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CONDENSED NEWS.

Beautiful snow.
Now for a sleigh ride.
Keep the side walks clean.
Have you been vaccinated?
This weather checks all building operations.
Trim the trees and grape vines this month.
Jackson day was not celebrated in Danville.
Thomas Trainor has joined the Danville basketball team.
The revival services at Trinity M. E. church are being well attended.
Mrs. William Pollock of Washingtonville, is very ill of pleurisy.
There are three prisoners in the county jail at present, all doing time.
The cancess in the several wards of the city should be well attended.
The newly organized Lodge of Elks held its first meeting last night.
The real smallpox danger comes from those who have not been vaccinated.
All members of Myrtle Lodge, No. 588, I. O. F., are requested to be at the meeting on Saturday evening.
The "New Year resolutions" have been felt in police circles this week. Very few drunk and disorderly men so far this year.
Those holding orders on the poor district are requested to present them at once to the Treasurer, J. P. Bare, for payment.
Emerson Adams is building a two story frame building in the rear of his lot on Church street to be used as a paint shop.
The second of the series of Star course entertainments will be given at the Opera House tomorrow night.
The members of the senior class of the High School are already looking forward to commencement exercises.
Some of the finest ice of the season, nine inches in thickness, is being hauled from Bennett's ponds.
Secret Service officials have discovered in circulation a new counterfeit one dollar silver certificate of the series of 1899, check letter C. The counterfeit is signed Lyons, Register, and Roberts, Treasurer. The back of the note is printed upside down. The paper contains no silk, and the word "Washington" on the face is printed ordinary script type.
Christian Loeh, winner of the watch at the Friendship fair, wishes to thank his many friends for their assistance during the contest.
It's a good sign when a city wakes to the importance of selecting good men for its municipal officers. There is going to be a lively election in Danville in February.
W. H. Brooke, of Bloomsburg, general agent for the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance company, was in this city yesterday and made payment of \$5000 to Mrs. Cornelia Yorks, widow of the late Samuel A. Yorks, the same being in full payment of the policy Mr. Yorks carried in the above company.
Services at the Mahoning Presbyterian church, held each evening this week, are well attended and are proving very interesting and full of profit.
The eminent romantic actor, Robert B. Mantell, will appear in this city on Monday evening, February 10th.
Hurley W. Sidler has changed his post office address from Oxford to Three Tons, Pa. Mr. Sidler recently accepted the management of the large and handsome country estate of J. H. Ringe, Jr. in Montgomery county. Hurley spent several days last week with friends and relatives in and about Danville, his old home.
Reports indicate that this season's offering of John W. Vogel's idea of modern minstrelsy has outlasted any effort previously made by that up-to-date producer, the critics having waxed almost enthusiastic over the performance rendered by his big minstrels which will soon be seen at the Opera House. Much stress being laid upon the beauty of the scenery, the gorgeousness of the costumes and the general excellence of the performers. Vogel is reaping a well merited success, the anticipatory interest manifested here demonstrating the fact that a packed house awaits them.

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TWO UNLUCKY MUSICIANS

Charley Baker, colored, in the Toils of the Law.
The borough bastille held in durance yesterday afternoon two young colored men, each of whom ran up against arrest in the most unexpected manner. The first to fall into the toils was Charley Baker, of this city, who was wanted in Milton, the second was William Brady, alias Settles, who was arrested on a warrant sworn out by his wife in Shamokin, the charge being desertion and non-support. Charley Baker was a member of the colored band of Milton, which it seems disbanded some months ago, and his arrest grew out of his failure to hand over his instrument as directed. It is hard to get at the facts of the case. A couple of colored gentlemen representing the band were in this city Monday when the band was organized each member, they said, entered into an agreement to attend rehearsals regularly and to turn out with the band whenever it held an engagement. In case of neglect he was to return the instrument to the band. Charley soon became in different, neglecting both rehearsals and turning out with the band. Neither did he comply with the rule by returning the instrument—a cornet—but brought it over to his Danville home. Charley in defense of his apparent neglect declares that the band agreed to pay one-half of the car fare, which it failed to do. He does not deny that several gentlemen representing the band called upon him on Monday and demanded the instrument, explaining that on Tuesday night, Jan. 7, the band would meet for reorganization. Charley refused to hand over the cornet, but stated that it was his intention to take it over to Milton in person Tuesday night and to be present at the meeting. Owing to illness, however, he was unable to leave home.
