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## BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM IN NORTHERN CAMBRIA COUNTY.

### SHOOK THE PLUM TREE!

The Municipal Fruit Fell in all But One Instance.

### NO CLERK WAS CHOSEN

McCormick Was Present and Voted for Merriman for Chief of Police, Defeating Gill, the Present Incumbent—Robinson Was Elected Street Commissioner Over Storm—Other Business.

There was the proverbial "hot time" at the municipal building Monday evening. The new council succeeded in getting partially organized and elected all the salaried officers except clerk. Wesley Merriman succeeds W. J. Gill as Chief of Police, W. T. Robinson has the place of ex-Street Commissioner Hiram Wilkins, and Wm. H. Sandford, Renel Somerville and H. C. Yergler succeed themselves as Treasurer, Solicitor and Engineer respectively.

The fun commenced promptly at 8 o'clock, when Cordell named Winslow for temporary chairman and Campbell nominated Gillmore for temporary clerk. Messrs. Probert and McCormick, two of the Republican councilmen, were absent at this time and Hartshorne and Gould had their hats on their heads and overcoats in their arms prepared to make a break for the door and break the quorum at the same time, if an attempt has been made to make the temporary organization permanent. McCormick and Probert came in a few minutes and the incident was closed.

Balloting was continued from the last meeting for a candidate for president of council and resulted in the selection of Hartshorne by a vote of 4 to 3. McCormick, Gould and Probert voted for the winner. Cordell and Winslow voted for Campbell. The vote was so close that both Hartshorne and Campbell felt compelled to give themselves a complimentary vote.

The selection of a clerk came next and the applications of Jas. M. Gillmore, the present incumbent, Frank McClure and Clarence A. Repsher were read. Cordell, Campbell and Winslow voted for Gillmore and Hartshorne, Probert and Gould for McClure. McCormick was for Repsher, after inquiring his cognomen.

Cordell stated that he did not think it right or just for an officer to audit his own accounts, and as McClure was one of the borough auditors, was of the opinion that his selection would be a grave mistake.

The second ballot resulted the same and the third and fourth likewise, with the exception that McCormick did not vote.

For street commissioner three names were presented, A. G. Storm, J. J. Sperry and W. T. Robinson. The latter was elected by a vote of 4 to 3. Hartshorne, Probert, Gould and Winslow voted for the winner, while McCormick, Cordell and Campbell named Storm.

The election of a chief-of-police being next in order, a petition was presented signed by forty business men, asking for the retention of the present officer. Wesley Merriman's name was also presented. A lively passage of words resulted before the ballot was taken. McCormick paid a tribute to the efficiency of Mr. Gill, but left no doubt as to how he intended to vote by saying that "the other man might prove just as good."

Cordell thought the petition presented by the business men ought to have considerable weight in selecting the officer, while Probert interjected the remark that the business men were no better than the coal miners, and the latter wanted Merriman.

### NO STRIKE THIS YEAR

Coal Mining Scale was Signed by Miners and Operators.

There will be no strike in the Beech Creek coal district this year, and the prospects for a big boom in this section are brighter than ever. The operators and miners finished their conference at Altoona Saturday, and by both giving and taking a little this excellent result was achieved. The scale was signed by the committee composed of the following:

Operators, L. W. Robinson, Punxsutawney; James Kerr, Clearfield; R. A. Shillingford, Clearfield; Frank Wigton, Philadelphia; J. D. Hedding, Morrisdale; J. L. Spangler, Bellefonte; R. M. Peale, Clearfield; James Minds, Houtzdale; W. Haverstick, Philadelphia; J. L. Lee, Philipsburg.

Miners, Thomas Craig, Punxsutawney; Alexander Watson, Reynoldsville; Timothy Pischford, South Fork; R. W. Salkeld, Six Mile Run; William Moore, Barnesboro; George Sinclair, Patton; Edward Moore, Rath's Run; Patrick Gilday, Morrisdale; Thomas Strad, Oacoola; M. A. Young, Six Mile Run. The scale was also signed by Bernard Rice, of Dubois, president of United Mine Workers of America, from April 1, 1901, to March 31, 1902.

The price of pick mining to be 60 cents per gross ton of its equivalent, 63 1/2 cents per net ton. Machine loading to be five-ninths of the mining price, plus one-half cent amounting to 33 1/2 cents per gross ton or its equivalent, 30 cents per net ton. The price paid for machine cutting and scrapping to remain the same as last year.

Operators of machines now receive from \$2.70 to \$3.00 per day or from 10 to 12 cents per ton. Drivers and day laborers are to be paid the same as last year. The former receive from \$2.25 to \$2.40 and the latter from \$2 to \$2.25.

