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## CONDENSED NEWS.

**Wallace Circus.**  
Now for real summer.  
Whit Sunday May 18th.  
Wallace Circus next Tuesday.  
Farmers are busy planting corn.  
Caterpillars are very plentiful this spring.  
It's hard for the weather to get a picnic gait on.  
Mrs. Lewis Tittel is seriously ill at her home on Mill street.  
We are now in the warm belt to stay. The goosebumps are so.  
The wild honeysuckles are luxuriant with fragrance on the mountain sides.  
The residence of Warren Welliver, East Mahoning street, is being repainted.  
A number of the churches will observe Sunday, June 8th, as Children's day.  
The reorganization of the School Board is already interesting to members.  
School vacation is near at hand and the boys and girls are full of anticipation.  
James Frazier still continues seriously ill at his home on North Mill street.  
Light frosts were reported in some sections of the county on Saturday morning.  
The spring robin and the straw hat doubtless feel that the danger line has been passed.  
The small boy, as well as his seniors, is giving circus posters his full attention these days.  
Extend a helping hand to the veterans and aid in making the observance of Memorial Day a success.  
Of course you have noticed the pear, apple and peach blossoms; the new grass and how sweetly the birds sing.  
We have added new type to our large job printing establishment and are better prepared than ever to give you good work.  
The fence at the residence of Jacob Aten, Lower Mulberry street, is being removed, which gives the premises quite an improved appearance.  
If what the farmers say is true, spring chickens will be scarce. This will be bad news for the preachers, says an unfeeling non-church-goer.  
William Ritter, Railroad street, employed at the Structural Tubing Works had his left wrist badly burned while handling hot pipes Tuesday night.  
The Athletic Association of the Danville High School is arranging for an inter-classic track meet to be held in this city during the coming summer.  
Persons who are thinking about casting off their winter underclothing should remember that last May we had a very cold and prolonged rain. A word to the wise is sufficient.  
No better indication of the fact that the present season will witness a marked revival in the sport of cycling can be had than the continued pouring renewals of L. A. W. membership, not alone in this State, but throughout the country.  
The young people of the Grove Presbyterian church have formed a tennis club and established a court between the church structure and the parsonage, where the ground is most admirably adapted to the purpose. Among other amusements enjoyed will be quarts and croquet.  
Keep the fakir out of Danville. The people of this city have no need of the wares offered by the itinerant fakir, whose loud voice on the street corners has in the past grated harshly on the ears of passersby. When the people want goods of any kind they know that they will find them in the stores of the city and are not obliged to pick up "bargains" on the street corners.  
Gettysburg is preparing for a number of big weeks this summer. With encampment of the National Guard, the State encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the meeting of the Army of the Potomac, several monuments dedications and numerous reunions of veteran organizations the hospitality of the old town might be greatly taxed, were it not for the fact that the people of Gettysburg are used to company and are good entertainers.

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## HALF HOLIDAY ON MAY 20

Public School Affairs as Discussed by the Board.  
The thousand or more boys and girls who attend the borough schools were made glad Tuesday by the news that they are to have a half holiday when the circus comes to town, on May 20. The subject came up for consideration at the meeting of the school board Monday night. It appeared that there were but few members of the school board but were besieged by youngsters Monday who were trying to be given an opportunity to attend the circus. Borough Superintendent Gordy being called upon stated that he had been deluged with petitions asking that he prevail upon the board to grant the schools a half holiday on May 20. On motion of Mr. Green it was decided that the schools be closed during the afternoon of May 20.  
Attorney Ralph Kieser reported that no arrests for violation of the school law relating to attendance had been made since the last meeting; that there are at present no cases of neglect on the part of parents, the drastic measures adopted seemingly having had the desired effect. As relates to the factories employing children, he said, his report was less favorable. He is convinced that there are a considerable number illegally employed. He has now secured the cooperation of the factory inspector, Col. George A. Robison, who, he said, has requested him to suspend all action until he shall arrive in Danville, but meanwhile to make up a list of those that would seem to be under 13 years. Just what method of procedure the factory inspector will employ was not explained.