Shortly after noon yesterday Chief-of-Police Mincevner received a telephone message from Milton authorizing the arrest of Baker, who was taken into custody soon after by Officer Voris. Chief-of-Police Samuel Clements, of Milton, arrived in this city on the 6:05 P. & R. train last evening, returning on the 8:40 D. & W. train accompanied by the unhappy musician in the role of prisoner. The officer was accompanied by a member of the colored band who took charge of Baker's horn and uniform.
Brady, alias Settles, will be taken to Shamokin this morning. He claims to hail from Columbus, Ohio, and has been leading a free and easy life about town for several days past. He plays the banjo and was usually found about the saloons at night. He was arrested by Chief Mincevner in David Boley's bootblack parlor.
Rev. Fogleman Departs.
Rev. F. D. Fogleman and wife left on the 4:31 Pennsylvania train yesterday afternoon for their new field of labor. Through the columns of this paper they desire to say good-bye to their many friends who were not enabled to take by the hand on leaving, as well as to return thanks to the public for the many courtesies and favors of which they were recipients during their sojourn of nearly fourteen years in Danville.
Rev. Fogleman did a good work in Danville. He was pastor of four Lutheran churches as follows: St. John's at this city, St. James at Ridgeville, St. Peter's at Grovania and Trinity at Oak Grove. During his pastorate, here, he baptized 400, confirmed 350, married 110 couples, officiated at 260 funerals, and delivered over 2000 sermons at the Sunday services. Each of the four churches is in a prosperous condition, without debt and has money in its treasury.
A pastor has not as yet been called to succeed Rev. Fogleman. The four pulpits will be filled by synod for the present.
Rev. Fogleman's new field will comprise four charges as here: Denver, Lincoln, Schoenecks and Blainestown. Denver, where he will reside, is only twelve miles from Womelsdorf, Rev. Fogleman's old home.
Important Contract Awarded.
T. L. Evans' Sons of this city have been awarded the contract by a wealthy coal operator of Wilkesbarre for a granite burial vault, which in point of design and finish, we understand, will eclipse anything of the kind that this firm of skilled workmen have heretofore undertaken.
The vault will occupy a site in one of the cemeteries at Wilkesbarre and its completion will require at least four months. T. L. Evans' Sons have a wide reputation and have erected many imposing burial vaults in different parts of the country.
Harness Stores Consolidate.
Charles E. Beyer, harness maker, 261 Mill street, has sold out his saddlery to John W. Swartz who is at present in the harness business at the corner of Mill and East Mahoning streets. Mr. Swartz will at once remove his harness store to the room vacated by Mr. Beyer.
Will Remove to Troy, N. Y.
Lewis Steinbrenner, who visited his mother in this city Sunday will this week remove from Wilkesbarre to Troy, N. Y. Mr. Steinbrenner has been one of the most successful eye specialists in Wilkesbarre.

A MAN OF RESOURCES

A "Farmer" Who Spent Saturday Night in the Lock-up.
An individual posing as a good natured and simple minded German, but strongly suspected of being a fraud or impostor, although dressed to resemble a farmer, a conspicuous feature of his costume being a pair of soiled blue overalls, yet the fellow would seem to be a tramp, at least he did not object to the lock-up Saturday night. He represented himself as owning a farm near Washingtonville and that with his family he had recently emigrated from Germany.
