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THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY ORGANIZATION OF THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN 1854.

The Original Board of Directors—Dedicatory Exercises—Sale of The Lots—First Burial.

We are indebted to Prof. Aaron Sheely for the following interesting information regarding the Evergreen Cemetery at this place, which was dedicated just fifty years ago:

Among the many places of special interest in and around Gettysburg is Evergreen Cemetery. This beautiful spot had its inception in the needs of the community years before it became a fact, and came into corporate existence in 1854.

Most of the denominational burial places of the town and surrounding country having, from various causes, become inadequate, a score or more of the citizens of the borough issued a call in November, 1853, for a meeting to be held in McCaughy's Hall with a view to organizing a Cemetery Association, and for taking steps looking to the purchase of suitable grounds for a public cemetery.

In response to the call a meeting of citizens was held on the evening of November 29th of that year, when the matter was fully discussed, and when a book for the subscription of stock was ordered to be opened immediately. At this meeting also steps were taken to secure a charter as soon as practicable.

On the evening of December 6th a large attendance of citizens evinced the deep interest of the community in the project. At this meeting stock subscriptions to the amount of \$2,000 were reported.

Ten days later another meeting was held, when a bill of incorporation was drafted, adopted, and placed in charge of a committee with a view to its early enactment into a law by the legislature. At this meeting the present name of the cemetery was adopted, as was also a resolution requiring the appointment of a committee to examine the different sites offered for the purpose and to report accordingly. On the 30th of the same month the committee reported unanimously in favor of the present location, embracing lands of George Shryock, 7 acres, and Conrad Snyder, 9 acres and 112 perches. The consideration was \$805 and \$1150.50 respectively, \$1955.50 in all.

In due course the bill was presented, expedited and passed, naming the following gentlemen as managers: D. McCaughy, Moses McClean, C. P. Krauth, Abraham Arnold, Thomas Warren, S. S. Schuncker, H. S. Stable, J. B. Danner, W. B. Meals, Michael Jacobs, Josiah Benner, George Shryock and David McCreary.

The board of managers held their first meeting April 5, 1854, promptly organizing and proceeding to the work before them. Among other business transacted at this time was the election of a subsidiary executive board as follows: Pres., D. McCaughy; Sec., Henry J. Stable; Treas., Joel B. Danner; Actuary, Theo. Ditterline. Among other important business transacted at this time was an engagement with Mr. James Belden, rural architect, of Baltimore, for the preparation of a plan for the cemetery, such as avenues, walks, enclosure, keeper's lodge, chapel, public vault, etc., which design was subsequently approved and adopted, giving very general satisfaction.

At this time, also, it was decided to have a formal public opening later in the season, and November 7th, of that year (1854), was fixed upon as the time for the important event. The opening exercises occurred accordingly on the day appointed in the presence of a large assemblage of the citizens of the town and surrounding country.

Rev. J. H. C. Dosh, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Dr. S. S. Schuncker, of the Theological Seminary, were announced to make brief addresses, the other local clergy to participate in the exercises. The day was an ideal one for the occasion. Rev. Dosh delivered a very forceful and appropriate address. In the unavoidable absence of Dr. Schuncker, detained by sickness, D. McCaughy, President of the Cemetery Board, made a short address. The music for the occasion was furnished by a select choir of ladies

and gentlemen under the direction of Prof. A. J. Pettefield, a teacher of vocal classes in Gettysburg at the time.

Later in the day a sale of lots occurred, at which 125 burial lots were disposed of and again, on the 25th of November, 40 more lots were sold.

June 2, 1855, the association, encouraged by a success much beyond their expectations, determined to proceed at once with the erection of a gateway and keeper's lodges.

On the 10th of the following month (July), the plan, with specifications, prepared by Mr. S. D. Button, architect, of Philadelphia, was adopted, and, after the receipt of proposals, and the acceptance of the bid of the Messrs. Chritzman, the president of the board was authorized to contract with the Chritzmans for the erection of the edifice.

September 1, of that year (1855) was appointed for the laying of the cornerstone of the gateway and lodges, the ceremony being performed on the given day in the presence of a large concourse of citizens.

