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CONDENSED NEWS.

As long as a publisher has a growing circulation he is anxious to have it known.

The pay car on the Pennsylvania railroad was in South Danville yesterday.

The Holy Communion will be observed at Trinity Lutheran church on Sunday morning.

After a ten days' illness County Superintendent W. D. Steinbach is able to be about again.

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DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1902. ESTABLISHED IN 1855.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMEN

Held a Meeting at Hotel Oliver Last Evening.

Pursuant to the call of County Chairman W. L. Gouger the Republican committeemen of the borough of Danville and Mahoning township convened at Hotel Oliver last evening for the purpose of fixing a date for holding the Republican primaries and the borough and district convention.

The following committeemen were present: First Ward, F. G. Schoch and George S. Seidel; Second Ward, Harry Schick and D. C. Jones; Third Ward, George La and D. C. Jones; Fourth Ward, Joseph Gibson; Mahoning township, Edward Wertman and Martin L. Bloom.

The date for the primary election in the borough and township is fixed for Monday, January 27. The borough and district convention will take place on the evening of day following, Tuesday, January 28. The primaries will be held at the usual voting places between the hours of 6:30 and 8 p. m. The borough and district convention will convene at Hotel Oliver at 8 o'clock.

Russell Marr Loses an Arm. Russell Marr, 26 years of age, son of William Marr of near Washingtonville, and well-known throughout this county, met with a terrible accident on Saturday last. For some time past he has been employed at the cement works at Nazareth, Northampton county. On Saturday while working about the machinery he slipped from his feet and in falling his right arm was drawn into the cog of a large wheel and so badly mangled as to make amputation necessary.

Mr. Marr was removed to the hospital at Easton. McChellan Diehl, of Washingtonville, who left for Easton, on Saturday, in response to news of the accident, returned home Monday afternoon. He says that the injured man is doing as well as can be expected and will no doubt recover.

A Few Who Will Change. A good many of our merchants will change their places of business this coming spring. Among those who will move already heard of is Joseph Lechner, the plumber, who will remove to the building No. 238, Mill street, occupied by Owens' grocery store. Mr. Lechner will remodel the building in the rear now used as an ice house, fitting it up as a plumbing shop. The store will be used for the display and sale of bath tubs, gas lamps and the many other supplies that go with the trade of plumbing.

Mr. Lechner will remove his family into the residence portion of the same building, Mrs. Kmieciński, removing to No. 325 Lower Mulberry street, the dwelling at present occupied by Mrs. Philip Lehner.

The building occupied by Mr. Lechner will probably be occupied by a tin shop.

The Lounge Was Burned. A slight blaze in the residence of John Williams, 708 Ferry street, caused a ripple of excitement in that vicinity yesterday afternoon. Mr. Williams was in the act of lighting his pipe when the head flew off the match and ignited the fringe of a lounge. In an instant the entire couch was on fire.

A couple of neighbors were soon on the spot and assisted to carry the blazing lounge out of doors. By the time the flames were extinguished the upholstery was entirely burned off.

Little Finger Amputated. Philip Beyer, who resides on the Washingtonville road, met with an accident Monday last, which necessitated the amputation of one of his fingers. He was employed on the saw mill of Samuel Fauney, and while at work the little finger of his right hand came in contact with the circular saw, the result being that it was nearly cut off. Dr. Curry of this city was called who performed the amputation.

W. J. Bryan at Shamokin. William J. Bryan was greeted by an immense crowd at Shamokin yesterday afternoon. He spoke for an hour in the Opera House between 3 and 4 o'clock and granted several interviews in which he talked freely on the subject of municipal ownership, the currency question and other issues that may cut a figure in the next Presidential campaign.

At St. John's Lutheran Church. Services will be held at St. John's German Lutheran church, this city, on Sunday next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The pulpit will be occupied by Rev. O. E. Pfeuffer, of Elizabethville, President of the Danville Conference. In the afternoon Rev. Pfeuffer will preach at Ridgeville and in the evening at Grovania.

