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T. W. CLAYTON VICTIMIZED

William P. Gaumer, of Catawissa township, Columbia county, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace E. W. Young, of Garhart township, Northumberland county, Saturday afternoon, charged with passing a fraudulent check on T. W. Clayton, the South Danville merchant. He was held for court and in default of \$200 bail was committed to jail at Sunbury. The case as brought out by the evidence is a remarkable one revealing an ingenious attempt on the part of the defendant to escape penalty by fastening the guilt upon an innocent man.

On December 17th, Gaumer, who was a stranger to T. W. Clayton, presented himself at the store of the latter and purchased goods to the amount of eleven dollars. In payment he presented a check for \$20 signed by J. J. Cherington, drawn on the Catawissa National bank and made payable to a man named Wright. As Gaumer was not known to Mr. Clayton the latter without question accepted the check, he let him have the goods and accepted the check, paying him the balance—some nineteen dollars—in cash.

In due process Mr. Clayton deposited the check with other assets in the Danville National bank. Later the check in the regular course of business was sent to Catawissa for collection. The check, it appears, turned up at the First National bank of Catawissa; but as it was drawn on the Catawissa National bank it was forwarded to that institution, where the discovery was made that the check was bogus.

The Danville National bank was apprised of the fact and Cashier Youngman in turn broke the news to Mr. Clayton that the check was worthless, which of course meant that he had been swindled. Mr. Clayton, in merchandise and cash, was out the whole amount of the check, \$20.25. It was more money than he cared to lose and he at once decided to get after the fellow stranger, who had so successfully worked off his way into his confidence.

Accordingly last week he went up to Catawissa and had no difficulty in locating the man Wright by whom the bogus check purported to be payable. Meeting the man face to face howlingly, Mr. Clayton was surprised to discover that he was not the person who had bought the goods at his store and presented the worthless check. He saw that he was apparently the victim of a deep-laid scheme and hardly knowing what to do next he returned home.

As the matter became noised about the attaches of the Pennsylvania station at South Danville recalled that the man from Catawissa, who on December 17 purchased goods at Mr. Clayton's had shipped the same to Catawissa by express and that the name used in marking the box was not Wright but William P. Gaumer. Others about South Danville, who knew Gaumer, recalled his visit to South Danville on that day and also the fact that he transacted business at Mr. Clayton's store.

On the strength of this discovery on Friday evening Mr. Clayton swore out a warrant before Justice Young charging William P. Gaumer with "false pretense and intent to cheat and defraud." On Saturday morning Mr. Clayton took the warrant to Catawissa and placed it in the hands of Constable H. A. Harman, of that place, who served it on Gaumer.

The arrested man, in charge of Constable Harman and accompanied by Mr. Clayton, arrived in South Danville about the middle of the afternoon and was immediately taken before the justice. He pleaded not guilty. Among the witnesses were T. W. Clayton, W. R. Clark, Clark Fowler, Harvey Lowe, and J. J. Cherington, whose name was used on the fraudulent check. The testimony adduced went to show that the defendant was the man who obtained goods and money on a check, which was bogus. A prima facie case being made out bail was fixed at \$200, which the defendant was unable to procure. There was no other alternative for him but to go to jail.

After the hearing Constable Harman delivered the defendant over into the hands of Elias Woodruff, constable for Garhart township, by whom he was taken to Sunbury on the 431 train.

Gaumer has a wife and several children and at Catawissa is well known as a resident on the south side.

Schools Resumed Yesterday.

The familiar sound of the school bells was heard throughout the borough yesterday morning following the vacation, which began on Monday, December 24. The holiday vacation followed closely on a week's rest early in December, brought about by the county institute.

The schools were all in session yesterday with the exception of the first ward grammar school, which had to be closed owing to some disarrangement of the heating apparatus. The defect was remedied by noon. The teachers and pupils alike seemed much refreshed by the vacation and are prepared for the long and steady pull that follows between the present and the close of the term. The holiday vacation followed closely on a week's rest early in December, brought about by the county institute.

The nummers' parade was a dandy, wasn't it?

