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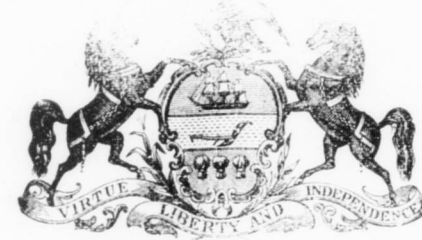
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A HOME WIPED OUT

Destruction Wrought by Fire in East End Last Night.

About 9:15 o'clock last night the entire heavens east of town were illumined with a ruddy glow, which left no doubt that a fierce fire was raging in that locality.

The fire proved to be at a dwelling owned by Henry Desbenberger on the hill above the Stove Works, North of Hill street.

In less than half an hour after the fire was discovered the house was in ashes and nothing remained to show that a dwelling once occupied the site.

Mr. Desbenberger, an inspector at Howe & Polk's, is on night turn this week. His wife and four children were to spend the night alone.

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BOROUGH SOLONS CONVENE

Contracts for Printing the Borough Statement are Awarded.

The borough council held a special meeting Saturday night. A bare quorum was present consisting of Vastine, Jones, Dougherty, McLain, M. D. L. Sechler, Davis and Gibson.

A communication was received from Harry Shick of the Second Ward declining the appointment as Health Officer which was tendered to him at the previous meeting of council.

On motion the declination was accepted and the office left vacant until the next regular meeting when President Kemmer will make an appointment.

A communication was received from William V. Oglesby, Justice of the Peace, certifying that William G. Pursel, Burgess-elect, had appeared before him and taken the oath of office.

Mr. Vastine reported that the borough accounts had been audited and that they were found to be correct.

The printing of the borough statement was next disposed of. Mr. Jones moved that the contract be awarded to the Montour American and the Danville Intelligencer at the same rate as last year—\$25.

The writing of the insurance was accordingly given to W. H. Ammerman. Tax Collector Edward W. Peters was present with a list of exonerations taking in the four wards of the borough.

One of the last appointments of the mill to receive its finishing touches is the stack belonging to furnace No. 7 in the 16-inch mill.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Mrs. P. C. Blecher, of East Danville, left yesterday for a visit with friends in Milton.

Mrs. G. C. Riener, of Lewisburg, spent yesterday at the home of Mrs. R. K. Polk on Bloom street.

Miss Flora Sheets, of Montour, who has been visiting Mrs. Sadie Kennedy at Riverside, left yesterday for Espy to visit friends.

Mrs. Henry Trutt, of this city, left yesterday morning for Millersburg to attend the funeral of her brother, the late John Wert.

Miss Dora Arthart, of South Dent, Indiana, returned home yesterday after a visit with friends in this city.

Rev. J. A. Huber, of this city, spent several hours in Northumberland yesterday afternoon.

Miss Edna Newberry, of Milton, returned home yesterday after a visit with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fenstermacher, of Riverside, returned home yesterday after a visit with friends in Ashland.

A. F. Jones, daughter, Miss Nellie and niece, Bessie Shirley, of Tyrone, left yesterday for Harrisburg after a visit at the home of Washington McBride, Cooper street.

Mrs. Sallie Frook, of Philadelphia, returned home yesterday after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Katharine Hahn, Walnut street.

Mrs. Israel Maier and daughter, Miss Helen, of Sunbury, attended the funeral of the late Jacob Maier in this city yesterday.

Mrs. J. A. Campbell, of South Danville, left yesterday for Catawissa to visit friends.

Masters George and Charles Baird, of Harrisburg, arrived yesterday to make their home with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ryley, Front street.

Miss Laura Miller left yesterday for Hazleton to spend several days with friends.

Miss Hettie Eckman, of Roaring Creek spent several hours with friends in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Dora Marks, Mrs. Lena Litchard and Miss Ada Marks, of New York, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit at the home of Abram Rosentzweig, North Mill street.

Joseph H. Johnson, Ferry street, spent a few hours with friends in Sunbury yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Hoffman and daughter, Miss Olive, of Shamokin, returned home yesterday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Evan Bevan, Mill street.

