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G. A. R. PICNIC ON AUGUST 12

The G. A. R. Picnic of the Susquehanna District will again be held at Edgewood Park, Shamokin, this year and will take place on Saturday, August 12th.

The time and place of holding the picnic was decided upon in this city, Saturday, when a meeting of the Committee of Arrangements took place in G. A. R. Hall at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The following members of the Committee were present: William M. Hedden, President, and Jacob O. Miller, Secretary, of the Association; J. W. Caldwell, of Milton; and George W. Starnes, of Bloomsburg.

Some seventeen Posters are embraced in the Association taking in the following towns: Watsonstown, Milton, Northumberland, Lewisburg, Millersburg, Sunbury, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Berwick, and Danville.

The annual outing as usual will be in the form of a basket picnic and will be open to everybody. A special train will be run from Danville, with fare for round trip including trolley to Edgewood Park, one dollar.

There will be noted speakers on hand. Among these present will be Department Commander and Staff. The plans are all laid to secure a large attendance. The excursion train will be run from Danville this year and will be for the benefit of Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R. If proper terms can be made a band will be employed in Danville, in which event it will accompany the excursion train.

The G. A. R. Picnic of the Susquehanna District is held annually, the present being the third year in succession that it has been held in Edgewood Park. They are always successful and well attended affairs.

Dr. Eveland Elected President.

Rev. Dr. Eveland, of Bloomsburg, who was tendered the Presidency of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, a little more than a month ago by the old Board of Directors, but who withheld an acceptance of the same, was Monday again elected by the present directors. Of his election now there is no longer a doubt, as the authorities by whom he has been chosen are at the beginning, not the close, of their term. He will begin his administration under the most favorable auspices, and with the Seminary in a highly prosperous condition, as it was left by the lamented Dr. Gray after a quarter of a century of honored administrative service.

The new president is a scholar and a minister of great ability and high standing, possessing the esteem and confidence of all who know him. He will be accepted as a worthy and an admirable successor to the late Dr. Gray, and is thoroughly qualified to take up and continue the work where it was broken off by death. He is in the prime of vigorous manhood, and has had ample experience in the educational field. Under the circumstances the friends of Dickinson will expect good results from the new President, and in the expectation they will be sure to accord him their most hearty co-operation.

Columbia and Montour Road.

One of the most important deals ever consummated by the Columbia & Montour Electric Railroad was that by which the Company has become the owner of the land which they now occupy on the tow path of the Pennsylvania canal between Rupert and Catawissa and which they now hold under a lease with the D. L. & W. R. R.

The purchase of the land was made at a conference held in New York City last week between E. R. Sponser, representing the trolley road, and President Truesdale of the D. L. & W. R. R.

The purchase of this land has been desired by the C. & M. people for some time, for holding it under nothing more substantial than a lease, they were at any time liable to lose that right of way, practically the only feasible way of getting into Catawissa, the road from Rupert being too narrow and the character of the land abutting the road being such as to make its widening at certain points only possible at great cost.

Decision Affirmed.

The Superior Court at Philadelphia, has handed down a decision affirming the judgment of the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland county, in the case of John and Margaret J. Escher vs. Mineral R. R. and M. Co.

Plaintiff sued for damages for the death of their son, Howard who was killed by a vicious mule named Joe, in the Cameron mines. They were awarded \$717, and the decision of the appellate court affirms the judgment.

Attorney J. W. Gillespie for the plaintiff took an appeal from the judgment of the lower court that damages for loss of services only and not for death, could be recovered. The judgment was also affirmed.

The appeal from the judgment of \$717 was taken by Attorney S. P. Woltverton for the defendant.

Convention in September.

The twenty-third annual convalescence of the United Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar for the State of Pennsylvania will be held in Harrisburg on September 11th and 12th. There will be a grand parade and elaborate arrangements are being made to entertain the visitors.

SOLDIER BOYS HOME FROM CAMP

Company F, Twelfth Regiment, N. G. P., sailed and begrimed from hiking and participating in mimic battle Saturday evening arrived home from encampment on the 5:30 Pennsylvania train, which was over half an hour late. The boys were in the very best of spirits. Whatever the effect may have been on some of the other companies hiking and playing war through out with all the strenuousness of action implied was exactly to the liking of the hardy boys of Company F and there was probably not one, but would have been glad to have turned around and repeated the company's participation in the game of war.

