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## YEAR OLD BABY HANGED ITSELF

A year old child meeting its death by hanging is something strange and usually pathetic, but this is the case in the case of little Helen Strohm, daughter of Sidney Strohm, Wilkes-Barre, and a granddaughter of James Strohm, both formerly of Danville, met her death Wednesday afternoon at about half past four o'clock.

The little tot had been rocked to sleep and the mother had taken it up stairs and placed it in its crib, which was along side of the bed, with a space of only six inches between the two, and when she left it was sleeping soundly.

About twenty minutes later, Mrs. Strohm went back up stairs to see if the child was still asleep and on going into the room was horrified to see the babe hanging by its neck, between the bed and crib. She instantly released the child and called to the neighbors to get a physician, meanwhile doing everything she knew of to resuscitate the child. In a few minutes the doctor arrived but found the babe had been dead for several minutes, the child's neck being broken.

It is thought the child while tossing about in its sleep, fell through the space between the two beds, as no sound was heard of its awakening. The body will be brought to Bloomsburg Saturday on the 12:22 D. L. & W. train and taken to the home of the grandparents where funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Shambach of the Evangelical church. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, this city.

## Philip S. Moser Passes Away.

Philip S. Moser, proprietor of Moser's hotel, Valley township, and formerly landlord of the Hedden House, this city, departed this life Saturday afternoon. Although in poor health for some time his sudden taking off was utterly unlooked for and his death caused quite a shock.

The deceased was a native of Montour county and was one of the best known citizens of this section. For several years he conducted the Hedden House in this city. Five years ago last spring he removed from Danville and took charge of a hotel at New Columbia. Last spring a year ago he purchased the farm and hotel stand of his uncle, Frederick Moser, and removed back to Montour county. He was a very generous man, honorable in all his relations with his fellow men and naturally had many friends, who will be sorry to learn of his demise.

The immediate cause of his death was acute meningitis. He was in Danville some ten days ago and it was evident then that he was declining. On Wednesday of last week he was still able to be about and with some visitors from Danville took a stroll over his farm. On Friday, however, he was very low due to the excessive heat. For two hours, it was thought that every moment would be his last. Saturday afternoon the sinking spell returned and between 2 and 3 o'clock he passed away.

The deceased was 40 years of age and is survived by his wife, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Moser, Liberty township, and five brothers, Peter, John, Henry, George and Jacob Moser; also two sisters, Mrs. Jacob Keefe and Mrs. Dallas G. Vogt, all of this county.

## Death of Elijah Wertman.

Elijah Wertman, an old and esteemed resident departed this life on Saturday morning after a general decline of nine months. The immediate cause of death was a stroke of paralysis sustained on Thursday.

The deceased was born in Mahoning township, but lived in Danville practically all his life. He served in the civil war as a member of Company C, 15th regiment. He was 73 years of age and is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: William, of Orchard Park, N. Y.; Arthur, of Buffalo; Mrs. Harry N. Ellis, of Berwick; Mrs. Abram Keefe and Mrs. J. H. Vandine, Edwinstown and Estellen, Danville.

## Deaths Fewer Than in 1905.

CHICAGO, July 5.—The Tribune today publishes its ninth annual summary of the deaths and injuries caused throughout the United States by yesterday's celebration of the Declaration of Independence. The figures up to an early hour today were as follows:

Dead 38—By fireworks, 9; by cannon, 1; by firearms, 11; by explosives, 7; by toy pistols, 4; by runaway, 5.

Last year forty-two persons were killed outright, but when lockjaw and other diseases induced by injuries had completed their work over 400 lives had been sacrificed.

Injured 2,789—By fireworks, 1,099; by cannon, 361; by firearms, 393; by explosives, 697; by toy pistols, 304; by runaway, 35.

The number of injured, 2,789, is in excess of last year's figures by 358.

## THE WEATHER.

One topic which has suddenly loomed into prominence in the columns of the State papers is the hot weather. Few are able to resist the temptation to discuss the thermometer's rage or the inert condition to which the raging temperature has reduced erstwhile energetic men and women. Our climate has one blessed peculiarity, however; we seldom have the same sort of weather more than a few hours continuously.

