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# McKINLEY AND ROOSEVELT.

## The President's Policy Endorsed By An Overwhelming Majority.

### DESTRUCTIVE FIRE LAST NIGHT

Two Horses Burned to Death—A Quantity of Hay and Grain Consumed.

A fire broke out in the stone barn owned by Charles P. Hancock, in the rear of his Market street residence, last evening about seven o'clock and before it was gotten under control about \$1000 worth of property was destroyed.

The barn was leased by the Welliver Hardware Company who suffer the loss of two good horses, several sets of harness and a winter's supply of hay and grain. Their wagons and buggies were saved, but it was impossible to reach the horses as the flames had gotten too good a start and the poor dumb animals were burned to death.

The flames were first discovered by George Hendricks, who lives on Factory street a short distance from the barn. To all appearances the fire started near the stables as they were completely surrounded by the flames when Mr. Hendricks first arrived on the scene. An alarm was sent in which was quickly responded to by the different hose companies and they soon had the fire under control.

No theory is advanced as to the origin of the fire, though many seem to think that it was caused by one of the horses striking his hoof on a match.

While the Goodwill Hose Company were still working at the Hancock barn some miscreant reported that the Fourth ward school house was on fire. With but one section of hose on the reel they started for the school house only to find that it was a false alarm. It was quite a run to the Fourth ward and there are several hard hills to climb. Naturally the Goodwill boys feel somewhat sore.

### SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL

Held Monday Evening to Determine an Important Matter.

Council met in special session Monday evening for the purpose of deciding on a question relative to the laying of water pipes beyond the Borough limits into Mahoning township, but before the meeting was adjourned considerable general business was transacted.

The members present were: Kemmer, Goldsmith, Jones, Fetterman, Chesnut, Amesbury, Vastine, Deutsch and Brandt.

Some time since the Water Superintendent was authorized by the Board of Water Commissioners to lay pipes beyond the Borough limits for the convenience of three prospective water renters in Mahoning township.

Superintendent Keefe proceeded with the work as per his instructions but when the Township line was reached the work was halted by the Supervisor of Mahoning who demanded that the Borough give an indemnifying bond sufficiently large enough to cover any case of accident that might result from having the roadway torn up.

When Mr. Keefe stated the facts before Council some of the members seemed inclined to doubt the advisability of extending the pipes beyond the Borough limits and, on the motion of Mr. Goldsmith, it was decided not to continue with the work unless the parties desiring the water should bear the expense.

The indemnifying bond question was settled by the flat refusal of Council to countenance the idea.

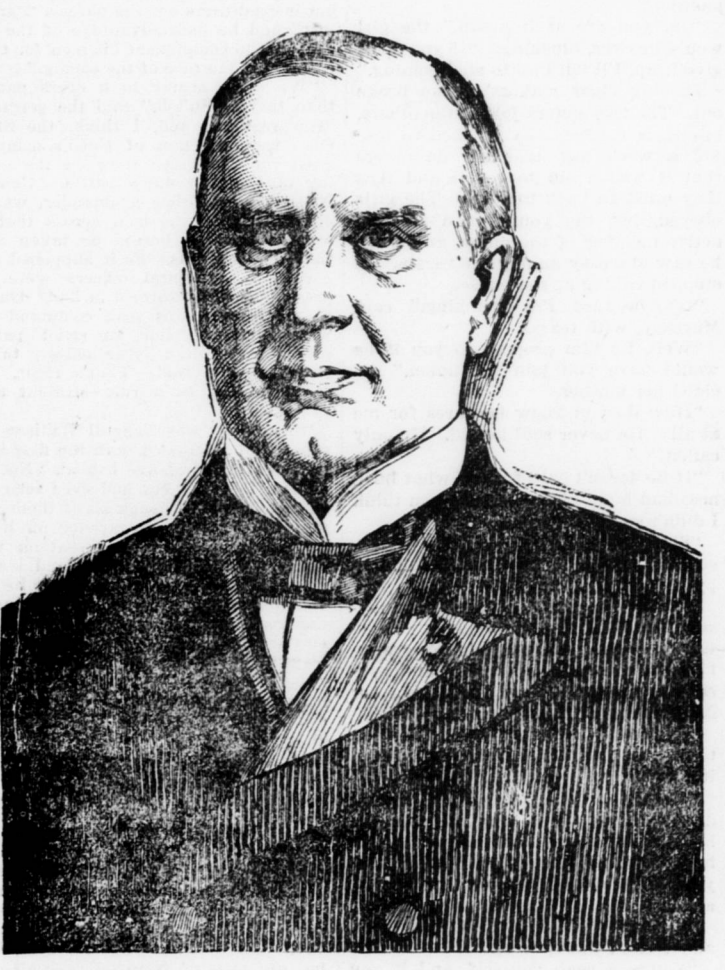
At this point the "special" feature of the session seemed to be lost sight of and Mr. Vastine requested that some action be taken regarding the request of Superintendent Richards, of the City Flour Mills, for permission to lay a railroad switch along North Mill street from the Reading tracks to the front of the mill.