## GYPSIES IN CAMP

Attraction for Those Believing in Clairvoyance and Palmistry.  
The Gypsy camp in the Baldy building, Mill street, attracted a great many visitors last evening. Some of these had merely yielded to curiosity to learn what the interior was like; a large proportion, however, once inside yielded to the spirit of the thing and whether believers in palmistry or not had their fortunes told, or as the Gypsy camp had their "hands read," according to the theory the past, present and future life of every person is written in the lines of his hand.  
In the room are four tents each occupied by a palmist. The southern side of the room from end to end is draped with canvas decorated with paintings showing many beautiful vistas of landscape and views of the sea. The whole embracing the display of tents, the campfires and the like is quite suggestive of Gypsy life and the open sky.  
The camp last evening contained four Gypsies, or what readily passed as such. Zingarra, who seems to be the star of the aggregation, and adds the accomplishment of clairvoyance to that of palmistry, occupied an open tent at the head of the steps at the rear where she sat in full view, apparently oblivious and with thoughtful brow poring over a mysterious chart that unveiled the future life of a well known young man.  
Among others who belong to the camp are "Signa" who gives information on business undertakings and warns of coming danger; "Wildera" who tells if your friends are true or false, reunites the separated, &c.; "Sylva," Romantic palmist, and Professor Russell, Scientific palmist, and astrologer, "Kiela," another attaché of the camp who possesses the secret of unlocking the future, is expected to arrive today or tomorrow.  
**Praise for Wallace Circus.**  
The Wallace circus, which exhibits in Danville next Tuesday, is coming from the southland. The show was at Wheeling, W. Va., last week, and in its comments the Intelligencer of that city says: "The Wallace show gave a most creditable performance. Everything was neat and clean. The horses were magnificent specimens of the equine race, the wagons were gorgeous, but natty, the tents were in good order, and the management was such that the entire performance went along without a hitch. The parade was one of the best street demonstrations of the kind ever given in the city. The crowds lined the sidewalks, and cheered the various features. The attractive character of the parade was particularly responsible for the packing of the tents at both performances. At night people were turned away. The program was a very lengthy one and was given rapidly."  
**Third Ward Team Organizes.**  
The Third Ward base ball team held a meeting at the St. Elmo hotel Monday. The following officers were elected: James Henderson, manager; Michael Riley, captain; George Yerrick, Daniel Byerly and Thomas Trainor, trustees, and William McVey, treasurer.  
The suits, ordered last week, which are grey in color, will be here by Memorial Day when the first game will be played with Washingtonville at the latter place. All games played by this team in Danville will take place at Hunter's park. A new diamond will be laid out in the old fair ground, work on which will be begun at once. This team with the "Old Timers" will give the local "fans" an opportunity to enjoy the national game.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

