

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

The British parliament will meet on Jan. 16. King Edward has fixed June 26, 1902, as the date for his coronation. The Big Lick, one of the best mines in the Lykens valley of Pennsylvania, was reported on fire. At Orange, N. J., one man was killed and four injured by the collapse of a building in the course of erection. The Nobel prize for the encouragement of peace and arbitration was divided equally between Dr. Henri Dumont and Frederick Passy. Tuesday, Dec. 10. The president reappointed Postmaster Van Cott of New York city. A snowstorm in Texas caused ranchmen to fear loss of live stock. Americans were reported to be examining iron ore lands in Iceland. Severe snowstorms have swept over Scotland and many parts of England. Two members of the Korean cabinet have been dismissed for being too friendly to Japan. Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka were said to have been definitely located in Bulgarian territory.

Monday, Dec. 9. Serious riots of the unemployed occurred at Lyons, France. The Australian legislature has passed a stringent compulsory arbitration law. The entire business portion of the village of Gobles, Mich., was destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000. A large cotton warehouse was burned at Alexandria, Egypt. The damage is estimated at \$750,000. Thirty-nine prisoners escaping sentences for minor crimes escaped from the Birmingham (Ala.) city jail by digging through a sixteen inch wall. The Queen's hotel at Southsea, England, was burned. Forty guests escaped from the building in their nightclothes. Two chambermaids were suffocated.

Saturday, Dec. 7. Forty Turkish soldiers were killed in a fight with tribesmen in Arabia. Open approval of McKinley's assassination was expressed at a Chicago meeting. A railway station at Frankfort, Germany, was wrecked by a train which jumped the track. The Peruvian chamber of deputies has sanctioned a gold standard law which had passed the senate. A temperature of 15 to 33 degrees below zero was reported in various localities in New York and New England. The navy department was informed that the gunboat Vicksburg, about which anxiety had been felt, is safe in China.

Friday, Dec. 6. Fog has stopped traffic on the Seine at Paris. Herbert Marx, who killed two men in Virginia, was exonerated by the girl in the case. The Dutch government has again announced that it cannot intervene in South Africa. The main building of the Michigan Alkali company at Wyandotte was burned; loss, \$500,000. General Chaffee has ordered all the ports in Laguna and Batangas provinces closed so as to cut off supplies to the rebels. Rear Admiral Endicott has asked for over \$21,000,000 for the maintenance of the navy yards, stations and improvements.

Thursday, Dec. 5. A destructive fire raged in the business quarter of Jackson, Tenn. General A. D. Hazen, formerly third assistant postmaster general, died at Washington. Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner have been sued in England for deporting Miss Hlobense from South Africa.

Corean and Japanese. The Koreans as a people are better developed physically than the Japanese. They are taller and mentally are liberally endowed.

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THE STATE AT A GLANCE.

By the terms of his will Thomas Ford of Pittston, leaves his estate, valued at \$400,000, to his daughter, Mrs. Edward Smith, of Palantine Bridge, N. Y.

Mt. Carmel is threatened with a scarlet fever epidemic. One case resulted fatally, and a number of others have been reported to the Board of Health.

Stephen Barnes, employed as a watchman guarding a quarantined small-pox house in Plymouth, was found dead at his post Friday morning. It is thought Barnes was stricken with heart disease.

Dealers of Williamsport found guilty of selling adulterated milk and fined by the Court will now proceed against those from whom they obtained their supplies, alleging that they are the ones who tampered with the milk, and should pay the fines.

Wilson Taylor of Williamsport, has been missing from his home since the latter part of November. Two tin pails and a knife belonging to Taylor have been found on the river bank, and it is now believed that the missing man committed suicide.

The Wilkes-Barre authorities have under consideration the stopping of street cars between that city and the towns infected with smallpox. Officers are on guard at all the bridges rigidly guarding against the invasion of junk dealers and peddlers.

The body of Philip Shull, a wealthy merchant at Wind Gap, was found Friday morning in the hay loft of the storekeepers' barn near the big general store. A clerk made the discovery. The body was hanging from a rope tied to a rafter in a dark corner of the building. It was a case of suicide.

