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CONDENSED NEWS.

Mid-Lent.
Blizzard weather.
A blizzard after the flood.
The country roads are badly drifted.
The Dot Karroll company at the
Opera House tonight.

The ground hog knew a thing or two.
Are we to have six weeks of it?
Clean up and cremate the garbage in
your cellars.
John Doster, Jr. is ill at his home on
Church street.

Many cellars will receive a spring
cleaning a little earlier this year.
Bloomsburg's industries will be idle
most of the week on account of the high
water.

Dot Karroll company at the Opera
House Thursday, Friday and Saturday
nights.
Dr. F. E. Harpel is steadily improving.
He is now able to be in his office, and
can attend to his office practice as
usual.

One of the important social events
of the season will be a dance which will
be held in the Armory on Easter Monday
night.

The past few days have been mild
enough to bring forth an exceptionally
large crop of spring poets.
Many of the country papers are noting
the fact that March came in like a
lamb.

March may have a few atmospheric
disturbances to contend with.
Speaking of freshets, Danville wasn't
the only town to suffer.

At this time it may be interesting to
know that under an act of 1867, the
State of Pennsylvania must rebuild any
and all bridges that cross navigable
streams and are destroyed by flood or
high water, or by wind or accidental
fire.

The receding water leaves a trail of
filth and mud in many Danville cellars.
The usual spring "opening" is now
due.

The milliners of Danville are making
preparations for their Easter openings
and word comes that wonderful crea-
tions will be offered this season.

Every flood of the proportions of the
last few days' deluge emphasizes the
importance of forestry revival to pre-
vent the sudden sweeping of mountain
torrents into populous valleys.

With the fall of the water some of
the streets are in a most deplorably
dirty condition.
The furniture store of Doster Bros. is
being repaired.

Railroading is a scientific achieve-
ment at any time, but under present
conditions the successful running of
trains is something more.

Reports from all over the state show
many cities and towns snowed up.
Few trains have run through Danville
according to schedule since last
Saturday.

The Fourth ward schools held but one
session yesterday. There was a small
attendance at all schools in the borough
yesterday.

Lyman Howe's Moving Pictures will
be shown in Danville early in April.
The north bound P. & R. train due in
Danville at 4 o'clock did not arrive until
6 o'clock last night.

The quick rise in the price of the eggs,
which has been maintained for two
weeks, has suddenly taken a drop, and
eggs all over the State are from 10 to 12
cents less a dozen.

Since Friday last the Stock Exchange
of this city in order to reach New York
by wire has been obliged to send mes-
sages by way of Pittsburgh, Chicago and
Buffalo.

From the present outlook the state
will have to do a great deal of bridge
building this year.
George W. Hoke has severed his
connection with the music store recently
run under the name of Hoke & Fry.
Mr. Seibold of Sunbury will again be
interested in the firm.

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DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY MARCH 6, 1902.

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THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

They Fix Saloon Rates at Seven Dollars Per Year.

The Water Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon, the full board consisting of Messrs. Gross, Curman and Schatz, with Water Superintendent P. J. Keefe being present at the meeting.

Some time was spent in the discussion of new water rates for motors used in operating fans of the larger sort. On motion of Mr. Curman seconded by Mr. Schatz it was decided to make the fan rates the same as motor rates charged in Harrisburg at all industries except bottling establishments, namely, four cents per one thousand gallons. These rates the Board thought were quite liberal, as the estimated cost of pumping and filtering the water is a trifle over five cents per 1000 gallons.

It was the sense of the Board that measures should be adopted to prevent the use of hose on hydrants where families do not pay for sprinkling. Many a back yard and many a garden, it is suspected, is kept well watered by families who pay nothing for the privilege.

To prevent such surreptitious use of water Mr. Keefe suggested that higher water rates be charged for all hydrants that possess screw nozzles. Such is the plan adopted at Harrisburg. The Board seems very much in earnest in the matter, but no action relating to it was taken at Monday's meeting.

On motion of Mr. Curman seconded by Mr. Schatz it was decided to fix the saloon rates at seven dollars. It was also decided to install a meter at the Holy Family convent.

The Board adjourned to retire to the Water Works to examine the rear wall of the engine room, which is badly in need of a new coat of cement. As is well known the outside of the building at that point during flood is washed by the water of the river and the cement has to be relied upon to keep the water from percolating through the wall. During Monday and Sunday the water filtered through in large quantities. No one is quite sure what immediate effect the action of the water might have upon the walls. The situation, at least, is by no means reassuring to the engineer as he stands on the lower floor with the floor rafter on the outside 20 or 25 feet higher than his head.