The principal address on this occasion was delivered by Rev. Reuben Hill, A. M., his theme being "Tombs—Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern." The gifted orator on this occasion was impressive and eloquent in a high degree, holding the attention of his audience as few have the power to do. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Schmucker, accompanied by the laying of the cornerstone. Pres. McCaughy also spoke briefly concerning the present prosperous condition of the enterprise, and expressed high hopes for its future success. A sale of lots closed the day's doings.

This was Evergreen Cemetery started on its mission of usefulness.

Fifty years have passed since the founding of this cherished place. From very humble beginnings it has grown to large proportions. The first interment was that of Mary M., wife Daniel Beiler, who died Oct. 29, 1854, and was buried a week before the formal opening and dedication took place. For some years burials in the cemetery were not very frequent. People had their prejudices then as they have always had them. But gradually as men learned to understand and appreciate the advantages afforded by cemetery burials, the sale of lots increased rapidly.

Much credit is due the memories of the noble men, not one of whom is now living, who early foresaw and appreciated the need of a public cemetery in our midst; and who, forgetful of creed, party and social station, labored together earnestly and efficiently for its consummation. For their unselfish and untiring efforts in its behalf their names deserve to be indelibly inscribed on imperishable bronze or stone for the emulation of others forever. Nor should the unrequited services of the noble women of Gettysburg in this work of love and duty be overlooked in this humble tribute to their fathers, husbands and brothers. They, too, deserve high meed of praise for their self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of the common cause.

Whenever funds were needed beyond what was realized from stock subscriptions and the sale of burial lots, which was not infrequent, the ladies were expected to provide them. This they did by means of fairs, festivals, suppers and other money-getting schemes almost without number.

At the outset generous provision was made for the burial of the poor. Most of the religious denominations of the town made subscriptions of stock for that purpose, the average being about one hundred dollars. St. James subscribed two hundred dollars, the amount of a bequest by Samuel Miller to the church. The amount of stock subscriptions in aid of the enterprise at the close of the year 1855 was about \$3,500. At this time the number of burial lots sold was 275, upon which the sum of \$2968.15 was realized. At this time the grounds were enclosed and protected from intrusion, and a substantial board fence was put up along the side next the Baltimore pike. About this time all the avenues were opened and much work done on them. At this time hundreds of choice shade and ornamental trees were planted, nearly all of which took root and grew, adding greatly to the beauty of the place. At this time also the entire area of the grounds was neatly sodded.

The gateway with lodges, the cornerstone of which was laid Sept. 2, 1855, was built during the autumn of that year and the following spring. Although much weather-worn now, it was originally a handsome structure of brick, with a frontage of 40 feet, in-

COLLEGE AND SEMINARY THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS THIS WEEK.

A Large Freshman Class Will Greet the New College President—Other News.

The new collegiate year begins at Pennsylvania College tomorrow with the newly elected President, S. G. Hefflebower, at the head of the institution. The upper classes will, it is thought, lose a number of students, which will in all likelihood be more than made up for by an unusually large Freshman class. This latter fact is due to the untiring efforts of Pres. Hefflebower, Prof. Chas. Huber and Mr. Geo. W. Nicely, who have spent the greater part of the past summer in canvassing for students. The incoming Freshman class is estimated at about seventy young men. They will be almost evenly divided, it is believed, between classic and scientific courses, a fact that marks an increasing interest in scientific studies.

Minor improvements have been made to the President's home and elsewhere on the Campus, and the interior of South College dormitory was renovated during the summer. The chemical laboratory, moreover, has been newly roofed.

Seldom has the opening of College witnessed so many changes in the personnel of the Faculty. Mr. Hefflebower, former Professor of German and French, has been given the post of honor; Dr. McKnight has been asked to give instruction in Psychology during the year; Rev. M. Coover succeeds Dr. Eli Huber as Professor of the English Bible; and Professor Charles E. Dryden becomes the incumbent of the chair of Modern Languages. Prof. Dryden, born and reared on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, took his collegiate course at St. Johns College, Annapolis, Md., from which he graduated, receiving at the same time the two degrees of A. B. and B. S. He has been Principal of the Schools of Annapolis, Md., Professor in the Boys' Latin School of Baltimore, and Assistant Principal of Maryland State Normal School No. 2 at Frostburg in that State, where he achieved distinction both as teacher and in his own advanced studies.