## TELLS HOW TO AVOID SUNSTROKE

Sunstroke kills thousands of people annually. How can it be prevented? That is a question Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon endeavors to answer by a few suggestions that he made Saturday:

"Sunstroke occurs most frequently," said Dr. Dixon, "in the case of men who labor under the hot sun and particularly in an atmosphere that is humid, sultry and still. Indulgence in alcoholics, mental worry, privation, or anything that lessens bodily resistance to external high heat may generally be said to predispose to sunstroke."

"Curiously enough a person having once suffered from an attack is particularly sensitive to extreme heat ever afterward, so much so that he is forced to find comfort in cellars during periods of great heat if he is not able to journey to a cooler climate."

"The danger signal is not when one stops perspiring and then follow such symptoms as physical weakness, dizziness, a bursting headache, flushed face, colored and blurred vision. The skin becomes hot and dry, the blood vessels of the neck pulsate violently. The temperature is elevated and the respiration is apt to be labored and noisy. Delirium or convulsions may ensue; also unconsciousness."

"With the occurrence of the above mentioned symptoms of sunstroke the victim should immediately seek or be taken to a place of shelter, the clothing loosened, and cold water applied to the surface of the body. Preferably the patient should be placed in a tub within which ice is floating and the body and extremities rubbed briskly with the hands until the physician arrives, and the physician cannot be reached promptly."

"The use of alcoholics and excesses at the table should be avoided by those who labor under conditions favorable to sunstroke. Light weight and colored clothing should be worn. A light broad brimmed straw hat is most serviceable and the practice of wearing green leaves or wet cloths within the hat is a very comforting and good one for those particularly exposed. This aids in maintaining a lower temperature of the body. Immersing the wrists and forearms in cold water induces a prompt fall of body temperature and is a good precaution to observe before drinking cold water when overheated. It is of course, important to maintain activity of the skin by frequent bathing."

## Death Rate is Very Low.

The morbidity statistics for June indicate for this district a very sound condition as to the public health. There were four cases of typhoid fever, with one resultant death reported. There were two cases of pneumonia, but not a single case of contagious disease was reported.

Only fifteen deaths occurred in the district last month. Of this number six deaths occurred at the hospital for the insane and one at the convent, leaving only eight as belonging to the district proper. The death rate was lower than at any time since the late war, relating to vital statistics has been in effect.

The deaths are always very promptly reported to the local registrar; in the matter of births there is a very delay incidental to naming the child, etc., so that it is not until some time during the month succeeding that the full number of births to offset the deaths becomes known. In May there were thirty-one births as against seventeen deaths. In the period covered by the new law following January 1, 1906, and May 30th, following, there were 119 births as against 101 deaths for the same period.

## Concrete Walls Under Way.

The excavation for the heat, light and power plant at the hospital for the insane is now about completed and work yesterday was begun on the foundation walls of the structure. The entire building will be constructed of concrete and will be the first building of that sort erected in Danville. The wooden forms are built and the first course of concrete is laid for a considerable distance along one side of the building. In digging a foundation for concrete walls the depth varies according to the nature of the ground. Here and there at the new building a hard bottom was found at a slight depth, while a few feet further on sand or the like occurred, which made it necessary to dig to a greater depth. At the hospital very little difficulty was experienced in finding a solid bottom for the heavy walls of concrete.

From this point on the building will be pushed very rapidly. As many men are employed as can work to an advantage, but a larger number will be employed as the work progresses.

## He Never Comes Back.

A fakir is traversing the surrounding towns and is reaping a neat sum of money. He poses as a photographer, and his trick is to bluff others while he makes a living at snapping the picture and has the subjects pay half the amount in advance, but fails to return with the pictures.

Seventy seven-year-old A. M. Schriest, of Potter county, a mail messenger, says he has chewed tobacco for sixty-six years and he has figured out that if he had saved the money he spent for the weed he would now have \$7,000 and would not be obliged to carry mail.

