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RECEPTION FOR PASTOR AND WIFE

The members of Shiloh Reformed church Tuesday tendered a reception to their pastor, Rev. Joseph E. Guy, and his wife, which proved to be a most delightful affair. The reception was held in the lecture room of the church, which was most beautifully decorated for the occasion, the ceiling being festooned with bunting while at the front of the room the church colors—black, red and orange—were prominently displayed.

Nearly the entire congregation was present. The newly installed pastor and his wife, who occupied a position near the front of the room, were introduced to the members and others invited by the officers of the church. Some fifteen minutes were spent in this way, after which a very appropriate program was rendered.

Rev. C. D. Lerch read the scripture and followed with prayer. The choir rendered an anthem in excellent style, after which Rev. L. D. Ulrich delivered the address of welcome, an exceedingly felicitous and appropriate effort.

The Double Male Quartette rendered a fine selection, which was followed with an address by Dr. Jno. Sweisfort on behalf of the Consistory. Dr. Sweisfort was followed by D. R. Williams with an address on behalf of the Sabbath School.

George Eggert rendered a solo very nicely, after which Mrs. Greenawald spoke on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society.

There was a charming selection by a mixed quartette, after which C. C. Ritter gave an address on behalf of the Christian Endeavor Society. The Double Male Quartette sang a selection, which was followed by the address of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Guy, who spoke in a feeling and appreciative vein.

Among the clergymen of town who were present were: Rev. J. E. Hutchison, Rev. S. B. Evans, Rev. Dr. McCormack, Rev. E. B. Dunn.

The reception wound up with the serving of refreshments, consisting of coffee, cake, etc.

Brick Cornice Falls.

A most unusual occurrence created a big excitement in the vicinity of William M. Seidel's store, Mill street, last evening.

It occurred between six and seven o'clock, when few people were on the street. Suddenly with a noise that resembled the report of a cannon several hundred weight of brick became detached from the eaves of the Seidel building, three stories high, and fell down on the stout wooden awning in front of the store.

People rushed out of their houses on every side under the impression that an explosion had occurred somewhere, probably in J. O. Patterson's collar. Mr. Patterson, however, was as much mystified as any one and it was some time before any one learned what had happened.

The cornice in the Seidle building is built of brick. This in the process of time had become insecure, the mortar between the brick crumbling and falling out. Last night the limit was reached and the bricks fell. Fortunately the awning was equal to the emergency; the broad top caught the brick that fell and kept them concealed from view. Fortunately the pedestrians were exposed to no danger. Mr. Seidel will have the damage repaired today.

Christmas Rush Is On.

Christmas trade is booming and in view of the fact that the Santa Claus mail is already quite heavy Postmaster Harder, of this city, is anxious that the people be properly posted as to how holiday goods should be sent through the mails.

It is especially urged that wrappers should be strong and safely tied, as merchandise going through the mails is handled by many persons not connected with the post office, such as wagon drivers, railroad hands and station workmen. Bags containing such mail are often thrown on platforms from cars going at full speed, and rough usage is simply unavoidable.

Care in directing mail is suggested. Mailable packages can be registered by paying 8 cents extra postage. Putting on extra postage without having a registry receipt does not register anything.

Merchandise packages may be sent for one cent an ounce if packed so as to be conveniently examined by post office employes to prove there is no writing inside. If sealed to prevent such inspection the postage is two cents for each ounce.

Express companies are beginning to feel the spirit of the season, and deliverers are beginning to work overtime.

Tamaqua 79, Calvary 21.

The famous Tamaqua team with its star players defeated Calvary last night at Parsons in as clean and interesting a game as can well be imagined by the score of 79 to 21. The playing of the visitors was consistent with their reputation and was a pleasant surprise to the large and enthusiastic audience. The feature was the work of Hough and Mulliner. The line-up:

Tamaqua.		Calvary.
Allen	forward	Dunn
O'Donnell	forward	Norwig
Mulliner	center	Schultz
Wilson	guard	Sooby
Hough	guard	Goeringer

Baskets thrown from field—Hough 11, Mulliner 12, Allen 6, O'Donnell 9, Norwig 1, Schultz 2, Sooby 1, Goeringer 6; from fouls—Hough 3, Norwig 1.—Wilkes-Barre Record.