During Saturday afternoon he succeeded in raising quite a little sum of money by working near acquaintances he formed about town. One of his sons, he said, had just arrived from Germany and along with others of the family had driven out to the farm. The German said he was badly in need of money, which he had on deposit. He had not expected to find the bank closed and would be obliged to tarry in Danville until evening when he understood the bank would be open for a short period. Meanwhile he wished to get his son's trunk from the depot and to give his story a plausible color he produced the check from his pocket. Unfortunately, he said, there were storage charges and he asked for a small loan. Upon drawing money from the bank a couple of hours later he promised to repay it.
The scheme worked well and he succeeded in getting a good bit of money. The banks opened and closed and the confiding German neither repaid his new found friends nor returned to his home in the country, but chose the shelter of the lock-up.
On Sunday morning Chief Mincevner became convinced that the German was a fraud and ordered him out of town. Before night, however, he returned.
It was learned Monday that the fellow spent Sunday night at the Railroad House, kept by Mrs. Reick and that on leaving he neglected to pay his bill, also that he left a bill unpaid at Frazier's hotel contracted last week. On Sunday evening he produced a check for a certain sum of money, but so far as ascertained he was unable to find any one "easy" enough to cash it. The "German" wherever he turned up it seems had a new name and a new scheme.
Officers Installed.
The following officers have been elected by Montour Castle, K. G. E. to serve the ensuing year.
Past Chief, William Grove; Noble Chief, Warren Root; Vice Chief, Otto Clark; High Priest, Francis Hartman; Venerable Hermit, Willard Myers; Master of Records, G. L. McLain; Clerk of Exchequer, Dallas Hummer; Keeper of Exchequer, F. M. Herrington; Sir Herald, Daniel Ross; Worthy Chamberlain, Herbert Myerly; Ensign, Edward Hoffer; First Guardsman, Perry Gaskins; Second Guardsman, Edward Lunge; Trustee, Nelson Woods; Representative to the Grand Castle, J. G. Vastine.
The installation took place Monday evening after which a banquet was held.
Carrie Gross Passes Away.
Miss Carrie E. Gross, daughter of Charles Gross, of Lebanon, formerly of this city, died at the home of Mrs. Rosa Snyder, Riverside, Sunday morning of pneumonia after several weeks illness.
The deceased was well known in Danville having resided for many years with her parents on West Mahoning street. Until her illness she lived at the home of Levi Boyer, Mausdale.
Miss Gross was 31 years of age and besides her father is survived by three brothers, Edwin, Charles and George, of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Nuss, of Riverside.
Carpenter Work Completed.
Robert Cornelison, of Valley township who had charge of the carpenter work at F. Q. Hartman's new silk mill just completed at Berwick, returned to this city yesterday. The new mill 53x172 feet and one story high is now ready to receive the machinery, and in a short time will be ready for starting up. The boiler is already installed, the boiler house being a building 35 feet square independent of the main structure.
Additional Floor Space.
Merchant Taylor F. W. Howe is making improvements at his establishment on Mill street. The partition between the store and hallway is being torn out, a change which will give 165 square feet of floor space additional. The entrance to the second story hereof will be direct from the street.
Applicants for Increase.
A regular meeting of the pension board composed of Drs. P. C. Newbaker and I. G. Barber and Dr. J. P. Hoffa, of Washingtonville, was held in this city yesterday. There were four applicants for increase of pension, three from Berwick and one from Pottsgrove.
May Recover.
The horse belonging to the Washington House company, suffering with pleural pneumonia, being treated at the stable of Veterinarian J. A. Kline, is holding his own and there are now some hopes of recovery.
Telephone Installed.
A telephone has been installed at the Y. M. C. A. building, this city, which will facilitate the duties of the acting secretary and others in charge very much.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.
Mrs. G. M. Sandel, Poplar street, spent yesterday with friends in Berwick.
Mrs. G. K. Reimer, of Lewisburg, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with Mrs. R. K. Polk, Bloom street.
Miss Alice James, of Milton, visited friends in this city yesterday.
Mrs. W. E. Moyer, Chambers street, left yesterday morning for a visit with friends in Sunbury.