COUNCIL HOLDS FINAL SESSION

Our borough fathers held the final session of the year Monday, the object being to pay bills due, receive reports from the chief of police and chief of the fire department and to wind up borough business generally for the last twelve months.

The chief of police presented his report for the year just closed, which on motion was ordered, accepted and filed. The report showed that there were twenty-nine cases of plain drunkenness before Justices Oglesby and Dalton, the aggregate amount of fines collected for this offense being fifty-eight dollars. Six arrests were for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, the aggregate amount of fines paid for this offense being forty-two dollars. There were four arrests for breaking speed limit with auto, amounting to forty dollars. Five dollars were paid as a penalty for fast driving and five dollars for profanity. The number of tramps in the lockup during the year was one hundred and sixty.

Chief Engineer Koehler of the fire department was present with the annual report. Some facts, however, relating to equipment, which council desired, was not on hand and as a result, on motion, it was decided to postpone the presentation of the report until the next meeting on Friday night.

On motion the salary of the chief of the fire department, \$32, was ordered paid, also \$23, appropriation for the executive board of the fire department. On motion the fourth quarterly appropriation of \$37.50, due each of the fire companies, was ordered paid.

The following members were present: Gibson, Jacobs, Woodside, Dietz, Boyer, Yastine, Swetsfort, Russell, Angle and Hughes.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Regular employees	\$120.50
Friendship fire Co.	6.15
John P. Patton	1.20
Trumbower & Werkheiser	15.30
J. H. Cole	2.50
John Hixon	6.92
Joseph Lechner	8.70

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.

Friendship fire Co.	7.00
Labor on Church St. Drain	26.25
Postage and box rent	5.00
Sarah McCuen	4.00
J. S. Welliver son's Co.	7.73
James Boyd & Bro.	450.00
Labor and hauling on streets	31.50
Danville P'dy & Machine Co.	96.33
Joseph Lechner	3.00
James Gibson	1.50
J. H. Cole	2.50
Water Dept's fuel	1983.80
John P. Patton	1.15
J. H. Cole	1.43
Boettinger & Dietz	10.95
Trumbower & Werkheiser	2.85
R. J. Pegg	11.60
Regular employees	115.00
John P. Patton	1.85
J. C. Minemoyer, feeding prisoners	13.80

Sheriff Halers to be Deputy.

The officers-elect, sheriff, register and recorder, associate judge and jury commissioner will enter upon the duties of their respective offices on the 7th inst, the first Monday in January. President Judge-elect C. C. Evans has already taken his oath of office at Bloomsburg. Associate Judge L. W. Welliver was sworn in by Register and Recorder W. L. Sidler on Monday of this week. The register and recorder himself, who is re-elected, will be sworn in by Prothonotary Thomas G. Vincent on next Monday, if not before.

George Maiers, the retiring sheriff, will not vacate the residence portion of the jail this winter. As soon as David C. Williams, the sheriff-elect takes his oath he will take up his quarters in the jail as sheriff and George Maiers, the present incumbent, will become deputy. This relation will continue until spring, by which time Sheriff Williams will have become thoroughly conversant with his duties. On the first of April Sheriff Maiers will remove his family into the dwelling, which he has purchased on Ferry street and the sheriff-elect will take up his residence at the jail.

Two Runaway Boys.

William and John Dennison, brothers, aged respectively 14 and 9 years, step sons of Wesley Jones, of Bloomsburg, were found wandering about the streets of Danville after dark last evening and were taken in charge by the police.

The boys said they had come down from Bloomsburg to visit a brother, who had taken up his residence here, but whom they could not locate. The little fellows finally admitted that they had run away from home.

Instead of going to school yesterday afternoon they walked to East Bloomsburg and from that point followed the railroad to South Danville, arriving at the latter place at 6:30 o'clock last evening.

The little fellows were sent home on the 8:30 car. Meanwhile Chief of Police Knorr, of Bloomsburg, was called up by phone and notified to be on hand when the car arrived and take the runaways in charge.

A Farewell Dance.

A farewell dance was given at Mont. Knorr's hall, on Honeymoon street, New Year's afternoon, in honor of Miss Helen Ireland. Miss Alice Guest and Frank Girton furnished the music. The occasion proved most enjoyable.