TOMMY MASLIN AT Y. M. C. A.

An audience something larger than usual assembled in Y. M. C. A. Hall Sunday afternoon to hear the address of Tommy Maslin, who has been oscillating between this city and Bloomsburg during a week or so past. Tommy Maslin is truly a wonderful man, with a remarkable career and as was natural the address had about it a peculiar fascination. Not only, has the man a message to impart that commands attention, but he has many of the gifts that make up a strong speaker. He wastes no words, but is terse and logical, often eloquent, and he drives home the truths he utters with great power. All this is remarkable in view of the wasted years of his life and the utter lack of preparation on his part for public speaking or intellectual work of any sort.

Tommy Maslin proclaims himself the "Rescued Man" and explains that he was once a convict, a drunkard and a gambler. His subject yesterday was "A Human Wreck, but a Spiritual Victory" and his talk of course, had to do with his own experience.

The depth of degradation into which the man had fallen was indeed great and yet to some extent he was the sport of circumstances. His first term of two years in the penitentiary was spent for a crime that another committed, although he might have escaped had he made a clean breast of what he knew, incriminating the real offender. Disgraced himself and after dragging his parents and brothers and sisters along down with him, at the expiration of his term he was turned out, as he put it "to sink or swim, one day up and many days down." From then on the life he led was the usual life of the ex-convict, the gambler, the drunkard, until he found himself again in the penitentiary and served nineteen months of a two years' sentence for shooting at a man in a bar room brawl, the consoling circumstance of it all being that the bullet went wide of the mark and that the shot was fired because he was in 'a tight place.''

Then after it all came his conversion, through the efforts of a woman evangelist, to whom he paid a fotty tribute. Then with his efforts to resist temptation, which came in the form of drink and the presence of old associates the troubles of life began to multiply. A former companion under the influence of liquor came into his house and incensed because Maslin refused to drink with him became abusive and disorderly and attacked his wife and when Tommy flew to her rescue the drunken man stabbed him inflicting a terrible gash upon his face and throat that came within a hairsbreadth of severing the jugular vein. This explains the unsightly scar upon the evangelist's face that he will carry to the grave.

Tommy lay at death's door for some time, and was told that his life could be saved only by taking stimulants. But he didn't believe it and chose to die rather than put to his lips the dreadful curse that had brought him so much misery. He recovered while the man who attacked him went to the penitentiary for two years. The sincerity and the goodness of Maslin is shown by the fact that after the man who so nearly murdered him served his term Tommy found him one day and helped him along by giving him money out of his own scanty store and looking after him from then on until he finally succeeded in effecting his conversion.

The whole story was one of bitter trial and there was plenty of pathos in it as the speaker told of his desperate struggles to hold on to the good and how by ever remembering Christ and His promises he was able to resist and hold out to the end. At every page of his life's history there was some lesson to be learned that should be a help and guide to others.

It should be mentioned also that Tommy Maslin served as a soldier in the Civil War and left a finger on the field of battle. For the last 28 years he has been engaged in evangelistic work. His wife and children after seeing him reform were claimed by death and the poor man has had sorrow after sorrow.

His home now is at Perkasei, Bukes county. He has a second wife, who accompanied him to Danville eight years ago and assisted Tommy in his evangelistic efforts.

Pennsy Freight Congestion.

The great press of freight traffic in the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania continues and Nescopeck had a demonstration of this yesterday.

A train bound from Sunbury to Wilkes-Barre was compelled to lay in the Nescopeck yards from 8 o'clock until 1 o'clock, being unable to go even a switch farther on account of the almost continuous string of trains from Wilkes-Barre to Sunbury. The yards were blocked a number of times but the greatest blockade was at about 3 o'clock when 10 trains came together in the yards. Four freight trains and the passenger train going toward Wilkes-Barre had to wait for five trains to pass around them going toward Sunbury.