Proceedings of Friday's Court.
The entire time at court Friday was occupied by the damage suit of Franklin B. and Charles M. Maus vs. the Township of Mahoning. After hearing the plaintiff's witnesses on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Ammerman, counsel for the defense, moved for a non-suit. After an argument the motion was overruled by the court and the trial of the case Friday forenoon was resumed.

The testimony in the main is a repetition of that adduced at the first trial held at last June term. The Maus brothers, it will be recalled, on July 12, 1899, were driving into Danville with a horse and buggy and when a short distance this side of the fair ground had an upset, in which their buggy was broken and they sustained injuries more or less serious. The defendants brought suit against the township for damages, alleging that a declivity in the road was responsible for the upset. The testimony of the defense on the other hand went to show that the horse took fright at a bicycle which nearly ran into him, and that the road was safe and fully up to the requirements of the law.

The jury at the first trial returned a verdict in favor of the defendant, placing the costs, which amounted to several hundred dollars, upon the plaintiffs. A motion was made for a new trial, which was granted. A good deal of interest attaches to the second trial and the court room Friday was well filled with interested listeners.

The following persons composed the jury: Hammond C. Diehl, Isaac Mowrer, Charles White, Jacob Shultz, Amos Johnson, Jacob Keefe, J. O. Patton, David Ruckel, Frank Rowe, Clarence Connelly, Isaiah Vought and George Sandel.

On application of James Scariet Geo. H. Taber was appointed guardian for John H. Taber, Mary H. Taber, and Alex F. Taber, minor children of Mary and John Taber. Bond in the sum of \$500, with surety required.

Developing Muscle.
Members of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium are taking advantage of the inclement weather during these afternoons and evenings, by putting their bodies in good physical condition. The exercises taken include proper body building work, breathing exercises, free arm movement, leg movements, running and jumping, after which follows a quick shower bath, ending up with a cold dash and rub down, with coarse towel.

Death of an Infant.
Ethel May, the two month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Ashton, Jr. of Cooper street, died yesterday morning. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the house. Interment in the new Presbyterian cemetery.

Houses Scarce.
The scarcity of houses this spring is more in evidence than for some years past. The houses that rent for from six to eight dollars per month, are more in demand than any others and those who have neglected renting are willing now to take anything. Unless more dwellings are built a number of families will have to board after April 1st.

Pronounced Unsafe.
The bridge on the state road between Washingtonville and Turbotville has been pronounced unsafe and a watchman has been placed there day and night. The county commissioners expect to view the bridge in a few days.

A SCARE AT THE JAIL

Joseph Caddy Swallows Six Morphine Pills Monday.

A big scare was caused at the jail Monday afternoon by the discovery that one of the prisoners—Joseph Caddy who is doing time for larceny—had swallowed six morphine pills, each of one-fourth grain weight and was fast yielding to the subtle effects of the fatal drug. Caddy, it seems, has been in bad shape for some time past, generally out of sorts. He was under the treatment of Dr. Barber, jail physician, but was very anxious to secure the services of Dr. Wintersteen and sent word for the latter to call at the jail.

On Monday morning Dr. Barber in visiting the prisoners found Caddy's temperature abnormally high. Shortly after noon Walter Breckbill, son of the Sheriff, according to arrangement went down to Dr. Barber's office for the medicine it had been found necessary to prescribe. As he started, Caddy, who seemed to manifest symptoms of great pain, said he was suffering with cramp and begged the boy to ask the doctor for some morphine pills. Walter communicated the state of affairs to the physician who not suspecting trickery in any form sent a small box of the pills along back.

Caddy swallowed one of the pills in the presence of Joseph Gulick, a fellow prisoner, who a moment later had occasion to leave the cell. When Gulick returned, a few minutes later, the box was empty. He demanded of Caddy what he had done with the pills, when the latter coolly informed him that he had swallowed them. He treated the matter with the utmost indifference, stating that they would not harm him. It was not long, however, when he began to exhibit symptoms that alarmed the prisoners.

Oddly enough at this juncture Dr. Wintersteen happened to be passing and remembering that Caddy wanted to see him decided to stop.

He found the prisoner in a bad way, the action of the heart and condition of the pupil of the eye clearly indicating morphine poisoning. The doctor administered a powerful emetic in the form of apomorphine hypodermically. This Caddy's life was saved.

Caddy, who pleaded guilty to larceny and jail breaking, was sentenced on December 24, to three months in the county jail. It will thus be seen that only about three weeks of his term of imprisonment remained to be served.

Appointed Post Master.
The President on Monday sent to the Senate the name of Charles P. Harder to be Postmaster at Danville.