Captain Gearhart Saturday night spoke of his men in terms of highest praise. It is the best company, he said, that he ever took to encampment. Aside from their powers of endurance and familiarity with their duties their conduct was most exemplary and during the entire week not one had done anything to cause the least annoyance or embarrassment.

Speaking of endurance it is a great deal to say for the boys of Company F that during the wearisome march to Belleaire and back as well as in the battle on the third day not one was affected by the fatigue or the intense heat. The march in all was one of some thirty miles and soldiers of the other companies fell by the wayside like flies.

To make the contrast all the more remarkable Company F was on provost guard all Sunday night and was taken out at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning it was taken off provost duty and thrown right into the march. Under the circumstances upon arriving at Belleaire the company was naturally a little fatigued, but it showed no signs of wilting and when the troops entered the village there were none in higher spirits or sang more lustily than Company F.

The march was a tough experience for probably the majority of the brigade, but it was a good object lesson to show the staff that the boys are made of and what they could be called upon to endure in case of necessity. Speaking for our company it was one of the most enjoyable features of camp.

One of the most interesting features of the war game was the mimic battle on Wednesday. Company F captured a squad and a full company belonging to the Thirteenth Regiment and had plenty of exciting experiences. The putting up and taking down of the dog tents was also an experience new to the Guard.

The inspection Friday did not prove as trying an ordeal as was expected. It was found impracticable to fully inspect the Guard at encampment, as the time consumed would not have been less than two days. It was decided, therefore, merely to look over the Guard, only inspecting the pieces and the men's appearance. The inspection was conducted by Colonel Sweeney, Inspector General. Governor Pennypacker and others were with him.

Although by no means as close as the boys expected, yet the inspection proved a pretty trying experience to the guardsmen, who were over-awed by the presence of the Governor and the other high officials. Nevertheless there is not one of the boys but who has brought home with him the kindest recollections of the Chief Executive. As the Governor moved along he spoke very encouragingly to the boys and did everything to make them feel at ease. He seemed to pay particular attention to the bayonet, seeing that it was placed in the seaboard rightly. On several occasions he took the bayonet out himself, replacing it as it ought to have been.

Charles Battaglia Before Oglesby

Charles Battaglia, the well known Italian padrone, yesterday was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Oglesby. The complainant in the case was Andrew Schatz, who accused Battaglia of obtaining goods under false pretense.

Last October, according to the information, Battaglia bought shoes of Schatz to the value of \$31.70, representing that the trolley company would pay for them, taking the amount from his pay. The trolley company refused to pay for the shoes and it is alleged that the defendant knew they would not, as there was no arrangement between the two to that effect.

Justice Oglesby held Battaglia under \$100 bail for further hearing, but the defendant later settled the bill in full.

Puddler Struck by Switcher.

Thomas Sheehan, a puddler employed at the Reading Iron Works, was struck by a P. & R. switcher yesterday morning and was slightly injured. A short distance north of Center street crossing the man had sat down on the edge of the rail road ties to rest and in that position fell asleep. Some time afterward the switch engine came rolling along without making much noise and before it could be stopped struck the man throwing him into the gutter.

The crew at once picked him up and took him to his home on Little Ash street. Fortunately he was not badly injured. He sustained a blow along side the head, the effect of which soon wore off. He stated yesterday that he expected to work last night.

Barn and Calves Destroyed.

On the Peter Voris estate farm, in Chillisqueque township, Northumberland county, five miles southwest of Milton, the barn was struck by lightning Tuesday and two calves were killed. The barn took fire, and all the hay, new wheat, wagons and farming implements were destroyed, as were all the outbuildings. There was an insurance of only \$1,200.

Pastor Absent.

Owing to the fact that the pastor has been unexpectedly called away, there will be no preaching in Trinity Reformed Church, Strawberry Ridge on next Sunday, July 23. Sunday School will be held at the usual hour. There will be Sunday School and regular services on the following Sunday.

The midsummer sun is certainly doing a business that indicates a determination to make good for previous short comings.

