

STANDARD BUT TO TRUTH, TO LIBERTY AND LAW—NO FAVOR SWAYS US AND NO FEAR SHALL AWE

REPORT OF THE LOCAL REGISTRAR

The report of the local registrar to the central bureau of vital statistics for the month of August gives the district which includes Danville nearly a clean bill of health. A remarkable feature of the showing is the utter absence of typhoid fever.

During last summer and fall a good many cases of this disease existed about Danville and at times it was a question whether typhoid here was not slightly above normal. Last spring, however, conditions seemed to improve. With each succeeding month the number of cases seemed to dwindle until July the happy announcement was made that we had no typhoid in the district. It might have been thought that the immunity from the dreaded disease was a purely accidental state of affairs and that the next monthly report would show more or less typhoid. Happily, however, as indicated above August was as free of typhoid fever as was the month of July.

The improved conditions, it is believed, may be attributed in some degree to the gradual extension of the public sewer, although, of course, other causes are at work. The state of affairs is certainly the cause for self-congratulation, especially, in view of the fact that typhoid fever threatens to become a scourge at Harrisburg and is alarmingly prevalent at some towns situated near Danville.

The only form of contagious disease that existed in Danville during August was measles, and of this there were just seven cases. The report for July showed just one case of measles, indicating that this disease has gained considerable ground during the month past. Health Commissioner Dixon has enlightened the people considerably on the subject of measles and this disease is regarded in a more serious light than formerly. The same applies to whooping cough. The latter disease it is true, does not exist in Danville at present but it may be said to be "just around the corner", as several nearby localities are pretty badly afflicted with it.

There were 27 deaths in Danville during August as against 23 deaths in July. Of the deaths during August, nine occurred at the hospital for the insane, and two at the Holy Family convent.

Funeral of Mrs. Lee Kauffman.

The funeral of Mrs. Lee Kauffman, of Elysburg, who lost her life by drowning recently, took place yesterday afternoon. The funeral party met at the home at 1 o'clock and proceeded to the Lutheran church at Reed's Station where the services were conducted.

The remains of Mrs. Kauffman were borne to the grave by six young men who had been her friends throughout her life while eight young ladies acted as honorary pall bearers. Charles and George Criel, Harner Zimmerman, Charles Crowl, Charles Martz and Ray Lynn were the pallbearers and were assisted by Misses Elizabeth Criel, Clara Crowl, Katherine Crowl, Jennie Herb, Blanche Vastine, Elizabeth Martz, Katherine Martz and Mrs. Ray Lynn. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Shannon.

The floral tributes were very numerous and most beautiful. The attendance at the church was said to be the largest of any funeral ever held there. The church, which seats 400, was crowded, and many hundreds who were not able to get inside the edifice, heard the service in the open air outside the church.

Lee Kauffman, although he passed a restless night Monday, bore up well during the funeral. He was accompanied by his attending physician and two trained nurses.

Hicks for September.

Prof. Hicks, the weather prophet, predicts a stormy September. He says: A regular storm period is central on September 1, extending up to the 4th. A reactionary storm period is central on the 7th and 8th and this fact, most probably will cause storms which originate on the 6th to continue over the 7th and 8th. A regular storm period is central on the 13th and covering the 10th and 15th. A reactionary storm period is central on the 17th, 18th and 19th. This period will carry the earth to the center of its autumnal equinox. It will also inaugurate a series of storms and changes on land and sea that will prove clear lines of demarcation between our summer and autumn. From Sunday, the 23rd, to Wednesday, the 26th, is a time of maximum storm probability.

Prohibition Conference.

The judicial conference of the Prohibition party was held yesterday in the office of M. P. Lutz & Son, Bloomsburg. M. P. Lutz was elected president and Thomas C. Curry and R. W. Eggert, secretaries.

On motion of Aaron Kester, of Columbia county, Charles C. Evans, of Berwick, was named for president judge of this district. The nomination was unanimous.

Hartman—Foresman.

