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STORES OPEN IN THE EVENING.

The early closing season ended with the last of September and yesterday most of the stores remained open after six o'clock in the evening. The illuminated buildings made Mill street appear much more cheerful, although from appearances the volume of business done was not heavy. This is because the people have gotten out of the habit of shopping after six o'clock and it will be some time before they become accustomed to going to the store in the evening. The evening, too, was a rainy one and most people chose to remain in doors.

As soon as our people become familiar with the fact that the stores are open there will be a good deal of shopping during the long evenings. There seems to be a sentiment among the merchants in favor of closing at 8 o'clock and that was the hour at which most of the stores were closed last evening. A few are not in favor of selling any more for closing up, while others prefer adhering to the rule of the summer and closing at six o'clock each day with the exception of Saturday. It is not unlikely that 8 o'clock will be the hour on which a compromise will be made and that what shopping is done in the evening will have to be finished before that hour. Later in the season the time may be extended.

"The Switzerland of America."

The usual forethought of the Passenger Department of the Reading Railway is again shown by the opportunity they are giving the people on the Catawissa branch to visit Manch Chunk, "The Switzerland of America" at this time of the year, when the magnificent mountain scenery is at the height of its grandeur.

The excursion special will leave this city next Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock, and will be conducted personally by D. L. Manger, the well known and popular district passenger agent of Williamsport. The round trip fare is \$1.50. The train will arrive at Manch Chunk at 10:30. Here the switch back the most unique railway in America is at the disposal of the excursionist. The route of this road is 18 miles long, and rises, at its highest point, to 1,660 feet above sea level. It takes in the peaks of Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Pisgah, and Summit Hill, where anthracite coal was first discovered.

"Picturesque America" gives the following description of Manch Chunk, "Mauch Chunk is doubtless the most truly picturesque town in the Union; it lies in a narrow gorge between and among high hills, its foot as it were resting on the picturesque Little Lehigh river, and its body stretching up the cliffs of the mountains; it is so compact among the hills that its houses impinge upon its narrow streets and stand backed up against the rising ground, with no space for gardens, except what the owners can manage to snatch from the hillside above their heads."

Bloomsburg Fair.

The Columbia County Agricultural Society will hold its 51st annual exhibition on October 10-11-12 and 13. From all indications the coming Fair will eclipse all former ones. An attractive speed program has been arranged as follows: Wednesday, October 11, 2:15 Pacing, 2:27 Trotting and 2:40 class for County horses. Thursday, October 12, 2:15 Pacing, 2:17 Trotting, 2:31 Pacing and free for all county horses. Friday, October 13, 2:10 Class, 2:22 Trotting and 2:32 Pacing.

Free attractions will consist of Parker's Trained Dogs, White and Lam Bart Acrobats, and Tessier on Wire and Trapes, making six acts, daily in front of grand stand.

The poultry department will be a show in itself.

All are most cordially invited to continue contributing to the success of the Fair by exhibiting the products of the Farm and Household.

Contractors Quit Work.

R. A. Malone and Son, who are building a sewer system at Mt. Carmel, suddenly quit work yesterday, and the inhabitants are by turns in deep despair and in explosive indignation when they look on and walk among the trenches, pools, piles of dirt, rock and construction material, which are in almost all the principal streets of the town. The contractors would give no reasons for their action. It is known that they have been at loggerheads with Engineer Hatton, who is directing the work. The contract price for the sewerage system is \$87,000.

Catarrh and Hay Fever.

Liquid Cream Balm is becoming quite as popular in many localities as Ely's Cream Balm solid. It is prepared for use in atomizers, and is highly prized by those who have been accustomed to call upon physicians for such a treatment. Many physicians are using and prescribing it. All the medicinal properties of the celebrated Cream Balm are contained in the liquid form, which is 75 cents including a spraying tube. All druggists, or by mail Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

It is too much to hope that if the dog poisoner ever realizes what a miserable cur he is he will take some of his own medicine. He don't poison worthless dogs.