Elijah Barahart, of York, whose claim to be the champion corn husker of that county has never been disputed, this season husked 2250 shocks of corn in thirty four days. The shocks averaged six to ten hills and yielded about one hundred and twenty ears to the shock, a total of 270,000 ears.

Plymouth was placed under strict quarantine, Monday evening. Small pox victims are daily increasing in numbers. All street cars between Plymouth and Wilkes-Barre ceased their trips Monday evening and all communication between the two towns stopped except in cases where it may be necessary to send in provisions. Officers are stationed on all the bridges and on all roads and no one will be permitted to pass unless he carry a special permit from the board of health.

William O'Gara, of Shamokin, who had his back broken in a foot ball game at that place Saturday, November 30, and who was taken to the State hospital, at Ashland, on Monday afternoon, died at that institution late Thursday evening. His condition was considered hopeless from the time of his admission, although he had improved somewhat in the past few days. It was but temporary, however, as he took a turn for the worse about 6 o'clock on Thursday evening, and his death followed soon after. Deceased was twenty-one years of age. His body was taken to his home at Shamokin at noon on Friday. This makes the tenth fatal foot ball accident of this season.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

A New Corporation to be Known as the Citizen's Electric Light and Power Co.

Thursday night was the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomsburg Town Council. The President and all the members were present.

The first business taken up after roll call was the matter of paving the alley between the Court House and Wirt building. In view of the fact that the property owners have expressed their willingness to bear their part of the expense, it was moved that the Town bear its share of the expense. Carried.

Mayor Ikeler stated that complaint had been entered regarding the dangerous condition of the pavement in front of the old Presbyterian church, due to the accumulation of snow and ice, and also in relation to the pavements in front of properties of C. W. Runyon and C. A. Klein on Main street. On motion duly seconded the ordinance requiring the cleaning of pavements is to be enforced. Carried.

On motion duly seconded the ordinance aforesaid is to be repealed and another covering the essential points contained in the former with such additions as may seem proper is to be prepared by the Solicitor.

On motion duly seconded the Solicitor and Secretary were instructed to prepare said ordinance ready for printing and same to be given out by bids.

Solicitor Ikeler appeared and stated that arrangements had been made to settle the Walp damage case for the sum of \$500.00, and also said that the original viewers appointed by the Court, Messrs. Robbins, Kunkle and Fahringer, had asked for their pay. On motion duly seconded the matter is to be left to the discretion of President Ikeler, the Solicitor and the Finance Committee.

The Solicitor further stated to Council that suit had been entered against the Town by the Land Improvement Company for the rent of Oak Grove Park on an old lease of 1890, but which had been renewed three years later.

Solicitor Ikeler stated that Messrs. C. C. Yetter, Alexander Schwarz and W. R. Chapin ask that an ordinance be passed granting the right to locate and construct buildings, erect poles and wires upon the streets and highways, and to construct a railroad switch for the purpose of supplying light, heat and power by electricity within the Town of Bloomsburg, the above gentlemen being the representatives and promoters of a proposed corporation to be known as the Citizens' Electric Light and Power Company, of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Yetter appeared on behalf of the company and stated that the object of the proposed company was to interest local capital as far as possible, and that the balance would be obtained from outside sources. He stated further that the company would apply for a charter immediately and that the work of constructing the plant would be begun at the earliest possible moment.

Solicitor Ikeler read the proposed ordinance. It was then taken up and passed section by section and finally approved as a whole.

Fire Chief Harman appeared and read amendments as adopted by Fire Board and asked Council to adopt them.

The motion to adopt the amendments was lost.

On motion duly seconded there are to be no changes in by-laws and constitution of fire department. Carried.

In the matter of fire hose which was reported by John Lewis as being short, the same was referred to the Fire and Water Committee to report on at next regular meeting.

The Secretary was directed to issue orders for bills approved, after which the meeting adjourned.

"How many servants have the Wrigleys?" "Two; a deaf cook and a dumb waiter."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Soft Harness advertisement featuring Eureka Harness Oil. Text: 'You can make your harness as soft as a glove and as long as wire by using EUREKA HARNESS OIL. You can lengthen its life—make it last twice as long as it ordinarily would.' Includes an image of a harness and the signature of Castoria.