Miss Emma Ebling returned to Bucknell Seminary yesterday morning.
Mrs. A. W. Blecher, East Front street, spent yesterday with friends in Bloomsburg.
Mrs. Charles Snyder, of Northumberland, was a guest at the home of Theodore Hoffman, Lower Mulberry street, yesterday.
Prof. C. E. Trate returned to Watson town yesterday afternoon.
Mrs. Austin C. Hartman, of Berwick, returned home yesterday afternoon after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Keefe, Nicholas ave.
Misses Zora Hughes and Margaret Miller, of Watson town, returned home yesterday afternoon after a visit at the residence of David Shelhart, this city.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Cruikshank returned to Berwick yesterday after a visit at the home of Joseph Jones, Lower Mulberry street.
M. R. Morgan, of Mt. Carmel, was in town yesterday.
Miss Minnie James, of Bloomsburg, returned home yesterday morning after a visit with her mother, in this city.
A. E. Yoder, of Belleville, visited friends in this city yesterday.
Miss Emeline Gearhart, West Market street, returned home last evening from a visit with friends in Harrisburg.
Freeman S. Fisher, of Berwick, was the guest of Dr. E. Harpel, Ferry street, yesterday.
Mrs. O. D. Shepard, of Carbondale, arrived yesterday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Howe, on East Market street.
Miss Eric Sollenberger returned to her home in Shamokin last evening.
G. Fred Smith left yesterday morning for a short stay in Scranton.
Miss Elizabeth Kashner, Bloom street, returned last evening from a visit with friends in Scranton.
Rev. Adolph Meyer was a Bloomsburg visitor yesterday.
Joseph Perry, of this city, spent yesterday with friends in Berwick.
Misses Sadie and Sidney Goodykoont, of Allentown, are visiting at the home of Joseph Hunter, East Market street.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Czechowicz left yesterday for a visit with friends in Nanticoke.
John Fritzman after a visit with relatives in this city returned to his home in Wilkesbarre yesterday.
Eliaser Maier, of Philadelphia, arrived in this city yesterday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Maier.
Mrs. Ella Snyder, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting relatives in this city spent yesterday in Northumberland.
Percy Biddle returned from Adamsburg yesterday morning.
John Bruder spent yesterday with friends in Catawissa.
Mrs. Nellie Vastine, of Catawissa, was the guest of Miss Laura Divil, on Church street, yesterday.
Hurley Gaskins, of Washington, D. C., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gaskins, on Mill street, returned home yesterday.
Mrs. Mary A. Hofer left yesterday for Reading to attend the funeral of Mrs. Emma Nicholas, which takes place there tomorrow.
Spencer Vastine left yesterday for Dickinson Law school at Carlisle, after spending the holidays with his parents in South Danville.
Charles P. Hancock left at noon yesterday for Johnstown.
Mrs. W. J. Williams, of this city, spent yesterday with friends in Bloomsburg.
Miss Florence Moyer, of Lancaster, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Horton, Lower Mulberry street.
Will G. Brown attended the funeral of Mrs. Loretta Brown at Creasy yesterday.
Merchant Taylor F. W. Howe was in Catawissa yesterday.
James E. Woods, an upholsterer from New York, is engaged in work at Castle Grove.
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas W. Scott, of Sunbury, attended last night's meeting of Danville Lodge, No. 754 B. P. O. E.
Mrs. Mary Bobbs and Mrs. Mary Mertz, of Paxinos, are spending a few days at the home of Daniel McCloy, Lower Mulberry street.
Mrs. J. E. Haupt, of Wilkesbarre, returned home last evening after a visit with Mrs. Oscar Ephlin, Front street.
Exchange of Tenants.
William W. Diehl, farmer for J. H. Cole, near Cameron, next spring, will take charge of James Magill's farm just outside the borough limits, Bloom street. John Hartline, farmer there at present, will succeed Mr. Diehl on the Cole farm.
Ice harvesters should waste no time. If they want a crop now is the time to get it.