One trainman going toward Wilkes Barre stated that going from Sunbury to Honey Pot yards they passed 17 trains. It has frequently happened that trains have laid 18 hours between Wolverton and Sunbury before being able to enter Sunbury yards.

GRANGERS DEMAND MANY REFORMS

A large audience gathered at the Armory, at Sunbury, Tuesday evening, the occasion being the public reception to the State Grangers. A very interesting program was carried out, the principal features being addresses by Attorneys C. M. Clement, I. Clinton Kline, and H. S. Knight, of Sunbury, and a response by Master Hill. The Sunbury City Band, also the Maenner-Gesang - Verein - Concordia Singing Society, Mrs. H. B. Smith and Miss Christina Dietz, of Sunbury, furnished instrumental and vocal music, and Miss Elizabeth Russ, of Sunbury, gave a reading.

M. S. Bond, of this city, representing Pomona Grange, Northumberland county, also made an address as did Mrs. Valna West, of Warren county, Worthy Ceres of the Grange.

During the afternoon J. T. Allman, Grange secretary, reported 500 working granges, with an increase of 7000 members in the last year. Reports of officers showed the excellent physical condition of the organization.

Treasurer Nivin, of Chester county, reported as follows: Balance in the treasury December 1st., 1904, $13 092 - 16; receipts of 1905, $12,581.46; expenditures during the year, $12,210.70. Balance in the treasury December 1st, 1905, $13,462.76.

Professor H. A. Surface, the State Zoologist, brought two important measures before the Grange. One resolution calls upon the Legislature to provide for a permanent bureau of horticulture, while another demands better protection for the farmers against agents who sell bogus fruit trees.

It is said that many cases have been reported where slips have been purchased in the belief that they were apple or peach trees, which have turned out to be worthless shrubs.

From a number of sources measures were introduced with a view to procure equalization of taxation. A general statement of tax rates through the State was read by Miss Florence Rhone of Center county, daughter of a former master of the State Grange.

Election laws also came in for attention. It is expected that the Grange will endorse "Farmer" Creasy's proposal to establish an official envelope for voting, as the majority of the members believe it to be the best method yet advanced to insure the secrecy of the ballot.

Perhaps the most surprising of the moves contemplated is the attack on the statute making vaccination compulsory in the public schools. This resolution which was referred to the Committee on Legislation, was introduced by the Legislative Committee of Shiloh Grange, having been adopted by that body previously. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, An act entitled "to provide for the more effectual protection of the public health in the several municipalities of this Commonwealth" was passed and approved in 1895, and

Whereas, A section of said act requires principals and teachers to exclude from admission to schools all children not vaccinated and all that have small pox, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the attempts to enforce said section is an injustice to the patrons of the schools; and it is ruining our schools by the general antagonism against vaccination, and that its enforcement in rural schools where smallpox has never existed, is unnecessary, uncalled for and unjust and be it further

Resolved, that we ask the State Grangers to do all in their power to have the law repealed or amended.

F. L. POSSINGER,
M. L. BOLLES,
JACOB LAGAN.

Yesterday the session was held in the Opera House, at which time a reception was tendered O. H. Kelley, the only surviving member of the organizers of the Grange. The reports of the State officers were also made.

Trouble for food adulterators and oleo dealers in Erie county is scented in a resolution fathered by Archie Billings, master of the Erie County Grange, calling upon the Legislature to appoint a special deputy dairy and food commissioner for that county.

The resolutions describe at length the menace to Erie county dairy interests contained in the activity of the oleo agents, and the Legislative Commitee is expected to report favorably on Billings' resolution.

From the Crawford county Pomona Grange a petition has been received asking that Franklin or Oil City be selected as the next meeting place.

Twelve Injured in Explosion.

Twelve foreigners were injured by an explosion of gas in the Luke Fidler mine at Shamokin, yesterday morning. Four of the number were so badly burned that they can not survive. Those fatally burned were:

William Grynkwich.
Joseph Mazulenwick.
Anthony Nulis.
Anthony Nacaswich.