The annual session of the Theological Seminary began yesterday morning with about the usual enrollment of divinity students.

THE HAND OF DEATH.

Mrs. Catharine Bushman.

Mrs. Catharine A. Bushman, widow of the late Emanuel Bushman, died at the family home on Baltimore street last Saturday morning from a stroke of paralysis received but a short time before. She was born August 20th, 1825, and was therefore in her 80th year. She rounded out a long life—a life of usefulness among those by whom she was surrounded—a life of unselfishness which brought to her the affection and esteem of her large family and a multitude of friends. Her death causes sorrow to many.

The following sons and daughters survive: John H. Bushman, of Baltimore; Mrs. Edward Jungerman, of San Francisco; Mrs. Ernest Henning, of Germantown; Samuel M. E. Morris, William S. and Joseph M. Bushman, Mrs. Peter C. Stock, and Mrs. Mary Power, all of Gettysburg.

Mrs. Bushman was a Miss Hoffman, daughter of John Hoffman, of Conowingo township, this county. One of her brothers is still living, John Hoffman, of Baltimore. The 52d anniversary of her marriage would have occurred on Sunday—just one day after her death.

The funeral was held yesterday morning with services in St. Francis Xavier Church. The bearers were E. P. Wisotzkey, Geo. E. Stock, Wm. F. Colton, Joseph M. Carver, Frank Slonaker and Charles Redding.

[Baltimore and Cincinnati papers please copy.]

Wm. Norbeck.

Wm. Norbeck, died last Wednesday, Halethorpe, Baltimore Co., Md., aged seventy-nine years. He leaves a wife, Julia Norbeck, and two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Shillen, now of Clearfield, Pa., and formerly of this place, and Mr. Wm. J. Martin, also one brother, Jacob Norbeck, of Lancaster, Pa.

John F. McGuire.

Word was received here Monday of the death of John F. McGuire, in Philadelphia, on Sunday morning, but the details are not yet known.

He was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. and was crushed to death under the wheels of an engine.

Mr. McGuire was a teacher in the Parochial schools in Littlestown and New Oxford, this county, some years ago, and was married to Miss Maggie Wassem, daughter of Frederick Wassem, of Gettysburg. His wife and two children survive.

Eugene G. Forrest.

Eugene Garfield Forrest died at the home of his brother, John D. Forrest, near Gettysburg on the Fairfield road on the 6th inst. of consumption, aged 22 years. He was the youngest child of the late Upton Forrest, deceased. The interment was last Thursday in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Littlestown. A large and beautiful floral wreath was contributed by the "Companions," a Baltimore organization of which he was a member.

Samuel M. Birely.

Samuel M. Birely, a banker of Thurmont, Md., who was interested in the organization of the Citizens' Bank in this place, died last Friday. His age was 46 years.

Brother and Sister Die.

Mrs. Elizabeth Martz died at the home of her son, Geo. W. Martz, at Cashtown, Monday, aged 82 year, and the remains were buried at Flohr's Church yesterday afternoon.

John Haer, a brother of Mrs. Martz, died at Waynesboro Sunday night, aged about 66 years. The burial takes place to-day at St. Mark's Church. Mr. Haer until recently lived near Gettysburg and was a well known citizen.

More complete accounts will appear in our next issue.

Harry Stoner Killed.

A Hagerstown dispatch of the 11th says that Harry Stoner, aged about 40 years, of Fairfield, Pa., early Sunday morning at Smithburg, hurled himself down an embankment in front of a rapidly approaching freight train on the Western Maryland Railroad. His body was ground to pieces, the fragments being gathered up in a sack and buried.

Stoner and his wife separated recently, Mrs. Stoner going to Ohio with three daughters, while Stoner retained the custody of their 12-year-old son. Stoner came to Smithsburg to accept a position in the Bushy stone quarries and had arranged to go to work Monday morning.

Plank's Clever Work.

"Eddie" Plank is proving a bulwark for the Athletics at this stage of the championship race. He has won six consecutive games, half of them shut outs with Chicago, New York and Boston, the three leading teams in turn a victim to his good work.

