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FUNERAL OF H. B. GASKINS

Harvey B. Gaskins, whose sudden death occurred on Thursday, was consigned to the grave Sunday afternoon.

The funeral was held from the First Baptist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War and was Senior Vice Commander of Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R. He was therefore laid away with all the respect and honor due one of our nation's soldiers, a number of the comrades of Goodrich Post following him to the grave. Among the floral offerings was a beautiful pillow, the usual tribute from the Post bestowed upon every deceased member in good standing.

The following comrades acted as pall bearers: George Riley, Wesley DeShay, Robert Miller, Samuel Lunger, Clarence Price and George W. Jackson. The services were conducted by Rev. John Sherman.

Among those who attended the obsequies from out of town were:

Miss Hattie Gaskins and Miss Lavina Kane, of Scranton; Isaiah Gaskins and wife, Howard Hixson and wife, Grier Hixson and wife, Lizzie Hixson, William Hixson and wife and Sadie Hixson of Berwick; William Gaskins and wife, Benjamin and Frank Gaskins of Sunbury; Mrs. Ellen Purcel, Orangeville, Charles Mummey, Clarence Meixell and wife and Mrs. Clarence Sears, of Milton; John Watson, of Chester; James Gaskins and James Mummey, of Shamokin.

Trolley Tickets on Sale.

The Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railroad is now supplied with tickets, by the purchase of which patrons will be enabled to travel over the line at a reduction.

The tickets will be sold in books and are of three kinds. First is a workingmen's book, good between 5:30 a. m. and 7:30 a. m. and between 5 p. m. and 7 p. m. The book contains 30 tickets and costs one dollar, thus reducing the cost of a round trip from 30 cents to 20 cents.

Next are general tickets. These are good at any time and can be purchased in books of 25 for one dollar, making the cost of a round trip 24 cents.

A third class are school tickets which are sold in books of 100 for three dollars. These reduce the cost of the round trip to 18 cents, but they are good only on school days.

Tickets can be purchased at the office of the trolley company at Grovania, or they will be delivered to patrons in town in response to a few lines addressed to the company. Superintendent A. L. Davis, who resides at No. 503 Church street, generally has a supply of tickets with him and will be glad to supply patrons.

Superintendent Davis yesterday stated that he expected to be able to put the cars back on the forty minute schedule in a few days. A crew on last Monday was put to work fixing up the bad spots temporarily. They have made excellent progress and already the road is in pretty good shape.

It will not be until about the middle of April that the general overhauling of the line will begin, in which the track is to be reballasted and raised higher. This part of the improvement will be so arranged as to cause no delay whatever in traffic and cars will run on the forty minute schedule during the whole time that work is in progress.

Attractive Home Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Roth, Bloom street, was the scene of a pretty wedding Tuesday evening, which was attended by a large number of guests. The bride was Miss Susie Diehl, of Exchange, and William M. Diehl, of this city, was the groom.

The wedding ceremony, beautiful in its simplicity, was performed by Rev. John Mortimer, of Williamsport, uncle of the groom. The Roth home was artistically decorated for the occasion with potted plants and cut flowers. The bride wore an attractive gown of pale blue silk and carried a bouquet of roses. Miss Sophie Bartlow, of Exchange, was the maid of honor. She wore white mull and carried pink carnations. Edward Diehl, of Exchange, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Miss Pearl Fenstermacher played the wedding march.

After the ceremony an elaborate supper was served. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and costly presents.

Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. John Mortimer, of Williamsport; Rev. and Mrs. George Limbert and son Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. William Roth and daughters Olive and Julia, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Good, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mary and daughter Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shultz and daughters Elna and Atta, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whapham, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Madden, daughter Olive and son Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Krum, Mesdames Joseph Diehl, Hannah Roth, Thomas Cole, A. G. Harris, Misses Blanche and Carrie Diehl of Exchange, Evelyn Moyer, Pearl Fenstermacher, Kate Strouse, Jennie Strouse, Florence Jenkins, Alice Fisher, Messrs. Jacob Johnson, Sylvester Dougherty, Lafayette Foust and Ira Churm.

