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## LIBUTENANT BOWER'S FAREWELL

The "Leavenworth Times" of Thursday, June 16th, contains an affecting article relating to the departure of Lieutenant Bower's remains for the East, where he was to be laid to rest in the home of his childhood. Believing that it will be of interest to every citizen, the article is reproduced in these columns. It reads as follows:

An immense throng including all the officers of the Post, many ladies, the Engineer battalion and a large number of enlisted men from other organizations, accompanied the remains of Lieutenant Nathaniel E. Bower, from the hospital to the Missouri Pacific depot yesterday morning. The funeral cortege left the Post hospital at 10:35 o'clock in the following order:

Sixth infantry band, mounted escort, Chaplain Randolph, casket bearing remains, carriage bearing mourners, First battalion of engineers, officers of the Post and other vehicles.

At the hospital the remains were viewed for the last time by the many friends. At the depot a short service was held and a trumpet sounded "taps" over the casket. As the chaplain read the solemn words of the service there was scarcely a dry eye in the great throng, showing the tender affection in which Lieutenant Bower was held by all who knew him. Chaplain Randolph's voice was choked with emotion as he sought to pay a tribute to his friend.

"I desire to take advantage of this occasion to commend to the consideration of all the worthy Christian church members of this town the loss we mourn. His life was a proof of the fidelity of the statement that a man cannot be a Christian and a soldier. As a young man said to me yesterday: 'If there was a Christian Bower was one.' This statement no one who knew him will deny. We can say truthfully say, 'If we had a soldier in our army, Bower was one.' What he was as a man and a soldier you all know. We stand with honor at his sudden taking off. We look down at his pale face and sightless eyes and think what an awful thing is death, but will you permit me to say what you all know, that life is a thing more terrible. To the dead there is no more responsibility, no more striving, but peace—sleep—rest. To those who live, remains the struggle, the continuance of the fight."

"If the noble example of our departed brother gives us a higher ideal, and an inspiration to strive for better things his life was not in vain; and if his sudden death brings to our minds with strongest emphasis the things that mean most in real manhood, who can say it was not for the best. God knows."

The funeral cortege passed through the Post headed by the Sixth Infantry band playing funeral marches. The sidewalks at places were crowded as the procession passed. A separate vehicle was required to carry the beautiful floral offerings. The 1901 class of West Point, of which Lieutenant Bower was a graduate, sent a beautiful bouquet of roses which was eight feet long and covered the entire coffin. The officers of the First battalion of engineers sent an enormous spray of roses representing a pillow.

Each company of the Engineer corps donated a spray of flowers representing a castle with the letter of the different organizations above it. Colonel J. Van R. Hoff sent a beautiful spray of roses. Numerous other offerings were sent.

The body was shipped to Mooreburg, Pennsylvania. Lieutenant Hannum of the Engineer corps, who was with Lieut. Bower when he was killed, accompanied the remains.

Lieutenant Nathaniel E. Bower was a native of Pennsylvania and was 35 years old. He was graduated from the Military Academy February 18th, 1901, and assigned to the Artillery corps, but was transferred to the Engineer corps January 18th, 1902. In announcing the death of Lieutenant Bower Colonel Duncan, post commander, stated:

"By the death of Lieutenant Bower this garrison loses one of its most genial and lovable members, and the corps of Engineers and the service at large, loses a most efficient, painstaking and brilliant officer."

The Fourth at DeWitt's Park. In order that Danville may not be dull on Fourth of July Dr. DeWitt has decided to throw his park open on that day and will present a series of interesting attractions.

The pavilion will be run all day with the best of music obtainable. There will be base ball and other sports during the morning and afternoon, the whole to wind up with a grand display of fireworks at night.

The base ball will be an especially interesting feature. During the forenoon there will be a game between two teams made up of old time players of South Danville and Riverside who used to delight the crowds fifteen or twenty years ago. They expect to demonstrate the fact that base ball once acquired is never forgotten by playing a game which will surprise the younger generation. During the afternoon there will be a game between a team of this city and one from a neighboring town.

The park will be free and the people of Riverside and Danville are invited to spend the entire day there.

June roses are very much in evidence.

