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## CONDENSED NEWS.

**Plant the seeds.**  
Be careful about the brush fires.  
Ascension day occurs on May 8th.  
The overscot still comes in handy.  
Its a little rough on the first robin.  
C. E. Dyer is ill at his home, Montour  
Row.  
April weather cannot be depended  
upon.  
The assessors are now making their  
rounds.  
Susquehanna shad are expected in a  
few days.  
George Ferguson is ill at his home  
on Fourth street.  
Mrs. Howard Farley is ill at her  
home in Riverside.  
Trailing arbutus parties are being  
planned for Saturday.  
Frank, son of Calvin Eggert, Upper  
Mulberry street, is on the sick list.  
Miss Alice Bookmiller has accepted a  
position as nurse at the State Hospital.  
A "Don't spit on the pavement" crusade  
ought to be inaugurated in Danville.  
Isadore Rosenthal of Berwick, at-  
tended the dance held in this city last  
evening.  
A wagon containing a load of iron  
rails broke down near the Susquehanna  
Hotel, South Danville, yesterday.  
The downfall of snow in the Western  
part of the State was only another re-  
minder that everything in the weather  
line goes in "geologic time."  
There is a growing feeling in Dan-  
ville in favor of a rousing old-time  
Fourth of July celebration.  
Corner loafing is a thing of the past  
in Danville.  
Danville is not alone in being unable  
to meet the demand for dwelling houses.  
From all over the State comes a cry  
for more houses, and it cannot be answered  
satisfactorily.  
Now it is to be hoped that gentle spring  
will take a firm grip and stay with us.  
Those who have magnolia trees are  
eagerly watching them these days.  
Some of the people who made fools of  
themselves on the first day of April are  
still doing it.  
Have you noticed the grass pushing  
its way upward? Sharpen your lawn  
mower.  
The Fifteenth State Convention of the  
Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union  
will be held in Pittsburgh, July 8, 9, and  
10.  
Candidates are already putting on  
their pleasant smiles and practicing the  
hand shake.  
The cold and wet weather has inter-  
fered with garden making.  
Ping pong has made its appearance  
in town and is being played with a  
great deal of interest and energy.  
Charles Lyon brought to town, on  
Monday this season's first bouquet of  
trailing arbutus.  
Carl McWilliams is enlarging the  
windows of his new store on North  
Mill street.  
The Self-Denial services at the Salva-  
tion Army Hall are being well attend-  
ed this week.  
It is now time for this belated  
spring to wake up and cause some  
sprouting.  
The amalgamated association of  
Eastern bonnet weavers is still locked  
out by the strike in the weather bureau.  
"April smiling through her tears"  
may be all right as a figure of speech,  
but to the ordinary mortal it is usu-  
ally a question of leaving your umbrella  
at home at the wrong time.  
Samuel A. Yorks, West Market  
street, is confined to his bed by ill-  
ness.  
Many gardens throughout the town  
are being gotten into shape for plant-  
ing and raising early vegetables.  
Trailing arbutus hunters will soon  
be scouring the hills and dales for their  
favorite spring flower.  
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VOL. 47—NO 15. DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY APRIL 10, 1902. ESTABLISHED IN 1855.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. M. Y. GROVE

Laid to Rest in the Episcopal Cemetery Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock the last obsequies were held over the remains of the late Mrs. Margaret Y. Grove, whose death occurred in Philadelphia on Sunday evening.

Impressive services were held at the home of B. R. Gearhart on Bloom street, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev. Dr. W. A. McAtee of the Grove Presbyterian church officiated. He paid an excellent tribute to the deceased and spoke most feelingly of her many noble traits, her Christian character and her unselfish ways in ever striving to make others happy.

The body reposed in a handsome casket and was completely surrounded by floral offerings from friends and relatives. The designs were many and all were beautiful. The pall bearers were: A. H. Woolley, W. B. Rhodes, R. J. Pogz, and F. C. Angle. Interment was made in the Grove family plot in the Episcopal cemetery.

## IRON BRIDGE RECOMMENDED

Committee on Streets and Bridges Make Report to Council.

The borough council held a regular meeting Friday night, the following members responding to roll call: Vanstine, Davis, M. D. L. Seidler, Swank, Patton, Dougherty, Gibson and Lloyd. Burgess Pursell was also present.

It was generally expected that matters relating to sewerage would occupy a good portion of the session and several citizens were present, among them H. L. Gross and P. H. Cotner, members of the sewerage committee appointed at the recent citizens' meeting.

The report was current last week that J. Murray Africa, would meet with Council last night. That gentleman, however, was not present, and sewerage did not cut much of a figure in the proceedings.