DANVILLE WINS EXCITING GAME

The second game of base ball of the Danville-Bloomsburg series was played at DeWitt's Park Saturday afternoon, and was one of the most exciting and hotly contested games seen on the local diamond in some time. Both sides were determined to win and it was anybody's game until the last Bloomsburg player was called out and the score stood 5-5 in favor of Danville.

A large contingent of rosters accompanied the visiting team to this city, who throughout the game vied with the local enthusiasts in cheering and encouraging the players. The game, while intensely exciting, was not well played by either team—a number of costly errors and misplays being made on both sides during the nine innings. But this detracted from the pleasure of the occasion not at all, each error seeming to arouse more interest in the struggle.

Danville started the scoring in the second inning with two men out, Lawrence was presented with a pass to first. McCloud singled and Gosh went to first on balls. With the bases full Clayberger's pretty liner over second base easily brought in two runs and left two men on bases. The side was retired, however, on an easy fly to center. Three hits and a base on balls in the fourth netted another tally for the locals.

In the fifth inning Bloomsburg rallied and made her first showing on the tally sheet. With two men out the visitors made connection with Honey's curves for three singles and a base on error, which put a 3 inside of their goose egg and tied the score.

In the seventh inning Danville again took the lead. Captain Yerrick walked, and then in quick succession Archie's timely two-bagger and singles from Logan and Deen brought in 3 runs, the score standing 6-3 in favor of Danville. This ended Danville's scoring. The visitors got one run in the seventh and one in the eighth. During their last time at bat they tried hard to get one man over the home plate, needing but a single run to tie the score. Three hits they made in this last inning but it availed them nothing. One caught at second, one struck out and the last with a pop fly to Yerrick ended the struggle with Danville one point in the lead. The score:

DANVILLE.		R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Gosh, If.....	2	1	0	0	0	0
Clayberger, of.....	1	2	0	0	0	0
Ross, 3b.....	0	1	2	2	1	0
Yerrick, 2b.....	1	0	4	1	0	0
Hummer, c.....	1	1	1	1	0	0
Logan, ss.....	1	0	4	3	1	0
Deen, 1b.....	1	2	6	0	2	0
Lawrence, rf.....	0	1	0	2	0	0
McCloud, p.....	0	1	1	1	0	0
Totals.....	6	10	27	10	4	0

BLOOMSBURG.		R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Price, of.....	1	2	3	1	0	0
Edgar, c.....	0	2	2	2	0	0
Rhodomon, 1b.....	0	1	1	0	1	0
Brooke, rf.....	1	2	1	0	1	0
Gerringer, lf.....	0	2	3	0	0	0
Reighard, 3b.....	0	1	4	6	1	0
Gillon, ss.....	0	0	1	1	0	0
Nagle, p.....	1	2	0	0	0	0
Little, 2b.....	2	1	3	1	0	0
Totals.....	5	13	27	11	3	0

Will Be Wedded Next Week.

On Thursday next week, July 27, Miss Bertha Smith, daughter of G. F. Smith, will be married to Mr. Bruce Hartman, of Hawaii, Sandwich Islands. On the day of the wedding the happy couple will start for Hawaii, where the groom holds a lucrative position and where they will reside in the future.

The journey will prove a long and wearisome one. Under the best time made in crossing the continent by rail passengers are shut up in the cars for five consecutive days. The couple will stop off at the Portland Exposition, beyond which point they will proceed to San Francisco, where August 9th they will embark for the Sandwich Islands arriving there August 16th.

New Uniforms Next Year.

The rifle decorations for the National Guard, given for proficiency in target practice have been received.

The regimental matches will be held in Sunbury on August 3 and 5, under the direction of Captain and Quartermaster. About fifteen medals and prizes will be awarded to those making the highest score. From those competing in the matches will be chosen the regimental team, to represent the 12th at the annual state matches at Mt. Gretna, late in the summer.

A new order from the adjutant general's headquarters, reduces the number of points necessary to make first class marksmen.

The men are also required to qualify under penalty of a fine. This latter provision has raised the percentage of those qualifying in the Pennsylvania Guard, above that of any other State.

The days of the khaki uniform are past. Next year the men will receive suits of a darker color. Like those of the officers, which will soil less easily than khaki, though wearing just as well.

Since the National Guard is now a reserve of the United States Regular Army, they will be equipped entirely throughout like the regular army. Captains will be allotted two years to obtain the equipment for their men from the appropriations they receive from the State.

