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## THE STEAM PLANT.

Exceptions Dismissed and Sale Confirmed by the Court.

In an opinion filed on Monday Judge Evans dismissed the exceptions filed by bondholders of the Steam Heating Plant to the confirmation of the sale made by the receiver. The opinion gives all the facts, and it is printed in full.

The Judge says:

"On June 30, 1890, the Bloomsburg Steam and Electric Light Company caused to be executed and recorded a first mortgage against its property to I. W. McKelvy and Wm. Neal, as Trustees to secure a series of bonds aggregating \$20,000. The exceptants are holders of some of these bonds. November 22, 1907, the receiver was authorized by decree of the Court to borrow the sum of \$1800 and issue certificates therefor which should be a first lien upon the property of the said company and should be first paid out of the proceeds of any sale of the property of the company. July 30, 1908, upon the petition of the receiver rule was granted upon I. W. McKelvy, the surviving trustee, for the bondholders named in said mortgage, to show cause why the property of the said company should not be sold freed and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage returnable August 3, 1908. By paper in writing bearing date July 28, 1908, I. W. McKelvy, the surviving trustee named in said mortgage, agreed that the real estate of the said company should be sold by the receiver freed and discharged from the lien of said mortgage. The question as to whether the surviving trustee had any right or power to make such agreement we will not pass upon at this time; neither is it material to the matter before the Court.

"Subsequent to the return of the rule on August 6, 1908, the Court ordered and decreed that the receiver, John M. Clark, make public sale of the real estate and franchise of the said company freed and discharged from all liens and incumbrances. Pursuant to said order and decree the receiver on the 24th of August, 1908, made return that after having given due notice as directed by the Court's order that he sold the real estate of the company free of all liens and incumbrances on August 22, 1908, to John T. Tracy and Arthur W. Sharpless for the sum of \$3600; that they were the highest and best bidders and that the highest and best price bid for same. The return of sale was confirmed nisi on the same day. August 28, 1908, the following exceptions were filed to the return of the sale: The undersigned, Paul E. Wirt, C. M. Creveling and William Masters, holders of bonds secured by a first lien mortgage on the real estate and franchise of the Bloomsburg Steam and Electric Light Company, hereby file exceptions to the confirmation absolute of the return of said sale because the receiver making said sale exposed and sold the same free of all liens and incumbrances. Whereas in point of fact the mortgage executed by the said company to I. W. McKelvy and William Neal, trustees, bearing date the 30th day of June, 1890, recorded in mortgage book 21, page 255, given to secure a series of bonds of \$20,000, of which the undersigned are holders of bonds, was the first lien upon said premises the lien of which mortgage was not, and could not have been discharged by said sale.

"Perhaps I. W. McKelvy, the surviving trustee for the holders of the mortgage bonds, secured by the

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## RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Mary G. Arment, mother of Dr. S. B. Arment, died at her home in Harrisburg last Friday, aged 83 years. Besides Dr. Arment, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Anna Breidenhart, and Mrs. A. S. Koser, both of whom reside in Harrisburg.

The remains were brought here on Monday and the funeral services were held in St. Paul's church, Rev. J. W. Diggles officiating.

ELISHA BRUGLER.

Elisha Brugler, an aged and respected citizen of this county, died at his home in Frosty Valley on Friday last at 7 o'clock, after a brief illness.

He was born on July 5, 1826, and spent his life at the Brugler homestead where he died. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and a good citizen.

He is survived by his widow, and a daughter, Mrs. Wilmer Girton, and the following sisters and brother: Mrs. Mary Warden, of Carthage, Mo.; Mrs. Martha Runyon of Bloomsburg; and J. K. Brugler of St. Louis, Mo. The late Peter Brugler of this town was a brother.

The funeral took place on Monday morning, Rev. A. S. Luring of Buckhorn officiating.

JACOB F. RINK.

The recent mortality among the aged is quite remarkable. Jacob F. Rink died at the home of his son Charles, in Light Street, on Sunday morning last, aged 86 years.

He was born in Alpirsbach, Germany in 1822, and when old enough he learned the tanner's trade. He had the record of working at this trade in eleven countries: England, Italy, Australia, Austria, France, Switzerland, St. Petersburg, Russia, Bavaria, Prussia, and America.

He came to this country in 1849 and located in New York. In 1868 he came to Light Street and built a tannery which he conducted for many years.

He is survived by his son Charles. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon.

## SUICIDE ON TRAIN.

W. A. Shepperson of Danville, boarded the Lackawanna train leaving Rupert at 8:50 yesterday morning and going almost immediately into the toilet room, shot himself through the head. The shot was not heard by the passengers, and the body remained undisturbed until a trainman discovered it while the car was being shifted in the Northumberland yards some time later.

