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CONDENSED NEWS.

Now look out for mud.
Spring begins on the 21st.
The snow is almost gone.
Get your little onions ready.
The ideal spring day has come.
Housecleaning will soon begin.
Almanac chronology predicts changeable weather.

Some fine flowers are to be seen at the local green houses.

A good big circus would be well patronized in Danville this spring.

Lewis Steinbreuner of Troy, N. Y., formerly of Danville, and Miss Margaret Patterson of Wilkesbarre, will be married on Wednesday, April 2nd.

Preparations are making among florists and flower growers for a record-breaking trade in flowers this Easter. Many Easter lily bulbs are now held from bloom until Easter week. The increased demand will be so easily met that prices should be no higher than usual.

Yesterday was calculated to hearten up the spring poets amazingly.

William Umstead, the unfortunate man of Washingtonville who made such a desperate attempt at suicide, Friday last, was committed to the Hospital for the Insane on Saturday. He was accompanied to this city by his brother, Russell Umstead, George Miller and James Seidel, councilmen of Washingtonville.

Easter window decorations are noticed on Mill street.

The milliners and dressmakers are busy.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills Riverside, has been brightened by the arrival of a baby boy.

John Cooper, of Washingtonville, lost a valuable horse yesterday. This makes the fourth horse that Mr. Cooper has lost during the last 18 months.

An excavation is being dug for a front cellar wall at the residence of Elmer Himes, East Market street. A new veranda will also be built at the residence.

A few spring fever sufferers heard from yesterday.

The advent of spring turns loose a great horde of agents of every description both in town and rural districts. In towns these perambulators offer books, pictures, maps and household devices innumerable. In the country they sell lighting rods, agricultural implements, dairy fixtures and the like. It would be too sweeping an assertion to say that all these agents are swindlers, but it is not unfair to warn people to be very cautious with whom they deal.

The river is still high but the banks are receiving a good cleaning preparatory to the donning of their spring attire.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hodge, Bloom street, was returned from St. Joseph's hospital, Philadelphia, where she underwent treatment for some time. She is much improved.

A party of friends were pleasantly entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Edward Hawkins, Derry township.

Reading Railway men were measured on Tuesday for summer uniforms. A frock coat will take the place of the cut-aways formerly worn.

Present indications point to the fact that depredations by caterpillars will be unusually severe this summer. Many trees are covered with millions of small black oozes from which the caterpillars develop.

The young people of the Senior Class of the Danville High School are nearing the close of their school days. In these days of difficult examinations they have the sympathy of their friends who hope to see them come out with flying colors.

If traveling through the country at present will not convince the farmers of the need of better roads they will have to be set down as incurable.

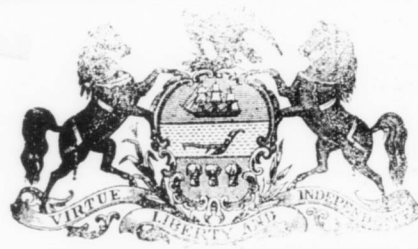
The attendance at the public schools yesterday was excellent.

Remember your overcoat still has a button, and pneumonia comes with the delights of spring as well as more rigorous weather.

Keep the snow shovel handy for a week or two longer.

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MR. POLK'S SUCCESSOR

Governor May Decide Not to Hold a Special Election.

The Sunbury Daily in discussing the success of Mr. Polk's successor for the reason for believing that no special election will be held. The Governor according to the law governing the case "may appoint as early a time as possible for the holding of a special election; otherwise he shall direct the election to be held at the time appointed for holding the general election."

If Governor Stone decides not to hold a special election two Congressmen will be elected next November. Mr. Polk's term will not expire until March, 1903, and his successor will be elected to serve from November until March. The other candidate will be elected for the full term.

It is generally conceded among politicians that Mr. Polk's successor for the unexpired term should come from Montour county. Alexander Billmeyer, of Washingtonville, is mentioned as a candidate.

Mr. Billmeyer was called up by phone last night by an American reporter and asked for his views on the subject. He agreed that Montour is entitled to the candidate and admitted that he cherished an ambition to be Mr. Polk's successor.

David Evans Injured.

David Evans, residing on East Market street, an employee of Howe & Polk, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning met with a very painful accident, which might have resulted fatally. The mishap was one which frequently occurs at the rolls of the Structural Tubing works.