SCHOOL JANITORS RECEIVE ADVANCE

Whatever good resolutions the gentlemen of the school board may make this New Year's day one thing is certain, the action taken at the final meeting of the old year Monday was characterized by generosity toward the janitors, and this will meet the approval of most people. These faithful and important functionaries at each of the school buildings having asked for higher wages were granted an advance all around of five dollars per month.

The matter was brought before the school board by a petition signed by Calvin Eggert, of the Fourth ward; Seth Lorimer, of the Third ward, and D. K. Pensyl, of the Second ward, setting forth that \$30 per month for nine months in the year, as up to the present paid the janitors was altogether inadequate under the cost of living.

Mr. Fischer espoused the cause of the janitors and said that in his opinion they were entitled to an advance. During many years past he said they had received only one advance and that was to raise their wages from \$25 per month to \$30 per month.

Robert G. Miller of the first ward, whose salary was \$40 per month by reason of the extra work entailed by the petition, but in considering the question of an advance the board was generous enough to take up his case along with the others. The outcome was that Mr. Heise offered a resolution moving that each of the janitors be granted a monthly advance of five dollars, with the exception of Mrs. Anderson of Welsh hill, who is to receive \$1.50 per month. The motion was carried without a dissenting voice.

On motion of Mr. Fish it was ordered that in view of the advance henceforth all incidentals be cut off; that each janitor be obliged to do fumigating and that henceforth no bills for extra labor will be paid by the board.

On motion of Mr. Parnell it was ordered that two additional formaldehyde generators be purchased, one for the second ward and one for the fourth ward.

The following members were present: Burns, Orth, Swartz, Lutz, Fischer, Fish, Trumbower, Heiss, Grono, and Parnell.

A Romance in Real Life.

The runaway marriage, in which Ernest Session of the United telephone company, and Miss Tess Showers, of Amsterdam, N. Y., were principals, which set Bloomsburg people agog last week, found a pleasant little denouement in this city on New Year's day.

Mr. Session, who has been working for his company in the vicinity of Bloomsburg for some time on last Saturday with Miss Showers left for Binghamton, N. Y., where it was asserted they intended to get married.

Miss Showers' mother, it appears, did not take kindly to the match, basing her objection mainly upon the disparity of age, if the newspaper accounts may be taken as reliable. On last Monday, it was stated, the mother was in Bloomsburg and with a policeman, who held a warrant for Sessions' arrest, was on hand at the arrival of every train to see whether the eloping couple were among the passengers.

On Tuesday morning Landlord W. C. Williams of the Baldy House, this city, detected that he had among his guests a young gentleman named Session, who had registered with his wife.

The landlord was not long in putting two and two together and he decided to have an interview with the young couple. By that time, however, the groom had left the hotel and the landlord made some pointed inquiries of the bride.

She admitted their identity as the eloping couple and said she was perfectly aware that "they were after them." No dire consequences, however, were apprehended. Hubby had gone up to Bloomsburg for ma, who along with her newly made son-in-law, was expected down to Danville on the next car.

The meeting took place as planned. Exactly what followed is not known, but there seems no doubt that the marriage was a reconciliation. Serene and apparently happy, the party—the mother as well as the bride and groom—left the hotel and departed from town during the afternoon.

17000 Oysters for Dinner.

The holiday season at the State hospital for the insane culminated on New Year's day with a fine oyster dinner, 17,000 succulent bivalves were the main stay of the feast, giving each patient at the institution an allowance of nearly a dozen and a half. The oysters were served in stews, piping hot, and were greatly appreciated by the patients.

In the evening a delightful concert was given in the amusement hall by the hospital orchestra.

If wages are up, so is the cost of living.

MOVEMENTS OF YOUR FRIENDS AS THEY PASS AMONG US

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Voris spent Sunday with relatives in Berwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horner are visiting relatives in Berwick.

Calvin Keifer, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Miss Florence Henrie, Bloom street, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henrie, Berwick.

Miss Ella Mottern, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mottern, East Danville.

Miss Mame Kear is visiting friends in Milton.