Dr. A. T. DeWitt and W. W. DeWitt, of Riverside, will leave today for Sunbury to attend the funeral of Mrs. Paul DeWitt, of Lower Augusta township. The interment will be made in Sunbury.

Miss Carrie Miller, of Williamsport, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with friends.

Charles Lyon was in Sunbury yesterday. Miss Grace Kase, of Klinesgrove, spent yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hudson Kase, South Danville.

Miss Jennie Davis, of Shamokin, returned home yesterday after a visit with Mrs. Millie Moyer, Mill street.

Elmer Boyer, of Berwick, spent yesterday with his father, Levi Boyer, Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Tabbs and daughter, Marie, of Benton, returned home yesterday after a visit with Mrs. Kate Polk, of Adrian, Michigan.

Mrs. Lewis Byerly, of Walnut street, spent yesterday with friends in Bloomsburg.

Miss Elizabeth Marks, West Mahoning street, left yesterday for a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Jacobs, West Market street, left on the 9:14 Pennsylvania train yesterday morning for a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

A Discussion Relative to Caps and Gowns for Commencement.

The school board met in session on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. There were few matters, however, pertaining to the schools that seemed to require attention, and at 8 o'clock the board adjourned.

Treasurer M. H. Schram presented his report for the month ending Jan. 31. During that time he visited 114 houses. He found that 82 pupils reported as absentees were detained at home by illness. Seventeen had no shoes; one belonged to a family that had moved away. Fourteen were guilty of truancy.

Principal J. C. Carey being present was asked if there was anything requiring attention among matters pertaining to the high school. Prof. Carey stated that there was a division in the graduating class on the subject of caps and gowns, seven favoring their adoption and seven opposing it.

A discussion followed in which it was made pretty clear that the board nearly as a unit is opposed to caps and gowns. They all agreed that the graduating class never presented a more pleasing appearance than last year when the girls were dressed in white, and there would seem to be no prospects of returning to the former order of things.

On motion the matter was referred to the high school committee, who will report to the board.

The following members of the school board were present at the meeting: Fischer, Orth, Burger, Barber, Green, Fenstermacher, Koffer and Black.

The following bills were approved for payment: Teachers and janitors, \$1525.20; Jno. Hixon, 5.05; T. K. Hale, 1.00; William Miller, 3.25; Standard Gas Co., 3.00; Expressage, .35; F. P. Startzell, .91; W. E. Young, 10.00; Frank Sperring, .50.

Relief Fund for Employees. The Reading Iron Company has taken an important step looking to the welfare of its employees which will meet with widespread approval.

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WAS BURIED YESTERDAY

Brief Sketch of Jacob Maier Who Passed Away Monday.

The funeral of Jacob Maier took place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Bloch, on West Mahoning street.

The deceased was born in Mellheim, Province of Baden, Germany, in 1818. In August, 1849, he emigrated to this country. In 1852 he came to Danville and on April 1st of that year, which was his birthday, he was married.

In common with the other sturdy young Hebrews who about that time cast their lot in the new world and settled at Danville Jacob Maier shouldered his pack and as a peddler laid the foundation of whatever fortune he afterward acquired.

Jacob Maier was a charter member of the Blue Brick, a beneficial organization connected with the church. The pall bearers will be H. L. Gross, Simon Dreffuss, B. Benzach and Augustus Wolf, representing the lodge, and L. Cohen, R. L. Marks, Samuel Bloch and Henry Dreffuss representing the church.

The deceased is survived by his wife and the following children: Sarah (Mrs. J. Heim) Isreal, Alice (Mrs. Elzabeth) Isreal, Mrs. Louisa E. Bloch and Elias, of this city; Clara (Mrs. J. Ackerman) of Boston, Mass.; Eleaser, Joseph and Gertrude (Mrs. E. Wolf) of Philadelphia. The deceased is survived by a brother, Solomon Maier, in Missouri. He has also a son and two sisters residing in Germany.

