

FRIENDS BUT HAD NEVER MET

"Hearst's Boston American" of recent date contains a description of an interesting romance in real life, which had its origin in the Civil War and in which our townsman, R. W. Eggett, is the central figure. The affair came to the attention of the Boston newspaper through Mr. Eggett's visit to Boston on the occasion of the national encampment. The account reads:

The donation of a "comfort bag" to the Union soldiers during the Civil War was the means of establishing a friendship between Charles L. Bullard of No. 9, Richdale avenue, Somerville, and Richard W. Eggett at present newspaper editor of Danville, Pa. The men have corresponded but they have never met and today Mr. Bullard with a photograph he had received from his friend and several letters written during the Civil War was at the South station eagerly scanning every face beneath a Grand Army hat.

"I may know him from his picture," said Mr. Bullard, "but he won't know me because he never saw a picture of me. We have never met, yet we feel like brothers. I would give anything to meet him and entertain him at my home."

Our readers will be interested to know that the two fast friends who had never come together before succeeded in meeting during the encampment. Richard missing Mr. Bullard on arriving at Boston and being provided with the latter's address went direct to his house and at the very moment when the man was exciting so much interest by his inquiries at the station Mr. Eggett was snugly tucked away in his friend's home taking a nap.

Mr. Eggett still possesses the "comfort bag" which fell into his hands in 1864, when he was an artilleryman in Battery F, Second Pennsylvania Artillery, and which led to the friendship between himself and Mr. Bullard so oddly maintained during forty years of their life. The "bag" is quite ornamental in its way, the colors red, white and blue predominating. Upon being unfolded several little pockets disclose themselves in which are still contained the different colored threads and the needles and pins sent out from that New England home so many years ago to minister to the needs of the boys in blue.

The comfort bag was made by the mother of Charles Bullard who was then only twelve years of age. The bag was sent to the Sanitary or the Christian Commission whence it fell into Mr. Eggett's hands. Commonly the bags contained the names of the maker, but in this case the little slip of paper enclosed bore the name of the boy, Charles L. Bullard.

Richard wrote to the lad and during some time a correspondence was kept up but it was dropped before the close of the war. About nine years ago Mr. Bullard became curious to know whether his soldier friend had survived the battles of the Civil War and if so how he had fared during the long interval of thirty years following that conflict.

He accordingly wrote to the war department and with assistance from that source traced Mr. Eggett to Danville, when the correspondence was renewed. The grant encampment at Boston gave Mr. Eggett an opportunity to visit Mr. Bullard.

Will Ask Penny to Contribute.

An effort is being made on the part of the Berwick Citizens' committee to have the Pennsylvania Railroad contribute the \$4,000 necessary, in addition to the \$5,000 which the D. L. & W. Railroad has agreed to contribute, to make the necessary subscription of \$10,000 which Attorney General Carson says must be subscribed before he will recommend the construction of the Berwick-Nesqueck bridge upon the site as proposed by the viewers with the bridge built over the tracks of the D. L. & W. company.

Several of the railroad's counsel have expressed the opinion that the railroad should do something, but whether they will or not remains to be seen.

There is no doubt but that the amount of the subscriptions asked would soon be made up in passenger traffic alone, as the passenger traffic receipts at the Nesqueck station are very large and would be even larger with proper facilities, and then, too, the delay in the construction of the bridge and the consequent falling off in travel during the winter months will cause a loss of more money than the committee asks.

Will Hold a Festival.

The ladies of Lower Mulberry street will hold an ice cream festival in the covered market stand on the property of J. R. Wallace on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday next, the proceeds to be donated to the Trustees of the Mary M. Packer Hospital at Sunbury. Those of our citizens who wish to contribute cakes and fruit will please deliver the same to person in charge of the stand Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

The use of this stand has been kindly tendered the ladies by Mr. Wallace. Later in the month the ladies of another street will be invited to hold a fish and oyster supper at the same place, the proceeds to be applied to the same good cause.

Cherries of all denominations are privileged to use the stand on other than market days free of charge.

St. Louis has about convinced the country that it is not a city of robbers.

