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JOINT MEETING ON SATURDAY

A joint session of hospital trustees and a committee of council was held in this city Saturday afternoon to further consider the proposition to enlist the State in the movement to pipe and fill up the canal from the hospital to and through the borough.

Hon. James Foster of this city, W. F. Shay, of Watsontown, and G. R. VanAllen, of Northumberland, trustees of the hospital for the insane, were present along with George B. Jacobs, Amos Vastine and Dr. Jno. Swisfort, the special committee of council, appointed to act in the matter. Dr. H. B. Meredith, superintendent of the hospital for the insane, and attorney Hon. R. S. Ammerman, were also present at the meeting.

The above matter was first introduced at the last meeting of council when the committee named above was appointed. It is scarcely a secret, however, that the trustees of the hospital are the prime movers and when the lunacy commission was here last week, in furtherance of the matter, they presented a petition to that body revealing that the borough council is in sympathy with the proposition and stands willing to co-operate.

The joint meeting Saturday, following so early, showed that those back of the movement are determined to improve every moment of time. The meeting was not open to the public, and just how much was accomplished can not be stated here.

It is hinted that the proposition has taken altogether another form from what was first understood by the public and that, if the State can be enlisted, the present system of disposing of the sewage on the hospital grounds will be abandoned and a sewer connected in the bottom of the canal to connect with the borough sewer at the aqueduct below Mill street. It is well known that the operation of the sewage plant at the hospital is burdensome and expensive, necessitating an expenditure of several thousand dollars per year; also that the sewage is distributed over the farm, instead of proving a benefit on the whole, is regarded as a detriment to the land.

It is no doubt could be demonstrated that the State would effect a saving by constructing a sewer in the canal as proposed above, provided that the consent of the D. L. & W. railway company and the borough of Danville could be obtained. No opposition is apprehended from the railroad company, while so far as the borough is concerned it would be amply compensated if property owners were permitted to connect with the sewer as a part of the borough system. Over and above all is the additional advantage of getting rid of the old canal, for the petition as presented to the lunacy commission calls for a "piping and filling up of the bed" of the abandoned waterway.

School Board Meeting.
The prevalence of sickness in the borough was illustrated by the truancy officer's report presented at the meeting of the school board Monday night, which revealed that 235 pupils are detained from school by illness.

During the month there were 12 truants on the list; 23 pupils were detained at home through want of shoes. Twenty notices were sent out.

FATHER FEESER IN A RUNAWAY

Rev. Father A. M. Feeser of the Holy Family convent, and Adam W. Mayana of this city figured in a most thrilling runaway Sunday, being dragged in an overturned vehicle and left by the wayside at the foot of a long hill covered with a mass of wreckage, while the horses, entirely released, galloped out of sight.

Rev. Father Feeser holds services in the Catholic church at Exchange every two weeks. On Sunday morning, accompanied by Mr. Mayana, he left Danville about 8 o'clock for Exchange. They had a two seater carriage, hired at one of our livery stables. The liveryman sent a driver along with the team, who occupied the front seat.

All went well until they reached the top of the second hill this side of Moore's hotel, in Valley township, where the horses took fright at a traction engine standing in the field about twenty feet from the road. Ahead lay a long steep hill and down this the horses plunged at a breakneck pace. The driver after a futile effort to check the team called upon Mr. Mayana to assist. Glad to render assistance Mr. Mayana stood up behind and seizing the lines along with the driver began tugging at them with all his might and main. The united strength of the two men was inadequate to control the horses. As the frantic team dashed down the highway past the residence of William Wintersteen the runaway was witnessed by the family and is described as a positive thriller, while to the occupants, who knew that a short distance ahead lay another steep hill there were visions of terrible injury and probable death.

At some distance below the Wintersteen farm, however, there is a road which branches off toward Mooresburg. Something induced the horses instead of continuing on along the frequently traveled road to turn the corner and head for Mooresburg. By this time the carriage was badly shattered and in making the short turn one of the wheels flew off, which caused the vehicle to upset, in which position with the occupants inside it was dragged some distance. There is no telling what the fate of the party would have been, had not the swing tree broke at that juncture, which enabled the horses to break loose from the wagon.

By the time the men could think at all they found themselves lying by the roadside entangled in the wreckage and crawled out in time to see the runaway horses disappearing in the distance. Relief had come so suddenly as the result of such a thrilling climax and as the men realized that none were hurt they could not but laugh at the way in which they were all three deposited by the roadside.