Mr. Richards claimed that the road would not be encroached upon but this explanation of his intentions was not satisfactory and he was asked to visit the spot with the Streets and Bridges Committee and there point out just what he desired to do.

This matter being settled, Mr. Chesnut desired to know what had been done to ward securing new boilers for the Water Works Annex and in response to his question Mr. Vastine stated that during last week the Commissioners had opened bids and had placed an order for a Babcock Tubular boiler.

Mr. Vastine also stated that there had been some harsh things said about the secrecy surrounding this purchase but Council seemed to think that the Commissioners had kept within their authority and their action was endorsed.

About this time one of the members remembered that it was a special meeting and the motion to adjourn met with no dissenting voices.



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## A Republican Sweep From East to West.

### COMMITTED FOR A HEARING.

The result of the general election, Tuesday, was the triumphant re-election of President McKinley and the endorsement of his administration. This is a grand and glorious victory for the people and shows that their better judgment can always be relied on in times of emergency.

The policy of the government is endorsed and the people have declared that they are satisfied to let well enough alone; that they will not risk a continuance of prosperity by trying a doubtful experiment.

The people of this nation are not easily led astray by false notions or theories. William McKinley is recognized as a safe leader, his policy has been approved and will be continued for four years more.

### ENTERTAINMENT AT HOSPITAL.

The first entertainment of the season was given at the State Hospital Tuesday evening.

The program consisted of recitations, instrumental and vocal solos and duets. These entertainments are always a great diversion for the patients and will be continued the entire winter, alternated each week by a dance.

Several of the attendants have formed an orchestra which is under the direction of Prof. Richard Metherell. They are improving rapidly and do the playing for all the dances and entertainments.

P. O. S. of A. Will Entertain.

Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., will entertain the Bloomsburg Camp next Tuesday evening. An entertainment will be given in the lodge room after which a banquet and reception will be held at the Heddens House.

### AN IMPORTANT ARREST, YESTERDAY

Ben. Savercool, a young resident of Limestone township, this county, was locked up in Fort Maier's yesterday morning to await trial on the charge of purloining a number of horse blankets and sets of harness.

During last July the residents of Limestone were terrorized by an organized gang of young fellows who wandered through the county at night visiting barns and stealing everything that happened to come within their reach. Horse blankets in large numbers were stolen and numerous sets of harness disappeared only to turn up again in some fine corner burned to a crisp. Farm implements also were stolen but not in such numbers.

After a time a clue was discovered which led the authorities to believe that a trio of youths, answering to the names of Shippe, Robbins and Savercool, were the perpetrators of the thefts and warrants were issued for their arrest.

Shippe and Robbins were apprehended but Savercool was too slick for the officers and skipped away before they could lay hold of him.

Since that time nothing was heard of him until last week when he was located at Harrisburg. On Tuesday night he was arrested and arraigned before Squire J. D. Ellis who committed him to jail in default of \$300 bail.

This arrest is considered most important as Savercool is thought to have been the ring leader of the gang and his capture was greatly desired.

Robbins and Shippe were up for trial at the last term of court. They pleaded guilty but sentence was suspended. It will likely go harder than that with Savercool.

Heavily split tickets made the count slow in this county.

### ARMORY PLANS MOVING SLOWLY.

In a conversation yesterday Capt. J. Beaver Gearhart stated that not much progress is being made just at present toward the erection of a new Armory on account of the enforced illness of Architect Brugler, but that he thought that everything would be in readiness to start work on the new structure about next Spring.

Mr. Brugler has suggested plans which just about suit the local company and for that reason no move has been made, specifications to be turned out by him being desired before anything definite is settled upon.

Danville 28. Bloomsburg 10.

The Danville Basket Ball team played its first game of the season Tuesday night and succeeded in walking off the Armory floor victors over the Bloomsburg five by the score of 28 to 10. Both teams showed lack of training but the locals seemed to have retained the skill in passing the ball that marked their play in former seasons and after they located the basket they scored rapidly. Bloomsburg played a hard as well as a gentlemanly game and took their defeat with good grace. There was some brilliant playing in spots and the fair-sized audience in attendance was frequently brought to its feet by some clever piece of work and interest was sustained from start to finish.