AT READING IRON WORKS

New Mill May be Ready to Start up Last of the Month.
The management at the Reading Iron Works are now quite hopeful that the new mill will be completed and started up in full by the end of the present month. The fifty and the seventy-five foot spans are already finished while the middle or large span of eighty feet lacks only ten trusses of being completed. The roof as far as the building has advanced is ready for the spreading of the felt, a branch of the work which will not occupy much time. The water steam and blast pipes are being installed as building advances, so that by the time the carpenters complete their work the mill will be nearly ready for starting up. The milder weather of the last few days has made it possible to push the work along very rapidly.
Work Monday was begun on a new building to contain the offices of the time-keeper, the master mechanic and the mechanical draughtsman. The building is opposite the mill at the scales on Northumberland street, two stories high and the exact dimensions of the old and out-of-date structure it supplants, thirty-one by thirty-eight feet. In addition to the offices the new building will contain a room thirty-one by twenty-five feet for storage purposes.
Workmen Monday were busy tearing down the old office, which is quite a landmark, generally conceded to be one of the first buildings erected about the works. Among other evidences of its age were a number of hand-made nails which were found inserted in the window frames.
Cablegram Brings Bad News.
Mrs. John Reese, of Pontardawe, near Swansea, Wales, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Anne Roberts, North Mill street, this city. Along with her husband Mrs. Reese left Wales last July, first locating in Ottawa, Canada. At present Mr. Reese, who is a stone cutter, is temporarily employed at New Castle, this state.
Mrs. Reese has just received a letter from her husband containing very bad news. On Tuesday he received a cablegram from Wales, stating that his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Reese, had both been killed in a railroad accident. Mr. and Mrs. Reese will return to Wales, where Mr. Reese's presence will be needed in settling up his father's estate.
Uncle Tom's Cabin at Washingtonville.
Washingtonville is on the tip-toe of delight and expectancy, as the town is to have a performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on Saturday night next. The bridges over the Chillisquaque, fences, &c., are ablaze with posters, on which Topsy and the blood hounds with other traditional features figure prominently. It is the first time such an event ever booked for Washingtonville.
The good people of the town, however, are inclined to think there may be a mistake somewhere. The company billed is Stetson's, a good sized aggregation while the only hall available known as the "Klondike" in which the performance is to be given will furnish but little more room than is needed for the performers. The company will remain in Washingtonville over Sunday proceeding thence to Benton and Wilkesbarre.
Mrs. Newbaker's Condition.
Mrs. Caroline Newbaker, mother of Dr. P. C. Newbaker, this city, whose serious injury sustained by a fall down stairs at Shamokin Monday evening, we are informed, is doing as well as can be expected. Her right wrist and right shoulder blade was fractured. Owing to the extreme age of the patient—eighty years—recovery will no doubt be slow.
Sleighing Party.
A sled load of young people from this city took advantage of the present snow and drove out to the home of Miles Bitter residing at "Pilgrims Rest" near Mooresburg. The following were in the party: Misses Gertrude Robson, Daisy Robinson, Bessie Moody, Nora Diehl, Bertha Driscoll, Katie Foust, Lena Campbell; Messrs. Thomas McVey, Thomas Hunt, Charles Pursell, Albert Diehl, William Dougherty, Frank Loeh, and William Bausch.
Coke Walk And Dance.
Prof. John Weber, of Williamsport, will give a grand coke walk and dance at the Armory on Friday evening, January 24. Many people from surrounding towns will participate.
New Tin Store.
Danville will in all probability have another tin store next summer. George W. Freeze, of Washington, D. C., who is visiting friends in this locality, was in this city yesterday looking up a room.
Grant Sowers in Charge.
Grant Sowers, at present clerk in W. J. Rogers' shoe store, on Monday next will assume charge of the Walkover Shoe store, succeeding Walter Kennedy. Mr. Sowers at Rogers' store will be succeeded by William Reese.
Injured by a Fall.
