

PHONE MEETING AT EXCHANGE

A meeting of the People's Telephone company was held Friday at Exchange for the purpose of reconsidering some of the business transacted at the last meeting.

At the meeting on June 19th the phone lines were taken from the contracting company's hands by the shareholders. It afterward developed that a number of the Turbotville shareholders were dissatisfied with this action.

The trustees presented a set of by-laws which had been drawn up. The by-laws were read and laid over until next meeting before adoption.

Each line, of which there are now 11 completed, has its own sub-organization, with officers—president, secretary and supervisors. These have all been elected since the meeting on June 19th.

The People's company is steadily extending its lines and by fall will have 17 lines in operation with nearly 350 phones.

Seventeen phones will be installed within the next few days. Two construction gangs are at work now and will be employed all summer. The work just now is being delayed somewhat by the non-arrival of material which is expected every day.

Nearly a Mile of Sewerage. Danville is moving steadily forward. Very little noise or ado is being made about it, it is true, but nevertheless the fact remains that there is healthy and material progress.

The various extensions made this spring are as follows: Front street, 500 feet; Ferry street, 700 feet; two alleys nearby, 300 feet; Lower Mulberry street, 700 feet; Mill street, 1100 feet; Centre street, 700 feet. The total length of sewerage added is 4900 feet. In addition to this another extension taking in A street, Bloom and Cherry streets and comprising a length of over 1,000 feet, is contemplated and a petition will probably be presented at the next meeting of council.

In addition to the steady extension of its sewer our borough is constantly improving its light plant, adding new lamps, perfecting and enlarging the system. Added to this is the massive retaining wall which the borough is constructing at the water works and which represents considerable expenditure of money.

Habit is Growing. Stockholders of the American Chiclet company, of the chewing gum trust, held their annual meeting in Jersey City Tuesday. The financial statement showed that the year had been a very successful one, the report showing that the habit of chewing gum is still growing. About 35,000,000 more pieces of chewing gum were sold in the last fiscal year than in the previous one. Net earnings increased \$200,000, and the net profit for the year was \$1,404,000.

Iron Co. Truck Broke Down. One of the large truck wagons used by the Reading Iron company loaded with stone broke down Saturday at the corner of Second and Chambers streets. The mishap was caused by the front wheel getting in a rut and the axle breaking. It was necessary to get another truck and reload the stone.

PETITION IS REFUSED

The movement set on foot to secure the release of Peter Dietrich on bail has ended in failure. On July 7th the attorneys for the defense asked that a date be set for the hearing of the application for bail.

The hearing was one in which a large number of people, including Mr. Dietrich's personal friends, felt a keen interest and accordingly when the court house bell proclaimed the hour of meeting Monday morning, a crowd of people were observed wending their way to the court house.

President Judge Evans and associates Blee and Wagner were on the bench. William Kase West addressed the court first. He took the position that no evidence was offered during the trial of Dietrich to show that he was guilty of murder in the first or second degree.

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As the evening passed and still the boy did not appear, his parents' hearts were filled with consternation. The police were summoned, and Officer John G. Voris, going to the scene, set about to determine the missing boy's whereabouts.

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Justice of the peace Oglesby viewed the remains but decided that an inquest was unnecessary. George Fausnaught was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fausnaught, who reside at the corner of East Market and Hononym streets.

Boy Drowned at Old Steel Plant

Eleven-Year-Old George Fausnaught Victim of Horrible Tragedy.

THE STORY OF LAD WHO SAW HIM DROWN WAS PLAYING ON EDGE OF POOL—COMRADE TRIED TO SAVE HIM BUT FAILED—WAS IN WATER SEVEN HOURS BEFORE HIS FATE WAS DISCOVERED.

A shocking drowning accident was disclosed late last night when searchers dragged from the water in the bottom of a deep pit at the old steel plant the body of eleven-year-old George Fausnaught.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

The Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Raup, of Milton, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Andy, Market square.

Mrs. Frank Bergner and son John left Saturday for a visit with relatives at Nescopeck.

Mrs. J. S. Prout and daughter Violet, of Wisconsin, are guests at the home of Thomas Prout, Grand street.

Miss Anna Thornton left Saturday for a visit with relatives at Watsonstown and Milton.

Dr. Harry Klase, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Klase, Water street.

Guy Williams spent Sunday with his sister Lois, in Nanticoke.

Miss Grace Laird, of Philadelphia, is a guest at the home of Dr. H. Henshillwood.

