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VIEWERS HELD TWO SESSIONS

Pursuant to the notices posted at South Danville last week a view was held at the Southern approach to the river bridge on Saturday in response to a petition from the citizens of Gearhart township, asking that the county bear the expense of building the road and the approach to the river bridge on the South side. The board of viewers consisted of George F. Keefe (surveyor), H. F. Mann and P. C. Oberdorfer, residents of Sunbury. Two sessions were held by the viewers. One in the forenoon at 10:30 o'clock when the approach of the bridge was carefully examined and an estimate made both as to the number of perch of stone in the retaining walls and the cubic feet of earth required to bring the road up to the new grade. Toward noon the Board of Viewers retired to the parlor of the Susquehanna Hotel where testimony was taken from a number of citizens. In the afternoon additional testimony was heard. Among those testifying during the day were: P. G. Baylor and Mack Richards, Supervisors; Joseph Campbell, ex-Supervisor; J. H. Kase, W. R. Clark, the Hoover Brothers, Rufus Vastine and C. S. Smith. The interests of the township were looked after by Attorney Charles Halfant.

The testimony presented very conclusively showed that the construction of the new roadway and approach to the bridge will involve a big outlay of public money and constitute a heavier burden than Gearhart township with its limited resources and present big tax rate should be called upon to bear. The county, it was held, should assume the cost of the entire improvement.

There is no way of determining how the Board of Viewers were impressed as the result of the hearing. The tax payers, however, taking other cases as precedents, incline to the view that the county will not turn a deaf ear to their appeal but will decide to bear the expense of the work.

Death List Remains the Same.

BROOKTON, Mass., March 22.—Work was resumed this morning in an effort to find more bodies in the ruins of the R. D. Grover shoe factory but up to 11 o'clock noon had been discovered and it is believed that no more will be found.

The number of bodies recovered remains at 55 and there have been no new identifications since last night. Manager Emerson of the factory had several safe experts come here from Boston this morning. They are to open the big safe of the company which lies in the ruins and which holds the factory's payroll by which it is hoped, will show definitely the number of persons who lost their lives.

But Mr. Emerson said this morning the opening of the payroll would not give a complete list of the employees as the factory had hired a dozen or fifteen new hands in the week before the fire, and their names were not all on the payroll, probably. His own idea of the number of the dead, is that it is not above sixty.

He is inclined to believe that all the bodies have been recovered thus placing the total loss at 65. He remarked that he could not of course say that a few of the employees were not totally cremated.

At a special joint meeting of the city government last night, called by Mayor Keith, who presided, the following joint resolution was passed:

"Whereas, a great calamity has fallen upon our people and the people of our sister towns in the sudden destruction of the R. D. Grover and Company factory, with scores of human lives lost, under circumstances the most heart rending, and terrible, crushed out by falling floors and walls, or swallowed by pitiless and relentless flames;

"Resolved, That in the shadow of this great catastrophe which falls athwart every heart and darkens so many mourning homes, we tender the bereaved our deepest sympathy in their sorrow and bowed with them in one common grief.

Successful Year for Ladies' Aid.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity M. E. church completed, on the first of March, a most successful year. The receipts amounted to \$201.31. Of this money they paid to the trustees of the church and for bills and repairs to the church \$112.91; to the stewards the Society paid \$78.50; repairs on the parsonage, \$7.15 and incidental expenses \$2.49.

The members of the society are highly gratified by the success that crowned their efforts during the past year. The officers are: Mrs. Thomas Young, President; Mrs. Mary Goodall, Treasurer; Mrs. S. F. Ricketts, Secretary.

Conference Cafe.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church at Berwick have opened a cafe where dinner, supper or a lunch will be served during the M. E. Conference. This cafe is in the Evans building on Second street, directly opposite the church where the conference meets. Visitors attending the conference can get a good dinner or supper at this place for twenty-five cents.

Rhone-Lynn.

Miss Kate Lynn, of Catawissa, and Elmer Dallas Rhone, of Washington, were united in matrimony in this city on Saturday evening. The knot was tied by Rev. C. D. Lerch, at the latter's residence, Mill street.

PEOPLES RURAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

A rural telephone system, the dream of farmers hereabouts, and an accomplished fact in many sections of the West, is just now looming up in Montour county in a way that promises tangible results in the very near future.