JOHN O'BRIEN'S CLOSE CALL

Breaks Through the Ice While Skating on Mahoning Creek.

John O'Brien, the six-year old son of Michael O'Brien, came within an ace of drowning Sunday afternoon, being rescued only with the greatest difficulty. In company with half a dozen others, the little fellow was skating on Mahoning creek near Northumberland street, when the ice gave way and he sank into the water, which was far over his head.

He went down, but on coming to the surface he threw his arms out over the ice and thus was able to keep his head above water. While some of his companions attempted his rescue with a pole, Willie Gipple heroically climbed onto the side of the bridge and clinging fast to the girder suspended his body in mid air, that the struggling sponse to a call reached the creek. The man ran out upon the ice, which gave way beneath his weight and he plunged in with his nephew.

The rescuer seized the boy but was obliged to drop him in order to save himself. The little fellow had sunk twice when his uncle succeeded in throwing him out upon the ice, after which the man himself was assisted out of the water by Frank Rielly and Patrick McKenna.

A Fine Lecture. Dr. James Hedley, of Cleveland, Ohio, whose lecture in the Opera House Friday night comprised the second number of the Y. M. C. A. star course, made a decided hit with the large and cultured audience present.

The subject announced for the lecture was "The Sunny Side of Life." Dr. Hedley preferred, however, to discourse upon another topic, "Wisdom's Jeweled Ring." He had been in Danville once before, he explained to the management, and had addressed the teachers' institute, using the lecture, "The Sunny Side of Life." "Wisdom's Jeweled Ring" was, therefore announced as the subject of Friday night's discourse.

There was plenty of humor in the lecture, which never failed to elicit an outburst of applause; pathos that touched the heart to tears, and philosophy which appealed to the good sense of all. Dr. Hedley tried to give a conception of the best of life; he talked to good effect and very successfully carried the audience through to the conclusion that in the true wisdom of this world self control is the central and guiding star.

Dr. Hedley is a person of striking personality with a wonderful command of language. He was at times intensely dramatic, especially when he dropped into anecdote. He is always eloquent, while the word pictures which adorned his discourse were vivid and cleverly drawn.

Twelfth Regiment's Good Showing. The result of the inspection of the last annual encampment is certainly very gratifying to members of the Twelfth regiment of which Company F of this city is a part. Taking into consideration the fact that the companies are scattered and only get together once a year and that the regiment was inspected in "extended order," "out-post duty," "guard duty" and "drill" as a regiment and not as individual companies, the rating is, indeed, high as compared with other regiments which have armories large enough to have regular movements and every facility for the welfare of the guard. The following ratings show the regiments superior to the Twelfth:

First regiment, 93.94; Sixteenth, 91.64; Eighth, 90.61; Thirteenth, 90.57; Twelfth, 90.35.

The difference between the Eighth and Thirteenth is so slight that it is hardly worth while considering. The outlook for the National Guard is indeed very bright, as the government has at last seen its importance and is now considering many changes relative to its advancement. The local company is now preparing for the annual spring inspection and every member should do his utmost to keep up the standard of the company.

First National Bank Directors. The shareholders of the First National Bank Tuesday elected the following directors to serve for the ensuing year: B. R. Gearhart, Christian Laubach, I. X. Grier, J. D. Magill, C. G. VanAllen, William Pencil and John F. Tooley.

Will Play Friday Evening. A game of basket ball will be played at the Armory on Friday evening between the Susquehanna University boys and the local team. Battersby and St. Clair, old league players, will assist the visiting team. Game called at 8:30.

Newcomer-Ulmer. At the parsonage of the United Evangelical church Mr. Charles W. Newcomer and Miss Mary A. Ulmer, both of Williamsport, were united in marriage Wednesday evening January 15, 1902, by Rev. J. F. Hower.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Rev. Adolph Meyer was a Bloomsburg visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Cameron Shultz, West Market street, returned from a visit with friends in Philadelphia yesterday afternoon.