**Brief Mention of the Doings of Your Friends and Acquaintances.**  
Miss Alice Welliver spent Sunday with friends in Sunbury.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyer spent Sunday with relatives in Catawissa.  
Mrs. Charles Howe of Jersey Shore, arrived in this city Saturday, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kreiger, East street.  
R. H. Curtis of Mt. Carmel, spent Sunday at the Curtis homestead, East Front street.  
Mrs. William Curtis, East Front street, left Saturday for a week's visit with relatives in Benton.  
Miss Anna Blecher, Bloom street, spent Sunday with friends in Catawissa.  
Station Agent William Farnsworth of Shickshinny, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.  
Edward B. John of Berwick, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Heddens, West Mahoning street.  
Frank Kramer of Philadelphia, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. C. Mincoyner, Mill street.  
Miss Mae Scott of Northumberland, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.  
Mrs. William Krum and Miss May Dorttel of Williamsport, visited relatives in this city Sunday.  
Miss Kate Butler of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Mae Johnson, East Market street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Riley Zerbe of Sunbury, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Roat, East Market street.  
Miss Jennie Fiewig, Spruce street, spent Sunday with friends in Berwick.  
Miss Hannah Edwards of Plymouth, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reppert, Mill street.  
Mrs. Samuel Geringer and Mrs. Samuel McCarty of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of Lafayette Haas, Mowrey street.  
William Byerly of Williamsport, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Byerly, Walnut street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Heim, East Front street, spent Sunday with friends in Bloomsburg.  
Miss Stella Russell, Front street, spent Sunday with friends in Catawissa.  
John Walzella left yesterday for Benton, Columbia county.  
Joseph Caddy returned home yesterday and is in Bloomsburg.  
Charles Pursell returned yesterday from a short stay in Bloomsburg.  
Charles H. Dorr of Berwick, called on friends in Danville yesterday.  
Edward York of Central, was a visitor in this city yesterday.  
Frank Watson of Philadelphia, is a visitor in this city.  
Peter Farley left yesterday for a short stay in Plymouth.  
Eugene Hipsley of Altoona, is spending several days in this city.  
Mrs. John R. Smith of Berwick, returned home yesterday, after a visit at the home of Dr. N. M. Smith, River-side.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Angle returned home yesterday from a several days' visit in Philadelphia.  
Rev. J. F. Dunlap of Lock Haven, returned home yesterday, after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Harpel, on Ferry street.  
Miss Boone Eckman of Roaring Creek, spent yesterday with friends in this city.  
County Superintendent Steinbach of Limestoneville, spent yesterday afternoon in this city.  
Mrs. C. C. Moyer and Mrs. Eugene Moyer returned home last evening from a visit with relatives in Shamokin.  
W. T. Shepperson spent yesterday in Muncy.  
John Doster, Jr., returned home last evening from a trip to Philadelphia and Washington, D. C.  
Mrs. Joseph Barry and two sons, Francis and Hammett, East Market street, returned home yesterday afternoon from a week's visit with relatives in Berwick.  
Mrs. Samantha Jameson, West Mahoning street, returned home yesterday after spending several weeks with relatives in Plymouth.  
Mrs. John Jenkins and daughter Edith, Church street, left yesterday for a visit with friends in Plymouth.  
Rev. Adolph Meyer spent last evening in Bloomsburg.  
Clarence Voris, Esq., of Milton, spent yesterday at the home of his sisters, the Misses Mary and Louisa Voris, Pine street.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Sutter and Mr. Charles Sutter of Clearfield county, were visitors in this city yesterday.  
William Lyons of Ebbwfoed, was a visitor in this city yesterday.  
William C. Johnston, Esq., of Bloomsburg, circulated among friends in this city yesterday.  
William Bogart, proprietor of Hotel Billemyer, Strawberry Ridge, was in this city yesterday.  
Miss Margaret Surlis of Philadelphia, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit at the residence of Washington Sidler, Walnut street.  
Mrs. P. H. Cotner and son Jay, left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Shamokin Dam.  
Miss Mabel Edgar of Wilkesbarre, who is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Peifer, Mill street, spent yesterday with friends in Bloomsburg.  
Mrs. Charles Howe visited friends in Catawissa yesterday.

## THREE YEARS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Ward Kearn's Arrival in this City Saturday Last.  
Ward Kearn, who grew to manhood in this city, returned home Saturday last after three years' enlistment in the Philippine Islands. He is looking well after his prolonged and varied experience in Uncle Sam's new possessions. He is a young man of education, well read and observing and as is natural converses most entertainingly on the situation in the archipelago. His views just now when there is so much under controversy as to the conduct of the war possess an especial interest.  
Mr. Kearn was clerk in the Adjutant General's office at Cebu, P. I., and therefore was in a good position to know something about the relative strength of the forces arrayed, the methods of warfare and the prospects of pacification in the islands. While not at all carried away with admiration for the personal qualities of some of those in command, yet Mr. Kearn did not hesitate to say that the "water cure" and like drastic measures when employed are in most cases justified by the circumstances. His remarks on the whole, which were very frank, had the effect of convincing one that in the reports of brutality from the Philippines there must have been a great deal of exaggeration. The "water cure," he said, which is a method of torture learned from the Filipinos themselves, he never knew to be used except in cases to repay gross treachery and where the safety of many lives and much treasure was at stake. As to the "sand cure" as described in the reports Mr. Kearn says he never heard of it. Even the "water cure," which is bad enough, is exaggerated in the printed accounts.  
It is a method of torture that consists of forcing by means of a bamboo tube twice the quantity into the stomach that that organ would naturally hold. The method described, to "bring back sensibility" namely, the "thumping of the victim on the stomach with the butt of the musket," Mr. Kearn says, is altogether unknown in the process. "Insensibility" is not one of the effects; it is the excruciating pain caused by the pressure of water in the stomach that generally drives the man to a confession.  
Mr. Kearn regards the pacification of the islands as practically accomplished. There are large provinces where an old civilization obtains and life is much the same as here. There is education and refinement with religious toleration. There are of course frequent disturbances, just as there are outbreaks between the blacks and whites in the South of our own country. Accounts of these much exaggerated, reach this country and cause the impression that the mass of the natives are hostile to our government.  
Mr. Kearn says there are many opportunities in the Philippines and fine fortunes are lying waiting for young men of push and business discernment. The conditions of life there are altogether different from here. All work of a menial nature is monopolized by the natives. What passes here as a moderate salary there assures a man a whole retinue of servants and gives him high social standing. Mr. Kearn will not re-enlist, but he thinks of returning to the Philippines in six months time and entering upon a business career.