A communication was received from the committee appointed at the Citizens' meeting, which read as follows: Amos Vestrine, President, and members of Council:

In response to a public call a citizens' meeting was held on Tuesday evening, March 24, in Council chamber when the following were appointed: C. P. Hancock, J. H. Gosser, H. L. Gross, C. P. Murray, P. H. Cotner, and W. G. Williams, a committee to investigate as to the cost and practicability of sewerage in the town of Danville. The object intended is not, nor does the committee desire, any attempt at usurpation of the duties of Council, but the desire is to give the entire question a careful and thorough investigation. That Council may get the benefit of any and all information fully ascertained that council appoint a committee to meet with the above named committee during its deliberations with the hope that the information obtained may result in a benefit to our town.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES P. HANCOCK,  
Chairman.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Miss Chrissie Hort of Norristown, returned home yesterday, after a visit at the residence of Lewis Hort, Mahoning township.

John Oliver returned to Wilkesbarre yesterday after a visit with his father, Hugh Oliver, Mill street.

Mrs. Alice Miller spent yesterday with her son, Charles Miller, Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Laura Hider and daughter, Emma, of Cleveland, Ohio, guests of Mrs. Frank Myers, this city, spent yesterday afternoon with friends in Bloomsburg.

J. W. Wintersteen of Millin, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Contractor John Curtis of Wilkesbarre, returned to his home yesterday after a short stay in this city.

Mrs. Oscar Leiniger attended a wedding in Milton yesterday.

Mrs. Jacob Marr of Kaseville, left on the 9:14 Pennsylvania train yesterday morning for a visit with relatives in Sparrow's Point, Md.

Harry Lyon left on the 9:14 Pennsylvania train yesterday for Pittsburgh, where he has secured a position.

Joseph Hackett of Youngstown, O., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Michael Shires, Ash street.

Miss Elizabeth Walker of Tioga, is the guest of Miss Ida Gallagher, on Church street.

Fred Kirkendall of Wilkesbarre joined his wife on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Gearhart, East Market street, Saturday.

Ferry Hedges of Briar Creek, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Annie Biddle, Mill street.

Miss Florence Kline of Shamokin, left Saturday for New Cumberland, after a visit with Miss Margaret Deen, this city.

Mrs. James Daley, Kline street, left Saturday, for a visit with her brother, Jesse Dietz, in Philadelphia.

George Gilbert and Miss Laura Gilbert of Catawissa, spent Sunday, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, Mill street.

Mrs. George Mudget and daughter, Miss Esther of Shamokin, spent Sunday at the home of Dr. Charles H. Reynolds, Mill street.

Artist W. E. Rhodes of Natchez, Miss., arrived in this city Saturday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Maria Rhodes, West Market street.

Mrs. Charles W. Zoner returned home Saturday evening from a visit with his daughter in Philadelphia.

Charles Sidler of Church street, spent Sunday with Catawissa friends.

Frank Zaner of Newport, Perry county, arrived in this city Saturday, for a visit at the home of S. L. Esterbrook, East Market street.

Miss Emma Reifsnider returned home Saturday afternoon, from a visit with friends in Hazleton.

Dr. J. P. Hoffa of Washingtonville, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Oliver Rockefeller of Sunbury, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Simon P. Wolvortin, Jr., of Sunbury, was in this city yesterday.

Mrs. William Suter of Riverside, spent yesterday with friends at Boyd's Station.

Daniel Mellon of Philadelphia, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Oscar Brandow of Wilkesbarre, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Ammann, South Danville.

Mrs. F. Q. Hartman returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Senanton.

Mrs. Joseph Heim of Church street, returned yesterday from a visit with her parents in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. J. R. Foust of Montandon, arrived in this city yesterday morning, for a visit at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. L. Seidler, Honeymoon street.

Fred Owen was in Catawissa last evening.

Mrs. Mathew Maus of West Hemlock township, left yesterday afternoon for a visit with friends in Huntington.

Robert Waite left for New York yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

Miss Mary Holloway left yesterday forenoon for a visit with friends in Wilkesbarre.

Mrs. Frederick Purpur of Boyd's station, spent several hours with friends in this city yesterday.

Benjamin Andrews returned yesterday from Sunbury.

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## A BENEFICIAL SOCIETY

Employees of Reading Iron Company Meet for Organization.

The employees of the Reading Iron Works, this city, are about organizing a beneficial association, which will contribute immensely to the welfare of this group of workmen, which comprises such a large percentage of the wage-earners of Danville. Beneficial associations are in existence at probably every other one of the plants owned by the Reading Iron Company.

To encourage organization for relief among its employes it will be recalled that at a meeting some months ago the Reading Iron company set aside \$25,000, the income from which was to be distributed among its several relief associations.

The employees of the company in Danville held a meeting in the armory Saturday night last to take the first step toward organization for relief. A large number of the employes were present. A temporary organization was effected. William Pickens was chosen chairman and William Turner, secretary.