The wedding of Miss Sara S. Foresman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Foresman, to Charles N. Hartman took place at Pottsville Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

MEETS DEATH BY PISTOL SHOT

The home of Pierce Appleman, Valley township, has been darkened by a sad tragedy. Mr. Appleman, the husband and father of the household, meeting his death as the result of a pistol shot.

The dreadful affair occurred about one o'clock Friday morning. A thunder shower arising about that time Mrs. Appleman arose and went into the hall to lower a window. She had just returned to the room when she heard a report near at hand, which sounded like a pistol shot. She, however, thought it was due to the lightning and calling to her husband asked him if he did not think the house had been struck. Receiving no reply she was alarmed and striking a light was horrified to find blood oozing from a bullet wound in his temple. On the pillow lay the revolver and close beside it rested the helpless hand of the man.

Mrs. Appleman quickly called the other members of the household, who in turn summoned Edward Frazier, R. W. Farnsworth and other neighbors. The man was to all appearances dead; nevertheless a messenger was dispatched for Dr. Paules of this city, who immediately went to the Appleman farm. Of course, medical aid was unavailing. The bullet had entered the right temple and ploughed its way through the base of the brain. Dr. Paules Friday stated that in his opinion death was instantaneous. No inquest was held.

Pierce Appleman was 55 years of age. He was a leading and representative citizen of Valley township. He was tax collector and was a prominent member of the Maudsley Reformed church. He was a man of genial manners, of cheerful disposition and possessed many friends. He was a person of careful business habits and no cause can be assigned for the rash act, which cut his own career short and cast a pall of gloom over the community.

On Thursday Mr. Appleman transacted business in Danville. During the evening he was at Maudsley. At that latter place he collected tax from several persons and no one, even his most intimate acquaintances, detected anything unusual in his manner. In the night a few minutes before the fatal shot was heard Mrs. Appleman was conversing with her husband and even then there was nothing to excite suspicion.

Besides his wife the deceased is survived by three sons and two daughters; Charles, Frank, Horace, Bertha and Alice. Charles and Frank reside in Berwick, Alice and Horace live at home; Bertha is a trained nurse in the U. of P. Hospital, Philadelphia. Roger Hendricks, father-in-law of the deceased, resides with the family.

Needless Expense in the Court.

The Sunbury Daily has the following to say about the clogging of the channels of justice by petty cases and the useless expense caused the county by these suits, which state of affairs, the Daily says, is particularly in evidence in Northumberland county:

"The county commissioners of the State, at their recent convention in Lancaster, among other propositions that appear practical and beneficial, put themselves on record in a matter relating to costs that is likely to meet with popular favor. They recommend enactment of a law to protect the different counties from the payment of all costs in minor criminal cases where the bill of indictment is ignored by the grand jury, or the defendant is acquitted by the petit jury, or the case dismissed by the court.

"The passage of such a law would without doubt save the taxpayers thousands of dollars. No other county has suffered more than Northumberland from cost expenses which a law would obviate.

"For years complaints have been made that justices in the coal regions spend every petty case heard before them to court. Lawyers' fees, witness fees and all the other expenses of a legal action are then thrust upon the county to help swell its indebtedness. As the parties to the suit in such cases are seldom able to pay the costs the expense must necessarily be borne by the taxpayers.

"Consequently people residing in the western townships and boroughs have their county taxes almost doubled by the perpetual legal disputes of a lot of worthless foreigners in the coal regions.

"As it is said that the commissioners will probably increase the tax assessment for the coming year in order to meet current expenses this point is worth considering."

Sunbury Grants Franchise.

The council, in meeting on Tuesday night, passed an ordinance permitting the Sunbury and Selingsrove Street Railway company to lay tracks in certain townships in that town.

The tracks will be laid on Front street (along the river) from the end of the new bridge all through town to the upper borough limits. The line will cross the new bridge now building and proceed to Selingsrove on the Snyder county side.

The book which does not leave a man better than it found him is not the best sort of a friend.

WOMAN STRUCK BY CARS

Mrs. Samuel McCloskey, of Maudsley, narrowly escaped death Sunday morning by being struck by a freight train. She sustained a bad fracture of the left limb and was otherwise injured. She was taken to the Joseph Ratti hospital at Bloomsburg.