A rural telephone system for this section was exploited some three months ago, but since then nothing has been heard concerning it, although the promoters were by no means idle. Yesterday Tracy S. Pettijohn, a representative of the People's Telephone Construction Company, which is represented in Danville by Charles V. Amerman, was in this city prepared to actively push the sale of stock.

Mr. Pettijohn has been very successful in installing rural telephone systems in the West. One of these systems at Flora, Ill., embraces a portion of nearly a thousand. The People's Telephone System of Southern Illinois is largely the outgrowth of Mr. Pettijohn's energy and perseverance.

The specialty of the People's Telephone Construction Company is the promoting, building and equipping of rural telephone exchange systems. In building up such a system much hard work and no little opposition is encountered. It is necessary to visit the farmers in their homes and endeavor to interest them in the establishment of a telephone system. The idea is to knit the farming community together by installing a phone in each, or nearly every farm house. At the present day telephones are not a luxury; they are a necessity, annihilating distance, saving time and incidentally saving money, as well as obviating annoyances, anxiety and danger.

The system to be built in Montour County will be known as the People's Telephone System. It will be purely a co-operative affair. The stock, which will be at an exceedingly reasonable figure, just sufficient to cover the cost of building, will be disposed of exclusively to the patrons, who will become the owners of the system and who will have an opportunity to offset a part of their purchase by furnishing poles and labor during the construction of the system.

The idea is bound to be popular with progressive farmers. Mr. Pettijohn stated yesterday that he has already canvassed a small part of Montour county and has sold considerable stock. He is much encouraged and he regards the outlook as a bright one. He stated that while nothing was finally decided upon, Washington might be established as a center, whence a line would be run to Strawberry Ridge, thence on to Exchange and probably eastward to White Hall. Another line may proceed from Washingtonville along the State road to Catawissa and thence southward to Limestoneville. If the project succeeds various other lines will be installed and the system extended through adjoining counties.

The rural system will connect with the long distance lines and the farmers by paying the charges can talk to any of the neighboring towns. The People's Telephone Company has already signified its willingness to connect with the rural system.

Lincoln Literary Society.

A regular meeting of the Lincoln Literary Society was held Friday afternoon in the High School room. The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo—"Angel's Dream"
Miss Pearl Vastine
Recitation—"Song of the Shirt"
Miss Letitia Langer
Declamation—"Abraham Lincoln"
Mr. Carodisky
Essay—"Imagination from Ecopom"
Miss Dora Jenkins
Poem—"A Tale From Last Serpent"
Mr. Soboch
The question for debate was, Resolved, that the political theory "To the victor belongs the spoils" is a good one. Mr. Lovett and Miss Bertha Moore sustained the affirmative and Miss Frick and Miss Lyons upheld the negative. The judges Miss Blue and Messrs. Jones and Edmondson, decided in favor of the affirmative.

Song—"The Removal"
The Society
Recitation—"The Removal"
Miss Cromley
Declamation—"The Monster"
Cannon
Mr. W. Spaide.
Reading—"How Good Are the Poor,"
Miss Gill.

Instep Crushed by Iron Bar.

Theodore Carodisky, an employe at the Reading Iron Works, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon, sustaining a compound fracture of the left instep.

Mr. Carodisky had just returned to work after the noon hour and was employed in loading iron bars on a car. A 3-inch round bar, weighing about 800 pounds had been weighed, and in removing it from the scales one end fell on the unfortunate man's foot, badly crushing the instep.

Mr. Carodisky was taken to his home on North Mill street and Dr. Paulus reduced the fracture.

Smith-Drake.

Lloyd Earl Smith, of Nescopeck, and Miss Hattie Drake, of Bloomsburg, were united in marriage on Saturday afternoon at the parsonage of the United Evangelical church, this city, by Rev. E. B. Dunn.

MAPLE SYRUP ABSOLUTELY PURE

The pure food laws were enacted to protect the general public by bringing to justice the dealer in impure and spurious goods; it would therefore be unfortunate if any reproach were to be brought upon these laws by any irregularity of hasty or ill-advised action in their enforcement. That the latter sometimes occurs and that merchants, no matter how conscientious and circumspect, through a mere technicality are dreadfully embarrassed or, worse, incited in fire has been well illustrated by one or more cases which has occurred in this city.

