

BURGLARS ROUTED BY CONSTABLE

An evident attempt at burglary was cleverly frustrated by Constable Bruce McCracken at South Danville Saturday night.

Five men whose appearance was by no means prepossessing were observed looting about South Danville Saturday and for several days previously. During Saturday a couple of the merchants became convinced that the men were crooks and called the attention of Constable McCracken to their presence asking that he keep an eye on their movements if possible.

About 2 o'clock Saturday night the Constable, who is night operator at the Pennsylvania station, stepped out on the platform when he was informed by a man who came over from Danville that some men were acting suspiciously in the vicinity of the sheds at the approach of the bridge where the contractors keep their tools.

The fact seems to be that the men were trying to burglarize the tool house and had placed one of their number up on the railroad as a sentry. The Constable stealthily proceeded to the spot and the first thing that he knew he was between the man on guard and the others at work at the tool house. Mr. McCracken taking in the situation, in quick succession fired several shots over the would-be burglars' heads who instantly took to their heels and ran in the direction of the bridge. The Constable called to the men to stop and fired several other shots, but they did not hit them. The last seen of them they were scrambling over the bridge toward Danville.

An investigation showed that they had broken open a large chest and abstracted a valuable brass injector and brass lubricator. On the bridge was found a large chisel evidently dropped by the men, which had been used in forcing the chest open. Near the chest were found the brass injector and lubricator lying on the ground.

There is little doubt but that the men, had they not been frightened off, would have had several burglaries to their credit in South Danville before morning.

Meningitis Still Spreading.

Although no cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis have yet developed in Danville since the outbreaks reported in many other places the doctors of this city are watching the spread of the disease. They are also studying up the peculiarities of the disease in order to successfully combat it if there should be an epidemic here. None of them anticipate such a condition, however.

Spinal meningitis or spotted fever has made its appearance in Wilkesbarre and the first victim is a young man named Lee Deming.

Shepton, a little town near Hazleton, is in the throes of spinal meningitis. The first death has occurred and another victim is in an extremely critical condition. The sanitary condition of the town to all reports is awful and owing to a strike among the laborers on the roads there is no likelihood of their being put in better condition at present.

From the appearance of certain spots on the skin during the course of the disease it has been called spotted fever. This name was given to an epidemic which prevailed in New England in 1807. The disease usually begins with a chill, followed by great vertigo, violent headache, obstinate vomiting, and muscular stiffness, which soon passes into tetanus. The face is pale, the pupils of the eyes dilated, and the skin exceedingly sensitive. The head is strongly drawn back, even at the end of the first day. A peculiar eruption usually appears on the skin, composed of distinctly dark red or purple spots, somewhat larger than a pin's head. They are not raised above the surface, and do not disappear from pressure; sometimes they do not become visible after death.

The members of the State Board of Health advise strict quarantine in cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Precautions, such as isolation and fumigation, will be taken in cases of this disease in the future and when the malady has a fatal termination, private interment will be observed. Although grown up persons are liable to the disease, it is more common among children, who are very susceptible to attack.

Dandelion.

The pretty heads of the dandelion stalks are making their appearance in some of the fields. During the winter the dandelion was pretty well sheltered by the snow and the seeds germinated and took root early as a result there is a generous crop of the succulent food anticipated by the market gardeners.

Odd Fellows Anniversary.

Account about the Philadelphia & Reading Railway will sell special excursion tickets to Sunbury good on all trains April 25th as follows:

From Bloomsburg fare \$1.15, Catawissa \$1.15, Rupert \$1.10, Danville 85 cents, Mooresburg 65 cents, Port-grove 50 cents.

Frank Bergner III.

Frank Bergner, janitor at the Y. M. C. A., is confined to his home on Nassau street with a severe cold. William Morgan is discharging Mr. Bergner's duties at the Association building during his illness.

Garden makers are causing the dirt to fly these days.