SENSATION AT SOUTH DANVILLE

Had there been a dense fog Monday morning as is usual at this season conditions would have been favorable for one of the most disastrous freight wrecks that ever occurred on the S. H. & W. branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Owing to mistake in orders or misunderstanding of some sort an up freight train passed South Danville and was on its way to Catawissa when it met a freight coming down the track.

The narrow escape was the principal theme of conversation about South Danville yesterday. There were many eyewitnesses of the affair and the people were unable to forget the dreadful catastrophe which but for the turning of a hand might have occurred at the very threshold of their town.

There was the usual congestion of freight at South Danville yesterday morning—three trains in all. How it happened, it is not our province to attempt to explain; suffice it to say that just before 7 o'clock the foremost train pulled out. It went rolling up the track and soon, caboose and all, disappeared around the curve at Blue Hill. It was only a short time, however, until the train backed down to South Danville and was followed by a heavily loaded coal train, which was under orders taken at Catawissa.

The facts as far as they could be learned Monday are to the effect that the up train was passing around the curve at Blue Hill when the flagman from the caboose beheld the down train near Boyd's bowling along the track with the usual good rate of speed. Probably from the section of track occupied by the locomotive the down train was out of the engineer's range of vision. At all events he did not see it. The flagman had difficulty in attracting his attention until by a manipulation of the air from the caboose as provided for such emergencies he caused him to look around when he gave him the proper signals as the result of which the train was brought to a stop and backed down the track. The loaded train followed very closely and at South Danville passed and continued its way to Sunbury.

It was indeed, a lucky circumstance that the morning was not foggy as was the preceding morning and several others recently. It was equally lucky that the flagman happened to be looking so far ahead and caught a glimpse of the other train. Had the down train not been discovered where it was and had it gotten down to Blue Hill it would have been impossible for either engineer to have seen the other train until the engines were close together.

Almost Burned to Death.

William Wood, of Williamsport, a boarder at the McHenry Hotel, in Benton, narrowly escaped burning to death in his room Monday night.

Mr. Wood has been living at Benton for some time, where he has charge of the installation of the heating plant at the McHenry House. Monday evening he retired at 10 o'clock. About midnight, a smell of smoke was detected by some of the other patrons of the house, and on making an investigation, it was located as coming from Wood's room.

No response could be had to repeated knocking on the door, and spurred on by the crackling of fire which could now be distinctly heard through the panels, the party burst into the room, to find the interior in flames, and Mr. Wood lying unconscious on the bed, evidently having been overcome by the smoke.

The carpet, curtains, bed clothes—in fact the entire contents of the room were in fire.

The hotel force with the assistance of several guests attacked the flames with water and fire extinguishers, but before the fire was completely subdued the interior of the room was hopelessly destroyed. Mr. Wood lost all his clothes and other personal effects, including about \$50 in cash.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been caused by smoldering matches in Mr. Wood's clothes.

Death of Edwin Ely.

Word was received in this city yesterday afternoon of the death of Edwin Ely, son of Mrs. Mary Grier Ely, of Peoria, Illinois, formerly of Danville.

The telegram containing the sad news stated only that Mr. Ely had been drowned in a storm at sea. The young man was in the Government employ in the Hawaiian Islands, and his work necessitated frequent trips by sea among the islands; so it is thought that it was during one of these voyages that the accident occurred.

Mrs. Ely, the mother of the unfortunate young man, is a sister of I. X. Grier and Dr. J. B. Grier, of Danville, and is a native of this city, having lived here until her marriage. She is well known by a large number of the older residents.

Edwin Ely was 25 years of age and a graduate of Lafayette College. He is survived by his parents and an older brother.

Typoid at Jerseytown.

Dr. H. S. Christian, of Millville, has now under his care five typhoid fever patients in the vicinity of Jerseytown and Eversgrove.

TOWN MEN IN A RUNAWAY

The quiet village of Mandale Monday evening was the scene of an exciting runaway and smashup, in which two well known residents of town came very nearly losing their lives.