About eight o'clock a "feeder" of gas was discovered in breast No. 17 and the miners were called from their work. Before a general warning could be given a blasting shot was fired in gangway No. 11, causing an explosion of the gas and injuring the men.

The force of the explosion was so great that men were thrown fifteen and twenty feet. The clothing of the four named was torn from their bodies and they were so badly burned that their features could not be recognized.

SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

At a regular meeting of the School Board Monday night it was decided to grant the schools a week's vacation between Christmas and New Year's. On motion of Mr. Burns it was ordered that the schools close on Friday, December 22, not to re-open until Tuesday, January 2nd.

On motion of Mr. Pursel it was ordered that the teachers be paid for their attendance at the County Institute before Christmas, the janitors at the same time to receive one month's salary. This will be all the pay that will be received before the Holidays.

The next regular meeting of the School Board will occur on December 25th. The Directors did not like the idea of assembling on Christmas and on motion of Mr. Pursel it was decided to hold the next meeting on January 8th.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to draw an order and pay the teachers on January 4th next for the month ending on that date.

On motion of Mr. Fischer the Secretary was instructed to draw an order and pay the interest due on 3½ per cent. bonds due on January 1st.

On motion of Mr. Pursel the use of the Commercial room was granted to the class in stenography one evening each week for practice in short hand.

Truant Officer Young presented his report for the month ended which showed that 120 pupils were detained at home by illness; 8 for the want of suitable clothing. There were 10 cases of truancy and 18 notices had been sent out.

Treasurer Schram presented a statement of finances to date, which showed a cash balance on hand of $10,091.-65.

Mr. Burns reported that the Directors of the Second Ward had investigated a report reflecting upon the janitor of that Ward, and that in the light of all the facts they had exonerated him.

On motion of Mr. Orth the report of the Second Ward Directors was accepted and the janitor was fully exonerated by the School Board.

The following members were present: Adams, Orth, Burns, Pursel, Werkheiser, Fischer, Von Blohn, Trumbower and Harpel.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Standard Gas Co	$ 2.28
A. M. Peters	1.00
U. S. Express Co	1.95
Danville Stove & Mfg. Co	5.33
Casper Diseroad	12.86
Will G. Brown	4.30
Samuel Rowe Co	9.45
E. E. Shultz	1.20
School Supplies	3.72
S. M. Trumbower	31.43
Jesse Klase	2.00

Berwick Ferry Founders.

An accident yesterday morning which would undoubtedly have cost lives numbering at least a hundred had it occurred at the right time, was the breaking from its cable of the ferry boat maintained by the county on the Susquehanna between Berwick and Nescopeck, while the bridge is being rebuilt.

While William Wenner, the regular ferryman, was absent from the boat about quarter after eight o'clock, Charles Wolf went to the ferry on the Nescopeck side, and being in a hurry to cross the river, started the boat across himself.

Every thing went as usual until the boat reached a point in the stream between the second and third piers. At this point the rope attaching the boat to the cable slipped off the windlass, and the big flat was carried by the current towards the rapids, known as the "Berwick Falls."

The man's plight was witnessed by several persons on shore, but no one had any means to save him from his danger until a man named Carter, with a row boat, espied the huge flat rushing toward the rocks below and he at once rowed to the rescue of its solitary passenger.

The ferry boat continued alone on its way down stream with the current until it struck the rapids, were it foundered and sunk to the bottom.

Had the accident occurred in the morning or evening when the workmen and girls are crossing the stream to and from work, nothing could have prevented a horrible loss of life. Yesterday morning on one trip to Berwick only about two hours earlier the boat carried over one hundred men and girls, the latter on their way to work in the silk mill.

The traffic across the river at that point is considerable and it is imperative that some means of passage be obtained at once.

Officers Elected.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at a regular meeting of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., held on Tuesday night: W. M., Edward F. Williams; S. W., Frank Jameson J. W., George Jacobs; Secretary, J. W. Farnsworth; Treasurer, George Maiers; Representative to the Grand Lodge, W. L. Sidler; Trustees E. S. Miller, Harry Ellenbogen and Andrew Schatz.

A Big Butchering.

