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CONDENSED NEWS.

Spring begins to-morrow.
Easter egg dyes are on sale.
Interesting Palm Sunday services will be held at most of our churches in this city.
There may be another blizzard in store for us, but we are content not to anticipate.
A good sized class of catechumens will be confirmed at Trinity Lutheran church next Sunday morning.
Mrs. Jared N. Diehl, of Northumberland, is seriously ill at the home of her brother, Eugene Morrison, Mahoning Township.
The country schools are poorly attended just now owing to farm sales which are held almost daily.
Those who are going to move are busily employed in preparing for the event and the average man is forced to endure a domestic disorder that is distracting.
There will soon be work for the street sprinkler. It was needed in many parts of the city yesterday.
The thermometer registered twelve degrees above zero early yesterday morning.
Paul, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murray, Spruce street, has fully recovered from a siege of diphtheria.
As Sunday next is the last Sunday of the Conference year interesting services will be held in the Methodist churches of this city.
Sarah, the little daughter, of Mrs. R. K. Polk, whose very critical illness was noted in these columns, died Monday morning about two o'clock, after a long siege of catarrhal pneumonia, aged one year and ten months.
Danville's College boys will arrive home for their Easter vacations early next week.
N. P. Kraig, of Binghamton, N. Y., tuned and repaired the organ at Christ Episcopal church Tuesday.
The spring Arbor days should be observed by the schools of Montour county.
There is nothing lamblike about this weather.
There is evidently a hitch between the man who makes the weather and the people who build spring bonnets.
The interest of all good Methodists of Central Pennsylvania will be centered upon Bellefonte next week, as matters of importance to the denomination will be discussed and disposed of.
Kent Butler, of Washingtonville, son of Ex Judge Butler, is the new clerk at the Heddens House.
As a result of the recent flood and the inundation by the Shamokin creek of the farm lands between Shamokin and Sunbury, many farmers are now reaping harvests of coal instead of grain. The banks at Buck Mountain and other points containing many tons of pea coal were washed into the creek and carried down the stream to the farm lands, which when the waters receded were left with a coat of black diamonds.
It has now been decided to hold the Inter-Scholastic Debate between the Extemporaneous Debating club of Danville and the Sunbury high school, in Sunbury on Thursday, April 17th. Particulars regarding a special train will be made known later.
Amateur baseball club captains are beginning to get that important feeling.
Invitations have been received in this city for a dance to be given in Catawissa on Easter Monday evening. The dances given in Catawissa during the winter have been among the most popular in this section.
The front of Ellenbogen's store on Mill street has received a new coat of paint.
The weather man didn't catch up with St. Patrick's day until it was almost too late.
Spring poets are having a rather strenuous time of it keeping out of the way of blizzards.
A simplified choir will be introduced at Trinity Lutheran church on Easter Sunday.
Of course there will be days when the daffodils and dimities will look out of place, but the greatest of unborn blizzards cannot altogether obliterate the signs of spring or entirely dampen the reasonable ardor that they awaken.

ANOTHER DAMAGE SUIT

Twelfth Case Brought Against the Borough by Mr. Blizard.

W. H. J. Blizard Monday brought another suit against the borough to recover damages for the continuation of the nuisance existing at Blizard's run. This makes the twelfth suit in all brought by the Blizards against the borough. Although marked for the May term Monday's case will not be tried at that time, but will give way to case No. 85 of October, 1898, the fifth in the series, which is on the list for trial.
The fourth of the Blizard damage suits was tried last summer and was noteworthy in the heavy damages awarded and in the judge's charge to the jury, which set forth the fact that under the judgment rendered by the supreme court, the plaintiff was entitled to damages for every day that the nuisance in Blizard's run was left unabated. The suit was brought to recover for two days, April 2 and 3, 1897, and it will be remembered that damages were awarded in the sum of \$590. The actual damages sustained were valued at \$25.00 or \$12.50 per day, the balance \$565 being punitive damages imposed upon the borough as a penalty for not abating the nuisance.
The case on the list for May next deals with damages in \$1500 and covers a period of only 8 days, from the 4th to the 12th of April, 1897. It is said to be the intention of Mr. Blizard in this way to institute a suit after suit until every day of the time is covered during which the nuisance is permitted to run. His right to recover is indisputable in the premises and the only thing left for the jury to do is to fix the amount of damages.
As to the nature of the verdict, therefore, in the next case, as well as in all those which follow there can be no doubt; it must be for the plaintiff. The actual damages awarded, of course, will depend upon how the jury looks at the matter. It is on the score of punitive damages that the borough has the most to fear, if the last case tried may be taken as a criterion. The nuisance unfortunately still exists, nor have any steps been taken looking to its abatement that promise anything like practical results.
Blizard's run has already cost the borough something like \$5,000. The last case alone, damages and costs combined, footed up to \$940, entailing a cost upon the borough of \$470 for each of the two days involved. Taking the fact into consideration that suit may be brought for every day that the nuisance is permitted to exist the danger is that the borough may be obliged to expend a much larger sum before it gets rid of the difficulty.
The suits pending in addition to the one that will be tried in May are as follows:
No. 50 of October term, 1899, claiming damages in \$2500 for from April 13th to August 1, 1899.
No. 14 of June term, 1900. Nos. 44, 45 and 46 of September term, 1901. No. 22 of May, 1902.

CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE

Charles P. Harder Appointed Postmaster at Danville.

The question of the postmastership in Danville which for a couple of weeks past has been in doubt has according to all accounts been at last settled, the honor of the appointment falling upon Charles P. Harder, Esq.
Mr. Harder was nominated to be postmaster in Danville first on March 3rd. On the 10th inst. his nomination was withdrawn from the Senate. His nomination caused a great deal of surprise, but scarcely more than the withdrawal of his name by the President. T. J. Price, the incumbent, has served but 3 years of the four which are generally considered as constituting a postmaster's term and every one was much puzzled to understand what influences had been at work to so nearly accomplish a change.
Interest in the matter yesterday morning was revived in all its intensity by an item appearing in the Washington correspondence of several Philadelphia newspapers to the effect that Charles P. Harder had again been nominated to be postmaster at Danville. Many persons held that this was final, while others believed that the outcome would be the same as in the former case and that Mr. Price would be permitted to hold on to the reins as postmaster.
The arrival last evening of the Congressional Record of March 18 put all doubt at rest. In its columns the fact was stated that on Tuesday the executive nomination of Charles P. Harder was received by the Senate as set forth in yesterday morning's newspapers. Another column stated that the nomination of Charles P. Harder to be postmaster at Danville, Pa., had been confirmed by the Senate.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.
Miss Martha Seehler, of East Danville returned yesterday from a visit in Milton.
Miss Jennie Hawk, of Millintown, returned home last evening after attending the funeral of Miss Alvaretta Books in this city.
Mrs. J. J. Newman, Mill street, returned home last evening from a visit with friends in Herndon.
Joshua Williams, of Plymouth, was a visitor in this city yesterday.
Mrs. Elmer Marshall and Mrs. E. E. Camp, of Williamsport, are guests at the home of Frank Kramer, Wall street.
Edward Yeager has returned home from a business trip to Philadelphia.
William Oliver left yesterday for Berwick and Wilkesbarre.
J. W. Casterny, a welder at the Shovel Works, in this city, left yesterday on the 5:51 D. L. & W. train for Wyoming. Mr. Casterny has severed his connection with the works here to accept a position in Canton, Ohio.
Mrs. A. H. Woolley spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.
Miss Mary McEneaney, Mill street, left on the 9:14 Pennsylvania train yesterday morning for a visit with friends in Pittsburg.
Bruce Mendenhall of Waller arrived last evening for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Everhart on East Market street.
Miss Anna Kniss, of Boyd's Station, was the guest of Mrs. William Miller, Riverside, yesterday.
Miss Rachel Williams returned to Berwick yesterday after a visit with Miss Stella Myers, East Front street.
Miss Evelyn Oty, of Binghamton, N. Y., arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with relatives.
Daniel Heddens and son Warren spent yesterday with the former's brother, Phineas Heddens, Bloomsburg.
Rev. Adolph Meyer left yesterday for Wilkesbarre.
J. Hudson Case, of South Danville, spent yesterday with friends in Bloomsburg.
Frank Courson, of Washingtonville, was in town yesterday.
Dr. J. P. Hoffa drove in from Washingtonville yesterday.
Mrs. Benjamin Keller, Water street, left yesterday for Scranton in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of B. F. Keller of that place.
D. R. Williams returned home yesterday from a visit with friends in Williamsport.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyd, of this city, spent yesterday with friends at Boyd's Station.
Clark Kern left yesterday for Watertown to spend several days.
Miss Lillie Pusterbaugh, of West Market street, left yesterday for Millheim to assist in the knitting mill of Thomas West.
Mrs. Cyrus Clapp, of Binghamton, N. Y., left yesterday for Elmira, N. Y., after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Woolley, West Market street.
Miss Boone Eckman, of Roaring Creek, spent several hours in this city yesterday.
Mrs. Maggie Linderman, of Shamokin, arrived yesterday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson, on Bloom street.
Mrs. Patrick Kerns, of this city, left yesterday morning for a visit with relatives in New Philadelphia, Schuylkill county.
Andrew L. Fritz, of Bloomsburg, candidate for congress, spent several hours yesterday in this city.
Miss Della Sharpless, of Portland, Oregon, arrived at South Danville, yesterday to visit her brother, J. R. Sharpless, at Rushton.
Dr. N. M. Smith, of South Danville, made a professional visit to Wolverton, yesterday.
Miss Jennie Lyon, of Nanticoke, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with relatives.
Misses Ava and Ruth Gearhart, of this city, spent yesterday afternoon with friends in Sunbury.
Dr. Henry Bierman, of Bloomsburg, spent several hours in this city yesterday.
Dr. Edward L. Davis, of Berwick, spent several hours yesterday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, on Mill street.
Miss Nellie Jamieson, a trained nurse at the Sayre hospital, Sayre, Pa., arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with her father, Charles Jamieson, West Mahoning street.
Miss Sue Miller, of this city, and niece Miss Fanny Miller, of Schoolcraft, Michigan, left yesterday for a short visit with friends in Shamokin.
George Welby, of Allentown, returned home last evening after a short visit with friends in this city.
James Martin left yesterday for a short trip to Mt. Carmel.
Miss Bessie Henderson, of Bloomsburg, returned home yesterday after a visit with Miss Edith Fost, East Front street.

