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CONDENSED NEWS.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.—

The MONTOUR AMERICAN force will enjoy the holiday vacation.

Only nine hours of day light. Court will convene Monday next. The shortest day of the year next Saturday. There is plenty of good Councilmanic material in the various wards if the people will only find it.

The various colleges throughout the country will close for the Christmas vacation this week.

Maria's restaurant has been entirely overhauled and presents a very bright appearance. It has been repapered, newly painted and many minor improvements made.

If you want to spend a merry Christmas see that you make some one else happy.

The windows of M. H. Schram's tobacco store are very artistically decorated for the holidays.

Never judge a Christmas gift by the cost mark.

Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M. installed its newly elected officers last night. A fine banquet marked the event.

A stand at Mill and East Mahoning streets dispensing Coney Island candy, did a land office business yesterday and last evening.

The new bell which the congregation of the Washingtonville M. E. church recently purchased will be ready for use by New Year's day.

The matrimonial market seems to be at a low ebb in this vicinity. Perhaps all the eligible young men and women are waiting until the "roses bloom again."

Court house officials are preparing for the new year's changes.

The water in the river has fallen very nearly as rapidly as it rose. It went down eight feet in twenty-four hours.

Council will meet in regular session on Friday evening. This will be the last regular meeting of the year.

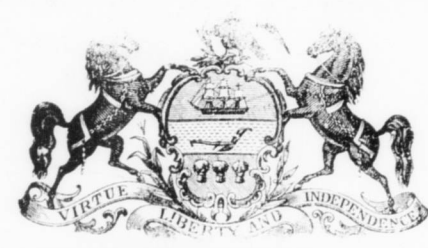
Now is the time to stuff your Christmas turkey—with corn.

The queen of the kitchen is now putting in her spare time baking cakes for Christmas.

Christmas tree fire is displayed in dazzling array. Most important in this connection is the avoiding of anything inflammable, especially if you intend to light the tree.

The music for the dance at the Armory Christmas afternoon will be furnished by Richard Metherell, E. H. Miles and Cornist William Rettmeyer.

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HEALTH BOARD MEETING.

A Request Made That all Persons Get Vaccinated.

The Board of Health at the call of the President, Dr. P. C. Newbaker, held a meeting in the council chamber Thursday night. The matters to be considered of course, were small-pox, vaccination and methods to be taken to prevent the importation of the dread disease, subjects which have been agitated in these columns for a couple of days past.

A SECRET DRAWER

Where the Late Mark Carey Kept his Gold.

The heirs of the late Mark Carey, of Anthony township, are richer by \$345 than they thought they were. The deceased, it will be remembered, died as the result of being kicked by a horse some weeks ago. A public sale of his personal property was held Friday at the Carey homestead near Exchange.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Mrs. Charles Henninger, of Sunbury, who has been visiting at the home of Benjamin F. Landau, South Danville, returned home yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hummer and daughter, Miss Lulu, of Riverside, attended the Northumberland County Institute at the Sunbury yesterday.

TAMPERED WITH THE FURNACE

Boiler Caused to Explode at Montour House Saturday.

What was evidently a dastardly attempt to blow up the boiler in the cellar of the Montour House took place Saturday afternoon. That the mischief partially failed in its object is owing to the fact that the heating apparatus of boiler installed is of the most approved and modern type which renders an explosion with any very destructive effects utterly out of the question.

SHOT THROUGH THE LEG

A Bad Accident Which Befell Donald Shoemaker.

Donald Shoemaker, the 19-year-old son of Mrs. Emma Shoemaker, of Washingtonville, was accidentally shot in the leg by a Flobert rifle yesterday and at last accounts was in a rather serious condition as the result. The accident occurred during the morning at the residence of Joseph Seidel, grandfather of the boy, where the little fellow and his mother have their home.

FILTER PLANT HARD PUSHED

Why the Hydrant Water was Cloudy Monday.

A flood when the river is as muddy as at present is apt to give any filter plant all that it can do to purify the water. It was noticed about town Monday that the water drawn from the hydrants was quite cloudy in appearance. Many water-takers, accustomed to the crystalline purity of our water, found considerable fault and resorted to springs and wells about town.

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WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The Annual Election held Tuesday Afternoon.

Women's Relief Corps, No. 31, held its annual election Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Sannel Linger was chosen President to succeed the late Mrs. Mary C. Moyer who served the corps so efficiently in that capacity during the year past.

The Women's Relief Corps, which is made up of either wives or widows of the G. A. R. like the members of that organization, is rapidly dwindling in numbers, there remaining at present only fourteen members. It is an organization concerning which many people are only imperfectly informed, either as to its object or methods of work.

When the war was over they still found plenty of work for the hand of charity among the soldiers, many of whom broken in health or wounded were unable to hold their own in the great struggle of life.

The object of this organization is to assist destitute soldiers, and soldier's widows. Provisions, coal or clothing, as the needs may be, are provided and employment found for the children in case they are old enough to work. There was at one time a large membership in the relief corps here. Although reduced in numbers now, they have by no means lost their enthusiasm or capacity for work.

New Year's Reception. It is gratifying to note that the temporary financial embarrassment of the local Y. M. C. A. militated in no respect against the success of the work now on several lines of entertainment which of late years have become such a pleasing feature of the institution here.