The wooden awning in front of the Lew Woods building which will be occupied by Fallon Bros. in a short time is being torn down and will be replaced by a canvas awning of modern style.

MANY MOVINGS ON SOUTH SIDE

The changing of residence with the severance of old ties is pretty sure to have a saddening aspect, but the moving of Joseph Woodruff, who took up his home in South Danville yesterday, was attended with a circumstance that was especially pathetic.

Mr. Woodruff removed from near the Baptist church at Union Corner. His wife is an invalid, who has been confined to her bed for some years as the result of an injury to her spine sustained in a driving accident. The Woodruff family removed into Arthur Myerly's residence on Gearhart street.

As the procession of wagons filed into town and stopped in front of the house to be occupied, while the rest were heavily loaded with household goods one—a closed wagon—was observed to contain a comfortable bed on which reclined the form of the afflicted woman.

It is needless to say that it was the invalid who received the first attention, being tenderly carried into her new home and made comfortable before any thought was given to the unloading of the household goods and stores.

There is much moving this spring about South Danville, Riverside and the adjacent townships.

Mrs. Sadie Strawbridge, who lived on one of the Bowden farms, yesterday shipped her goods from South Danville to Williamsport.

Charles Morrall, tenant on Samuel Morrall's farm, Kipp's Run, will remove to the Mertz farm near Northumberland. The Morrall farm will be tenanted by a family named Aucher, who come from the vicinity of Northumberland.

John Reichenbach will remove from W. H. Ammerman's farm, beyond Riverside Heights, to one of Simon P. Wolverton's farms near Sunbury. Simeon Wyant has removed from the Purdy farm below Kipp's Run to a farm near Sunbury.

Robert Mapstone, South Danville, will remove to Sunbury yet this week.

Howard Farley has moved from Mrs. Z. T. Armes' residence to one side of the house owned by Charles Mills on Avenue E. William Nuss, recent tenant there, has removed to the Jerry Huttenstine residence on C street.

Grant Huber has moved into one side of William Chapman's house on avenue E.

Frank Ebner removes from John Landau's house to William Metler's farm in Rush township.

Ladies of Golben Eagle.

YORK, March 29.—Beginning May 9 the Grand Temple of Pennsylvania Ladies of the Golden Eagle, will hold its annual session in York, continuing for three days. The meetings will be held on the third floor of Odd Fellows' hall, and it is expected that 150 temples of Pennsylvania will be represented by delegates. With these representatives will probably come 100 or more other ladies of the Golden Eagle. The grand temple officers are:

Past grand templar, Mrs. Bell Stener, Jersey Shore; grand templar, Mrs. Ella Fox, Lancaster; grand vice templar, Mrs. Sarah North, Philipsburg; grand priestess, Mrs. Nellie Hernsicker, Allentown; grand marshal of ceremonies, Mrs. Lizzie C. Lockhart, Philadelphia; grand guardian of records, Mrs. Josie Y. Walter, Philadelphia; grand guardan of exchequer, Mrs. Margie E. Fagan, Lancaster; grand guardian of music, Mrs. Anna A. Carson, Philadelphia; grand guardian of inner portal, Mrs. Maria C. Barnes, Johnstown, and grand guardian of outer portal, Mrs. Eliazbeth Penton, Philadelphia.

The result of the election of grand temple officers for the ensuing year will not be made public until the York meeting. However, according to the rule of succession Mrs. Ella Fox, of Lancaster, will become past grand templar; Mrs. Sarah North, Philipsburg, grand templar; Mrs. Lizzie C. Lockhart, of Philadelphia, grand vice templar, and Mrs. Maria C. Barnes, Johnstown, grand marshal of ceremonies. It is probable that the present grand guardian of records and grand guardian of exchequer, at least, will be reelected. There are no York candidates for grand temple officers.

Tuesday night, May 9, will be spent at the High School auditorium, where the grand castle exercises are to take place. Wednesday night will be devoted to a form of entertainment yet to be arranged. The temple officers as well as other members of the grand temple will take part in the grand castle parade of May 9. The women will ride in carriages.