Mr. Wintersteen came to the rescue and hitching up drove Father Feeser and Adam Mayana to Exchange where church services were held as usual. The driver went in search of the horses which were caught near Mooresburg.

Repairs of Chambers Street.
Several of the streets of the borough are known to be in a notoriously bad condition, a fact which has frequently been denoted upon in these columns. It was hardly expected, however, that the matter would be carried to court. Our borough council is fully aware of the conditions and the fact must be admitted that, taking recent action as a criterion, our borough fathers show a willingness not only to place repairs where needed, but to enter upon street improvements on a large scale.

That the councilmen were considerably jarred, therefore, Monday morning, when the constable of the fourth ward reported Chambers street to court goes without saying.

SMALL BOY KILLED BY CARS

Levan Alderman, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alderman, Vine street, was killed, Tuesday afternoon, on the Philadelphia and Reading tracks, in this city, while trying to board a swiftly moving freight train, his body being found later by the crew of a switcher.

The tragic accident occurred shortly after 3 o'clock, and quickly drew a large crowd to the scene of the catastrophe. Young Alderman, who was aged 9 years, had been dismissed from school early owing to a teachers' grade meeting. In company with several companions, among whom were Arthur Rockefeller and Herman Densberger, boys of about his own age, he was playing about the P. & R tracks at Hickory alley, between Hemlock and Little Ash streets.

There is no one who saw the sad accident, but several people saw the little fellow just before he met his death. Harry Morrill who lives nearby, saw the boys playing about the tracks and Mrs. David Henry saw the lad as he boarded the cars that caused his death. Mrs. Henry was sewing at a window from which the tracks were in plain view. She was paying no attention to the boys playing outside, but as she happened to glance up at one time she saw young Alderman board a freight train that was going in the direction of West Milton.

The crew of the freight on which the boy was killed evidently did not know anything of the accident, as they proceeded on their way. Several minutes later, however, the Danville switcher came along the road at this point, seeing the inanimate form lying between the rails, stopped the engine.

The boy was carefully moved to one side. He lived for about twenty minutes after the crew of the pusher arrived on the scene.

Alderman was the only one of the trio of boys who got on the freight, as it was going too fast for the others to board. When the boy was found it was lying between the tracks, only about 30 feet from where Mrs. Henry had seen him get aboard. He had evidently been carried some distance by the swiftly moving car that he was jolted off almost immediately.

The boy's body was terribly bruised and cut. His worst injuries were about the upper part of his body, his left arm and head seeming to have received the brunt of the injuries. The whole left side of his head was ground and cut to pieces.

Levan Alderman, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alderman, who have resided on Vine street, this city, for about two years, having moved here from Ardmore. Mr. Alderman was formerly in the employ of the Well-ley Hardware company as traveling salesman, and now represents a Philadelphia hardware firm, and is at present out on a trip. The mother of the boy is just recovering from an illness, and was prostrated with grief when told of the death of her son.

COUNTY AUDITORS COMPLETE WORK

The county auditors have completed their labors and the county statement will be printed in the weekly papers in February.

The total receipts for the past year were \$36,577.39, which includes a balance of \$1480.60 on hand at last settlement. Of this \$9605.08 was from hotel and other sources.

The total paid out on county orders was \$25,684.95.

The court expenses and Commonwealth costs amounted to \$4333.11, and included jurors' pay, district attorney fees, etc.

Fees connected with the sheriff's office amounted to \$1012.86.

Under the head of county commissioners, auditors, jury commissioners, and county solicitor, \$2618.16 was paid out.

Election expenses for the year amounted to \$1210.87.

Assessors' pay ran up to \$1370.50. The latter includes the triennial assessment, which cost \$236.

BOROUGH SCHOOLS WILL BOIL WATER

Beginning with today the pupils of the first ward schools will be furnished boiled water for drinking purposes, it being a precaution deemed advisable owing to the prevalence of typhoid fever in the river towns, the sewage of which finds its way into the North branch.

For some time past, not only the teachers but the pupils also have been much averse to drinking water drawn from the faucets in the school buildings. The warning communication from Health Commissioner Dr. Dixon printed in these columns last week had the effect of making people more cautious, but even prior to that many families were boiling all the water used for drinking and the children, instead of using unboiled water at school provided themselves with the boiled or other vessels.