The first thing in order was the appointment of a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the permanent use of the association. The committee appointed consisted of seven as follows: E. W. Peters, Lawrence Connolly, William Turner, Arthur Dietrich, Jesse Langer, Francis Hartman and John Dalton. The next meeting will be held in the armory on Saturday evening, April 19, provided that room can be obtained.

The constitution and by-laws will be no doubt conform as closely as possible with the other relief associations maintained by the employees of the Reading Iron Company, in which dues are fixed at 50 cents per month and sick benefits are paid as follows: After the first week five dollars weekly for a period of 13 weeks, during the next thirteen weeks \$2.50 weekly and during the remainder of the illness 50 cents per month, which is designed to merely balance the dues and keep the sick member in good stand.

In case of the death of the husband receives \$200; in the case of a child under fourteen years the parents receive \$25.

The assessments are one dollar for the death of a husband; fifty cents for the death of a wife and twenty-five cents on the death of a child. Assessments are made only when the funds on hand fall below a certain specified sum, say \$1000.

Membership is restricted to employes of the Reading Iron Company between the ages of 14 and 55 years.

## A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

A Heavily Laden Floor Gives way at the Shovel Works Saturday.

The Shovel Works, this city, was the scene of a thrilling accident Saturday forenoon which was rendered remarkable by the narrow escape from death of several men imperiled. A section of the floor over the finishing department used for storage purposes gave way under the weight and fell to the ground, a distance of eighteen feet, carrying with it some seven thousand shovel handles and three employes who along with another workman employed below were buried under the mass.

It happened about 10:30 o'clock. An ominous crack in one of the timbers overhead had driven the most of the employes from that quarter of the finishing department. Frank Keller was working at the drill. M. W. Hartman, who had been eating a lunch, had just left the spot, when with a large crash which startled all the upper end of town the heavily laden floor gave way. The next instant the north-eastern corner of the works was filled with a promiscuous mass of shovel handles, splintered joists and flooring under which four human beings lay imprisoned. Under the circumstances there was little room for hope that any had escaped fatal or very serious injury.

A telephone call was sent out for physicians and soon Doctors Kimerer, Poulos and Wintersteen were hurrying toward the Shovel Works. Meanwhile the employes were tugging desperately away at the mass of wreckage. The imprisoned men were soon heard from and were able to make their whereabouts known. In ten minutes' time every man was released.

The joy of all concerned can be imagined when it was discovered that notwithstanding their peril none of the men were seriously hurt. Mr. Keller, the driller, fared worst. He attempted to escape when the crash came, but was struck by a falling plank, which knocked him down, after which the shovel handles rained down upon him. That he was not killed is simply miraculous. His worst injury consisted of a bruised hip. D. T. Williams, Arthur Brent and Roy Henrie, who came down from the floor, escaped with trifling injury. Brent continued at work but Williams and Henrie who sustained each a slight cut on the head, decided to go home.

## HOTEL MEN PROTEST

Meeting of the Water Commissioners Held Monday Afternoon.

The action of the Water Commissioners at their last meeting, which fixed meter rates at 4 cents per 1000 gallons for large fans, has resulted in quite a protest from local hotel men and others who maintain fans for the comfort of their patrons.

Fred Jacobs, Johnny Moyer, W. C. Williams, Elias Maier and G. Fred Smith, appeared before the commissioners Monday emphatically declaring that they could not pay the four cent rate, which raises the cost of four fans from \$14 to over \$50. They were unanimous in notifying the commissioners that unless they reduced the meter rates to a much lower figure it would be needless expenditure for the borough to install meters on their premises, as they could not afford to operate the fans and would throw them out.

The Water Commissioners in their attempt to readjust the rates for the various uses to which water is put find anything but clear sailing. Every attempt to do the borough justice seems to bring both a protest from the water takers, who consider themselves aggrieved by the burden imposed. Over an hour Monday was spent in a fruitless controversy between the visiting hotel men and the Water Commissioners. The former begged that the cost of fans be fixed at a lump sum for the season or that they be charged at the rate of \$5 per fan for each one installed. Previously they paid by the season—\$5 for one fan and at the rate of \$3 each for all above that number.

The Water Commissioners insisted that they could not see their way clear to make any reduction. The new rates were fixed pursuant to a resolution of Council on a basis which leaves the borough a loser. The cost of pumping the water amounts to 6 cents per 1000 gallons. On every 1000 gallons which goes to operate fans the Borough loses 2 cents, which amounts to a big sum in the course of a year. To put the fan rates still lower would be highly unjust to the water takers in general, who are taxed up to the full cost of operating the water plant. Although they admitted that the fan rates seemed high—higher probably than the hotel men could afford to pay, yet it was the sense of the Board of Water Commissioners that in the premises there is no room for any further action on their part. To favor the applicants would be an act of discrimination that they would not be guilty of.