Dr. J. Beaver Gearhart spent Saturday afternoon in Sunbury.

Miss Anna Beyers and brother, John Beyers and Henry Leisenring of Sunbury, are spending a few days with Miss Emma Leisenring, Mahoning street.

Baldy Smith, formerly of Williamsport, but now stenographer in the office of the ass't. engineer of the P. R. R. at Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fred Smith, Mill street.

Harry Krauser, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Jacob Berger and daughter Lucretia, have returned from a visit with relatives in Shamokin.

Miss Lena Sears, of Milton, is visiting Miss Elsie Lloyd.

Miss Mary Gearhart, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Grier Gearhart, Ash street.

Philip Sharpless, of Catawissa, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Miss Amanda Youngman, student at Wellesly, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Angus Wright, Upper Mulberry street.

Willbur Summons, of Reading, is visiting Frank A. Brown.

Mrs. Newton Smith and children Thelora and Chelton are visiting relatives in Turberville.

Miss Sara Knerr returned to Allentown yesterday after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. McCoy, West Market street.

Miss Jessie Kimerer is visiting relatives in Shamokin.

Miss Emily Voris will return to Pottsgrove today after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Jacobs, Mill street.

Harry Bedea returned to Shenando yesterday after a visit with his father, T. W. Bedea, Front street.

William McCoy returned to State college yesterday after a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, West Market street.

Carlton McHenry returned to East on yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma McHenry, Centre street.

Edwin Moore returned to Princeton yesterday after a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore, Ferry street.

William W. Watkin returned to the university of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia yesterday after spending several weeks at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Watkin, West Market street.

Dr. and Mrs. Hishellwood and daughter Jessie returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

C. Raymond Herrington returned yesterday to Philadelphia where he will continue his studies at the university of Pennsylvania, after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Herrington, Market square.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schott returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

John Kase returned to Bucknell university at Lewisburg yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kase, Bloom street.

Isadore and Joe Rosenthal have returned to Lewisstown after spending New Year's in Danville.

Miss Florence Reich, of Berwick, spent New Year's with her sister, Miss Bessie Reich, this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Russell and daughter Josephine returned Tuesday evening from a visit with relatives in Scranton.

Harry Lawrence has returned to Lehigh university at South Bethlehem after a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lawrence at Maudsall.

Mrs. William L. Sidler left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Reading.

Mrs. Margaret Eyerly, of Bloomsburg, is visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. Clinton Moorehead, of Berwick, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wetzel, Front street.

Miss Etta Crossman is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Among the New Year's visitors in Danville were the following who spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Grove, Hemlock street: Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, of Berwick; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaufman, Mrs. James Long and daughter Myrtle, Mrs. James Scott and daughter Sara, of Northumberland.

Walter J. Lowrie returned to Philadelphia yesterday, where he will resume his studies, after spending the Christmas vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowrie, Strawberry Ridge.

Wilbur Amesbury returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

Miss Rachel Thompson, of Town Hall, is visiting Miss Anna Shultz, Bloom street.

Miss Emma Gearhart returned on Tuesday from Philadelphia where she was visiting at the home of Mrs. Margaret Grove Muller.

Mrs. A. W. Pierce left yesterday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Ellen Rote in Philadelphia.

Robert N. Lowrie returned to Easton yesterday to resume his studies at Lafayette college, after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lowrie, Strawberry Ridge.

George Lambach, of Binghamton, New York, is visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Sara Peters returned to Buffalo, New York, yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

Miss Clara Peters and nephew, Walter Peters spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

Rev. L. Dow Ott was called to Shamokin yesterday to assist at the funeral of John McElwee, formerly a car inspector in the employ of the Pennsylvania.

Miss Sara Buffington and Miss Gertrude Koch have returned to Shamokin after spending the holidays in Danville as the guests of Miss Ethel Haring.

Miss Jennie H. Bechtel, formerly of Washingtonville, now of Bloomsburg, left yesterday for Philadelphia, where she will take a course in millinery at Temple college.