## PUBLIC ELECTION AUTHORIZED

The Borough Council Friday held a meeting which was freighted with importance. Action was taken increasing the Borough indebtedness, and providing for the holding of a public election; specifications for street paving were adopted, and advertising for bids authorized which take in both paving and an electric light system.

On motion of Mr. Reifsnnyder, seconded by Mr. Vastine, a resolution was unanimously adopted ordering that the legal indebtedness of the borough be increased by and to the amount of \$51,000 for the following purposes: \$21,000 for property furnishing and securing the existing indebtedness in excess of the ordinary constitutional and statutory limitation; the amount of \$13,000 for erecting and maintaining a municipal electric lighting plant, all to be owned and operated by the Borough solely for the purpose of generating electricity and electric light for lighting the several Borough buildings, Borough property, streets, alleys, etc.; \$18,000 for property grading, curbing and paving Mill street from the northern entrance to the bridge to the northern building line on Center street as provided for by the ordinance approved May 23, A. D., 1904; also that a public election be held on Tuesday, August 2, 1904, between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon and seven o'clock in the afternoon of the said day for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors to such increase of indebtedness and that thirty days' notice of such election be given by weekly advertisement in the Montour American, "Danville Intelligencer" and "Montour Democrat" and by at least twenty printed hand bills posted in public places of Borough.

The specifications for paving, a voluminous document of seventeen sections, was read as amended section by section and very carefully considered. On motion of Mr. Reifsnnyder, seconded by Mr. Vastine, the specifications were unanimously adopted and two hundred copies ordered printed, the job to be let to the lowest bidder.

On motion of Mr. Reifsnnyder, seconded by Mr. Boyer it was ordered that bids be invited for street paving, all bids to be in by the next meeting night, July 1st.

Mr. Reifsnnyder of the Committee on Light introduced the subject of municipal light. He explained that six specifications along with a map taking in the Borough and all its additions showing the proposed location of arc lights were in the hands of the Secretary. The contract with the Standard Electric Light Company, expires on November 1st and he declared there was no time to lose. Regardless of what the result of the election is at its authorized might be Council, he said, seen its way perfectly clear in obtaining the money needed. He therefore recommended that the specifications, which had previously been approved, along with drawings be submitted for bids. He made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fenstermacher, that Council advertise for bids for an electric light plant, bids to be in by the next meeting, July 1st. It carried unanimously.

Bids for printing the paving ordinance invited in advance were in the Secretary's hands. It was discovered, however, that there was a misunderstanding among the bidders as to the nature of the work. The proposals, therefore, were not opened and the printers today on fuller instructions, will be given an opportunity to revise their bids. The bids will be opened tonight by the Committee on printing.

In the matter of the bridge over Mahoning creek at Chestnut street petitioned for at the previous meeting the Committee on Streets and Bridges reported progress.

The following members were present last night: Davis, Dietrich, Goesser, Swank, Fenstermacher, Boyer, Reifsnnyder, Vastine and Lloyd.

The following bills were approved for payment:

**BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.**  
Regular Employees ..... \$ 28.50  
Winding Town Clocks ..... 60.00  
Labor and Hauling ..... 49.29  
Labor on Sewer ..... 79.65  
Pettibone Bros., Mig. Co. .... 2.40  
Frank Schram ..... 5.70  
Sarah McCuen ..... 6.00

**WATER DEPARTMENT.**  
Regular Employees ..... \$187.00  
American Car and Foundry Co. 7.05  
Curry & Vannan ..... 6.02  
A. M. Peters ..... 3.12  
Cherry Chemical Co. .... 36.70  
Harry H. Patton ..... 20.00  
Mrs. M. T. LeDue ..... 45.98

**Low Water Favors Extracting Coal.**  
E. J. Duce is taking advantage of the low water on the river to push work with his coal digger. River conditions have not been favorable for the extracting of coal thus far this season and although the coal digger has been out the greater part of its time the quantity of coal gathered in has not been considerable.

With the water at its present stage the coal is easily found and easily extracted. Thus far this week Mr. LeDue has brought in a boat load every day. The prospects are that the coal digger will reap a fair harvest between the present and fall. Mr. LeDue is selling his coal to the Water Works.

**Making Headway.**  
Superintendent Keefe is making very good progress in the work of laying sewer pipe in the river. By yesterday afternoon seventy-two feet of the pipe were laid.

