

# DANVILLE INTELLIGENCER

"PLEADED BUT TO TRUTH, TO LIBERTY AND LAW—NO FAVOR SWAYS US AND NO FEAR SHALL AWE."  
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## MAY PIPE CANAL BEFORE WINTER

Affairs relating to the old canal seem to be reaching a crisis and it is a question just how great a nuisance of this sort the people are obliged to tolerate. As the season advances rank and noxious weeds conspire with the sluggish and half concealed sewage in the bottom to render the long ditch doubly unsightly and disgusting, while as a menace to public health the situation grows more and more grave every day. That the public will along the old waterway are crying out against the nuisance is only natural in the premises. That they have submitted to the state of affairs without more drastic action is due solely to their conservative spirit and forbearance.

An interview yesterday was had with J. H. Gosser, President of the Board of Trade, who took the matter up with owners of the canal many months ago and succeeded in obtaining from them a promise to co-operate with the Borough in abating the nuisance. Things move slowly, but Mr. Gosser has confidence that the D. L. & W. Railroad Company means to do the right thing and that before many months the nuisance will be out of the way.

A letter bearing on the subject has been received from G. J. Ray, Division Superintendent of the D. L. & W. Railroad, who caused a survey to be made early last spring to determine the feasibility of piping the old waterway. Mr. Ray states in effect that the agreements in connection with the work are all prepared and will be presented to the Board of Trade for approval. The D. L. & W. people, he says, hope to get the work under way this fall. He sees no reason why the piping should not be completed before winter.

The above certainly sounds encouraging and is the most assuring information that has yet been received. The Borough, it will be remembered, has agreed to fill up the canal if the owners will lay pipe in the bottom to provide for the drainage. The D. L. & W. Railway Company, it is said, are favorable to this proposition, and will agree further that the Borough may use the pipe as a public sewer.

Should it turn out that all delays are over and the Council and the Railroad Company get together on the above basis it will prove a very good thing for the Borough, as it will not only rid the town of a great nuisance but will at the same time give us ever half a mile of public sewer, where such an improvement under any other circumstances would be out of the question for many years to come.

### Tin Wedding Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinbach, entertained a large number of friends at their home on Elms road Saturday. The affair was given as a celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Heinbach's 15th wedding anniversary. An excellent dinner was served. Many presents were received by the couple.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Reppert, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maust and daughter Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Geriting, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leiglow, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Heinbach, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Poust, Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Mauser, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Krum, Mesdames Cronley, Susan Butler, Rachel Ober Kocher, W. C. Heller, Thomas Cole, W. G. Ridgway, Howard Reppert and daughter Ethel, Lucy Walter, Kellar, W. Wertman, Joseph Mottom, David Krom, J. Morrison, W. Morrison, Lydia Kasner, Minnie Middleton, Peter Motter and Mrs. Burger, of Shamokin; Misses Marie Heinbach, Ella Balliet, Verma Morrison, Lizzie Kocher, Gertrude Morrison, Laura Morrison, May Heinbach, Hannah Morrison, Pearl Krum, Edna Leiglow, Pauline and Mary Mauser, Mary Poust and Mary Morrison; Messrs. H. Balliet, John Reppert, Jr., Clark Heinbach, David Leiglow, Raymond and Samuel Morrison, Hess Middleton and Earl Heinbach.

### Pleasant Surprise Party.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy at Riverside on Monday evening, which proved a decidedly pleasant affair. Stoves had been present to furnish the music.