The new Springfield rifle will take the place of the Krag Jorgensen, now in use.

Photograph of Boys' Bible Class.

The photograph of the Thomas Beaver Boys' Bible Class of the Y. M. C. A. which was taken on the occasion of the annual picnic at DeWitt's Park is ready for anyone who may wish to secure a copy of the same. The picture may be seen at the Y. M. C. A. building.

Second Coat of Plaster.

The new residence of E. D. Pentz East Mahoning street, is approaching completion. Boyer Brothers, the plasterers, are putting on the second coat of plaster. The building will be ready for occupancy by September.

WILL INSPECT STREET PAVEMENT

The pavement on Mill street, which was completed some weeks ago, but which has not yet been taken off the contractor's hands, will be given its final inspection today preparatory to setting for the work. The Streets and Bridges Committee of Council, Borough Engineer George F. Keefe, Dr. J. Rogers, contractor, E. S. Miller, Street Commissioner will participate in the inspection, which will begin at 8 o'clock this morning. The report will be submitted to Council at its regular meeting Friday night.

The pavement on Mill street is generally regarded as a very good job, and it is not thought that a close inspection will bring any material defects to light. Here and there a brick or so is broken or shows signs of crumbling. These of course will have to be replaced by the contractor, who is responsible for the condition of the street and must keep it in repair for a period of two years. The bricks themselves are warranted and will be replaced by the firm of whom they were purchased.

The condition of the pavement at the canal culvert where the bricks seem to have sunken slightly is not taken as a defect. It is just what was expected at that point owing to the nature of the material—loose earth—used in filling up the culvert. The brick here were not grouted, the intention being to take up the pavement and re-lay it after the ground had settled. The settling has been less than was expected after the lapse of so many months. The pavement will not be disturbed at present but at some subsequent period it will be taken up by the contractor and relaid.

Potatoes Will Be Scarce.

Farmers predict that potatoes will bring a dollar per bushel by fall. It is already apparent that the crop will be a failure. Add to this the fact that only a limited acreage was planted and we have the conditions that contribute to scarcity and consequent high price.

Potatoes were a glut on the market last year. As spring came on the farmers found that they still had a large proportion of last year's crop on hand, which they were obliged to sell at prices lower than for years past. Under the circumstances it was not strange that in order to avoid a surplus the farmers were a unit in planting a smaller acreage.

This might have been all right if nothing had happened and the potatoes had thrived as during recent years. It appears, however, from reports received from various quarters that a blight has fallen upon the potato crop and the yield may be scarcely half a one.

In our own county the crop looks especially bad. In many fields the potato vines are dying or are already dead. The most experienced farmers are puzzled to find a cause for the blight. Potatoes grow nicely until a week or so ago when they suddenly turned black and began to wither and die. Of course at that point all growth and development of the tubers stopped. Many of the hills are found without any salable potatoes at all, while nowhere in the fields are they large in size or numerous.

For Cruelty to Animals.

PHOENIXVILLE, July 19.—It is a shame, the manner in which the horses of Battery C have been abused. We will most certainly institute proceedings against the irresponsible persons," declared Superintendent Thomas Carline, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, yesterday, after he had viewed a dozen horses which will be unable to work for weeks as the result of their ill use while in the care of the soldiers at Mount Gretna.

Superintendent Carline and Agent Gallagher, of the Cruelty Society, came to town this morning and made a tour of the stables where horses which had been hired to the battery were kept. The six horses in the town under the care of a veterinary surgeon, being treated for injuries.

Superintendent Carline said: "There will be some warrants sworn out for the arrests of the men who rode these animals before I leave Phoenixville, and upon my return to Philadelphia I will consult the society's counsel and see if there is not a way in which the officers of the battery or regiment can not be held liable."

"If possible I will swear out a warrant for the arrest of Brigadier-General Gobin, who was in charge of the camp, and who, to my mind, is to be censured for not being informed of the condition of the animals in the camp. Every move these animals made in that camp caused them pain."

"Two of the horses belonging to James C. Pennypacker, who is a cousin of Governor Pennypacker, are so badly injured that they have been sent to the Pennypacker farm, near here, to recuperate."

Bass and Salmon.