Garner Shippe, of South Danville, left at noon yesterday for Shamokin.

Mrs. Katherine P. Hill, of Newberry, returned home yesterday after a visit at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Vannan, South Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, bride and groom, left at noon yesterday for Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets, of Montandon, returned home yesterday after a visit with Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Riverside.

Mrs. William Lowrie, of Berwick, called on friends in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Heim, of this city, spent yesterday with friends in Grovania.

William Hunt spent yesterday morning in Catawissa.

Carl Litz was a Shamokin visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Heddens, Mill street, left yesterday morning for Williamsport, where last evening he took in the speech of William J. Bryan.

F. H. Vannan transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.

Gomer Thomas made a business trip to Sunbury yesterday.

ONLY ONES IN THE WORLD

Seven-Eights Automatic Four Color Knitting Machines.

The Danville Knitting Mills entered upon a departure Monday which places our town in the front rank in the stocking manufacturing industry and gives wage earners here a remarkable advantage. Reference is made to the seven-eighths automatic four-color knitting machines, just installed, which in construction very nearly reach the acme of perfection, the sole right for whose use is owned by Thomas West, and which will result in driving the English stocking out of the American market.

The machine is a marvel of ingenuity and aside from the speed is dexterous and unerring beyond anything that could be attempted by the human hand. No more fascinating sight can be imagined than to watch the various lightning-like movements of the intricate machine as without the least manipulation by the human hand it begins and completes the stocking, weaving in the four different colors, horizontally or vertically or both ways on the same loom, forming a checker work of colors.

The best that could be accomplished on automatic knitting machines heretofore—and that was considered quite an achievement—was to weave in two different colors. When colors above two were employed they had to be woven in by hand; that is, the machine had to be stopped at a certain point and manipulated by the operator until the stripe was run in. The advantage of the new machine is apparent; it requires less help and increases the product immensely.

The seven-eighths automatic four-color machine is an invention perfected by Mr. West himself. Not only is the machine covered by patent, but also the stocking it knits. Thus while they are the only machines of the kind in the world they are controlled solely by Mr. West, whose intention it is to bring them to this city where they will eventually displace all the older type of machines in use.

The sixteen machines started up Monday are in charge of William West, son of Thomas West, and Miss Katie Sharp, both of Plymouth. The former is a mechanical expert, who set up the machines and will keep them in order, while it will be the duty of the latter to instruct the help. One hand can operate four of the new machines. As soon as the four hands required have learned to operate the consignment of machines installed, another batch of sixteen will be ordered when the hands already instructed will teach others, and so on until the mill is full of the new and improved machines.

It does not seem difficult to learn. A young man who took his first lesson Monday morning by the evening was tolerably proficient. The new machines on the whole are considered a boon. They increase the earnings of the hands materially. One person can more easily operate four of the new machines than two of the old ones and with anything like application can earn \$2 per day.

The goods manufactured are of the finest quality. The stockings in every respect will come up to the European hose, with this advantage, that while the European article has a seam down the back and the heel sewed on, the product of Mr. West's new machines are seamless, being knit round, with heel and toe complete. The European article, which sells at 50 cents per pair and has heretofore defied American competition, will have to give way before Mr. West, as his product, so well protected, is a superior hose and can be sold in this country at 25 cents per pair.

A Slick Piece of Robbery. Miss Sydney Goodlykoonst, of Allenwood who had been visiting at the home of Joseph Hunter, East Market street, left Saturday for Middletown, Conn., where she is employed in the Hospital for the Insane. In company with her sister, Miss Sadie, she arrived in this city Tuesday last. On their way from Allenwood to Danville they had planned to stop in Williamsport between trains for the purpose of doing some shopping. Arriving at that point, however, Miss Sydney found that she had been relieved of her chateleine bag, which she carried at her side and which contained eight dollars in cash, a broach lace collar, and a return ticket from Williamsport to Hoboken, N. J. The support of the bag had been very neatly severed as with a pair of scissors.