## DEATH OF MRS. A. T. DEWITT

Mrs. Sara Renn DeWitt, wife of Dr. A. T. DeWitt, died at her home in Riverside Monday, after an illness of eighteen months' duration.

Mrs. DeWitt succumbed to a complication of diseases only after a courageous struggle. It was in December, 1904, while visiting in Brooklyn that she was taken ill with inflammation of the lungs. She was ill there for six weeks before her condition would permit her to endure the journey home. After her return to Riverside organic heart trouble and dropsy developed. Since that time she has been an invalid. For several days past her condition had been most critical, until last night death came to lift the heavy burden of pain and suffering.

Mrs. DeWitt was a woman widely known and beloved by the people in the community in which she lived. She had resided in Riverside since 1878, having moved there in that year with her husband from Snydertown. She was born in Augusta township, Northumberland county, and had she survived until the 6th of August next she would have been 67 years of age. She was a devout Methodist and a member of the Snydertown church.

The deceased is survived by her husband, and three children, W. O. DeWitt, of Bloomsburg; Heber L. DeWitt, of Riverside; and Mrs. W. S. Mettler, of Brooklyn, N. Y. She is also survived by eight sisters and one brother, Mrs. Barbara Baldy, of Shamokin; Mrs. Samuel Beck, of Williamsport; Mrs. Kate Hillibish, of Canton, Ohio; Mrs. Henry Eisenhuth, of Colburn, Centre county; Mrs. J. O. Gifford, of Augustaville; Mrs. Harry Olmstead and Mrs. Peter Cressinger, of Augusta township; Mrs. G. D. DeWitt, of Lynn Centre, Illinois and N. D. Renn, of Augusta township.

Mrs. A. T. DeWitt, whose death occurred Monday night, was consigned to the grave in Mt. Vernon cemetery Thursday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, at 2:30 o'clock and was very largely attended.

The services were conducted by Rev. E. T. Swartz, of St. Peter's M. E. church. The pall bearers were: D. R. Eckman, W. R. Clark, Peter Burger, W. T. Shepperson, Oliver Hoover and Jesse Shannon. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Beautiful selections of music were rendered by the choir of St. Peter's M. E. church. One of the selections was, "Nearer My God to Thee" and the other, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," which was sung by request. In addition Mrs. Gehlert rendered a solo, "The Half Has Never Been Told," with a chorus by the choir.

The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: W. O. DeWitt and family, of Harvey's Lake; Mr. and Mrs. William Mettler, Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Renn, Fisher's Ferry; Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Gifford, Augustaville; Mrs. H. Eisenhuth, of Colburn; and Mrs. Barbara Baldy, of Shamokin.

## Firemen's Picnic Fine Success.

The firemen's picnic held in DeWitt's park Wednesday under the auspices of the Continental fire company proved a fine success. There was a very large crowd present and the day passed off without any disorder or serious accident to mar the pleasure. The backs were kept busy during the day and until late at night carrying the picnickers backward and forward between the picnic grounds and town. Dancing was the principal diversion for the grown-up people, while the merry-go-round afforded amusement for the little folks.

The Continental boys are well pleased with the patronage accorded them and the degree of success achieved. It was stated by some of the members yesterday that the company had realized four hundred dollars by the picnic.

## Distressing Accident.

A distressing accident befell Robert Darral, aged thirty years, a resident of Nesquehock, on Wednesday morning about a mile and a half below his home when he was struck by a Pennsylvania freight train.

Darral was asleep on the tracks and was thrown to one side by the cow catcher but not a sufficient distance for him to escape entirely. His left leg was cut off above the ankle and his head and body were badly bruised. He was taken to the office of Dr. J. J. Meyers and then immediately removed to the Berwick hospital where the limb was amputated.

Darral is a resident of Nesquehock and is employed in the works at Berwick. He is a single man and it is thought that he had been drinking and fell asleep upon the tracks.

## Danville Won and Lost.

Danville won and lost at Berwick on the Fourth. The A. C. & F. boys took the first game by a score of 10-1, and the afternoon contest going to Danville by a score of 12-5.

In the first game Vordy, of Springfield, pitched for Danville and in the second game McCloud and Hummer were in the points.