A big day's butchering was done yesterday by Frank Hartman, of Limestone township. Mr. Hartman killed nineteen hogs, weighing from 150 to 600 pounds apiece. One large porker tipped the scales at 602 pounds and another at 570 pounds.

A FINE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT

The mock trial given in Association Hall Tuesday eve under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. proved to be one of the best evening's sport ever furnished Danville people. Things moved rapidly and there was not a dull moment from the opening until the adjournment of Court, not a moment when something crisp and unexpected did not develop. It was an evening of happy "hits" and there was not a part of the proceedings that did not reflect upon some one in an exceedingly witty and humorous way. All of which shows that Colonel A. V. Newton, who was at the head of the mock trial, is a gentleman of many talents and knows how to get up a fine entertainment.

The make up of the Court was printed in these columns Monday morning.

It was shortly after 8 o'clock when the Court, consisting of W. V. Oglesby, Judge; T. G. Vincent, Clerk; and W. M. Heddens, Court Crier, filed up the steps and occupied their places on the stage. It was with real judicial dignity that His Honor W. V. Oglesby settled down upon the bench of the improvised bar which had been constructed during the afternoon. Prothonotary Vincent and Court Crier Heddens, of course, were experienced hands and performed their parts with dignity and dispatch.

When Court was opened the usual inquiry as made concerning cases on the docket. It developed that there were a large number of these, which were in turn taken up and disposed of. Three of these which stand as a sample of all the others, follow here.

Case No. 1165 was that of Commonwealth vs. W. V. Oglesby. Mr. Oglesby was charged with "over-exertion." The defendant being the Judge presiding opened the way for some complications, it is true, but the case was disposed of to the satisfaction of everybody including the defendant, who pleaded guilty and threw himself on the mercy of the Court. Colonel Newton made a strong plea for clemency, stating that it was the first time the defendant ever committed the offense of "over-exertion" and that he would never "do it again." The sentence of the Court was that the defendant be committed to the Old Ladies Home at Wilkes-Barre at soft labor for the term of his natural life.

Case No. 1170 was that of Commonwealth vs. Frank G. Schooh. The charge was eating all the oysters at a church supper. In this case the attorney declared that the indictment was defective and moved that it be "squashed." The fatal defect, he said lay in the fact that the term "oysters" was used instead of the singular form "oyster." Who, he significantly asked ever heard of more than one oyster at a church supper at Danville? His Honor saw the point and the attorney's view prevailed. The indictment was quashed.

No. 1185 was a case against S. F. Ricketts, who was charged with selling "undressed kids." He pleaded guilty through his counsel, but the fact was cited as an extenuating circumstance that he sold "undressed kids" in order that the hands of the Danville public might be better "dressed" and he went Scott free.

Finally the case of Commonwealth vs. H. M. Sober was reached, which went to trial. The charge was stealing a rooster. The jurors named in Monday's issue were called—each, however, under the name of a State or National celebrity. The jurors as called to the box were: Grover Cleveland, David B. Hill, Chauncey M. DePew, Alton B. Parker, John Wanamaker, Samuel W. Pennypacker, Admiral George Dewey, J. Piermont Morgan, General Nelson A. Miles, Theodore Roosevelt, John L. Sullivan and Thomas C. Platt.

As customary the jurors when called were obliged to answer certain questions before they were permitted to take seats. The questions had a reference to the man and his public career, and were in every case irresistibly funny. For instance David B. Hill was asked whether he "was a Democrat," Alton B. Parker, whether he heard "anything drop," Admiral Dewey whether "his wife knew he was out," Samuel W. Pennypacker whether he "would like to have Supreme Court Judgeship," and so on to the end. The replies were in keeping with the questions. Admiral Dewey stated that his wife did not know he was out and that he wished to keep her in the dark about it. Samuel W. Pennypacker stated that he would take a supreme court Judgeship or anything else he could get.

The following oath was administered to the jury: "Gentlemen arise; hold up your left hands, You swear and promise that the verdict you shall render in this case now pending shall be according to your own views on the question without regard to the testimony of the witnesses, the arguments of the counsel or the charge of the Court under the pain and penalty of polygamy. You further promise in case you are called by the Court to vocalize you will do so in long meter, short meter or common meter by moonlight alone. So help you Carrie Nation."