At present there is a general sentiment throughout the borough in favor of boiling the water. One of our leading physicians recently remarked that in his own household he made it a practice of having all the water boiled that is used for drinking and that he had done so for a year or more past.

The necessity of having drinking water furnished the pupils in school sterilized by boiling has on several occasions recently been brought to the attention of the school board by citizens. In response to this growing sentiment the matter was brought up at the last meeting Monday night, although the subject was fully discussed, no action was taken.

Since then, it would seem that the board has seen the necessity of having the water boiled for the schools. Yesterday Borough Superintendent Gorsley was instructed by the president of the board to proceed at once to make arrangements for boiling water in all the school buildings of the borough.

As the result of plans immediately set on foot the pupils of the first ward schools will have boiled water today. A large gas plate was installed in the cellar of the school building last night. On this it was planned to place a wash boiler, in which the water would be boiled. The boiler will be prepared the afternoon before and allowed to cool over night.

In the second and third wards the gas has not been placed in the school buildings, but pipes will be laid immediately and all connection will be completed in a day or so, when the gas plate and wash boiler will be brought into requisition. By next Monday the farthest the pupils will have boiled water in each of the wards. In the fourth ward gas has not yet been brought near the building and in lieu of the gas plate there a coal oil stove will be installed.

Death of Thomas Kidd.
Thomas Kidd, formerly employed as master mechanic at different times in four of Danville's iron mills, died yesterday at noon at his home in Philadelphia after having sustained a stroke of paralysis two weeks ago.

SHOP LIFTERS GET ONE YEAR

Elizabeth Krebs and Laura Harr, the two women arrested in this city for shop lifting about a month ago were sentenced by Judge Evans Monday, each to one year's imprisonment in the county jail and are already behind the bars. The case, which came up for the last time, Monday, was nothing short of sensational and it injected into the prosaic proceedings of the afternoon a vast deal of spice and a color of pathos.

The women pleaded guilty and on what ground they could hope to escape, if justice were done, is not clear. Yet the sentence fell like a thunderbolt not only on the women, but also on the attorneys interested, those for the prosecution as well as for the defense. All plans were laid to bring about the utmost clemency and no one seemed to have any doubt but that the plans would succeed.

It was nearly five o'clock when the court's attention was called to the fact that the two lady defendants were on hand and Judge Evans was begged to take the matter up to the end that the case might be disposed of without any further inconvenience. It was explained that the two women had pleaded guilty and all that remained was to hear a plea for clemency.

Judge Evans, however, refused to dispose of the case without hearing evidence and demanded that the prosecutors be brought into court to testify.

The case of Commonwealth vs. Richard McCormick was resumed until the merchants from whose stores goods had been stolen by the women appeared when the court ordered the hearing of testimony suspended and took up the shoplifters' case.

S. Lowenstein, Abram Rosenstein and Fred Howe, as prosecutors, were in session called to the stand, each identifying the women, describing the articles purloined, and relating the circumstances attending the theft.

There were three in the witness box. Former district attorney Ralph Kiser then made a touching and eloquent plea for the women. He did not deny the mere fact, but said it was a remarkable case, as the women were merely taking the articles from one store and left them in another store. They made no effort to get away with the goods and besides full restitution had been made. It was a case, he said, that called for mercy. He believed that the ends of justice would be subserved if sentence were suspended upon payment of costs.

When he concluded speaking William Kase West, who represented the prosecution, arose and said that he had no objections to urge against the exercise of clemency, even to the extent of suspending sentence. He even adduced some reasons why mercy should be shown, one of them being that Mrs. Krebs is a married woman and is needed in her home, her husband being a trusted employe of the Pennsylvania railroad company. District Attorney C. P. Gearhart then explained his position, which was not antagonistic to clemency.

MORNING SESSION

Court convened at 10 o'clock with his Honor Judge Evans and Associates Bloch and Waller on the bench. The list of traversers jurors was called, after which Elijah Bell, C. G. Garrison, Rudolph Ritter and W. B. Startzell were excused. The list of grand jurors was next called, after which C. J. Deighmiller was appointed foreman and the whole body was sworn.

The list of constables was called and these presented their reports. Charles M. Hollabaugh, of Derry township, reported both the Milton and the State road bridge in bad condition, the defect occurring at the entrance, which endangers travelling. The court directed the district attorney to take the matter up with the township supervisors, explaining that if they failed to act they would be liable to be indicted.