## THE MONUMENT UNVEILED

The monument erected in Fairview cemetery to the memory of Lieutenant Robert Curry and other pioneers of this section was unveiled Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large number of descendants.

The unveiling took place at 2 o'clock. The exercises were simple, yet appropriate. Music was furnished by the Mechanicsville Band, which discoursed several patriotic selections with the best of effect.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George E. Limbort, pastor of Shiloh Reformed church. This was preceded and followed with a selection of music.

Next came a brief address by Mrs. Hain, which embodied with a touching tribute to the dead several beautiful gems of sentiment. The address was as follows:

"To honor the memory of those who were pioneers in blazing the path of civilization, or who yielded up their lives in defence of their country, is at once a duty and a pleasure. In erecting this modest memorial to the memory of our kith and kin, whose bones have long since turned to dust, it is not the desire nor intention to exalt them above their compatriots, for whom no stone records their deeds and sacrifices. It is rather to show our loyal veneration for our dead, who in the long ago lived, labored and achieved amid privations and dangers to which their progeny are strangers.

Others in the Colonial and Revolutionary days, doubtless, were more brilliant, more conspicuous and more highly honored by their fellows, but these are of our blood, who were earnest, true and patriotic, and their descendants do honor and reverence them. Since the world began it has been for women to recount to the children the sturdy virtues and valor of their progenitors. This monument is simply a woman's story cut into granite, that it may endure when she who has caused these tablets to be inscribed shall have been gathered to her fathers, and like them, shall be voiceless in the tomb."

Following the address the ceremony of unveiling took place. A beautiful American flag concealed the monument from view. While the band played "America" the flag was drawn aside by little Sydney Moll and Gertrude Sider, great-grandchildren of Lieutenant Robert Curry. The exercises concluded with benediction by Rev. George E. Limbort.

The monument is of the sarcophagus order and is a very beautiful piece of work. It was erected by T. L. Evans' Sons of this city and is solely the work of their shops.

On the eastern face is the following inscription:

"Lieutenant Robert Curry, Seventh Company, First Battalion, Northumberland Association of the Pennsylvania Militia. Appointed March 25, 1776; killed by the Indians near Fort Meade, Pa., June 9th, 1780; born 1744. His wife Jane McWilliams, born 1750—died 1825."

On the west side the following is inscribed:

"Thomas Lemon, a judge of the First Court of Common Pleas, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, appointed by George III, 1772. Born 1730; died 1775. His wife Margaret Slough, born 1735; died 1824."

"Originally buried in the Lemon homestead. James Lemon. Born 1757; died 1842. His wife, Rachel Fleming. Born 1765; died 1840."

On the north face is inscribed:

"Robert McWilliams. Born 1775; died 1823. His wife, Jane Curry, first white child born in the forks of the Susquehanna river. Born 1773; died 1858."

On the south side the inscription is as follows: "These bodies were removed from the Presbyterian graveyard and the Lemon homestead and this monument erected in their honor by their grand-daughter, Anna R. McWilliams Hain, 1893."

## THE LAST RITES PERFORMED

Lieutenant Nathaniel E. Bower whose death occurred at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on Monday, was buried in Odd Fellows' cemetery, this place, on Saturday. The funeral was one of the largest that has taken place in this county for a long time.

Services were held at the Bower homestead, Mansburg, at 11:30 a. m. and were conducted by Rev. A. B. Herr of Pottsville, assisted by Rev. J. E. Hutchison and Rev. Dr. McCormack of this city. Rev. Herr preached a sermon and Mr. Hutchison and Dr. McCormack each offered a prayer. Not only the sermon but the prayers as well abounded in beautiful tributes of praise well merited by the deceased, whose diligence, strict integrity and kindness of heart had already won for him so much in the way of preferment and had endeared him to all with whom he came in contact along life's pathway.

The wonderful profusion of flowers which accompanied the remains from the military post in themselves constituted a tribute such as has never been surpassed in this section. There were a score or more of pieces including every variety of design representing gifts not only from each of the officers of the corps, but also from each of the companies. A noteworthy piece was an immense anchor. Another tribute which attracted attention was a large cluster of roses with stems six feet long, that came from the West Point class of 1901. There were in all eight large pieces and at least a dozen small pieces. Notwithstanding their long journey the flowers were in a pretty good condition. Among the floral tributes was a beautiful design from the High School class of '96.