A section of red hot pipe about twenty-five feet long, leaving the groove designed to conduct it from the rolls flew like an arrow in the direction of Mr. Evans, who had just assumed the position of "hooker." The man tried to get out of the way by jumping backward, but was struck by the iron tube, which pierced his clothing and grazed his abdomen. In this position the hot iron was held by the man's clothing inflicting a bad burn.

Under the pain and excitement Mr. Evans to remove the hot bar mechanically grasped it with his bare hands, but only succeeded in adding to his tortures by inflicting additional burns. The iron was not removed until the clothing holding it was entirely burned away.

Mr. Evans' hands and body, grazed by the iron were burned into a blister and it will be a week or more before he will be able to resume work.

Inter Scholastic Debate.

William Bailey, Arthur Campbell and William Watkin, left for Sunbury at noon Tuesday to meet a committee of the Sunbury High school to make arrangements for an inter-scholastic debate between the local high school and Sunbury. The high school of the latter place was represented by a committee composed of Messrs. Baileys, Shippey and Miller.

It was decided to hold the debate at Sunbury on Friday evening, April 18, at 8 o'clock. The subject selected for discussion is: "Resolved, That the Formation of the Period of the United States Government Was the Most Critical in Its History." Danville, which will have the negative side, will be represented by Messrs. Campbell, Watkin and McClure. The judges—three in number—will be selected from neutral towns. Danville selecting one and Sunbury one and these two in turn selecting the third.

The chairman of the two committees, Mr. Bailey of Danville and Mr. Baileys of Sunbury, will be the presiding officers on the occasion of the debate.

Blaze on Hemlock Street.

A slight blaze at the residence of Jacob Engle, Hemlock street, about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning brought out the fire department.

Mrs. Engle, whose husband was absent, had just left the house, on a short errand taking with her a six-months-old infant and leaving a three-year-old son upstairs. When she returned the little fellow, who had come down stairs, informed her that he "believed the house was on fire."

His words were confirmed by a dense volume of smoke which came rushing down stairs. The upper story was in flames. Plenty of help was at hand, however, and prompt action saved the house. When the firemen arrived the blaze was about extinguished. The loss was not heavy being limited to a mattress, some bedding and window curtains which were burned.

The room contained a heating stove and the fire in some way, it is thought, communicated to the bedding.

Shook Hands With Bryan.

A big excitement was produced on our streets shortly after noon, Saturday, when it was learned that William Jennings Bryan was in town. The great Commoner was soon located at the Montour House, where he was besieged with a crowd of admirers. He shook hands with a large number there, when he was obliged to withdraw to attend the funeral of the late Hon. R. K. Polk.

After the funeral he was the guest of Moneta club, by whom he was given a reception. Mr. Bryan shook hands with several hundred people in the club room, while a large crowd awaited him on the pavement below.

COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR SESSION

Action Taken to Show Respect to the Late R. K. Polk.

The first regular meeting of the new council was held Friday evening with every member present. The session was a busy one and occupied an hour and a half. The President appointed committees to act during the year, after which the bonds of the newly elected officers were approved.

Council then proceeded to elect a Borough Solicitor. The names of R. S. Ammerman and Edward S. Gearhart were again placed in nomination. Two votes were taken, each resulting in a tie. The members voted precisely as at the last meeting. On motion the election of a borough solicitor was laid over until the next meeting.

Some time was spent discussing matters pertaining to the funeral of Hon. R. K. Polk. It was ordered that Council in a body attend the funeral and that all the members that find it at all convenient resolve themselves into a committee to be present at South Danville Saturday for the purpose of meeting the delegations of Senators and Congressmen.

On the motion of Mr. Davis \$1.50 each was ordered paid to Clarence Connelly and two companions, who at the risk of their lives caught the Center street bridge which was carried away by the flood last week.

The bills of Borough Solicitors E. S. Gearhart and R. S. Ammerman were brought before Council. A hitch being apparent in the payment and on motion they were laid over until next meeting.

Following are the committees of council appointed for the ensuing year:

FINANCE—M. D. L. Sechler, Albert Lloyd and Thomas J. Swanik.

PRINTING—William W. Davis, George R. Sechler and David Montgomery.

WATER—William W. Davis, Augustus Brandt and Albert Kemmer.

FIRE—Joseph M. Gibson, James F. Dougherty and Albert Kemmer.

BUILDING—James F. Dougherty, Joseph M. Gibson and David Montgomery.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS—Joseph M. Gibson, Albert Lloyd and Thomas J. Swanik.

STREETS AND BRIDGES—M. D. L. Sechler, Albert Kemmer, John Patton, Joseph M. Gibson and George R. Sechler.