The teams lined up as follows:—  
DANVILLE. POSITIONS. BLOOMSBURG.  
Klase.....attack.....Moore.  
Belea.....attack.....Lewis.  
Newbaker.....center.....Marshey.  
Gaskins.....defense.....Hays.  
Sechler.....defense.....Kilmer.  
Summary, goals from field, Sechler 2, Klase 3, Gaskins 5, Belea 2, Newbaker 2, Hays 1, Moore 1, Lewis 1, Marshey 1, Kilmer 1. Referee, Mr. Quiek, Bloomsburg, Umpire, Mr. Diehl, Danville, Time two 20 minute halves.

### ATTEMPTED TO MURDER HIS WIFE

And When He Failed He Fired His House in Revenge.

A tragedy was narrowly averted Saturday night at the home of Harvey Lamberson, about two miles below town, along the Penna. canal, when Lamberson, while in a drunken frenzy, attempted to murder his wife.

When this fell design was frustrated by the timely intervention of a brother, who lived neighbor to him, he set fire to his home and then, Nero-like, laughed while it burned.

The charge of infidelity on the part of the husband, brought against him by his wife, is thought to have led to the quarrel which resulted so disastrously.

For several weeks past Lamberson and his wife had been at odds over Mrs. Lamberson's refusal to countenance some of his friends.

On Saturday he was away from the house for the greater part of the day and when he did return home, about 5 o'clock in the evening, he is said to have been slightly under the influence of liquor and very much out of sorts.

As soon as he was in the house the old quarrel came up again and Lamberson, losing all control of himself, suddenly grabbed his wife and threw her to the floor and with murderous ferocity began to beat her about the face.

Tiring of this, he drew a clasp knife from his pocket and, while with his left hand on her throat, he endeavored to open the knife with his other hand and his teeth, he informed her that "he was going to cut her throat and then kill himself."

At this juncture the terrified woman called loudly for help. Fortunately Lloyd Lamberson, Harvey's brother, who lives just across the canal, was working close at hand and he heard the screams and rushed to the woman's assistance.

The infuriated man had just succeeded in unclasping the knife and was about to plunge it into his wife's throat when his brother closed in on him and while these two were engaged in a life and death struggle for possession of the knife, the woman escaped and ran out of the house.

Thus far the scene of action was the second story of the house and when, after a hard battle, Lloyd secured the knife, in his haste to get away, fell and rolled down the flight of steps leading to the kitchen below. As he regained his feet he noticed a shot gun in a corner and securing this he ran out on the tow path and catching Mrs. Lamberson in his arms he sprang into a foot boat and rapidly rowed to the opposite shore.

While Lloyd was thus engaged Harvey was still in the house looking for the shot gun and when he was unable to find it, rushed out and in his impetuous fury, stood on the bank and hurled stones at his intended victim as she was being conducted to safety.

Once across the canal Lloyd made for his own home which was a little later visited by Harvey who broke in the door panels with a stone and then left, being afraid to proceed further when threatened with the gun.

When he left Lloyd's house he went directly back to his own and with the aid of some paper and his wife's clothes he set fire to the building in four different places and as the flames mounted upwards he stood near by and loudly called to his wife to "watch the d— place burn."

Police aid was sent for but before Constable Young reached the scene Lamberson had disappeared but later on he was located at the Susquehanna Hotel, South Danville, and about 11 o'clock was arrested by Officers Mincey and Voris and placed in the county jail.

The house and all its contents were entirely destroyed. When seen Sunday Mrs. Lamberson had not entirely recovered from the nervous shock she had suffered and her face bore evidence of her husband's brutality.

About eight years ago Lamberson attempted to take the life of the late Jesse Ammerman and in consequence he had to spend 18 months in the Eastern Penitentiary.

### WM. L. DEUTSCH ELECTED TO COUNCIL

To Fill Vacancy Caused By The Death Of John Reban—Borough Funds Low.

Council met in regular session Friday night with the following members present: President Kemmer and Messrs. Goldsmith, Holloway, Fetterman, Chesnut, Vastine, Sechler, Amesbury and Lauer.

William L. Deutsch was elected to fill the unexpired term of John Reban, deceased. He had no opposition and as soon as the ballot had been taken and the result announced he was sworn into office, Burgess Moyer being present at the meeting, and he at once took his place with the other First Ward Councilmen.