The above appointment, which was announced in nearly all the Philadelphia dailies Tuesday, caused a marked sensation in this city, where the news came like lightning from a clear sky. The term of four years, during which a postmaster is generally permitted to serve has not as yet expired here and no change was anticipated until, at least, in the spring of '03. What circumstances contributed to bring about the change is a subject that admits of a good deal of guessing.

Mr. Harder, the appointee, was interviewed Tuesday afternoon. He was not disposed to talk much on the subject. He was unable, he said, to throw any light on the why or the wherefore of the appointment, but acknowledged that the news was no surprise to him. He received a congratulatory telegram some time previous to the arrival of the newspapers that contained the appointment. Mr. Harder thinks that in all probability he will assume the Postmastership about April 1st, the beginning of the next year.

Death of Mrs. B. F. Landau.
Mrs. B. F. Landau, died at her home in South Danville Sunday afternoon aged 53 years. Death was due to a complication of diseases, the deceased being ill for several months. Mrs. Landau was well known and had many friends in this section who are pained to learn of her death. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Martin, John, Harry and Ella. Mrs. Landau was a member of Camp No. 135, P. O. of A., and the Woman's Relief Corps.

The funeral of the late Mrs. B. F. Landau, which took place from the family residence, South Danville, Tuesday afternoon, was quite largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. R. J. Allen, pastor of St. Peter's M. E. church. The pall bearers were: Emanuel Young, Jonas Sassaman, Peter Burger, Jacob Yeager, Peter Startzel and Eli Hoover. The floral tributes were very beautiful. The Woman's Relief Corps and the P. O. of A., to both of which the deceased belonged, were present at the obsequies in a body and held services at the grave. Interment was made at Mt. Vernon cemetery.

The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. George Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henninger, Misses Maud and Edna Henninger, Mrs. Harry Mantz, Mrs. Samuel Bucher, Mrs. Susie Lyons, Mrs. Rosa Mantz, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bloom, Messrs. Samuel and Charles Bloom, of Sunbury.

Reading Iron Works Resume.
The Reading Iron Works, which were obliged to suspend by high water, will resume operation this morning. Orders were given last night to light up the furnaces of the 12 in., the 16 in. and the puddle mill.

DANVILLE'S GREAT FLOOD

North Branch Rises 24 Feet, 9 Inches—A Portion of the Borough Inundated.

During Saturday night the river overflowed its bank above town, inundating a portion of the Hospital farm, and the tracts embraced by the two brick yards operated by John Keim. The canal which was inadequate to carry off the overflow was Sunday morning obliterated under an immense sheet of water which encroached upon the town, flooding Cooper street to the foot of Nassau street, the lower end of Mowrey street and East Market street West as far as the A. J. Ammerman building. From a point above the Shovel factory to within a few yards of Mill street, the D. L. & W. tracks were submerged. The Stove Works were cut off by a wide expanse of water which presented the appearance of a lake, bounded on the South by the course of the canal and on the North by the blast furnace of the Bessemer Company and J. R. Bennett's farm. The Shovel works were entirely under water and Sunday night a rise of but a few inches more were required to flood the moulding room of the Stove Works. Scores of cellars were flooded, while in a few of the houses, especially on the southern side of Cooper street, the water encroached upon the first floor.

The flood, however, gave sufficient warning and few families were caught unprepared, although put to any amount of inconvenience and discomfort.

At the Reading Iron Works, along Northumberland and West Center streets there was a repetition of precisely the same state of affairs that obtained on Friday last, except that in the present instance the flood was caused by back water from the river and the creek was not abnormally high.

The water Sunday eve. was at a level with the roadway of the Northumberland street bridge, the Reading Iron works were flooded to the depth of a foot or more and the unfortunate families along the two thoroughfares named had again sought refuge in the second stories of their homes.

The water has also backed up Blizzards run, flooding a wide area at the rear of the stores on the East side of Mill street. There is not a cellar on either side of Mill street, situated at all favorably for flooding, that has not several feet of water in it. Not a few of them are full nearly to the ceiling. The top of the apartment and Mahoning creek were on a level. The aqueduct itself is partially a wreck, the northern side Sunday afternoon succumbing to the pressure of water and floating away.

The river was nearly everywhere out of its banks, at many places being a mile or more in width. Below town the mighty flood embraced, not only the normal width of the river, but all the meadow land, entirely obliterating Mahoning creek and the canal and covering the D. L. & W. track with several feet of water.

