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## THE GUARD INVITED TO INAUGURATION

The National Guard of Pennsylvania, through Governor Pennypacker, its commander-in-chief, has been invited as a body to participate in the ceremonies attendant on the inauguration of President Roosevelt as President, in Washington, on the 4th of March. The honor of accepting the invitation was taken up by Governor Pennypacker and Adjutant General Stewart, Tuesday, but no definite action was taken, and a conclusion will not be reached until next week.

Whether the Guard will go as a whole, or whether a provisional brigade will be formed, are matters to be settled at a future meeting, if it is determined that Pennsylvania shall be represented by her military. For many years Pennsylvania has sent her Guardsmen to honor the inauguration occasion, and always with pride, but at the last inauguration some of the Guardsmen considered that a slight was put upon Pennsylvania by the people of Washington in blaming them for the misconduct of troops from other States, and Pennsylvania was made to pay for damage that was not done by her troops.

Then, too, the Pennsylvania troops have been sneered at by residents of Washington and they are not in mood to invite that sort of treatment again. As a matter of fact the sentiment against going to Washington to march in the inaugural parade prevails generally in the Guard, and it is possible that this is being considered by the Governor and his military advisors.

## Christmas Home-Coming.

As Christmas approaches what heart that is not caloused with greed and selfishness does not ache with sweet longing for the old home?

At this mystic season, if at no other, memories of childhood become smiling angels that beckon us back through the years.

Idle sentiment? Not at all.

All over our own land Christmas brings back to the old home the children and the children's children, once more to set our lips to the spring of love that is pure and undefiled.

Whether we turn back to it from success and joy or from failures and sorrows, the old home is ever a sanctuary of virtues and the sweetest earthly interpretation of heaven.

The king of finance and the prodigal once more become brothers at the old home and learn that the things which seem so important to us in this world are, after all, but a thin covering.

Whether we be wise or ignorant, rich or poor, great or little, the old home offers us satisfaction and inspiration to be found nowhere else in the world.

For many of us the old home may no longer exist except in memory. But if in memory it is enshrined, then whatever the disappointments, the dececeptions, the despairs of life, we may turn for new hope, new courage and renewed ideals back to the old home, where love glows steadily against the world's coldness.

If Christmas had no other meaning than just this—that it turned us back to the old home, that nursery of the infant, and to the loves and dreams and longings and resolves of youth, the day would still be the happiest and most helpful one in all the year.

## Appointed Attorney.

Attorney W. H. M. Oram, of Shamokin, has been honored with the appointment of attorney for all the Pennsylvania collieries in the Shamokin vicinity.

Heretofore the legal business of the Pennsylvania railroad and collieries in that vicinity has been looked after by one solicitor with assistants. The chief attorney was ex-Judge Bucher, of Lewisburg. In the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company cases he was assisted by Mr. Oram, and in the Union Coal Company cases by ex-Judge L. S. Walter, of Mt. Carmel. On the first of the month the two separate practices for conducting the legal business were established, and Mr. Oram is made chief attorney for all the collieries, both of the Mineral and Susquehanna, formerly the Union Companies. Judge Bucher yet looks after the railroad business, but on the first of the year it is expected he will be succeeded.

## No Iron Yet Work Delayed.

Work on the bridge yesterday compared favorably with what was done the previous day—practically nothing so far as concerned the iron portion of the structure. The material for which the men have been waiting since Monday has not as yet been received from the Kings Bridge Company. Until it arrives the Horseheads Construction Company can do nothing.

The false work from between the second and third piers was taken down, and removed over between the fourth and fifth piers, preparatory to putting it up there. All the bents were torn apart, on account of the uprights having been too solidly frozen in the ice to remove them in the whole, as was previously done. All will now have to be rebuilt, causing a great deal more labor than formerly.

## Arrested for Trespassing.

Charles Ashton and James Long were before Squire Oglesby Tuesday afternoon, charged with trespassing on the Reading Railroad and the Greenway of coal. The information was lodged by Detectives Simmers and Pursley. The case was settled and the defendants discharged from custody.