In this parade, it is said, will be nearly 1,000 members of the uniformed divsion of the Pennsylvania Knights of the Golden Eagle. These will represent commanderies from all important cities in the state. In addition to these will be large delegations from subordinate castles from towns far and near, and it is expected that the procession will contain several thousand men and women.

Ida, the wife of Silas W. Wolverton, corner of Nicholas Avenue and Short street, departed this life yesterday after a ten days' illness of pneumonia. The deceased was forty-seven years of age and is survived by her husband and one son, Boyd R. Wolverton. The funeral will be held at 1 p. m. Saturday. Interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

MINISTERS RETURN TO DANVILLE

The 87th annual Central Pennsylvania Conference closed yesterday afternoon at 3:25 when Bishop Fitzgerald had finished reading the appointments.

The 1905 Conference at Berwick has been remarkable in a number of ways, and will long be remembered by those who attended its sessions as a week of pleasant memories and helpfulness. The session was marked especially by the expediency with which all business was transacted, and by the total absence of the lengthy and heated discussions that have ofttimes in the past detracted from the pleasure of the occasion, and held up the business before the meeting.

At both the morning and afternoon sessions yesterday the audience taxed the capacity of the big church. As the end drew near the excitement was intense and all centered upon the Bishop's appointments. Danville and Riverside were extremely fortunate to have the preachers of Trinity, St. Paul's and St. Peter's returned. They are good men and fine ministers, and their conscientious work in this vicinity has won for them a host of friends who would have been deeply grieved had they been removed.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. T. Dunning, D. D., of Harrisburg. Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D., LL. D., of Washington, D. C., by request of Bishop Fitzgerald occupied the chair. The journal of Monday's sessions was read and approved.

Following yesterday's order conference entered into executive session; and door keepers were appointed. The relation of John C. Grimes was changed from supernumerary to effective. J. W. Whorley was admitted as an elder on his credentials from the United Evangelical Church. He was called before the Conference and the usual questions asked.

The executive session was closed and the room was quickly filled.

The Bishop announced that the appointments were ready as soon as the Conference was prepared to hear them.

The report of the Board of Stewards was read and adopted. It showed an increase over last year of $437.00. About 54 per cent. of last year's estimates was paid. $31,165 was estimated for next year. Joseph R. Gray was granted a superannuated relation. The order of the day was taken up and the Conference invited Revs. James Hunter and B. F. Stevens, who had completed fifty years in the ministry, to address the conference. A letter was presented from Rev. Stevens, he being unable to be present. Rev. Hunter then addressed the conference. The address was requested for publication in the minutes.

The report of the Committee on Dickinson Seminary was supplemented by an address by Rev. A. S. Bowman, agent for the Seminary.

A collection was ordered for R. L. Armstrong, who relinquishes active work, and is without support in his sickness.

The apportionments to the various districts were read by Rev. W. W. Evans.

Bishop Cranston, in taking leave of the conference spoke a few words.

Various standing committees were announced.

The conference vigorously protested against the passage of the Pohl and Ehrhardt bills now pending in the Legislature. The treasurer read his report, showing a total of $104,149 raised for benevolent purposes. Various other reports were adopted.

Upon motion conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon business session was opened by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The morning's journal was read and approved.

The last of the committees' reports were read and accepted as follows: on Temperance, Deaconess' Work, Periodicals, Tracts and Auditing.

The statistical secretary then read his report, which showed an increase, in many items over last year. The following interesting items were gathered from the report: Full members, 65,700; probationers, 6484; local preachers, 118; deaths, 708; infants baptized, 2428; adults baptized, 1544; number of churches, 627, valued at $3,347,203; number of parsonages, 212, valusd at $525,564, pastor's salaries, $217,223; present indebtedness, $245,281.

The motion to adjourn sine die, after the reading of the appointments, was then passed.

Bishop Fitzgerald closed the session by reading the last verses of the Book of Matthew and singing hymn 720:

"Children of the Heavenly King
As we journey let us sing."

The Bishop then read the appointments and Conference was dismissed.