Owing to the crowded condition of the car the two sisters were obliged to take separate seats, Miss Sydney occupying a seat with a rather stout lady who was cross-eyed. At Montoursville the woman left the cars. As she arose she asked Miss Goodlykoonst to assist her in putting on her cape, the latter kindly complying. The supposition is that the woman cut the bag loose while seated in the car and that while Miss Goodlykoonst was assisting her with her wrap she dexterously picked up her booty and scented it about her person.

Death of an Aged Lady. Mrs. Mary McMullen died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lloy Bayler, Mahoning township, Sunday evening last aged 76 years. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis. The funeral was held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the Baylor residence, Bloom road, near Ridgeville.

Charles Newcomer, of Williamsport, is visiting friends in this city.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS DISCUSSED

The Board Held a Regular Meeting Monday Night.

The school board held a regular meeting Monday night. There was little business on hand and the session was short. Truant Officer W. E. Young reported many children detained from school owing to measles, who probably have a right to attend. The difficulty lies in the fact that being called to no physician has been owing and although the limited family may have passed the infection which permits the child to return to school, yet there is no one to issue a certificate to that effect and without a certificate as is well-known the teacher is not permitted to admit the pupil. In three wards Officer Young said he found fifteen families whose children, now well, are out of school on the score of measles.

On motion it was ordered that in such cases as above the truant officer notify the parents to call on any one of our local physicians who will grant the certificate required free of cost.

Treasurer Schram presented a statement of finances to date which showed a cash balance on hand of \$10,375.34.

On motion it was ordered that the flag pole formerly in use on the Fourth Ward school building be removed and repairs made on the roof.

On motion the use of the High school room was granted to the debating society made up of pupils each Friday evening between the hours of 7 and 8.

The following members of the board were present: Fischer, Orth, Green, Burger, Byrly, Black, Keefer, Fenstermacher, Barber, Harpel and Curry.

The following bills were approved: Chas. Mottern, \$1.00; Standard Gas Co., 2.00; Joseph Lechner, 1.10; Henry Rempe, 2.00; D. C. Williams, .75; W. E. Young, 7.50; John Wanzemaker, 63.00; Stams and envelopes, 1.60; Casper Diseroad, 1.71; S. J. Welliver, 1.37; H. K. Pensyl, 2.75; D. G. Salmon, 2.75; Teachers and janitors, 125.50; E. W. Peters, com., 78.37; Will G. Brown, 4.25.

A Scheme That Didn't Work. According to all accounts our town must be full of thieves. There is scarcely a day but we hear of some new scheme devised by these fertile-minded gentry for the purpose of getting possession of other people's property.

William Morgan, who is employed in the Knitting Mill and boards at the residence of Mrs. William Voris, Church street, is one of the latest selected as a victim by the thieves.

On Saturday forenoon a stranger representing himself as a watch maker, called at his boarding place and asked for Mr. Morgan's watch. The time piece, he said, needed repairing—that Morgan wanted it on Sunday and being too busy to leave his work had requested him to call at the house and get the watch.

Mrs. Voris was not a person to be so easily caught and refused to produce the time piece. The fellow was quite persistent. The watch, he said, was in Morgan's room and tried hard to induce Mrs. Voris to go and get it. The woman still refusing the fellow finally left.

When Mr. Morgan returned to the house at noon he was surprised to learn of what had occurred. The would-be thief by that time had ample opportunity to get out of the way. As Mrs. Voris recalls him he was tall and slender in person, with a short light moustache. He wore dark clothes and a brown slouch hat.