The standing of Austin, Nichols & Company, wholesale grocers of New York, is well known. Any brand bearing their name is in itself a guarantee of purity and commands the best of prices. That impure goods should find their way to the shelves of the local stores through the medium of this firm up to the present would have been a proposition to be scoffed at. It has remained for the pure food agents, however, to demonstrate that the reputation of the wholesaler is no safeguard against some form of deception.

Among the articles sold to local merchants by Austin, Nichols & Company within a recent date was an apparently very fine brand of maple syrup put up in bottles marked: "Absolutely Pure."

It is really a delicious article and in consideration of its "absolute" purity the merchants buying paid twenty cents per gallon more than the common run of prices. In due time the Pure Food Agents in making their rounds paid Danville a visit. The maple syrup fell under their eyes and notwithstanding the brand and guarantee of purity they took samples.

Imagine the surprise of the merchants when in due time came a report from the agents that Austin, Nichols & Company's maple syrup came in under the ban and that the merchants handling it would have to pay the penalty for selling impure food. The fine imposed was \$60.45.

It was a clear case of injustice and the merchants waived a hearing and appealed to court. Meanwhile a correspondence was opened with the House of Austin, Nichols & Company. The salesman and the House itself were emphatic in their protestations that they had not the least suspicion that there was anything impure about the case stands back of the merchants and they advise them to contest the payment to the bitter end.

The pure food agents are authority for the statement that to find an "absolutely" pure article of maple syrup is a practical impossibility, and that the merchant's prudent that is likely to show up in the analysis, mostly in infinitesimal quantities. They agree that the maple syrup of Austin, Nichols & Company is an exceedingly fine article and probably the best to be obtained. This in view of the fact that a vast amount of so-called maple syrup marked "compound" is being handled and is purchased by the unsuspecting or ill-informed public as maple syrup tends to weaken the confidence in the general efficacy of the pure food department.

That the pure food laws are not quite what they should be and that as they now stand a system of prosecution which in some cases amounts to "persecution" is quite possible is generally regarded as true and to remedy the defect a bill is now pending before the legislature which, if it becomes a law will prevent the repetition of such cases as here described.

Ferry Boat is Launched.

The ferry boat was successfully launched yesterday afternoon and the ungainly craft added one more chapter to its eventful history embraced in the short period of one year. It is twisted and warped as the result of lying on the slanting and uneven river bank; it is minus fall boards and is badly battered as the result of its bouts with flood and ice during its runaway trip down the river. It will instantly be put into ship shape and thrown into active service. Beyond that what vicissitudes fate has in store for the fat boat is not revealed.

The ferry boat was launched by Ellis Rank aided and abetted by a large crowd of lookers-on. Fortunately it does not seem to leak much and calking will not be necessary. Two of the fall boards were found on this side of the river, the other two, which are entirely missing, are being replaced by Hoover Bros.

The river is very rapidly falling and County Commissioner Cook yesterday stated that the ferry will be put into operation yet during the present week or early next week. It will be run during the day time only and but one ferryman will be employed, who in all probability will be Mr. Yeager.

The bridge will take care of the foot passengers, and those who have occasion to cross the river with vehicles, the Commissioner states, will be expected to accommodate their business to ferry hours.

Failure of Investment Bureau.

Philadelphia newspapers yesterday came out with pretty strong articles taking exception to the methods employed by the "Investment Bureau," which made an assignment for benefit of creditors to John C. Crowley, an attorney. The Investment Bureau had its headquarters in the Imperial Building at Nos. 411 and 413, Walnut street and for the past three years has been conducting an extensive business. The assignee states that from a perfunctory glance over the books he believes that there are 1500 creditors and that judging from the business the amount should exceed \$150,000. W. H. Lattimer, of this city has been manager of the "Investment Bureau."

Owing to the recent rains all trains crossing the mine field are running under special precautions which is occasioned by the numerous cave-ins which have occurred.

JAMES T. MAGILL IS COUNCILMAN

The Borough Council for 1905-6 held its first regular meeting Friday night. President Joseph Gibson occupied the chair. Other members were in their places as follows: Vastine, Reifnyder, Fenstermacher, Gooser, Dietrich, Boyer, Dietz, Hughes, Swaisford and Jacobs.