## THERE WAS NOT A QUORUM

Street and Bridge Committee goes on Record in Favor of a New Bridge.  
Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the regular meeting of council on Friday night of last week six members of that body Friday eve assembled at the council chamber for an adjourned session, at which was to be decided the question whether or not to remove the iron bridge across the canal at Wall street to the Mahoning creek on West Center street or to order a new bridge for this point.  
Kemmer, Dougherty, George Sechler, Brant, Patton and Montgomery were present, but the number lacked one of being a quorum and there was no meeting. The members of the Committee on Streets and Bridges to whom the removal of the bridge was referred made no secret of their decision in the matter. They will advise against a removal and advocate the building of a new iron bridge. The Wall street bridge, they say, is much too long for Mahoning creek at Centre street. Allowing for the labor entailed in tearing down and removing the bridge, in cutting the iron girders down to the required length, to say nothing of the culvert that must be built to replace the bridge at Wall street, the cost incurred, the committee holds, would go a very great way toward defraying the expense of a new structure. Besides it is doubted whether a culvert could be built at Wall street that would withstand the average flood which over-flowing the river bank sweeps down the canal with irresistible force.

## COMMITTEES' RECEPTION

A Delightful Function Held at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday Night.  
The reception for the members of the different committees of the Y. M. C. A. given by the Ladies' Auxiliary Tuesday eve proved to be a function entirely unique in its way. The object was to bring the twelve different committees together where they might have the benefit of a general discussion that would not only acquaint them better with their own duties as committees but also with the work and needs of the Association in general.  
Tables very handsomely decorated with choice and fragrant flowers were arranged about Y. M. C. A. hall. The committees began to assemble about half past seven o'clock and shortly after eight the building was well filled with ladies and gentlemen.  
Miss Margaret Ammerman rendered a solo. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and coffee were then served upon the tables.  
After luncheon the real business of the evening was begun. Each committee was called upon, when a member chosen for that duty arose and read an extract from the constitution and by laws relating to the duties of that committee and commented upon the same in such manner as was thought would be edifying and helpful.  
The different committees were responded to by the following persons: Executive committee, H. H. Farnam; Finance committee, W. V. Ogleby; Lectures committee, A. H. Grono; Membership committee, F. M. Herrington; Reception committee, Harry Patton; Invitation committee, William Watkins; Religious work, Beverly Musselman; Junior work, Clarence Derr; Social committee, David Thomas; Gymnasium, Joy Brader; Music, John D. Williams; Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. J. E. Moore.  
In conclusion short addresses pertinent to Y. M. C. A. work, helpful and inspiring in effect were made by Rev. Dr. M. L. Shindel, Rev. Harry Curtin Harman, Rev. George E. Limbert, Rev. L. B. Tweichel, Rev. R. J. Allen and Messrs. R. J. Pogg and Beverly Musselman.  
**Window Smashed.**  
Some evil-disposed persons whose motives are hard to discover for some time past have been annoying the residents in the vicinity of Bloom and Walnut streets by acts of unnecessary mischief, which Thursday night culminated in smashing the plate glass in the bay window of Dr. Paulus' residence.  
On Tuesday night of last week, it will be remembered, some miscreant tore up a portion of the pavement in front of residence No. 14, Walnut street, occupied by Mrs. Anna Johnson and owned by Rev. A. S. Bowman. This act was inexplicable enough itself, but when a few days later some parties intent on evil surmountings entered the hallway of Dr. Paulus' residence it began to seem as though the offenders must cherish a grudge against the whole neighborhood.  
As implied by the above, matters did not end here. When Dr. Paulus arose yesterday morning he found the expensive cured glass of the corner window in his residence broken. Upon investigating he found a broken whiskey bottle lying on the ground beneath the window on the outside. There is no doubt but that the bottle was thrown into the window and thus caused the damage.  
Dr. Paulus is very much mystified by the affair and he is determined to discover the perpetrator, if possible. To that end he offers a liberal reward for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.