The river was viewed by thousands during Saturday and Sunday viewed from the sidewalks of the river bridge and from points of vantage on shore. It was indeed a majestic sight. We are all familiar with the beautiful Susquehanna in her gentler moods. We have found rest and refreshment at mid-day in the deep shadows of her romantic shores and at evening have gazed upon her sun kissed bosom as she lay like a jewel with the emerald mountains about her for a setting. But now we have the broad river, aroused—unbridled—not the wash of the ripples but the roar of the whirlpool. Regardless of man, with a force that no human power can stay the sullen river rolls its mighty water on to the sea.

Sunday eve. there were many anxious hearts in town. During the day and until late at night the water had been rising steadily at the rate of two inches an hour. Many a home was imperiled and the only hope lay in the fact that high water mark had been reached and the waters would subside, so that all looked expectantly toward the morn.

All persons in a position to know Sunday night agreed that the river had not within nearly two feet reached the high water mark of 1865. With that exception the river is the highest in its history.

The flood of '65, as will be seen from a large photograph in the possession of Robert D. Magill, submerged a much larger portion of the town than the present high water. The flood then broke over the river bank above town poured down through the borough submerging Mill street along with all the low area between the canal and the higher land north. The only portion of the town above water were the higher portions of Market and Mahoning streets and this lay like an island in the broad expanse of the swollen river. The unprecedented flood of '65 was unaccompanied by rain in this locality. It all came from the country lying above, just as the present flood is caused by the rain and heavy deposit of snow in the mountains northward. What once occurred may happen again and thus it occurred that there was so much foreshadowing among our townspeople at night when at 9 o'clock the word came that the water had reached 24 feet having risen six inches since dark.

Fortunately no lives so far as reported have been lost in the flood. William Ward and wife, an aged couple residing in a small house on Robert Morris land below town had a very narrow escape. The house occupies an isolated position in a field, and Mr. and Mrs.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Morgan R. Gavitt, of Suntown, private secretary to the late Honorable R. K. Polk, arrived in this city last evening.

F. L. Hagenbuch, of Bloomsburg, was in town yesterday.

D. J. Lynch, of Bloomsburg, spent yesterday in this city.

Prof. U. L. Gorly left on the 9:14 Pennsylvania train yesterday morning for Johnstown, where he will attend the annual meeting of State school superintendents.

Mrs. John B. Searles, of Pottstown, returned home Tuesday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sidler, Walnut street.

Robert Williams, of this city, left on the 11:25 P. & R. train Tuesday for Philadelphia.

Fred Edwards, of Bloomsburg, returned home Tuesday after a visit at the residence of B. K. Shoemaker, Ferry street.

Miss Nellie Weaver, of Lewisburg, returned home Tuesday after a visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Martha Hoffman, of Rushtown, is visiting friends in Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Sechler and son, John, of Philadelphia, returned home Tuesday after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sechler, Church street.

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Heaviest Snow of the Season.
The winter of 1901-2, which will go on record for its unusual severity, will be noted quite as much for its terrible sieges of snow and floods as for its cold weather. Before high water has wholly subsided and railroad traffic resumed a snow storm sets in, which in Danville at least, surpasses any of the season and threatens to again isolate the town by tying up railroad trains and impeding travel on country roads.

Yesterday was one of those days, which, literally, were unfit for man or beast. Shortly before 4 o'clock in the morning the snow began to fall by noon it was one foot deep and the flakes crowding each other in one blinding mass driven by a disagreeable north-east wind filled all the atmosphere. During the afternoon the snow continued to fall unabated, each hour adding to the depth until at dark the snow lay upon the streets and sidewalks any where from twenty inches to two feet in depth.

Few persons were seen upon the streets. It required a very pressing errand to take a person out of doors and such errands were accomplished as expeditiously as possible. It was the general verdict with people forced to be out that "they had never seen the like."

The trains last evening as far as they have resumed running were either very late or they arrived not at all. No one, except it might be a faithful physician with a patient to look after, thought of driving into the country while the country people were few who had errands into town.

A telephone message received from Washingtonville last evening stated that the snow was fifteen inches and over upon the level, while the road between Fred Moser's hotel and the Frazier homestead near Washingtonville was impassable owing to snow drifts. People were warned not to undertake the trip between this city and Washingtonville at present.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF HON. RUFUS K. POLK

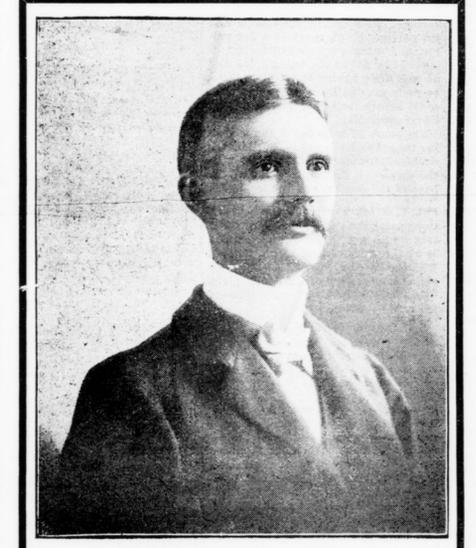
EXPIRED AT PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAY.