## COUNCIL'S BUSY SESSION

Council met in regular session Friday night with the following members present: Vestine, Pen-tarmacher, Boyer, Gosser, Reif-snyder, Lloyd, Joseph M. Gibson and David Gibson. A communication from Mrs. Susanna Reynolds, was read. She called the attention of Council to the grade in front of No. 116 Mill street. She said it was impossible for her to lay a new pavement for the recent established grade that will insure perfect safety, and therefore asked permission to lay an up to date flag stone pavement, to conform with the old grade on Mill street; also to build a sidewalk on Library avenue.

On motion the Clerk of Council was notified to instruct Mrs. Reynolds that she must build her pavement to conform with the recent established grade. Citizens residing in the vicinity of Grand and Nassau streets petitioned Council that an arc light be placed on that corner. The matter was referred to the Light Committee.

The following resolutions on the death of the late David A. Montgomery, Councilman from the Third Ward, were read and adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst David A. Montgomery, our esteemed and worthy member, who could always be depended upon to do right under all circumstances, a man of sterling qualities, who could not be swayed from what he believed to be just and to the very best interest of the Borough. He will not only be missed by his body, but as a business man, a kind friend, a loving husband and in the church in which he was a consistent member. But we bow with humble submission to the will of our Supreme Ruler, knowing that He doeth all things well.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Council, and be published in the papers of this Borough and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Joseph M. Gibson,  
Amos Vestine,  
George F. Reif-snyder,  
Committee.

A number of bills for the building of three pavements and a lot of extra work was presented by David J. Rogers, and referred to the Streets and Bridges Committee.

A resolution was adopted, empowering the president of Council to appoint a committee to be known as "The Standing Committee on Sewers," for the remainder of the present term and thereafter at the beginning of every term the same as other committees are appointed.

An ordinance requiring and permitting the owners of certain properties in the Borough of Danville, to make proper connection with the use of all sewers constructed by the said Borough, providing for the method of making such connections, prescribing the method of the use of such sewers and regulating the charges therefor, respectively, and for other purposes, was read by the Clerk. It was then taken up and adopted in sections, passing first reading with but little discussion.

On motion it was decided that the supervision of all public sewers be considered part of the duty of the Superintendent of the Water Works, and all connections be made under his supervision.

The following bills were ordered paid:

## BOBOROUGH DEPARTMENT.

Regular Employees.....	\$2,500
B. B. Brown.....	8.00
George W. Hendricks.....	2.75
Labor and Hauling.....	33.67
T. H. Evans' Sons.....	5.80
J. H. Cole.....	228.12
John Hixson.....	12.15

## WATER DEPARTMENT.

Regular Employees.....	\$144.30
P. & R. Railway Co.....	50.65
Caldwell, Barry & Leonard.....	19.00
Washington Fire Co.....	2.56
J. H. Gosser & Co.....	3.38
Trumbower & Werkheiser.....	24.62
Rennasclair Mfg. Co.....	94.80
P. & R. Coal and Iron Co.....	136.01
John Hixson.....	4.09
J. H. Cole.....	123.95
Labor at Water Works.....	35.63
H. B. Patton.....	20.00

## Hot Stove Topples Over.

The home of Jesse Shannon, on Ferry street, opposite the Mahoning Presbyterian church, narrowly escaped being badly damaged by fire, on Sunday morning.

All the members of the family were at church, with the exception of a ten-year-old son. A foot of the stove which contained a hot fire, became dislodged in some manner and dropped to the floor, causing the stove to partly topple over. The live coals were thrown out on the carpet, and the latter instantly began to blaze up in a startling manner. The little fellow ran to the front door and called fire! His cries brought to his assistance Charles Love, who succeeded in extinguishing the fire before any great damage was done.

## New Church for Sunbury.

At a meeting of the official board of the Methodist church of Sunbury, it was decided to engage the services of an architect with the intention of completing the preliminary work preparatory to building a new church building. The old church will be torn down and the new building erected on the present site. Just when the work will be started has not as yet been decided upon.

## Returning Home.

The hotel registers show the effect of the approaching holidays as most of the traveling men have completed their work for the year and are now returning home to enjoy the Yuletide.

## AN EARLY MORNING FIRE

Prompt and energetic work on the part of the proprietor, clerks and those who rushed to their assistance from the street, prevented a serious conflagration in the Racket Store, City Hall building, at about 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

The front window of the store was handsomely decorated with tinsel and other easily consumable material. The inner space was filled with a display of holiday goods, some arranged in an artistic manner on the window sill and others suspended about the enclosure. A plumber had just completed repairing a gas pipe that furnished gas to a jet in the display window.