The first business on hand was the election of a councilman to take the place of David Gibson of the Fourth Ward who tendered his resignation at the previous meeting.

James T. Magill was nominated by Mr. Hughes to be Councilman from the Fourth Ward and he was unanimously elected. Burgess Parsel being present he administered the oath of office, after which Mr. Magill took his place in Council.

The bonds of the Borough Treasurer, Street Commissioner and Borough Secretary were read before Council and on motion approved.

President Gibson announced the following Standing Committees, the appointment of which was approved by Council:

Fire—Vastine, Dietz and Magill.
Light—Reifnyder, Dietrich and Hughes.
Building—Gooser, Boyer and Magill.
Finance—Gooser, Vastine, and Reifnyder.
Streets and Bridges—Vastine, Keifnyder, Dietrich, Boyer and Hughes.
Printing—Fenstermacher, Jacobs and Magill.
Market—Boyer, Swaisford and Dietz.
Water—Dietrich, Vastine and Jacobs.
Sewerage—Boyer, Swaisford and Magill.
Ordinance and Police—Reifnyder, Gooser and Fenstermacher.
Public Improvements—Dietrich, Dietz and Jacobs.
Bills and Accounts—Fenstermacher, Hughes and Swaisford.

Mr. Reifnyder reported that complaint had come to him from a lady in the Second Ward to the effect that a neighbor in the habit of tying his horses in front of her premises thereby contributing to a nuisance. On motion the matter was referred to the Chief of Police.

The Street Commissioner reported as to what disposition he was making of the sand and manure scraped up on Mill street and asked Council what price should be fixed for the material. After some discussion the price of thirty cents per load was decided upon. A pole on Centre street belonging to the Bell Telephone Company was reported as in very bad condition. It has been repeatedly reported to the Telephone Company, who seem to take no notice of the matter. On motion of Mr. Reifnyder it was ordered that the Bell Telephone Company be given final notice that the pole is unsafe and that unless repairs are made within a reasonable time the Borough will plant a new pole at the Company's expense, imposing in addition the penalty provided by the ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Reifnyder it was decided to invite bids for the construction of a stone culvert at Ferry street to take the place of the canal bridge, which is to be removed. The culvert will be some eighty feet long, three feet by four feet. The stone in the abutments, it is thought, will be nearly sufficient to lay up the culvert. The matter was left in the hands of the Committee on Streets and Bridges.

The Clerk was instructed to correspond with the Austin Western Ltd., Company for best prices on Street Sweepers. The Chicago Sweeper took the prize at the World's Fair.

BOURGH DEPARTMENT.

Regular Employes	\$115.00
Labord and Hauling	24.31
Danville Stove & Mfg. Co.	1.35
Atlantic Refining Co.	55.51
Frank Schraut	9.95
A. C. Amesbury	37.85
Frank Boyer	6.55
Joseph Lechner	27.78

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Regular Employes	\$189.15
P. & R. R. Co.	50.40
Reading Coal & Iron Co.	98.75
Franklin Boyer	19.04
Harrison Bros & Co.	99.73
Atlantic Refining Co.	30.37
Washington Fire Co.	13.00
D. L. & W. R. Co.	11.77
Curry & Co.	11.41
Harman Rapp	3.50
Harry B. Pastor	39.00
Joseph Lechner	5.75

While in Neighborhood the Base Ball Voters are Full of Enthusiasm.

While in neighboring towns the base ball voters are full of enthusiasm and are busy outlining plans for the season's sport the fact is commented upon that there is little doing in Danville.

To determine what the season has in store for Danville a citizen who stood close to the sport in other years was interviewed yesterday.

"You may rest assured," said the gentleman, "that Danville is going to have base ball and plenty of it. It is settled, too, that it will be in DeWitt's Park."

The disciple of base ball then launched into an enthusiastic description of Dr. DeWitt's base ball ground, making the sweeping assertion that there is nothing like it to be found in these parts. The magnificent diamond and the fine grand stand with a seating capacity of five hundred were special features that appealed to him. In addition he expatiated on the beautiful surroundings and pure water, features which assist to make the park popular.

