

COURT HOLDS A SHORT SESSION

A special session of Court was held Saturday. His Honor Judge Little and Associates Thompson and Blee being on the bench.

Pelagius Mueller, a native of Germany living in Liberty township, appeared before Court to ask for naturalization papers.

Mr. Mueller landed at New York on May 11, 1886, when nine years of age. He is not married and lives with his widowed mother near Oak Grove.

Exceptions to auditor's report were argued and all papers taken in re first and final account of S. Y. Thompson, trustee for creditors of R. M. Grove.

Mr. Charles S. Baker, died at her home, No. 301 Grand street, this city, at 12:30 a. m. yesterday.

False Step Causes Death. John Derr, a prominent resident of McEwensville, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen Tuesday, and died about an hour after the accident.

Mother's Cries are pretty good things. At least they are more effective than slippers.

COMMITTEE VISITS DANVILLE HOSPITAL

The House Appropriations Committee of the Legislature some twenty strong accompanied by half a dozen outside members of the Legislature, paid a visit to the Hospital for the Insane at this place Friday for the purpose of determining what could be done for the immediate relief of the overcrowded condition of the institution.

Arriving at the Hospital the committee was met by the Superintendent Physician, Dr. H. B. Meredith with several hacks and were driven about the grounds, where the inconvenience of unloading coal and some of the disadvantages of the present method of lighting were explained and where they were shown the site of the proposed plant for manufacturing light and power as well as the location of siding for bringing in coal, after which they made a full tour of the farm and buildings, where the necessity of more land, additional buildings, a filter plant, and other items in Mr. Ammerman's bill before the Legislature were one by one called to the committee's attention and fully explained.

In the Legislative party were the following who belonged to the Appropriations Committee: J. L. Plummer, Blair county, Chairman; Walton, Philadelphia, Speaker; McClain, Lancaster, the Republican leader in the House; McElroy, McKean county; Barlow, Berks; Anshel, Montgomery; Palmer, Mercer; Grossman, Bucks; Kekela, Crawford; Hayes, Butler; Wagner, Chester; Oall, Philadelphia; Mohr, Union; Rose, Susquehanna; Berry, Washington; Kelsey, Clinton; Bowersox, Snyder; Wood, Erie.

Other members of the Legislature who accompanied the Committee were: J. C. Smith, Philadelphia, Sergeant-at-Arms; Thomas Garvin, of Chester, Chief Clerk; John Curry, Philadelphia, Speakers' Clerk; Ammerman, Montour; Reimayer, of Lycoming; Barlow, of Susquehanna; Irvin, of Blair; Thomas of Bucks; and Philip H. Johnson of Philadelphia, architect.

The following Trustees of the Hospital for the Insane were present to assist Dr. Meredith, the Superintendent, in welcoming the Committee: H. M. Schoch, Hon. Alexander Billmeyer, Dr. B. H. Detweiler, W. F. Shay, Dr. Shoemaker and Howard Lyon.

The overcrowded condition of the Hospital at Danville is a fact that is well established. Long before the Legislature's committee their tour of the buildings Friday they were well convinced that R. S. Ammerman's vivid portrayal of conditions, which had aroused the Appropriations Committee to action, was in no respect overdrawn.

Friday the number of men incarcerated were 641; women 375, which gives the total of 1016 as above named. The number of insane is steadily on the increase. Some relief is expected when the Hospital at Allentown is completed, but this is still several years in the future. The new hospital will eventually take nine counties from this district. Represented in these nine counties at present are 375 patients kept at the Danville Hospital.

Chairman Plummer explained to a news representative Friday that the object of the present visit was primarily to see what steps could be taken to relieve immediately the overcrowded condition of the Hospital. The present position, he explained, is to treat temporary buildings, if necessary, to house the excess of patients until such time as the Hospital at Allentown is completed. The Committee is very

NEW PAVEMENT ACTING QUEERLY

The new pavement on Mill street is beginning to behave queerly and is proving a puzzle to our citizens who all along have taken such a keen interest in the improvement. As the snow and ice disappear and the winter's accumulation of dirt is removed the pavement as the wagons roll over it gives forth a rumbling sound, resembling thunder. It was noticed at first at only one or two spots where the pavement was bare, the hollow sepulchral roar suggesting a cavern or at least a cavity beneath.

It is just now that the strange rumbling sound is heard nearly continuously for two squares. There is a bad place at City Hall and several other spots nearby where the rumbling is heard, while all about the city the old weight scales and for a hundred feet or more north and south the noise is at its worst and at all hours yesterday there was a ceaseless rumble as though a summer shower were gathering in the west.