The accident occurred about seven o'clock. Mrs. McCloskey was on her way to church in this city and was walking along the P. & R. track. She had not proceeded very far before a freight train passed through Maudsley and was soon close upon her footsteps. According to stories told by the trainmen the woman utterly failed to hear the usual danger signals. As is customary when any one is found walking upon the track alone, the engineer declared he first sounded the whistle. Apparently oblivious of all danger and without even glancing backward the woman continued walking on still keeping the track. Meanwhile the train was gaining rapidly. As the next resort the engineer rang the bell and this together with the sound of the whistle created quite a din, but owing to some incompressible cause the woman still failed to hear. Up to the very last the engineer believed that the next moment the woman would perceive her danger and get out of the way; otherwise he would have stopped the train. As it was, when it became clear that the woman could not be made to hear, he endeavored to bring the train to a sudden stop, but had only succeeded in slowing down when the engine struck the woman.

Mrs. McCloskey was thrown to one side of the track. The accident occurred at a point directly opposite the forks of the Jerseytown and Maudsley roads, where there is a low embankment. She was badly injured and was unable to arise.

The train was stopped and the injured woman was tenderly picked up by the train crew and carried into the caboose where a cot was improvised. Thus she was brought to Danville; where the train lay for some time.

Dr. Paules was called to the station about 7 o'clock. He examined the woman's injuries and found that she was very seriously, though not fatally injured. On the left leg below the knee was a compound comminuted fracture, embracing both bones. In addition there was a bad scalp wound on the left side of the head.

On Dr. Paules' recommendation it was decided to remove Mrs. McCloskey to the Joseph Ratti hospital at Bloomsburg. She was accordingly placed on a cot and carried down to the under-grade crossing, where she was placed on a Danville and Bloomsburg trolley car and carried to Bloomsburg.

A telephone message from the Joseph Ratti hospital later stated that Mrs. McCloskey was resting very easily. Her worst injuries as above stated, consisted of a broken limb and a bad cut on the side of her head. There were, however, minor injuries about the body, among them several scalp wounds.

The injured woman is some 38 years of age. She has three small children, the youngest a babe six months old. Samuel McCloskey, the husband, is a stone moulder and is employed at Hooley's foundry, East Mahoning street, this city.

High Water Mark of Attendance.

The public schools of the borough opened Tuesday. The attendance throughout the grades was about what is customary on the first day of school with the exception of the high school, where attendance reached a high water mark, there being 165 pupils enrolled.

So far as Borough Superintendent Gordy has been able to determine the present enrollment is the highest that has ever taken place in the high school. When he took charge of the high school, six years ago the number of pupils enrolled was 99. The number kept on increasing regularly at the rate of some twelve or fifteen a year until the present, when the showing is as above stated.

Of course the new law, which permits pupils from the rural districts to attend through high schools at the township's expense, is in some measure responsible for the growing enrollment. Nevertheless, if we eliminate the non-resident pupils altogether, we will find that there has been a growing increase in the number of pupils attending the high school, which can be accounted for only by the popularity of the school and the course of study adopted. Borough Superintendent Gordy thinks that the plan of granting diplomas to the grammar school graduates, which has had the effect of stimulating interest and holding the pupils in school, is to be regarded as one of the causes which have brought the enrollment up to its present high water mark.

Sixty-five pupils were promoted to the high school this year. Of this number thirty-six are non-resident pupils, who, with three exceptions, all came up from the grammar grade. Fifteen non-resident pupils failed to pass the examination for admittance to the high school and are enrolled in the grammar grades.

Of the new class of sixty-five, twenty-seven have elected to take the commercial course, which is a little below the usual percentage.

The total number of pupils enrolled in the grades of the borough schools Tuesday was 1132.

DANVILLE MAN DIES IN BERWICK

Thomas F. Kerns, son of P. M. Kerns, a well-known young man of Danville, departed this life at Berwick on Tuesday evening after a short illness.