The operators will make such collections through the office as the employees shall authorize. The scale having been signed the miners held a meeting and ratified the action of the scale committee. The session was a harmonious one and when it drew to a close John Whitcomb arose and in a clear tenor voice began singing "Auld Lang Syne." The delegates joined in and brought the convention to an end.

George Wilson, of Patton, is a member of the new executive board, and Fred Mitchell is on the credential committee.

The scale asked for by the miners was 60 cents per ton for pick mining, a two-third differential or 40 cents per ton for machine mining, a dead yard scale asking 50 cents on square yard for cutting top and lifting bottom, 5 cents additional for all coal under a four-foot vein and one cent additional for coal under a three-foot vein.

The operators' scale asked for a modified scale to meet the lower wages and adverse competition and conditions of other fields, which practically meant a pick rate of 55 cents.

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### INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER.

Truman Found Guilty After a Trial and Suits Plead Guilty.

Jacob Truman was placed on trial for manslaughter yesterday afternoon on account of the shooting of Jos. R. Patterson at this place last Christmas night. John Gantz, of Patton, the father-in-law of the dead man, was the prosecutor. The COURIER has several times given the details of the case. In the prosecution the district attorney was assisted by Attorney David Somerville of this place, while J. T. McVicker, of Ebensburg, looked after the interests of the defendant.

Eli Starn, who was with Truman when the shooting occurred, was the first witness and swore to trying to sell the revolver at the Palmer House Christmas day. At that time he had snatched the weapon and was satisfied that it was empty. In this he was corroborated by Jack Scheid, the bartender. Dr. W. L. Dawler, Frank Kinkaid, Wesley Merriman and ex-Chief of Police Gill also testified.

Truman went on the stand in his own defense, and after stating that he and Patterson were warm friends sprang a new point when he said the shooting happened when he stumbled in walking along. He claimed he threw up his hand and that in some way the revolver was exploded. Starn's testimony differed just a trifle from this.

The jury was out but a short time when it brought in a verdict of "guilty as indicted." At this writing he has not been sentenced. The maximum penalty is \$1,000 fine and imprisonment in the penitentiary for 2 years.

Starn pled guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons and was sentenced to pay the costs, amounting to something over \$20.

In both of the pure food cases against A. E. Kelly a verdict was recorded against that gentleman.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. John Nagle, a verdict of not guilty was recorded, but he must pay one-third of the costs. The prosecutor, John Montgomery, will have to "sough up" the balance. Nagle was charged with tearing down a gate on Montgomery's property in Clearfield township. Nagle purchased his land from a man named Rhines, between whom and Montgomery there had been an agreement whereby Rhines was to cross Montgomery's land, using the gate in question. At this agreement contained no provision for revoking it, it was assumed to be perpetual, and when Nagle bought it was transferred to him by the seller, who apparently assured him that he would have the same privileges as his predecessor.

That arrangement was all right as long as it lasted, but trouble arose between Nagle and Montgomery, it seems, and when the former started to church one Sunday morning he found the gate locked. He promptly broke it open, and did so as often as he found his way barred. He said he believed he had a right to use the road that passed through it, and he had no other way of getting out except by crossing a creek, which he was very often unable to do. The prosecutor denied that he had ever nailed up the gate, but it came out that his wife and brother had done so with his consent.

Judge Barker handed down the license decisions Monday morning. The refusals were the smallest in a number of years, numbering but 21. The number of applications was also the smallest in a long time, being 211, of which 173 were withdrawn. This left 238 and the 22 refusals leave Cambria with 157 licensed houses for the year. The list of applications was published in a previous issue of the COURIER. Those refused in this case of the county follow:

Patton borough, C. A. Langbein, wholesale; Barnesboro borough, J. C. Barre, Globe Hotel, retail; Blacklick township, Samuel Groves, Nant-y-Glo, wholesale; Carrolltown borough, Andrew Lantry, Eckonode building, wholesale; Chesson township, E. J. McNally, St. Himo Hotel, Summit, retail; Saegonsburg township, F. J. Ryan, Byrnesville, retail.

The wholesale license of Jas. B. Winters, Carrolltown borough, was withdrawn.

The Grand Jury recommended that the county build and maintain a bridge over Reubaker Run in Elder township.

After hearing the evidence of the prosecution in the case, Judge Barker decided that the circumstances did not justify the conviction of William Wallace on the charge of manslaughter in causing the death of George Marsh at Ritter's Hotel, Barnesboro, last year. Marsh one day attempted to leap over Wallace, seated in a corner of the bar room. He landed on Wallace's neck, overbalanced, and fell over backwards, with Wallace who is the heavier man, on top of him. He was taken to the Johnstown hospital where he died. The whole happening seems to have been a mere accident and neither party was at fault.

### PATTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

What Prof. B. I. Myers Has to Say About the Same.

