaffer, Lilly; Myra Richardson, Ebensburg; James Bell, Portage; Joseph C. Lanfer, Portage; Patrick Flunkett, Gallatin; John A. Lord, Hastings.

A Double Misfortune.

On Sunday last Henry W. Fox, Sr., of near this place, underwent an operation in a hospital at Philadelphia, in which he had his leg removed. Last winter Mr. Fox went to Philadelphia to visit a son-in-law and while there it is supposed he froze his leg. It constantly got worse and at last gangrene set in, and the operation on Sunday was necessary to save his life. Sometime ago he underwent an operation in Altoona and had one of his legs taken off, and now in losing the other he is doubly unfortunate. Jacob A. Hoover, a son-in-law of Mr. Fox went to Philadelphia to be present at the operation.—Carrolltown News.

Dug His Wife's Grave.

A man lived in a farming community in McKean county. His wife died. He was poor and could not afford to hire a man to dig a grave. The neighbors knew the circumstances and yet they made no effort to help the bereaved husband whose best friend had ceased to live. He was compelled by adversity and the indifference of his neighbors to dig his wife's grave and bury her.

Baptist Church Services.

First Baptist church M. C. Alexander pastor. Preaching next Sunday June 3 at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Influence of a Christian Nation." Evening subject, "Which is Most Helpful, Money or Friendship."

Wanted.

A Borough Engineer for Patton. Address James Gillice, Borough Clerk, Patton, Pa.

Look for our special offers in next issue of the COURIER, and also hand bills. ED. A. MELLON.

WILL THE CENSUS TELL US?

Is Our People Advancing or Receding?

6,000,000 HOME OWNERS

In the United States—The Following is of Interest to Every Citizen.

How are we to know whether our civilization is advancing or receding, whether the condition of the present generation is more comfortable and refined than that of the preceding generation, whether, as a nation, we are better off than we were fifty years ago? Statesmen and economists have suggested several standards by which to judge: The per capita wealth, the percentage of illegitimate births, the position and treatment of women, the rate of illiteracy, and the ownership of property, particularly of farms and homes. Of these standards the last two seem by far the most practicable, and accordingly Congress has directed the Census Office to ascertain how many months each scholar has attended school during the preceding year, what proportion of the people can read, write, and speak English, how many families own their homes or farms, how many rent them, how many own them subject to mortgage or other incumbrance. In the coming census, every territorial division of the country and every separate element of the population will have a chance to show what portion of their number own their homes and what portion can read or write.

The practical applications of these tests or standards are found in their employment as suffrage qualifications. People differ about the relative merits, as suffrage qualification, of the ownership of property and the ability to read and write, but there is no doubt of the immense significance and importance of the two classes of facts. In France, in 1881, there were about 1,500,000 owners of land; England with about the same population, had only 325,000 land owners, while the United States occupied an intermediate position with a population about 70 per cent greater than that of France and a little over 6,000,000 families who owned their homes or farms. No one can doubt the significance of these figures in explaining social conditions in France and England and the United States. They represent the difference between our land system of large land holding in England, and that of large proprietorship in France.

It is hard to overestimate the value of such information and the interest felt in it by statesmen and social students in general. Take the race question, for instance, as a single illustration of a large class of similar questions. In 1880, 70 per cent of the colored population was illiterate, while in 1890 this proportion was less than 57 per cent. Not only did the proportion of colored illiterates decrease between 1880 and 1890, but the absolute number of such persons diminished. Whether the colored population will make as admirable a showing in 1900 is a question of the utmost significance.

The territorial distribution of the illiterate population is another question of great interest. In 1890 the percentage of illiteracy in the North Atlantic States was 6.19, in the South Atlantic States 30.89; in the North Central States the rate was 5.70, in the South Central group 29.73. In the last ten years the South has had a magnificent industrial development. Whether this material progress has resulted in a higher state of education; whether the benefits of progress have been shared by the masses, or have been secured mainly by the richer classes, are questions which will be partly answered by the statistics of illiteracy in the Southern States for 1900.