The point not settled whether base ball will be under the old management or whether a club of well-known players will play on the co-operative plan. Should the latter come to pass an agreement will no doubt be entered into with the Danville Base Ball Association whereby the full equipment will be turned over to the new organization for the season.

The Danville Base Ball Association, which is made up of active business men anxious to promote healthy sport last year and previously gave us a good quality of base ball and it goes without saying that their energy and resources will be in evidence the coming season and that base ball will be a standing attraction.

Almost time now to begin packing up for the moving.

EXPANSION AT THE STOVE WORKS

Weather permitting ground will be broken at the plant of the Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company tomorrow for a general enlargement of the works, which is essential to keep pace with the growing demand for Beaver stoves and ranges.

It is a well-known fact that the stove works with its present capacity last year was unable to fill its orders. The expansion will affect every department of the works. The foundry will be enlarged by building an annex eighty-four feet long and sixty feet wide. To conform with the present building the new part will be of frame, one story high. The masons will begin work on the foundation tomorrow.

The maximum number of moulders at present employed is seventy-four; when the annex is completed the number will be increased to one hundred, which will far exceed the largest number of stove moulders ever employed in Danville.

The increased number of moulders will make it necessary to enlarge the capacity of every department of the works. Additional and improved machinery will be installed in the cleaning room to take care of the increased product. The capacity of the mounting room will be doubled by adding another story to that division of the works, the five floors on the first story by the change being duplicated by five other floors for the moulders up stairs.

The capacity of the nickeling department will be increased correspondingly while every department will take on more men. The number of names on the payroll will be increased by at least one-third, so that in all some two hundred and twenty-five hands will be employed.

The material is all ordered and is expected to arrive at the stove works yet during the present week. All the building will be done by the company itself, under the supervision of Fred Montague, who for many years past has been at the head of the carpenter shop connected with the plant.

The business of the Stove & Manufacturing Company is expanding not only in the sense that the demand for Beaver stoves is increasing at home and abroad but also that new lines of stoves are constantly being added. The "Imperial Beaver" placed upon the market last year was a winner in every respect. The success achieved was a result of modern and improved heating apparatus. An entirely new range, therefore, called the "Famous Beaver," is the result, which is at present in the wood pattern shop, but which will be ready for the market by May. The new range will have the lift-off nickel feature which made the "Imperial Beaver" so popular; it will be a plain range of colonial finish and will be in three sizes—16, 18 and 20 inch oven.

It is pretty evident that the management as well as the trade of the Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company is in pretty safe hands. W. A. Sechler has been successively re-elected as general manager for several years past. Among the sales agents also there have been no changes and they are as follows: Hon. James Foster, Danville; A. H. MacAdam, Philadelphia; K. E. Edmondson, Pittsburg; A. L. Canfield, New York, and W. D. Sayre, Chicago.

At the present time Danville stoves are sold in all sections of the United States, as well as in Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico and China.

Business of the Stove & Manufacturing Company is Expanding.

The P. L. Brewery, this city, is undergoing improvements which not only increase its capacity and add to its facilities for doing work, but also greatly improve its appearance architecturally.

The P. L. Brewery enjoys an extensive patronage, which keeps the plant in steady operation working to its full capacity. It is always desirable to keep the beer in stock as long as possible, as the greater the age the better the quality. In order to be in a position to hold the beer in the vaults as long as desirable the P. L. Company decided to increase the plant's capacity.

This is being done by supplementing the large 200 horse power boiler with a new one of 150 horse power. The increased steam power will add to the product by increasing the capacity of the new boiler an "old one" of two horse power condemned for steam purposes has been blocked up to a height of some fourteen feet, where it will be permanently supported and used to supply the entire plant with hot water. The boiler will be heated with the exhaust from the engine while the height at which it is supported insures sufficient pressure all over the plant.

The new boiler, which is one of the water tube type weighing some six tons, came from Milwaukee and was hauled from the cars on the P. & R. by Contractor W. A. Shepperdson, who did all the work on both boilers involved, blocking them up to the position they are to permanently occupy. The new boiler proved a pretty hard proposition to handle, especially as the streets all about the brewery are soft and muddy. Everything now is ready for the bricklayers, who will begin work in a day or so.