Desiring to learn if the gas was flowing all right, a clerk lighted a match, with the intention of applying it to the jet. In reaching through between two curtains, one of the latter was accidentally ignited by the burning match. Instantly all everything in the window was a sheet of flames. A fire alarm was sent in, but before the department reached the scene a hastily formed bucket brigade had succeeded in extinguishing the flames without permitting them to spread outside of the enclosure. To do this the attaches of the store and a number of men who had rushed to the assistance of the former, carried water from the rear of the building in buckets, dishpans, pudding pans and everything else that could be pressed into service. A little garden hose also did good service. With the exception of a few pieces of underwear that were piled on the end of the counter nearest the blaze and injured by falling sparks, only the contents of the window were damaged. These were nearly all consumed, aggregating a loss of between \$50 and \$75. Had the flames not been confined in the window and once gotten free access to the main store room, the entire contents of the room would have been greatly damaged, if not all destroyed.

## The First Trolley Resort.

The Mechanicville Band has made the first move in the way of providing trolley resorts, by erecting a commodious building along the trolley line, which is to be used as a place for practice, and for any social functions that the organization may want to give.

The structure is 40 feet long and 28 feet wide, and is being built on a half acre tract of land parceled sharp, then out Market and adjoining Dr. Paules' farm. The contractor, James Morrison, of Mechanicville, began work on the building about a week ago, and expects to have it nearly completed by January 1, 1905.

George Burger, leader of the band, stated yesterday that the building would be used for band practices, and that from time to time entertainments would be given. In the summer time the half-acre tract will be open to the public on occasions when entertainments or festivals are held.

The Mechanicville band is in a most flourishing condition. The property belonging to the organization, not counting its new real estate possession, is valued at over a thousand dollars.

## Post No Bills in Borough.

Burgess Pursel has instructed Chief of Police Mincosfer to enforce the ordinance making it a misdemeanor to tack, paste or fasten in any manner, lithographs, bills or notices of any description to telegraph or telephone poles, trees or fences within the limits of the Borough.

The Chief in turn has requested the news to state to those knowing themselves guilty of having violated the ordinance in question, that he has received his orders and will obey them to the letter. Any and every one caught from now on disgracing poles, trees and fences in the manner named, or where sufficient proof can be obtained that they warrant a conviction of a person or persons, alleged to have violated the ordinance in question, will be arrested and fined.

## Sustains a Bad Fall.

Samuel Jones, an electrician and line-man in the employ of the Rumsey Electric Company, who with his assistants has been boarding at the Gil-laspy House since coming to town, met with a painful accident, last night. It occurred at the Army at about 8 o'clock. Mr. Jones was assisting a number of other young men in trimming and decorating the Army for the coming game of basket ball, on Friday night, between the Monarchs, of Wilkesbarre, and the Old Timers, of this city. He was standing on a ladder about 15 feet above the floor, trimming around a large lamp, when his support gave away. He fell heavily and fractured two ribs on his right side, besides sustaining other, though not serious, bruises about his body.

A conveyance was secured and the unfortunate man taken to his boarding house, he being able with the support of his friends, to walk to and from the sled. Dr. Paules was summoned. He reduced the fracture and placed Mr. Jones in as comfortable a position as circumstances would permit.

## Trolley Line Busy.

The trolley line handled many passengers during Saturday and Sunday. All the cars arriving at Mill street were well filled with holiday shoppers on Saturday, and on Sunday many people took advantage of the warm cars to take pleasure rides to Bloomsburg and other points along the road.

## Work at Undergrade Crossing.

Notwithstanding inclement weather and other drawbacks, Contractor Rogers has been making fairly good progress at the undergrade crossing this week. The concrete piers have reached a height of about 7 feet, and are steadily growing.

Regarding the durability of these piers many doubtful expressions are heard. Opinions are based on the fact that the work is being done in the winter, when everything is against the solidity and durability of concrete.

## THE ROUTE OF MUMMERS' PARADE

The Mimmers' parade on Monday afternoon, January 2, 1905, promises to eclipse that of a year ago. At least every one at the head of the movement is making an effort in that direction. Another meeting was held in the Grand Jury room in the Court House Monday night and business pertaining to the coming event transacted.