FROM EAST BENTON.

The most sympathetic and obliging people in any community are the dear lawyers, who plead so imploring and earnestly for the poor (?) criminals and all others who may get into trouble of various kinds and who need their aid.

We were much amused to see the Judge call the boys up last Tuesday a week ago before his honor and examine them, after which, giving them certificates to positions in various institutions—some in the county jail, some, perhaps, in the penitentiary, and still others in reformatories in other parts of the State. Those educated in the schools of vice and crime get positions as well as those educated of a more honorable type, but the occupations are of opposite characteristics. Herein is an object lesson for our boys and girls to distinguish and choose in which class of schools they would rather be educated, and under which they would rather hold positions in the different institutions of our country. The highest graduates, or those taking greatest degrees in the criminal schools, are furnished striped suits, while those of the college graduates are obliged to furnish their own suits of their own choosing. This is an interesting question and profitable lesson for our boys and girls to study thoroughly. Honor crowns the one class, while disgrace covers the other.

Our acknowledgements are due A. Bruce Black, Deputy Sheriff of Columbia County, for a copy of "Like Expressions," of which he is the author. This is a neat little volume of 112 pages. Thanks, Bruce.

Gomer Keefer and Hattie Stine, of this place, were married last Thursday.

On Wednesday of this week it is reported Rus Seward and Sadie Tubbs, both of Cambra, were also united in matrimony. Rumor says that still another couple joined fortunes in wedded bliss in the vicinity of Cambra, the bride being a daughter of Will Robbins, of Cambra, while we have not learned the name of the groom. Thus happiness goes on forever.

The thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero last Friday morning at this place.

Miss Lena Drescher, daughter of Alvin Drescher, of this place, is afflicted with pulmonary troubles and suffers a great deal by spells.

Last Saturday we visited Alfred McHenry, of Cambra, for the purpose of copying the affidavits regarding the old Salt Well, where boring for oil will commence very shortly. We wish to keep the people informed regarding the progress of this enterprise, and also wish to show the people what the prospects are, as set forth in the accompanying affidavits. The authors of these affidavits have been dead many years, but they were men of sterling integrity.

The following is a true copy of the original affidavits in possession of the Secretary of the Pine Creek Oil Co. Luzerne County SS:

On this 20th day of June 1865, before me, the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, personally appeared Peter Boston, who being duly sworn says; that he is a resident of Fairmount, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; that he is 69 years of age, that he had the job of boring the Salt Well near Cambra, said County, commencing about the year A. D. 1826, that he bored said well and gave his personal attention to it, that at the depth of 200 or 300 feet, while boring after night, there commenced coming out of the well a strong smell, something like sulphur only a great deal stronger, and on examination in the morning the water that continually flowed out of the well was of a blue black color, and that the smell came from the water, that for at least 20 feet on the surface of the water in the creek below, this water made quite a scum; that he is now of the positive opinion that that dark water of offensive smell was coal oil, and he has so expressed his opinion ever since he became acquainted with coal oil, that he has no interest in this matter, but if a company is raised he is willing to take a share in it.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 20th day of June 1865. PETER BOSTON.

D. L. Chapin, Justice of the Peace. The following affidavit is also in Possession of the Secretary. Luzerne County SS.

On this 20th day of June 1865, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, personally appeared Jeriah Vanhorn, who being duly sworn, says: That he is a resident of Huntington, said county, aged 62 years; that he was frequently at the Salt Well spoken of by Peter Boston in his affidavit made this day, while he was at work there; that toward the last of the boring he saw the same water that said Peter Boston described in his

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affidavit; that the water in his opinion was quite as thick as thin tar and about the same color, and of a very offensive smell, and that he has no interest in this matter.

Sworn and subscribed this day and year above written. JERIAH VANHORN. D. L. Chapin, Justice of the Peace.

The Pine Creek Oil Company has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania and are now ready to commence boring oil near the old Salt Well mentioned in the above affidavits and are offering a limited amount of stock at 50c. per share, par value \$1.00. P. S. The shares will be offered for a short time only at 50c.

A Great Meeting of Stockmen.