The pall bearers were the Vincent brothers, first cousins of the deceased; Thaddeus, Thomas G., Harry, Victor, Robert and Walter Vincent.

A large number of people from this city went to the cemetery and when the funeral arrived there, at about 2:30 o'clock, it found several hundred people in waiting.

A touching feature of the obsequies was the presence of Lieutenant Warren T. Hannum, comrade and bosom friend of the deceased, who was with him when he was killed by lightning and who himself was badly shocked by the same bolt. During the services at the home Lieutenant Hannum occupied a post at the head of the casket; on the way to the cemetery he rode next to the hearse and while the body was being interred he stood a silent sentinel at the head of the grave.

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**Tribute to James H. Voris.**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Voris have received from Perth Amboy Lodge No. 784, B. P. O. E., a very fine tribute to their son, the late James H. Voris, a member of the Elks, and a recent resident of Perth Amboy.

The tribute consists of a set of resolutions condoling with the parents beautifully framed, accompanied with a large portrait of the deceased also nicely framed.

The resolutions read:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God, the Great Ruler of the Universe, to remove to his Eternal Home an esteemed and worthy brother Elks, James H. Voris, known and esteemed by a wide circle of friends as a whole-souled and generous man among men, be it

Resolved, That while we bow submissively to the will of Him who doth all things well we do hereby express our sorrow at Brother Voris' sudden death at the threshold of an unusually promising career and deplore the great loss, which we sustain as a lodge and as men, and be it further

Resolved, That Perth Amboy Lodge No. 784, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks take this means of expressing to the family of our Brother an appreciation of his worth and our sympathy with them in their hour of bereavement.

**DR. FRANK CROWTHER,**  
**JOSEPH E. STRICKER,**  
**HAROLD E. PICKERSGILL,**  
**HENRY MCCULLOUGH,**  
Committee.

**Mullen-Herrington.**  
Miss Margaret Herrington and John B. Mullen of this city were united in matrimony yesterday. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Father M. O'Reilly in St. Joseph's Catholic church at 6:30 a. m.

Miss Kate Mullen, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and John Dugan, nephew of the bride, was best man. The ceremony was followed with a reception at the home of the groom on Fifth street. The newly wedded couple left on the 12:15 Pennsylvania train for Blossburg, the home of the bride.

**Will Stop at Roaring Creek.**  
The schedule of the S. H. & W. branch has been slightly changed to allow the 12:15 passenger train west and the 2:21 train east, which lately went on as "flyers," to stop at Roaring Creek on flag. All on the trains of the S. H. & W. division now stop at Roaring Creek.

## LONG DELAY AT FERRY

As the river continues to fall the trials and tribulations of those who have to rely upon the ferry increase. Every day seems to bring some new vexation and should the river drop much below its present level it is difficult to see how the flat boat can be operated so as to be of much service to the public.

A round trip on the ferry this week is likely to consume anything from half an hour to nearly an hour. On one or more occasions the flat, heavily loaded was delayed by striking a big rock lying in its course about mid stream. The principal trouble lies at the landings, where the shallow water will not permit the boat to get into shore.

As such trouble as anywhere is experienced at the landing on the Danville side, where the flat boat when empty can approach reasonably near shore, but as soon as loaded becomes aground. A long delay was occasioned in this way last evening when the ferry was starting on its trip to catch the 5:50 Pennsylvania train. The ferryman assisted by several able-bodied boatmen pried and tugged at the boat for nearly twenty minutes before it could be dislodged. Persons on the boat who desired to catch the train naturally became very nervous.

At the South side the ferry can not get into shore within over a hundred feet. The heavily loaded wagons have a difficult time in fording the river between the boat and shore, while two dippy planks over the long stretch between the floating platform at the ferry and dry ground on shore.

It appears that the ferries at neighboring towns have about the same difficulties to contend with that obtain here. There are many curious experiences and now and then a narrow escape from fatality. William Esterline, the telegraph operator at Nesopeck, who was at South Danville yesterday witnessed a curious affair at Berwick yesterday morning.