As a Soldier Sees It. William J. Longenberger, a member of Company A, 15th U. S. Infantry, writes his mother in this city.

He is with a detachment that is stationed in Balau, Sorsogon, and is having some pretty tough experiences. He is very tired, he says, of seeing nothing but half civilized people if not wholly savages, who with the exception of a small piece of cloth wear nothing in the form of clothing.

The native soldiers had been made to believe that by wearing party sanctified in some way by their superstitious leader they could resist the American bullets. Hence the poor savages exposed themselves to peril in all forms and fell like flies before the American bullets.

The dead bodies, the letter says, lay around on all sides unburied, in various stages of decay, while the stench, which was badly wanted owing to the influenza he exerted over his band, by whom he was regarded with all veneration of a god.

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DANVILLE WINS THE SERIES

The Game of Basket Ball in the Armory Last Night.

The game of basket ball in the Armory last night between the local team and Susquehanna University resulted in a victory for Danville, the score being 42 to 31.

Klase for Danville played a strong game, making several long throws. Gaskins and Seidler were also in excellent form. Barry and Dougherty filled the positions of Boda and Oberdorf and showed themselves capable of playing a good game.

The visiting team carried two professional players—Battersly and Roberts. Both played good games, their goal throwing being especially featured. During the last ten minutes the game was the fastest ever seen on the Armory floor.

Following is the line-up: DANVILLE. SUSQUEHANNA. Gaskins, forward. Bonfer Barry, forward. Battersly Boda, center. Squire Klase, center. Roberts Dougherty, guard. Seidler, guard. Seidler, guard. SUMMARY.—Goals from field, Gaskins, 4; Boda, 1; Barry, 2; Klase, 8; Sechler, 5; Battersly, 10; Roberts, 5. Goals from fouls—Klase, 2; Battersly, 1. Referee, Newbaker. Umpires, Czechowicz and Wagenseller.

Victim of a Clever Thief. A very clever thief succeeded in pilfering \$25 worth of goods from the corner of A. H. Grone's stationery store on Friday last.

During the forenoon a stranger entered the store. He bought a couple of common pens and then asked to see some fountain pens. He was shown an assortment of Paul E. Wirt pens, including some that were quite costly, displayed in a handsome cabinet with a glass face on which were the words: "Paul E. Wirt Fountain Pens." The stranger looked these over but did not purchase any. He took occasion to remark, however, that he was very familiar with the use of fountain pens, touching briefly upon his experience at college, when he had used them in preparing essays, and papers of various sorts.

The stranger left, after which William Sechler, the clerk in attendance, replaced the drawer containing the pens in the cabinet, taking care that it was locked, and placed the whole on the counter where it was always kept. About noon the cabinet with its valuable contents was missed from the counter. A little investigation revealed that it had been stolen. How the light-fingered thief succeeded in removing it is a mystery, as there is always some one or more of the clerks about the store, and the cabinet was much too large to easily conceal.

The pens were of 18 carat gold, while the holders were of special value. The pens remaining in the cabinet, with the prices were as follows: One all-gold holder, \$6.00; one pearl holder, \$5.50; one hexagon holder with two gold bands \$4.50; four plainer pens—two at \$2.50 a piece and two at \$2.00 each.

A Barn Burned Down. A barn on the farm of George Smith on the road leading from Washingtonville to Turbotville was burned to the ground yesterday morning.

The barn, which was a large one, was situated on a hillside, and was a fine specimen of a good barn. The fire broke out at about 10 o'clock, and in a few minutes the entire building was in flames. Nearly the entire contents of the barn, including two cows and two pigs, were burned. The building was partially covered with insurance.

Large Gasting Poured. Curry & Vaman Tuesday eve very successfully poured a large casting in the form of a "foreleg or spider" of a rotary squeezer, which is being manufactured for one of the iron works at Harrisburg. The weight is 16,000 pounds and the casting, although occasionally surpassed in size, takes rank with the very large pieces and that it was cast successfully indicates that the work was in the hands of careful and experienced men.