The trial of Dr. Sober then proceeded, C. V. Amerman being prosecuting attorney and Col. Newton, attorney for the defense. The witnesses were: Dr. R. S. Patton, Walter Lovett, W.

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R. C. JACOBS IN DANVILLE

R. C. Jacob of the Maryland Construction Company arrived at this city yesterday for the purpose of looking over the State Highway and ascertaining what prospects there are of completing work on the road this winter. During last evening he was interviewed at the City Hotel.

Mr. Jacob stated that the company in view of the open weather had hoped to fully complete the highway this winter. His visit yesterday, however, convinced him that it would be impracticable to re-crown the road this winter. There is already more or less frost in the ground, which interferes with digging, while a circumstance which adds to the difficulty is the fact that no one can place any reliance upon receiving stone with any degree of regularity at this season of the year. Add to this, the uncertainty of fair weather and you have conditions that are likely to result in long hold ups in such work as road building. Mr. Freeman with a force of men will likely remain on the ground a few days longer making some changes in grade, drainage, &c., needed to satisfy property owners. With the next change of weather at most he will leave and there will be a suspension of all work until next spring.

The amount of work required to bring the road fully up to specifications is not great and can be finished up in considerably less than a month. Mr. Jacob very much regrets the delay that has occurred and no one feels the disappointment more keenly than himself that the work can not be completed at the present. During the summer he was building a State Highway in Lancaster county. His representative, Mr. Freeman, would have been here early in the fall, but just as they were about to take up the road here 1000 feet more were added to the highway they were building in Lancaster county, which detained them. Mr. Jacob stated that it is his determination to give Montour county a perfect piece of State Highway.

The Maryland Construction Company in its relation to the State Highway here has been the victim of a series of unfortunate circumstances that have militated against success. To begin with the highway here was one of the first applied for in the State. All the methods employed, even the plans themselves, were new and since then, as the result of experience, there have been modifications along all lines, which makes construction of roads later applied for simpler and easier.

Plans and specifications for a highway between Danville and the Valley township line, if made today, would bring out altogether a different kind of a road from the one constructed.

Will Meet Friday Night.

A number of our citizens interested in getting up a first class mummers' parade on New Year's Day met in the Grand Jury room last night. The turn out was not quite what those present thought it ought to be and the meeting adjourned to reconvene in the Engine House of the Washington Hose Company at 7:30 o'clock on Friday night next.

The object in meeting in the Grand Jury room was for the purpose of creating a more general interest and to show that there was no disposition to restrict the honors to the Washington Fire Company. A general attendance is desired at the place of meeting on Friday night.

The time is very short. Last year the arrangements were begun on December 5th., over a week earlier than the present, and there was no time to spare. On Friday night committees will be appointed—one to arrange for the music, one on finance to raise the funds required, a committee on floats, as the intention is to interest the merchants as last year, and a committee on prizes, the feature which contributed so largely to the success of last year's parade.

The sum of money needed will not be large. Last year $32 paid all the bills. Thirty-five dollars will be the maximum sum required this year.

Relating to Castle Grove.

P. E. Maus of Mausdale, has accepted a position as Superintendent of Castle Grove. Danville people have always felt great pride and interest in that beautiful estate famous over the whole country and will be glad to learn that the place with all its fine appointments will be kept intact at least for another year.

The three farms have all been rented out, "on shares." Jonas Sassaman will occupy the Chamberlin farm; R. A. Welliver, the Morrison farm, and David Krum, the Sechler farm. The green houses which are unrivalled in the state as well as the extensive ice ponds, have also been rented out.

The future of the beautiful villa on which so much money has been lavished is by no means certain. It is at present occupied by members of the family surviving the late John R. Bennett. The stables at present are occupied by two teams of horses and the establishment is kept up in many respects as formerly. Further plans will be made next spring, which will affect not only the mansion but the fine golf grounds and other appurtenances.