The remodeling will take in every part of the brewery. The office now occupies a separate building on the side of Spring street opposite the brewery, which was formerly the office, is now used as a racking room, where the beer is drawn off from the sediment. This apartment is full of up-to-date appliances, facilitating this branch of brewery work, which before was always done by simple and primitive methods. The "Ideal Racker," installed a couple of weeks ago is a costly mechanism embodying a scientific principle, which has many points of merit over old methods employed.

Inside the brewery has been much altered, while as the result of the remodeling externally, the appearance has been much changed. The entire structure inside and outside is to receive a new coat of paint.

Funeral of John Deutch.

The funeral of John Deutch took place Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the St. John's Lutheran church. The Rev. G. E. Limbert, pastor of Shiloh Reformed church conducted the services.

The following were the pall bearers: Joseph Grech, Sr., Fred Wendel, Sr., John Grech, Sr., Wesley DeShay, John Kilgus and Fred Hirtley. The choir rendered several selections. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Those present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Gutsav Grobaki and children, Theodore Poltrok and daughter and Jacob Galester, of Nanticoke; Mr. and Mrs. John Eggert, of Berwick.

Taxpayers to Keep Tab on Witnesses.

A new system of listing criminal cases in the courts of Northumberland county was commenced Thursday by W. H. Bressler, representative of the Taxpayers' Association. During the sessions a list of witnesses will be kept in a book, and each will be compelled to sign daily while in attendance in order to secure the witness fees.

LIMESTONE FROM ALMEDIA

Messrs. Caldwell and Barry of the firm that has the contract for putting down the concrete for the flooring of the river bridge returned to Danville yesterday morning after a visit to Catawissa and Shuman's. They left for Harrisburg at noon in order to be present at that place today when the contracts are awarded for the several Columbia county bridges. Caldwell, Barry & Leonard having a bid in for both the Catawissa bridge and the bridge at Shuman's.

Mr. Barry yesterday stated that his firm would finish its portion of the work in two weeks at most, which would mean a completion of the flooring in about the same time. He stated, however, that the firm could not see its way clear to begin work until the builders have gotten further along with the ironwork, as at the present stage of progress in a short time the riveters would be overtaken by the floor and work on the latter would be held up.

Representatives of the firm will be in this city next Monday to make final arrangements. By that time riveting will be well under way and the limestone, sand, etc., ordered by Caldwell, Barry & Leonard will be on the ground. The limestone has been purchased at Almedia and will be shipped to Danville via the D. L. & W. railroad. W. A. Shepperdson has the contract for hauling both the limestone and the sand from the cars to the bridge.

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Conference Opened Last Evening.

The thirty-seventh annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened at Berwick last evening.

The influx of ministers began on Tuesday; from that time up until last night they continued to arrive, scores coming on every train until at 6:30 o'clock when of the 326 belonging to the Conference all were on the ground but 161.

Arriving at Berwick all made their way to the Methodist Episcopal Church where they were received by the Rev. Richard H. Gilbert, Conference host in his office. Rev. Gilbert is an ideal host with a cordial handshake and a kind word of welcome for each and everyone. The beautiful church edifice is the product of his faith, pluck and persistence. A number of small boys, who kindly volunteered their services, conducted the ministers to the places assigned to them as homes during Conference.

Every thing ran smoothly without the least suggestion of a hitch as in quick succession the large groups of people assembled. The church is an ideal place for conference. The auditorium, which will be used for public sessions, is spacious and magnificent. The Sunday School room opening from the auditorium is especially commodious and well appointed containing upwards of twenty class rooms, which are temporarily changed into committee rooms. Here is the Conference Post Office, Rev. Gilbert's office, reading and writing rooms, and rooms for examination of candidates. In this apartment all day yesterday ministers congregated, shaking hands probably for the first time since Conference of a year ago; here new acquaintances were formed along with the renewal of old ones and a pleasant hour was spent by all.

Dr. S. C. Swallow was a conspicuous figure in Conference circles. Wherever he went he was kept busy greeting old friends. He spoke most interestingly of the time, in 1864-5, when as a young minister he was stationed in Berwick as junior preacher under the Rev. M. P. Crosthwaite. During an interview with a representative of the press he spoke very enthusiastically of a new newspaper enterprise he is about to embark upon. The journal, which will be called the "Church Forum" is to succeed his present publication, the "Pennsylvania Methodist," irrespective of creed, which is permitted to have its own editor and to express opinions at pleasure relating to any legitimate topic.