John G. Waite was elected chairman of the meeting. The soliciting committee reported that the following business men and firms will donate prizes:

A. C. Amesbury, Danville Milling Company, W. J. Rogers, J. F. Tooley, C. P. Hancock, John Doster's, Son, J. H. Cole, G. S. Hart and W. G. Brown. Many others are expected to respond to the solicitations of the committee.

The Finance Committee announced that a considerable subscription had been secured for the good of the cause, and the printing committee reported that a number of large posters calling attention to the parade, had been printed and were ready for distribution.

The following judges of the parade were appointed: Dr. Sweisford, Edward Corman, T. J. Price, David Evans and John H. Gosser.

On motion it was decided to extend an invitation to the entire Fire Department to turn out in a body and participate in the parade.

Seth Lormer, Frank Keller, W. A. Reed, George Berger and Arthur Foulk were appointed a committee on music. They are urged to get to work at their earliest convenience in order to make a report at the next meeting.

The following line of march was decided upon: Parade to form on East Market street, at 1:30 o'clock, sharp, then out Market to Honeycomb, to Front, to Mill, out Mill to Grant Mill, counter-march on Mill to Market, out Market to Washington Hose House and disband.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, December 27th.

## Freight Wreck Near Maudsdales

A freight wreck occurred Monday morning on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad near Maudsdales, which resulted in derailling four cars and badly wrecking another. The train hands escaped injury.

The train, an early morning freight passing through Danville bound for Tamaqua, Monday was in two divisions, the first following rapidly upon the second. When the second division was near Maudsdales a break occurred. The rear part of the broken division fell behind the front section, but being on a down grade soon started to gain on the cars ahead. The engineer, discovering the break, increased his speed, hoping to get to the up grade at Gronovia before the rear section overtook him.

The first division of the freight, however, was compelled to stop near the Reading Iron Works, bringing the second division also to a stop. The men on the engine and front cars, realizing their danger, sought a place of safety before the crash came. There was, however, a brakeman on the rear car who stuck to his post of duty trying to stop the onward rush of the cars until the sections collided. He was thrown with great force from the cars, but miraculously escaped without serious injury.

The damage done was confined to five cars, and the track, which was torn up for a short distance. One of the wrecked cars contained about 800 bushels of shelled corn. Two others, containing soft coal and one loaded with pig iron were derailed, and thrown over the embankment. Another car, also containing soft coal, was badly wrecked.

The wreck occurred at 6 o'clock in the morning, but by 9:30 the wreck trains from Catawissa and Milton had cleared away the debris and repaired the track. The passengers and mail on the north bound 8 o'clock train were transferred at this point yesterday morning.

## Work on Road Discontinued.

All operations on the state road between this city and Maudsdales have been suspended until the breaking up of winter. The road at present is in a bad condition for travel.

The most of the work necessary to construct the road has been completed. The part that remains unfinished will take about three weeks, provided good weather prevails and the materials are on hand when operations are resumed in the spring.

The grading of the road has been entirely finished. It is necessary to put on three layers of stone and cinder. First a five inch layer of crushed cinder, then a two inch layer of crushed or trap rock, also a one inch layer of screenings. The bottom layer of cinder is all in place, but only 1500 feet of screenings have been put on the road and a space 200 feet in length at the Danville end has been rolled and finished. It will be necessary to go over this portion again in the spring.

All drain pipes have been installed. There are in all seven culverts for which it was necessary to use sixty feet of eighteen inch and sixty-eight feet of thirty-six inch terra cotta pipe, and thirty-six feet of sixteen inch, thirty-six feet of forty-eight inch and six feet of twelve inch iron pipe.

## A Counter Suit.

Charles Battaglia, the West Berwick Italian labor agent, and the well-known Italian labor agent, on Tuesday afternoon entered bail in \$300 for his appearance at Court. Battaglia was charged with shooting John DeMike, Saturday night.

Battaglia instituted a counter suit on Tuesday, swearing out a warrant for the arrest of Mike DeMorse, Angelo Machiagotto, Mike Compohels and John DeMike, charging them with entering his place of business, of committing an assault and battery upon him and with attempting to rob and kill him with revolver, razor and knife. He was in self defense, he alleges, that he used the revolver.

The warrants sworn out by Battaglia were served Tuesday and the hearing was held between six and seven o'clock Tuesday evening.