Attorney William Kase West and O. P. Hancock, President of the Danville and Sunbury Electric Railway Company, had driven into the country in a buggy and were returning to town. Besides our two townsmen in the buggy was a large basket containing a hen and chickens. About 5 o'clock they were descending the hill between Bright's farm and Mandale on the Milton road, when the breach-band of the harness broke, which caused the horse to run. The combined efforts of the two men were unequal to the task of holding him and he flew down the hill and past the hotel like the wind.

The sight was a thrilling one to the villagers. As the horse ran the buggy struck him upon the hind legs, which infused fresh vigor into his movements and the further he went the faster he ran. With the two men hanging onto the lines the runaway horse dashed over the railroad crossing, over the bridge beyond it and had reached a point opposite the tank when the two men abandoning all hope of stopping the horse pulled him around in toward the fence.

This move had the effect of stopping the horse, but several other things occurred at the same time. As one side of the buggy struck the gutter it upset and in a moment there was a bad mix-up. The engineer on duty at the tank ran to the men's assistance and held the horse. Mr. Hancock had saved himself by jumping but Attorney William Kase West lay prostrate under the overturned buggy, which was well sighted as a total wreck. Mr. West was assisted to his feet and was found to have escaped injury beyond a few bruises. At this juncture some one thought of the old hen and her chicks, but all that had survived the wreck was the empty basket. A search failed to reveal a trace of the hen or her brood, which no doubt preferring a less strenuous life had sought refuge in the tall timber.

Brick Pavement is Advocated

The State Highway Department has acknowledged receipt of the Borough's application for State Aid to reconstruct Mill street between Center street and the Borough line. Whether the matter will be immediately taken up or not is uncertain. Something will have to develop very soon in order to enable the Borough to take further action at its next meeting, which takes place tomorrow night.

If the proposition goes through, judging from late expressions it does not seem at all unlikely that the street may be paved with vitrified brick as far as Chambers street, macadam between that point and the Borough line taking place of brick.

The dust arising from the top course of crushed limestone forms a very troublesome factor on the State Highway leading to Mandale, rendering a drive there at most times very disagreeable. On North Mill street, which receives the same amount of traffic, the dust, it is claimed, would be just as much of a factor and would render life well-nigh intolerable along the built up street. For this reason brick is preferred as far as Chambers street, beyond which there are only a few houses, which there are located on the high bank where dust will not prove much of an annoyance. Time is passing rapidly, however, and any delay will prove fatal to all plans looking to the completion of a pavement before winter.

Midshipman from Honolulu Here.

Midshipman Ellis Lando, of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, Randall Jacobs' room-mate at the Annapolis Naval Academy, arrived in this city last evening for a visit at the Jacobs home, Mill street.

Midshipman Ellis is a native of the States, having been born and raised in Oregon, and is the first appointee to Annapolis from the Hawaiian Islands. He spent his recent vacation with his parents at San Francisco, and was returning to the Academy when he learned of the quarantine there, and came to Danville as the guest of Midshipman Jacobs until they are called back to their studies.

Normal's New Building.

The Board of Trustees of the Bloomsburg State Normal school at their meeting Tuesday evening accepted the plans of Architect Olds, of Wilkes-Barre, for the new Science building.

The new building will be of brick, conforming in the general design to the buildings already on the grounds. It will be of three stories, measuring 100 x 68 feet, with an annex for lecture rooms, probably measuring 50x25 feet. The building will face Institute Hall, and will occupy part of the present athletic field, which will be moved to ground recently acquired of J. L. Dillon in the rear of the grove.

As Night Operator.

H. L. DeWitt, who was identified with the management of DeWitt's Park during the summer, has accepted the position of night operator at Wolverson tower, near Sunbury.

Harrisburg is making a noise this week.

BIG SALE AT CASTLE GROVE

The big sale at Castle Grove farms began yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The attendance at the beginning was fairly good but the articles in most instances were knocked down at low figures.

The sale was a great object lesson in more ways than one, showing not only the excellent equipment of Castle Grove farms but also with what facility articles carrying with them fine values can be disposed of at public sale if all the arrangements are complete.