THE NEWS A DREADFUL SHOCK TO OUR CITIZENS AS MR. POLK WAS NOT KNOWN TO BE ILL—REMAINS WILL ARRIVE TODAY ACCOMPANIED BY A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, WHO WILL HAVE FULL CHARGE OF THE FUNERAL

Hon. Rufus K. Polk is dead. The startling and unexpected intelligence reached this city yesterday morning. The telegram necessarily brief gave no details and beyond the fact that our Congressman expired at Hotel Walton at 3 o'clock yesterday morning nothing could be learned during the day. By evening additional information was received to the effect that Mr. Polk was taken ill about 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and that two physicians were present at the bedside until the end came.

It was not known that Mr. Polk was in other than his usual health. Our town was stunned under the suddenness of the shock. No one could believe it possible, and as the report was verified the blanched face and the tearful eye betrayed how deeply the heart was wounded.

Although unknown to most people Mr. Polk was afflicted with heart disease. The disease caused him much anxiety. There is but little doubt among his friends that heart trouble in some form was the immediate cause of his sudden taking off.



THE LATE RUFUS K. POLK

Postmaster T. J. Price was in Philadelphia when Mr. Polk's death occurred. During yesterday he was joined at Hotel Walton by William C. Frick who came over from New York on hearing the sad news. Toward evening a Congressional Committee from Washington arrived at Philadelphia to take full charge of the funeral. Accompanied by this committee and Messrs. T. J. Price and W. C. Frick, the remains will leave Philadelphia this morning, arriving at South Danville either at 2 or 5 p. m. today in a special train. The funeral will be held Saturday at 1 p. m.

Thus passes away one who has made the world better for having lived, in that he added to the happiness of others. Of him it may truly be said that in all his dealings with others he was uninfluenced by caste, by social, political or religious distinctions, while his natural courtesy, his kind tolerant disposition, his sympathy for the unfortunate, his open-handed generosity, his fair dealing and his inflexible honesty made him a prince among men—a strong and gracious personality, whose impression will remain long after the sod grows green above his grave.

Rufus King Polk was born in Columbia, Maury county, Tennessee, August 23, 1866. He was educated at Lehigh University, this State, graduating in the class of 1887, taking the degree of B. S. The next year he took a post graduate course in mining engineering.

After his graduation he came to Danville accepting the position of chemist under the Montour Iron and Steel Company. This position he filled in a most acceptable manner until June 15, 1890, when he went to Ohio, where he assumed charge of the furnaces of the Hocking Valley Coal and Iron Company. The next year he returned to Danville where he became assistant Superintendent of the Montour Iron and Steel Company. He filled this position for a short time when he was offered the position of general manager by the North Branch Steel Company, which he accepted. In this position, which he filled for nearly seven years, he demonstrated not only his keen business discernment but also the possession of those rare personal qualities which were the secret of so much of his success in life.

Mr. Polk in industrial circles is best known as a member of the firm of Howe & Polk, manufacturers of structural tubing, which was organized on Feb. 17, 1898.

On the 12th of November last Mr. Polk became owner of the "Danville Sun" and the "Intelligencer." On January 1st he discontinued the "Sun" and purchased a half interest in THE MORNING NEWS.

Mr. Polk was a public spirited and patriotic citizen and upon the breaking out of the American Spanish War he

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EFFECTED AN ORGANIZATION

Old Council Goes Out of Existence—New Members are Seated.

The borough council for the year 1902—3 effected an organization Monday night. The session was a brief one. It is true, a marked division was in evidence when it came to filling a few of the offices but the meeting—the first of the year—was on the whole harmonious.

The old council went into session at the usual hour, 8 o'clock, the following members responding to roll call: James Dougherty, M. D. L. Sechler, Vastine Brandt, George Sechler, Gibson and Kemmer. The minutes were read and the different committees were called upon. Two bills were presented for payment—one from E. S. Gearhart, Esq., of \$150 and the other from Borough Treasurer Ellenbogen of the same amount. Mr. Gearhart's bill, which represented professional services, was turned down by the following tie vote: Yeas—Vastine, M. D. L. Sechler, Gibson and Jones.

Nays—George Sechler, Kemmer, Dougherty and Brandt.

Treasurer Ellenbogen's bill was approved for payment, after which the old