On last Wednesday Plank's clever pitching together with his two hits, one for two bases, gave the Athletics a victory over New York by the score of 3 to 0. The "Ledger" has this note on the game:

Plank was the great stumbling block to a New York victory. He had splendid speed and command, and, though he worked hard—necessarily because of the closeness of the score—he was never in serious difficulty. Only six hits were made off his speedy left-hand curves, and no two of these came in an inning, while those for extra bases were made with no one on the sacks.

Saturday's game was still more of a triumph when with Cy Young of the Boston team, probably the greatest of all the pitchers against him, in a thirteen inning contest, he won his own game by his own hit. Score 1 to 0. From the "Record" we take the following:

Thirteen proved a lucky number to the Athletics yesterday afternoon in the contest with Boston. It was in the thirteenth inning that Eddie Plank with a timely drive, sent in Murphy with the only run of the game. It was the greatest pitchers' battle seen on the local grounds this season, and Plank in winning his own game became a hero, being carried off the field on the shoulders of the crowd.

This is Plank's fourth season with the Athletics and in professional baseball he has met with no less success than as a pitcher for the local college and town teams. He is today the same quiet, modest, unassuming young man that he was as pitcher on the Good Intent team, or as the bleachers put it—"Plank isn't one bit 'chesty'."

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Helen Keith on Saturday next at 3 p. m.

MEEING OF TOWN COUNCIL QUITE A NUMBER OF LOCAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.

Suggestions of a Sewer System—Water Courses in Bad Shape—Taxation of Poles, Etc.

The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held last Tuesday evening, all the members being present. J. W. Garlach was present and complained to Council about his cellar and that of his neighbor, Mr. Faber, being flooded nearly every time it rained by reason of insufficient drainage. The matter was left in the hands of the Highway Committee.

Adam Ertter appeared and again asked that the alley in rear of his houses on Washington street be opened. Borough Attorney Williams informed him that as soon as the property owners along the said alley were ready to comply with the order of the Court the alley would be opened.

Dr. Wm. M. Biggs was also present and complained of his cellar having frequently been flooded by reason of the crossings and side drains on Washington street being in bad condition, thus allowing the water to flow into his cellar. This matter was also referred to the Highway Committee.

A communication from Wm. S. Dutera was read asking that Council have the gutters on Baltimore street adjacent to his residence cleaned, thus preventing the flooding of his pavement during heavy rains. The President ordered the matter to be investigated.

The Secretary and Attorney, who were instructed at the last meeting to look up the ordinance regulating the taxing of the electric cars, &c., reported that they had attended to their duties and found that the ordinance passed some time ago fixed the tax at \$50 per year on each of three cars and \$1 per day for each additional car run. Mr. Oyler moved, seconded by Mr. Swift, that the tax rate as fixed in the ordinance remain the same. Motion carried.

Mr. Swift stated that the residents on Water street were desirous of having a light placed at the junction of Woodward avenue and Water street. This Council refused to do, but agreed to trim the trees along said street so that the citizens might derive more benefit from the present lights.

Mr. Swift asked that an additional light be placed near the railroad crossing on Buford avenue and that the light at Dr. Billheimer's be moved further west. Mr. Oyler asked that a light be placed at the corner of Water and Strattan streets. Mr. Hess asked for a new light on Steinwehr avenue and Mr. Wolf suggested that an additional light be placed on York street extended. Mr. Oyler moved, seconded by Mr. Beck, that the four additional arc lights as above asked for be placed. Motion carried.

Mr. Oyler spoke of the bad condition of the York pike and the side drains on street between High and Middle streets and Mr. Gilbert suggested that the side drains on Springs avenue be cleaned; referred to Highway Committee.

Mr. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Hess, that the Electric Railroad Company be given ten days in which to fill up the tracks and upon failing to do so, Council to have the work done and deduct the expense of the same from the light-bill.

Mr. Gilbert also moved, seconded by Mr. Becker, that the Secretary be instructed to send copies of the ordinance previously passed, compelling railroad companies to provide flagmen at crossings in the borough, to the proper railroad officials and state that if the agreement is not complied with legal proceedings will be started. Motion carried.