The sale was conducted on the second or the middle one of the three farms belonging to the John R. Bennett estate. The cattle are being sold under a large tent, nearly a hundred feet in diameter capable of seating five hundred people. At the western end is the auctioneer's stand, while arranged about him in semi-circular form are hundreds of seats composed of camp chairs and stools with improvised board benches. The tent, open yesterday, can be closed at the sides if necessary so that the sale can proceed regardless of the weather. It is certainly a novelty, not to say a luxury, for our farmers to sit reclining on a comfortable chair in a shady pavilion while stazing up the value of live stock and placing their bid thereon.

Strangers from New York and other points began to assemble in Danville Tuesday night. A good many others arrived in the early trains yesterday morning. These together with residents of town were driven to Castle Grove farm by hacks, which piled backwards and forwards regularly during the day. During the forenoon the large tent on the farm was comfortably filled, the greater number present being farmers and cattle fanciers, who had driven in to the sale for many miles around, and whose vehicles lined the fence on two sides of the large field adjoining the one in which the sale was conducted. Seated in the tent much interested in the proceedings was a fair sprinkling of ladies.

The sale is in the hands of Peter O. Kellogg Company, of New York. The auctioneer is P. J. Casey and he is the most expert of his class. Articles did not remain long under the hammer yesterday, but taking the cattle as an example they were scarcely more than led into the tent for inspection before they were sold and run out again.

The low prices at which the cattle were knocked down constituted a real surprise. Finely bred Jersey cattle with long pedigrees went for a mere bagatelle. The first cow sold was "Princess's Roba, 187064" which is not yet five years of age and which has the largest pedigree in the herd. She was knocked down at \$45. But few cows brought a higher price. "Lactone of Montour 126341" brought \$55, and "Catherine Pompon 162255" went for \$60. A number of the cows with good pedigrees were sold at \$45, a large number of others apparently as good, at \$35. "Gurrianna 174449" a cow about two years of age, was purchased by Dr. S. E. Thompson for \$35. Almost any one of the cattle sold at the latter figure would have been considered cheap at \$75 and would, under circumstances, have brought \$100 under other circumstances. Some of the Jersey cows were sold at \$25, others, also fine stock, went as low as \$20, while still others reached low water mark at \$10. Bulls of the pure bred went correspondingly low. "Diastler 67468" whose pedigree covers nearly a page of the catalogue went for \$30.

Yesterday afternoon the selling of the horses was taken up. Some of the more valuable ones brought a fair price although no fancy figures were realized. "Buster" and "King" brought the highest price, two hundred dollars each. Both horses are under five years of age and broken double and single. "John B. b. g., 1898" broken double or single brought \$95. "Binobelle," g. m., 1902, also valuable horse, brought only \$35. "Morgan" b. g., 1885, broken double and single, was knocked down for \$35. The most of the horses sold were bought by persons in Danville.

The big four-in-hand road coach, which cost \$4000 in London and is in first-class condition was not sold. The body broke, which cost \$1800, was knocked down to Frank Llewellyn of Shamokin, for five hundred dollars.

Fell From His Bicycle.

Frank Lewis, formerly employed at Jacobs' bakery, and at present living with his grandmother, Mrs. L. Greenman, in Cooper township, was thrown from his bicycle yesterday and sustained serious injuries.

The young man had been in Danville during the morning and was returning to his grandmother's. He was descending a steep hill when the front wheel picked up a stone, breaking the forks. Lewis was thrown heavily to the ground and rendered unconscious for about half an hour. However, upon his recovery, he was able to continue his way home, where it was ascertained that his injuries consisted of several large cuts and some bad bruises about the face and head. The wheel was a complete wreck.

Death of Mrs. Kriner.

Mrs. Maggie Elizabeth Kriner, wife of John Kriner, residing near the Philadelphia and Reading station, died last evening at 7 o'clock, and is survived by twin boys, born yesterday morning. The twins were doing finely last evening. Mrs. Kriner was 25 years of age.