BRIDGEMEN LEAVE FOR THEIR HOMES

The iron work of the river bridge between Danville and South Danville is completed and the contractors, the Horseheads Construction Company, are off the ground. Now that the machinery and various appliances are removed from off the bridge and the approach at the South side is cleaned up things present an entirely different appearance which adds to the beauty of the bridge.

Galen Morgan and P. J. Collins, the last of the bridgemen, left at noon yesterday. Others who have left for their homes during the last few days are as follows: Saturday, Martin Powers and Robert Stratton; of Owego: Monday, Michael Cane, of Owego and Daniel McCarty, and Harry Edwards, of Blinghant; Sunday, H. L. Dunham, John P. Rosar and Edward Hill, of Pittston.

A portion of the floor on the lower sidewalk at this end of the bridge has not yet been laid owing to the non-arrival of lumber. The plank, however, has been shipped and is expected to arrive in a few days when a couple of men will be sent here by the contractor to finish the sidewalk.

Before leaving Mr. Morgan gave some facts including dates relating to the progress of work on the superstructure, which will be found of general interest. The Horseheads Construction Company came on the ground early in November. Work on the iron work of the first span was begun on November 25. As illustrating how fast the work at times was pushed it needs only be stated that on December 2nd, seven days later, work was begun on the second span and that eleven days after the latter date, December 15th, the erection of the third span was begun. And so it went on, the fourth span being begun on December 23rd; the fifth span on February 2nd; the sixth span, on February 7th and the seventh or last span on February 14th.

Aside from the very satisfactory progress made the work throughout has been executed in a thoroughly workmanlike manner and it would be difficult to find the least flaw anywhere about the bridge. The workmen, too, were a gentlemanly lot and their many courtesies toward pedestrians, who were permitted to use the sidewalk of the bridge while work was in progress, will long be remembered to their credit.

Coal Digger's First Day.

Extracting coal from the river promises to be an active industry along the lower North Branch this season. The "City of Paris," as Mr. LeDuc calls his coal digger, having undergone all necessary repairs to place it in ship shape for the season on Tuesday morning steamed promptly down the river on its initial trip after coal. It was absent during the day in the deep water down below the bend, but toward night hove in sight on its return trip loaded with over five tons of good coal. Considering that the river is high and that some time was spent in prospecting in order to locate the new deposits of coal the showing made by the digger on the first day out is considered as quite encouraging. Yesterday morning the coal digger steamed down the river again and found a large flat load of coal. The work will be kept up now while the river continues to fall.

Mr. LeDuc will first of all stock up his green house, which requires a great deal of coal. During the summer of 1903 the output of river coal exceeded that of any other year. Not only did Mr. LeDuc extract all the coal needed for his green houses, but he sold large quantities to the Borough for use at the Water Works.

Although river coal may be had for the digging under the most favorable circumstances the extracting of it from the stream is attended with considerable cost and it does not represent a clear gain by any means.

"A Royal Slave."

While "A Royal Slave" is a play that appeals at once to the intelligence and the heart of an auditor, his eye has not been forgotten. The scenes are all painted from photographs taken in and near the city of Mexico, especially for this production. Among the most striking scenes is a view of the Valley of Mexico as seen from near Capotlan. It shows a distant view of the City of Mexico and the lake of the "Floating Gardens," and in the far distance a "through misty miles of purple leagues," the giant volcano of Popocatepetl; the whole picture framed in by groves of palms and bowers of bloom and seen through sprays of a real fountain playing on the stage. Of special interest also are the scenes showing the Church of the Peons; the two scenes in the Sierra Madre Mountains, the Paso del Rey (Pass of the King) and the cave of the bandits in the heart of the mountains; the splendid moonlit scene of the tropical coast of the Island of El Toro (the bull), and the interior of the gorgeous palace de Alvarez in the last act, which is a gem of art. These, with the splendid costumes and effects, make one of the most complete scenic productions ever seen here, and certainly the most beautiful in this country.

