

SAFE ROBBERS

FOILED

Night Watchman Hower, of the Bloomsburg postoffice, at 2:45 o'clock, yesterday morning, foiled burglars in their attempt to blow up the safe.

Mr. Hower entered the alley way in the rear of the postoffice to ascertain if the rear doors were securely locked, and caught the burglars red-handed as they attempted to force their way in.

The burglars had taken the precaution to cut the air light wire and the streets were in total darkness. It was about 2:30 o'clock when this was done, and they had five minutes more for their work, before being scared away, they would have succeeded in blowing up the safe.

The burglars had effected an entrance into the postoffice by prying open the front door. This they succeeded in doing with much apparent trouble and without detecting the woodwork.

Two suspicious characters were seen on the streets on Tuesday evening. They had just left the postoffice when they accosted a citizen for money to get something to eat, remarking at the time, "It's better to beg than to steal."

Both men appeared to be under 30 years of age, and both had beards of several days growth on their faces. They had been loitering around the postoffice for some time.

District Trust Pay Tuition. Copies of an act recently passed by the legislature and signed by the governor permitting children residing in school districts in which no public high school is maintained to attend a high school in some other district, located near their homes, and providing for the payment of cost of tuition and school books were received here yesterday.

According to the old law pupils were permitted to attend a high school in an adjoining district, providing the school directors of the district in which the high school was located, were willing to receive pupils from outlying districts and that such pupils either pay their own tuition or that they arrange with the directors of their own district for such payment.

By the new law the payment is made obligatory on the school board of the district in which no high school is located.

The Bach Festival. Spitta, Bach's biographer, in describing the third cantata of the Bach festival at Bethlehem, Pa., 13 and 14, says: The expressive passage, at the close of the first aria in "I with my Cross-staff gladly wander," stands out in beauty, both of rhythm and melody, like a sigh of deep happiness after final relief, and it returns with wonderful effect at the end of the last recitative. This evidently was never intended by the author; it is Bach who here has once more outdone the poet.

We also trace an unmistakable poetical purpose in the scheme by which the work is made to die away with the sixth verse of the chorale "Da O schones Weltgebaude" on the subdominant of the principal key.

Carpet Beating Microbe Spreader. The beating of carpets and rugs by throwing them over a line in the back yard or spreading them on the lawn is a menace to the public health, say the health authorities.

By such beating the microbes are hammered into the air, where the spring winds distribute them through the neighborhood. Here is the advice given householders: "If you have a carpet to beat do it in the early morning and on a still day if possible and spare your neighbors as much of the infliction as you can."

Trolley Tickets are Popular. The tickets issued by the Danville & Bloomsburg Trolley Company, carrying with them a reduction in fare, are immensely popular with the public. Superintendent Davis was kept quite busy last week dealing them out. In order to facilitate the distribution, tickets have been placed for sale at the following places of business: M. H. Schram's, Fallon Bros., Rosman's drug store and Hunt's drug store.

Entertained Friends. Mrs. Harry Neiss entertained a number of friends at her home No. 5 Factory street, Saturday evening, in honor of her husband's birthday anniversary. Those present were: Walter Gross, Edward Aton, John Minter, James Upson, Walter Ricketts, Samuel Shirk, Fred Heid, William Hoyer, Leo Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Livory and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bennett and son George of West Hemlock township.

The painters and paper hangers are generally busy.

SPEEDY ACTION

IS NECESSARY

Unless efforts follow altogether unlooked for the agitation set on foot at the conference held at Y. M. C. A. Hall Thursday night to discuss ways and means for a successful continuation of the Association will result in a general awakening of the people both as to the crisis reached in the affairs of the institution and the duty they owe in the premises. It is not unlikely that determined efforts will be put forth and much earnest thought expended in devising ways and means that would prove practical and bring about the desired result.