## Committee Will Meet.

Rev. Charles Morrison, of Sunbury, who is Chairman of the Standing Committee of the new Episcopal Diocese, has issued a call for the members of the committee to meet in Harrisburg on Tuesday, December 27, to decide on when and where to hold the convention for the purpose of electing a Bishop.

The number of candidates for bishop will not be as large as at the recent convention in Lancaster, when Dr. Manning was elected.

The Rev. Dr. Foley, of Trinity church, Williamsport, is the choice of many for Bishop of the new diocese.

## Will Return to Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Thomas of Portland, Me., who have been traveling in Europe for the past four years are now visiting Mr. Thomas' uncle, W. W. Thomas, the United States Minister to Sweden and Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas expect to return to this country in a few months, when they will come direct to this city to visit Mr. Thomas' mother, Mrs. Emma Heller, Church street.

## Will Entertain at Montour House

Miss Sara E. DeLong will entertain a number of friends at a dance to be given at the Montour House, Thursday evening, December 29th.

## WORKING ON BORROWED TIME

The length of time mentioned in the contract between the Rumsey Electric Company and the borough for completing and putting in operation the municipal light plant, expired yesterday, December 20. Consequently the Rumsey company is now working on borrowed time and for any thing known to the contrary at the present period, it will continue to work in that manner for quite awhile yet.

Practically everything is at a standstill. Many of the poles contracted for some time ago to take the place of the ninety or more condemned by the Light Committee of Council, have not materialized. Whether they have been delayed at the starting point or held up some where enroute, nobody seems to know. In short, the only thing positively known about the poles is that they are not here and cannot be planted till they come.

The engine and the dynamo! Where are they? Echo answers, where!

Like the poles they are very conspicuous by their absence. Occasionally word is received that they will be here in a few days, followed shortly by a message to the effect "that it has been found necessary to make a few more changes in one or the other, or both, and shipment has been unavoidably delayed again."

It is stated that recently teams were engaged to haul the long looked for engine and dynamo from the railroad to the power house, so certain were those principally interested that both would arrive that day. The contract with the owners of the horses was subsequently called off, and it hasn't been renewed since. The members of the Light Committee will now wait until they see the engine and dynamo, before believing that they are here. The present contract with the Standard Electric Light Company ends January 1st, and after that some other arrangement will be made between the borough and the Standard Company for lighting the streets until the municipal plant is completed.

## Pender.

There are many magicians before the public presenting various forms of entertainment, but there are none more clever or more wily than Pender, who has several successful European trips to his credit and in the extreme Eastern section of the United States, his name is a household word.

Pender is a real magician in that he is the inventor and patentee of all his tricks. During the summer months he is deluged with orders at his workshop to supply some of the best known magicians with his inventions. Several of these magicians are now performing feature acts exclusively with Pender's inventions.

Pender will soon appear at the Danville Opera House. Special Christmas matinee and night, December 27th.

## December Term of Court.

The December term of court opens next Monday, December 26. There are only a few cases to be tried, and they being of a trivial nature will be easily disposed of. Following are the cases listed:

William Owens, receiving goods under false pretense.

Frederick Wolf, desertion and non-support.

Wilson R. Frantz, desertion and non-support.

H. B. Mannett, assault and battery.

Lewis Rieck, assault and battery.

Edward Hazzard, assault and battery.

P. Miller, larceny by baille.

## Another Victim of Icy Sidewalks.

Another accident resulting from treacherous sidewalks occurred Tuesday afternoon when Uriah Grove, of 32 Vine street, fell on the snow covered ice, breaking his nose and severely cutting his forehead.

Mr. Grove was walking on Pine street between Walnut and Lower Mulberry when the accident occurred. There is quite a steep grade at this point, and this, together with the fact that the icy spots were hidden from view by the recent snow fall, was accountable for the accident. No one saw the man fall, but Simon Hoffman happened to be passing soon after, and noticed that Mr. Grove was injured. Mr. Hoffman assisted him to Dr. Paules' drug store where the fracture was reduced.

## Farmers Melting Snow.

The snow recently fallen will probably save many dollars for farmers in different portions of the State as scores have been hauling water to feed their stock since the first of the month. The unprecedented dry weather of October and November has caused many springs to run very low and many streams and wells which have been standstills for many years, some even from the days of the early settlers, have gone dry or pretty near it.