Miss Gertrude Meyers arrived Saturday from Philadelphia for a visit with relatives in this city.

Miss Lilly Hamburg, of Philadelphia, arrived Saturday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Moses Bloch, Mulberry street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifton Mallie, of Flatfish, Long Island, arrived Saturday for a visit at the home of the latter's father, Mr. William M. Lloyd, East Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klase, of Benton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Klase's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Klase, Water street.

Mrs. William Kersner, of Berwick, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Sweitzer, Grand street.

Mrs. William Pattison and niece, Miss Helen Kramer spent yesterday afternoon with friends in Sunbury.

Hiram Purdy, of Sunbury, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Evyan Bevan and John E. Williams left on Monday for a trip to England and Wales.

Jacob Jaffe, of New York City, is visiting his son, Jacob H. Miller, proprietor of the home store, Mill street.

Mrs. Elias Maier and Mrs. Eli Rosenthal left yesterday for a trip to Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Charles Haney and son James, of Maudslai, called on friends in this city yesterday.

D. O. McCormick was a business visitor at Ringtown yesterday.

Mrs. J. D. Vanhorn, of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. James Acor, of Pottsgrove, were the guests yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Starr, Bloom street.

Mrs. Webster Foust and daughter Ethel and Mabel left yesterday for a visit with D. F. Dieffenbacher at Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lunger and son Robert left yesterday morning for a visit with friends at Lewisport.

Miss Mildred Geiger, of Northumberland, is visiting at the home of William Laidacker, South Danville.

Mrs. W. H. N. Walker and daughter Mary will leave today for a trip to Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Baltimore.

S. J. Dougherty, P. & R. operator at Grovania, left yesterday for Harrisburg, where he will work during the N. G. P. encampment.

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SAD DEATH OF DANVILLE WOMAN

Mrs. W. L. Gouger, of this city, died Sunday afternoon at the Gynecian hospital in Philadelphia. Death followed an operation that was performed at the hospital last week.

The death of Mrs. Gouger is particularly sad, following as it does, so closely upon her marriage, which took place on July 4th.

Mrs. Gouger left for Philadelphia Monday. Saturday the good news was given out that her condition was most satisfactory and that an early recovery was anticipated. Yesterday Mr. Gouger received a telegram from the hospital that presaged the end. It read, "Your wife has changed for the worse. Come at once."

Mrs. Gouger left for Philadelphia on the 4-31 Pennsylvania train, and soon after his departure a message was received in Danville conveying the news of Mrs. Gouger's death, which occurred at 3 o'clock.

The deceased was born near London, England, 49 years ago. She came to America in girlhood and settled in Danville, where she has since resided. For a number of years she has conducted a millinery establishment on Mill street. Mrs. Gouger was a most lovable woman. She enjoyed a wide acquaintance, and had many friends.

Mrs. Gouger is survived by one son, Percy Edward Biddle, of Harrisburg, and a sister, whose home is in Texas.

The funeral of Mrs. W. L. Gouger, whose death occurred in Philadelphia Sunday, took place from the residence of F. W. Howe, East Market street, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended.

On Wednesday, July 4th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the deceased was married. Yesterday afternoon, two weeks later to the very day and hour, she was consigned to the grave. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. D. Lerch, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, Maudslai, who officiated at her wedding.

The flowers were very numerous and beautiful, the tributes of individual friends. The services were very impressive, a beautiful feature being two musical selections—"Lead Kindly Light" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul"—rendered by a quartette composed of Mrs. W. R. Paules, Miss Lizzie Russell, John McCoy and Walter Russell. The pall bearers were: T. J. Price, Sam A. McCoy, F. G. Schoch, Fred Howe, H. M. Yocum and Wesley Perry.

The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: Percy Biddle, of Harrisburg; John W. Gouger, Mrs. Lerch, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dorr, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Gouger, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wagner, of Limestone township; Hon. C. C. Evans and Frank R. Jackson, of Berwick.

The Biggest Brook Trout. W. L. McClure, cashier of the first National bank, who returned from a fishing excursion along the Fishing-creek yesterday, brought along home as the trophy of his skill the largest brook trout that ever came to town. It measured fifteen and three-eighths inches.

A brown trout of that size would not be such a curiosity, as many of that variety are caught that measure eighteen inches or over. Brook trout, however, do not run so large and the one hooked by Mr. McClure is without a parallel so far as the experience of our local anglers goes. It was caught on a fly in the Fishing-creek under the highest of the series of falls just below Coles. Fishermen say that it required a good deal of skill to land the big trout.

