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TOOK HER OWN LIFE.

Hortense Debras, a French woman whose life appears to have been fraught with trouble, ended her existence, sometime during Friday night or early Saturday morning by jumping into the Susquehanna River. Her lifeless body was discovered by Robert Long Saturday about ten o'clock, caught fast to one of the fish hooks of an outline which he had setting in the river.

The woman for some time had been employed as a domestic in the family of Deputy Prothonotary Rush Zarr. Previous to her appearance in Bloomsburg, she had been wandering through Roaringcreek Valley, begging from house to house, until she was arrested as a vagrant, and committed to the County Jail. During her incarceration, she invoked a desire to work and she was allowed to assist in the family of the Sheriff. When granted her liberty she entered the employ of Mr. Zarr, as above stated.

She had determined on this plan of ending her life, as she had on several different occasions, while at the jail, and also to members of the Zarr household, expressed herself to that effect. Early last week she went down to the river for that purpose, but returned, saying the water was too muddy. She was rather reticent regarding her early life. She did however disclose the fact that she was married and that her husband resided in France. She had been estranged from him for many years. The case has a sad tinge. Pervert and foolish though her path through life has been, she had wandered from her native country, home and friends, a stranger in a strange land, she had become melancholy, and ended her misery in death.

Undertaker Baker took charge of the body and prepared it for burial.

Labor Day at Danville.

Danville's Labor Day celebration was a rouser and a grand success in every way. There was a general shut-down in the industries and business places of the town, and the whole populace entered into the spirit of the occasion. The town had on its holiday attire. Flags fluttered from the buildings, and arches of evergreen, containing "Welcome, Sir Knights," and other appropriate inscriptions, were erected over the principal streets. The street demonstration was befitting the occasion, and for beauty of appearance and length has probably never been surpassed in that city, certainly not on any previous Labor Day demonstration.

There were five prizes awarded: Twenty-five dollars in gold to the Williamsport Commandery, as showing the best drill; five dollars in gold to the Williamsport Castle, as one coming the greatest distance; ten dollars in gold to the Milton Castle, as the one best equipped; five dollars in gold to the Catawissa Castle, as the one excelling in drill; a Bible to the Bloomsburg Castle, as the one having the greatest number in line—sixty-six men.

No Cause for Such Complaint Here.

"Sooner or later some indignant man or woman will arise in his or her wrath and will smite the cable car conductor hip and thigh—in the neck would perhaps be more effective," said a resident of a town down the river, to the writer as we boarded a trolley car to go over to a town on the opposite side of the Susquehanna Monday morning last. He then continued: "The people here have patiently submitted to all sorts of outrages at the hands of conductors. But there is a limit to everything, and to use an Irishism the straw that broke the camel's back is the filthy condition of the conductors on this line." We concurred with him and suggested that the Board of Health be notified. Clothing and person, they were disgustingly unclean. They certainly belong to the anti-wash brigade.

There is no cause for such complaint in Bloomsburg. The Columbia and Montour conductors and motormen are well dressed and courteous.

Corner Stone Laying.

The corner stone of the New Methodist Episcopal Church in Almedia, will be laid on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Sept. 8, 1901. Rev. Mr. Wilson of Catawissa will officiate.

The Crider orchestra and also the Male Quartette of Lime Ridge has been secured to assist the resident choir on the occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the services.

W. H. HARTMAN, Pastor.

A Prosperous Season.

This has been a prosperous year for this community. With good crops and fair prices for farmers, labor in demand at good wages, and general business profitable. This surely is a season when people generally can lay by something for a RAINY DAY, liable to come some time. Such accumulations should be safely placed where they can be neither lost, stolen or burned.

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PAUL F. PECK.

The New Professor of History at the Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School.



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The trustees of the Normal School have recently selected as the person to succeed Professor Warren H. Detwiler, professor of History, who resigned to accept a position in the Manual Training High School, of Philadelphia, Dr. Paul F. Peck, of Chicago University. Dr. Peck is a graduate of Iowa College '97. The year following he studied law at the Iowa State University, and in the spring of '98 he became a fellow in the University of Chicago, where he entered on graduate study, choosing as his subject History and Political Science. At the recent commencement exercises of the University he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

He has had a number of positions offered to him, among them one to remain in the University as an assistant, but he decided to accept the chair of History in the Normal School, as he looks upon it as affording him a wider field of usefulness and better opportunities for advancement.

During his course of study he conducted classes of city school teachers in the Teachers' College of the University, and during the past spring term had charge of the History in Dearborn Seminary, Chicago. The success of his work in these positions is shown by the fact that he was urged to continue in both.

While investigating Dr. Peck's fitness for the position, inquiries were sent to many persons who had been associated with him in his college and university work, and without exception they endorsed him in the highest terms, both as to his scholarship and teaching ability, and also as to his character and personality. The following reply from Dr. Benjamin Terry, Chief of the department of History in the University of Chicago, fittingly represents him:

"Your favor of the 12th forwarded to me here at Fifield.