The following were present: Mrs. Harriet Boyer, Mrs. W. W. Kimbel, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nasse, Mrs. Dennis Murphy, William Murphy, Mrs. John Snyder, Miss Annie Spotts, Mr. and Mrs. John Gosser, Mr. and Mrs. William Mintzer, Miss Anna Campbell, Mrs. Jennie Knorr, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Huber, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, Charles Riffe, Mr. J. O. Ehrley, Riverside; Mrs. John Hookey, Mrs. Richard Hookey, Mrs. Edward Graham, Mrs. James Graham, Mr. William Shooley, Misses Mary Heilly, Kate Graham, Mary Rogers, Thomas Peyton, Lizzie Gray, Messrs. Almon Graham, Frank Graham, Harry Edwards, James Graham, Frank Taylor, Ralph Kimer, Joseph Shick, John Dugan, Joseph Dalley, James Powers, of Danville; Miss Viola Shooley and Herbert Shooley, of Harrisburg.

### Try It Once.

The fellow who had been criticised by the editor of a local newspaper, applied to a lawyer to find out how to break up the paper. He was told to buy the paper and run it six months. He was charged \$2 for the advice.

## FALL RESULTS IN BROKEN BACK

Thomas Sullivan, a moulder employed at the Stone Works, fell from the canal bridge at Beaver street, Saturday night and sustained terrible injuries, his back being broken.

Sullivan and some companions about 9 o'clock were seated on the railing of the canal bridge when Sullivan owing to some cause lost his balance and fell head first into the canal which at that point contains a small quantity of water. The fall is one of at least fifteen feet. Sullivan is a heavy man and he struck the bottom with great force. He was unable to arise and it was apparent at once that he was badly injured.

Chief-of-Police Mincemoyer, who was out on Market street, heard his cries and ran to the spot. The man was paralyzed in his lower limbs as the result of the fall and was unable to do anything to help himself. On each side the canal bank is supported by a stone wall and the task of getting the man out of the canal was a most difficult one. After a good bit of hard tugging on the part of the Officer and those assisting the job was accomplished and the man was carried to the no-renting house of William Cramb, East Market street, where Dr. P. O. Newbaker was called.

It required but a superficial examination to convince the experienced physician that the man's back was broken, or that there was a bad dislocation of the vertebrae, which means substantially the same thing. The physician at once reduced the dislocation, but the paralysis of the lower limbs continued, which leaves no doubt as to the gravity of the case. It is a case from present indications that admits of little or no hope, admitting that the patient as he sometimes happens in such cases should survive for a year or longer.

### William Miller's Sudden Death.

William Miller, a well-known resident of Riverside, departed this life suddenly on Tuesday night. He was in his usual health during the day and enjoyed a walk to Danville.

The deceased was fifty years of age. One year ago last Easter he sustained a slight stroke of paralysis. He was very nearly recovered from the effects in time and although later on he sustained one or two slight strokes he still got along without much difficulty, except that at times he complained of a weakness in the limbs.

### A Strange Animal.

A strange looking animal swimming around in the river at Milton attracted the attention of residents in that town a few days ago by its peculiar appearance and propelling its body in the water. It did not resemble any known species of four-legged critters that inhabit this part of the footstool and created not a little excitement. One fellow with a scientific turn of mind wanted to go and bring a fellow who knew something about "zoology" and get his opinion, but while the matter was being debated the animal was captured. It proved to be a large muskrat with his head caught in a rusty sardine box.

## PREACHING RESUMES

There was a general revival of interest among the churches Sunday. The delightful day with its clear sky and cool atmosphere was in itself sufficient to tempt people out to worship. There were no less than three of our most popular pastors who had just returned from their vacation trips and the attendance that greeted them was as natural as quite large.

Rev. Dr. McCormack and the Rev. J. E. Hutcheon, pastors respectively of the Grove Presbyterian and the Mahoning Presbyterian churches, both occupied their pulpits after an absence of some six weeks, delivering able and sympathetic discourses, revealing that neither had lost through his absence any zeal in his work nor love for his people. Rather, invigorated by rest and recreation they are prepared for a season of renewed effort, under conditions that will be sure to yield excellent fruit.

Rev. S. B. Evans, pastor of St. Paul's R. E. church, was the other pastor who occupied his pulpit after an absence. He was greeted with the usual large and devoted congregation.