The deceased was 30 years of age. He was born and grew to manhood in Danville. When a boy he entered his father's blacksmith shop and after mastering the trade including horse-shoeing he went into business with his father and was known as a very skilled workman.

Under the arduous employment of horse-shoeing his strength finally gave way and it was necessary for him to secure some lighter work. Accordingly the partnership existing between Kerns and Lobeck on Northumberland street about a month ago was dissolved. P. M. Kerns along with his son retiring from the business.

The deceased went to Berwick and secured employment at finishing passenger coaches. About two weeks ago he was stricken with bilious intermittent fever. For several days he was very low, death coming to his relief about 6:45 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The body was brought to Danville at noon yesterday and taken to the home of P. M. Kerns, father of the deceased, on Nassau street. The funeral will be held Friday at 9 a. m. from St. Joseph's Catholic church.

The deceased was a member of order of Maccabees, Fraternal Order of Eagles and the horse shoers' union. Besides his father and mother, a wife and two small children survive, the latter being a son and daughter, Francis and Helene. He is also survived by two brothers, John and James of Philadelphia, and two sisters, Mrs. James O'Neal of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Mame Houghton, of New York.

Caught a Runaway Horse.

Frank Evers, Bloom street, distinguished himself last evening by a slick piece of work in catching a runaway horse.

A horse attached to a buggy belonging to one of our lively stables, which had been left untied in front of the United States Express office, took fright and ran away. The horse started with a plunge and jerked and splintered the boards and one was taken off piecemeal. Underneath he found firm planking and he concluded that the way to liberty didn't lie in that direction.

He next attacked the window, first tearing off the stout screen that protected it on the inside; then forcing the window up he devoted himself to the iron bars, which protected the window on the outside. In due time he succeeded in loosening one end of one of the bars and was just ready to attack the next one when the officer appeared. Five minutes more would have done the work.

Thus the first deliberate attempt to break out of the lock-up in Danville ended in ignominious failure.

The prisoner paid the penalty by going into solitary confinement.

John Quinn, who attempted to break out of the borough lock-up Tuesday, was arraigned before Justice Oglesby yesterday morning and as a penalty for one of the offenses charged against him is now doing time in the borough bastle.

Quinn has occupied a good deal of Justice Oglesby's time during the week past. He was arrested on Thursday of last week for being under the influence of liquor on Wednesday the 29th. He was sentenced to five days imprisonment in the borough lock-up on the condition that he would stop drinking and would come into the Justice's office Saturday evening after drawing his pay, and square up for fine and costs. When Saturday came, however, it is alleged, he forgot his promises, took on more booze and utterly neglected to settle.

Under the circumstances it is not strange that the officers wanted John on Tuesday. His hearing yesterday morning had to do solely with the charge of being drunk and the failure to liquidate fine and costs. The outcome of the whole affair was that Quinn was sentenced to five days imprisonment in the borough lock-up on the term to begin with yesterday. At the expiration of his sentence he will be called to answer for attempting to break out of the lock-up.

On Site of Fort Augusta.

The Sunbury chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has decided to erect a boulder on the site of Fort Augusta at Sunbury.

The petition to the Sunbury council to erect the memorial was prepared and presented by Charles A. Silder, Esq., whose wife is regent of the Sunbury chapter.

The specifications of the boulder are four feet in length and four in thickness. A flat side will face the road and on its face will be placed a bronze tablet bearing an appropriate inscription.

This tablet will be presented to the daughters by Mrs. F. K. Hain, of New York City.

Rev. Fritsch Moves.

Rev. George W. Fritsch, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, and family yesterday moved into the Charles Welliver home on Vine street. Mr. Welliver and family have gone to Bloomsburg to reside.

Sir Walter Raleigh was right when he said that a man must first govern himself before he is fit to govern his family or to have a place in the public government.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK OUT OF LOCK-UP

A prisoner came within an ace of breaking out of the borough lock-up Tuesday afternoon. In this effort to find the weakest point he assailed his prison wall at two different points and when discovered only a single spike stood between him and liberty.