Following are the appointments of the Danville District.

Presiding Elder, Amos S. Baldwin, Sunbury.

Ashland, H. C. Pardoe.
Beach Haven, G. M. Remley.
Beaver Meadow, H. W. Newman.
Benton, W. H. Benford.
Berwick, First Church, R. H. Gilbert.
Berwick, Calvary, J. C. Grimes.
Bloomingdale, W. E. Ruth.
Bloomsburg, W. P. Eveland.
Buckhorn, Supply.
Catawissa, R. M. Snyder.
Catawissa Circuit, E. M. Chilcote.
Centralia, E. E. McKelvey.

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CREO-RESINATED WOOD BLOCKS

Our reporter has gleaned a batch of valuable information concerning the paving blocks to be used on the new river bridge as well as concerning the whole system of flooring and strength and capacity of the bridge, which is bound to prove of interest to the general reader.

But few people have been permitted to examine these blocks, although for several days past a shipment has been on the siding at South Danville. The blocks are about the size of ordinary bricks—eight inches long, three inches wide and 4 inches high. They are of yellow pine saturated or impregnated with creosote, a complex mixture obtained by the distillation of wood tar, which is remarkable as a deodorizer and preservative and has properties which render wood treated with it well-nigh indestructible. In the trade the bricks are known as the "Creo-resinated wood block." They will be laid, not flat, but upon the side, the grain being vertical. They are noiseless and the blocks are considered the most durable of any paving material known and are becoming popular for use on streets, several thoroughfares of New York City being paved with them.

Each block weighs three and a half pounds. This fact suggested some inquiries which brought out some amazing facts. In all 176,000 blocks will be required to pave the driveway of the bridge, representing an aggregate weight of over 300 tons. The concrete and sand forming the substructure of the flooring is estimated at 600 tons giving a total weight of 900 tons independent of the iron buckle plates upon which the flooring rests.

The carrying capacity of the bridge distributed over the entire floor surface is 2000 tons or the weight of a train of cars. The carrying strength is 3000 pounds to the lineal foot. To be more explicit the floor has been proportioned to carry a concentrated load of 25 tons, covering a floor area 46 feet long by 8 feet wide.

A New Base Ball Venture.

A meeting was held last night, at which final arrangements were made that secure for our town the coming season a good winning base ball team made up in part of home players.

S. A. McCoy was delegated by the Danville Base Ball Association to meet a number of players, who propose to conduct a team on the co-operative plan. The meeting was held at Gosh's drug store. An agreement was entered into whereby for a nominal consideration the club of players was granted the use of the Old Timers' uniforms for the season.

Several of the players each will put a sum of money in the enterprise. Additional funds wil be realized from an entertainment in the Opera House for the benefit of the Base Ball Club by Smith and James, Home Talent Minstrels which will probably be held on the first Saturday after Easter.

The new club proposes to equip itself in good style. It will be made up principally of home players, the best to be found in Danville. What vacancies exist will be filled with semi-professionals from abroad. Nothing will be omittted to give our town a good, fast base ball team. The season will probably open about May 27th.

Engineer and Contractor Here.

B. H. Starr, of Philadelphia, Chief Engineer, and William S. Markee, contractor of the Danville and Sunbury Electric Railroad Company, arrived in this city yesterday to be on hand for the beginning of work on that line. Representatives of the firm of Caldwell, Barry & Company, which has the contract for laying the flooring and the trolley track on the bridge were expected to arrive in this city yesterday, but owing to some delay they failed to put in an appearance.

Meanwhile work is advancing very rapidly on the bridge. The work of riveting down the buckle plates is about completed. The floor on the lower sidewalk for nearly three spans is laid. But little more would seem to remain undone, but to finish the lower sidewalk and complete the riveting of the overhead work. Workmen yesterday were engaged in inserting bolts in the upper sidewalk which were omitted in the hurry incidental to getting that part of the bridge ready for traffic.

Change of Schedule.

The Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway has temporarily changed its schedule. The time between Danville and Bloomsburg is now one hour instead of forty minutes.

