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Work has begun on the Mifflinville bridge.

A. D. Good, an old resident of Benton, died last Thursday, aged 71 years.

C. D. Kindig has changed his address from Stillwater R. F. D. 1 to Forks R. F. D. 1.

C. C. Peacock Esq. will address the Lutheran Brotherhood tonight, giving an account of his recent trip to California.

Geo. M. Hughes is considering whether or not he will be a candidate for Associate Judge on the Republican ticket.

Dr. J. J. Brown has been appointed ophthalmologist of the Danville Hospital for the Insane, by the trustees of that institution.

F. P. Pursel, W. S. Rishton, C. W. McKelvey and E. F. Carpenter left here Tuesday morning in Mr. Pursel's automobile for a trip to Philadelphia.

It is said that the work of paving Market Square will begin on Monday. O. B. Mellick has retired from the job, so that J. R. Fowler is now the sole contractor.

Miss Ella Stoker, who has been employed in this office since last fall, will close her relations here this week, and will spend the summer at her home near Stillwater.

James P. Thornton, who for many years has been the sexton at the Episcopal church, has gone to the Soldiers' Home at Erie, where he will make his home in the future.

Main street is not quite as filthy and unsightly as it was, though it can still be improved. But it was not the town council that cleaned it up. It was the rain from heaven, and it didn't cost the town a cent. It is between the showers that the town gets the scent.

The residence of I. X. Grier, Esq. at Danville, narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Saturday. It started near the play room of his grand-children, and got up under the roof, where it was hard to reach. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The firemen got the fire under control after considerable damage had been done.

Dr. J. J. Brown has performed six operations on the eyes of a child of Mrs. Albert Sallada of Williamsport. The child was born blind, and has been treated by noted specialists, but without success. Under Dr. Brown's treatment the child can now see with its right eye, and it is expected that its sight will be fully accomplished. Dr. Brown has had remarkable success in the treatment of eyes.

**Baseball News.**

A full page of sporting news of all kinds appears in *The Philadelphia Press* daily and four pages on Sunday. All the latest news and gossip of the Baseball Diamond and all games worth while are fully reported in *The Philadelphia Press*. If you do not read *The Press* you cannot keep posted on up-to-date sports.

**MEMORIAL DAY.**

Ent Post is making arrangements for a proper observance of Memorial Day. M. P. Lutz has been appointed to act as commander at the exercises at the cemetery, C. S. Fornwald, chaplain, and Isalah Holter officer of the day. W. O. Holmes, M. P. Lutz and W. R. Ringrose are the committee on program. They are instructed by the Post to ask the county for \$75 to defray expenses, under a recent act of assembly which provides for such an appropriation not exceeding \$100.

**Stories by Normal Students.**

A Visit to the "Cranks" of the Town.

BY THURMAN KRUMM.

During the Christmas vacation two young men and myself decided to pay a visit to a few of those persons of the town who are always determined to take a different view of things from what all clear-thinking people take. They are a common thing in every town and city and naturally have a common name—that of "cranks." These people, always viewing things from the standpoint of a pessimist, are easily irritated.

Our first place of amusement to visit was a cobbler shop, the proprietor of which was a bachelor of about sixty summers. At once we began discussing the possibility of extracting sunshine from a cucumber. Like a flash he was on his feet, his eyes bulging out like tea cups, and was ready for trouble. By falling in with his views we soon had him pacified and again at work. The main incident in our visit to the cobbler shop came when one of the boys put a handful of red pepper on the stove. Immediately the cobbler began a fit of sneezing, and at the same time, if not sooner, we took a straight line for the door, being met as we were passing out by a fourteen inch file, which luckily injured none of the members of our trio.

Our next one to visit was an "old maid," the proprietor of a small store. In order to make a good impression each of us bought a penny's worth of candy. We then asked to see her line of clay pipes. After very carefully examining them we "accidentally on purpose," all three at the same time, left them fall to the floor where they broke into a thousand pieces. Then the storm broke for certain. From behind the counter came a choice selection of English including words the use of which would not be sanctioned by a Sunday-school teacher. In her mind she thought of nothing else but that the breaking of three pipes, having a total value of that many cents, rendered her a bankrupt; while instead of doing the latter it helped her on her way as a lunatic.

We next visited two "maidens," the proprietors of a millinery store. We talked to them for a few minutes then went outside as if leaving for home. We, instead, put a "tick-tack," an apparatus for making noise, on the window. When we began operating it by means of a rosined string the pair of "old maids" were so frightened that they began to run and jump as if run by electricity. One of them rushed to the door and exclaimed; "I know what you're doing—you're taking the shutters off of the house. This incident was the climax of our night's experiences.