### Passengers Saw Thrilling Sight.

Danville people who came up from Sunbury on the 3:21 Pennsylvania train yesterday afternoon, beheld a thrilling spectacle as the train pulled out from the station. This was nothing less than a lineman in the alley running between Pennsylvania Avenue to Race street, shocked by electricity, and hanging head downward, suspended from a high electric light pole.

The injured man is about thirty-five years of age. He is a native of Troy, N. Y., where he has a sister residing. He has been in Danville off and on for several years past. He is a competent workman and is much liked by his employers.

### Registration and Taxes.

Voters should see to it that they are registered before Thursday, September 7th, in order to avoid the possibility of being deprived of their vote in November.

### Corn Roast.

A number of young ladies and gentlemen from this city enjoyed an old fashioned corn roast at Paul's grove Monday evening. Those present were: Thomas Murray, Harry Titley, Frank Montague, Elaine James, Clyde Dyer, Leon Moyer, Joseph Breitenbach and Misses Emma and Gertrude Linker, Hannah Evans, Alice Stebbins, Ruth Caroliskey, Belle Adams of this city, and Miss Grace Haag, of Wilkes-Barre.

## BREEDING PLACE FOR MOSQUITOES

The old canal with its deposit of stagnant water is not only a menace to public health but it is also a breeding place for mosquitoes, which just now are proving a terrible pest in our town. The increase of mosquitoes has been noted since the abandonment of the canal, but the present year is a record breaker and there is hardly a residence within several squares of the old waterway where in spite of window screens, the mosquitoes at night do not hold high carnival, inflicting torture on humanity and rendering sleep impossible. The excess the present year is no doubt to be attributed to the rather abundant rains, which have kept the bottom of the canal well covered with water from one end of town to the other.

The mosquito is the king of pests. The most advanced scientists of the day are devising means for getting rid of him. At many places where he is a nuisance swamps and bogs are being drained and filled up. It is unfortunate, indeed, that Danville against its will, should be obliged to maintain what is worse than an ordinary swamp, a place where mosquitoes breed by the millions.

### Taken to Sunbury.

Frederick Miller, an old man residing with his son-in-law, Wendel Grauns, Mill street, was taken to the Mary M. Packer Hospital, Sunbury, yesterday with a broken thigh.

The injured man is seventy-nine years old. When time dragged on his hands he was in the habit of going over to Keeley's blacksmith shop where he amused himself by brushing the flies from the horses that were being shod.

### Says the Pastor Liked the Girls.

Milville is in the throes of a church scandal which promises to turn up some very interesting details before it is finished. It is the same old story of a young and good looking pastor and charming girl member of his flock.

### Puddle Mill Will Resume.

Business men and wage-earners alike will be glad to learn that the puddle mill owned by the Danville Structural Tubing Company, little since last January, has been leased by Howe & Samuels, of Philadelphia for another term and that it will be started up in a short time under circumstances that augur exceedingly well for the future.

The mill will start up on Monday, September 11th, to manufacture low phosphorus muck bar used in the manufacture of crucible steel. As usual the mill will be run on one turn, employing seventy-five men. Not only are there sufficient orders on hand to warrant starting up, but all indications point to a long run.

## DEPOT SCHOOL WILL BE SOLD

The School Board held a regular meeting Monday. Among other matters taken up relating to the opening of the term was the subject of vaccination, which, as things now stand, is apt to interfere a little with attendance.

In the first place it develops that in many cases vaccination was put off until the very last moment. Thus not a few pupils appear in school whose vaccination has not as yet developed. The surprising part of it is that not a few of these newly vaccinated children have been granted certificates by the physicians setting forth that they have been "successfully" vaccinated. It was the sense of the Board that the physician makes a mistake who fills out the blank setting forth that the child has been "successfully" vaccinated and presents it on the day when vaccination takes place—before he knows whether the operation will be a success or otherwise.