A milkman of Nesopeck by the name of C. A. Fenstermacher was trying to get across the river to Berwick. There were a large number of vehicles ahead of him at the ferry and he decided to try and ford the river.

He was driving two horses attached to a large wagon, which contained eight or ten boxes filled with milk bottles. He entered the water a short distance above the old bridge site and was just passing a point called the black rock when the horses stepped into a deep hole and were compelled to swim.

The box became unfastened from the wagon and floated off down the river, carrying Mr. Fenstermacher with it. The horses succeeded in swimming to the shore while the unfortunate milkman was caught near the bridge by several parties in a boat.

**Laying Pipe in the River.**  
Superintendent P. J. Keefe has resumed work on the sewer and unless hindered by high water it will be the matter of only a few days until the heavy iron pipe is laid in the river and the sewer carried to completion.

The work which remains to be done is probably the most difficult part of the whole sewer proposition. The water is a factor which will have to be reckoned with until the job is completed. The only way the pipe can be laid in the river will be by building coffer dams.

The iron pipe will extend out into the stream for a distance of two hundred and fifty feet. The pipe is twenty-four inches in diameter and each joint is sixteen feet long. It therefore proves much more difficult to handle than the short joints of terra cotta pipe of the same diameter used in the creek.

A coffer dam was being erected yesterday to shut off the water from one section, comprising probably one-third of the distance to be covered with the pipe. The traction engine and centrifugal pump belonging to the Borough have been installed below the river bank at the water's edge for the purpose of keeping down the water while the pipe is being laid.

**Puddlers Win Silver Cup.**  
The Iron Moulders' Picnic on Saturday was a fine success. The weather conditions were all that could be desired and a large crowd visited the park.

During the afternoon interest mainly centered in the tug of war between the Iron Moulders and the Puddlers of the Reading Iron Works, which was to decide the custodianship of the silver cup. The contest was pulled off on the Fair ground. Thomas Trainor and W. A. Shepperson were selected as judges. W. A. Seelhor, general manager of the stove works, was made referee.

The rope used was about thirty feet long. Nine men were placed on each side and then the tug began. It was a splendid test of strength and well worth witnessing. The fight was a long and hard one before the puddlers succeeded in pulling the Iron Moulders over the line.

The decision was rendered in favor of the puddlers, who consequently received the silver cup, which the Iron Moulders have held for ten years past.

**At Hunter's Park.**  
Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Leuiger, Mr. and Mrs. George M. West, A. O. Amesbury and family, A. W. Blecher and family, along with Mr. Hunter and the families of Messrs. Harrison and Dubler, proprietors of the merry-go-round, are now domiciled at Hunter's Park, to remain during the summer.

## TO BRIDGE MAHONING CREEK

The residents of the lower end of the Borough who petitioned Council for a new bridge over Mahoning Creek at Chestnut street have not as yet been given much encouragement. The committee on Streets and Bridges, to which the petition was referred, has not yet made a full report, although some of the members have expressed themselves in a way to indicate that they do not think the plan to use one of the canal bridges at that point at all practicable and that they regard the proposition on the whole as too big for the town to tackle at the present time.

Some of the petitioners, however, are not willing that the agitation shall cease and they are ready to make another suggestion. Since the use of the canal bridge, which they thought would fill the bill, has been disapproved of they have turned to the two spans of the river bridge which remain as affording all the timber needed to bridge Mahoning creek and meadow between West Mahoning Creek and the end pier.

The two spans of course would be regarded as property belonging to the county, but those who favor the use of it in the Borough get over this difficulty very easily by suggesting that Council trade off one of its disused canal bridges for what remains of the river bridge. The view is taken that the County Commissioners would very readily accede to this, as the bridge timber will prove of doubtful utility to them while the canal bridge could be used anywhere in spanning the smaller streams of the county and would be sure to obviate the expenditure of a large sum of money for new bridges.

It remains to be seen whether Council will ever be called upon to take action on these suggestions, but just at present they find favor with a good many people and figure extensively in daily converse.

**Improvements at St. Hubert's.**  
The congregation of St. Hubert's Catholic Church during the Summer will erect a large annex to the church, which will afford better accommodations for the school and considerably enlarge the church auditorium.

The plans will be awarded as soon as the contracts, which are being made by J. H. Brügler, are completed. The work will have to be pushed very rapidly in order to have the building finished in time for the opening of school next fall.