The hotel men declare their intention of next appearing before Council, asking that that body authorize the Water Commissioners to reduce the meter rates.

No rates having as yet been fixed for the smaller count fans, for which \$1.50 per season was previously charged, the Water Commissioners Monday, decided to proceed as in the case of the larger fans, namely, to test one of the number to determine the quantity of water used and to charge at the rate of 4 cents per 1000 gallons.

On motion Superintendent Keefe was instructed to lay some 200 feet of 2-inch pipe on Nassau street to connect the main with a couple of dwellings there whose owners desire to use borough water.

Mr. Corman explained that although the clerk has done his duty well and made all the collections that could have been expected, yet the books show a number that are in arrears. He, therefore, moved that in all cases where water rent due April 1st, is not paid within 30 days the water be turned off and the clerk proceed to collect the bill by law.

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## EVIDENCES OF PROSPERITY

Wage-Earners are Given Steady Work—Every Industry Active.

At this time nothing will cause more rejoicing than the news that an advance of 25 cents a ton has been granted the puddlers at the Reading Iron Works. This will bring the puddlers wages up to \$4.25 a ton. A committee consisting of George Lewis, Patrick McKenna, Jacob Miner and Peter Woods were informed at the office yesterday afternoon that the increase had gone into effect on the first day of April.

The activity of Danville's industries has brightened the business outlook of the town, for when labor receives a fair compensation, then business along all lines must prosper.

Although the sale of spring wearing apparel during the past ten days has been checked by the inclement weather, yet there has never been a season in Danville when merchants made cash sales so freely as during the present month. Nearly every one seems to have shopping to do and many of the merchants have been able to make good, big sales. The animated and business like appearance of things, in this, one of the dullest months of the year has been commented upon and taken to indicate a degree of prosperity that is very encouraging to every person who has the best interest of the town at heart.

At this season of the year there are few persons in Danville who are not employed with steady work at one or other of our busy industries. Every dollar paid out for local labor falls directly into the hands of the wage-earner, and hence into the channels of trade. In this way the merchants are enabled to do a cash business, competition is encouraged along all lines while the working man with a dollar in his pocket buys where he can purchase the cheapest.

Unquestionably the prices of some building materials have advanced, so that it will cost more to build a house in Danville this year than last. But it may be noted that those who deal in hardware, lumber, etc., refuse to take lugubrious views of the matter. The demand in Danville and vicinity is for the best the market can afford. Quite a number who repair and rebuild find their purses long enough to seek novelties and original effects at a greater cost than the ordinary brick or woods. Danville is highly prosperous and likely to continue so indefinitely.

**A Church Club.**

The Episcopalians of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania are deeply interested by the call for the formation of a Church Club in Harrisburg. The meeting will be held in the Harrisburg Club this evening and its purpose is to unite the laymen of the diocese in closer bonds irrespective of parish lines.

The organization will be followed by a dinner at which there will be addresses by Bishop Talbot, Mr. G. C. Thomas, senior partner of Drexel & Company, Philadelphia; Mr. F. A. Lewis, of the Church Club of Philadelphia, Col. C. M. Clement, of Sunbury, the Rev. Walter Reed, of Lancaster, and Hon. B. F. Meyers, of Harrisburg.

It is expected that a host of counties in the diocese will be represented. Dr. I. H. Jennings and F. C. Angle of this city will attend the meeting.

**Castle Grove to be Improved.**

The many reports current with reference to the closing of John R. Bennett's magnificent mansion, Castle Grove, prove to be without foundation. The appearance of storm boards on the windows has without doubt, been the cause of this impression.

The house will be kept open and will be in charge of two servants. There will be but four horses in the mansion stables and aside from these changes, everything will be kept running as usual. The farms will be kept up and the many hands retained.

As soon as the weather permits the exterior of the house will be repainted. Among other improvements to be made later on is the erection of a vegetable green house.

**A Slight Blaze.**

A thick smoke issuing from the chimney of Thomas Crumb's residence on Alton street, near the Shovel Works was the cause of a fire alarm about one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Crumb, who was in bed at the time, was quickly aroused and he, with several men employed at the Shovel Works loosened the brickwork of the chimney running through the garret and extinguished the flames with a few buckets of water. The hose companies were quick to respond.

**A Surprise Party.**

Mrs. James McCormick was tendered a surprise party at her home on Upper Mulberry street last evening in honor of her birthday. About twenty guests were present and all spent a delightful evening. Refreshments were served. Mrs. McCormick was presented with a handsome tea set.

**Rehearsal this Evening.**

All the ladies and gentlemen who have been invited to assist in the Esther concert are urgently requested to attend rehearsal this evening at 7:45 o'clock sharp at the Y. M. C. A. hall. No one will be permitted to join the chorus after this evening.

Danville ought to give hearty support to a good base ball club this summer.