Another problem of great importance is the increase of tenancy, as opposed to the ownership of real property. From 1880 to 1890 the number of farm tenants in the United States increased at least 38 per cent. The increase was general, but greater in the South Atlantic and South Central divisions of the United States than in other parts of the country. In general the thirteen original states, rich in wealth, trade and manufactures, are those in which the percentage of ownership of farms and homes is lowest, and in keeping with this fact, statistics of tenancy show almost universally that tenancy is most common where land is most valuable. With the exception of the Italians, foreign-born persons of every nationality exceed the Americans in the degree of farm ownership. Each State, county, and city, the

German population, the Italian population, and every other element of our people has a distinct interest in seeing that the statistics of literacy and ownership which apply to them are correctly represented in the next census. There are the standards according to which they will inevitably be judged.

Counterfeiters Sentenced.

Judge Buffington, in the United States district court at Pittsburg, Friday, pronounced, sentence upon Samuel Bennett, Joseph McCauley and Patrick McCormick, the Blairsville counterfeiters. Bennett, found guilty of making moulds for counterfeiting United States coins, was given fifteen months in the western penitentiary; McCauley, who turned state's evidence against Bennett and confessed to having aided him in his operation as well as having passed some of the spurious coins, was sentenced to twelve months and one day in the same institution, and McCormick convicted of having interfered with a revenue officer while engaged in the performance of his duty, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500, and costs.

Will Soon be Ready.

The new road book of Pennsylvania, that will gladden the hearts of all members of the Pennsylvania Division of the L. A. W., is now in the printer's hands, and will be ready for distribution to every member of this division by about June 5. The new book will cover more than two-thirds of the State, and will moreover be the largest and most complete road book ever arranged by this division, which means the best in the whole League. Wheelmen who have no means of otherwise securing this valuable road book should lose no time in becoming members, as this book alone will be worth many times the dollar a year dues in the L. A. W.

Extending the Pension Fund.

All the lines controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad company will, after January 1, 1901, have a pension fund similar to that now in force on the Pennsylvania Railroad company's old lines. The relief department of the lines west of Pittsburg and Erie has been in force for a number of years, and it has been decided to take care of the employes of the whole system who have been employed a certain number of years. At the meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania company, held in Philadelphia Wednesday, preliminary action looking to putting the pension fund into effect on January 1 next, was taken.

Leg Broken.

Walter, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Boyer, of West Magee avenue, had the misfortune to have his left leg broken about six inches from the hip. The lad was riding with Jos. O'Leary on a load of mine props when, in some unknown manner, he slipped and fell under the wagon one of the rear wheels passing over his limb with the above stated results. Drs. Murray and Dowler reduced the fracture.

Vote of Thanks Extended.

At the regular meeting of the Patton Fire Co. No. 1, held Tuesday evening, it was unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be extended to E. C. Brown, superintendent of Chest Creek Land & Improvement Co., for the liberal donation of \$81.89 he made to said company on the Park east of town.

Bank Must Stand Loss.

The State Supreme Court, with two Justices dissenting in a decision rendered in Philadelphia the first of last week, held that a bank or trust company paying a check endorsed with a forged signature must stand the loss of the amount of the check.

Bridge Letting.

Sealed proposals for the erection of an Iron Bridge over Little Chest Creek in the Borough of Patton will be received at the County Commissioner's Office, Ebensburg, Pa., until 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, June 12th, 1900. All bids to be accompanied by bond for the amount of the bid as a guarantee of good faith on part of bidders. Separate bids for Masonry and Superstructure will be required.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the County Commissioner's Office.

Successful bidders will be required to give bond in double the amount of the bid for faithful performance of contract.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

BENJ. JONES,
ABRAHAM HUBBARD,
T. W. SHEEHAN,
Co. Com'rs.

JOHN C. GATES, Clerk.
Com'rs Office, Ebg., May 21, 1900.

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