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CONDENSED NEWS. Tear off the old calendar. December had a record for weather.

Well Known Merchant Dies. Barton G. Waples died in his home at Groveville Friday morning after a two weeks' illness.

Danville Wins at Bloomsburg. The game of basket ball at Bloomsburg, Friday night, between the team of this city and the Bloomsburg Wheelmen resulted in another victory for Danville.

Rev. Fogleman's New Charge. Rev. D. L. Fogleman and wife will leave for Denver, Lancaster County, on Wednesday next.

Buried Yesterday. The funeral of the late John Cromley, Cooper township, was held yesterday from the Lutheran church at Groveville.

EDWARD CORMAN'S MULE FEBRUARY ELECTION

Our townsman, Edward Corman, has a mule which he at any time could sell for \$500. A high price, it is true, but Mr. Corman bases the value upon quotations contained in the Philadelphia "Record" of last Sunday, which had a column article on "Mules."

A mule let it be understood is not necessarily a long-eared quadruped which we associate with the towpath and the coal mine. Among those versed in the science of coins and medals, a "mule" is a name applied to a very rare coin, peculiar in that through caprice or mistake, or as a matter of experiment, it is hybrid, being coined with two obverse or two reverse types accidentally associated.

The February election is only little over a month distant and already several of our citizens, who cherish a laudable ambition, are wondering what their chances might be for election to succeed the retiring borough officers. The names of several have already been suggested by their friends, so that no matter how soon the election may be here it is not likely that it will find a dearth of candidates in the field.

The following directors will expire: First Ward, Dr. F. E. Harpel; Second Ward, Grant Festermaacher; Third Ward, Jacob Fischer; Fourth Ward, Walter O. Green.

Electric Light Installed. The South Danville station was illuminated with electric light for the first time on Saturday night. Some nine 16-candle power incandescent lights are installed inside the station.

Located by the X Rays. Mrs. Henrietta Jones, Church and Lower Mulberry streets, Saturday, returned from Williamsport, where she underwent treatment for a very old ailment. Some two weeks ago while cleaning carpet she ran a needle into the index finger of her right hand, which broke off a short distance below the eye.

Basket Ball Friday Night. There will be a game of basket ball in the Armory on Friday evening between the home team and the strong team of the Susquehanna University.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances. Miss Alice Dennen and Miss Laura Payton spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith of Shamokin returned home yesterday morning after a visit at the residence of Samuel Lewis, Montour Row.

Clark Sechler of Philadelphia, who has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sechler, Church street, returned home at noon, yesterday.

Gerald Gross, of Bloomsburg, spent the day with friends in this city. Miss Myrtle Snyder, Front street, visited friends in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Miss Alice Dennen and Miss Laura Payton spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury. Miss Grace Ware, Bloom street, returned Wednesday after a visit with friends in Northumberland.

Miss Bertha Womelsdorf of West Nanticoke is the guest of Mrs. Carrie Shure, Cooper street. Martin Landau left yesterday for Philadelphia.

Mrs. Alice Feter and Miss Maggie Hawke, of Lewisburg, are guests of Mrs. Lizzie Perry, Ferry street. Mrs. W. F. Kellar of Wilmington, Delaware, returned home Wednesday after a visit at the residence of John Jones, Glick's Addition.

Sydney Hoffa and Clyde Heldens of Washingtonville drove into this city yesterday. Mrs. George Seidel of Shamokin, is the guest of Mrs. Lewis Richard, Church street.

UNION YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

A Large Turnout Despite the Inclement Weather. Notwithstanding the bad walking and the falling rain, either of which might have been pleaded as an excuse for remaining indoors, the Union Young People's service at St. Paul's M. E. church, Sunday night, was a fine success.

The meeting was in charge of Beverly Musselman and occupied an hour and a half. The topic, which was appropriate to the close of the year, was "Numbering Our Days," founded on the 90th psalm.

The double male quartette of the Y. M. C. A. rendered several fine selections. P. O. S. of A. Annual Election. Washington Camp No. 361, P. O. S. of A., of this city, held its annual election Tuesday night.

William Kickett, employed as stocker of the scrap furnaces at the Reading Iron Works, met with a very serious accident Monday about noon.

Dr. Kimerer was called, and the injured man in an unconscious state was conveyed to his home on First street, Welsh Hill. Dr. Kimerer stated Tuesday evening that the patient was resting easily and would recover without any ill effects.

Thomas Vincent, Prothonotary-elect, and Andrew Steinman, County Treasurer-elect, on Monday next at noon will take their oath of office.

The retiring officers, both competent men, have well demonstrated their ability and trustworthiness. They can retire from office with the consciousness that they have the respect of the community and that they will henceforth be looked upon as men worthy of any trust that may be reposed in them.

No new cases of varioloid having appeared up to this time there would seem to be no more cause for fear on the score of small-pox in Danville, at least not so far as the present outbreak is concerned.