Curry & Vaman are rushed with work.

Hospital Trustees Appointed. Governor Stone on Monday made four appointments to fill the vacancies existing in the board of trustees of the Hospital for the Insane at this place, caused by the resignation of Dr. B. H. DeWetter, James Seartel, Esq., W. K. Holloway and Dr. O. T. Harvey, in October last.

The vacancies are filled as follows: Dr. B. H. DeWetter, of Williamsport; William Field Shay of Watsonstown; Dr. A. J. Connell of Seranton, and Dr. Levi T. Shoemaker of Wilkesbarre.

Deer for Edgewood. Alexander Billmeyer has sold 12 deer to Hon. M. T. Knip, for his park, Edgewood, near Shamokin. 10 acres of which have been reserved for deer, squirrels, &c. The deer will be shipped from Washingtonville next week.

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A PUDDLER'S BAD INJURY Eyeball Lacerated by a Blow From an Iron Bar. Benjamin Simmons, a puddler employed at the puddle mill of Howe & Samuels, met with an accident Tuesday which, it is very much feared, will result in the loss of an eye.

The man, who is now lying in the hospital, is a man of about 30 years of age, and is a native of Pennsylvania. He was employed at the puddle mill of Howe & Samuels, and was engaged in the work of puddling iron. On Tuesday he was working at the mill, and was struck by a blow from an iron bar, which lacerated his eyeball.

Sensational But Not True. The Philadelphia Daily on Sunday contained a blood-curdling story telegraphed from Shamokin, describing the narrow escape of Borough Superintendent Gordy of this city, who it was alleged missed his hold while attempting to board a moving train at Snyderstown and "fell forward upon his face between the moving train and the station platform where he lay still until the train passed."

Superintendent Gordy, who returned home on Sunday, states that there is hardly a vestige of truth in the whole story, which it seems has grown out of the following slight circumstance: The car between Sunbury and Shamokin Saturday morning was crowded and at Snyderstown Superintendent Gordy stepped off upon the station platform. As the train suddenly started in the crowd he did not succeed in boarding the car, although he had his foot upon the step but jumped back upon the station platform. The conductor instantly slowed up and Superintendent Gordy stepped aboard.

In first attempting to mount the train he struck his head against the baggage truck belonging to the station, slightly cutting his forehead above the right eye. This the Shamokin correspondent says was caused by the oil box of the train "scraping his face" as he lay between the moving train and the platform.

East End Mission Sabbath School. Next Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock the Mahoning Presbyterian church will open a Mission Sabbath School in the hall on the third floor of the A. J. Ammerman brick building in Sageburg. This mission will be called the East End Mission and its object will be to give Bible instruction to those in that part of the town who do not now attend church or Sabbath school. Interesting music will be a feature of the exercises. Let all who do not now attend Divine services at that time, give an hour to the study of God's word.

Hon. H. M. Hincley is interested in the establishment of the Mission Sabbath school and he will not doubt be identified with the work when in progress. Mr. Hincley's zeal and ability as a religious worker are well established, while his many years' experience in Sabbath school work eminently qualify him for the work in hand.

An Excellent Recital. With a large attendance at the recital given Tuesday evening in the Church of the Covenant, all hearing it were well pleased with the work of the several artists, which was of the highest excellence. Miss Harriette R. Woods, of Danville, the once popular Williamsport singer was greeted with enjoyment by former friends, who listened with interest to her finished renderings of difficult selections replete with the charm of skill and culture. The numbers of Mr. Kehr, Mr. Krape and Mrs. George were also received with keen appreciation.—Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.

At The Reading Iron Works. Preparations are being made to start up the Reading Iron Works in full on Monday next. The carpenters are finishing winding up their work. They finished the new building on Northumberland street, to be used as an office, &c., yesterday afternoon. A very little work remains to be done about the mill. Later on two annexes will be built to the portion of the works which escaped the fire. This work, however, will not be commenced until the advent of more favorable weather and the arrival of the new boilers to be installed.

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