On motion of Dr. Harpel the secretary was ordered to request the different physicians of the Borough not to present certificates of successful vaccination until after the expiration of at least a week. If necessary to admit a pupil a brief statement, setting forth that vaccination has taken place, it was recommended be written out and later on, if it proves a success, the proper certificate be presented.

### Cool Weather and Frosts.

Rev. Ira R. Hicks has issued the following weather predictions for the month of September: The last storm disturbances in August promise to reach into the first day of September. On and touching Friday the 1st, no reader need be surprised to see or hear a crisis in the elements—rain, wind and thunder. The disturbances at this time will, in all probability, be prolonged in cloudy and threatening and possibly stormy weather up to and through the 3rd, 4th and 5th.

### New Sisters' School Opened.

The most recent accession to the numerous excellent parochial and diocesan schools within the Diocese of Harrisburg is the Industrial School for Girls, which was recently opened here at the Holy Family Convent by Sisters of Christian Charity.

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## WORK CONDEMNED BY THE STATE

That the State Highway leading to Maudsle, between the Borough and the Valley township line does not come up to specifications is pretty well known by this time. State Highway Commissioner Hunter, who visited the spot, admitted as much. At the same time just in what respect the road falls short of the plans and specifications and what remains to be done has never been made clear to the public.

The principal defect in the State Highway, it has been ascertained, lies in the construction of the last course, which should be higher in the middle than at the edges forming what is termed a "crown" so that the water may drain off easily. The road during process of construction did seem to round up as required, but by the time it was completed it must be admitted there was little or no crown visible.

The State will obligate the contractors to go over the whole road reconstructing the top course and giving it the proper crown required in the specifications. To make the job a good one the entire surface of the road will have to be scarified as the screenings are applied so that the cohesion will be perfect. Proper rolling is supposed to complete the job so that by the time all is completed the road will come fully up to the requirements.

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## K. L. OF C. E. DISTRICT RALLY

The joint meeting of the Ministerium Associations of Berwick and Lewisburg and the semi-annual Rally of the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor were held yesterday in the United Evangelical church, this city.

The Ministerium Associations meeting took place at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Nearly twenty ministers were in attendance. The reports of the pastors showed that the Church's work in the District is in a flourishing condition.

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## A PIONEER IRON WORKER

Richard Morrall, Sr., one of the pioneer iron workers of Danville, who is living with his son Samuel Morrall, Riverside, Friday took a stroll over into Danville to view the improvements.

Mr. Morrall was very warmly greeted by his old-time associates, many of whom had not seen him for a long time, for Mr. Morrall although in the very best of health, does not often walk so far as Danville. Yesterday was his eighty-fifth birthday and he was celebrating the event by a trip abroad. When in Danville before, he said, the pavement in front of the Montour House was being laid and things looked much different from what they do now. He was much pleased with the change.

Mr. Morrall is a remarkable man. Notwithstanding his extreme age he is in full possession of all his faculties, even his hearing being unimpaired. His step is still reasonably firm and he has no bodily ailments. He is of a cheerful disposition and being very much in touch with things about him and possessing a fund of information that relates to the past beyond which most men remember as an agreeable companion whose conversation beguiles the hours he has few equals among the young or the old.

In conversation yesterday Mr. Morrall stated that he came to Danville in 1848 when 25 years of age. The "Big Mill" here had just been started up, but Mr. Morrall went to work for Hancock & Foley. He was born in Staffordshire, England, and crossed the ocean according to the custom of the time in a sailing vessel. By occupation he was a puddler and for sixty years engaged in the arduous labor of converting pig iron into wrought iron. Some one expressed surprise that he should be so well preserved after the many years of such exhaustive labor. Mr. Morrall replied that in his opinion it was all due to prudent habits. He was always careful, he said, to husband his energies and to avoid excess in any form.

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