FREE LESSONS IN COOKING

A Four Nights' Course at Y. M. C. A. Beginning Tuesday Next.

A cooking school at the Y. M. C. A. will be a feature of affairs in this city next week. The lessons will be given under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. C. Dwell, who will appear in the interest of a Shredded Wheat firm. The proposition, while purely a business one on the part of the firm, is wholly advantageous to the town in that it gives free instruction in the art of cooking to as many as choose to attend and at the same time insures a substantial return in money to the Woman's Auxiliary.
The course will consist of four lessons beginning on Tuesday night next, March 25th, and taking in the three dates following one of which the class will be held in the afternoon instead of evening. The instruction given will not be restricted to "Shredded Wheat" but will take in a variety of dishes. Mrs. Dwell will use a gas stove preparing the dishes ready for tasting.
While the lessons are absolutely free the Shredded Wheat firm agrees to pay the Woman's Auxiliary five cents for every person attending the class. To reap the full measure of benefit it is plain, therefore, that the school should be as large as possible on each of the four nights of the course. As those attending have every thing to gain and at the same time an opportunity of assisting the Woman's Auxiliary it is not probable that much persuasion will have to be employed to bring out a very large class.
Patty Thieves Operate.
During several months past the residents of the Second Ward have been much annoyed by petty thieving. It is not safe to leave anything exposed that can be carried away. The thieves, however, seem to have a preference for articles of clothing, and a pair of shoes, a coat or a vest left within reach of the miscreants is pretty sure to be missing.
Young Man Loses a Foot.
George Diebler, 18 years of age, a son of John Diebler, a well-known and prosperous farmer residing about midway between Snyderport and Reed's Station, met with a terrible accident Friday.
During the forenoon the young man took down his gun—a double barreled fowling piece—and started out to shoot some crows which infested the premises. George secreted himself in the barn where through the rear door he could observe the movements of the crows and shoot them the moment they came within range. The young man, it appears, did not know that both barrels of the gun were loaded and this led to the accidental discharge of the gun.
The full load took effect in his ankle, mangling the flesh and shattering the bone in a shocking manner, rendering healing out of the question. The foot was amputated Friday afternoon.

THE RECORDS CLOSED

Our Methodist Congregations Feel Much Encouraged.

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In view of the year's record, which shows a material gain along all lines of church work, there is not one of our Methodist congregations that has any reason to feel discouraged.
This view applies especially to St. Paul's, which as a result of its extensive church improvements has had a heavy burden of indebtedness upon its shoulders. Just what has been accomplished by this congregation is revealed by the following summary.
During the present conference year \$1500 has been paid on the indebtedness for church improvements. Five hundred dollars, the last installment, will be paid on Saturday next. During the past three years the heavy debt of \$16,800 incurred by rebuilding, the purchase of the organ, &c., has been reduced to \$1800. Immediately after conference plans will be set in operation looking to the paying off of the remaining indebtedness during the next conference year.
Sixteen hundred and thirty-seven dollars, ministerial support comprising \$1500, pastor's salary, \$110 for the Presiding Elder and \$27 for the Bishop's support, have all been raised by the envelope system, without any public appeal.
The church in missionary collections and benevolent offerings this year will give \$750. Of this the Sunday school contributes \$392.50, the church raising the balance.
Mrs. Helen Cole, deceased, a member of St. Paul's M. E. church, at her death several years ago, it will be recalled, made a bequest in the sum of \$675.33 to the Board of Stewards of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. This matter has been finally adjusted and Rev. Harry Curtin Harman on the first day of Conference on behalf of St. Paul's M. E. church will formally present a draft for the sum to the Board of Stewards.