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## ARRESTED FOR DESERTION

Walter Rupp Taken to Scranton Yesterday Afternoon.  
Walter Rupp, a well-known young man about town, was arrested yesterday on the charge of desertion. He was taken to Scranton whence he will be removed later to headquarters for trial.  
Walter, it will be recalled, enlisted about a year ago and was assigned to the 85th regiment, Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Wordworth near New York. He returned to Danville during the latter part of last summer and has since been unable to satisfactorily explain his prolonged leave of absence, but the matter was fully cleared up yesterday morning when Corporal George Beer, a member of the recruiting station force at Scranton, arrived on the 9:09 D. L. & W. train, armed with the necessary papers for Rupp's arrest, the allegation being that about the 1st of August last, some four months after enlistment, he quit the service without leave or license.  
Corporal Beer was in citizen's dress and assisted by officer Voris of the local police force, he had no difficulty in locating the young man wanted and in taking him into custody. Rupp took his arrest good naturedly and as a matter of course. He spent the time intervening between arrest and the departure of the 2:12 train in bidding his acquaintances good bye, being accompanied on his rounds by one of the officers. As the station was about as light hearted as any in the group, when the train pulled in with the officer at his elbow he was nearly the first to board it, chatting and joking as though utterly unconcerned about the future.  
Rupp will be tried by Court martial for desertion. His sentence may be anywhere from six to eighteen months in the guard house.  
Rupp about May 1st caused a letter to be written to the Captain of his company stating that he desired to return to the service. He requested that they furnish him with a ticket in which case he would return alone. Should they refuse to comply, he said, he would have to be taken by force, in which event he informed them they should send three men, as he would accompany no less. He further stipulated that a certain sergeant, whom he named, should not be in the number. As was shown by the sequel it required only one man to take him.  
**Birthday Surprise Party.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luinger of Walnut and Church streets, tendered their daughter Mary a surprise party on Saturday evening in honor of her fourteenth birthday anniversary. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were: Misses Emma Smith, Mary Stewart, Elmiria Mourer, Amanda Smith, Edith Derr, Susan Hale, Bertha Weaver, Elizabeth Brady, Maggie Flanagan, Evalone Luinger, Edith Rudy, Relia Davis, Annie Jenkins, Elizabeth Reinaker, Messrs. Leon Moyer, Charles Lewis, Harry Linker, Charles Kehl, Wesley Robison, Claude Gorges, George Reedy, Jesse Weaver, William Halliburton, Walter Watson, Arthur Ryan, Edward Scott, Walter Ricketts of this city, and Claude Ritter and Clinton Miller of Lewisburg. During the evening refreshments were served.  
**Election and Musicals.**  
The following officers were elected by the Epworth League of St. Paul's M. E. church Friday eve: President, Beverly Musselman; first vice president, Russell Foss; second vice president, Miss Minnie Esterbrook; third vice president, Miss Olive Thompson; fourth vice president, Mrs. C. H. Reynolds; treasurer, Herman Prentiss; secretary, Miss Emilie Gearhart.  
A very fine musical program was rendered, which was interspersed by tableaux. The evening wound up with refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake. About 200 people were present.  
**The Y. M. C. A. Won.**  
An interesting game of base ball was played at DeWitt's park on Saturday afternoon between the Y. M. C. A. team and the Crescents. The game resulted in a victory for the Y. M. C. A. by a score of 15 to 12. Corman for the Y. M. C. A. pitched a very good game. Some good playing was done by both nines. A fair sized crowd witnessed the sport.  
**Their First Communion.**  
Special services were held at Holy Family convent Sunday. At the early mass of 7:30 three girls and three boys from the Orphanage received their first communion. The services were well attended. Those present from a distance were: John Krimm and wife and Miss Lucy Krimm of Williamsport and Miss Mary Gerdes of Harrisburg.  
**Band Photographed.**  
Stoes' band was photographed Tuesday morning before leaving with Montour Castle, K. G. E., for Shamokin. The band, which is composed of twenty-five members and is famous for good music, formed a group in front of Mahoning Presbyterian church where Photographer James M. Irland took the picture.  
**Preparatory service will be held at Trinity Lutheran church, Friday evening at 7:30. Holy Communion Sunday morning and evening, Sunday school at 9 a. m.**

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