A MISSIONARY IN KOREA

Miss Margaret Best, a missionary in Korea, is visiting relatives in this city. She is a native of Danville, and is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Runyan, Northumberland street. Yesterday she was a guest of her cousin, Mrs. R. W. Eggett, nee Miss Ella Best.

Miss Best has been laboring in Korea for seven years past. Up to the time of her leaving for this country she was stationed at Pyeung Yang, a town prominently mentioned in connection with the hostilities between Russia and Japan and which is situated just south of the now famous Yalu river, which separates Korea from Manchuria.

She is well posted on the peculiar conditions prevailing in that country and has seen something of the strife between the two great warring nations. Miss Best left Korea in May last. Excitement incident to the war had pretty well subsided by that time, although in February and March, about the time of breaking out of hostilities, there were stirring times about Pyeung Yang.

The city was full of Japanese troops, while to the north of Pyeung Yang were several thousand Oosaks. A clash between the two forces took place about 70 miles from the city, which was all the fighting that occurred in that section.

Miss Best says that the inhabitants of Korea are not the weak and timid people that they are represented to be in the public prints. They are hospitable, brave and intelligent. They love their country, but unfortunately are the victims of bad government.

Korea is a very fruitful field for missionary effort. Not only are the missionaries received kindly by the natives but converts are easily made. There is a Presbyterian and a Methodist mission at Pyeung Yang, and speaking of the Presbyterian mission, with which she is connected, Miss Best says the success achieved is remarkable, there being several thousand communicants among the natives.

Miss Best will not return to Korea until next year. It will probably be eight or ten years later before she will return to America.

Caught Under Falling Cinder.

John Wesley Crossley, employed at the stone crushing plant on Reifsnnyder's cinder tip had the misfortune to break his leg yesterday forenoon. The crusher is at present employed in breaking up cinder to be used in the making of concrete for street paving.

Mr. Crossley was engaged in digging the cinder loose and was working alone at some distance from the crusher. In excavating he had undermined a part of the big breast of cinder which towered about twelve feet from the ground. Suddenly, the overhanging portion, about half a ton in weight, broke loose and fell down upon the workman. The man was knocked down and his legs completely buried under the cinder, while a large chunk struck him upon the head, inflicting an ugly gash.

The other workmen ran to his assistance and as quickly as possible he was released when it was found that his left leg was broken between the ankle and knee.

Dr. Curry was quickly summoned who gave the injured man surgical attention on the spot, setting the broken bone and dressing the wound upon the leg, which bled very profusely. Dr. Curry then drove the injured man to his home on Nicholas avenue.

It was not known until demonstrated by the accident yesterday how liable the cinder is to fall. There seems to be little cohesion about it and it will not stand undisturbed. Mr. Crossley's accident will serve as a warning to the other workmen, who in taking his place will be very cautious.

Scientific Foot Racing.

The races at DeWitt's Park promise to be interesting features on Labor Day. Among the contestants will be three members of the Susquehanna University track team, who are trained runners. They are William K. Fleck of Huntingdon, Charles S. Myers of Liberty and George G. Fox of this city.

The races will begin at 2 o'clock and will be as follows: 200 yard dash, Fleck and Fox. Mr. Fleck has a record of 25 seconds for this distance with Mr. Fox as a close contestant. The second event will be the 440 yard dash run by the same two. This distance has been run by Fleck in 58 seconds, Fox's record being 59.

The third event will be a half mile run between Myers and Fox. This will be a very interesting race, as Fox has a record of 2:15, while he will be hotly pursued by Myers.

These foot races will be something new to many of our citizens, as scientific foot racing has heretofore been omitted from the list of attractions on such occasions. All the races will be hotly contested, as the boys are very evenly matched.

The tape will be stretched near the north-eastern curve in the track affording the spectators the best view of the finish.

Lawn Fete.

A lawn fete will be held at Hendrickson's church, Valley township, on Saturday evening, September 8. A general invitation is extended to the public.

JOHN B. MOURER BREAKS HIS ARM

John B. Mourer, the well-known engineer of the Structural Tubing Works, met with a bad accident Saturday night which well illustrates how in moments of fancied security a person may be exposed to danger. Mr. Mourer has been somewhat unwell in his time. Some four years ago while following his trade as carpenter he fell from the roof of the Structural Tubing Works and fractured his right hip bone. As the result of that accident he was laid up for a long time and never fully recovered.