The man in durance was John Quinn, who has a little affair to settle with the police, the full nature of which developed at the hearing yesterday.

John kept the officers busy during the greater part of the time Tuesday and before they succeeded in laying their hands upon him they were obliged to tramp over a large part of the borough. It was some time after the hour of noon when they succeeded in lodging their man behind the bars in the borough lock-up.

Quinn was supposed to be under the influence of drink, nevertheless he thought he ought to be entitled to a few privileges and he begged to be allowed the freedom of the corridor. The usual hard lot of those arrested under similar circumstances is to be confined in a narrow cell, some six by three feet, in which a hard bench suffices for a bed. Chief Mincemoyer, however, was touched by John's eloquent plea and after much hesitancy he consented to leave the cell door open so that John could get into the corridor. It was a generous act, but he will never do it again.

Securely bolting the outer door the two policemen turned their backs upon the lock-up and went up town. Some time after three o'clock persons occupying the rear of City Hall became aware that something unusual was in progress in the lock-up. They could hear sounds that resembled the breaking of boards and the drawing of iron bolts.

They lost no time in getting word to the chief-of-police, who in turn lost no time in getting to the lock-up. He didn't arrive a moment too soon. Using the stove poker and the stove "shaker" as a bar the lone prisoner had pried two boards off the wainscoting. In the process he had broken and splintered the boards and one was taken off piecemeal. Underneath he found firm planking and he concluded that the way to liberty didn't lie in that direction.

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Borough Engineer Makes Survey.

It is still believed that the reconstruction of North Mill street will be completed this fall and that the work will start during the present month.

A draft showing the location, elevation and grade of curb lines has just been completed by Borough Surveyor Keefer and forwarded to the city clerk. The blue print or draft takes in Mill street from Center street to the steam mill and is based upon a survey made Saturday by the borough surveyor and two assistants in the presence of the streets and bridges committee of council.

The draft was gotten up at the request of the State highway department and thus the borough assumes the responsibility for any difficulty that may ensue from any change in grade or location of curb lines made necessary in reconstructing the street.

The completion of the draft brings the preliminaries one step nearer the point where actual work may begin. At the next meeting the draft will be acted upon by council, after which it will be forwarded to Engineer Clay of the State highway department. The plans and specifications will no doubt be the next thing in order.

SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED

Judge Staples held a short session of court yesterday morning. Charles A. Wagner was the only one of the associates present. The session was very brief, occupying only some twenty minutes.

Judge Staples had come down to Danville for the purpose of disposing of the case of Commonwealth vs. Francis Woll, the charge being larceny and receiving stolen goods, which was tried before his honor at the September term, 1905, and which carried with it a verdict of guilty on the second count and a recommendation for mercy.

James Scarlet, Esq., attorney for the Reading Iron company, the prosecutor in the case, addressed the court. He said that Woll, was an employe of the Reading Iron Company, was a skilled workman and was a very valuable man to the company. Whatever he may have been guilty of in the past he now seems to have abandoned all such practices; the Reading Iron company is satisfied with his present course of conduct and at the company's instance Mr. Scarlet appeared before court asking that the recommendation for mercy made by the jury be carried out and that in Woll's case sentence be suspended.

Woll was called before court but was permitted to take a seat. From this point it seemed to be a foregone conclusion that leniency in some form was to be exercised. Judge Staples said he had made some inquiry and felt convinced that Woll's case was one that admitted of clemency. Ordinarily, he said, in cases where the verdict is guilty it pays to administer punishment. There are exceptions, however, where the man instead of being punished should have mercy meted out to him. In the present case, he said, it seemed to him that the convicted man had been severely punished already. In addition, the costs which amount to \$83.75, will have to be paid by Woll. It was the recommendation of the jury backed later by the request of the prosecutor in the case that moved Judge Staples toward clemency, and he stated to Woll that he hoped that if sentence were suspended it would have the effect of making a man of him and he wished him good speed on the new life. Judge Staples reminded Woll of the pathetic picture presented by his old gray-headed mother when in court as a witness. He said he had no doubt that her presence had its effect on the jury and he hoped that Woll would keep her in mind and by leading a better life spare her the pain and humiliation of coming into court again.