Mrs. Englebert Albert, Spring street, while going down the cellar steps at her residence, on Saturday slipped and fell, injuring her side quite badly.
K. of G. E. Signs.
The Knights of the Golden Eagle have hung a new sign on the exterior of their lodge rooms in the Lyon building. The sign is of handsome design and is illuminated with electricity at night. It attracted much attention Friday evening when it was used for the first time.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Water Commissioners Polk and Foster Tender their Resignations.
The borough council held a meeting on Friday night, the following members responding to roll call: Davis, George Sechler, Vastine, Fetterman, Kemmer, M. D. L. Sechler, Jones, McLain, Dougherty and Gibson.
A special meeting was held Tuesday night when all the business was transacted up to that date. Naturally therefore, Friday night, there was little to be done.
Communications were received from R. K. Polk and James Foster, each of whom tendered his resignation as water commissioner. The communications read as follows: Danville, Jan. 3, 1902.
To the President and Borough Council.
Dear Sirs—I beg herewith to submit to you my resignation as a member of the Water Board of Danville, Pa., the same to take effect at your earliest convenience.
Owing to my enforced absence from home I feel that I can not give the duties of the position the attention that they deserve.
Respectfully Yours,
R. K. POLK.
Danville, Jan. 3, 1902.
To the Town Council, Borough of Danville.
Gentlemen—I hereby tender my resignation as Water Commissioner to take effect at once.
Permit me to say in explanation that my time will be so occupied this year as to prevent me giving the position the attention it requires.
Thanking you for the unsolicited honor or so kindly conferred upon me and trusting you may find one can devote more time to the work I am,
Very Sincerely Yours,
JAMES FOSTER.
Mr. Vastine proposed that the resignations be laid over for consideration at the next meeting. Meanwhile council could give some attention to the matter of successors. This nothing would be done with undue haste. It was decided otherwise, however, a motion to accept the two resignations immediately being carried by the following yeas and nays vote:
Yeas—George Sechler, Fetterman, Kemmer, M. D. L. Sechler, Jones and Dougherty.
On motion of Mr. Dougherty it was ordered that a book be purchased for the Chief of police in which to record arrests and other matters pertaining to his office.
Borough solicitor R. S. Ammerman appeared before council and advised that an order for \$597.08, be drawn in favor of H. M. Hinkle, Esq., representing judgment and interest recovered against the borough in the Blizard damage suit.
Attacked by a Vicious Horse.
Mrs. John Reinhart, No. 614 Pine street, met with a serious accident Saturday as the result of being attacked by a vicious horse. She had been to market and was returning along the sidewalk at H. J. Cole's hardware store, Lower Mulberry street, where a number of horses were tied, when she was seized at the shoulder by one of the animals and thrown violently to the ground. As she fell her head struck the brick pavement while the contents of her market basket were scattered over the sidewalk. The injured lady was assisted to her feet by Mrs. Rebecca Hess, who was accompanying her and by Miss Koch, daughter of Augustus Koch, Valley township, the owner of the horse who had done the mischief.
Mrs. Reinhart is an aged lady and very tottering on her feet. Injured by the fall and suffering from the fright and shock she was hardly able to walk home. She was seen by a representative of this paper soon after the accident. She said she was walking along in conversation with Mrs. Hess, utterly oblivious of danger until she felt the grip of the horse's jaws upon her shoulder. At the time of the visit she was suffering greatly from her head as well as from internal pains, the result no doubt of a bad wrench her body received in falling.
Lower Mulberry street at Cole's hardware store is a favorite spot with farmers for tying their horses, the pavement on market days generally being lined. Here the horses are left standing by the hour while the owners are transacting business in other parts of town. It frequently happens, as this morning, that one or more of the animals are of a vicious disposition, which exposes pedestrians to danger. For awhile on Saturday the sidewalk was almost impassable, several of the horses having crowded up on the pavement. That the thing has become a nuisance that ought to be abated, is evident enough after what occurred Saturday morning.

WALNUT STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Work on the Iron Fence Completed Friday Afternoon.