PROPOSITION PROVES TOO BIG

It is hardly a secret that the proposition to pipe and to fill up the old canal with the owners and the Borough of Danville acting in conjunction has practically failed through. The proposition is too big a one to tackle in the way proposed and our citizens may as well become resigned in the matter and make up their minds that they will have the old canal with its crop of mosquitoes and malaria with them during another summer, if not for all time to come.

Council still has the agreement submitted to it by the D. L. & W. Railroad Company, unsigned by the proper parties. The railroad company's proposition to pipe the old water way, provided the Borough will agree to fill it up within a specified time was referred to the Committee on Sewers by Council at the first meeting night in September. At the last meeting on September 15th the Committee had come to no conclusion and reported progress. The truth was the Borough could not see how the Borough with such resources as it has at command could fulfill its part in such a contract as the owners of the canal propose. Neither could they see the justice of Council assuming such a heavy expenditure to wipe out a nuisance for the existence of which the Borough is in no wise responsible. Unless the three weeks intervening have brought additional light in the matter it is not likely that the Sewer Committee Friday night will have a favorable report to make.

Fight on Night Train.

A great deal of excitement was caused, and the women passengers thrown almost into a panic on the Pennsylvania train coming from Williamsport Tuesday night.

A man from Mt. Carmel, C. Gray, by name, who had been visiting at Canton, Pa. was returning to his home, he had a Philadelphia and Reading Railroad ticket, but at Williamsport he changed to the Pennsylvania and insisted on the conductor accepting the Reading ticket. The man appeared to be slightly under the influence of liquor and when the ticket was refused, trouble at once commenced. The conductor with the assistance of other members of the crew tried to put him off the train, but was unable to do so.

At Milton, Captain Roach, of the railroad police force was called and he tried to reason with the unruly man but to no purpose. He thereupon undertook to place him under arrest, but at this stage of the proceedings a number of freemen from Lock Haven, who were enroute to Scranton "butted in," and would not allow Gray to be arrested. The officer finally succeeded in getting his prisoner off the train at Sunbury and had him locked up for the night. At a hearing before a magistrate yesterday morning Gray was released on the payment of his railroad fare and costs, amounting to \$9.70 all told.

Held Up and Robbed.

Returning home from Sunbury, on Tuesday night, Ammon R. Reader, a prominent Irish Valley resident, was rudely attacked and robbed by masked men.

Reader came to Sunbury to pay off a note at one of the banks. He started for home after dark. When near the Cross Roads Church, three masked men jumped into the road way and stopped his team. Two of the members of the gang looked after Reader, while the third held the horses. Reader was rendered unconscious by a blow on the head with a club, after which the highwaymen searched his clothes, and carried six dollars in money, a gold watch and the cancelled note.

Completing the robbery the men nearly discarded Reader, putting his clothing into alrads.

Leaving their victim unconscious in the buggy, the robbers started the horse and the animal reached home in safety, stopping at the barn. Reader had not regained his senses when found, which was several hours after the hold-up.

Reader is unable to describe the men, but believes they saw him coming out of the bank in Sunbury and followed him, thinking he had drawn a large sum of money.

Pleasant Birthday Party.

A pleasant party was held at the home of Henry Kramer, Gallick's Addition, Tuesday, in honor of the birthday of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Kramer. A fine dinner was served. The following were present: Rev. S. E. Evans and wife, Mrs. E. A. Curry, Mrs. F. P. Johnson, Mrs. Leonard Koenig, Mrs. William Williams, Mrs. George Reifersnyder, Mrs. U. Y. James, Mrs. Elias Lyons, Mrs. Grant Foustmaacher, Mrs. Anna Haupt, Mrs. C. H. Lotter, Mrs. William Deen, Mrs. Rebecca Hess, Mrs. Standish Phillips, Mrs. W. H. N. Walker, Mrs. John E. Cashner, Mrs. J. C. Mincemeyer, Mrs. Willard Kiser, Mrs. W. E. Risher, Mrs. Alby Snyder, Mrs. Joseph Jones, Mrs. Samuel Frazier, Miss S. M. Troxell, Mrs. Henry Kramer and wife, Mr. Frank Kramer and wife, Beaver Kramer, Media Kramer, Miss Alice Meyer, Samuel Frazier, of this city and Mrs. Mary E. Hendrickson, of Milton.