Bass fishermen are meeting with pretty good luck during the last few days. In addition to bass of large size some fine specimens of salmon are being pulled out of the river. Among those who have had especially good luck are Mail Carrier William Lloyd, George Ross and Larry Hartman.

Taken to Hospital.

Mrs. George Bachinger, Upper Mulberry street, was taken to the Hospital at Williamsport yesterday where she will undergo an operation.

SHOWER PASSED AROUND NORTH

About 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon while our citizens were all employed—some pursuing their daily vocations and others, of the leisure class, busy with the difficult task of keeping cool a storm suddenly materialized. It made its presence known by sudden peals of thunder, following each other in quick succession, which had quite a startling effect.

For a few moments it seemed to threaten Danville and then with ominous mutterings of thunder it passed around the northward, just as the shower of the day before passed around by the South.

Judging by the manifestations it was a violent electrical shower. People were heard to remark that they would hear of much damage wrought in the path of the storm and as is shown by the sequence no one was mistaken.

Bloomsburg seemed to get the brunt of the storm. The rain fell in torrents and the sewers were inadequate to carry off the surface water and as a result it went curdling down through the middle of the streets as though a miniature flood had broken loose. For about half an hour the downpour continued. Accompanying the rain was a heavy fall of hail, which lasted five minutes. Some of the hailstones were as large as walnuts and in the path of the storm the leaves of the growing corn were cut into ribbons and tomato stalks and other vegetables were beaten into the ground.

During the storm there was flash after flash of vivid lightning accompanied at the same instant with peals of deafening thunder.

The episode on the residence of Congressman J. Warner Milfill, West Main street, Bloomsburg, was struck by lightning. The large window glass was shattered and the sash splintered, the electric fluid passing outside through the window ledge, which was also badly split. Fortunately it did not set any of the woodwork on fire. At the residence of Dr. J. S. John, near the Milfill residence the lightning struck the telephone wires and following the circuit reached the telephone on the inside putting it out of commission.

At Malville Isalah Levan had just completed harvesting his summer's crop and the barn was full to overflowing. During the storm the barn was struck and burned to the ground. Two horses and a cow were in the building when it was struck. One of the horses along with the cow was rescued, but the other horse perished in the fire. All the other contents were destroyed. The loss is \$1,500. There was a small insurance.

The roof of the Bloom Poor House reservoir was also struck by lightning during the storm and badly damaged. A tenant house at Berwick, owned by George E. Sponser, was also badly damaged by lightning yesterday. The electric fluid struck the chimney, shattering it and passed down onto the first floor, where a number of pictures were torn from their fastenings and a large plate glass mirror broken. The damage is at least \$300.

Saloons Forty Years Ago.

The excavation for the sewer now dug as far as Northumberland street shows that all that part of the town rests upon made ground which forms a deposit of 7 to 10 feet deep. As the original surface is laid by many memories of the past are reawakened in the minds of the older people, relating to the days before that portion of the town was filled up to its present level.

Former Councilman James F. Dougherty, whose father was landlord of the Dougherty House, now Hotel Peifer, in 1857, has lived in that part of town practically all his life and has witnessed all the changes that have occurred.

Standing by the new sewer and almost in front of his hotel yesterday Mr. Dougherty pointed out the sites of the various land marks as he knew them when a boy. Each of the land marks was a saloon and it is worthy of note that there were just six of them on Northumberland street between Mill street and W. L. Gogger's Ware House, a distance of some sixty yards.

This was prior to 1863 and Mr. Dougherty says that at that time there were just 134 licensed places in Danville. The six saloons as Mr. Dougherty recalls them along with their proprietors were as follows:

Mr. Dougherty's stand—James Roland.

Site of Mr. Gogger's warehouse—Andrew Foley.

At rear end of the Dougherty lot, opposite Gogger's—"Post" Connelley, who had a talent for poetry and composed some verses which made a hit during one of the strikes.

Frank Coehle's stand—John Hamilton—a prize fighter, who flourished under the name of John Halpoun. He gave up saloon keeping and with another Danville man went to Australia where he expected to win distinction in the prize ring. He never became known to fame. He was heard from only once and that was to the effect that he was unmercifully whipped.

Where Dr. Thompson's stable stands a saloon was kept by James Connaghan, who is kindly remembered by the old timers who worked at the Big Mill.