Friday witnessed the completion of the extensive improvements on Walnut street made necessary by the flood of August last when the arch at Blizard's run collapsed under the pressure of the swollen waters and the street caved in. In addition to the new culvert, which will stand for all time and prove adequate to carry off the waters of the greatest flood likely to occur, a high retaining wall, solid and of most artistic workmanship, three hundred and thirty feet long, has been erected on the south side of Walnut street along the entire length of the Blizard property.
The wall is surmounted by a very substantial iron fence. It is constructed of tubing and consists of two rails. It is quite artistic and along with the broad side walk the retaining wall etc., it gives the locality quite a changed appearance. The fence was nearly completed by noon Friday.
The work on the culvert, which was begun toward the last of September was finished over a month ago. It was a big job in itself. A concrete bottom was laid, upon which ten feet apart solid walls of masonry were built ten feet high. The top of these was bridged by iron rails upon which the roadway was built.
The improvements in all cost about \$3000. The fence, itself, manufactured by Curry & Vannan was an item that cost \$101.75. The work on the whole is a credit to the borough and incidentally to Peter J. Keefe, under whose supervision the improvements were made.
It is thought by next spring the P. & R. railway company will decide to build an underground crossing at that point, which is an improvement not only needed to accommodate travel but also to assist in carrying off the water in times of heavy rain. That the culvert under the P. & R. track is inadequate to the purpose has been demonstrated over and over again.
A civil engineer representing the railroad company met with council on October 4th, and asked that the borough furnish him with certain grades to assist in perfecting plans for the contemplated underground crossing. Before the grades could be obtained and forwarded the season was far advanced and the railroad company decided to postpone further action in the matter until spring.
Leniger Bros. New Store.
E. C. Welliver of this city has been awarded the contract for the brickwork of the new store building of Leniger Bros., Mill and East Mahoning streets. Work on the walls will begin next week. John Keim will furnish the brick. The building will be completed by spring and Leniger Bros. will open store in their new quarters, April 1st. Mr. Welliver, who has the work, has completed a large contract for the American Car and Foundry Company of Berwick.
Beautiful Photographs.
A number of large photographs in the window of Brown's bookstore representing views about town are attracting a good deal of attention. Among the scenes portrayed are three below town, one in the vicinity of the Hospital for the Insane and another at Mausdale. They are all executed in the highest perfection of art and seem to be an exact and natural counterpart of the several familiar spots portrayed. The pictures represent the efforts of local photographers afterward enlarged.
Must Attend School.
There is no use fooling with the truant officer. He is bound to get the truant some time, and when he gets him, the truant must make up his mind to go to school. The School Board believes that there is no use of having a truant law if it is not enforced. Hence the persistence of the truant officer hunting down offenders.
Farmers' Institutes.
A Farmers' Institute will be held at Washingtonville on Wednesday and Thursday, February 5th and 6th, and at Oak Grove, Friday the 7th day of February, under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. Prominent speakers from a distance will be present, also a number of practical local workers. Farmers, their families, and the public generally are invited. All sessions free. J. K. Murray, Member Board Agriculture, Chairman.
Denied a New Trial.
The Moser heirs, of which there are a number in this county, have been refused a new trial by Judge Bechtel, of Schuylkill county. Of the 175 plaintiffs Judge Bechtel declares, only one Henry Moser Pyle, of Pottstown, established his relationship with Burkhardt Moser. The fact that eighty years passed before the suit was brought makes it impossible for the plaintiffs to prove their claims.
Making Improvements.
The partition separating the two apartments in the United States Express office, Mill street, has been removed and the desks, &c., rearranged. The improvements when completed will afford a good bit more room than formerly.
Elected Officers.
The following officers were elected by Moneta club, Monday night, to serve the following year:
President, John H. Brugler; Vice-President, W. G. Pursell; Treasurer, J. W. Farnsworth, and Secretary, John M. Geise.

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POOR DIRECTORS ORGANIZE

David Chestnut Re-elected Stewart of Alms House.