W. L. Davis Writes Home. M. H. Schram and George Rowe have each received a long and interesting letter from former Councilman W. W. Davis, who is visiting in Wales, where he was born. Mr. Davis is a keen observer and while in a good many things he sees a great deal to admire, yet he is intensely patriotic and puts America, which he calls his own beloved land, over and above all others.

Mr. Davis crossed the Atlantic in the "Oceanic," leaving New York on June 20th. An interesting feature of the letter is an abstract of the log, which shows the number of miles sailed and the latitude and longitude attained each day. The distance covered daily varied from 319 to 467 miles. The total distance was 2969 miles and the time occupied by the voyage 6 days, 7 hours and 45 minutes. The average speed was 19.56 knots. The weather was generally fair with passing showers or settled rain.

Will Attend Old Home Week. The Friendship fire company at a special meeting decided to attend in the body the Hazleton old home week celebration which takes place July 29th to August 5th.

The company's plan for the trip are not made. A committee composed of John Jones, Frank Rantz and Harry Raup, was appointed to look into the details of the journey and make a report at the next meeting.

Just 100 Per Cent More. Figuring yesterday on building repairs which he has to do, a contractor in this city found that prices have gone up for material 100 per cent since 1893.

COUNCIL WARNS THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to action taken by council at its last meeting notices were posted about town Monday calling attention to the act to prohibit the throwing of waste paper, sweepings, ashes, nails or rubbish of any kind on the street or the disturbing of the contents of any receptacle placed upon the street or sidewalk.

It was decided by council to strictly enforce this section of the act after a discussion showing the indifference and carelessness of most people in matters pertaining to the cleanliness and welfare of Mill street. It was the sense of the members that the proprietors of the wagons in the curbside market are great offenders in this respect and that each market day a great deal of extra labor is imposed upon the borough employes by obliging them to haul away refuse of many sorts left behind by the market wagons.

All this it was pointed out in clear violation of the above act. It was also shown that merchants and others residing along Mill street offend in a similar manner and that the evidence of their carelessness can be seen at any day by waste paper and the like strewn over the paving.

The act was approved April 20, 1905, and to assist in the observance of section 1 the borough at considerable expense installed "rubbish cans" at convenient intervals along the street. These cans are used only occasionally in a fact well known to every person acquainted with affairs along the street. It is not the intention of council that the cans should be used, at least to any great extent, by the vendors in the curbside market, who are expected to take care of their own waste matter and offals, reloading cabbage leaves, corn husks and the like upon the wagon and hauling them back to the farm.

The section quoted provides that any person or persons who violate the provision shall upon conviction thereof before any magistrate be sentenced to pay the cost of prosecution and to forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars for each and every offense and in default of the payment thereof shall be committed and imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding ten days.

The safe course to pursue would be to comply with the above section, for council evidently intends to enforce the act as indicated by its action in issuing the notice to be posted.

Reform Movement in Bloomsburg. Bloomsburg is getting into line in the "reform" and "anti-graft" movement with a vengeance. Following closely on the heels of an announcement by District Attorney C. A. Small that the investigation of suspected cases of irregularity by public officials would not stop with any one office, came the formal demand to the school board for an examination of the past records of the board and a statement showing in detail all amounts paid to School Director J. C. Brown for supplies furnished to the board or schools.

That move is taken as preliminary to bringing criminal prosecutions against Mr. Brown, if the facts warrant such action, the charge being that the selling of supplies by a public official to any board of which he is a member is contrary to the act of assembly.

A formal communication was received from the district attorney by Fred B. Hartman secretary of the school board and the letter had been read at the meeting of the board on Monday evening. The district attorney asked that all back accounts and records be gone over and that statement of such expenditures made out by the aid of which he might govern his actions. No action has been taken on the matter as yet, however, as Mr. Small is out of town, and Mr. Hartman wishes a full understanding of the situation before taking any steps.

And as yet, upheavals have only just begun, it is stated. Mr. Small says this is the beginning of investigations to some, and asked the amount and date of every order given Mr. Brown since his term as school director which covers a period of over twenty years.

CATAWISSA WOMEN. Our neighboring town of Catawissa is usually associated with peaceful quiet gentle unobtrusiveness. But it seems that the women in Catawissa, at least, have traits that border on the Amazonian.