No one seems to know what causes the noise, whether or not it is any evidence of weakness or of adverse conditions of which a defect in the pavement may grow. The consensus of opinion seems to be that there is a cavity under the cement at the spots where the noise is heard, which correspond to places where the excavation was carried a little too deep in building and afterward filled up to the grade. The theory is that while the pavement has become a solid rock-like mass capable of supporting almost any weight the ground underneath although well rolled has settled in process of time.

Another theory held by a practical builder is that under the action of the frost the pavement has simply raised in spots and that as the frost passes out of the ground it will settle back in place without any ill effects. A little time may help to solve the problem.

Thirty-five Initiated. The meeting of Lotus Conclave No. 127, I. O. H., which took place at its rooms, Mill street, last evening was a noteworthy event. Thirty-five new members were initiated, which with the thirty-one admitted at the previous meeting, raises the membership to 158.

A large accession of membership was signalled last night by the presence of the well-known degree team of York, which did the work pertaining to the initiation in a way that proved at once very entertaining and edifying.

SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION FOR GREATER DANVILLE

The School Board held a regular meeting Monday night. The following members were present: Harpel, Orth, Burns, Haring, Werkheiser, VonBluh, Fischer, Trambower, Adams and Jacobs.

A statement of finances was presented by Treasurer Schram, which showed a balance on hand of \$5460.53. The following communication was received from Hon. R. S. Ammerman, relative to the School Appropriation measure before the Legislature, which the school board at its previous meeting had asked Mr. Ammerman to support.

Mr. Ammerman stated that he considered the bill a meritorious one and thought that it should become a law. He said he would consider it a pleasure to serve the school board by giving his support to the bill.

On motion Mr. Ammerman's communication was accepted and noted on the minutes. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Ammerman, extending the school board's thanks.

Mr. Orth explained that two car loads of coal ordered to be purchased at the previous meeting had not been procured owing to the fact that the mines at which the school board is dealing at present are closed down for four weeks.

Rumors of Overhead Crossing. There seems to be some reason for believing that the proposed overhead crossing at the Pennsylvania tracks, South Danville, is not among the impossibilities in the relatively near future. There are plenty of rumors bearing on the subject but just to what extent they are founded on fact it will take some little time to reveal.

Danville Defeats Milton. A large crowd gathered at the Armory last evening expecting to see the strong Tanagras team play, and were greatly disappointed when it was learned that the Milton five had been scheduled to take their place.

Surprise Party. A surprise party was tendered Mrs. Joseph Mottern, at her home on Bloom road, Monday evening, in honor of her sixtieth birthday.

ATTRACTION HOME WEDDING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Keefe, No. 54 Wall street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday when their granddaughter, Miss Grace Laura Williams, became the bride of Mr. Thomas J. Evans.

The ceremony took place at high noon before a large assemblage of invited guests. Rev. N. E. Cleaver, pastor of the Trinity M. E. church, tying the nuptial knot. The house was very nicely decorated for the occasion, the ceremony being performed under a bower of potted plants and evergreens.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Williams, and is a popular and highly esteemed young lady. The groom is likewise well and favorably known. The newly wedded couple left on a trip for Williamsport and Lock Haven.

Following were the guests: Mrs. George Kase and son Davenport Kase, Beech Haven; Mr. and Mrs. James Richings, Lackawanna; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Berwick; Mrs. William Farnsworth, of Shickelkinny; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Evans and sons, David and John and daughter Margaret; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whapham, daughters Wanda and Katherine; Mrs. J. P. Bare, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grove, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Keas and son William, Mrs. Thomas Keat, Miss Mame Keat, Mrs. Isaac Reed, Miss Edna Reed, Miss Jessie Mapstone, Mrs. Sarah Small, Mrs. John Madar, Isaac and Florence Madar; Mrs. G. M. Wherie and son Lester, Mrs. Samuel McCloskey, Mrs. John Martin, John Tuley, Miss Maude Seidel, Percy Shultz, Roy Smith, Miss Gertrude Bare and Elizabeth Barry.

Death of an Old Resident. Jacob B. Cole, one of the most widely-known residents of Montour county, departed this life Saturday evening at the home of J. L. Krum, Bloom street, at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Speaking for South Danville and Riverside he said they would have every thing to gain. As it is their people are all employed in Danville and their interests lie on that side of the river. A single exception lies in the case of a mill, which is held at Sunbury, but the only illustration of annexation. To attend court now the residents of the South side are obliged to lose much time and to expend money for car fare and hotel accommodations, while if able to effect annexation they would have the advantage of living in the county seat.

The matter, our informant states, has been little more than talked over up to the present, although all are in favor of immediately entering upon a full investigation to determine how far the scheme is feasible, after which the matter will be fully agitated and procedure decided upon.