MARKET—Albert Kemmer, James F. Dougherty and David Montgomery.

ORDINANCE AND POLICE—John Patton, Albert Lloyd and Thomas J. Swanik.

LIGHT—M. D. L. Sechler, William W. Davis and Albert Lloyd.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT—George R. Sechler, Augustus Brandt and John Patton.

The following bills were approved for payment:

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.

Regular employes.....\$82.50

Street labor, etc.....60.85

B. B. Brown, Health Officer.....120.27

B. B. Brown, High Constable.....9.50

A. C. Amesbury.....5.25

Standard Electric Light Co.....448.11

Standard Gas Co.....3.00

William Sechler.....2.40

MORNING NEWS.....25.00

Joseph Lechner.....4.65

Trumbower & Wertheimer.....7.97

Robert J. Pegg.....9.50

Sam'l Mills.....9.75

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Regular employes.....\$122.40

Jos. Lechner.....6.25

A. C. Roat......50

Atlantic Refining Co.....17.05

Geo. W. Lord.....44.10

Intelligence.....25.00

C. C. Meyer.....2.00

Curry & Vannan.....186.85

A. C. Amesbury.....25.10

Joseph Lechner.....9.60

Standard Gas Co.....20.00

Harry B. Patton.....20.00

Eight Hundred Men Employed.

The Reading Iron works Monday morning were started up in all departments for the first time after their idleness of nine months. The mill is now completed along all its lines and with the starting up of the 20-inch mill Monday all of the new and improved machinery is brought into use. The big plant, every part of whose roof seems belching out steam and smoke, presents a very busy and animated appearance, which suggests days before the fire.

The starting up of the entire mill has brought the number of employes up to the maximum—800 men. The pay roll must grow accordingly and from now on it will be up to the high water mark attained before the fire—thirty-three thousand dollars per month.

It is therefore easy to estimate the importance of the Reading Iron works as a factor in the general prosperity of the town. Little less than one half of our adult wage earners find employment under its roof. No wonder, therefore, that our citizens regarded its future with so much anxiety when it was nearly wiped out of existence by fire last May. The Reading Iron works as rebuilt and equipped are now, to speak industrially, a rock in the foundation of the town that should make its future secure.

Death of Jacob Eberly.

Jacob Eberly, an old resident of Riverside, died at his home Sunday morning, aged 72 years. The deceased had been ill for a year or more. He was a stone mason by trade and well known. Besides his wife he is survived by the following children: Isaac, of this city; Charles, of Plymouth; Lewis, of Philadelphia; Oscar, of Riverside; and Mrs. Sadie Francis, of Mt. Carmel.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Harry Q. Cobb left yesterday to spend a few days with relatives in Millinburg.

Misses Ruth and Ava Gearhart spent yesterday afternoon with friends in Sunbury.

Mrs. David Harris, of Scranton, returned home last evening after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hughes on East Bloom street.

Mrs. Hannah Morrison, of Mechanicsville, left yesterday for Marshall, Michigan, to attend the funeral of her brother, Abram Sechler. John Sechler of Ferry street is a brother of the deceased. Harry Farringer, of Berwick, attended the dance held in the Armory last evening.

D. L. Smith returned to this city last evening after a visit with friends in Scranton.

Miss Jennie Lewis, of Pittston, will arrive in this city today for a visit with Miss Ada Bailey on East Mahoning street.

Messrs. William Leib, Thomas Harris, Thomas McQue, Calvin Pardee, Jr. and Frank Drake of Hazleton, were in this city yesterday.

Mrs. David Hollingshead and daughter, Miss Jane, of Catawissa, attended the funeral of Jacob Eberly held in South Danville, yesterday.

Miss Rebecca Tittley, Railroad street, returned last evening from Sunbury.

Mrs. Austin B. Peifer and Mrs. Lloyd Burger, of Catawissa, spent yesterday at the home of P. J. Burger, South Danville.

Isadore Rosenthal, of Berwick, attended the dance given in the Armory last evening.

Howard Barber left yesterday for Wilkesbarre, where he will spend several days after which he will leave for Pittsburg.

Mrs. C. E. Beyers of Lewisburg arrived in this city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw and son Samuel, of Sunbury, returned home yesterday after a visit with Mrs. Francis Saltzman, Honeycomb street.

Miss Hattie Walz returned home last evening from a visit to Philadelphia and New York.

Mrs. George Kircher and Miss Elma Lloyd, West Market street, returned home last evening from a visit with friends in Shamokin.