Where J. B. Cleaver's store stands there was a saloon in the basement with the entrance on the Northumberland street side. Here drink was dispensed by Andrew Belden, who kept a dance hall upstairs.

The thirty individual in those days was not obliged to go very far in order to refresh himself. In the case of the six saloons on Northumberland street they were mostly next door or opposite each other, which was pretty crowded quarters even for a town of this size that had 134 licensed places.

The Dougherty House, Spruce and Mill streets, was built by Charles Dougherty in 1854 and was a popular and widely known hostelry. P. C. Dougherty, father of James F., took possession of the place in 1859 and remained in charge till 1866. He was succeeded by Barney Dougherty, who became County Treasurer of Montour and who in turn was followed by James F. Dougherty.

Governor Stops Sunday Fishing.

Several weeks ago Governor Pennypacker received a letter in which the writer cited instances of violation of this provision of the fish laws and the Governor called the attention of Commissioner Meehan to the matter and Commissioner Meehan sent the word along the line.

The fish wardens were told to be more upon the alert than usual and they all got busy with alacrity, this being shown by several arrests in Berks county.

Big Trolley Mortgage Recorded.

The mortgage of the Millville and Bloomsburg Trolley Company to the Commonwealth Trust Company, of Harrisburg, Pa., for the sum of \$300,000 has been recorded in the office of the Recorder of Columbia county, J. C. Rutter, Jr. The mortgage is due January 1, 1905 with interest at 5 per cent payable semi-annually in January and July.

The entire rolling stock, tracks and all property of the company is covered in the mortgage.

Miss Mabel Thomson spent Sunday with relatives in Catawissa.

FOUND DEAD IN HAYMOW

Thomas Stout, until about a year ago a resident of Danville, was found dead in the hay mow of Shuman's livery stable, Jersey Shore, about noon yesterday. The deceased was between 35 and 40 years of age and when in Danville was known to nearly every person.

Stout it is believed went into the haymow Tuesday night to sleep and that death came before morning. He made his home with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Buckley, on Colvert street.

Stout spent much of his time about the livery stable occasionally doing odd jobs and now and then passing the night there. As far as known he had not been feeling ill on Tuesday. The discovery at noon yesterday was made by George Shuman, a son of the owner of the stable, who had gone into the mow to get hay for the horses. Death is believed to be due to natural causes.

Good Crop Promise.

Almost from the time of seeding or planting, until the harvesting, estimates are made as to the probability of the yield, at first gauging by the area planted as compared to former years, the conditions favoring germination, and then the rain, drought, heat or cold figures from week to week. The latest government estimate, a couple days ago, is favorable to most crops. The frequent showers, and too abundant moisture in some sections interfering seriously with harvesting and cultivation, but, the heat and moisture, on the other hand have been beneficial to other crops. The estimate favor bumper crops, though there is time enough for great depreciation before the products are garnered. The indicated harvest of corn, 2,651,100,000 bushels, is a greater crop than ever was harvested, while the promised wheat, 705,596,000 bushels, falls behind only the gigantic yield of 1901. Oats, rye, barley and potatoes are well up to the bumper standard. There is no deficiency anywhere, and meteorological conditions since the reports closed have been favorable to the maintenance of the promise. There is prosperity in every line and figure of the estimates, and the railroads will have difficulty in meeting the demands of transportation.

Home Destroyed by Lightning.

During the electrical shower which passed over this city Friday night lightning struck and burned to the ground the house occupied by aged John Pensyl and his wife, situated at the foot of the hill along the road leading southward from Union Corner. Mr. Pensyl is 86 years of age and is deaf and blind. He lived alone with his wife, who is 65 years of age. The couple were alone in the building, a 2½ story structure, when it was struck by the electric fluid.

The building immediately took fire and burned rapidly. It was with difficulty that Mrs. Pensyl got her husband out through the smoke. The aged couple in their panic stricken state were unable to save any of their furniture. It was a few minutes before even the nearest neighbor realized what had occurred, and by the time they reached the burning building the house was enveloped in flames. With their help a few articles were saved on the first floor, but beyond these, furniture, clothing and all, were destroyed with the house. There was no insurance.

The house burned was a mile or so from Elysburg and the fire was visible from this city.

Danville vs. Cuban Giants.