Coroner Dreher was notified, but after making an examination, he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Shepperson has been a victim of melancholia, but no definite motive for his act is known.

## THE BRUTES.

Two men are now in the county jail charged with ravishing their own daughters fourteen years old. One is Stephen Magalia, a Slavish resident of Midvalley, and the other is John Eck of Berwick. The latter is charged with having ravished two daughters, one fourteen years old, and the other twelve. The law ought to provide for a surgical operation on such inhuman brutes as these.

They will be tried at September court.

Merrill W. Smith of Fourth and Centre streets, will enter the freshman class at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, this fall.

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## COUNCIL MEETING.

At the regular monthly meeting of the town council on Monday night, the following business was transacted:

Two houses being erected by William Hutton on Ninth street reported unsafe. Referred to building inspector.

Requests for light on Ridge and Blackberry alley referred to committee on light.

Water on Fourth street damaging property of A. W. Duy referred to highway committee.

B. B. Freas and A. V. Hower sworn in as special police during fair.

Permit granted for a barn on rear of Mrs. James Barton property.

New cap and four pairs of trousers ordered for policemen.

Car of brick to be purchased for use on highways, also some pipe.

Notice directed to be given parties interested in matter of vacating the alley near properties of Mrs. Wagoner and Boyd Evans, that they may be heard at next council meeting.

Mr. Magee called up the matter in which the affairs of the town had been conducted in the past. It was being done in a hap hazard manner and no one would conduct his private business in a like manner. The town expended thousands of dollars every year and no one knows the exact condition of affairs.

The book keeping of the town should be done in a systematic manner, so that the Council would know exactly what was being done. His idea was that instead of employing a secretary and treasurer, a good practical man should be employed to devote his entire time to the business of the town. An expenditure of a little more annually would employ such a man and the town would save money by it, beside having the affairs in a proper condition. The matter was discussed at considerable length and the prevailing opinion was that it is a good suggestion.

After ordering bills paid council adjourned.

## THE RINGROSE AUDIT.

The final hearing in the matter of the expense account of Elisha Ringrose, one of the Republican candidates for county commissioners, was held last Friday before the Auditor, W. C. Johnston, Esq. Nothing new was brought out, and the auditor will now file his report. There were but two exceptions to Mr. Ringrose's account as filed by him, one of them that he had given five dollars to a clergyman to work for him, and the evidence being that the money was given to help buy a new organ; and the other being that he had given a check for \$200 to Judge Kurtz, which check was afterwards returned to him, as the organization demanded \$800 from him, and he refused to give it.

## DR. WALLER ILL.

While traveling with his family in Scotland Dr. D. J. Waller was suddenly attacked with illness that required an immediate surgical operation. Fortunately he was at Inverness where there is a good hospital and skilled surgeons, and the operation which was not a very serious one, was a complete success.

Two of his daughters arrived home last Saturday, while Mrs. Waller, another daughter and his son Robert remained with him. Latest reports are that he is rapidly recovering, and will be home in a short time to resume his duties at the Normal School.

## BRYAN CLUB FORMED.

Pursuant to the call of County Chairman J. H. Mercer, a meeting was held in the Midway last Thursday evening, for the purpose of organizing a Bryan and Kern Club. The attendance was very good, and evinced an interest that is remarkable so early in the campaign.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Mercer, who stated the object. W. C. Johnston, Esq., was unanimously elected President of the club, and Fred J. Steiber, Vice President. For recording secretary Dr. T. C. Harter was elected, and Chas. E. Randall for corresponding secretary. For treasurer Lloyd Skeer was chosen.

A telegram from Hon. John G. McHenry in Washington, stated that he would not be able to be present.

Short addresses were made by C. A. Small, John G. Harman, W. T. Creasy, Geo. E. Elwell, W. W. Evans, W. C. Johnston, and J. H. Mercer.

The president was authorized to appoint an executive committee, who with the President would arrange the details for the work of the club. The following persons have been appointed on that committee: Hon. Fred Ikeler, Hon. John G. Harman, C. A. Small, Clinton Herring, Hon. W. T. Creasy, and Geo. E. Elwell. W. C. Johnston is a member of the committee ex officio.

A meeting of the committee will soon be called, and arrangements made for regular meetings. It is hoped that prominent speakers from other counties can be secured for each meeting.

The Midway is a fine place for headquarters. It is an attractive room, with abundant space for a large crowd. Announcement of the next meeting will be made in the papers.