The Committee appointed consisting of W. R. Clark, F. Q. Hartman, T. J. Price, R. J. Pegg, F. C. Angle, W. G. Williams, C. P. Hancock, J. E. Moore, W. G. Parcel and James B. Watson will be officially advised of their appointment and requested to meet with the Directors at the next monthly meeting of the latter for further conference.

Whatever is done will have to be accomplished without very much delay. Thursday evening, General Secretary Laumaster made it very plain that the Association is not receiving the general and hearty support to which it is entitled in order that it might not be hindered or embarrassed in its special mission, which is to care for the physical, moral and spiritual welfare of our young men. He was emphatic in his declaration that while he had not lost hope in the future of the Association in Danville and was willing to stand by it as long as there seemed to be any probability of keeping the work up to a standard that made good results possible yet unless things change considerably in the very near future he will be obliged to seek another field. He takes the view that although in a separate building the Y. M. C. A. is primarily working with and for the church—is a part of the church working for a special class, namely the young men, and that it should, therefore, be accorded the same ready support and consideration, as any other church enterprise. He feels that it should not be necessary for a department of this kind to beg for support in a community where the churches, Sunday schools, &c., are so readily and so generously maintained.

The work of the General Secretary has four sides, social, physical, intellectual and spiritual. Each of these departments require special effort and when there is added to the sum of these duties the burden of carrying along the greater part of the financial end of the Association work it follows as a matter of course that some of the departments must suffer for want of proper attention. An especially discouraging feature lies in the fact that notwithstanding that the General Secretary under his multiplicity of duties is obliged to labor night and day there are still those who constantly criticize the work, minimizing what is accomplished daily and demanding still larger results.

In an interview yesterday Mr. Laumaster stated that so far as he personally is concerned the Association is larger than he as an individual—larger than any of his private interests, but he repeated that unless the community in whose interest he is working comes to the rescue in this crisis he feels that it would be unjust to himself and family as well as to the Association to longer continue in the position as General Secretary.

In view of the above the public will very anxiously await the next development, trusting that the excellent committee chosen will be able to evolve some plan that will speedily put the Association on its feet and relieve the General Secretary of the responsibility of keeping up its support.

Brick Yards in Operation. John Keim has already begun the manufacture of brick for the season, which is much earlier than is common. He has started up all three of the yards operated by him during several years past—Deber's yard and the one nearer the river above town and the well-known old plant along the canal below town.

The brick industry in Danville is a bigger factor in affording employment than most people dream of. In his three yards Mr. Keim already has some forty men employed. The number is likely to be increased as the season wears on. There are times when the demand for bricks is such that the three yards employ seventy odd men.

In an interview yesterday Mr. Keim stated that he does not foresee any unusual demand for brick this season. It is true that it is a little too early to size up the prospects, as building enterprises that may develop later may call for large quantities of brick. Mr. Keim frequently ships brick to Catawissa and other towns up and down the river.

Brick making has always been an important industry in Danville. Clay of first class quality is found in all portions of the narrow valley in which Danville is situated. The numerous brick yards have been shifted from point to point as the clay became exhausted. The first brick yard in Danville, it is said, was situated on the present site of the Army.

Married Last Evening. Miss Ida P. Ross, of this city, and Charles E. Forney, of South Danville, were united in matrimony last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. E. Cleaver at the parsonage of Trinity M. E. church at 8 o'clock.

JOHN M. BAUSCH

IS NO MORE

John M. Bausch, one of Danville's old residents, whose long business career is identified with the steady development of our town, departed this life at 11:45 o'clock Sunday night, aged eighty-five years.

No man in Danville was better known than John M. Bausch. He was a native of Wartenburg, Germany, but came to America when a young man and lived nearly all his life in Danville. He went into the brewing business, and for many years conducted the plant now the Germania Brewery, but which during his ownership was always known as Bausch's brewery. In business he was successful.

The deceased enjoyed a vigorous and hardy old age until within less than a year ago when the infirmities of declining years began to tell on him. He was confined to the house for several months. A couple of weeks ago his ailment took such a form that he was no longer able to remain in bed and he was obliged day and night to occupy a chair. Following Tuesday of last week he was practically helpless.