Judge Staples then formally declared sentence suspended and after explaining just what is implied by a "suspension of sentence" formally discharged Woll. The case was disposed of in Judge Staples' characteristic way, which aroused a heart-interest in the whole affair. No one was heard to express any dissatisfaction with the action taken by the court.

Greatest Silver Mines in World.

Robert Adams, Friday evening, returned home from an extended tour through Canada. Mr. Adams, several weeks ago, left Danville in company with W. J. Baldy, Esq., of this city, and Frank J. Watson of Philadelphia. Mr. Watson left Toronto Friday morning along with Mr. Adams, but proceeded direct to Philadelphia. Mr. Baldy will continue his sojourn in Toronto for some time longer.

The objective point of Mr. Adams' trip was Cobalt, Ontario, a point three hundred and fifty miles above Toronto, where the greatest silver mines of the world are located.

No more interesting trip can be conceived of than the one to Cobalt. Mr. Adams and party have stored their minds with many useful facts relating to the production of silver, while lingering in their minds are many pleasing pictures of life as seen out side of Uncle Sam's domain.

Farewell Party.

A very pleasant farewell party was tendered Ellen and Joseph Rishel at the home of their mother, Mrs. David Rishel, East Market street, on Monday. Ella and Joseph left yesterday for the Chester Springs Orphan school.

Those present were: Susan Ross, Julia Sainsbury, Ruth Adams, Floebee Curry, Eleanor Wyatt, Helen Seidel, Ruth and Mary Morgan, Regina English, Margaret Fields, Gertrude Thompson, Elizabeth Evans, Margaret Rishel, Byron Sainsbury, William Schilling, Paul Walker, Beaver Kramer, Theodore Walker, Thomas Evans, Pierce Thompson, Elliott Morgan, Roy Weidman, George Rishel, John Rishel, Mrs. Andy, Mrs. E. A. Curry and Mrs. O. R. Schilling.

Fire in Kitchen.

Timely discovery prevented a bad fire at the home of Jacob H. Rudy, East Danville, Monday night. The fire originated in the kitchen in a box of wood that stood back of the stove. The family had already retired and the flames had gained considerable headway before they were discovered. A basket of clothes—Monday's wash—was burned, and the walls, ceiling and door were badly burned.

Taken to Hospital.

William Maloney, Front street, was removed to the Joseph Ratti hospital, Bloomsburg, yesterday where he will receive treatment for appendicitis.

TWO FOREIGNERS ARRESTED

Several foreigners from the Northumberland street quarter afforded business for Justice Oglesby's court late Saturday night. As is usual in such cases the hearing was very amusing, although the complainant had a real grievance and was the object of a good deal of sympathy.

About nine o'clock the attention of passersby was attracted by a woeful-looking object seated on the stone steps in front of Justice Oglesby's office. He was an agreeable looking young fellow, barefooted and hatless, although cleanly and well attired. His clothing was stained with blood, which issued from his nose and mouth. He was unable to speak a word of English, but someone divining that he was after justice, sent for "Squire Oglesby, who had closed up his office for the night.

The justice finally arrived and the young man tried to explain his grievance. He was unable to make himself understood, and it was necessary to employ an interpreter. Leo Barron, an intelligent young Pole, who is master of languages used by our foreigners, was introduced.

The story as told by the barefoot and hatless young man was in effect as follows: His name is George Malicki. He has been in this country a little over a year and is not yet twenty years of age. He undoubtedly has had a hard time of it. He came to Danville about the 25th of July expecting to work at the big mill; since then he has had no work and he has got in arrears for lodging.

The young fellow "boarded" with Mike Watosien on Northumberland street. By this it is understood that he had permission to sleep in the house and to cook his meals on the Watosien stove. He even may have been furnished coffee from the Watosien coffee pot, but this was the limit: the food he ate he had to provide himself. For the privilege of "roosting" in the Watosien house and the few slim courtesies additional he paid the sum of \$8 per month. It was for just about this sum that he was in arrears.