## NEITHER.

County Chairman Mercer fails to state whether the Bryan club to be organized at the county seat this evening is to be a Kerr club or a Guffy club.—*Catawissa News Item.*

The club above referred to has been organized, and as Brother Randall was there, and was elected corresponding secretary, he now knows that it is neither a Kerr club nor a Guffy club, but a straight-out Democratic club whose object is the advancement of the interests of the Democratic party, and the support of the Democratic candidates as regularly nominated. Any man who tries to make it anything else, or endeavors to stir up a factional fight, ought to be kicked out of the party, as well as out of the club. This is no time for family fights.

## STATE ROADS FOR BLOOM.

At the meeting of the town council on Monday night it was decided to ask the State for aid in building two pieces of road, one beginning at the town hall and running by way of East and Seventh streets up the Espy road to the Scott township line. The other begins at the town hall and goes up the Light Street road to the Scott township line on Turkey Hill. Should the roads be built the town will pay one eighth, the county one eighth, and the state three fourths.

## ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Miss Irene Mercer has accepted the position of assistant librarian in the Public Library, in place of Miss Blanche Williams who resigned to resume teaching in the Millville school.

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## "STUCK ON HIMSELF."

We all know people who are so conceited that it is customary to say that they are "stuck on themselves." Now a little self conceit is a good thing; it is almost a necessity in the make-up of any man who intends to succeed in what he undertakes. The man who does not believe that he is fully competent to do what he attempts to do, and that he can do it a little bit or a whole lot better than anybody else, never amounts to much.

In these days of hustle and rush, there must be a certain amount of energy and push in order to keep up with the procession. Sometimes this energetic hustling is exhibited to such an extent that many people are inclined to call it "cheek", and "gall" and "brass." Others call it "sand" and "nerve."

Where several people get a hustle on, along the same lines, and all exhibit the same amount of energy, or nerve or sand, or gall, or whatever you please to call it, there must be a sufficient amount of business to enable them all to succeed, or it becomes a case of the "survival of the fittest."

It sometimes looks as though "cheek" succeeds over honest merit. The fakir on the street corner, with his harangues and his minstrel show, gathers in hundreds of dollars nightly, while the skillful physician sitting quietly in his office, does not take in as much in a month. And such comparisons could be made almost indefinitely along different lines.

What ever may be the economic and ethical aspects of the matter, it has come to be generally recognized that he who wants to succeed in these rapid days, must do quite a number of things, not the least among which is that he must "blow his own horn", or pay somebody to do it for him.

## INSPECTION BY TRUSTEES.

According to custom, the trustees of the Normal School held their annual inspection of the school on Friday last. After an excellent dinner under the direction of Steward Frisbie, a business meeting was held in the office, after which the buildings were visited and the numerous changes and improvements that have been made during the summer were examined.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Monday was the regular monthly session of the court. Judge Evans and the Associates were on the bench.

In the matter of B. F. Rice vs. Henry Ruckle and Geo. Ruckle, executors of Wesley Ruckle deceased, exceptions to report of referee. Exceptions dismissed and report confirmed.

S. J. Pealer, John A. Shuman and C. W. Stead appointed viewers on a petition to vacate and relay a public road in Millin township near the Smith school house. William Chrisman presented the petition.

L. N. Moyer vs. Borough of West Berwick. Rule granted to show cause why the transcript should not be stricken off. A petition for a county bridge over Spring run in Sugarloaf township was presented by Clinton Herring, Esq. and H. H. Hulme and Thomas E. Edwards of Benton and Cyrus Demott of Millville were appointed viewers.

Hotel license of H. F. Dieffenbach at East end Hotel, Bloomsburg, transferred to Edward Giger, after hearing several witnesses.

On petition presented by C. A. Small, Esq. asking that Clara Eck, aged 14 years, be committed to some home or institution, as she was not receiving proper care, her parents not living together. Court ordered a hearing on Sept. 15th.

A petition was presented by C. A. Small, Esq. asking for the appointment of viewers on a public road in Mt. Pleasant township. Court appointed Boyd Trescott of Millville, H. H. Brown of Light Street, and Ambrose Sittler, of Scott township viewers.

Tilman Rittenhouse et al. vs. Peter Newhart, in equity. Testimony heard by the court. This is the Mountain Grove case in which a water right is in dispute. Fred Ikeler, Esq. for the plaintiff. Grant Herring and W. E. Elmes, Esqs. for defendants. Argument will be heard later.

In the estate of Catherine Kriese deceased, on motion of Fred Ikeler time for filing an answer to the action was extended to first Monday in October.

The Court granted charters to the Christian churches at Millville and Derris. A charter was also granted to the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Berwick.