Newell J. Elliott, of California, who is attending the Princeton Theological seminary spent his Christmas vacation at the home of J. W. Lowrie, Strawberry Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leighow, of Jerseytown, who have been spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Leighow, Honeymoon street, have returned home.

Miss Elizabeth Feinour, of Pottsgrove, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Rossman, Pine street.

The Misses Elsie and May Fox, of Catawissa, spent New Year's day with friends in Danville.

Miss Myrtle Sidler, of Catawissa, called on friends in Danville on New Year's day.

Robert Plankenhorn, of Muncy, visited friends in Danville on New Year's day.

Miss Helen Ireland left yesterday for Philadelphia, where she will take up a course in trained nursing at the American hospital for diseases of the stomach.

Mrs. Harry Martin returned to this city Monday after a six weeks' stay at Montreal, Canada, where she was visiting her two sons.

Mrs. E. A. Coulter returned yesterday from Shippensburg, where she spent the holidays at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George McClain.

Danville Took Two Games.

The Danville basket ball team took Bloomsburg into camp in two well played and interesting games on New Year's day. The scores were: afternoon, Danville 34; Bloomsburg 18; evening, Danville 35; Bloomsburg 27.

The afternoon game was somewhat rough, especially in the first half when fouls were called. Both games were hotly contested, and were characterized by plenty of excitement.

The line-ups

EVENING GAME.

Danville	forward	Williams
Edmondson	forward	Williams
Johnson	forward	Lewis
Sechler	center	Price
Rabb	center	Price
Bede	guard	Edgar
Kase	guard	Gilmore

Goals from field: Johnson 6, Sechler 3, Kase 3, Rabb 2, Edmondson 1, Williams 4, Appelman 4, Price 5. Goals from fouls: Sechler 4, Kase 1, Williams 1.

AFTERNOON GAME.

Danville	forward	Gilmore
Edmondson	forward	Williams
Johnson	forward	Lewis
Sechler	center	Price
Kase	center	Price
Bede	guard	Edgar
Rabb	guard	Smoyer

Goals from field: Johnson 6, Edmondson 3, Sechler 2, Bedea 3, Price 4, Smoyer 2. Goals from fouls: Sechler 6, Williams 2, Lewis 3, Gilmore 1.

Breakup Brings High Water.

The first breakup of the season, which this year came before New Year's, brought high water, there being a flood on the river of twelve and a half feet. Yesterday the water was still rising.

During Tuesday large quantities of ice came floating down the river from the headwaters, showing that the breakup was general. The river was not closed in this section, although near its mouth as well as further north it was locked with ice.

THE DEATHS IN DISTRICT, 251

The law providing for immediate registration of births and deaths and requiring prompt returns to the bureau of vital statistics has now been in force one year and has proven an undoubted benefit. With the close of each month the report of the local registrar, Dr. Cameron Shultz, has been printed in these columns and has proven of much interest as keeping the public informed concerning the prevalence of contagious diseases and whether or not extraordinary precautions were needed to prevent epidemics. In the present article interest centers in the local registrar's report for the past year, which is now prepared and is ready to be sent into Harrisburg.

During the year the deaths were 251 in the district composed of Danville borough and the townships of Malong, Cooper, Mayberry, Valley, West Hemlock and Liberty. For the borough of Danville alone the number of deaths were 124.

Following are some of the diseases that resulted in the above deaths, each accompanied by the number of victims it claimed: Apoplexy, 2; Abdominal tumor, 1; appendicitis, 1; anmia (pernicious), 1; diphtheria, 6; diabetes, 3; heart disease, 20; typhoid fever, 4; pulmonary tuberculosis, 17; pneumonia, 9; congestion of lungs, 4; accident, 3; still birth, 17; meningitis, 3; nephritis, 5; cancer of breast, 2; cancer of stomach, 1; acute indigestion, 1; jaundice with complications, 3; gall stones, 1; uterine hemorrhage, 1; exhaustion of senile dementia, 2; convulsions, 1; peritonitis, 1; phlebitis, 1; multiple neuritis, 1; paralysis, 1; menorrhagia, 1; renal dropsy, 1; peristitis, 1; convulsions, 1; erysipelas, 1; enteritis, 1.