How rapidly the seasons come and go. It seems like a few days only since we were rejoicing over the melting of the snow and the coming of the blue birds and the heathens, and now preparations are being made for Labor Day.

## BOLD BURGLAR ROBS RESIDENCE

A daring robbery was perpetrated in Danville early Tuesday morning, when the home of Emerson Spaide, at the corner of Church and Front streets, was entered, and \$30 taken from the house.

The robbers were bold and worked with skill and cunning and that there were more gangs than one, or that some of them were in different parts of the town is shown by the stories that came from several sections of Danville during the early hours of Tuesday morning.

It was about 3 o'clock when Mrs. Spaide was awakened by her husband, who was walking about the room. In reply to her questions, Mr. Spaide said he had heard a noise as if some one had been on the steps leading down stairs, but that he had investigated and had found no further cause for alarm. Both retired and again went to sleep.

Mrs. Spaide arose at an early hour Tuesday morning, and as she was going down stairs she found her husband's trousers at the head of the steps. She at once knew that some one had entered the house and she immediately called her husband back into the room. In the trousers pocket the robber had found about \$30.

Mr. Spaide always disrobes before retiring in a small room adjoining the sleeping apartment. In this room also Margaret, the little daughter, sleeps. It was in this room that Mr. Spaide's trousers were hanging on a chair. To gain access to this room it is necessary to pass through the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Spaide sleep and pass very near to the side of the bed. The robber had evidently gone through into the small adjoining room, obtained the trousers and with these in his possession safely made the return trip.

Before going downstairs he ransacked another room but got no more loot. He also missed the little daughter's hat in the dining room and Mrs. Spaide's purse.

The man made an entrance to the house through the outside cellar door and thence up the cellar steps to the first floor. His exit was made through the old kitchen.

Neighbors of the Spaides state that lately on several occasions they have seen a stranger with a satchel lurking near the house, and recently one morning Mrs. Spaide was startled by seeing foot prints of ashes in the back yard. The man had evidently been getting data for his chop.

## SHOT AT BURGLAR.

Morris Snyder, who lives on Honey-moon street, also had an experience with a burglar early Tuesday morning. He was awakened about 1 o'clock by the barking of dogs, and upon going to a rear window, saw a man making his way stealthily up through the back yard. Mr. Snyder quickly procured his revolver, and fired at the man, but he evidently missed, for the individual made a hasty exit over the back fence.

## JOHN DOSTER'S EXPERIENCE.

The experiences of John Doster between 11:30 and 12 o'clock Monday night leads to the belief that for a while the men who committed the robbery at Spaide's and the attempted burglary at Snyder's were in the custody of the police, but were afterward set free.

Mr. Doster about 11:30 o'clock Monday night saw two men acting very queerly in front of the residence of Fred Held, on Bloom street. He kept watch on their actions as they made their way up by the old cemetery on Bloom street. He then notified the police. The officers arriving on the scene took the men into custody and had brought them down to Mill street, when they were allowed to go free, as the plausible stories they told sufficiently accounted for their actions to satisfy the officers.

## THE BURROUGH LOCK-UP.

The term "cooler" applied to the lock-up in these days of hot weather records is a misnomer; judging by its effect on the unhappy offender who languishes for awhile under its roof it might more properly be termed a "sweat-box." The broad shed roof of the lock building receives the rays of the mid-summer sun nearly vertically with the result that the close study in terior becomes heated up to an intense degree. Men who emerge from the building after a few hours confinement in the day time are soaked with perspiration and present a decidedly wild appearance. The extreme discomfort of even a short confinement should have a deterrent effect on all who are apt to lapse and render less likely a deviation from the path of rectitude.

## BIG WHEAT CROP.

The Hanover Record declares that the "wheat crop which is being harvested will be one of the largest ever grown per acre by the farmers of the Cumberland valley. The heads are large, full to the tip and well formed. The straw stands thick on the fields and is straight. The wheat has ripened so fast that nothing but a severe storm of hail and rain will destroy it."