The cars now leave on the hour. It must be remembered that cars leaving Danville on the even hours only connect with cars leaving Bloomsburg for Berwick on odd hours.

The temporary change is made on account of the condition of the track incidental to spring weather. As soon as the track is put into perfect repair for the summer the cars will return to the former schedule.

Returned to Old Stand.

B. F. Kelley of Northumberland street, has taken charge of the blacksmithing department of the Salmon Carriage and Wagon Works, 306 and 308 Church street. Mr. Kelly had charge of this stand some years ago and he hopes to meet all his old patrons. He is prepared to do horse shoeing and all kinds of wagon and general blacksmithing.

JUNE FIRST FOR COMMENCEMENT

The dates of the Baccalaureate sermon and High School Commencement were settled by action of the School Board Monday night.

On motion of Mr. Adams it was ordered that Rev. Dr. M. L. Shindel be invited to preach the baccalaureate sermon in the Pine Street Lutheran church on the evening of Sunday, May 28th.

On motion it was decided that the evening of Thursday, June 1st, be set apart for Commencement exercises, which are to be held in the Opera House. It was decided on motion that Dr. Harpel, President of the Board, present the diplomas to the graduating class and that he make the presentation speech.

On motion of Mr. Fischer it was decided that the graduating class be given full financial management of affairs relating to Commencement. On motion it was also decided that the School Board as last year, donate the sum of ten dollars to the graduating class to assist in defraying the expense of getting out invitations.

Borough Superintendent Gordy suggested that the High School Committee be empowered to settle all disputed questions which may arise relating to Commencement. It was the sense of the Board that the Superintendent's recommendation was a good one and on motion it was adopted.

A shortage of coal was reported in the First and Third Ward school buildings of the Borough. On motion of Mr. Greene it was ordered that the excess of coal in the Second Ward cellar be distributed in the other wards as needed. On motion the Friendship Fire Company was awarded the hauling.

The time-honored rule forbidding pupils to appear upon the school ground until 8:30 in the morning and 1 o'clock in the afternoon was unceremoniously knocked out last evening. The above restriction on pupils have been very unpopular with the School Boards of recent years. The rule, whatever objections there may be to it, was adopted to remedy conditions which at one time were considered well nigh intolerable. It has been in force quite 20 years.

Whether the rule should be rescinded or not has been a mooted question with the present School Board for nearly two years past. Last night Mr. Pursel brought the question to an issue by moving that the pupils be permitted to assemble on the school grounds at 8 a. m. and that they be given the freedom of the school grounds during the whole noon intermission.

The Board seemed to be in a mood to act and without a dissenting voice it rescinded the old rule and adopted the new one.

The following members were present Monday night: Harpel, Orth, Greene, Burns, Pursel, Werkheiser, VonBlohn, Fischer, Adams, Jacobs, Trumbower and Haring.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Teachers and Janitors	$1733.00
Roberts and Meck	11.32
Standard Electric Light Co.	1.40
Remington Type Writer Co.	3.30
William Miller	3.00
Ambrose Robinson	5.07
George Mock	7.00

Friendship Boys' Subscription.

The solicitors for the Soldiers Monument fund canvassing the different wards of the Borough are meeting with considerable encouragement. Hon. James Foster, Chairman of the Monument Committee, in an interview yesterday stated that the work has at last reached a stage when the results seem to justify sanguine expectations. For awhile, it was true, things went slowly. It seemed to be difficult for the Soliciting Committee to get down to work, but now in two of the wards, a great deal of the territory is covered. In the remaining wards less has been accomplished, but the solicitors will be rightly down to work in a day or so.

While no doubt a few persons of ample means will contribute munificently toward the monument, yet it is a fact generally recognized that the bulk of the money will have to be raised by popular subscription, which is just and proper, as it is only by reflecting personal sacrifice in this way that the memorial when completed will stand in its broadest sense as a tribute from the people.