The game at DeWitt's Park today between the local club and the Cuban Giants will be very interesting, in as much as each team has won two games. That these teams are evenly matched, may be seen by the scores made in the last four games played, which we give below. The first game, which was a 12 inning contest, resulted, Cuban Giants, 3; Danville, 2.

The second game, Cuban Giants, 0; Danville, 2.

The third game, Cuban Giants, 3; Danville, 1, and the last game, Cuban Giants, 1; Danville, 3.

So it will be seen that in the total four games or 40 full innings by each side, only 15 runs were scored.

The visitors will be out for a scalp today, but as on former occasions the home team expects to be in it at the finish. Counts, who operated so successfully against the Cubans on their last visit, will pitch for Danville today. There will be a large crowd present to cheer the locals on to victory. Everybody should attend.

Ashland Short on Water.

The shortage of Ashland is up against their usual trouble—a dry famine. One of the reservoirs is dry and the other contains very little water. People have been warned to be as saving as possible.

These are the days when the church picnic has the right of way.

THE HEARING WAS POSTPONED

The hearing of the preliminary injunction against the Danville & Sunbury Street Railway Company in which M. F. Galick, South Danville, is the plaintiff, which was to have taken place at Sunbury Monday was postponed until next Monday.

The preliminary injunction which was granted last Wednesday, restraining the trolley company from laying its track in front of a property owned by the plaintiff on Hazleton Avenue without obtaining his consent. An early hearing was looked forward to with the hope that the matter might be finally disposed of.

By agreement of both parties the injunction will stand until next Monday, when Judge Savidge will hold a final hearing giving the street car company time to file an answer. The injunction then will be either dissolved or made permanent.

The plaintiff contends that the Pennsylvania Railroad lies in the center of Hazleton Avenue and that the half of the street embracing the whole width between the Pennsylvania tracks and the property line belongs to Galick and on those grounds he seeks to restrain the trolley company from building.

The question to be decided is where the center line of the street shall be drawn—whether the Pennsylvania roads bed lies in the street, or outside of it.

A Genuine Wild Cat.

Thomas McDonald, the aged engineer on the Keystone Hill, near Locust Gap, had an exciting encounter with a wild cat, Monday evening.

The engineer, who is more than 60 years of age, was attending to his duties at 11:30 o'clock, when suddenly the window in the engine house was shattered to a thousand pieces with a terrific crash.

Turning, McDonald saw that a wild cat had come through the window. Realizing his danger, he determined to reach his gun on the opposite side of the room. As the cat leaped for him, the brave engineer leaped aside, the animal landing up against the wall partially stunned.

Quickly he pulled down the shot gun. Before he had time to take an aim, the cat sprang at him again. He pulled the trigger and the beast fell dead.

The cat measures a little more than two feet in length and weighs about 20 pounds.

President to Lay Corner Stone.

In an attempt to break the hoodoo which has been hovering over the construction of the new Luzerne court house the County Commissioners have decided upon a novel plan and President Roosevelt will be asked to devote about 15 minutes of his time to laying the corner stone when in Wilkesbarre on August 10th.

The stone, which is of liver rock, sandstone, weighs about ten tons, and everything could be made in readiness for the ceremony on that date. Many believe that the presence of the chief executive would aid materially in offsetting the trouble and compelling all to join hands in an effort to build the county temple of justice for Luzerne county.

A Distinguished Honor.

Rev. Harry Curtin Harnam, of the Milton Methodist church, formerly pastor of St. Paul's church, this city, has accepted an invitation to preach the Sunday morning sermon at the annual meeting of the Iowa State Convention of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church at Waterloo, Iowa, on October 29th. This convention is the annual gathering of the young people's society of Methodism in that state, and is one of the largest and strongest in the middle west. Dr. Goucher, president of the Woman's College, Baltimore, will preach the evening sermon.

He Will Accept.

Rev. W. P. Eveland, pastor of the Methodist church of Bloomsburg, accompanied by his wife was a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Evans, this city, yesterday. While here Rev. Eveland received a telegram from W. F. Thompson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, notifying him that he had been elected to the Presidency of that institution, a full account of which appears in another column. During his visit Rev. Eveland indicated that he would accept the position.

The investigation of the agricultural department ought to include a look into the distribution of seeds that are of little if any value.