On Saturday night about 8 o'clock he was seated with his family on the narrow veranda extending along the front of his residence on Mill street nearly opposite the Gillispay House. If there was ever a moment in the man's life in which he approached anything like security this one would have thought, was one of them.

Mr. Mourer was seated on a chair at the upper end of the veranda just above a flight of three steps leading down to the brick pavement. While in conversation the man unconscious of how near he was to the edge shifted his chair a little and the result was that he rolled down over the steps. He instantly thought of his crippled hip and to shield it as he went down over the steps he threw out his right arm. As he struck the pavement his entire weight fell upon his arm and the result was that both bones were fractured just above the wrist.

Dr. Paulus was called, who set the broken bone. Yesterday Mr. Mourer was suffering considerable pain. It may be some weeks before he will be able to resume his post as engineer.

Arrested for Assaulting a Boy.

Alfred Blecher of near Grovania, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Oglesby Saturday night charged with assaulting Arthur Reifsnnyder, son of George Reifsnnyder of this city.

According to the testimony the boy was delivering some timber at Grovania for his father and in passing Mr. Blecher's farm he helped himself to a couple of apples, which grew in the field near the roadside. On returning, according to the boy's statement he overtook a buggy with Mr. Blecher seated inside holding the road in such a position that he could not drive by.

According to the story Mr. Blecher ordered the boy to stop and he complied when the man leaped out of the buggy into the truck wagon and seizing the boy back of the neck beatled him very roughly for awhile. It was alleged that the boy's neck bore marks of the man's fingers.

Mr. Blecher did not deny that he had mounted the boy's wagon and laid hands upon him, but he declared the boy had driven into his buggy. The defendant was held for court in \$100 bail.

Old Timer Reserves Defeated.

The Old Timer Reserves were defeated in an eleven-inning game of baseball by the Bloomsburg Y. M. C. A. at that place on Saturday afternoon. The score was 7 to 6 in favor of the Bloomsburg team.

Both of these teams are playing very good ball at present, the narrow margin by which the Bloomsburg Y. M. C. A. won out showing how evenly the teams are matched. Every game they play therefore possesses an element of absorbing interest.

On Labor Day as a return game the Bloomsburg Y. M. C. A. will play a double header. The Old Timer Reserves will be on their own grounds and they expect to redeem past defeats by winning at both games. Barber and Welliver will pitch for Danville. The morning game will take place at 10 o'clock and the afternoon game at 3 o'clock.

Removing Bridge at Hospital.

The bridge over the abandoned canal at the Hospital for the insane is being removed to make room for a culvert similar to the one the Borough is building at Church street. Two rows of iron pipe each 60 feet long and 16 inches in diameter form the water course. The bridge at that point was raised some ten feet above the level and in removing the structure the heavy grade can be abolished, while the ground excavated comes into play very nicely for constructing the culvert.

The work of cutting down the roadway and building the culvert is being done exclusively by the patients at the hospital who seem to enjoy the work and to derive much benefit from the exercise.

Labor Day Picnic.

At the Amalgamated Association of I. & S. Workers picnic which will be held at Hunter's Park on Labor Day, T. J. Shafer, the National President, will deliver an address. An admission of 5 cents will be charged to all those who wish to take a chance on three grand gate prizes, a silk umbrella, a barrel of flour, and a \$5.00 pair of shoes. General admission, however, is free to all, and every body welcome to a good time. A parade will be given in the morning leaving Armory Hall at 9:30, accompanied by the Mechanicsville Cornet Band, and the Washington Drum Corps. Metherell's orchestra will furnish music for dancing afternoon and evening.

Steam Crane Busy at Work.

The steam crane was put in operation at South Danville yesterday, being used in tearing down the fall mill. Today another of the steam cranes will be erected at the first pier.

Work is gradually progressing along the several lines. Four of the sixteen bents constituting the false work under the southern span of the bridge are in position.

The contractors are looking daily for the thirty additional men expected to arrive from Philadelphia.

The published premium list of the Milton Fair, which is to be held on October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, is very voluminous and liberal.