Miss Sarah Seesholtz, of Catawissa, spent last evening with Mrs. Henry Lyon, Mill street.

Mrs. Jennie Beatty, of Shamokin, spent yesterday as a guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Pine street.

R. E. Cady, of Auburn, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

F. C. Angle, Esq., and wife returned home yesterday after a visit of several days with friends in Philadelphia.

Frank Kline and Harlow Heiler, of Rohrsburg, returned home yesterday after a visit at the residence of Raymond Reker, Nassau street.

Rev. Erskine Wright returned home yesterday from Bellefonte.

Traveling Passenger Agent D. L. Manger, of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad was in this city yesterday.

Rev. Adolph Meyer spent last evening in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Michael Andrews, of Sunbury, returned home yesterday after a visit with Wesley Hartzel, Grand street.

Mrs. E. J. Corey and son William, of Sunbury, spent yesterday afternoon with friends in this city.

Mrs. Fleming Houghton, of Sunbury, returned home yesterday after a visit at the residence of John Kramer, Nassau street.

Major Charles P. Gearhart and Capt. J. Beaver Gearhart, of this city, attended the inspection of Company K., 12th regiment, N. G. P., at Sunbury last evening.

Mrs. Elmer Heim, of East Market street, this city, on Saturday will join her husband in Buffalo, N. Y., where he has employment. They will take up their residence in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tittel, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Lee and son, Lewis, and Mrs. W. C. Williams and son Lewis, attended the funeral of the late John Palmer, held in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Watson, of Milton, returned home yesterday after a visit with friends in this city.

Miss Grace Burger, of Moersburg, left yesterday morning for a visit with friends in Scranton.

Mrs. Jean Scott, of Philadelphia, returned home yesterday after a visit with Mrs. Elizabeth Hodge, Bloom street.

Mrs. Elsie Hicks, of Bloomsburg, was the guest yesterday of Miss Charlotte Persing, on Center street.

Ex-Sheriff J. N. Miller, of this city, and niece, Miss Fanny Miller, of Schoolcraft, Michigan, spent yesterday with friends in Catawissa.

Mrs. Peter Fry and son, Stuart, of Plymouth, returned home yesterday after a visit at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Diehl, Upper Mulberry street.

Mrs. J. C. Cleaver, of Howellville, spent yesterday with friends in South Danville.

Mrs. Anna Biddle, Mill street, spent yesterday afternoon in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Miles Samsman, of Catawissa, called on relatives in this city yesterday.

SCHOOL BOARD DELIBERATES

John Hock Elected Janitor of the Fourth Ward Building.

The school board met in session last Monday night. Their deliberations occupied an hour and a half and comprised a wide range of subjects including fumigation, holidays commencement, janitors, printing, etc.

On motion of Mr. Wertheimer it was ordered that the public schools of the borough be closed on Good Friday, which occurs on the 28th inst.

Dr. Barber stated that the supply committee, to whom the matter was delegated at last meeting, had purchased one of Kuhn's Formaldehyde generators. He referred the board to Mr. Miller, the janitor, for information as to the practicality and general efficiency of the apparatus.

Mr. Miller explained that he had fumigated four rooms including the high school—that he was much pleased with the generator and believed that it did all that was claimed for it.

On motion of Mr. Keefe it was ordered that no one but Mr. Miller be permitted to use the generator and that when fumigation is needed in wards other than the First Mr. Miller accompany the apparatus.

Truant Officer Young presented his report for the past month. He visited 87 homes in which delinquents were reported. In 62 cases the pupil was detained at home by sickness; in twelve cases the pupils were without shoes. In the balance of cases—thirteen—the pupils were playing truant.

In the course of his remarks Officer Young gave it as his belief that the school law as it relates to attendance is almost daily violated by parents who in order to keep their children at work make it a point to misrepresent their age. This no doubt many a boy or girl is plodding along in our factories who according to law should be in school. The law, he said, requiring that children be registered at birth is not lived up to as it should be, so that generally there is no way of detecting falseness on the part of parents selfish enough to misrepresent the age of their children.

Secretary Orth stated that as required by law he had received a list of children employed at the Knitting mill and at the Reading Iron works. A similar list is in preparation at the Silk mill. Mr. Hartman, it was explained, had requested that the school board appoint a committee to visit his plant to satisfy themselves as to whether or not the school law is being violated.

On motion of Mr. Green the President appointed Dr. Barber and Messrs. Green, Orth, Black and Keefe a committee to visit the Silk mill and other industries employing children to ascertain whether or not there are any at work who ought to be at school.