The Committee takes the view that there are but few persons who can not afford to contribute something. And if the contribution be forthcoming, great or small, according to the means of the giver, the whole problem will be solved with very little delay or trouble. The suggestion is made that every household, which feels friendly to the monument enterprise, talk the matter over and decide definitely upon some sum to subscribe. In this way the work of soliciting will be much facilitated. All those not yet visited may rely upon it that they will be called upon in the very near future.

The Friendship Fire Company has done a very graceful thing by making a contribution in addition to what sums maybe subscribed by individual members. The Committee as a body subscribed twenty-five dollars to constitute an offering made in honor of the soldiers living or dead who are now or have been members of said fire company.

You can't live but once on this earth. What is the use of living if you deny yourself every innocent amusement. By so doing you are old before your time. Take a night off and see the Sun Minstrels which will appear in this city tonight.

RURAL SCHOOLS GRANT DIPLOMA

County Superintendent C. W. Derr this spring will inaugurate quite a departure in the rural schools, which involves an examination at the end of the term and the granting of diplomas to those who pass successfully.

Since he has been County Superintendent Mr. Derr has been striving to make the course of study in the rural schools as nearly uniform as possible, although he does not believe in carrying uniformity to an extreme which would destroy individuality in the teacher, which he recognizes as a condition only under which the best results are attained in the school room.

In order to attain to something like uniformity the Illinois Course of Study, the same as is taken for a guide in Columbia and Northumberland counties, as far as practicable is being applied in the schools of Montour County.

Mr. Derr believes that nothing will hold the schools down to this idea of uniformity so effectually as an annual examination to take place at the end of the term in which uniform questions are employed. In addition, by granting diplomas to those who attain a creditable average he hopes to place before the pupils an incentive that will incite them to diligent study and influence them to remain in school until the completion of the course. The diplomas will be of the kind designed expressly for the rural schools and will bear the signatures of the County Superintendent and the pupil's teacher

The annual examination—the first of the kind ever held in the rural schools of Montour County—will be held on next Saturday morning, April 1st. The pupils examined will embrace the A classes of the different schools. In each township all the pupils to be examined will assemble in one of the school houses of the district, designated in the list below, where the examination will be conducted by two teachers selected by the Superintendent from the corps of that township. The uniform questions, selected by the County Superintendent, will be sent to the examiners by mail and are not to be opened until the examination takes place. The following shows where the examinations will be held and by whom conducted:

Anthony township—Cross Roads, Miss Mohr and Mr. Smith, examiners.

Cooper township — Valley School, Guy Mowery, examiner.

Limestone township — California, Mr. Schnure and Mr. Hartman, examiners.

Derry township—Strawberry Ridge, Miss Munro and Miss Love, examiners.

Liberty township—Oak Grove, Miss Robinson and Mr. Taylor, examiners.

Valley township—Sidler's School, Miss McNinch and Mr. Mack, examiners.

Mahoning township — Mechanicsville, Miss Blizzard and Mr. Krum, examiners.

Mayberry township — Hall School, Miss Robbins, examiner.

West Hemlock—Styer's School, Mr. Styer, examiner.

A Phenomenal March Day.

It is certainly a novel experience to hear people complaining of the heat in the month of March, not heat that is only relative, but summer heat and the genuine article at that with the thermometers establishing records that would do credit to the latter part of June. To add still further to the anomaly while these conditions prevailed many of the hydrants about town, frozen last winter, had not yet melted out and less than a week had elapsed since the ice stopped running on the Susquehanna.

Notwithstanding the heat, the idle question, "Is it warm enough for you?" was not much indulged in yesterday; people were after real information and as the perspiring individual took off his hat and mopped his brow he asked in a tone that betrayed a suggestion of petulence:

"Say, how hot is it?" To answer that question it was only necessary to take a glance at any of the thermometers on duty along the street. They were all working hard. At the Montour House mercury stood as follows: 5:30 a. m., 46 degrees; at 12 m., 75 degrees; at 2 p. m., 82 degrees. At South Danville at noon it was 77 degrees; at 2 p. m. it was 83 degrees. At 2:30 p. m. the thermometer in front of Jacob Goss' barber shop, Mill street, which was exposed to the sun, registered 100 degrees. The latter was the degree of heat that pedestrians were exposed to who had business on the sunny side of Mill street.