The deceased was for many years a widower, a family of sons and daughters having preceded him to the grave. He resided with his daughter, Mrs. Kate Allgaier, until her death less than a year ago since when he has lived with his two granddaughters, Miss Lillie M. Allgaier and Miss Elsie Sainsbury.

All that was mortal of John M. Bausch was laid away in Odd Fellows' cemetery yesterday afternoon, and the busy career, which was begun among the vine-clad hills of the Fatherland eighty-five years ago is now closed to earth forever.

The funeral, which took place from the family residence, Water street, was very largely attended, among those who followed the remains to the grave being a number of our German-Americans, who were bound to the deceased with the tie of nationality and who esteemed him for his many sterling qualities as a man and an American citizen.

The remains were borne to their last resting place by six well known residents, who had known and associated with the deceased all their lives—John Brader, Frederick Heid, Andrew Schatz, George Miles, William Russell and Frank Boyer.

The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. M. L. Shindel and were very impressive.

Injured While Felling a Tree. John Cassey, a well known resident of this city met with a painful accident yesterday forenoon, which will keep him confined to his home for some time.

Mr. Cassey owns a farm in Cooper township, which is occupied by his son. He drove out to the farm yesterday morning and was engaged in cutting down a tree, when the accident occurred. The tree had fallen and Mr. Cassey was tramping out the old wood. As one of the large limbs fell the man was caught in some way and thrown to the ground. The injuries sustained were of a painful nature, his left collar bone being broken and two ribs fractured. James Walsh of this city was working with Mr. Cassey. He quickly dispatched a boy for the son of the injured man, who in due time arrived. Mr. Cassey was assisted to the farm house, after which he was brought to his home on Spruce street, this city, where Dr. Paulie was called.

The injured man is about sixty-five years of age, which adds somewhat to the gravity of the case, although there is no doubt whatever but that full recovery will follow in time. Mr. Cassey suffered a great deal yesterday afternoon.

Amishouse Inmates Elope. POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 6.—Prompted by the spring malady of which the poets sing and a desire to set up home keeping on their own hook James Smith and Lizzie Burns escaped from the Solynkly county poor house last night and eloped.

They went to Michigan it is believed. In some way the man had obtained a pass to Detroit. Both James and Lizzie were inmates of the institution. Their courtship was a joke with attendants and with other inmates. Just how Smith got out of the building is not known. He helped Miss Burns to descend from an upper window by means of a rope ladder.

The man is from New Castle and the woman from Girardville.

Flickerless Pictures. Mr. Hadley's new invention whereby the flicker is almost entirely eliminated from his pictures, has revolutionized this popular form of entertainment.

This invention is controlled by his own camera, and is used only by his own camera.

Don't miss this great exhibition—the leader of all picture shows. In Danville on Saturday evening, April 8th.

"A Royal Slave," one of the really great melodramatic successes of recent years is to be seen in this city shortly. The play is strikingly original in that it deals with life as it was in old Mexico—about the time of the downfall of the hapless Maximilian. Mexican history has never been used heretofore as a foundation of a drama, which makes "A Royal Slave," a welcome diversion as to its characters, costumes and scenic effects.

A VISIT FROM

THE GOVERNOR

The river bridge, which as it approaches completion proves to be the source of so much gratification and delight to our citizens according to all accounts during the next few weeks to prove instrumental in bringing the Governor of the Commonwealth, S. W. Pennypacker to Danville.

Construction Engineer H. R. Leonard accompanied by Assistant Engineer Norman was in this city Saturday in connection with the laying of the track of the Danville and Sunbury Electric Railway in the river bridge.

Mr. Leonard had an interview with the County Commissioners while in this city and gave some information relating to the completion of the bridge. He is very well pleased with the big structure as far as completed. The entire Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings who have had the building of the bridge in hand are much interested in its completion.