One day recently a couple of men made some jocular remarks to a woman they met and she started after them. They thought she was in fun at first, but she soon taught them better and they began to run. One of them fell through a culvert and was seriously injured. On the same day a woman was arraigned before a local justice in Catawissa charged with having pulled a gun on a man whose language she didn't admire.

Crawford-Miller. N. Earl Crawford, of Wilkes-Barre, and Miss Edith Miller, of Bloomsburg, were married yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Miller is one of Bloomsburg's best known young ladies and has a wide circle of friends in Danville.

Mr. Crawford is secretary for Posten Bros. of Wilkes-Barre.

FEW REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

The date set for the Republican primaries is Friday, July 27 between the hours of 6 and 8 p. m. The county convention will be held on Saturday, 28th inst, at 10 a. m.

During an interview yesterday with John E. Roberts, Republican county chairman, it was learned that notwithstanding the near approach of the time for making the nominations candidates remain scarce and there is little enthusiasm or interest shown.

Dr. Samuel will be endorsed for congress by the Republicans of Montour; Charles C. Evans will be the choice for judge. Charles A. Wagner, of Ottawa, will have no opposition for the Republican nomination for associate judge. J. L. Bitter and Harry Karns are rival candidates for jury commissioner. A prominent citizen of West Hemlock township is said to be an aspirant for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket, but no announcement has as yet been made. No candidates are in view for any of the remaining offices. Whether any will materialize between the present and the date of the primaries remains to be seen.

Subjected to Severe Test. The fifteen hundred feet of Paragon hose recently purchased by the borough of the Eureka Fire Hose company was tested last night. Some minor defects were discovered, but the hose in the main seemed to stand the pressure pretty well. The test was made under a pressure of two hundred pounds furnished by the borough fire engine, which was stationed at the plug at the corner of Factory and Water streets. The hose from the engine was stretched out along Water street in two parallel lines for a distance of 750 feet.

When it is explained that the ordinary pressure exerted by the water works during a fire is 90 to 95 pounds the severity of the test to which the hose was subjected at 200 pounds will be readily appreciated. The body of the hose at no place revealed any defect, although there was a leak of greater or less volume at over one-half of the joints. This was especially noticeable where the old couplings were used, although some rather bad leaks occurred where new couplings were employed.

Messrs. Dietz, Angle and Eisenhart, the committee on fire, along with some two hundred interested spectators, were present at the test, which occupied nearly an hour. The committee does not seem to regard the defective couplings in a very serious light. It is the general opinion that the Eureka Hose company will send an expert here to overhaul the couplings. All that will be needed will be to expand an inner ring, making the joints perfectly water-tight, after which the hose will stand any sort of a test.

Hay Fever is Coming. The hay fever season is almost due and those susceptible to the disease are preparing for a busy campaign of sneezing and involuntary weeping. The subjects are already collecting a supply of ointments, oils, and a thousand and one other supposed cures. The frost is one sure cure, says an expert. The victims look with dread upon the next few weeks.

Bloomsburg Man a Knight. Joseph Ratti, of Bloomsburg, one of that town's most foremost and philanthropic citizens and founder of the Joseph Ratti hospital there, is on a visit to his native country of Italy and King Victor Emmanuel has conferred upon him the order of knighthood.

Will Invite State Convention. The Shamokin fire department in regular monthly session Monday passed a resolution extending an invitation to the State Firemen's association to meet there in 1907. The department will send a number of delegates to the State convention to be held in Gettysburg the first week in August and large delegations of the several companies will attend so that a hard fight will be made to secure the convention for next year.

School for Hello Girls. A new departure in the telephone business hereabouts is the establishment of a training school for operators at the building of the Pennsylvania Telephone Co. at Scranton. No applicant under 17 will be accepted. The company believes that this method of instructing girls will prepare them to fill all emergencies.

Tri-State Contest Close. The people of the Tri-State cities are witnessing a quality of baseball as good as is to be seen in the big leagues and the contests between the six clubs is almost if not wholly the record for closeness. For the past week or two there have been several interesting reversals of position resulting from the loss of a game or two by one or the other of the clubs.

Better Cattle Treatment. The Reading Railway company has issued instructions to its trainmen relative to live stock while in transit. This is in accordance with the new law. Cattle, sheep and swine must not be confined in a car for more than twenty-eight consecutive hours without being unloaded and kept in a pen five hours for rest, food and water.