The snow can now be melted and water supplied for troughs and bars and cattle saved, whereas a week ago farmers were feeling pretty gloomy. Not in years has there been so little water, and those who have supplies that can be relied upon can count themselves fortunate.

## Important Decision.

On Monday Judge Seidman handed down a decision in the case of Constable O'Leary against Northumberland county in which he decided against O'Leary and in favor of the county. O'Leary sued for \$8,831.46 minus \$1836.21, which he had received on account, for serving subpoenas. The decision will save the county a large sum of money.

## WILL CELEBRATE XMAS MONDAY

Danville will observe Christmas on Monday next. Sunday will be given the true significance it deserves, but the merrymaking, the jollification and all else that goes with the typical Christmas will be let loose on Monday.

Agencies to this end the bankers and merchants of the city have contributed hugely, and in their wake will follow the others with whom the observance of any holiday is a matter of individual discretion.

The banks will be closed on Monday. Many of the stores will close at noon and observe the afternoon and evening fittingly by giving their employes a much needed rest. Most of the industrial plants will be idle and turnaces will be banked wherever possible.

At the Post Office the general delivery window will be open from 8 to 9 in the morning and from 6 to 7 in the evening. The mail carriers will make but one delivery and one collection. The carriers' window will be open as usual in the evening.

## Affecting the P. & R. Railway.

The scarcity of water promises to seriously interfere with the transportation department of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and is already being felt.

The big Mad Run reservoir near Frackville, which has a depth at the least of more than forty feet, has only six feet of water in it and it is feared that the supply will give out entirely. The engine at Mahanoy Plane, Frackville and St. Clair get their supply from the reservoir as do a number of collieries up the valley.

In order to supply the boilers at Mahanoy Plane, a big force of men worked all day Tuesday in putting a pump on the lower side of the Frackville culvert to catch the water from the stream that formerly supplied the abandoned Lawrence colliery, and which is now being used in the place of the pump. The pump was started up Tuesday morning. The steam is generated from the boiler of an engine, that stands on a track made for it near the plane house.

Arrangements are being made to put on the water trains running out to Gordon. There is an abundant supply in the stream running through Gordon which is always relied upon in an emergency. The water is hauled from there to all points along the system where it is required.

## Help Others to be Happy.

While Christmas may find the reader of this article in a prosperous and happy condition, bringing with it a shower of beautiful gifts and a festive board that greases under a load of tempting viands, it must be remembered that there are many who see no joy connected with the Yuletide; who sit up to a coarse meal, whose Christmas dinner is the plain everyday meal and who have the barest necessities and none of the luxuries. Hundreds and thousands of stockings are hung up that are never filled and Christmas morning brings bitter disappointment to many a little one and many a mother's heart aches to bursting as she hears her little one pray to a Santa Claus who will bring no toys to them. Dear reader, be charitable in Yuletide. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

## Guard Against This Danger.

Amidst the Christmas festivities and joys there is one danger lurking which should be guarded against. We refer to the inflammable Xmas trees. Most of the decorations hung upon them are easily ignited. To cover a Christmas tree with lighted candles is to invite a catastrophe, and fate has on many occasions accepted the invitation. Persons who can afford electric lights may use them with security; others will consult the safety of their families and their houses by keeping open lights away from dry and resinous branches. Nothing could be more lamentable than a fatal casualty resulting from anything connected with the anniversary of Christmas, which should produce nothing but happiness.

## "Way Down East."

The gradually disappearing barriers between the church and the stage could hardly be better exemplified than by the recent engagement of Wm. A. Brady's famous New England pastor, "Way Down East," in Boston. During the run of the play in the Hub, fifty-seven clergymen, representing all denominations, are said to have witnessed the performance. In this connection it is interesting to recall that the first drama produced in Boston was in 1720. The novelty brought together such a crowd and created so much disturbance that the Legislature passed a law prohibiting theatrical entertainments as "tending to unnecessary expense, the increase of impiety, and a contempt for religion."

"Way Down East" will appear in this city on Friday evening, December 30th.

## Another Victim.

'Squire Dalton was another victim of icy sidewalks, Wednesday night. After stepping out of his office to come up street, he discovered that he had left some papers on his desk that he needed. He turned quickly to retrieve his steps, and his feet just as quickly slipped from under him. His back struck the sidewalk in no gentle manner, and his hat landed half way across the street. He escaped serious injury, but was considerably jarred by the sudden impact with the sidewalk.