## CAMPAIN HUMOR.

One of the candidates for representative at the Luzerne county Republican convention the other day has filed his bill of expenses. Among other items he records the following: "June 10, to horse and buggy in driving to the houses of one honest man and three liars, \$3." That is the first bit of campaign humor we have yet observed in the returns, but there certainly ought to be more of it.

## HOW DANVILLE CELEBRATED

Although Danville indulged in no special demonstration on Wednesday it would hardly be proper to say that our town had a quiet Fourth of July. There was the usual noise and lots of it produced by the explosion of all kinds of fire works. Indeed it is doubtful whether the town was ever noisier considering the number of "people on the streets."

Danville had not what is distinctively known as a "big time," but the question might be asked whether there was ever a time when our citizens got more real pleasure out of Fourth of July. Those who had no love for the din and racket of exploding fire works spent the day resting in the seclusion of their homes and were delighted to find how much real pleasure even the Fourth of July may bring in this way.

Large numbers attended the big picnic at DeWitt's park while others went to Williamsport to participate in the big celebration there. Two hundred and ten joined the big special P. & R. train that passed through Danville in the morning of the Fourth. One hundred and forty tickets were sold here for Williamsport during a day or so previously on the P. & R. railway, to say nothing of the Danville people carried to Williamsport by the Penny on the Fourth of July.

Fortunately very few accidents occurred from the use of fireworks and none of these were at all serious. The usual aftermath of disfigured faces and mangled fingers is only slightly in evidence this year and afford very little work for the doctors.

It is remarkable that no arrests were necessary. While it is probable that a few things were tolerated that on any other day than the Fourth of July would not have been permitted, yet it is doubtful whether at any time anything was witnessed on the streets that bordered on actual disorder.

## Bank Directors' First Meeting.

The board of directors of the new bank at Exchange held its first meeting Monday for the purpose of electing officers.

The directors are as follows: P. J. Braumen, John A. Ellis, William Braumen, R. S. Ammerman, James L. Braumen, James F. Ellis, Stitzel L. Garlender, Alfred H. Litchard, J. N. Herr, Donance R. Rishel and F. Augustus Kleiman.

The officers are as follows: President, James L. Braumen; vice president, Alfred H. Litchard; cashier, James F. Ellis.

The bank, which is known as the Farmers' National Bank of Exchange, is capitalized at \$25,000. Every subscription carries an assessment of twenty per cent. for surplus. The stock holders are seventy-four in number and are scattered over one of the thirteenth and most prosperous farming sections of the State.

A fine modern bank building will be held for the purpose of selecting a site adopting plans and specifications. Pending the completion of a building business will be conducted in temporary quarters.

In sixty days the bank will be doing business.

Hon. R. S. Ammerman and A. H. Grone of this city were present at the stockholders meeting Monday, the former as attorney and the latter as notary public.

## Five Killed in Celebration.

WILKES-BARRE, July 5.—Five boys were killed and two others fatally injured at a Fourth of July celebration at Wannam, a small mining town ten miles south of this city last night. The boys intended to give the residents a celebration which they would never forget, by causing an explosion which would startle the whole neighborhood. They procured a section of iron pipe five feet long and four inches in diameter. They filled the pipe to the mouth with dynamite, giant powder and stones. While one of the boys was ramming the pipe the powder ignited and an explosion that shook the whole town followed. The boys were hurled in all directions and the dead were found lying on the ground some distance away, all the bodies being badly mangled. Alexander Supka, one of the injured, had a leg blown off and will die, his brother, Frank, is in a critical condition and can hardly live. All the victims were Lithuanians and were employed in the mines as breaker or driver boys.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. Judd E. Buley, and daughters, Beatrice, Dorothy and Madeline, of Syracuse, arrived Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Buley's mother, Mrs. Henrietta J. Angle, Mill street.

Dr. J. Beeber Vestine, of Lewisburg, spent Sunday with relatives in Danville.

Mrs. E. B. Roberts and daughter Marion, of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Clara Smith has returned to Danville after a month's visit with friends in Johnstown, Pittsburg and Youngstown, Ohio.