"A Royal Slave" will appear at the Opera House on Friday evening.

Welsh Baptist Church.

Rev. D. Roslyn Davis, of Plymouth, Pa., will preach in the Welsh Baptist church on Spruce street Sunday, April 16th, at 10:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

DELEGATES FOR STATE CONVENTION

The Republican County Committee of Montour held a meeting in the Court House Saturday forenoon and elected Frank G. Schoch as delegate to the State Convention.

The meeting was called to order by County Chairman James Foster in the Grand Jury room at 10 o'clock. Delegates were present as follows: Cooper Township—W. R. Wetman and Charles Rishel. Danville, First Ward—Sam A. McCoy and Frank G. Schoch; Second Ward, J. H. Woodside and Samuel Mills. Third Ward, John L. Jones; Fourth Ward, C. E. Langer. Limestone Township—John Zaner. Mahoning Township—M. P. Scott and John E. Roberts. Valley Township—Edward Churm. West Hemlock Township—Matthew Maus and William Gething. John L. Jones was chosen Secretary of the meeting. Frank G. Schoch was nominated as delegate to the State Convention, which takes place at Harrisburg on April 26th. There were no other nominations and Mr. Schoch was unanimously elected as State delegate. J. H. Woodside was chosen as alternate.

Interview With Mr. Foley.

John Edward Foley, a representative of the United States Wood Preserving Company, which has the contract for putting down the wood-block pavement on the river bridge, was in this city yesterday trying to arrange for an early beginning of the work.

In conversation with a representative of this paper he said he did not expect to have sixty men at work putting down the paving stones as well as doing other work needed.

On motion of Mr. Boyer, D. R. Heddens was granted permission to connect with the Mill street sewer on condition that he comply with the Borough ordinance.

The Committee on Streets and Bridges reported that the repairs on A street necessary to replace the thorough fare in a condition to suit property owners is becoming quite a problem. Property owners affected would rather have the retaining wall built back near the building line, while it seems expedient to build the wall between the driveway and sidewalk. On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Streets and Bridges, who will confer with the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company.

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On motion of Dr. Sweisfort it was ordered that City Hall be connected with the Borough sewer without any delay.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs, the Secretary was instructed to confer with other municipalities for the purpose of learning what methods they employed in collecting and disposing of garbage.

Mr. Fenstermacher called attention to the bad practice of throwing circulars and waste paper upon the streets. It was the sense of Council that something ought to be done to abate the nuisance, but no action was taken.

A statement of finances to date was received from Treasurer Ellenbogen which showed a net cash balance on hand of \$572.46.

A communication from S. Reynolds, Agent, with reference to a flag stone pavement at the corner of Mill street and Library avenue was referred to the Committee on Streets and Bridges.

The following communication was received: Mr. Harry Patton, Sec'y Borough Council Danville, Pa.

Dear Sir:—The Danville & Bloomsburg Street Railway Company by its indenture dated February 22, 1905, and recorded in Montour and Northumberland Counties conveys all its rights, title and interest in its route and franchise to the Danville and Sunbury Street Railway Company, said route being as follows: From a point opposite State Hospital down Market street to Mill, thence South on Mill to and across the river bridge, through Gearthart township and Riverside Borough.

Said Danville and Sunbury Street Railway Company received said deed subject to all conditions, stipulations and restrictions as your ordinance to Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company designates.

This Company is making such preparations so as not to conflict with the proposed paving near the Montour House and respectfully solicits the good will and co-operation of your body.

Very respectfully,
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On motion of Mr. Reifsnay, seconded by Mr. Vestine, it was decided that the above communication be received and placed on file.

Meeting of Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Wyoming Classis of the Reformed Church, is holding its annual meeting at Orangeville this week.

Those in attendance as delegates from Shiloh Reformed Church are Mrs. G. E. Lambert, Mrs. W. H. Orth, Misses Elsie Scott, Elizabeth Fouk and Alice M. Bookmiller.