Principal J. C. Carey asked that the board fix a date for commencement. The school term, he said, allowing for two holidays—Good Friday and Memorial Day—will wind up on Thursday, June 13th. The school board was divided, some favoring Friday night, June 6th, for commencement, others the Monday following. It was finally agreed to leave it to the High School Committee, who will select one or other of these dates.

John Hock was elected janitor of the Fourth Ward school to succeed the late John Linger. He will enter upon his duties at the beginning of next month.

The following members were present: Fischer, Orth, Green, Burger, Wertheimer, Keefe, Fenstermacher, Barber, Black and Byerly.

The following bills were ordered paid by the school board last night:

W. E. Gosh.....\$21.00

Silver Burdette & Co.....6.67

American Book Co.....8.64

William Miller.....9.75

Formaldehyde Generator Co.....75.00

Standard Gas Co.....2.00

D. W. Young.....5.00

Danville Record Co.....4.15

Teachers and janitors.....153.50

Chemicals for high school.....15.00

Keely & Trumbower.....2.30

Foreign Missionary Society.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of Mahoning Presbyterian church held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. I. G. Barber, Ferry street, there being sixteen present.

The subject selected for yesterday's meeting was "Africa," which was discussed at considerable length, nearly every one present participating. "India" is the subject selected for the next meeting.

Mrs. F. Q. Hartman and Mrs. W. I. Stearns with Mrs. W. G. Kramer and Mrs. Louisa Voris as alternates, were appointed as delegates to the Presbyterian meeting to be held at Millinburg, March 26th and 27th.

The officers of the society, elected at a previous meeting, are as follows: President, Dr. Ida Ashenbrenner; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. G. Kramer and Miss Maize Reed; Secretary, Miss Louisa Voris; and Treasurer, Miss Hattie Simington.

Anniversary Sermon.

Rev. Dr. M. L. Shindel, Sunday morning preached the sermon of the 28th anniversary of his pastorate. During his remarks he stated that of the congregation that greeted his arrival in Danville but 5 per cent of them remain. One is a member of the council, two are members of the choir and two are teachers in the Sunday school. During the entire 28 years they have remained in these positions.

HON. R. K. POLK LAID TO REST

Very Many Notable Men Gather Around His Bier.

All that was mortal of Hon. Rufus King Polk was consigned to the grave in the Presbyterian cemetery on Saturday afternoon last. As his career was successful beyond that which falls to the lot of most men, so the obsequies which followed its close were marked by a degree of honor seldom conferred. No event in the history of Danville ever brought together such an assemblage of notable men as gathered around the bier of our dead congressman. In the humble walks of life where humanity learns to appreciate sympathy and kindness such as R. K. Polk had to give he was not forgotten and men vied with each other in the tributes paid to his memory.

During the forenoon the remains were viewed by hundreds of people. First came the employees of the Structural Tubing Works of Howe & Polk, who left the mill at 9 o'clock, in solemn and orderly procession marching to the residence of I. X. Grier, where for the last time they gazed upon the face of their dead employer. Each individual cherished some affectionate memory of the deceased and as he turned away from the bier there was in his look and manner that to indicate that he was a mourner at heart. Next came the employees of the public department, followed by others belonging to the general public.

The delegation from Washington arrived at 6:50 o'clock Saturday morning via the D. L. & W. line in two special parlor coaches with dining car attached. The Senatorial committee consisted of Carmack of Tennessee, Patterson of Colorado, and Gamble of South Dakota. The House committee was composed of the following: H. D. Green, K. P. Hall, Howard Hutchler, George R. Patterson, A. L. Bates, Thad M. Mahon, Pennsylvania; Charles Ditch, Ohio; F. R. Lassiter, Va.; William Richardson, Alabama; William L. Stark, Nebraska; Mark Smith, Arizona; Frank E. Wilson, New York; L. P. Padgett, Tenn.; John H. Small, North Carolina; J. S. Salmon, New Jersey; R. F. Broussard, Louisiana; E. S. Zerbe, C. W. and R. E. Gillham, C. C. and S. R. Gillham, J. L. and Isaac Snyder, F. Brady, D. Jones, A. Peiper, John Kane, Charles Schoch, Sam Hubler, L. Kepler, R. E. Zaing, John Williams, J. Swift, H. H. Helwig, Thomas E. Lesh and others representing the degree team and delegation from Skikillemey Tribe No. 148, of Shamokin.