Frank Lynn's Close Call. Frank Lynn, of this city, came within an ace of drowning while hunting muskrats on the river just above the Hospital for the Insane, Monday. The boat overturned and he sank into the deep and rapid current. While struggling in the water he made several frantic efforts to grasp the boat but in each instance only succeeded in pushing it further out of reach.

Sunday School Entertainment. The Salvation Army is preparing a Christmas entertainment for its Sunday school to be given on Monday evening December 30th. This Sunday school is made up principally of poor children who are carefully looked after spiritually by the Army and their little hearts will be made glad by the distribution of prizes and gifts.

At Pine Street Lutheran Church. The Christmas exercises of the Pine street Lutheran church Sunday School will be held on Tuesday evening, December 24th. The children will render an attractive program of choruses, solos and recitations. The usual remembrances will be given. The entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. W. E. Kase and Mrs. Seth Lorimer.

Purchased a Home. Harry Ellenbogen has purchased from the Jacob Goldsmith estate the dwelling now occupied by his mother, Mrs. Moses Ellenbogen, on Lower Millberry street. The house was built by the late Jacob Goldsmith and after his death was used as the family residence until their removal to Philadelphia.

Danville's Lodge of Elks. Arrangements are being made for the institution of a Lodge of Elks in Danville on Monday, December 30th. The names of thirty-five Danville citizens are on the charter list and no doubt one of the largest and most successful lodges in the state will soon be effected in this city.

Verdict That Carries Weight. That Danville's water system embracing filtration is the best to be found in this entire section has never been doubted, that it takes precedence, however, in several countries of the world is a fact which will cause some surprise. Purely on its merits, without even the knowledge of those in whose hands the affairs of the water department rested our plant was awarded the palm and it remained for a citizen of the great West to come East and inform us of the honor.

The facts are briefly these. The city of St. Louis, Mo., desired to adopt a system of filtration and in order to obtain reliable information as to the relative merits of the different systems in use the city sent its Water Commissioner, W. H. Holman, a hydraulic engineer of wide reputation, to Europe after he had completed a tour of the United States.

Popular Music Pleases. Music lovers found a rare treat in the entertainment given in Y. M. C. A. hall Tuesday night. The room as usual was packed to its utmost capacity. The concert solo by S. Ross Millhouse was a magnificent number in every way. It has been several years since Mr. Millhouse has been heard in Danville. He shows remarkable improvement in tone and technique. His playing is that of an artist and the solo completed the best light concert program heard in Danville in a long time. He was honored with an encore.

The concert given by the Penn Social orchestra on the whole proved to be one of the best numbers given on the free course this season. This organization has made exceptional progress and it was a pleasure to hear its music. In rendering a popular music program the orchestra catered to the multitude and never got beyond its own capability. The different numbers were played with a vim and brilliancy and the phrasing was most beautifully done. The marches were very spirited especially the last one, "Hurrah Boys." A new arrangement of "The Holy City" was a most excellent number. A selection from Florida was very pleasing. E. H. Miles played a trombone solo in his usual artistic manner. It is always a great pleasure to hear him. Miss Ammerman sang a number of eon songs with orchestra accompaniment in a manner that brought forth great applause. It was a new style for concert work and it caught on immensely.

Funeral Largely Attended. The funeral of the late Mrs. Miriam Mettler took place Friday. Two hymns were sung at the Bowers home-stead in this city by the choir of the First Baptist church after which the remains were conveyed to Klinesgrove, where after services conducted by Rev. L. B. Twichell of this city, interment was made in the Methodist cemetery. At Klinesgrove, in the vicinity of which the deceased spent the greater part of long life, the remains were met by a large number of relatives and friends which filled the church to its utmost capacity. The pall bearers were: Eli Hoover, Charles G. Haugawant, Peter Berger, of Riverside; Oscar Kase, G. L. McLain and John Hunt, of this city.

Miss Susan A. Kessler, an old lady of 80 years, an inmate of the Montour county almshouse for four years past, was last week removed to the Philadelphia Home for the Infirmary. She was accompanied to Philadelphia by Mrs. W. D. Laumaster and Mrs. M. Jones, of this city. Miss Kessler was for many years a skillful nurse and served in some of the best families of Danville and Milton. About twelve years ago she was stricken with paralysis. She was a kind and lovable woman of refined tastes and her friends will mourn with pleasure her removal to the Philadelphia Home where her latter days will be spent among the most delightful and peaceful surroundings.

The Penn Social orchestra drew many people to the firemen's fair last evening. Many sales were made and the fire ladies swelled their treasury considerably. The orchestra played during the entire evening and gave its usual satisfaction. Orders were issued Saturday to the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad that all who have not been vaccinated within the past five years must undergo the operation at once.

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Dear Head Mounted. An attraction was added to the window of M. H. Schram's store Tuesday in the form of a handsomely mounted deer's head, a souvenir of Heber L. DeWitt's recent hunt. The deer was shot by Mr. DeWitt in Huntington county a month or so ago. The mounting was done by Rev. N. E. Cleaver, of this city, whose skill as an amateur taxidermist, was alluded to in these columns some time ago.