A Short Session of Court.

A short session of court was held on Saturday forenoon. His Honor Judge Little and Associates Thompson and Lee were on the bench.

The court dismissed exceptions filed to the auditor's report in the case of Dr. S. Y. Thompson, Trustee for creditors of R. M. Grove.

In re estate of R. Fouk and Company a petition was presented by assignee for his discharge.

In open court the Sheriff's deed was acknowledged for the Elmer Berger farm in Liberty township. Consideration, \$4415.

An order was granted to the Quakerstown Trust Company, guardian for Charles E. and Emil Haring, to sell the interest of the two latter in the Wetzel property, Church and Front streets, this city, to Thomas DeLaney. There was no argument on any of the cases Saturday.

BOROUGH FATHERS HOLD A MEETING

Council held a long session Friday with all the members present as follows: Reifsnay, Vestine, Fenstermacher, Goeßer, Gibson, Boyer, Dietrich, Hughes, Jacobs, Magill, Sweisfort and Dietz. Mr. Gibson occupied the chair.

D. J. Rogers appeared before Council to ask that he be furnished the grade for paving Mill street between Market street and the bridge. He informed Council that he has the curb on the ground; also that he has been ordered by the County Commissioners to remove his brick from off the pavement in front of the Court House.

He was informed that the Borough of Danville desires to utilize the ground excavated in filling up at the culvert on Ferry street and that the contractors are not quite ready. Arrangements have been made to have the engineer survey the street next week.

Mr. Dietz called attention to the bad condition of Clinton street, Gulick's Addition, suggesting that ashes be used to cover up several stony spots. He was informed that the Street Commissioner has already made repairs needed in Gulick's Addition.

Mr. Magill called attention to the bad condition of Bloom street in the vicinity of A street owing to the absence of crossing stones which were removed when the trolley track was put down. Mr. Reifsnay explained that Mr. Pascoe intended to proceed with full repairs in that part of town as soon as matters pertaining to A street were settled. In a short time he expects to have sixty men at work putting down the paving stones as well as doing other work needed.

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Bridge to be Painted Jet Black.

Painters yesterday began work on the superstructure of the river bridge. This branch of the work, last night of by many people, who thought the bridge was completed and would have been nothing wrong had it been handed over by the State without any additional paint.

As a matter of fact the bridge including the entire system of overhead work is to receive two additional coats of paint. The first coat will be of a color bordering on grey; the second coat will be jet black. There will be no diversity, even the railing along the sidewalk, now red, will be jet black in color.

A Philadelphia firm has been awarded the contract for painting by the King Bridge Company. A limited number of painters have been working underneath the bridge for a couple of weeks past where they were out of sight. The entire floor system was completed yesterday morning when the painters began work on the overhead system at the Southern end of the bridge.

Some half a dozen painters were employed yesterday, but the number is to be increased so that both coats may be applied and the bridge completed by the last of the present month.

Subscribed to Testimonial.

Plans for the testimonial dinner to be tendered Col. J. G. Freeze, the mentor of the bar of this judicial district, in the Eli's rooms at Bloomsburg, on the 19th of this month, are rapidly going forward.

Indications point to the dinner being one of the most elaborate ever held in the district and gathered around the banquet table will be numbered many of the state's brightest lawyers.