After drawing conclusions from these incidents, I say without reserve that "old maids" should be taxed, and bachelors should be hung.

**A Lucky Find.**

The poet Lowell asked "What is so rare as a good day in June?" And the answer is: a right down good detective story. *Lippincott's Magazine* is therefore lucky to secure for the complete novelette in its May issue one that is up to the top-notch. "The Moyott Mystery," by Nevil Monroe Hopkins, is superlatively original in scheme, yet quite within the realm of reason. A satisfying conclusion is reached through rapid-acting scenes of thrilling obscurity. While love is not the primary interest in this captivating tale there are glimpses of the tender passion, between a niece of the victim and one of the men who essays to unravel the mystery, which relieve the high tension in which the whole is enveloped.

There are eight short stories up to the standard which this Magazine has established—and endeavorers to raise a peg with every number. Bertha M. Sinclair contributes one of her best stories of the far West, "The Deputy," which is humorous and pointed. A charming love-story of artistic trend is "The Real Thing," by Katherine Metcalf Roof. "The Firebrand," a tale of South Russia by George Allan England presents a powerful picture of present-day priestcraft in the land of the Czar. Minna Thomas Antrim's sweet child sketch, "Sadie of the Kind Eyes," blends humor and pathos. A lively story of modern home life is "That Deal of Doughty's," by Walt Makee. "The Great Tangle," by Jane Belfield, is a clever emotional monotone. An interesting satire of a triangle,—one man and two girls,—is, "As Managed by Corolyn," by Jean Louise West. "Jimmie Emmence, Matchmaker of Circle N" is a Western love-story on novel lines; its author is C. Cunningham. "Shall we believe in Ghost?"

**Danville Choral Society Disbands.**

Lack of Interest is Given as the Cause.

At a meeting held last Thursday evening the Danville Choral society disbanded.

The Danville Choral society was organized after the memorable rendition of the oratorio, "The Holy City" in Danville and Bloomsburg a short time ago. The meetings of the organization, however, have not been well attended, and a lamentable lack of interest is given as the reason for the discontinuance of the organization.

This seems to be always the case. Bloomsburg has had the same experience. A number of times choral societies have been organized and have done good work, but in a short time they languish and die, principally because the members lose interest and will not attend the rehearsals regularly. There are always a few faithful ones, and they are usually people whose time is most occupied. They tire of going to rehearsals to find only a handful, and the thing goes to pieces. Why is it?

**New York and Back in a Day.**

There has been some talk lately about the D. L. & W. R. R. putting a train on that will leave Northumberland early in the morning, reach New York about noon, and returning, leave the city about 4 o'clock and arrive here about midnight. There is no question but what such a train would be a great convenience, and there is not much doubt but that it would be liberally patronized. Business men could spend four hours in the city, and return the same day. Parties could return home from Wilkes-Barre after attending the theatre there.

Now there is practically only one train a day to New York on the Lackawanna, and that leaves here at 10:41 a. m., arriving there at 5 o'clock, too late to do any business that day.

The matter seems to have gotten far enough along, so that if the residents of the towns along the line show any interest in it, or indicate a desire for such a train, the company will probably put it on. This is a good scheme for the Chamber of Commerce to begin operations on. Berwick is circulating a petition for the train. What's the matter with Bloomsburg.

inquires Rene Bache in the title of his interesting talk about spectral evidence up-to-date in the *May Lippincott's*. He produces some curious instances of when "the ghost walked."

George L. Knapp, a virile young journalist-author of Colorado, who is bounding into notice, writes of the "Legend of Tannhauser" after a manner all his own, in which is woven the touching story so familiar to opera lovers.

"Ways of the Hour"—the new department in *Lippincott's Magazine*—carries four bright little editorials on themes of interest: "Accommodating the Stork," by Clifford Howard; "Over-worked Words" by Anne Hollingsworth Wharton; "A Billion a Year for Railway Development," by Joseph M. Rogers; and "Household Decoration," by Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer.

There are poems of merit in tune with the awakening reason; and "Walnuts and Wine" of the best vintage, to close a first-class spring number of the Magazine.

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**Skipping the Rope.**

Skipping the rope is a healthful exercise, providing the skipping is done in moderation. But when the little girl without discretion is given a rope and jumps to excess the result is almost certain to be disastrous. Small children have ambitions as well as have older persons, and when one little girl makes a record as a rope skipper some other little girl gets it into her head that she will try and break the record; and death or some other serious illness follows.

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