### REPORT FOR MONTH.

Names of Pupils Present Every Day—Per Cent and Average Attendance—Pertinent Remarks and Suggestions—No Waste of Interest.

The weather has been cold, but the attendance was as good as any month during the term. Interested pupils favor good attendance, and to the teacher is the interest due. Our efforts to promote the best interest of the work have been as concentrated as ever before. There is no waste of interest. Teachers are active, coherent and conscientious in the performance of their duties.

Personal criticism and the much availing encouragement on the part of the principal, well received on the part of the teacher, arouses anticipated activity in all lines of work. Principles, not prejudice in disguise, always elicit the co-operation of teachers in bringing about desired results. To the agreeable co-operation of teachers, directors and patrons does any public school owe its success. We want this element in the largest possible degree. You will aid us in bringing about desired conditions by visiting us frequently. During the past month we had a large number of interested visitors. Come again.

The report of attendance is appended:

First Primary.  
Number enrolled, 78; average in attendance, 38; per cent of attendance, 57. Those present every day: Mary Boback, Ellen Cline, Marguerite Dietrick, Mary Elms, Kitty Flynn, Hilda Karhlem, Laura Winslow, Elmer Cole, John Armstrong, Charles Idings, Orella Keith, James Ludsey, Richard Lloyd, Harry McNamara, Thomas Powell, Walter Thomas, Stephen Susco.

Elizabeth Shoemaker, Teacher.  
Second Primary.  
Number enrolled, 67; average attendance, 56; per cent of attendance, 83. Those present every day: Jas. Atsbury, John Bell, Russell Barton, Willie Elms, Mike Flynn, Joseph Hubbard, Harry Jenkins, Michael Jacobs, John Jones, John Litzinger, George Mitchell, Francis McCormick, David Nelson, John Rogers, Bert Williams, Wellwood Winslow, John White, James Zahurski, Cyril Fisher, Richard Morgan, Mary Holter, Alma Johnson, Ross Lodge, Hazel Lewis, Gertrude Lehman, Mary Poehatle, Mary Somich, Helen Yeckley.

Annie V. Earley, Teacher.  
Third Primary.  
Number enrolled, 63; average attendance, 65; per cent of attendance, 97. Present every day: Agnes Harper, Sennah Peters, Hilda Wasburg, Delia Holes, Emma Cramer, Ruth Cramer, Madeline Gagliardi, Annie Gutsky, Blanch McConnel, Elizabeth Summer-ville, Dora Fryckland, Annie Good, Patton Cramer, Joe Dodge, James Whiteford, Howard Yergler, Patrick Callahan, Martin Good, Tom Noonan, James Long, Crawford Nelson, Andy Shay, James Morgan, Joe Yingling, James White, Joe Delozier, Francis Brunner, George Radcliff.

H. ERTA W. HILLGROSS, Teacher.  
Fourth Primary.  
Present every day, 83; average attendance, 64; per cent of attendance, 94. Present every day: Mark Cline, Ed Greeninger, Nathan Goldstein, John Hodge, Frank Jacobs, John Monroe, John Northugol, Frank Noist, Richard Williams, Ed Mevinell, Ernest Cramer, Anquasta McConnel, Isaac Lloyd, Wm. Groupton, John Zahurski, Merrick Woutler, Aderek Weisner, Lillie Asstatt, Alice Boyle, Helen Bell, Lillie Boyle, Margaret Cummings, Annie Czerliski, Mary Crompton, Lucy Garwald, Helen Monrath, Genevieve McCormick, Margaret Mow, Annie Northugol, Eva Rogers, Grace Williams, Mary Williams.

Dorothy Surten, Teacher.  
First Intermediate.  
Number enrolled, 31; average attendance, 47; per cent of attendance 92. Present every day: James Hodgkins, George Jones, Robert Lindboom, Wm. Leach, Earl Mitchell, Thomas Peters, Perry Harper, John Powell, Andrew Sheka, Frank Wittsieg, Willie Whiteford, Irene Brewer, Florence Hoise, Alice Hartshorne, Margaret Korrs, Amanda Quinn, Justina Rhody, Mary Short, Lillian Williams, Ethel Yingling.

LORETO E. PRINDLE, Teacher.  
Second Intermediate.  
Number enrolled, 31; average attendance, 47; per cent of attendance 92. Present every day: James Hodgkins, George Jones, Robert Lindboom, Wm. Leach, Earl Mitchell, Thomas Peters, Perry Harper, John Powell, Andrew Sheka, Frank Wittsieg, Willie Whiteford, Irene Brewer, Florence Hoise, Alice Hartshorne, Margaret Korrs, Amanda Quinn, Justina Rhody, Mary Short, Lillian Williams, Ethel Yingling.

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