Make up your mind to attend the primaries and see that only the best men are nominated.

CONFERENCE TOMORROW

The D. L. & W. Railroad Company manifests keen interest in conditions here relating to the old canal of which that corporation is the owner. Ever since the company's proposition to fill up the old waterway with the aid of the Borough was turned down by Council last summer the Railroad people have been anxious to revive the matter in some form.

During an interview with Councilman J. H. Goeser yesterday it was learned that G. J. Ray, Division Engineer of the D. L. & W. Railroad Company, will come to Danville tomorrow morning for the purpose of meeting the Sewer Committee of Council and G. F. Keefer, the Borough Surveyor, the object of the conference being to see what can be done toward getting rid of the nuisance on a new basis that will enable the Borough and the Railroad Company to co-operate in such a way that will not place too heavy a burden upon the municipality.

In what respect the terms will differ from the former proposition is not known, but it is hoped that they will be very generous; otherwise but little will come out of it. It is clear that the present Council will not agree to anything like the former proposition, which provided that the D. L. & W. Railroad Company pipe the bottom and the Borough of Danville fill up the canal. The expense of filling, it was argued, would be enormous; also that while the Borough might get rid of the drainage nuisance, for which it was not responsible, the Railroad Company would be immensely the gainer by having a long strip of land embraced by the canal improved and enhanced in value principally at the Borough's expense.

The outcome of the conference will no doubt figure in proceedings of Council tomorrow night. Meanwhile there is much speculation as to just what proportion of the heavy burden the owners of the old canal will consent to bear in order to wipe out the nuisance.

The old ditch is not improving any with the lapse of time. A few weeks ago, during the dry weather prevailing, it was discovered that a quantity of waste matter from the Hospital for the Insane drained into the canal, polluting the bottom throughout the entire length of the Borough and rendering conditions doubly bad. In view of all the facts it is hoped that the railroad company will do the right thing and that Council may see its way clear to co-operate with the owners in some way that may relieve us of the canal nuisance before another summer comes around. The matter should receive careful consideration by Council.

Big Convention Convenes Today.

All day yesterday delegates and visitors from all over the Pennsylvania anthracite region gathered at Shamokin to attend the tri-district convention which convenes there today. President John Mitchell arrived at Shamokin late Monday night, but would make no statements for publication outside the fact that matters are in the hands of the delegates and will be disposed of by them.

From Wilkes-Barre alone nearly 500 men went to Shamokin yesterday, like numbers going from all over the coal fields, the Pottsville region sending especially large delegations, which arrived at Shamokin last evening.

Yesterday morning President Mitchell held a conference with President John Fahey and other leaders of the ninth district. Mitchell is preparing an address that he will deliver at the opening session, and the advice and arguments that will be contained therein are eagerly awaited for.

It seems to be the general feeling among the delegates and officers that there will be no trouble between the union and the operators. A few radical state that an eight hour day and recognization of the union will be demanded. The latter, however, is partly secured, and the greater body of the miners do not, if the allegations are true, work more than eight hours in any one day at the present time, therefore it is the opinion of those who are in a position to know, that these concessions are sought and may be desired, yet the miners will be satisfied and contented with a satisfactory working agreement and a continuation of the conciliation board for another year.

New Switch Under Way.

Work was begun yesterday morning on the new D. L. & W. switch in this city described in these columns, Tuesday.

Work was begun on the frog which will be located at the alley just east of Mill street. The long ties required at this point were on the ground yesterday morning and a good start was made during the day. The switch will extend as far as the alley east of the Salvation Army barracks, which will give the maximum of room for the cars.

A good deal of excavating will be required along the entire length of the switch in order to bring the track to the level required. The work is being done by the two crews of trackmen, whose sections meet at Danville—under the direction of Dennis Dineen, foreman of the lower section, and Daniel Blizzard, who has charge of the upper section.

The way to be happy is to be charitable. Try it and see how much sweeter your Christmas turkey will taste.