Death of Robert Dodson. Robert E. Dodson, mention of whose illness was recently made in these columns, died at his home on East Main street, shortly before eight o'clock Sunday evening after a lingering illness of about six months' duration, death being due to illness contracted while in the service of the United States Army. He was aged just nineteen years and four months. During the Spanish-American War he enlisted as a member of Co. F, 12th Regt. Pa. Vols. of Danville, but fell as his regiment served with many others was not called upon, and after being stationed for some months at Camp Meade, Middletown and Falls Church, Va., was together with the other members of his company, finally mustered out of the service.

SEWERAGE AGAIN TO THE FRONT

J. Murray Africa Before Council in Special Session Saturday Evening.

The subject of sewerage, which has been kept in the back ground since last summer, has again come to the front. A special meeting of council was called Saturday night last for the purpose of taking action on the plans and specifications prepared by J. Murray Africa and to pay the bill rendered by that gentleman for professional services. The following councilmen responded to the call: Davis, George Sechler, Vastine, Fetterman, Kemmer, M. D. L. Sechler, Jones, McLain, Dougherty and Brandt.

J. Murray Africa was present at the meeting. Being called to the floor he explained that he had made a careful examination of the borough and completed a survey. Upon arriving here last summer, he said, he was careful to make inquiries as to whether or not there was a map of the borough in existence. He was informed that there was none. Acting upon this information, he said, he proceeded with the survey.

Mr. Murray exhibited the map to council which showed the elevation of every part of the borough. The plans and specifications, he said, were in the hands of the printer and would not be completed for three or four days.

He explained at length the different methods which might be employed in severing the town. While a combined system, taking care of the cellar drainage and the rainfall, might be best for one part of the town, a separate system would be advisable in another portion. For instance along Blizard's run he did not think it would be practicable within the limit of the borough's resources to construct a sewer that would do more than carry off the sewage. The excess of water in times of flood, he thought, would be too hard a proposition to tackle and it would have to be permitted to drain off on the surface as at present.

In the matter of outlet there is only one plan to consider. If it were not for contaminating the water supply the cost could be considerably diminished by severing direct to the river. He recommended that the entire system drain into one trunk outlet. So that should the borough at any time in the future be restrained from polluting the river it would find things facilitated for getting rid of the sewage according to another method, namely, by erecting a plant to filter the waste. The outlet as proposed will enter the river at a safe distance below the water works in the vicinity of the third alley below Chestnut street.

The sewer, Mr. Africa said, would be constructed largely of brick; pipe could not be used with advantage where a diameter greater than 24 inches is required. The cost of severing the whole borough, he said, would be \$70,000. This would insure a complete and durable system. Leaving out Welsh Hill, the work could be done for \$50,000. This would include all that part of the borough which is built up and where sewerage will be essential during many years to come. If permission could be obtained to lay a sewer along the bottom of the canal between Railroad and Mill streets, he said, a vast amount of excavating might be avoided, which would diminish the cost \$100,000 or \$120,000.

It became apparent as the meeting progressed that council were divided on the subject of sewerage and that the lines as drawn months ago had changed little if any. Everything remained serene, however, until Mr. Africa's bill was submitted. This read as follows:

Huntingdon, Jan. 11, 1902. BOROUGH OF DANVILLE TO J. MURRAY AFRICA, DR.

Professional services, survey, preparation of plans and specifications for complete system of sewerage, \$2000.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the bill be accepted. Mr. Brandt seconded the motion.

M. D. L. Sechler said he objected to the bill and would not vote for its payment, as the committee which authorized the work had overstepped its instructions. Mr. Vastine endorsed Mr. Sechler's view and declared that he could not support the motion.

A ye a and nay vote was called for, which resulted as follows: Yeas—George Sechler, Fetterman, Kemmer, Dougherty and Brandt. Nays—Davis, Vastine, M. D. L. Sechler, Jones and McLain.

The secretary announced a tie and the president declared the motion lost. Just what the outcome of the matter will be is hard to determine. President Kemmer before adjourning ventured the opinion that council will be obliged to accept Mr. Africa's plans and specifications and to pay his bill.

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GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT

Joseph D. Cromley and Little son Killed by the Car.