Bishop Fitzgerald, who presides at Conference arrived at Berwick on Monday night. He is a man of strong executive ability, extremely systematic and is energetic in the extreme. He has already conducted six executive sessions of the Elders and nearly all the conference arrangements have been completed.

The first active business of the conference began yesterday with examination. Candidates taking examination are as follows:

For admission on trial—twelve.
Class of first year—five.
Class of second year—four.
Class of third year—eight.
Class of fourth year—twelve.
Examinations began on Tuesday evening and lasted all day on Wednesday. The choir of the church has arranged special music for the sessions.

The temperance anniversary last night, which marked the first session of conference, brought out a large attendance. Three tables, which stand between the main auditorium of the church and the Sunday school room, were drawn aside and the two spacious apartments were thrown into one immense auditorium, which was filled on the occasion.

Devotional exercises began at 7:30. Rev. J. B. Mann leading in song and Rev. William Moser reading the scriptures and offering prayer. The music was a great feature. An anthem by the choir, "Father Oh Hear Us," was exceedingly fine. There was also a solo, "Mother's Boy," by Isaac Abraham, which was much enjoyed. Miss Della Geisinger was organist.

Rev. Dr. E. L. Eaton of Allegheny was the speaker at the Temperance Anniversary. He was introduced by the famous Prohibition advocate, Dr. S. C. Swallow, who made some very happy and characteristic remarks. The license of the liquor traffic he regards as a sin. So long as the government remains in profane partnership with the liquor business it will be impossible to overthrow the great crime breeder.

Dr. Eaton is an eloquent and convincing speaker presenting good strong argument and apt illustrations. Throughout a long address he carried the large audience along with him holding up before them in strong light the evils of the liquor traffic. He dwelt upon the aggressiveness of the liquor men, their complete organization and the rapid growth of the liquor interest and showed how the Prohibition movement, determined, zealous and successful as it is, will be futile in its attempt to overthrow the enemy until all good people regardless of creed and political parties flock to its standard.

T. R. A.

CONFERENCE OPENED LAST EVENING

The thirty-seventh annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened at Berwick last evening.

The influx of ministers began on Tuesday; from that time up until last night they continued to arrive, scores coming on every train until at 6:30 o'clock when of the 326 belonging to the Conference all were on the ground but 161.

Arriving at Berwick all made their way to the Methodist Episcopal Church where they were received by the Rev. Richard H. Gilbert, Conference host in his office. Rev. Gilbert is an ideal host with a cordial handshake and a kind word of welcome for each and everyone. The beautiful church edifice is the product of his faith, pluck and persistence. A number of small boys, who kindly volunteered their services, conducted the ministers to the places assigned to them as homes during Conference.

Every thing ran smoothly without the least suggestion of a hitch as in quick succession the large groups of people assembled. The church is an ideal place for conference. The auditorium, which will be used for public sessions, is spacious and magnificent. The Sunday School room opening from the auditorium is especially commodious and well appointed containing upwards of twenty class rooms, which are temporarily changed into committee rooms. Here is the Conference Post Office, Rev. Gilbert's office, reading and writing rooms, and rooms for examination of candidates. In this apartment all day yesterday ministers congregated, shaking hands probably for the first time since Conference of a year ago; here new acquaintances were formed along with the renewal of old ones and a pleasant hour was spent by all.

Dr. S. C. Swallow was a conspicuous figure in Conference circles. Wherever he went he was kept busy greeting old friends. He spoke most interestingly of the time, in 1864-5, when as a young minister he was stationed in Berwick as junior preacher under the Rev. M. P. Crosthwaite. During an interview with a representative of the press he spoke very enthusiastically of a new newspaper enterprise he is about to embark upon. The journal, which will be called the "Church Forum" is to succeed his present publication, the "Pennsylvania Methodist," irrespective of creed, which is permitted to have its own editor and to express opinions at pleasure relating to any legitimate topic.

Bishop Fitzgerald, who presides at Conference arrived at Berwick on Monday night. He is a man of strong executive ability, extremely systematic and is energetic in the extreme. He has already conducted six executive sessions of the Elders and nearly all the conference arrangements have been completed.