Want a Trolley.
Editor Intelligence:
Sir:—It seems that an individual or a community no sooner attains one long sought for improvement, than the desire comes to reach another still higher plane. Attainment only awakens other and greater ambitions.

It is thus that we justify ourselves here in Washingtonville, Mr. Editor, for desiring to possess an improvement, the thoughts of which are just now occupying the minds of many of the people in this vicinity—we want an electric railway.

Pretty big desire isn't it? But why shouldn't we have it? Washingtonville is an up-to-date little town in many other respects. It has its business activities and pleasure resorts. It is the center of the new people's telephone system; it has Billmeyer's celebrated park and the widely known Blue Springs farm. Why not have a trolley car? It is a matter of attraction of picnickers for a large section.

Yes, it would be a grand sight to witness a trolley car making its way through Washingtonville. The benefits to be derived by the residents of Washingtonville and the people of the surrounding country would be many and great. It would bring the community of Washingtonville into easy distance of the county seat, where the trading is done.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the business people as well as the good many at large will urge the good work along to the end that before 1907 rolls around Washingtonville may have the convenience that her neighboring towns enjoy.

Slippers Made of Human Skin.
A pair of house slippers made out of a man's dermis and epidermis—to be more plain, made from skin taken from the body of a man. The very thought makes creepy crawly chills ripple up your spinal column causing an anatomy ghastly sensation. But nevertheless this is true and a Sunbury man is the possessor of these very same slippers, which the members of his family will not allow him to wear around the house, forcing him to keep them locked in his room and to carry an insurance policy against nightly visitations of ghosts. There is an interesting story connected with the slippers, as follows:

Slippers Made of Human Skin

Several years ago a railroad man was killed while at work near Williamsport. None of his relatives could be located and as no friends came forward to claim the body and give him a decent burial the body in some manner reached a hospital in the northern part of this State where it was dissected. One of the doctors at the hospital was interested in a tannery and securing the skin from the man's body he sent it to the tannery and had it tanned. It was then taken to a Muncy shoemaker who made from it several pairs of slippers and a number of pocket books and tobacco pouches. The shoemaker displayed these goods at his place of business and told from what they had been made. As a result the good people of Muncy were so horrified that the shoemaker was boycotted and he was forced to leave the town. Just at this time the Spanish-American war had started and he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving through the war as an orderly to Rear Admiral Bob Evans. Some time after the close of the war he took sick and died but before his death he presented a pair of the slippers to his cousin and it is this cousin who now resides in Sunbury and who still has the slippers.

In appearance the slippers are of a saffron color and are very soft and pliable. In telling of the slippers the owner stated that a newspaper representative that he had refused an offer of one hundred and fifty dollars for them.

The high school boys of Meadville got to playing billiards and rolling ten pins far into the night, and as a result the graduating class failed on examination and now the police are after all the billiard balls and bowling alley owners.

Ammon Weller vs. Shamokin H. S.
The Y. M. C. A. team will line up in its opening home game against the strong Shamokin High School team, Friday night, January 18th at Armory Hall. Danville's line-up will be as follows: Peters, Captain; Welliver, Edmondson, Roberts, Kase and Leniger. A fast clean game may be expected. Admission 25 cents.

At Joseph Ratti Hospital.
May, the daughter of John Patton, Lower Mulberry street, has been taken to the Joseph Ratti hospital at Bloomsburg, suffering with typhoid fever.

Burglars in Midway.
Burglars broke into Achenbach and Moore's midway at Bloomsburg Monday night and secured two Winchester rifles and some cigars before they were frightened away.

Thanks to our efficient police force, tramps are scarce in Danville.

Funer of Levan Alderman.
The funeral of Levan Alderman, whose tragic death occurred on the P. & R. tracks, Tuesday afternoon, will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence on Vine street. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Turkey Supper at Grovania.
The following party of men enjoyed a turkey supper last evening at Stong's hotel at Grovania. W. Kase West, Jacob H. Cole, Henry Diver, Frank Youngman, Harry Ellenbogen, George Youngman, W. Fred Jacobs, Jno. R. Jacobs, I. C. Lee, Henry Horner, A. L. Voris.

Date Changed.
It has been made necessary to change the date and the place of meeting for the third annual meeting of the school directors' association of Montour county from Wednesday, January 23rd, at the court house, to Friday, January 25th, in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The change was made necessary by the fact that Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, State superintendent of public instruction, who is scheduled for two addresses at the meeting, had conflicting engagements for Wednesday the 23rd.