A grade crossing accident, sickening in its details, occurred at Watsonson Thursday, in which a well-known resident of this county and his little son were the victims.

Thursday afternoon Joseph D. Cromley, who lives on the Clark farm, Linestown township, near Washingtonville, drove to Watsonson with a load of grain, employing two horses and a sled. He was accompanied by his little son, David, who was about five years of age. The grain was sold to W. A. Leshar and after unloading it and attending to some other business about town Mr. Cromley accompanied by his little son, about 4 o'clock started on the homeward drive.

They reached the station on the Pennsylvania railroad and were in the act of driving over the crossing at that point when they were struck by the Buffalo "Flyer." Father and son and both horses were killed, while the sled was reduced to splinters. Mr. Cromley was killed instantly, the skull at the back of the head being caved in. Little David, who was also badly injured about the head, lived for some minutes, although unconscious. When found he still held in his hand an orange which his father had bought him before starting home. One of the horses fell upon the pilot of the engine and was carried a distance of nearly three squares.

Mr. Cromley was undoubtedly unaware of the train's approach, which did not stop at the station, but went dashing through the town at the rate of at least forty miles an hour. It is said the "Flyer" was late and was running to make up lost time.

A telephone message was at once sent to Washingtonville, whence a messenger was dispatched to the home made desolate by the awful accident. The effect of the news on the surviving wife can easily be imagined. David was the only child of the household and as was not unnatural the mother was strongly attached to him, her devotion and constant solicitude for his welfare being remarked upon. Thus in a single moment of time had she not only been rendered a widow, but death at one swoop had bereft her of all she had in life.

Joseph D. Cromley was about forty years of age. He was a leading agriculturist and one of the representative men of the community. He was the son of Jeremiah Cromley who resides near New Columbia. Clarence Cromley and Philip Cromley, of this city, the latter, watchman at the First National bank are first cousins of Joseph D. Cromley, the deceased. Mrs. Cromley, the widow, so unexpectedly bereaved, is the daughter of David Faust, a well-known farmer of Limestoneville.

One Thousand Persons Present. The funeral of the late Joseph D. Cromley and little son David, victims of the grade crossing accident, which took place at Washingtonville Sunday, was one of the largest ever held in that locality. The remains were viewed by at least 1000 persons. The funeral, which met at the late residence at 10 o'clock a. m., did not reach the Lutheran church until 11:30. Long before that hour the building was crowded, many having arrived as early as half past nine o'clock.

Mrs. Cromley, the bereaved wife and mother, was unable to attend the funeral. She was assisted down stairs in the morning to take a last look at her loved ones, but had to be immediately carried back to her bed. It is exceedingly doubtful whether she will survive the shock.

The mourners were conducted to seats inside while the caskets were opened in front of the church and viewed by the vast assemblage. Neither of the bodies were in the least disfigured and both looked very natural. The little boy lay in his left hand held the orange that his father had given him at Watsonson and which was found in his hand after death. Both bodies were buried in one grave.

The services were conducted by Rev. Owen Reber, pastor of the church, who after the interment preached a sermon in the church, founding his remarks on the well-known scriptural passage: "In the midst of Life we are in Death." Several hymns were sung by the choir, while a quartette rendered an appropriate selection.

The Dance a Success. The dance in the Armory last night under the auspices of Company F, proved a success financially and socially. There were about fifty couple present. The music was furnished by William Reitmeyer, Eugene Miles and Richard Metherell.

Powder Mill Goes Up. An explosion occurred at Beury's powder mill near Uniontown, a suburb of Shamokin, yesterday forenoon. Thomas Rom, of Uniontown, was fatally burned. He was removed to the Miners' Hospital.

One Hundred at the Altar. The revival meetings in progress at Trinity M. E. church are well attended and successful from every stand point. Over one hundred knelt at the altar on Sunday and consecrated their lives to Christ. Harry Lyons spent a few hours with friends in Northumberland last evening.