Mr. Leonard is authority for the statement that when the time comes for taking the bridge off the contractors' hands Governor Pennypacker along with others will come to Danville and will be present at the inspection.

In reply to some inquiries Mr. Leonard assured the Commissioners that the eastern wingwall at the Danville approach, which is somewhat criticized owing to its location, is perfectly right and proper and just as intended. He admitted that at the present stage of the work when looked at separately, without any reference to the whole, the wall might strike the eye oddly, but when viewed from the bridge or from any point on Mill street it will be found to conform with the latter thoroughfare and to strike the eye pleasantly. Besides, when the bridge is completed the effect, will be altogether different. The sidewalk will be extended to the end of the wing walls and will be protected by the same railing as is used on the side of the bridge, which will be planted in the coping of the wing walls.

Mr. Leonard informed the Commissioners that all matters are definitely settled as to the track of the Danville and Sunbury Electric Railway. There will be but one track, as set forth in the columns of the News last week. He does not see how two tracks as insisted upon by some could help matters very much. The present arrangement with necessary precaution he regards as perfectly safe. The fine bridge with its double sidewalks built by the State at such a cost should thoroughly fill the bill he thinks and leave the public nothing further to ask for or desire.

Fire at Big Mill. A small blaze at the Reading Iron Works at the hour of noon yesterday caused a ripple of excitement throughout town. The Continental Fire Company sounded the first alarm, which was quickly taken up by the other companies.

The fire occurred on the roof, communicating from the tall Cahill boiler, which had become very hot. The excellent fire fighting facilities together with the well drilled employes made it impossible for the fire to gain any headway and it was extinguished by the mill hose almost as soon as discovered.

Meanwhile several of the fire companies had responded, but they learned that their services were not needed before they reached the mill.

Officers Installed. The newly elected officers of Mahoning Council, number 13, Degree of Pochontas, of this city, were installed last evening, the following ladies from the Sunbury Council being present to assist at the ceremony: Mrs. Anna B. Mertz, Deputy Pochontas of the D. of P., Mrs. Anna Henninger, Mrs. Abby Snyder and Mrs. Susan Snyder.

After the installation the members of the Danville Council, together with their Sunbury sisters, participated in a banquet served at Wyant's restaurant.

Japanese Celebrate Victory. TOKIO, April 5.—The victory of Mukden was celebrated today. The whole city was gaily decorated and the entire population participated in the great demonstration.

An enormous procession which was picturesque in the extreme was held, thousands of the people joining in the march to Uyan park. The costumes of the people, the decorations along the streets and the banners carried by them and arches combined to make a scene that will long be remembered.

At the park General Terachi, the Minister of War and Vice Admiral Yamamoto, minister of marine viewed the procession. The line of march led past the palace and the marchers cheered the emperor vociferously as they passed that point.

Ephlin-Rainier. Joseph W. Ephlin and Miss Winifred Rainier of this city were married on Tuesday evening. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Dr. McCormack at the manse of the Grove Presbyterian church, Bloom street, at 8 o'clock. The bride and groom are both residents of this city.

Prohibition League. The Danville Prohibition League will hold a business meeting in the United Evangelical church this evening. Election of officers and other business of importance will be transacted. All members are urged to be present.

Debt Cancelled. The Pine Street Lutheran church at a special meeting of its Council last night cancelled a judgment of \$500 held by the Board of Church Extension. By special collection on Sunday last over \$800 were raised.

AN EXAMINATION MADE

DOCTORS ADOPT RESOLUTION

E. Mercer, a member of the firm of the Keystone Premium Book Company, of Hazleton, appeared in this city on Monday in response to news that one of the company's agents had been arrested here on Friday night.

Mr. Mercer, who was working diligently in the interest of his firm during yesterday, last evening in conversation with a News reporter stated that Mrs. DeShay has withdrawn her charge; that the premium of her choice has been shipped and that when she receives it she will be well satisfied. The case being withdrawn Mr. Youcum was released and yesterday in company with Mr. Mercer he was working in the interest of the Hazleton firm.