Those who are subscribers to the dinner up to this time are: George E. Elwell, W. W. Day, G. M. Tustin, H. A. McKillip, W. D. Beckley, Ralph John, Clinton Herring, John Harman, Grant Herring, William Christman, T. J. Vanderclose, C. C. Peacock, A. J. Robbins, L. E. Waller, Fred Keler, Guy Jacoby, Andrew L. Fritz, Frank Keler, N. J. Funk, Clyde Charles Yetter, J. H. Maize, Boyd Maize, G. M. Terwilliger, Fresno Quirk, C. W. Miller, J. C. Rutter, Jr., J. B. Robinson, Robert R. Little, C. J. Fisher, William C. Johnston, Robert S. Howell, C. A. Small, O. B. Mellick, H. Mont. Smith, W. H. Rhawn, Charles C. Evans, James L. Evans, R. O. Brockway, William E. Elmes, J. G. Jayne, Clarence E. Kreischer, Paul E. Wirt, B. F. Zarr, E. J. Flynn, James Searle, William Kase West, Edward Sayre Gearhart, R. S. Ammerman, Ralph Kiser, C. P. Gearhart, S. B. Kays, William Krickbaum, James T. Fox, W. Dickson.

Dates of Guard Encampment.

Formal orders were issued from National Guard headquarters Tuesday, fixing the date of the brigade encampments as follows:

First Brigade, July 8 to 15 inclusive.

Second Brigade, July 15 to 22 inclusive.

Third Brigade, July 8 to 16 inclusive.

Place of encampment for each of the brigades will be designated by the brigade commanders, subject to the approval of the commander-in-chief.

No enlistments except re-enlistments will be made within the thirty days immediately preceding the opening of the encampment, nor during the time of the encampment.

STRUGGLE WITH LIVE WIRE

Cyrus Dietz, who presides over the meat market near Rossmann's Drug Store, Mill street, was shocked by electricity Monday afternoon and although he was in no danger of being seriously injured yet he had an experience that no amount of money could tempt him to repeat.

During the storm a telephone wire fell across the street. Fearing that it might cause a horse to fall Mr. Dietz went out and gathered up the wire, first looking overhead to assure himself that it was no where in contact with a live wire. Coiling up the telephone wire as he advanced he walked in under the awning and was in the act of depositing the coil on the pavement when a step forward caused one end of the wire still fast overhead, to rub against an electric light wire near the building, which had been temporarily charged to furnish light during the storm.

In an instant Mr. Dietz received a shock. He attempted to drop the wire but it clung to his hand and caused his fingers to tighten until they clatched the wire. With his left hand he tried to pull the wire loose from his right, but then it clung fast to his left hand, while all the time he experienced the familiar though painful sensation caused by the electric current in every part of his body from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. In this way for some time he wrestled with the charged wire, which clung to him like an angry serpent, the by-standers mean while seeming terror-stricken.

Finally, however, Mr. Dietz or someone else thought of the right thing to do and the man was released. Aside from the fright Mr. Dietz was little the worse for his contact with the charged wire beyond a few burns on the hand, which were not serious.

A lineman in disconnecting the event said that if Mr. Dietz had seized his hat or anything else that was a poor conductor of electricity with it in his hand he might have disengaged himself without difficulty.

Benjamin Miller and Jacob Engle were assigned before Justice of the Peace W. V. Oglesby last night charged with violating Act No. 148 of the year 1899, which prohibits junk dealers from buying from minors knowing them to be such.

The hearing attracted a large crowd among the number being a dozen or fifteen boys ranging from 13 to 19 years subpoenaed as witnesses. These it was understood were willing to testify that they had sold junk to both Miller and Engle.

Benjamin Miller waived a hearing, and entered bail in \$300 for his appearance at next term of court.

Jacob Engle was given a hearing, which was conducted by District Attorney Ralph Kiser. Of the crowd of boys assembled but four were called to testify. These were as follows: Jerry Shade, 13 years; Samuel Shutt, 19 years; Benjamin Bookmiller, 18 years; and Mort. Fallon, 16 years.

The testimony of the boys was the same throughout. They all swore that they had sold scrap, brass &c., to the defendant within two years. The most of them testified that they had sold it to him more than once in that time.

This was regarded as prima facie evidence and Engle was held for court in \$300 bail.

Special officers of the P. & R. Railway, Parsley and Simmers, who were interested in the case, were both present at the hearing.

A Cornet With a Record.