Watosien didn't like it at all that his young countryman should be in arrears. He permitted him to remain in his house, however, until Saturday night, when according to the story told by Malicki, Watosien and one of his boarders named Mike Bassaraba had an evening of it together. While these two were out Malicki being tired went to bed.

He had scarcely got asleep, he said, before he was assaulted by Watosien and Bassaraba, who acted like wild men. They upbraided him for being in arrears and then to use the language of the interpreter they "smashed him on the face" and beat him mercilessly, after which Malicki and Malicki less they threw him out of the house.

Malicki took the necessary oath to the information he affixed his signature, revealing the fact that he is a good penman.

It was half an hour later when Officers Mincemoyer and Young had Watosien and Bassaraba, who were charged jointly, in front of Justice Oglesby. It was hard to keep the defendants seated. They gesticulated, they stamped, they shouted and they talked so fast that their odd jargon resembled the cackling of geese and was just about as intelligible.

It was a prima facie case, however. The prosecutor, forgetting his injuries, chose to be lenient and proposed to withdraw the case, if the defendants would pay the cost. It was here that the real battle began. The wife of one of the men was present. She favored paying the sum to avoid going to jail, but the men affected not to have enough money to meet the demands of the case and they tried to compromise. The justice, however, was obdurate; it was either the whole amount or none. The two defendants searched their pockets a little more closely and found some more money, but there was still a deficiency. They felt sure would be overlooked and when they found the justice as unyielding as ever they wanted to be martyrs. They jumped to their feet; they said they would go to jail and they wanted to start immediately. They reconsidered this the next moment, however, and the "hearing" went on. It was half an hour later before the defendants discovered that they were possessed of sufficient assets to meet the case and thus the affair was settled.

Exchange Will Have a Band.

The enterprising community of Exchange is again to the front, this time with a band. As is usual on there a right kind of a start was made. At a big meeting held in Odd Fellows' hall Saturday evening \$100 was subscribed, and 20 of those present signed their names to a paper signifying their willingness to participate actively in the band work.

An election of officers resulted in choosing William R. Mills, president; Isaac L. Acor, vice president; Grant Houghton, secretary and S. A. Kleeman, treasurer.

Another meeting will be held Friday evening at which time action will be taken on a constitution and by-laws. It is the intention of the members to start practicing just as soon as the instruments can be procured.

Ill With Pneumonia.

P. F. Brannen is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home at Exchange.

CONFERENCE DEADLOCKED

A great surprise was sprung in the Republican ranks yesterday afternoon when the name of ex-District Attorney Albert W. Duy, of Columbia county, was presented at the conference of the twenty-fourth senatorial district, held in the Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg.

It has been thought all along that Harry S. Meyers, of Williamsport, would be the only candidate for the nomination, but when the name of Mr. Duy was presented the conferees from Montour and Columbia counties voted solid for him, causing a deadlock and putting a new light on the question altogether.

The conference organized by electing P. W. Meybert, of Sullivan, chairman and Alexander Foster, of Montour, and H. S. Barton, of Columbia, secretaries.

Harry S. Meyers, of Williamsport, and Albert W. Duy, of Bloomsburg, were both nominated and three ballots were taken, the conferees from Columbia and Montour, voting for Duy and Sullivan and Lycoming voting for Meyers.

A recess of thirty minutes was then taken. After the intermission the conference re-convened and during the remainder of the afternoon and evening 47 more ballots were taken. Duy and Meyers each receiving the votes of the conferees from the counties which had voted for them at the beginning. The conference adjourned, without naming a candidate, to meet at the Hotel Updegraff, in Williamsport, next Monday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Following were the conferees in attendance:

Montour—John E. Roberts, Alexander Foster and W. L. Gouger. Columbia—H. S. Barton, Wm. M. Robbins and Robert D. Young. Lycoming—Beno L. Gago, N. H. Culver, and H. R. Hill. Sullivan—John W. Roger, Wm. P. Shoemaker and F. W. Meybert.

Big Trolley