The Borough Treasurer's statement was read and showed a net balance on hand of \$6,301.46. After the statement had been read, Mr. Goldsmith stated that the Borough funds were rapidly approaching a low water mark, it having been calculated that after the payment of the bills now due only \$197.05 would remain in the Treasury. He recommended the most extreme economy and stated that it would be impossible to pay the salaries of the regular employes or the wages of any of the Borough help until February, at which time the revenue from the liquor licenses would come in.

C. P. Hancock and T. F. Patterson appeared before the body and made complaint against certain persons who are said to be encroaching on the public road in the vicinity of the Episcopal cemetery and their request, that the Streets and Bridges Committee confer with them on the matter, was granted.

Mr. Holloway presented a letter from the Union Automobile Passenger Co., of Williamsport, who ask for the exclusive right to operate an automobile line through the streets for a period of 15 years. The request was laid on the table.

On request, Matthew Ryan was given permission to build a blacksmith shop on the site of the one now situated on the left side of North Mill street, just beyond the City Flour Mills.

At the suggestion of Mr. Amesbury the Fire Committee was instructed to purchase a supply of coal for each of the Hose Companies.

### The following bills were ordered paid:

WATER DEPARTMENT.	
Regular employes.....	\$144.30
Sam A. McCoy.....	20.00
Labor and hauling.....	725.50
Curry & Yannan.....	80.74
Haines, Jones & Cadbury Co.....	13.86
H. Rupp.....	7.25
Welliver Hardware Co.....	682.48
A. C. Amesbury.....	91.91
Standard Gas Co.....	6.60
Truckwagner & Werkheiser.....	79.87
Lambourna railroad.....	182.22
Drayage.....	2.00
BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.	
Regular employes.....	\$82.50
Labor and hauling.....	52.74
P. C. Cotner.....	44.00
G. W. Hendricks.....	2.00
Joseph Hunter.....	50.00
H. L. Gross.....	62.50
Standard Gas Co.....	3.20
Standard Electric Light Co.....	463.19
H. R. Moore.....	.84

### Sudden Death Saturday Night.

At the home of her adopted daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Livizey, Grand street, Saturday evening, occurred the death of Mrs. Phoebe Gearhart, one of Danville's well known residents.

She died very suddenly, heart disease being the cause. She had been in the best of spirits throughout the day. At seven o'clock in the evening she returned from a visit with a neighbor and complained of a shortness of breath. In order to get the air she sat down on the side porch and ten minutes later expired. Mrs. Gearhart is survived by her mother, Mrs. Kate Bates, and two brothers.

The Montour & Columbia Telephone Company will place one of their phones in the P. & R. depot today.

### Death of Thomas Deen, Esq.

At 11:15 Friday evening one of the best known young residents of this city passed away.

Thomas E. Deen Esq., after an illness of nearly two months, during which time he was a great sufferer, succumbed to the ravages of neuritis, or inflammation of the covering of the nerves. Mr. Deen was only 27 years of age and was but entering upon what promised to be a useful and successful career.

### Puddle Mill to Start.

Puddle Boss Michael Hurley, in charge of the Howe & Samuels puddle mill, which was formerly the Mahoning Rolling mill, has received orders to have the mill in readiness to start, the intention at present being to light up the furnaces in about two weeks.

The mill is in good shape, with the exception of a few little repairs which will naturally be needed, and as soon as the material, some of which is already en route here, is received the plant will be in shape to resume operations.

The mill has been idle since last July. Ten double furnaces compose the puddling department and over a hundred men are employed when the mill is running full.

This plant makes a specialty of the manufacture of low phosphorous muck bar for which, at present, there is a demand in the market.

As one by one, our local industries resume operations after the business stagnation which visited this city several months since, the number of our unemployed gradually becomes less and indications for a prosperous winter daily becomes more favorable.

### Former Danville Boy Marries.

Eliaser Maier, son of Jacob Maier, Mill street, this city, and Miss Edina Baldwin, of Philadelphia, were united in marriage on last Thursday, the ceremony taking place at 8 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Maier will make their home in Philadelphia.

This item of news will be a pleasant surprise to the groom's many friends in this city as no intimation of his intention to join the ranks of the Benedicts had been given out previous to the time that he launched into the sea of matrimony.

### Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Waite gave a surprise party Tuesday night in honor of their daughter Pauline's seventh birthday. Those present were: Irene and Elsie Gulick, Isabel and Marion Schoeb, Mary and Gussie Gaskins, Lucy and Clara Dettwiler, Margaret Barber, Frances Keilman, Ethel and Mable Foust, Lois Reifsnnyder, Isabel Wetzel, Bernice Witcomb, Eleanor Deutsch, Leah and Alice Waite.