Foot ball is a strenuous game, in which those who have not undergone proper training should not indulge.

A LONG AND USEFUL CAREER

The home of I. D. West, Bloom street, on Saturday was the scene of a very pleasant family reunion held in honor of the eighty-seventh birthday anniversary of George W. West, the veteran civil engineer, who has labored a life time in this section of the State.

Mr. West despite his advanced years is remarkably well preserved. He enjoys life, takes a keen interest in affairs and only last week was engaged in surveying on the John R. Bennett estate.

Mr. West was born at Masonville, N. Y. When a boy he drifted down to Susquehanna county, this State. The next move brought him to Danville. Here he taught school in the rural districts and later took a course in the academy at Kingston.

In 1845 he was married to Miss Catherine Ann Kase. Mr. and Mrs. West went to housekeeping at the corner of Pine and East Maining streets, this city, after a year or so removing to the homestead on Pine street opposite the First Ward school house, now occupied by George M. West, where they resided for 47 years.

Mr. West is one of the best known and most capable surveyors in this section of the State. When Montour county was formed Mr. West was appointed County Surveyor by the Governor. He was successively re-elected and has held the position from the day of his appointment until the present. During the same time up to two years ago he was Borough Surveyor of Danville.

Mr. West has been a surveyor for over sixty years. Taking in the whole of this period probably nine-tenths of his work has been performed outside of Montour county. During his long career as a surveyor he has trod backwaters and forwards over the mountains and valleys of Central Pennsylvania until he has become personally familiar with the most important landmarks and boundaries of land that relate to the vast possessions of timber and minerals which make the State famous. While making some of these surveys Mr. West with his corps was for weeks at a time removed from civilization and like true explorers the party slept in a tent wrapped in their blankets or even in the open air with only a bed of spruce boughs between them and the hard ground. Mr. West was as frequently under ground as on the surface and in ascertaining the limits of coal and iron deposits he has explored the full extent many of the deepest and most famous mines in the State.

Those present Saturday were: Milo E. West, of Oxford, N. Y., a brother of George W. West, and himself 76 years of age; Mrs. Harriet Saville of Sunbury; J. D. C. Kase, Chittenden McWilliams and Miss Nora McWilliams of Elysburg; Mr. and Mrs. William D. Franz, of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bergstresser, of Mt. Carmel; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kase, of Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Diehl, and daughters Catherine and Louisa, of Pine Grove, West Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles West, sons George, Charles, Gerald, Harrison, Walter, daughters Catherine, Alice, May and Jessie; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. West, sons John and William and daughter Mary; Mr. and Mrs. I. D. West and sons Karl and Allen, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. West and Miss Lou West.

Electric Bells a Nuisance.

The citizens of the Third and Fourth Wards, in the vicinity of Center and Spruce street crossings of the P. & R. Railway, are up in arms against the electric signals, which they pronounce an unmitigated nuisance, one which will not be tolerated.

It seems that the residents can not become accustomed to the loud and incessant clamor and scores of families have sleepless nights. When people are in sound health it is bad enough, but in the case of nervous people or when there is sickness the effect is doubly distressing. It is not disputed that the electric signals answer the purpose very nicely at crossings situated elsewhere than in the heart of a town. At such places as at Center and Spruce streets, it is argued, they are out of place, not only because of the densely built up part of town, but also because of the frequent stopping and shifting that takes place on the block.

Ever since installed the bells have been busy the greater part of each night. On Monday night, however, they broke all previous records; at 10:30 p. m., it is said, they began to ring and they kept it up without a single minute's intermission until 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Few, indeed, found any sleep and it was an indignant and weary-looking lot of people yesterday morning that crawled out of their dwellings and took up their day's vocations. The residents in the vicinity are a unit in declaring that the bells will have to go. In all probability the matter will be brought before the railway company in a very short time.

Horse Injured by Wire Fence.