Mr. Mercer strongly avers that the Keystone Premium Book Company is a legitimate concern, doing business in a straightforward, honorable businesslike way. In support of his assertion he furnished a long list of people dealing with the Keystone Premium Book Company, who have received premiums and are well satisfied with them. Among others are the following well known persons with the premiums they have received:

Mrs. Frank P. Ross, Water street, gold watch.  
Miss Anna M. Klase, Water street, white enameled iron bedstead.  
Mrs. D. Heller, Foust street, tea set.  
Mrs. Ellice Flanagan, 80 East Market street, tea set.  
Mrs. Waite, East Front street, gold watch.  
Mrs. Shanes, Fulton Court, rocking chair.

Mrs. Ross took her watch to a jeweler. Mr. Mercer says, and was informed that the timepiece was a first class article for the money. He says he has a list of other persons who are ready to come forward and swear that the Keystone Premium Book Company is no fake. The firm does business in Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Berwick, Hazleton and a large number of other towns and the present is the first time that any trouble has occurred. It was wholly due to a mistake, Mr. Mercer says, and after this explanation he warns people that all accusations of fraud must cease, as it is the firm's intention to prosecute any one libelling it.

Placing Concrete on Bridge. Caldwell & Barry began the work of placing concrete on the river bridge yesterday. On Tuesday the rails and plates were all drawn onto the driveway. The riveters also completed their work and yesterday the air compressor and other machinery were removed from the bridge. All that remains to be done beyond the putting down of the floor is the completion of the lower sidewalk, work on which yesterday was unfortunately held up by the non arrival of plank.

The concreting up to the present has been carried no farther than required in laying the trolley track, which will be placed in position before the real work of concreting begins. No ties are used on the bridge. The rails are supported by steel plates set firmly in beds of concrete placed at intervals of every ten feet. Both rails and plates are distributed along the driveway of the bridge where they can be conveniently reached.

A gang of Italians are employed mixing concrete at the Danville end of the bridge and the operation affords entertainment for the usual big crowd of spectators.

Up to the present nothing has developed to indicate that it will be impracticable to keep the bridge open while concreting is in progress.

Sprout Good Roads Bill. The conference committee of the house and senate held a meeting Thursday and it was agreed to report a measure apportioning the cost of roads between townships, counties and state as follows: The township and county to each bear one-eighth of the expense and the state three-fourths. The committee was composed of Roberts, Godcharles and Calpin for the Senate, and McLane, Hunter and Wayne for the House. This is considered a great victory for the interior districts. Under the late law the bulk of the state aid was going to the richer eastern counties because the poorer districts did not feel able to put up the one-sixth. Under the proposed bill the townships will pay but one-eighth of the cost of improvement.

The sixth of the cantatas in the series to be produced in the course of the Bach festival at Bethlehem, Pa., on April 12th, 13th and 14th is "He who relies on God's compassion." "Wer nun den lieben Gott lässt walten." Bach's biographer, Spitta says: The musical character of the cantata is throughout contemplative. The fervency which pervades each separate portion of it acquires a peculiar coloring which is most easily and plainly discernible in the beautiful and touching aria in E flat major. The cantata, built up on the foundation of the familiar chorals with which it opens, is scored for oboes, English horn, string instruments and organ.

The delightful weather, which has kept people guessing as to whether or not spring has come, during the last couple of days has added another spring-like quality in the form of April showers. These are of the approved traditional sort—gentle rain accompanied with a warm atmosphere. Vegetation is beginning to respond. The grass is growing almost everywhere. The lilac bushes are bursting into leaves, and the birds are singing on every side. Many fields are already ploughed in our county and a great deal of oats will be sowed during the next couple of weeks.

The farmers throughout the country are now beginning to plow.

RETAINING WALLS

FOR A STREET

Boyer Bros. have completed plastering at the undergrade crossing of the P. & R. Railway at A and Walnut streets. The wide crossing together with its massive finely finished walls shows up as a fine improvement.