The poor board of the Danville and Mahoning district held its annual election on Monday. William M. Russell and J. P. Bare as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, were re-elected. David Chestnut, steward, was also re-elected for another term. Dr. George A. Stock and Dr. T. B. Wintersteen were chosen as physicians for the Danville and Mahoning poor district. Dr. Wintersteen succeeding Dr. I. G. Barber.
All three members of the board were present at the meeting—Theodore Hoffman, Sr., and P. M. Korns, representing the borough, and Jonathan Roddy of Mahoning township. Bills accumulating during the year were passed upon and orders drawn for the amounts.
There are less than a dozen inmates at the poor house at present, the cost of whose keeping is very nearly balanced by the proceeds of the farm. In the course of a year, however, the poor district is obliged to expend a good deal of money in administering "outside relief." A family through illness or loss of employment may be temporarily in want and a half of ton of coal or a small bill of provisions purchased at the public expense may tide the family along until more favorable conditions return. There are, however, a number of families always anxious for assistance and will take all they can get. These among the poor board are known as "regulars" and there are some eight or ten in Danville.
The biggest item of expense that the poor district has to meet is incurred by the keeping of indigent insane. The number of insane charges we have at the Hospital does not exceed sixteen, yet the poor district annually pays for their keeping a sum not less than \$2500.
James Fisher's Tragic Death.
James Fisher, a former resident of this city and a brother of Mrs. Thomas Pascoe, No. 510 Bloom street, died in Chester Friday morning as the result of a shocking accident sustained Thursday night while at work in Crum Lynn Iron Works, of that city.
Mr. Fisher, who was in charge of one of the rolls, was pushing a mass of heated iron through the machinery with a rod used for that purpose. The rod was caught in the rolls and jerked upward. Before Fisher could escape, his jaw and forehead were crushed, the bone of the former being forced up through his left eye, which was torn out of its socket. Fellow workmen hurried to the side of the injured man, but he was already unconscious, and blood was streaming out of his head. He was conveyed to the city hospital, where, as above stated, death came to his relief the next morning.
The deceased, who removed from this city fourteen years ago, was a skilled and well-known iron worker. When in Danville he resided on Spruce street and was a member of the Continental Hose Company. He is survived by a wife and eight children, the youngest about ten years of age.
Workmen Must Keep Sober.
When the employes of the Reading Iron Works opened their envelopes on Saturday last along with their semi-monthly pay they found a printed announcement headed "Conditions of Employment in the Reading Iron Company," which read as follows:
1.—Sober, honest, and industrious men only will be given employment. Any employee found under the influence of liquor, whether on or off duty, will be discharged.
2.—This company will always give a patient hearing to any of its employes in relation to any matter affecting their interests, but it will under no circumstances recognize or treat with representatives or committees of any labor organization, or with any person not an employee of the company.
3.—These conditions shall be read and a printed copy handed to each person applying for employment, and going to work shall be an acceptance of the conditions.
Opera by Local Talent.
The pupils of the High school have a very praiseworthy project on foot, their object being to assist the local Y. M. C. A. They propose to give an opera, which will no doubt be a success, as it is well known that there is a great deal of budding talent among the young ladies and gentlemen of the High school. The opera, "Miss Bob White" will in all probability be selected.
The cast and chorus, will be restricted to members of the High school and the entertainment will be given under the direction of Miss Sue Miller and Herbert Wyle. Rehearsals will commence next week while the opera will be presented early in February. Penn social orchestra will furnish the music for the entertainment.
Telephone Rates Revised.
By a recent revision of the tariff rates of the United Telephone and Telegraph company, Danville subscribers are allowed additional service without paying extra toll. Heretofore calls beyond Ashland eastward and Milton westward toll was charged. Now the free privilege is extended to Watson town, and Middleburg westward and Girardville eastward.
This improved condition was brought about through the persistent efforts of Superintendent Wright, of Sunbury.
The days have gained in length seven minutes.