The number of contagious diseases in Danville for the year past were 167 divided as follows: Diphtheria, seven cases, with six deaths; typhoid fever, thirty-eight cases, with four deaths; chicken pox, ten cases, no deaths; erysipelas, four cases, one death; pneumonia, twenty-one cases, six deaths.

For December, the month just closed, the report is complete except as it relates to the births, all of which are not as yet returned. The situation was not serious as relates to contagious diseases, there being only five cases of diphtheria with no deaths; seven cases of typhoid fever, with no deaths, and one case of pneumonia, which was fatal. The physicians, however, report a great deal of grip, due, it is believed, to the open winter thus far prevailing.

Offsetting the 251 deaths in the district during the year are some 275 births, which show that little Montour during the year has made a well sustained effort to prevent "race suicide." Up to the first of December the total number of births returned was just 251, which exactly balances the number of deaths for the year. Some twenty more births remain to be returned as the quota for December.

Among the deaths during the year were two persons over a hundred years old, one being Mrs. Sechler and the other an inmate of the hospital for the insane. Included among the deaths were two colored people. The records show that two colored children were born during the year.

McCrea Elected President.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad, held in Philadelphia at one o'clock this afternoon, James McCrea, the first vice president of the road was elected to the presidency to fill the place vacant by the death of A. J. Cassatt last Friday. Mr. McCrea was the natural choice for the office and as his competency is unquestioned, there was no opposition to his election.

James McCrea was born in Philadelphia May 1, 1818, entering the railway service in 1845 as rodman and assistant engineer on the Conellsville and Southern Pennsylvania railroad. In 1867 and '68 he assisted in the construction of the Wilmington and Reading railroad. In 1874 he became principal assistant engineer in the construction department of the Pennsylvania company; in 1875 assistant engineer of maintenance of way on the Philadelphia division; in 1882, superintendent of Pottsgrove, Cincinnati and St. Louis railroad; in 1887 general manager of Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg; in 1890 fourth vice president and general manager of Pennsylvania company; in 1891 second vice president, and the same year elected first vice president, he having practically gone from the bottom to the top of the greatest railroad service in the United States if not in the world.

Trolley Party to Bloomsburg.

A party of young people from this city enjoyed a trolley ride to Bloomsburg New Year's evening, and were entertained at the Exchange hotel. Those present were Miss Emily Voris, of Pottsgrove; Miss Sara Knerr, of Allentown; Misses May Books, Blanche Sechler, Florence Price, Katherine Yastine, of Danville; the Misses Jean and Margaret Anders, of Bloomsburg; Harry Anders, of Bloomsburg; Edwin Moore, of Wynton; Bernheimer, William W. Watkin, Carlton McHenry, William M. McCoy and Robert M. Jacobs.

HOW PRIZES WERE AWARDED

The nummers' parade on New Year's day deserves to be termed an all-around success.

If any point could be cited wherein it suffered by comparison with the parades of former years, abundant excuses was to be found in the condition of the streets and in the weather, which up to the very dawn of New Year's day was rainy. During the morning there was no real assurance that rain would not fall during the day, while, with the exception of Mill street, the route of parade lay through thoroughfares in which the mud was nearly ankle deep. That such conditions tended to dampen the enthusiasm of the nummers and actually kept many out of the parade goes without saying.

And yet the parade was a highly creditable affair and afforded unbounded enjoyment for one of the largest throngs of humanity that ever crowded Mill street. The big contingent from Exchange, including the band of that place, as well as delegations from other parts of the rural district, was deterred from coming to town by the bad weather. Otherwise the parade came nearly up to the expectations. A good idea of the different features, the costumes and their relative merits, can be obtained from the list of prizes as awarded, a full account of which appears below.

A large number of people came into town from Bloomsburg, Sunbury and other places. During nearly the whole afternoon the town was thronged. At the hour of the parade it was estimated that nearly five thousand people were on Mill street.

PRIZES.

Prizes were awarded as follows: Ralph Cope and party, smith shop, ten dollars in gold.

Arthur Winters and party in Sunbury, banjo club, five dollars in gold.

Alfred S. Patton, boy with monkey in