A horse belonging to Homer Crossley of Frosty Valley, while tied at Castle Grove yesterday caught his foot in a barbed wire fence, lacerating it very badly, tearing out the quarter. Dr. Reed promptly responded to a call and succeeded in stopping the hemorrhage. He took up the artery after which he bled the horse's foot and sent him home.

JOSEPH BOYD'S INTERESTING TRIP

Our townsman, Joseph Boyd, returned home yesterday from a long trip to the mining region of New Mexico. Mr. Boyd has traveled over thousands of miles of the most beautiful and productive of Uncle Sam's domain; he has seen mountains of gold and silver and has gained much valuable information relating to our vast country and its resources.

In company with Rev. Danham, of Binghamton, N. Y., and Messrs. Baker, Scott, Blackington, Schiff, Whitman and Fellows of Scranton, Mr. Boyd fifteen days ago set out for South-eastern New Mexico to examine some gold and silver mines. The party went by rail as far as Silver City. Their objective point, however, was the Mogollon mines in the mountains of that name situated ninety miles further on. This intervening distance had to be covered in vehicles and it proved not the least interesting part of the whole journey. For two days they joggled along over a country out up to ranches, which but for irrigation would have been a dreary desert. Over the entire stretch they came to dwellings at intervals of every three or four miles. On many of the ranches small patches were under cultivation and the fine melons, &c., grown as a luxury, revealed the splendid capability of the soil. The buildings were all homely flat-roofed affairs built of mud and straw, known as adobe houses. They are comfortable, however—warm in winter and cool in summer, and the people who dwell in them are contented and happy.

Mr. Boyd speaks very highly of the Mogollon mines. The mountains are barren and rocky, but precious ores are every where in sight. Such quantities of gold and silver, he says, he never saw before and he never expects to behold the like again. The wealth of the mines seems well nigh inexhaustible and handsome profits are realized by the investors.

Bought Four-in-Hand.

F. P. Llewellyn, Miss A. E. Llewellyn, Miss K. A. Llewellyn, Mrs. Y. M. Llewellyn, Miss S. E. Llewellyn and Messrs. Hans and Vaughn of Shamokin, formed a party that drove over to this city with two double teams yesterday to attend the big auction at Castle Grove.

As will be learned in another column Mr. Llewellyn purchased the handsome body brake, which was the source of so much pleasure to the late owner of Castle Grove. The brake when now cost \$1,800 and is in first class condition. Mr. Llewellyn also purchased the four-in-hand harness, which were knocked down for \$250 and are considered cheap.

Mr. Llewellyn conceived the idea of going home in fine style. Unitching the two teams which brought the party to Danville, and placing the carriages in the Montour House barn for safe keeping the four horses were placed in the four-in-hand harness and hitched to the body brake, after which with the whole party on board, the trip was made to Shamokin.

Horse in Bad Position.

A horse belonging to George Fisher, of Union Corner, which had been brought to the stable of Veterinarian J. O. Reed, this city, for treatment yesterday figured in a singular mishap.

The owner of the horse himself was at the stable and in placing the animal in a new position backed him into a hole through which the manure is thrown into the story below. The horse sank through up to his body and helplessly hung in that position with his legs dangling below.

It was useless to expect the horse to extricate himself and means had to be improvised for assisting him. Meanwhile the animal was in great danger of sustaining serious injury and excitement ran high about the stable. A rope and tackle was finally brought into requisition and thus with the assistance of several men the frightened horse was slowly and laboriously lifted out of the hole.

The horse was not injured beyond a few abrasions of the skin.

Mid Year Institute.

The mid year institute of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be held this year at Look Haven, October 24th, 25th and 26th.

About 150 preachers attend these sessions, which are most interesting. At this time the candidates for orders take examinations. Most of the time the three daily sessions, however, is devoted to lectures, for which the services of the best platform orators are procured.

Quoit Pitchers.

The Danville quoit pitchers' association meets daily on the grounds at Voris' planing mill and there enjoys that the game to the full extent. The champions are Jesse Shaugnon, George B. Winterstein, Dr. I. G. Barber, Dr. E. A. Curry and Edward F. Williams.