In reply let me say that I believe that Mr. Peck has all the qualifications necessary to the making of a teacher of high order. He is not only a student of more than usual attainment, but he possesses also the gift of impartation. He thinks clearly, expresses himself easily and effectively, and has, moreover, a peculiarly gentle and sympathetic manner which will win the confidence and affection of his pupils. While he is ambitious and full of sane energy, he is also mature and practical, and will quickly adapt himself to the grade of his classes. You need have no fears of failure in this direction, or any other. He is the kind of man to win his way. We have had few students who have given better evidence of fitness or quality."

WILL BE WORTH ATTENDING.

On Monday evening, September 16 there will be given in the Bloomsburg Opera House an entertainment in the nature of a minstrel that will be decidedly unique. It is called the Winona Twentieth Century Minstrels, and while a performance of this kind is by no means new, this will differ from others in that the Judging Committee who selected the people to take part was dominated by men who have had extensive experience and are fully competent to perform such a duty. Before this jury the great numbers of members of the Winona Fire Company and several others were thinned out. What is left ought to be worth seeing. The rehearsals have been going on for some time and have been under the personal direction of Mr. Jay Brown, whose ability in this line is too well known by the people of Bloomsburg to need any mention here. It will be remembered that Mr. Brown directed the Civic Club Minstrels which were given here last season.

The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to replenishing the much depleted treasury of the Winona Company, a most worthy organization, the members of which are always willing and do lend their aid in times of fire. The prices will be 25, 35 and 50c. and all who attend will not only be helping along a good cause but will receive full value for their money. Keep in mind the date Sept. 16th.

JESSE HOFFMAN.

Died at His Home in Almedia, Saturday.

Jesse Hoffman, an aged resident of Almedia, died at his home in that village Saturday afternoon, from sickness with which he had suffered for a long time.

The deceased was a son of the late William Hoffman, and was born in Center township, this County, seventy one years ago. He attended the public school, and worked with his father on the farm until he arrived at manhood when he went into the merchandising business. He continued at this for several years when he disposed of his stock to Samuel Lambach, and engaged in farming, which he followed until death on Saturday overtook him. A family, consisting of a wife and three children, William and Ray of this town, and Reese, living at home survive.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, the remains being conveyed from the family home to the Almedia Cemetery in a trolley car.

Berwick Council Meeting.

At a special meeting of the Borough Council of Berwick Messrs. Scanlan and Dwyer of the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Co. were present and asked that Council amend Section 11 of their ordinance so as to allow them to use a T rail instead of a girder rail, and Section 21, which imposes a tax upon cars, be so amended as to place no tax upon them for a period of ten years.

After discussing the matter at length it was decided that Council in a body should visit neighboring towns and inspect the various kinds of track so as to be better able to vote intelligently in the matter.

A BUSY PLACE.

From July 25th to August 31st there were printed at the COLUMBIAN office six thousand catalogues for the Normal School, and 195 other jobs of printing for our general trade. The catalogues contain 53 pages of reading matter and seven half-tone cuts, 42000 cuts in all. The book is pronounced a handsome specimen of typography.

THE BURGESS' VETO

Did Not Prevent the Passage of the Columbia and Montour Electric Railway Ordinance.

It looks now as if the matter of the electric railway for Catawissa is settled for keeps. The Council for that Borough assembled in special meeting Monday night and by a vote of six to one passed the ordinance granting the right of way to the Columbia and Montour Company over the head of Burgess Sharpless, who had vetoed the ordinance after it had been adopted unanimously by the Council Friday evening, August 23rd.

The meeting Tuesday night, though brief, was not devoid of interest. The dialogism of two gentlemen waxed quite warm and it was feared that there would be "something doing," but the meeting was adjourned and all departed in peace, if not in good humor.

It is altogether likely that work on the line from here to Catawissa will be commenced sometime late in the fall.

Notice.

I wish the public will please take notice of the following: When sending in an alarm of fire from any the boxes for that purpose, only pull the *Leaver Once*, as that calls the two nearest companies. If more companies are needed the proper officials upon their arrival at the fire will attend to getting them there, but *most cases two companies* are sufficient. If the public will kindly heed this notice they will save the firemen lots of unnecessary labor.

SAM'L H. HARMAN
Chief Engineer.

Sheriff Sales.

Sheriff Knorr on Saturday sold the following properties at his office in the Court House.

The property of J. W. Perry known as the Elk Grove Hotel in Sugarloaf township to William Chrisman attorney for \$170.00; the M. W. McHenry property in Fishingcreek township to Adam Hummel for \$60.00.

On Monday he sold the Jacob Bowes property in Catawissa township to J. H. Vastine for \$5.00.

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