LAYING TRACK ON MILL STREET

The Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company yesterday began the work of laying its track on Mill street. Beginning at Market street the track was laid nearly as far as Mahoning street. The work will be resumed this morning and the track completed as far as Hotel Oliver. The rail used on Mill street is the large six-inch-high T rail, such as generally used where streets are paved.

A switch was placed in the track at the intersection of Market street yesterday and the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway will further prove its good faith in declaring its intention to go to the Hospital by immediately beginning the construction of the track along East Market street.

A portion of the rails and ties have already been delivered on the ground and the actual work of laying the track along East Market street may begin today. The rail here to be used will be the 4 1/2 inch T rail, the same as employed on Bloom street. While completing the curve and until getting beyond the intersection of Mill and Market streets the heavier six inch rail will be used.

The Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company contemplates constructing a loop by traversing in addition to Mill and East Market streets, Grand street, Grand and Water streets, emerging upon Mill street at the bridge.

Our citizens are very much gratified with the rapidity with which the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company is carrying the work forward to completion as well as the manner in which it has carried out all the promises made to the public. This holds good not only in this city where in the next few days a track will be laid to the Hospital, but also all along the line where the Company has lived faithfully up to its obligations and speedily constructed a road, which will rank with the finest in the State.

Grammar School Opens Today.

Pursuant to the action of the School Board Monday night the Fourth Ward Grammar School, closed for several years past, will open this morning with Miss M. L. Bloom as principal.

Miss Bloom is an able and experienced teacher, and although recently employed in the Senior Secondary grade, is no novice as far as Grammar School work is concerned, having taught for nine years in the grammar school of the Fourth Ward before that school was closed by action of the Board.

The Grammar School will open with about 33 pupils, which leaves some thirty enrolled in the Third Ward Grammar School. Not only are the pupils in the Fourth Ward Grammar School above the number that could be deemed advisable to close the school, but the Third Ward is felt to be at that time a fact which would indicate if not a growth of population at least that attending school in the higher grades has become more popular of late years.

Wedded at Sunbury Yesterday.

A very pretty home wedding one of the contracting parties of which hailed from this city, was solemnized in Sunbury at high noon yesterday. The bride was Miss Hannah Gaskins, daughter of H. B. Gaskins, and the groom, Ambrose Miller of this place. The nuptial knot was tied at the bride's home, No. 1135 Susquehanna avenue, by the Rev. Leon of Shamokin.

A number of Danville people were present at the wedding, among them being Mr. and Mrs. John B. Miller, William Miller, Mrs. Eugene Meyer and three daughters, Edna, Elvira and Catharine; Mrs. Thomas Reifsnnyder, Mrs. Grant Ridgeway, Mrs. Julia Mourer, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shurt, Mrs. Thomas Johns, Thomas James, Roy Smith and Mrs. Ivy Prantz and daughter Catharine.

Frederick Moser Claimed by Death.

Frederick Moser, the well known farmer and hotel keeper of Valley township, passed away at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a long illness. He was 76 years of age, a widely known and esteemed resident of the county. For 50 years he kept hotel at the stand where he died. A wife, two sons, Peter C. and Richard E., both residents of this county, survive, along with a grand daughter, Miss Jennie Bechtel.

The funeral will take place on Saturday, meeting at the late residence at 10 a. m. and proceeding to the Lutheran church at Washingtonville where services will be held and interment will be made.

Trimming the Poles.

The construction crew of Rumsey Electrical Manufacturing Company which is installing a municipal light plant in this city, put in the entire day yesterday unloading and trimming up the several car loads of poles which arrived on Monday. They will probably be ready to begin setting poles on Mill street this morning.

The people who are finishing up their Summer vacation have no reason to complain of the grand weather of the past week.

SCHOOL ROOMS OVERCROWDED

At a special meeting of the School Board Tuesday in order to relieve overcrowding it was decided to reopen the Grammar School of the Fourth Ward, which has been closed for some years past. Miss Bloom was elected principal.