The annex will be 62 feet by 44 feet. It will be two stories in height with a basement and will be built of brick. The church is 35 feet wide so that the annex will extend out 8 1/2 feet further than the main building on each side.

In the basement of the new part heating apparatus will be installed for warming the whole building. The first story of the annex will be used as a school room and together with the basement in the main building will nicely accommodate all the children of the parish.

The second story of the annex will be on a level with the sanctuary. In order to increase the seating capacity the sanctuary will be moved over into the new portion and the space vacated will be occupied with pews. In this way four rows of seats will be added, which will accommodate a good many more people during service.

**St. Joseph School Closed.**  
The parochial school connected with St. Joseph's Catholic church closed for the season yesterday. This school is in a very flourishing condition and has a large attendance, all the children of St. Joseph's church being upon the roll.

The examinations were held Monday and Tuesday of the present week. Promotions were made by Rev. Father O'Reilly yesterday afternoon. The closing exercises were held last evening and attracted a good-sized assemblage. The following program was rendered:

Greeting Song ..... School.  
Operetta—"Little Gypsy" ..... Mr. Murphy.  
Address ..... Miss Anna Connelly.  
Song—"Yarning" ..... Primary Pupils.  
Piano ..... Catherine Pickin.  
Pantomime—"Custer's Last Charge" ..... Boys.

Piano ..... Catherine Deen.  
Operetta—"Little Gypsy" ..... Mr. Murphy.  
Piano ..... Edward Shevlin.  
Recitation ..... Thomas Law.  
Character Song—"The Tramps" ..... Mr. Murphy.  
Piano ..... Miss Anna Connelly.  
"Johnnie Visits the Museum" ..... Miss A. Connelly, Master James Kilfoil.  
"Evening Hymn" ..... School.  
Piano ..... Marion Letster.

**Mausdale Milling Company.**  
The Maussdale Milling Company composed of Charles Hancy and James Frazier, have started up business with George LaFontette recently of Blossburg as miller. The plant was remodelled only a year or so ago and is now thoroughly modern. The new firm will no doubt do a good business.

The one thousand or more Odd Fellows at Shamokin are contemplating the organization of a branch of the Patriarchs Militant. This body is the military branch of the order.

## RELATING TO THE POSTAL LAWS

There are irregularities of one sort or another in the use of the mails which will have to be avoided or a whole lot of people may get into trouble.

This violation, according to Postmaster Harder, is the habit of a good many people of enclosing writing in packages which are paid for according to second, third or fourth class rates. The post office department begins to suspect that the rule which forbids this is being observed more in the breach than in the observance. It is a violation which can not be tolerated and Postmaster Harder says it would not be at all surprising if in a short time there would be wholesale exposures, which, of course, means wholesale arrests.

There are many persons who have never taken the pains to post themselves on the postal laws. To such the following brief explanation will be found invaluable.

Mail matter is divided into first, second, third and fourth classes, each with its own rate of postage. The first class, as is well known, covers correspondence, such as letters. The second class takes in newspapers and regular publications. The third class includes photographs along with printed matter, such as circulars, etc. The fourth class takes in such articles as are ranked with merchandise.

The law specifically provides that mail matter containing any writing or printing in addition to the original matter shall not be admitted to the mails nor delivered except upon payment of postage for matter of first class. Any person who shall conceal or enclose any matter of a higher class in that of a lower class and deposit the same for conveyance by mail at a less rate than would be charged for both such higher and lower class matter shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

The sending in of tobacco tags affords an instance in which it is believed that the law is violated in a wholesale way. These tags which belong either to third or fourth class mail as they are paper or metal and carry postage as such, it is believed in the majority of instances contain with them writing telling what premium is desired, which, of course, throws the tags from the third or fourth class into the first class and makes the sender liable to a penalty. The accompanying letter in such cases should be enclosed in a separate envelope. The whole package paid for according to first class rates.

The rates to and from the British Isles have also been greatly reduced. The rate from Glasgow is now only \$12.75. From Liverpool the rate is \$14, while previous to the agreement it was fixed at \$28. It must be understood, however, that these are steerage rates and that no reduction has yet been made to the cabin passengers of either class, although if the rate war continues long enough it may effect these also.