People passing on Mill street during a couple of days past have had their attention attracted by a most beautiful and venerable relic in the window of David Haney's cigar store and barber shop, in the form of a solid silver cornet, which has been placed on exhibition by William Dentsch, Water street.

The cornet, which belongs to the famous band leader, Charles H. Stoess, has an interesting history. In addition to the fact that it is of solid silver, it is of first class make so that its intrinsic value is considerable and it cost when new two hundred dollars.

What makes the instrument of especial value are the associations which cluster around it. It was presented to Mr. Stoess by his admiring friends of Danville, in the year 1858. During his subsequent career as a band musician Mr. Stoess used the horn and what good care he took of it is well attested by its superb condition. It does not bear a dent or a blemish today and its delicate and graceful lettering show up with as good an effect as the day when the engraving was executed.

Among the ornamental work on the cornet is the following inscription: "Presented to Charles H. Stoess of Stoess' silver cornet band of Danville, Pa. by his friends: Jacob Cornelissen, William Stoess, William M. Bickley, M. D., Oscar F. Moore, Esq., A. W. Comly, D. M. Boyd, William Henry, William F. Gearhart, Joshua W. Comly, Esq., John Deen, George W. Freeze, A. J. Frick Esq., William C. Johnston, Esq., J. R. Patton, August A. Danowsky, A. F. Henry, S. B. Thompson, Moyer Lyon, William Hancock, John F. Herr and George S. Saunders, and others.

Finger Amputated.

D. C. Jones, Lower Mulberry street, who is employed at John Hooley's foundry met with a bad accident yesterday forenoon as the result of which he sustains the loss of one of his fingers.

Mr. Jones who attends to the mounting and shipping of stoves, was at work at a circular saw cutting up a board into pieces suitable for ornamental pipe shelves which were ready to send away.

He was working in the second story alone and the first that the other hands knew of the accident was when Mr. Jones pale and faint staggered down stairs and exhibited his injury.

He had been working at the saw when in some way his left hand was caught in the rapidly revolving teeth. The middle finger was nearly severed and the index finger was broken in two places.

Dr. Stock was called, who amputated the finger and dressed the injury. Mr. Jones will be unable to work for some time.

Garfield Literary Society.

A regular meeting of the Garfield Literary Society of the High School was held yesterday afternoon. The following program was rendered: Piano solo—Miss Consart. Recitation—"Spring Flowers"—Miss Dreifuss. Reading—"My Watch"—Mr. Tannehill. Declamation—"The Merit System"—Mr. Engle. Poem—"Easter"—Mr. Evans.

The debate was upon the question, Resolved, that happiness increases with civilization. The affirmative was sustained by Mr. Orth and Miss Parsley and the negative by Misses Newberry and Cole. The judges Misses Woodside and Vestine and Mr. Welliver decided in favor of the affirmative.

Recitation—"Belshazzar's Feast"—Miss Trumbower. Piano Solo—Miss M. Jenkins. Declamation—"Compromise of 1850"—Miss Morris. Principle—A Thrilling Experience—Mr. Shultz.

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Susquehanna Gas Co. Directors.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Susquehanna Oil and Gas Company, which was largely attended, was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of the company in the Wirt building and the old directors were re-elected for the ensuing year by the unanimous vote of the stockholders.

Reports were received from various members of the company who have visited the holdings of the company, all of which were highly satisfactory.

The company is now selling one twentieth of its production and it was stated yesterday that on this income alone can pay a good dividend on amount invested within a few months.

The former directors: Messrs. J. P. McDonald, William Niswarter, O. H. Hagenbuch, of Shenandoah; C. B. Achenbach, of Chanote, Kansas; C. P. Harder, of Danville; A. N. Yost, W. O. Holmes, I. Hagenbuch, C. C. Yetter and J. H. Coleman, of Bloomsburg, were elected by the unanimous vote of the stockholders. At the directors' meeting J. H. Coleman was re-elected President; W. O. Holmes, vice president; Isiah Hagenbuch, secretary, and C. C. Yetter, treasurer.