## A Queer Bank Note.

Notice has been issued by the secret service of a new counterfeit \$10 Buffalo bank note. It is of the series of 1901, bearing the check letter D and plate No. 174. There is a period between Washington and D. C. The paper is tiny and the silk threads are coarser than in the genuine note.

## RIVER AT BERWICK NEARLY IMPASSABLE

While the people of Danville and Catawissa are being favored with a substantial and free passageway across the river, those of Berwick are having trouble galore on their hands. They are paying dearly for some of it, too. The river between Nescopeck and Berwick is practically impassable. The strong efforts made at those places to keep the ferries running has had the effect of keeping the river at Berwick practically open, although full of drifting ice in huge masses, which make it very dangerous for boats.

Boats, however, crossed yesterday. After that few had the hardihood to venture out. The passenger who gets across the river now at Berwick pays for it. Fifty cents is the price charged by the boatmen and it is generally conceded that they earn the money, as it takes from an hour to an hour and a half to battle with the ice and to thread their way across.

A man must have urgent business and be of strong nerve to submit to the experience of crossing the river at present. Not only is the long ride in the cold a great trial in itself, but at every turn the passenger is menaced with danger from the ice cakes which threaten to crash the boat, and from the falls below that are waiting to swallow him up.

## W. E. C. Cox Passes Away.

After an illness of over a year, and which had kept him at his home for the past six weeks, William Ellery Channing Cox, district representative of the Cambria Steel Company and the Boyd, Stickney Coal Company, died at 10 o'clock this morning at the family residence, 2319 Monroe street.

Mr. Cox, who had lived in Toledo for the past eleven years, was born in Philadelphia, June 12, 1837. He was a graduate of the High School of his native city and was a private of the Commonwealth Artillery of Pennsylvania during the Civil War.

He was married to Frances Yeomans of Danville, Pa., June 12, 1866. During his life he was associated with the Pennsylvania & Reading railroad and the Columbus & Hocking Coal and Iron Company. Mrs. Cox died four years ago. The deceased leaves six children. They are: Mrs. E. M. Morgan of Reading, Pa., Charles E., who is now in Mexico; E. H. Cox, Springfield, Ill.; Miss Eleanor Cox, James Boyd, Alfred Y. Cox, of Toledo.

Mr. Cox was a member of the Unitarian church and was vice president of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce in 1898. He was a public spirited and charitable man, and well known in business and financial circles.—Toledo News Bee.

## Will Fleet at Harrisburg.

The convention of the delegates to the diocesan convention of the Episcopal diocese of Harrisburg will no doubt be held in Harrisburg early in February for the election of a bishop to take the place which was so reluctantly declined by Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, of New York City. The arrangements for this gathering will be made by the standing committee of the diocese of which Rev. Dr. Charles Morrison, of Sunbury, is the chairman.

This standing committee will probably be called together within a few days by the chairman, and if present hopes are realized this convention will be held in Harrisburg. The invitation from that city for the next annual convention to be held there was accepted at Lancaster, and Harrisburg is favored for such meetings, because of its central location and railroad facilities.

The declaration of Dr. Manning following upon his election to the assistant rectorship of Trinity Church, has again opened the discussion of candidates for the bishopric and there are many men mentioned. Almost all of the large cities of the diocese have men who are candidates, and in some places there is a disposition to unite upon men inside of the diocese.

The convention will be a special meeting, at which the only business will be the election of a bishop, all other matters having been attended to at the Lancaster meeting.

## Another Victim.

'Squire Dalton was another victim of icy sidewalks, Wednesday night. After stepping out of his office to come up street, he discovered that he had left some papers on his desk that he needed. He turned quickly to retrieve his steps, and his feet just as quickly slipped from under him. His back struck the sidewalk in no gentle manner, and his hat landed half way across the street. He escaped serious injury, but was considerably jarred by the sudden impact with the sidewalk.

## A Queer Bank Note.

Notice has been issued by the secret service of a new counterfeit \$10 Buffalo bank note. It is of the series of 1901, bearing the check letter D and plate No. 174. There is a period between Washington and D. C. The paper is tiny and the silk threads are coarser than in the genuine note.