**For Amateur Athletes.**  
There will be a big amateur athletic meet at Athletic Park, Scranton, on Saturday, July 16, next, conducted under the auspices of the Scranton Tribune.

Following is the programme of events which are open to all amateur athletes residing in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

100-yard dash, handicap; 100-yard dash, championship of Northeastern Pennsylvania; 200-yard dash, scratch; 440-yard dash, handicap; 880-yard run, scratch; 1-mile run, handicap; 1200-yard hurdles, scratch; 200-yard hurdles, handicap; running high jump, scratch; vaulting, broad jump, scratch; pole vault, handicap; 16-pound shot, handicap; 16-pound hammer throw, handicap; 1 mile relay races (four men) for universities, colleges, schools, athletic clubs, regiments and Y. M. C. A. associations; special relay races for boys in grammar grades, 1 mile; teams of eight boys, each boy to run 200 yards. Special event, tug of war between teams of policemen from any city or town in Northern Pennsylvania.

No entry will be accepted unless the entry blank is correctly made out. "Best and last three performances" must be given, whether indoors or outdoors. Contestants will report to clerk of course (in park) at 2 p. m. The games will begin promptly at 2:30 p. m. Field and track events starting at same time.

No one will be allowed to start without his proper number. The proper official must certify to membership in school of boys. Suitable prizes will be given in every event. Right to reject any entry is reserved.

Entries close Tuesday, July 15. No charge is made for entries and suitable prizes will be awarded winners. The affair will be managed by a committee of leading citizens, of which H. C. Shafer, cashier of the Scranton Savings bank, is chairman.

C. R. H. Jackson, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., Scranton, is chairman of program committee, and secretary of the general committee. Inquiries addressed to him will be promptly answered.

The fishermen are in their element now.

## VISITING SCENES OF THEIR CHILDHOOD

The cut in trans-Atlantic steamship rates has caused a great exodus of foreigners from every part of the coal region.

Many of those who left will never return, but quite a large number have merely taken advantage of the low fare to visit the scenes of their childhood and bring across relatives or friends who are anxious to settle in the United States.

There are differential rates for eastward and westward voyages. The Anchor line, State line and American line have taken the lead in announcing a rate of \$12.50 for the westward voyage, while the White Star line offers tickets for the same voyage for \$11.

The Onward Company still holds on to the old figure of \$28, notwithstanding the telegraphic dispatch that a reduction would be made to \$8.40. The Hamburg and other lines have a \$16 rate for the eastward journey. The rate of \$27 to Italy is still maintained, and it is doubtful whether many Italians will avail themselves of the reduced rates to England, as the cost of the overland route would more than balance the money saved by the reduced ocean rate.

Twenty dollars from New York to Hamburg is the rate now offered average passengers from this region. This low rate is good only on the Hamburg-American boats which sail on Saturdays.

For many years there has been an agreement between the various steamship companies pertaining to the conduct of their business and this agreement was participated in by all the leading concerns. A short time since the Cunard line, an English line, withdrew from the agreement for some reason.

The Cunard line has formed a contract with the Hungarian government by which upon certain considerations that line is given the privilege and has already erected docks at Trieste, Austria and Hungary. By this means the Hungarian government obtains a large revenue from those of its residents who desire to emigrate to America by means of embarking at these points. When the agreement between the companies was dissolved by the withdrawal of the Cunard line the other companies resolved to make a bid for the sale of passage tickets to the people of that country and incidentally to cut the rates elsewhere.

The Cunard rate from Trieste and Kieme is \$27.50. By this reduction it is thought that the immigrants from Austria-Hungary will take the overland route to Hamburg and embark at that point.

The rates to and from the British Isles have also been greatly reduced. The rate from Glasgow is now only \$12.75. From Liverpool the rate is \$14, while previous to the agreement it was fixed at \$28. It must be understood, however, that these are steerage rates and that no reduction has yet been made to the cabin passengers of either class, although if the rate war continues long enough it may effect these also.

**For Amateur Athletes.**  
There will be a big amateur athletic meet at Athletic Park, Scranton, on Saturday, July 16, next, conducted under the auspices of the Scranton Tribune.

Following is the programme of events which are open to all amateur athletes residing in Northeastern Pennsylvania.