There was very little air stirring and to measure the full degree of discomfort allowance must be made for the fact that as a rule humanity was wrapped in winter clothing and that the houses were still warmed artificially. It was about the same thing as though a person a few days before the Fourth of July should fire up his house, get into heavy woolen clothing and then vigorously strive to keep cool.

March has undoubtedly produced a few record breakers before, but whether the weather bureau knows of another March day quite as hot as yesterday is a fact that many people are desirous of finding out.

Don't discard your heavy underwear. Spring is fickle.

ESTABLISHING A GAUGING STATION

John C. Hoyt and H. D. Comstock, two representatives of the U. S. Geological Survey, were in this city yesterday establishing a gauging station.

These stations are established at long intervals along the Susquehanna system. There is one at Binghamton, another at Wilkesbarre and still another at Danville. On the West Branch the only gauging station is at Williamsport. On the main stream there is a station at Harrisburg. The object is to obtain data concerning the volume and the variation of the current and velocity, which are embraced in the annual report of the U. S. Geological Survey. The information thus imparted is of especial interest to the general public in these days when every stream is being considered in connection with its value as a possible water power.

By means of a current meter sunk in the river the government representatives yesterday determined the velocity of the stream at the present stage. The experiment is repeated at different times during a given period to determine the velocity of the river at various heights. The discharge of the stream as based upon its velocity and is easily estimated for the different seasons of the year.

Under the direction of Messrs. Hoyt and Comstock a trough-like contrivance secured by lock and key has been installed along the upper sidewalk between the shore and first pier from which is lowered a plumb line to get the exact height of water, which is taken every day and recorded, being turned in to the U. S. Geological Survey at regular intervals.

Edward F. Boll, engineer at the Water Works, is the local representative of the Geological Survey, who has charge of the gauging station. He was in charge of the station here before the bridge went away and carried out instructions very faithfully, taking the height of the river daily. When the bridge was carried away the apparatus, which was attached to the lower sidewalk, was destroyed, so that the records during the past year are necessarily incomplete.

Inspection of Company F.

The annual inspection of Company F, Twelfth Regiment, N. G. P., took place in the Armory last night and was conducted by Major Clark, of Williamsport. Major F. P. Fremont, of the Regular Army was also present.

Major Fremont's presence lent additional interest to the inspection. He is the son of General J. G. Fremont, whose untiring explorations and brilliant military career made him famous the world over. Major Fremont, who is a man of middle life, is himself a soldier of distinction and has rounded out 28 years in the United States Army.

His business last night was not to take any active part in the inspection, but merely to make out an independent report and forward it to headquarters. The government desires to know what degree of efficiency exists in the National Guard and which of the various companies of any one regiment are the best prepared and could render efficient service if called upon immediately to quell a labor trouble.

Major Fremont stated that the National Guard of Pennsylvania is very highly esteemed by the government as a factor in preserving peace. At present the Pennsylvania guard is having hard lines, and is likely not to show up exceedingly well this spring owing to the new tactics recently adopted and the entirely new principle involved in drill. He foresees better days for the Guard when the new armory bill becomes a law. He even hopes to see the day when the Guardsmen will be paid for attending drill. At present many sacrifices are exacted of the members of the National Guard.

Company F was subject to a very rigid inspection last night. There was a good attendance, forty-four including officers being present. As to the result of the inspection, of course, nothing will be known until after the inspectors report is turned in to the government.

Major C. P. Gearhart was also present at the inspection.

Eagles to Have Attractive Home.

The local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will, from the first of April, occupy the rooms in the second story of the Opera House block recently vacated by the Penn Social club.

The most phenomenal success has attended the local chapter since its institution in this city on the 29th of August last. There were initiated at that time 33 members. The membership has since steadily grown until now there are 121 names on the roll. The organization which is both social and beneficial is in excellent condition financially.

The members are planning a number of delightful social events for the coming summer season.