The first active business of the conference began yesterday with examination. Candidates taking examination are as follows:

For admission on trial—twelve.
Class of first year—five.
Class of second year—four.
Class of third year—eight.
Class of fourth year—twelve.
Examinations began on Tuesday evening and lasted all day on Wednesday. The choir of the church has arranged special music for the sessions.

The temperance anniversary last night, which marked the first session of conference, brought out a large attendance. Three tables, which stand between the main auditorium of the church and the Sunday school room, were drawn aside and the two spacious apartments were thrown into one immense auditorium, which was filled on the occasion.

Devotional exercises began at 7:30. Rev. J. B. Mann leading in song and Rev. William Moser reading the scriptures and offering prayer. The music was a great feature. An anthem by the choir, "Father Oh Hear Us," was exceedingly fine. There was also a solo, "Mother's Boy," by Isaac Abraham, which was much enjoyed. Miss Della Geisinger was organist.

Rev. Dr. E. L. Eaton of Allegheny was the speaker at the Temperance Anniversary. He was introduced by the famous Prohibition advocate, Dr. S. C. Swallow, who made some very happy and characteristic remarks. The license of the liquor traffic he regards as a sin. So long as the government remains in profane partnership with the liquor business it will be impossible to overthrow the great crime breeder.

Dr. Eaton is an eloquent and convincing speaker presenting good strong argument and apt illustrations. Throughout a long address he carried the large audience along with him holding up before them in strong light the evils of the liquor traffic. He dwelt upon the aggressiveness of the liquor men, their complete organization and the rapid growth of the liquor interest and showed how the Prohibition movement, determined, zealous and successful as it is, will be futile in its attempt to overthrow the enemy until all good people regardless of creed and political parties flock to its standard.

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Exposures Expected.

Sensational exposures which will cast reflections upon a number of prominent Sunburians are expected to develop in the near future, in the wedding of a chain of evidence against John Russell, now in jail at Wilkes-Barre, charged with forgery and a shortage in his accounts.

Russell, until the time of his arrest, three weeks ago, represented a large grocery house, having a branch office at Wilkes-Barre. He spent considerable time in Sunbury, making this city his headquarters for working the surrounding country. Three weeks ago his firm had him arrested, charging him with forgery and shortage of accounts, having collected money and retained it.

In all he secured, it is said, \$2500. Since his arrest, Russell has made a confession, stating that he lost the money at certain places in Sunbury.

For the past week a detective in the employ of the grocery firm, has been in Sunbury, investigating the case. The loss is made good, will cause the arrest of several parties which will bring about some sensational developments.

The affair has been kept very quiet, as it was hoped a settlement could be reached, but, as the parties show no inclination to produce, it has leaked out, and results are eagerly awaited.—Sunbury Daily.

Death of John Millhouse.

John E. Millhouse, the well known barber who conducted a business at 111 West Third street, died very suddenly of pneumonia and heart failure Monday at 12:35 p. m. at his home on Front street, near West. He was 89 years of age and is survived by his widow and six children, all under the age of 16 years. They are Mamie, Goldie, Harold, Arden, Herdie and Ethman. Mr. Millhouse's death was very unexpected. He had suffered from an attack of grip for the past two weeks, but was not confined to his bed. Monday morning he was unable to get up, having developed pneumonia during the night, but did not appear to be dangerously ill. He passed away peacefully at 12:35 p. m. He was until recently a member of the Roxas Twelfth Regiment band—Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.

The deceased resided in this city until about ten years ago when he removed to Williamsport. He was a member of Stoeck's band for many years and was also a member of Strickland's orchestra.

Successful Entertainment.

The entertainment given in George Hedden's Hall, Washingtonville, Saturday night for the benefit of the Washingtonville M. E. church was a great success. The proceeds will wipe out the entire indebtedness of the Washingtonville church, with a surplus of \$11.50, which was given to Hendrickson's church.

The entertainment was given entirely by local talent, and the hearty encores showed clearly the appreciation of the audience. The pastor, Rev. O. W. Bryner wishes to thank those who took part in the entertainment, as well as those whose patronage made it a financial success.

Susquehanna Debating Club.

The Susquehanna Debating Club held a meeting in the High