The third annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders' Association, will be held at the Monongahela House, Pittsburg, December 18 and 19, 1901. Every breeder is cordially invited to attend. Here are some of the good things which enterprising breeders will appreciate: O. E. Bradfute, of Ohio, will discuss beef cattle topics, management of beef herd and growing steers for market. S. H. Todd, the veteran breeder of hogs and sheep, will talk on these topics. L. P. Bailey, a prominent breeder of dairy cattle, will give a valuable talk on the future of that industry. Prof. J. Fremont Hickman, of the Ohio Experiment Station, will give some practical points on silage and its value to the breeder. Dr. H. P. Armsby, of the Pennsylvania Experiment Station, will discuss the only apparatus of its kind on the continent—something of interest to all feeders and breeders. Dr. Leonard Pearson will take up the conformation of the dairy cow, and promises to upset some theories about it. Prof. Geo. C. Watson talks poultry, the only Bob Seeds trots out his interesting hobby, forage crops, and W. F. McSparran tells about raising calves. This is not all—but come and hear the rest. A grand opportunity to learn, to meet old friends and make new ones. Rates on railroads, 2 cents per mile east of Pittsburg. Apply for card orders to E. S. Bayard, Sec'y, Box 65, East End, Pittsburg, Pa., stating line over which you travel.

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Keaping as They Have Sown. The plight of Pittsburg in the scrimmage between the "ripper" factions of the Quay machine is not one to excite pitying sympathy. Her city government has been made a foot ball for the teams with her full knowledge and consent, and her citizens have "rooted" for one gang or the other as the game progressed. When the Bigelows, backed by Stone, Potter, Elkin and the rest of the Quay team, broke through the Flinn line and scored a touchdown Pittsburg applauded the play by giving to Stone's man, Potter, a rousing majority. Now that Stone has kicked the ball into the middle of the field, and Flinn has caught it, Pittsburg's yells of "off-side" excite only derisive laughter. The score is even, it is Flinn's ball, and the teams are in a confused scrimmage, a squirming, biting, kicking and slugging mix-up in the mire of squalid politics.

The decent people of Pittsburg had their opportunity to register a protest against this game when Stone's man, Potter, caught in the act of making the Supreme Court a tool of political cracksmen, was placed upon the State ticket as the representative of ripperism. They gave to Potter a majority which could be construed only as an endorsement of all that he represented, a ratification of the ripping up of their municipal government and a grant of full power to Governor Stone to carry out any deals he had made, involving control of their affairs. The vote of Pittsburg shows that there was no revolt of decent Republicans against the machine. Only the old-line Democrats made any fight against the combined forces of the plundering factions and their opposition was more partisan than patriotic. There are good citizens in Pittsburg, plenty of them, no doubt, but they failed to indicate at the late election that they give serious thought to the responsibilities of citizenship or even have an intelligent regard for their own interests.

Pittsburg, least of all the cities of the State, can pretend that there was anything unexpected in the playing of one local machine against the other in Governor Stone's ripping game. She had received just what she bargained for, and if she finds the price somewhat staggering, she must remember that government by the worst always comes high.—North American.

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Catawissa, Pa.

Exhibition of premiums at New York Cash Store. J. C. Fox, boots and shoes, Main street. The New York Cash Store, groceries, provisions, butter, cheese and eggs, Main street. Mammoth Furniture Co., furniture and carpets, Main street. George P. Ringler, drugs, 155 W. Main street. T. E. Harder, furniture and carpets, Main street. Geo. B. K. hawn, house furnishings, Main street.

Danville, Pa.

Exhibition of Premiums at R. Foulk & Co.'s, 319, 321 Mill street. A. Schatz, boots and shoes, 5 E. Market street. Bernheimer, clothing, gent's furnishings, 264 Mill street. Leniger's Drug Store, 133 Mill street. N. Z. Butterwick, jewelry, watches and clocks, 239 Mill street. J. H. Johnson, millinery, 123 Mill street. Danville Steam Laundry, 20 Canal. R. Foulk & Co., groceries and provisions, 319, 321 Mill street. Gomer Thomas, musical instruments and pianos, Mill street. Henry Divil, meats and provisions, Mill and Mulberry streets. W. J. Thomas, wall paper and window shades, 124 Mill street.