The concrete walls already support the two forty-foot steel girders required to carry the P. & R. siding over the crossing. Everything now is in readiness for installing the next set of girders, exact duplicates, for the main track, which have been already unloaded at the spot. As soon as this is done the temporary central support will be removed and the crossing will be given over to general traffic.

The trolley company will next proceed to fix up A street. The thoroughfare as far as travel is concerned has been much improved by the deep cut which goes away with the steep grade between Bloom street and Spring street. The banks on each side of the street are washing badly and to protect these and to place the street in as good a condition as it was found the trolley company on each side as far as the cut extends will build a concrete retaining wall. The retaining walls will support the bank and sidewalk and add very much to the appearance of the street. Work on the improvement will begin in a few days.

Contractor in a Fix-up. Contractor W. A. Shepperson, two horses and a buggy figured in an exciting mix-up near the site of the old weigh scales, Mill street, yesterday. It was what might be called a curious combination of circumstances. Several things occurred at about the same moment—the town clock and whistles proclaimed the hour of noon; a trolley car came down Bloom street, turning up Mill street at the First National bank; Mr. Shepperson driving one horse in an open buggy and leading another behind came around the corner at Clearwater's store and drove up the street beside the trolley car, while to crown all at the same moment the fire bells began to ring.

The most exciting thing, however, remained to occur. Mr. Shepperson's horse—the one in the rear—got frightened and while the stand animal in the shafts pulled the buggy ahead, the horse behind as he reared and plunged yanked the frail vehicle about in quite an opposite direction. There was much solicitude expressed for Mr. Shepperson's welfare, but he held on to the seat and incidentally to the horse until the latter rearing aloft impinged between the buggy box and the wheel.

It was at this crisis that the splinters began to fly. With a crash the wheel went to pieces as the horse sought to extricate himself and as a result the vehicle upset and the driver took a graceful tumble. He still held on to the horse, however, and for a few moments the mix-up, which seemed perilous alike to driver and horses, afforded a spectacle which bordered on the thrilling. There was plenty of help at hand and order was soon brought out of chaos. The damage done was restricted to the broken buggy wheel.

Excellent Concert. New Castle, O., Jan. 14, 1905. The Colored Canadian Concert Company and Jubilee Singers gave a most delightful concert at the Y. M. C. A. hall last night before a large audience. This is their first visit here and already they have won their way into the hearts of their hearers.

The melody put into their plantation choruses, together with the spirit and soul of rendering same, is not often heard. The special features of the evening were the solos by E. S. Thomas, who has a wonderful voice for depth and power, the tenor singing of C. T. Mosely, who is a humorist and actor of merit, as well; the singing by Miss G. E. Fowler and the reading by Madam Lewis. They were compelled to return three and four times and did it as if they thoroughly enjoyed it.—Herald.

The Canadian Concert company will appear in this city on Saturday evening, April 15th, under the auspices of Stoes' Band.

President's Train over Dynamite. SEDALIA, Mo., April 5.—Several sticks of dynamite were found near Montrose, Mo., on the tracks over which the presidential special passed early today. Track walkers picked up three sticks of the explosive, which were lying between the rails. A short distance away some boys found more of the dynamite.

The greatest precautions are exercised now. Efforts are being made to hush the matter up. After 7 o'clock yesterday evening no one was allowed on the right of way. About fifteen men were on duty at the switches and along the tracks during the night.

Trinity Reformed Church. There will be Sunday School and regular services in Trinity Reformed Church, Strawberry Ridge, next Sunday afternoon. The announcement made last Sunday is recalled.

Charles Smedley, engineer at the Stone Works, is very critically ill of appendicitis complicated with an attack of peritonitis. His condition was slightly improved yesterday.

Trout Will Soon Bite. The regular season for brook trout opens on April 15, but despite that it is still several weeks distant many fishermen are getting their rods and reels in shape for a busy season. Black and rock bass cannot be caught before June 15.