THE SAD CASE OF JACOB WEIMER

Jacob Weimer, the Hebrew Shoemaker on Lower Mulberry street, whose pitiable case was described in these columns over a week ago, is still in doubt as to the fate of his wife and four children—whether they are still alive awaiting help from him or have fallen a victim to the fury of the mob. Since the last article was written he has lived through nearly ten days additional of anxiety and suspense, which is almost killing him.

The time since purchasing tickets and sending the money to his family has now grown to some forty-eight days, whereas the longest time required for full information in reply under normal conditions would be some thirty or thirty-five days. In view of the horrible massacres that have taken place in Kishenev where the family reside the continued silence is full of dreadful portent.

The shoemaker still clings to the one hope that the delay in the Post Office department in delivering the funds sent by money order and his wife's consequent failure to reply is due to the disorders existing throughout the empire and the various strikes that have tied up the railroads and the handling and delivery of mail. The same disorders, which have tied up the telegraph lines, makes it problematical whether anything would be accomplished by telegraphing. Nevertheless, the shoemaker informed a representative of this paper yesterday that the suspense had become intolerable and if no letter arrived today or tomorrow he would try to see what could be accomplished by telegraphing, although a brief telegram sent to that distant land would cost between nine and ten dollars.

Mr. Weimer, says that the article printed in the AMERICAN on the 7th inst aroused a great deal of interest in his case and many kind hearted persons who had read the story called upon him to make inquiries concerning his family. He is delighted with our country, with its freedom, its justice and the broad sympathies of our people, the only sad reflection being that his family is not here, as he is convinced that with the nice little business he has built up he could keep them royally, providing them with not only all the comforts but even with some of the pleasures and luxuries of life, which was more than they ever dreamed of while abiding in the land of the Czar.

Tamaqua Downs Danville.

The Danville basket ball team was caught beneath another land slide at the Armory Monday when the Tamaqua team easily defeated them by a score of 75 to 27.

The game was fast and sensational throughout, but especially in the second half was the playing of both teams desperately determined. Tamaqua played superb ball, clearly outclassing the local tossers. Danville, however, although they knew from the start that they were doomed to defeat, did not quit, but played hard to the finish, making the Tamaqua team earn each goal that was tossed.

In the first half the teams seemed somewhat evenly matched, the scoring being 33 to 21 in favor of Tamaqua, the visitors playing without apparent effort. Near the end of the first half a fracas occurred between Hough, Tamaqua's star guard and Peters, so that the relations were somewhat strained when the teams started the second half, and Tamaqua's whirlwind playing that figuratively speaking, and often literally, took the Danville boys off their feet, it was explained by one of the visitors, was due to a determination arrived at between halves to "roll 'em up." They rolled 'em up—42 points to Danville's 6, Hough alone making 12 goals in this half.

The line-up:

Tamaqua.		Danville.
O'Donnell	forward	Peters
Allen	forward	Welliver
Mulliner	center	Sechler
	center	Gilmore
Williams	guard	Russell
Wilson	guard	
Hough	guard	Bedea

Goals from field—Mulliner 13, Hough 13, Allen 5, O'Donnell 4, Williams 1, Wilson 1, Welliver 4, Russell 3, Bedea 2, Peters 2, Sechler 1, Gilmore 1. Goals from fouls—Bedea 1. Hough 1.

The Washington Drum Corps.

The Washington Drum Corps, enlarged and equipped in part with new instruments on Monday night will meet for the first general practice.

The drum corps has undergone so many changes in a month or so past that it is practically another organization. To begin with three cornets were added; the next step was to do away the fifes and substitute piccolos. The new instruments as is natural necessitate a great deal of practice. The players have now attained a fair degree of proficiency and are ready for the general practice Monday night.

The personnel of the drum corps is as follows: W. A. Reed, leader, drum; Eugene Gulick, instructor, cornet; D. C. Williams, president, drum; Seth Lormer, treasurer, drum; Thomas Rooney, drum; Frank Rowe, drum; Art Logan, piccolo; Jacob Winters, piccolo; The Crumb brothers, piccolo; Jacob Elliott, piccolo; James Freeze, cymbals; Benjamin Livziey, base drum; David Thomas, cornet; Charles Johnson, drum major.