Mr. Hess spoke of the crossing at the junction of Washington street and Steinwehr avenue as having been repaired by Council and afterwards torn up by the railroad company and left in bad condition. Referred to Highway Committee.

President Plank reported the following taxable poles in the borough: Bell Telephone Co., 155; United Telephone Co., 149; Keystone Electric Light Co., 33; Transit Co., 59; Western Union Telegraph Co., 43; P. & R. R. Co., 44.

Mr. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Menchey, that bills for taxing poles be presented to all of the above companies. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Hess, that the license due from the Keystone Electric Railroad Company—\$150—be deducted from the light bill, and that Manager Turner be asked to

make a report of the number of extra cars run. Motion carried.

Mr. Menchey moved, seconded by Mr. Becker, that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three, one from each ward of the borough and of whom the President shall be one, be appointed to secure plans and specifications for a general sewage system in the borough and report a method of carrying out the same, and for this purpose said committee is hereby authorized to employ a competent engineer at reasonable cost, and in the meantime no sewage drains or pipes shall be laid or constructed by the borough.

The motion carried and President Plank, who was made a member of the committee by the resolution, named Messrs. Gilbert and Menchey as the other two members.

During the evening the policemen received a certain amount of censure from Councilmen for not performing their duties in accordance with orders.

Treasurer Kelly made his report as follows:

Balance on hand last report.....\$151 82
Received of Burgess Benner hack and other licenses.....1972 75
Received of Wm. H. Frock taxes.....452 85
Total amount received.....5015 67
Paid out on orders.....3722 75
Balance on hand.....1292 91

The following bills were ordered to be paid:

Wm. Herman, Supt..... 25 00
Sam'l Menchey, laborer..... 81 81
A. Rubensline..... 31 75
Geo. Degroff..... 30 08
Geo. Cullison..... 52 13
H. Gooker..... 25 99
Israel Leutz, labor..... 25 98
Lee Tipton, carling..... 13 20
E. Biggs carting..... 17 50
W. Allison hauling..... 15 00
J. Althoff, hauling..... 9 00
Geo. Bushman, hauling..... 6 00
E. Menchey..... 3 60
Frank Deardoff..... 3 00
Keystone Electric Light Co..... 293 57
H. S. Benner gr. salary..... 25 00
Henry Kaldsch, Sec..... 25 00
Irvin Kelly, Treasurer..... 18 75
J. L. Williams, attorney..... 12 50
Charles Kaypes, policeman..... 30 00
James McDaniel..... 30 00
Joseph Carver, junior..... 10 00
O. D. McMillan, surveying..... 5 00
Gettysburg Gas Co., Gas..... 1 40
Calvin G. Beit, crossing plates..... 41 70
Kelly & Oyler, coal..... 6 89
M. Benner, stove..... 13 20
L. M. Alleman Hardware Co..... 6 05
Philip Henning, coal..... 1 65
Emory J. Bair..... 62 62
C. E. Spangler, coal..... 3 60
S. D. Ridinger, hauling &c..... 5 55

Court Notes.

Report of R. E. Wible, Esq., auditor in estate of Isaiah D. Frommeyer, deceased, confirmed absolute.

Tavern license of George B. Hoover, of Ben Lersville, transferred to H. J. Sahn.

Wm. McNair, Alexander Scott and John S. Rhodes, of Freedom township, appointed viewers to lay out a road from a point in road leading from Fairfield to Emmitsburg to a point in public road leading from Diehl's Mill to Emmitsburg.

Bonds of Charles L. Baker, guardian of Margie V. Rights, and of Samuel H. Baker, guardian of Claude E. Rights, approved.

Hiram Trimmer appointed guardian of Harry S., and Mamie G. Bream, minor children of Emma Bream, late of Tyrone township.

Land Notice Given.

We understand that the National Park Commission has recently given notice to a number of land owners that it intends taking portions of their farms for purposes of the park. These land owners and the acres to be taken are as follows, according to our information: Dr. H. L. Diehl, 15 acres; owners of the Willis farm, 15 acres; Land Improvement Co., the Codori farm, along the Emmitsburg road, 98 acres; J. Emory Bair, the Wible farm, 87 acres; heirs of Henry Culp, 7 acres.

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