WAITED UPON BY COMMITTEE

Swallow and Hartzell May Reconcile Their Differences.

It now begins to look as though the Swallow case together with charges against other officials may not cut so much of a figure as was anticipated before the Central Pennsylvania conference, which convenes at Bellefonte next week. As a result of a peace conference held at Sunbury Thursday last, a committee of five leading Methodist clergymen went to Harrisburg Monday morning for the purpose of conferring with Rev. Dr. Swallow and Rev. Charles V. Hartzell, urgently requesting that they endeavor to adjust their differences upon such a basis as they themselves should elect. The result of this intercourse has not been learned, but it is generally believed that the visit will be instrumental in reconciling the differences between the two clergymen.
The peace conference, which on Thursday met in the First Methodist Episcopal church at Sunbury, was attended by twenty-one leading preachers representing the towns of Sunbury, Danville, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Hazleton, Audenried, Williamsport, Harrisburg and Selinsgrove. Danville was represented by Rev. Harry Curtin Harman. The deliberations were directed by Presiding Elder W. W. Evans. Dr. Swallow and Rev. Hartzell were both consulted concerning the meeting.
The peace conference felt that it could not under any circumstances enter into the merits of the case; it simply urged an adjustment for the sake of Christ and the honor of the church, thereby avoiding the rancor and bitterness of an ecclesiastical trial at the approaching conference.
The committee, which included Presiding Elder W. W. Evans, was instructed to meet Swallow and Hartzell jointly or separately as desired and to urge them to withdraw all charges and all public utterances made by either against any of the parties concerned in the pending investigation.

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Stately Pile of Buildings Modern in its Appointments.

The stately pile of buildings comprising Mother House and Chapel at the Holy Family Convent, this place, begun one year ago, is just now receiving its finishing touches and before the close of the week will be formally turned over to the Sisters of Christian Charity.
The structure, 172x36 feet, with a wing forming the chapel in the rear; built of brick, and of steel construction, three stories in height exclusive of the basement, has been previously described in these columns. The completion of the building, however, brings several new features into notice that are worthy of description.
It is not affirming too much to say that the new building in its various appointments is the most modern to be found in Danville and affords an excellent object lesson to show the progress made in kitchen equipment, heating and in the plumber's art in general.
In the kitchen is installed a mammoth 3-part steel range manufactured by V. Clef, of Philadelphia. It sits out two feet from the wall. Above it is suspended a hood, 8x14 feet, which collects the vapors produced by the cooking; under the hood is a register communicating with the flue, through which the vapors pass out of the building. A large sink with a slate top for dish washing, most convenient in design, is another feature of the kitchen.
All the bread used at the Holy Family Convent will be baked by the Sisters and as might be inferred there is nothing lacking in facilities. Among the latter is a "bread riser," an original device perhaps nowhere else in use. It is a sort of a closet in which iron rods answer the purpose of shelves, in the rear of which is a system of hot water pipes. The doors are of glass through which the bread is always in view along with a thermometer. In this way changes in temperature, fatal to good bread, is easily obviated.
The building is heated by steam, through a six inch main, two of Magee's improved boilers being installed. The main building is heated by direct radiation; the chapel by indirect radiation. The main floor for the main building is a five inch line running up to the attic and from that point distributing through the building, supplying radiators on its downward course on the one-pipe system. There are over eighty radiators in the building. The bath rooms, seven in number, are large, well lighted and models in every respect. The sinks connected with the kitchen, six in number, are all equipped with combination spigots and grease traps.
Joseph M. Lechner, of this city, holds the contract for the heating, the plumbing and the gas fitting. Mr. Lechner also furnished the laundry, which is most admirably arranged and contains the newest and most improved machinery.
While essentially plain the building throughout is most exquisitely finished. In the basement the hall, the kitchen, main scullery, the scullery for the sick rooms, and the pantry are all laid with tile. The bakery, flour room, bread room, bath rooms and room for hot water tank all have cement floors. Other portions of the building are laid with yellow pine flooring of the best quality, oiled and varnished. Of the latter the floors have had three coats and as a result they shine nearly like mirrors. The wainscoting is of cement with wooden moulding. The walls of white plaster are snowy in their purity and harmonize nicely with the general surroundings.
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