There are others, but not so expert, among them being Howard Moore, Samuel Mottern, O. R. Shilling, R. W. Eggert and others.

On Saturday 46 young Americans sailed on the steamship Haverford for England, where they will enter Oxford university by virtue of holding Cecil Rhodes scholarships. This is the second batch of such students to go to Oxford.

GRAND JURYS RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Grand Jury in session during the present week has made a large number of recommendations, every one of which is in line with good judgment and is necessary to insure protection of public property. The recommendation relating to repairs at the Court House, especially, are timely and important. The buildings—walls and woodwork—need painting and need it badly in order to conform with the imposing steps and the broad expanse of concrete pavement just completed in front of and alongside the building. The Grand Jury's recommendations in full are as follows:

To The Honorable Judge of Quarter Sessions of Montour County:

The Grand Jury are pleased to report that the recommendations of the previous Grand Jury have been satisfactorily complied with.

We have inspected the several public buildings, the river bridge, and find them in good condition, with the exception of the following repairs needed.

At the Court House we would repair: the roof of the porch in front be covered with a sheeting of copper or lead to properly protect the stone work from injury caused by rain, snow and freezing; also that the baluster of the porch be replaced with a new one—that the walls and woodwork of the outside of the Court House be painted. We find the condition of the heaters in the cellar so bad that they can not be used. We recommend repairs.

At the jail we recommend plumbing in the several cells be put in proper repairs; also that an electric light be placed immediately in rear of the jail building in the jail yard, the necessity of which is urgent.

As to the river bridge we recommend that it be examined by an expert bridge builder or an engineer under the personal supervision of the County Commissioners.

We would respectfully say that this Grand Jury has complied with the request from the Court and have viewed the public road adjoining the trolley track in Mahoning and Cooper townships. We find the trolley track several inches higher than the wagon road and we recommend that the trolley grade from public road across trolley track by filling up to such height as will make it possible for wagons to drive on and off the track when necessary. We also recommend that plank be laid between the rails at all cross roads and crossings.

We consider the gutter on the north side of the public road in said township to be in an unsafe condition as it now exists. We recommend filling up on some measure that may make it perfectly safe for travel.

R. C. AUTEN, Foreman.

Shot by a Thief.

Mrs. Fletcher Lyons, a seventy year old widow, residing near Mocoanaga, was shot while investigating noises in her chicken coop, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Lyons resides alone a mile west of Mocoanaga, in a lonely part of the country, but not far from the Pennsylvania railroad. Hearing a noise in her chicken pen, about 9:30 o'clock, Mrs. Lyons went to the back door of her home to ascertain the cause. Her appearance upon the threshold was followed immediately by a flash of fire and the report of a gun. Mrs. Lyons fell to the floor, a load of shot having entered her face and neck.

Engineer Houser, of Sunbury, who was running an extra freight train, was that point, at the time, saw the three men fire the shot, then turn and run away; he also saw Mrs. Lyons fall. Coming to Port, Engineer Houser instructed the telegraph operator to wire the Mocoanaga office of the shooting. Dr. Treasler, of Shickhany, was summoned to attend Mrs. Lyons, and upon arriving, found the woman to be suffering severely from the gunshot wound, making recovery a matter of doubt.

Before the noise of the shot had died away, an alarm of fire sounded at Mocoanaga, and in a few minutes the sky was brilliantly illuminated. Five new houses, the property of the East End Coal Company, and unoccupied, were burned to the ground before the flames were controlled.

The shooting and the fire are supposed to be the handiwork of Italians in that vicinity, who have been causing much trouble lately. About a year ago a number of Italians attacked the operator at Retreat and would have murdered him but for the timely arrival of railroad officials, Graves and Brittain.

The crimes of Tuesday night are believed to be from the hands of the same gang.

Firemen Lost Wager.

John Bainbridge, Edward Temple, and William Taylor, Shamokin firemen, made wagers with friends that they would walk to Scranton in time to attend the State Firemen's Convention. The three men left there on Saturday.

They lost their