Long Funeral Trip. Because the Berwick bridge was swept away by last Spring's great flood and there is no means of crossing the river the relatives of Mrs. Harry Spooner, who died at her Nescopeck home yesterday morning, will have to drive twenty-five miles by way of Shickelshinny in order that her body may be buried at Berwick.

Mr. Spooner died yesterday morning after a short illness of a complication of diseases. And as she had expressed a desire before death to be buried in the family plot in the Berwick cemetery her broken hearted husband has decided to carry out her wish in the matter and a drive via the Shickelshinny bridge will be necessitated, as there is at present no means of crossing the Susquehanna that divides the two places.

SUDDENLY CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. George L. Rowe, of 413 East Front street, departed this life Tuesday evening under especially sad circumstances, the dread summons coming to her as she was crossing the river bridge in company with her husband.

Mrs. Rowe and her husband were returning from South Danville where they were calling upon Mrs. Rowe's brother, John Snyder, who is confined to his home by illness. An crossing the bridge they had reached a point something more than half way when Mrs. Rowe complained of weakness. Her husband advised her to sit down and rest awhile. She had scarcely complied when she calmly remarked that she believed she was dying. Mr. Rowe could not believe this possible and he tried to reassure his wife, when she repeated: "Yes, I am sure I am dying" and almost at the same moment lapsed into unconsciousness.

Need of Systematic Exercise. In this age of rush and worry with business, domestic and social cares there will arise such conditions which will cause complications of a most serious nature in the physical mechanism of a man, of which he is totally ignorant until brought to a full realization of his danger with strong evidences of a physical and mental breakdown, sure to occur sooner or later, if not given proper attention.

Working on Repairs. A force of men yesterday morning were put to work on the repairs of the Danville Rolling Mill, which was recently purchased by the Reading Iron Company and which will be operated in connection with the big plant owned by that Company in this city.

Funeral of Jacob Cole. The funeral of Jacob B. Cole, took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of J. L. Krum, East Danville. Rev. Charles Limbert, assisted by Rev. Charles Lerch, conducted the services.

Garfield Literary Society. A meeting of the Garfield Literary Society was held in the High School Room Friday afternoon. The following program was rendered: Recitation, "The Skeleton in Armor"; Miss Hiett; Declaration, "Our Fine School System"; Mr. Davis; Reading, "Our Country"; Miss Mary McCloy; Debate, Resolved: "That a lie is never justifiable"; Affirmative Mr. Campbell, Mr. Woodsie, Negative Mr. McDermott, Mr. Scott. The Judges Miss Tooley, Miss Mann, and Mr. Peters rendered a decision in favor of the Negative.

How Smallpox is Spread. Dr. George G. Groff, member of the State Board of Health, has received a report from an inspector in Clearfield county, who said he had just discovered nine cases of smallpox on Snake creek, all in one house. One young man was clerking in a neighboring store, and the father of the family had gone to Washington to attend the inauguration, before the condition of affairs was discovered. Because of the irresponsible actions of the people like these it seems well nigh impossible to check the disease out of state. The only safety of the individual lies in vaccination.

OLDEST BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT

Charles Woods has closed out the boot and shoe business at the old stand, No. 217 Mill street. The business was wound up at a special sale last week, the last pair of shoes being disposed of late Saturday night.

The oldest and one of the best known business establishments in Danville closed its doors. Thomas Woods opened up the shoe business in Danville in 1840 in the very same building, 217 Mill street, where the stock was closed out and in which the business was continuously conducted during the long career of sixty-five years. The fact was generally commented upon along the street yesterday and no one could think of any other business establishment in Danville that had been in the hands of one family for such a length of time or that was founded so long ago and conducted continuously at the same stand.

The Woods shoe store was the first establishment of that kind in Danville. Thomas Woods upon removing here from Milton in 1840, immediately put four men to work manufacturing shoes in a building at the rear of the shoe store. Previously there were cobblers or shoe makers in Danville, who took the measurement of the customer's foot and made a pair of shoes to fit but Mr. Woods' business was a departure in that shoes of different styles and sizes were made and used to stock up the store. Thomas Woods thus becoming a pioneer in the present method of supplying footwear to the public.

The business grew. The four men, to whom an apprentice from time to time was added, kept pegging away in the little building to the rear while the stock of men's, ladies' and children's shoes kept accumulating on the shelves, passing from thence out into the homes of the people. The first hob nail shoes used in Danville were manufactured by Mr. Woods. These were much in demand among the iron workers at the big mill and the profits accruing from their manufacture was in itself a big item.

Mr. Woods continued to manufacture shoes until about 1875, when the changed conditions in the trade made it more profitable to purchase footwear for selling from the larger factories where many advantages obtained over Mr. Woods' limited facilities. At the death of Thomas Woods, his son Charles took hold of the business and conducted it until the present.

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