Borough Superintendent Gordy in addressing the Board explained that the opening of the schools on Monday revealed that two of the rooms were very much overcrowded. One of these was the third school of the Second Ward and the other, the Third Ward Grammar school where the excess is so heavy as to preclude good results on the part of the teacher. The seats in the Third Ward room are sufficient to accommodate only 48 pupils, while the number enrolled since Monday is 62.

The Board, he said, had two alternatives before it; one was to cut out all the non-resident pupils and the other was to re-open the grammar school of the Fourth Ward. The former he did not think was to be recommended for various reasons principal among which was the fact that while it might relieve the situation somewhat it would not wholly overcome the difficulty. Of the 62 pupils in the Third Ward Grammar school 30 live in the Fourth Ward, which would seem to be an argument in favor of reopening the grammar school in that ward.

The matter was discussed at length, the outcome being, first that the transfer of ten pupils from the third school of the Second Ward to the third school of the First Ward was sanctioned by the Board and, second, that on motion of Mr. Greene, it was decided to reopen the Grammar school of the Fourth Ward.

On motion of Mr. Burns, Miss Bloom, present Senior Secondary teacher of the Fourth Ward, was elected as Principal at a salary of \$60 per month with the \$5 additional which goes with the principalship. Both measures carried without a dissenting voice.

Miss Bloom's place in the fifth grade was filled by promoting Miss James from the fourth grade, whose place in turn was filled by the promotion of Miss Bird from the third grade. The school left vacant by Miss Bird was filled by the promotion of Miss Rogers, substitute teacher.

On motion of Mr. Fischer the Building and Repair Committee were instructed to have the room in the annex at the Fourth Ward cleaned and put in readiness for occupancy.

Mr. Parsel reported the flag pole on the Second Ward school grounds as decaying and unsafe. On motion he was requested to see to it that the pole is taken down and a new one erected.

The following members were present: Harpel, Orth, Greene, Burns, Parsel, Haring, Werkeiser, Von Blohn, Fischer, Trumbower, Adams and Jacobs.

Leg Crushed Under the Oars.

Wilbur Rounsley, a young man, who according to his own confession has no home, jumped the 7:40 local freight the Fourth yesterday, and as Rupert fell between the rails, sustaining a terrible injury, which will necessitate the amputation of his leg.

The unfortunate young man according to his statement has an uncle, Charles Marr, living at Berwick. The young man up to about two weeks ago was employed in the Car and Foundry Company's plant at that place, but becoming tired started out to find something else to do. When he reached Danville he was not exactly known. When he left here yesterday morning he was accompanied with several other young men.

The train arrived at Report about 3:45 just as the train was stopping at that station, young Rounsley stepped from the car on which he was riding, between the two bridges, and in some unaccountable manner he was thrown under the car, how he was unable to tell, and before the train could be stopped two of the heavy cars had passed over his right leg between the knee and the ankle, crushing it into a pulp. His companions quickly pulled him from under the wheels and tenderly carried him to the baggage room of the D. L. & W. station. He was then placed aboard the freight again and taken to Bloomsburg. Dr. Bruner was hastily summoned and when he arrived the man was nearly unconscious from loss of blood. A steady flow was continually coming from the crushed limb and difficulty was had in stopping it. He was taken to the Mary M. Packer Hospital at Sunbury on the 12:29 passenger train, accompanied by Dr. Bruner. The doctor says the limb will have to be amputated.

The young man bore up remarkably well under the circumstances and was in a good humor, notwithstanding the terrible pain he must have suffered all the while. He is nineteen years of age.

Swindler Outdone.

Two weeks ago Mayberry Yeager, who is employed by Liverman Robertson, of Mt. Carmel, received a letter from Alfred M. Meroer, of Rock Hill, Sullivan county, N. Y. The writer stated that he desired to give him a chance to make some money. Yeager turned the letter over to Mr. Robertson who answered it, signing Mr. Yeager's name. He said he had some money to spare and would like to invest in the green goods. A reply soon came back and the sharper enclosed a genuine dollar bill as bait, adding that Mr. Yeager should meet him with \$250 in a New York hotel. Mr. Robertson had the bill cashed in a Mt. Carmel bank and spent the money with the remark that he was beating a sharper at his own game.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

The partnership of Curry & Vannan, proprietors of the Mahoning Foundry and Machine Shop, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

It has been the intention of Mr. Vannan for a number of years past when he reached a certain age limit to retire from the activities of life spending the remainder of his days in ease. With the close of August this year the limit of his activities arrived and dissolution of partnership was decided upon.