It was decided to drill more wells on additional property. It is reported that this company now has the finest local gas line in the state of Kansas and two of its star gas wells. They now have a daily production of 15,000,000 feet of gas. The prospects of the company with the Kansas and St. Louis pipe line coming through their holdings look exceedingly bright.—Bloomsburg Press.

Birth Day Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miles, Ferry street, entertained a number of little folks yesterday afternoon from four until seven o'clock in honor of the fifth birthday of their daughter Mary. The event was much enjoyed. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Eleanor Kirkendall, of Wilkesbarre, Reade Myerly, Mary Orndorf, Katherine and Margaret Hoffman, Alice Waite, Lucy Detweiler, Marion Ellenbogen, Mildred Sidler, Ellen Howe, Mary Parsel, Mary Pauls, Elizabeth Berninger, Louise Reynolds, Dorothy and Margaret Vincent, Harriet and Helen Foster and Braze Kischer.

Death of Thomas Y. Bleck.

News reached this city yesterday of the death of Thomas Y. Bleck, of Allentown. He was well-known in this city, being a son of Mrs. Mary Bleck and a brother of Mrs. Wellington Rote, Ferry and Lower Mulberry streets. The deceased was 69 years of age and is survived by a wife, two sons and one daughter.

For a Quiet Fourth.

A movement has been inaugurated by the National Anti-Saloon League to make the Fourth of July a quiet, dignified day. Prayer and preaching are to take the place of fire crackers and games of skill. The matter is being brought to the attention of all church organizations of the country. National Superintendent P. A. Baker, of Columbus is directing the movement. The meetings will be to promote temperance sentiment.

Purchased Brokerage Business.

Mr. J. A. Kirby, of Berwick, has purchased the Brokerage business of Messrs. Dunn & Company and will move the office to the rooms until recently occupied by Dunn & Co., in A. J. Leigler's building.

Taken to Hospital.

Percy Freeze, son of James Freeze, was taken to the University Hospital, Philadelphia, yesterday, where he was under treatment. He was accompanied by Dr. Wintersteen.

SCHOOL BOARDS SHORT SESSION

The School Board held a short session Monday. There was very little business transacted.

The report of Treasurer Schram was presented, which showed a net cash balance on hand of \$3525.02.

Mr. Orth reported that twenty tons of coal had been taken out of the Second Ward school building and distributed among the Borough schools.

On motion of Mr. Trumbower it was ordered that the janitor of the First Ward building hereafter be required to remove the ashes out of the cellar as is done by the janitors in the other wards.

Mr. Fischer reported that the pole at the Fourth Ward school building was blown down by the storm yesterday afternoon.

An application was received from Miss M. C. Madden for the position of supply teacher in the Borough. The application was laid on the table.

A reply from Rev. M. L. Shindel, who had been invited to preach the baccalaureate sermon, was received, stating that he would deem it a great pleasure to comply with the School Board's request.

The Borough Superintendent presented his report which showed that during the month there were 1205 pupils in attendance. The average daily attendance was, males, 549; females, 654; total, 1113. Percentage of attendance, males, 91; females, 92; total 91; number of pupils not absent during the year up to date, 203; number of pupils not tardy during the year up to date, 599; number of pupils absent during the month, 588; number of pupils tardy during the month, 212. Number of pupils sick 87; number of deaths 1.

The following directors were present at last night's meeting: Harpel, Orth, Burns, Parsel, Werkheiser, Fischer, Trumbower, Adams and Jacobs.

The following bills were approved for payment: H. R. Moore, \$.90. Ezra Haas, .50. Standard Gas Co., 2.25. William Quigg, 2.50. U. S. Express Co., 1.65. Friendship Fire Co., 21.75.

Letter From Norman Hosteley.