Miss Ethel Worge, of Milton, is the guest of Miss Lois Shultz, Church street.

Claude Guest, of Mahanoy City, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Guest, Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Guest, of Bellefonte, Ohio, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Guest, Front street.

Frank Trumbower, of Wilkes-Barre, returned home yesterday after a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. M. Trumbower, East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Evans and daughter Anna, of Kingston, are guests at the home of Mrs. L. J. Davis Mulberry street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mottern spent Wednesday at Berwick.

Mr. and Mrs. William Krebs of Frackville are visiting Mrs. S. G. Mottern, Market street.

Dr. L. A. Yeiser, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Steck, of Berwick, were visitors in this city yesterday.

C. C. Yetter, Esq., of Bloomsburg, is spending several days in Danville.

William T. Markee, of Philadelphia, arrived last evening for a business trip to this city.

A. C. Feinour, of Bloomsburg, spent the Fourth with friends in Danville.

Mrs. S. M. Trumbower will leave for Johnstown today, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Ponik.

## DEATH OF GEORGE W. WEST

George W. West, county surveyor and widely known citizen, departed this life Saturday evening. The deceased had been in poor health for some months, due to an affection of the heart. His case was rendered much worse by the debilitating effects of the hot weather prevailing, and on Saturday his condition became very critical. During the afternoon he seemed to rally, however, and it was thought all immediate danger was over when about 5 o'clock he passed away while reclining on a couch. Only a short time before his death he was conversing with his sons concerning some business affairs. Ten minutes before he expired, oblivious that the end was near, he was engaged in pleasant conversation with the family.

The deceased was 87 years and 9 months of age. He was a remarkably preserved man and although, as above stated, ailing physically during the few months previous to death, yet his intellect, notwithstanding his age was unclouded. His memory was keen, his hearing and eyesight were good and he was keen and vigorous in thought. During his long and active life he had gained a vast amount of experience and stored his mind with many useful facts. His pleasant manners and his companionable nature made him just such a person as one delighted to meet and converse with.

Mr. West was born at Mt. Ararat, Susquehanna county. He graduated at the Wyoming seminary and spent several following years teaching school. He came to Danville in 1848. He was the first county commissioner's clerk in Montour. In 1859 he was elected county surveyor and also surveyor for the borough of Danville. The latter office he held up to two years ago; he was county surveyor up to the time of his death.

He is survived by four sons and two daughters: Charles M. West, W. Kass West, Esq., George M. West and I. D. West, Mrs. O. J. Diehl and Miss Lou West. He is also survived by two half brothers, Milo H. West, of Oxford, N. Y.; and Philo West, of Susquehanna county, this State.

Mr. West was actively engaged in the pursuit of surveying for a period of sixty years. During his long career he trod backwards and forwards over the mountains and valleys of Central Pennsylvania until he became 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. The surveys he has made embrace the vast section lying between Bellefonte and Reading and farther west between Potter county and Gettysburg. While making some of these surveys Mr. West and party for weeks at a time were away from civilization and like true explorers, wrappled in their blankets, they slept in a tent or even in the open air with only a bed of spruce boughs between them and the hard ground. In making surveys on the matter were held with the Rev. Enoch M. Stevens, pastor of the Pine Street church, Williamsport, and with prominent members of that congregation, the evident purpose being to arrange for the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Stevens to the vacant presiding eldership. It is reported, however, that nothing definite has come of the conferences.

The death of the Rev. Mr. Rue, at Waynesboro, recently, made necessary by Bishop Berry several changes in pastorates to adjust the situation, and in these changes the Rev. W. A. Lepley, pastor of Market street Methodist church, Williamsport, has been changed to Coalport, Clearfield county. The Market street appointment has not as yet been filled. The Rev. Vaughn T. Rue, of Millburg, brother of the late John Rue, has been assigned to Waynesboro to take his brother's pastorate; the Rev. Charles Karnes, of Coalport, goes to Millburg.

THE TRAMP.