Mr. Vannan by his retirement severs all connection with the firm. All debts due the concern are to be paid to Dan M. Curry, and all liabilities of the firm will be paid by Dan M. Curry.

The deed transferring real estate was placed on record in the office of the Register and Recorder before noon yesterday and all the papers necessary to make the changes were signed yesterday. The business will be carried on as heretofore by Dan M. Curry as the old plant on Market and Iron streets in the First Ward. The business of Curry & Vannan was one of the most stable in the town, giving steady employment to about one hundred hands. Dan M. Curry, on whose shoulders the business now wholly reposes, is a practical and enterprising business man, experienced in the various lines of work embraced and that the high standing of the concern will be maintained there is not the least doubt.

The partnership of Curry & Vannan has covered a period of nine years. Mr. Vannan's retirement comes as a well-earned rest after a singularly busy career. As mechanical engineer he filled the place in the firm of Curry & Vannan with signal ability and the abundant measure of success achieved was in no small degree due to his skill and devotion to the interests of the firm. His generous obliging disposition and his courteous manners have given a warm place in the hearts of all who know him. That many years of life may yet be his and that the days of his retirement may be crowned with peace is the wish of not one, but of many.

One Dollar Wheat.

The present year should be one of the best that farmers have had for a long time past, if good crops combined with good prices cut any figure. It is seldom indeed, that the two go together.

The crops are uniformly heavy this season, which is in itself something remarkable. The hay and wheat were good, while the oats crop is one of the best that has been harvested in many years. The corn crop is very promising. Vegetation in every form is simply luxuriant, the corn is growing rank and every field is clothed with verdure. It requires only a short drive to reveal the prosperous state of affairs among the farmers.

It is dollar wheat which adds the crowning joy to the farmer's heart. For years past the price of wheat hung around a figure which made the cultivation of the crop unprofitable. The dollar mark was a price fondly looked forward to by the farmer as a price which would alone repay him for his labor. One dollar for wheat is being paid by local dealers at present, while in Sunbury and Bloomsburg last week the price went up to \$1.10 per bushel.

From Fort Allen to Manassas.

Three train loads of United States troops from Fort Allen, N. Y., on their way to Manassas, Va., where they will participate in the great mock battle at Bull Run, passed through South Danville Saturday night.

The troops with their paraphernalia presented a very interesting sight. The first section passed about dusk, the remaining sections following at intervals of about half an hour each. There were ninety car loads in all. Thirty-five stock cars were loaded with horses; eleven flat cars were loaded with cannon, ambulances, etc. It took five express cars to hold the harness, etc. The troops filed thirty-five cars.

The troops marched from Fort Allen to a railroad station twenty-five miles distant and were immediately placed on board the special trains waiting for that purpose. They arrived in Wilkes-Barre over the Delaware and Hudson railroad where the cars were transferred to the Pennsylvania tracks, which takes them south.

A large number of people were out at South Danville to see the troops go by.

Brakeman Loses Hand.

Vaughn Berninger, a Philadelphia and Reading R. R. brakeman, of Danawissaw, met with a serious accident in losing his hand above the wrist Friday. He was making a coupling in the Catawissa yards and was in the act of fixing the knuckles in the coupler when the remainder of the train was pushed back, catching his hand and wrist between the two cars, thereby mashing the same. He was taken to the home of his mother on North Third street and Dr. Shuman was summoned, at which time the arm was amputated. Mr. Berninger is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of Sunbury, being in Class C, the benefits from the loss of his hand being \$1350. Mr. Berninger was called as a trainman on a south-bound freight, and was making up their train at the time the accident occurred, which was at 2:30 a. m. The young man is now resting as comfortably as can be expected.

NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY

Whether there are any grounds for apprehension or not there seems to be some solicitude as to sanitary conditions prevailing in town. The slight outbreak of fever, the whether of the malarial or typhoid type, has alarmed a good many citizens and the question has been asked why the Board of Health has not been heard from and an investigation set on foot to discover the cause of the outbreak as well as to adopt measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

For the benefit of the public a representative of the AMERICAN yesterday sought an interview with Dr. P. O. Newbaker, President of the local Board of Health. The result was most reassuring. Dr. Newbaker declared that so far as he could see there was not the least cause for any anxiety. Admitting for argument that the several cases under treatment are typhoid fever, it would mean that only one in every thousand of our town's population has the disease, which is a proportion very insignificant indeed.

He was not willing to admit, however, that all the cases are typhoid fever. As common at this season there is more or less malarial fever about and in not a few cases the attending physicians have diagnosed the disease as such. For a few days a doctor may be in doubt as to the exact nature of a fever, and the impression easily gets abroad that the case is one of typhoid. The fact, however, that a patient is confined to bed but a week or so and soon recovers ought to be sufficient to convince all experienced persons that the case is not one of typhoid fever.

Dr. Newbaker thought that an investigation would show that there is not more than a half a dozen cases of typhoid fever in the whole Borough with probably less than half that number of cases of malarial fever. He saw nothing in the situation at present that would warrant the Board of Health in taking any action.

Electricity on the Farm.

Farmers throughout the country, especially those living near rivers and streams, will be delighted with the information that, in their nervousness to such streams, there is now found the opportunity of making farm life more pleasant and comfortable. In fact all of the comfort and conveniences that are at the hand of the dweller in the city are now at the hand of the farmer. Recent reports from the Department of Agriculture call attention to the fact that every small stream is a natural dynamo for the generation of the subtle fluid. By means of small mill dams thrown across the stream and the erection of little electrical plants, that are very low in cost, it is now possible for the farmer to have his barns, stables and houses lighted as brilliantly at night as the "white light districts" in any city. More than this, the current can easily be applied to certain classes of vegetables that need to be rushed for marketing, thus increasing the income of the farmer. The great wave of invention with which our country is blessed, blesses with its beneficent tides all classes of people, none of whom are more deserving of blessing than the one from whom all our support comes. A new era is dawning for the farmer, a brighter day is coming, the civilization of which will be stronger and a better hood in America. With farms made attractive, by the advent of good literature, good light with which to read, and good methods for cultivation of the land, the people of America will revert more and more to the country.

Death of Col. Wilbur Reeder.

Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, of Bellefonte, died at his home in that place Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, after an illness of three days. Hemorrhages of the lungs, the result of an attack of pleuro-pneumonia which he suffered last spring, caused his death. Colonel Reeder was one of the well known citizens of the state. He graduated from Williamsport Dickinson seminary at the head of the class of 1875. When admitted to the bar he went to partnership with former Governor Hastings.

He was chairman of the Centre county Republican committee, a member of the Union League, of Philadelphia, grand marshal of the grand commandery, Knights Templar, of Pennsylvania, a Scottish Rite Mason and Mystic Shriner. He served as a delegate to the recent Republican national convention in Chicago. A widow, formerly Miss Lillie S. Gotwalt, and one son, John Wallace Reeder, survive him. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon.

Great Sale of Coal Land.

The Steubenville (Ohio) Herald of August 25th contains an account of a great sale of coal land in Jefferson County, Ohio, involving the transfer of 1600 acres of the best coal land of the State. G. M. Shoemaker is president and Charles H. Alexander, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company making the purchase. A considerable portion of the capital is from Wilkes-Barre. It is considered a very large deal and will open up an entirely new mining territory.

What gives the big deal a local interest is the fact that the family of Mr. Shoemaker, the President of the Big Valley Creek Coal Company, are spending the summer in Danville and have rooms at 435 Mill street.

Mrs. Shoemaker, who is a daughter of the late George Peifer, will leave Danville next week, meeting her husband in Cleveland where they will take up their residence.

Argument Postponed.

A short session of Court was held Saturday afternoon with Associate Judge Dr. S. Y. Thompson on the bench. Owing to the illness of President Judge R. L. Little, who is sejourning up in the State of Maine, the case of the P. & R. Railway Company vs. the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company, which was to have been argued Saturday, was continued for the present.

Smallpox at Mahanoy City.

The smallpox