TELEPHONE COMBINATIONS

Rapid Progress of Independent Companies Recently Formed. One of the most interesting developments of recent years is the rapid growth of the independent telephone companies all over the country.

The Cumberland Valley Telephone Company has been leased to and will be operated by the United Telephone and Telegraph Company, whose lines now stretch from Philadelphia to Johnstown.

The independent companies of such important manufacturing centers as Lancaster, Lebanon, Chester, Danville, Bloomsburg, Williamsport, Bellefonte, Altoona, Sunbury, Coatesville, Norris-town, and the leading commercial centers along the lines of the great railroads, all of which have been, or are now being connected together into one vast system under one management.

The facilities afforded for communication, either locally or between the cities and towns of the State, are exceptionally good. With apparatus mostly of the latest approved type, the service is the very best.

With the completion of the Harrisburg Exchange, now about to go into operation, the Cumberland Valley system will be connected with the rest of the United Telephone and Telegraph Company, making the largest independent telephone system under one management in the country.

The Board of Health held a meeting Tuesday night. Dr. R. Kimerer, O. B. Switzer, and Aaron Rockafeller were present in addition to Secretary Dr. C. Shultz and Health Officer Benton B. Brown.

A movement is on foot among the poultry fanciers of this section to hold a poultry show at the Armory in this place, in the near future. It is proposed to have the exhibition on three nights, and those moving in the matter are promised entries from Danville, Lewisburg, Watson-town and Sunbury.

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THIRTEEN FIRE ALARMS

Chief of Police and Chief of Fire Department Present Reports. The borough council held a special meeting Tuesday night for the purpose of winding up the business of the year 1901.

The most destructive fire of the year occurred at the Reading Iron Works on the night of June 19th. An inventory of the apparatus, and equipment of the different fire companies of the borough was presented, together with a list of members, which runs as follows: Friendship, 73; Washington, 69; Continental, 46; Good Will, 79; total membership, 367.

The following bills were approved for payment. BOROUGH DEPARTMENT. Regular employees, \$ 82.50 Standard Electric Light Co., 434.33 Standard Gas Co., 3.69 A. H. Grove, 4.67 Street labor and hauling, 18.48

Water Department. Regular employees, \$ 132.40 W. F. P. Childs, 3.00 A. H. Grove, 4.05 Harry B. Patton, 23.00 Joseph Lechner, 8.61 Keely and Trumbower, 18.39 Standard Gas Co., 9.80 A. C. Amersbury, 163.33 Washington Fire Co., 90 John Hixon, 5.45

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The duties of the Health Officer have multiplied very rapidly since the outbreak of varioloid. The prevalence of measles, themselves, is enough to keep the officer pretty busy, as there is scarcely a day that he has not one or more cards to put up or to take down.

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The Armory yesterday afternoon presented a gay appearance and the New Year's dance of 1902 will go on record as a great success. About forty couples enjoyed the dancing. Herbert Wyle furnished the music.

JOB PRINTING

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THIS THIEF WAS CLEVER

Residence of Jeweler Henry Rempe Robbed Tuesday. The residence of Henry Rempe, the Jeweler, was robbed Tuesday under most peculiar circumstances. The thief, who was a consummate actor, by a ruse was able to disarm suspicion and succeeded in gaining permission to enter the house when he proceeded on his mission of robbery unobserved.

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At about half past two o'clock Tuesday afternoon a man of about medium height and build, dressed up to represent a lineaman, appeared at the back door of the Rempe residence, stating that he had been sent by the superintendent of the Standard Electric Light company to change the feed wires, which enter the house at the second story.

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At this point it became clear to Mr. Rempe that his house had been at the mercy of a robber and he hurried home to see what articles might be missing. It seems that the thief, who no doubt discovered that Mr. Rempe was in the front part of the house, proceeded no farther than Miss Frazier's room. The booty he here secured well repaid him for his visit. He had ransacked the drawers of a bureau and stolen a pocket book containing \$25 belonging to Miss Frazier and representing her savings during many months of faithful service.

Whether the clever thief operated anywhere else in town has not been learned. He disappeared after leaving Mr. Rempe's house. The police have been keeping a sharp lookout about town, but the thief had ample time to escape and it is scarcely likely that he will be apprehended.

The New Year was ushered in at 12 o'clock Tuesday night by the ringing of bells, the blowing of whistles and the discharge of fire arms. The noise was deafening enough for a while and quite prolonged, making sleep impossible even to the most drowsy between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

The Junior department of the Salvation Army held its holiday exercises Monday evening. The program was printed in these columns on Saturday. Prizes were distributed by grades for attendance during the year. Special prizes for selling the largest number of tickets for the annual were awarded as follows: First prize, Gollie Mockenhelm; second prize, Mary Paugh; third prize, Bertha Switzer.