While the farmers of the whole country are lamenting the scarcity of harvest hands the personal tramp continues to imitate the lily in that he toils not, neither does he spin. The Connelville News, for instance, indulges in the following remarks: "Tramps are flocking to the coal regions in large numbers. They would be welcome there if they would work, as there is plenty of it for them, but instead of working all of them eventually find their way to the city battle. A celebration of the Fourth that would bring all of the worthless and indolent known as the genus hobo to some other land would be opportune." But then it would be tough on the "other land."

CAPTAIN FORRESTER.

Captain C. W. Forrester of Chicago arrived at the Montour House Thursday to spend a vacation with old friends in Danville and vicinity. Captain Forrester was born in the vicinity of Klinesgrove and his early life was spent in this section. He turns up in Danville every summer about this time and always meets with a royal reception from his old friends. He left Chicago at 11 a. m. on Wednesday and at the same hour Thursday was snugly domiciled at the Montour House.

The independent citizen is the salt of the State.

## TO EXTRACT DUST FROM ATMOSPHERE

The stove works will be shut down for a week to enable the company to install a new system of cleaning room machinery. From the establishment of the plant to the present, the old fashioned type of machinery was in use, which, while very efficacious in cleaning the castings, permitted the dust to mix with the atmosphere making it almost impossible to see from one end of the room to the other and rendering it very disagreeable and unhealthy for the employees in that department. It is claimed for the new system that it will not only clean the castings more expeditiously and with less men, but that it will also arrest the dust, preventing it from mixing with the atmosphere of the room; more that this, that it will return the air from which the dust is extracted clean and pure into the room to be used over again. In the summer season the latter may not be much of a consideration, but during winter when heating is an item it is a feature to take into account.

Yesterday the old cleaning room machinery consisting of fourteen cast iron tumbling mills was torn out and removed from the works. The new machinery known as the exhaust tumbling system and consisting of ten steel mills, five round and five square, were unboxed from the cars along with one of Glassford's dust arresters.

The new system will be installed in the cleaning room today, when Mr. Glassford dust arrester consists of a case and a battery of one screen, attached to a hollow square shaft mounted on trunions, each end trunion closed on the other open. The air laden with dust can enter the case at any given point. The fan exhausts the case through the rotary screens, through which the dust can not follow but is forced to remain in the case and can be emptied at convenient intervals.

The dust arrester traps the dust without passing through the fan, leaving the air purified, which adds to the life of the fan, as it has only pure air to handle.

A brick cement floor is also being installed in a large part of the foundry during the shut down. The annex to the moulding room was provided with a brick cement floor when built a year or so ago.

Another Storm Visits Berwick.

Another severe storm visited Berwick Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Hundreds of trees were blown down, garden crops were ruined and thousands of dollars damage was done in the 7 minutes the storm lasted.

Lightning struck a number of buildings but they were all cold strokes. The barn of G. W. Seibert was unroofed. One of the big overhead electrical traveling cranes at the A. C. & F. Co's plant was blown off its tracks, and fell to the ground a tangled useless mass of iron. This alone entails a loss of about \$6000.

The barn on the Jackson farm, one of the finest and largest in that section was demolished. B. F. Shultz who works the farm lost several hundred dollars in damaged vehicles and implements.

The grand stand on the Berwick ball grounds was picked up like a toy house, hurled over by the fence and smashed to pieces. Had the storm been a half hour earlier the stand would have been crowded with the spectators at the Berwick-Cuban Giants game and the catastrophe that would have followed can hardly be imagined.

## Installed Leggett Trap.

The Danville Rifle and Gun club has installed a Leggett trap in its grounds at DeWitt's park to take the place of the magna trap, which did service since the club first leased the grounds.

The Leggett trap is a most ingenious mechanism. It is of striking simplicity and in this way effects a great saving, as it breaks a much smaller percentage of blue rocks than any other trap in existence. The magna trap was operated by a treadle like a bicycle and it took a good deal of work to get it ready for use. The Leggett trap is operated by a pulley, who sets and releases the targets, and owing to its simplicity it is got ready for use in five minutes' time.

The new trap was used during the recent shoot at Milton. Its good points at once appealed to the local club and they decided to adopt that type of trap. On the Fourth of July the