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"PLEDGED BUT TO TRUTH, TO LIBERTY AND LAW—NO FAVOR SVATS US AND NO FEAR SHALL AWE"

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## AWFUL ACCIDENT NEAR W. HIGH SCALES

A frightful accident occurred on the Shamokin Division of the Pennsylvania railroad, near Weigh Scales Monday morning at 11 o'clock, resulting in the death of two men and the more or less serious injury of many others.

The dead are: Thomas Confer, engineer; Jeremiah McAvee, fireman.

The wreck occurred between the passenger train that leaves Sunbury about 10 o'clock and an empty freight train. The collision occurred on a sharp curve, and as the engineer of the passenger was on the high side he did not see the train approaching from the opposite direction until it was almost upon him. He threw on the brakes, but it was too late to avert the collision. The engineer of the freight also applied the brakes but to no avail. The collision came while the passenger was going at full speed, and all the passengers were badly shaken up. Many were injured.

## A SAD CASE OF DESTITUTION

Caroline Fillingim was committed to the County Jail by Justice of the Peace Ogelsby Tuesday afternoon, charged with having concealed the remains of her recently born dead baby. The latter was found earlier in the day, under the floor of an outbuilding, covered with coal ashes and badly frozen. The girl confessed to having placed the child there, and said it had been born dead on Tuesday, January 3.

Information was lodged against her by Chief-of-Police Minocoy.

She was placed under arrest and taken before Justice Ogelsby, whereupon she pleaded guilty to the crime produced in evidence at the hearing.

Owing to the defendant's serious mental condition, the authorities will not push the charge against her, but will take the necessary steps to have her sent to an institution where she will receive proper treatment and attention. That is not what she has had this winter, and, evidently, for a much longer period.

## "OLD DYNAMITE" AGAIN RUNS AMUKE

For the third time in the past month the horse belonging to Thomas Toony, and popularly known as "Old Dynamite," ran away. The animal evidently believes in the charm that lies in certain numbers; for he made his third performance more thorough and exciting than any of his previous escapades. He got away from two drivers, narrowly missing running into a moving passenger train on the D. L. & W., and finally landed at Grovania.

Howard Russell, Mr. Toony's driver, had been delivering groceries on Upper Malvern street, and was returning to Mill street, when the horse took fright on account of the wagon striking his legs. The animal dashed up Spruce to Mill street, and then up Mill on a mad gallop to the Post Office where he was caught. At the First National Bank, Mr. Russell, seeing that he could do nothing with the horse, dropped out of the rear of the wagon.

## IT WAS A LONG SESSION

The School Board held a regular meeting Monday. It was long drawn out, and at times waxed warm. The following members were present: Harpel, Trambower, Adams, Hating, Porcel, Burns, Fischer, Werkheiser, Greene, Orth and Jacobs.

The Secretary reported that the blank of the Guaranty Trust and Deposit Company, of Soranton, recommending the endorsement of J. C. Houser for a \$5000.00 bond, had been filed out and sent forward.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$8,550.17.

Mr. Fischer, Chairman of the Building and Repairs Committee, reported that the black boards have been removed from the chemical laboratory in the High School, and placed in the second school of the Fourth Ward. He also stated that a bursted water pipe in the Welsh Hill school building had been repaired, and that he had discovered that the same had been due to a broken window in the cellar.

## BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETS

Borough Council met in regular session Friday night. President Davis being absent, Mr. Vastine was elected president pro tem. Eight members were present, Messrs. Vastine, Reifsnnyder, Swank, Fenstermacher, Deitrich, Boyer, Lloyd and Goesser.

The Borough Treasurer reported \$3,288.80 in his hands.

Mr. Reifsnnyder, chairman of Streets and Bridges Committee, reported that street paving assessments had been laid on property owners along Mill street. All had been served and some of them had already paid their assessments. He said that he had expected some of the property owners who are objecting to paying for paving street connections, consisting of crossings, curbing, etc., present to hear read the Act of Assembly under which the petition praying for the said paving was drawn, so they could learn just what the Act sets forth.

## BENEFIT OF THE LIBRARY

It is often the case that when a community is the possessor of some institution that is of great benefit to persons in all walks of life, a full appreciation of the benefits derived is lost sight of after a while and the interest, which may at first have been intense, gradually lessens, and perhaps altogether ceases to exist.

There is in Danville, however, an institution—the Thomas Beaver Free Library—that from the time of its establishment has been fully appreciated, and is arousing greater interest each year of its existence.

The benefits of our library can hardly be reckoned, so great and far-reaching are the results of the learning, broad-mindedness and innocent amusement derived therefrom. The shelves contain 12,172 books, comprising treatises upon almost every known subject. State and National reports and pamphlets, of which there are great numbers, are not counted in the above total. A glance at the circulation report for the year 1904 will show the enormous amount of reading that is due to the institution.

## NAPHTHA BOAT'S PERILOUS TRIP

The naphtha launch made a trip across the river about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, that it will not likely repeat under similar circumstances. At least some of the passengers who were on board at the time, will not wonder any consideration. One of the latter, after gaining a landing and feeling sure that he was on solid ground once more, was heard to say: "My heart was in my mouth during the whole trip, and no amount of money would induce me to undertake it again."

The boat started to cross from the South side with the intention of pursuing the regular course. It was weighted down with six large men and a box containing a live calf. The ice was thick and the current was swift and strong, owing to the present high water. To plow straight through such powerful obstacles was an impossibility, and the only way to get across and avoid an accident was to steer around them in some manner. Even that was a perilous undertaking. The rear of the boat was sunk to nearly the level of the water, and the calf was likely to get excited at any time and cause trouble by upsetting the small craft and dumping everybody overboard.

## THE COMING PLEASURE RESORT

With the destruction of the river bridge between Danville and South Danville, March 9th, 1904, DeWitt's Park became but a pleasant memory to its staunch patrons residing on this side, and to many, this pleasure resort seems to be a thing of the past. But we take great pleasure in asserting those interested that such is far from being a fact.

In a pleasant interview with the general proprietor of the park, Dr. A. T. DeWitt, we learn that, undaunted by the slack attendance during the season of 1904 he has taken advantage of the opportunity and with greater energy, has not only kept the grounds in fine condition but has made numerous improvements and contemplated still more in the spring. The main improvements thus far have been in filling in low and unsightly places, underdraining, establishing grass plots, and trimming all shade trees to uniform heights thus admitting the refreshing air more freely during sultry weather, and thereby enhancing the pleasure and health-giving powers of the resort, also permitting unobstructed views throughout the entire grove and extending to the Blue Ridge range of mountains beyond the river.

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