Alfred E. Hosteley is in receipt of an interesting letter from his son Norman, on board the United States Steam Ship Kentucky, at Pensacola, Florida. Norman enlisted in the United States Navy two years ago, at the age of sixteen, and will serve as an apprentice until he reaches the age of twenty-one.

In the letter the young apprentice speaks very interestingly of his life on board ship, and of the entertainment afforded the sailors while on shore. He is a shellman on the thirteen-inch turret. The Kentucky was recently stationed at Havana, Cuba, and Mr. Hosteley writes the following about his experiences there:

"We have just cleaned up after a week of fine times in Havana. The people there gave us a banquet that was a grand affair—we had everything a hungry person could wish for, from roasts to cigars. There were five hundred of us at the table, and after the banquet we had a grand march in which the young ladies of the city joined. This was followed by a dance."

Mr. Hosteley speaks of their new Admiral, "Fighting Bob Evans," and of his great popularity among the sailors of the fleet.

Arrested for Brutal Murder.

Harry Allen, of East Seventh street, Bloomsburg, was arrested at the latter place last evening, charged with having murdered Mr. George Paine at Trowbridge, New York, on May 28, 1903. The arrest was made by a couple of detectives assisted by Officer Dietrich, of Bloomsburg. Allen was taken to Wilkesbarre last evening, where the party this morning will be met by the husband of the murdered woman, who will make the identification, if possible.

The man arrested, it is alleged, was a hand on the Paine farm when the murder was committed, which was of the most brutal sort, the woman being stabbed to death with the prongs of a pitchfork. The supposed murderer was arrested but made his escape on four different occasions, once eluding the officers of Northumberland.

Colored Canadian Concert Co.

The celebrated Colored Canadian Concert company gave one of their pleasing and entertaining concerts in the Christian church, this borough, last Friday evening to a crowded house. Each number on the program was loudly applauded, and each member of the company was an artist in his or her line. The music by the orchestra was as good as that of many first-class orchestras double the size of this one. The concert as a whole was pronounced the best that had visited Knoxville in many years and should they again visit Knoxville they may expect to be greeted by a full house.—Knoxville, Pa., Courier.

The Colored Canadian Concert Company will appear at the opera house on Saturday evening, April 15th, under the auspices of Stoess' Band.

Purchased Brokerage Business.

Mr. J. A. Kirby, of Berwick, has purchased the Brokerage business of Messrs. Dunn & Company and will move the office to the rooms until recently occupied by Dunn & Co., in A. J. Leigler's building.

Taken to Hospital.

Percy Freeze, son of James Freeze, was taken to the University Hospital, Philadelphia, yesterday, where he was under treatment. He was accompanied by Dr. Wintersteen.

ASSESSORS BEGIN WORK TODAY

The Assessors throughout the county will begin their work today. On Saturday the County Commissioners were busy giving out the books, which with but one or two exceptions were called for by the officials.

The Assessors' returns will be made early in May. For the townships and Washingtonville Borough, the appeal will be held on May 10; for Danville the date of appeal is fixed for May 15th.

Under the provisions of the school law at present the assessor is obliged to carefully obtain a list of all the children in the ward or township between the ages of six and sixteen years. It is very essential that no omissions occur in the list of children between the above ages, as it upon these, the number of teachers employed and the number of taxables in a district that the State appropriation is based on equal proportions. That errors do creep in is evident enough, as it frequently occurs that more pupils turn up on the school register than have been returned by the assessor as between the school ages. Since such errors are costly to the district the necessity of exercising care in this relation is obvious.

There is another column in the assessors' book which proves invaluable to the teachers and that is the one in which is recorded the date of the pupil's birth. When this column is properly filled out the teacher can at a glance tell whether or not a boy or girl has arrived at an age which would permit him or her to leave school, while as is too often the case when there has been neglect and the date of birth has not been recorded, the teacher or may be imposed upon by pupils who wish to leave school before their time and choose to misrepresent their age in order to gain the teachers acquiescence.

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