Entertained Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rishel entertained a few friends at their home, Sunnyside Home, Cooper township, on Friday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Leighow, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Philips, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arter and daughter Bertha, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Marie Knorr, Edward Wertman and Master Oliver Angle.

MEETING WITH FINE SUCCESS

T. S. Pettijohn and Charles V. Amerman, representatives of the People's Telephone Construction Company, have now put in some three or four days in the interest of the rural telephone system of Montour county and they declare that they have every reason to be encouraged and express the utmost confidence in the success of the undertaking.

A number of farmers in the county have already been visited by the representatives of the Company. It has been the exception rather than the rule that these people have not been won over to the enterprise and have declared their intention of taking stock. As explained in a previous article the system is to be built on the co-operative installment plan, which makes it possible for almost every home to own a share of stock and a 'phone. Undoubtedly the best interest of the farming community as well as of every other community at the present day demands a telephone service. The progressive farmers visited, the representatives say, are thoroughly alive to all the advantages to be derived from the 'phone in a business or utilitarian way, while the ladies of the household are not one whit less enthusiastic, seeing among the more remote benefits increased cheer and an added charm, which must come to the isolated homes in the country when the houses are all linked together with the telephone, making it possible to break up hours of loneliness with chats wth neighbors and even to communicate with the neighboring towns. The two gentlemen back of the enterprise here by no means underestimate this silent though potent influence exerted by the female folk in favor of the rural system.

At present it seems that several rural telephone lines with Washingtonville as a central office are an assured fact for the near future. Several representative farmers of the county as soon as approached not only took stock but instantly took hold of the proposition in a practical way to assist the promotion and are accomplishing material results among their neighbors. All the names secured have not as yet been forwarded to Danville, but a partial list of signers in the hands of Messrs. Pettijohn and Amerman, have been handed to the Morning News for publication. It will be noticed that the list contains the names of our most public spirited citizens and the most successful and progressive farmers in the county. Following is the partial list:

Hon. Alex. Billmeyer, Washingtonville; E. M. Mowrer, William S. Bogert, D. A. Cox, William H. Dye, C. E. Boone, H. A. Snyder, E. H. Kreamer, Strawberry Ridge; J. J. Axe, W. H. Leighow, Forred W. Miller, Levi Fortner, Jerseytown; M. L. Sheep, W. O. Krumm, J. W. Lowrie, Jerseytown, R. F. D., No. 1; Jacob Kreamer, George Hill, White Hall; D. F. Gouger, and J. C. Benfield, Milton, R. F. D., No. 1.; C. A. Wagner, Ottawa.

The above names insure as the first constructed a line extending from Washingtonville to Strawberry Ridge thence to Exchange and White Hall. Other lines to be taken up in succession will be one extending through California to Limestoneville; one to Moorebsurg and still another to Pottsgrove. As soon as the Washingtonville exchange system is completed the promoters will turn their attention to other portions of the county, finally introducing the proposition to the farmers of Gearhart and Rush townships, Northumberland county.

Death of Mrs. John DeLong.

Mrs. Amelia DeLong, widow of the late John DeLong, died last evening at 9:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mary A. Johnson, Church street.

Mrs. DeLong was 81 years of age last September. For a number of years her health has been failing, and for two years she has been confined to her bed. The deceased was one of the oldest members of Trinity Lutheran church, and always took an active part in church work. Due notice of funeral will be given.

The several shade trees on Mill street removed last fall when street paving was inaugurated to the eye are not only conspicuous by their absence but their refreshing shade is much missed. It was not until the sun began to get his work in yesterday that people, accustomed to the trees, fully realized what they had lost. However, the street is much improved by the removal of the trees, and even those formerly benefitted are not disposed to complain.

Messrs. Pettijohn and Amerman are still hammering away at the rural telephone proposition. The farmers seem to fully realize that it all depends upon their attitude toward the enterprise whether or not any of the proposed lines shall be established very soon. One of the promoters yesterday asserted that with proper encouragement one of the lines might be got in working order inside of sixty days.

Reports are that the Southern strawberry crop will be a record breaker this Spring, and that shipments will begin in some quantity in about four weeks.

One can sniff base ball in the air now.