The man who has relied on his overcoat to hide his threadbare appearance is now being compelled to "show up."

TWO LINES

WILL BE BUILT

There is no longer any question as to the success of the Rural Telephone System. Long before the Fourth of July there will be several lines in working order in Montour County.

The Company has decided to go on immediately with the construction of two lines connecting the towns of Washingtonville, Strawberry Ridge, White Hall, Exchange and Jerseytown. The Company is now looking after poles and other needed material as well as for contractors to undertake the construction work. On the two lines described there are some fifty subscribers.

Mr. Pettijohn yesterday stated that the success achieved far exceeds his most sanguine expectations when he entered upon the work in Montour County. He finds a large number of farmers, who not only subscribed for stock but lend their time and their influence to assist the enterprise. Both he and Mr. Amerman acknowledge themselves especially indebted to Mr. J. W. Lowrie, of Strawberry Ridge, who has put in several days in the interest of the rural phone and who has been largely instrumental in winning success in that locality. The sentiment is rapidly growing and those who have subscribed are anxious to have the line completed. Only a few preliminary details remain to be arranged, after which actual work will begin. Sixty days ought to be sufficient for winding up work on the two lines.

Successful as the promoters have been, however, it is not altogether clear sailing. A few persons are not favorable to the rural phone. One of the objections urged is that a rural telephone system, if established might lead to the abolishment of the rural free delivery by cutting down the volume of correspondence. Mr. Pettijohn declares that nowhere in the West where rural telephone systems are common has such a thing as the displacement of the rural free delivery ever occurred, while should a parcel post maintained in connection with the R. F. D. ever come to pass the rural phone would become a factor that would add greatly to the general efficiency of the mail service.

Make Garden. When gentle spring comes so balmily upon us as it is doing this year, with the assuring appearance of its intention to stay, every town dweller who has a bit of ground about his house should begin to think of gardening operations. The plot may not be too large, but it can be made to produce no more than a few feet square—but he can plant it with peas, onions, radishes, lettuce and other vegetables and find room for a few flowers to throw a little color and a little fragrance on the situation.

It is not only the plants and the flowers that will contribute a pleasure and reflect a benefit upon the garden makers. When nature is arraying herself in green and throwing out her sweet odors it is not only the senses of sight and smell that appeal to us. There is an inner feeling compelling us to put our hands at work in the earth to bathe in the sunshine, and to open our souls to the influences of Spring that are giving new life to all animate creation. Therefore begin to make garden, and do it while the robins and bluebirds are giving free concerts from trees that are about to clothe themselves with leaves and blossoms.

Surprise Party. A surprise party was tendered Miss Wagner Friday evening at the home of Frank Bennett, Valley township. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wiersteden, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. P. Boyer, Mrs. E. Rogers and Mrs. H. A. Bennett; Messrs. Garfield Rogers, William Appleman, Sidney Boyer, Jesse Hendrickson, George Hendrickson, Willard Crossley and Warren Fentemacher; Master Oscar Bennett, Clyde Bennett, Vernon Bennett, and Ralph Bennett, Misses Rebecca Appleman, Edith Rogers, Ethel Bennett, Laura Bennett, Ida Bennett, Ethel Rogers, Esther Rogers, Edna Hendrickson, Edna Hendrickson, Olive Wiersteden, Helen Wiersteden, Ida Boyer, Miriam Hendrickson, Winnie Boyer, Gertrude Bennett and Evelyn Walsh. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent in games, music and dancing.

Her Seventeenth Birthday. A birthday surprise party was held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Riverside, in honor of their daughter Pearl's seventeenth birthday. Those present were: Misses Blanche Earp, Bessie Brooks, Mary DeMotte, Jennie Dyer, Mamie Weiser, Hannah Yeager, Gertrude Brooks, Messrs. Solomon Yeager, Charles Shepperson, James Fisher, Frank Snyder, Samuel Geasey, Henry Yeager and Claude Morris. The evening was very pleasantly whiled away with games and music. A very delicious supper was served.