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CONDENSED NEWS.

Leat will begin Feb. 25.  
James L. Riehl, landlord of the  
Montour House, is on the sick list.  
There'll be gleanings for the ash  
man next spring.  
Many "slipped up" on their calculations  
yesterday.

Charles Ammerman, South Danville,  
is convalescent after a bad attack of  
rheumatism.

Veterinarian J. J. Kline of Allentown,  
Pa., has informed our citizens that  
he will arrive in this city today and  
will remain during the remainder of  
the week. He will be glad to meet any  
of his old patrons who have need of  
his services.

Joseph Lowenstein has accepted a  
position as traveling salesman for a  
Ladies skirt house, New York city.

The Valentine business is already beginning  
to brighten up. Dealers are  
ordering large quantities this year.

Keep your good resolutions and you  
will be happy after a while if you  
aren't now.

Mrs. A. O. Sparr, formerly of Danville,  
is seriously ill at her home in  
Shamokin.

Leighton has twenty licensed  
houses, one for every two hundred and  
fifty of the population.

Coal corporations say they are not  
responsible for the coal famine; the  
independent operators say they aren't;  
the retailers say they are innocent. It is  
evident that the whole responsibility  
rests with the consumers, who burn  
the coal as fast as they can get it.

FOR RENT—A house, suitable for  
small family. Inquire at 212 Ferry  
street.

The average citizen hopes that the  
coal problem will be solved before the  
spare bed and the baby's cradle find  
their way to the furnace. But if he  
has faith that it will such faith seems  
surely to be the evidence of things  
unseen.

In the opinion of many sportsmen  
the severe weather of last week has  
been hard on quail. Farmers have  
noticed the absence of coveys that had  
been flying about, and when the snow  
melts the farmers expect to find many  
of the birds frozen to death. If the  
present severe weather continues any  
length of time the outlook for next  
season will not be encouraging for  
even an ordinary, let alone a prolific  
season.

It might as well be understood now  
that the coal problem will be solved if  
it takes all the investigating committees  
in the country until the middle  
of next July to solve it.

The observation locomotive that was  
built by Baldwin for the officials of  
the Reading Company has just been  
turned out. It is somewhat similar in  
construction to the one now used by  
the company and known as No. 101,  
except that it is heavier and faster.  
Ten persons can be accommodated in  
the cab of the new engine, but it has  
been built to haul the private car of  
the president.

The Liar club, of Shamokin, held a  
pig roast at their rooms several  
evenings ago. There were only seventy  
present, which would indicate that all  
the Shamokin liars were not there.

The new caps for the National Guard  
strikingly like those worn by Pennsylvania  
Railroad conductors many years  
ago, will soon be issued to the several  
commands.

In many towns throughout the eastern  
part of the state the churches have  
only a limited supply of coal. Special  
services, such as revival meetings, etc.,  
have been cut out until the coal  
famine is relieved.

The crowned heads of every nation  
The rich men, poor men, and misers  
All join in paying tribute to  
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writes: Little Early Risers Pills are  
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DEATH OF  
JAMES N. MILLER

Former Sheriff James N. Miller departed this life last night. His death removes another well known and representative citizen of Montour county. His illness was about a month's duration. He was taken ill just before Christmas with bronchial trouble, which later became complicated with heart trouble and dropsy. His sufferings during yesterday were quite intense. Death ensued about 9 o'clock last evening.

The deceased was 78 years of age. He was a native of Montour county and his entire life was spent in this section. For many years he conducted a mercantile business in Washingtonville. He was previously in business at Mountandon and Jerseytown, at the latter place conducting a large store. In 1876 he was elected sheriff of Montour county. At the expiration of his term he returned to Washingtonville, but later moved back to Danville where for many years he was in the livery business. His home was on Market square where he resided with his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Andry.

Few men were more widely known throughout this section than the deceased. He was a progressive public spirited man, well informed and observing. He had many friends. In addition to his daughter, Mrs. Andry, he is survived by one son, John R. Miller, of this city.

W. A. Sechler General Manager. The stockholders of the Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company held their annual meeting in this city Tuesday.

W. B. Chamberlin, B. R. Gearhart and James Foster were chosen directors. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. B. Chamberlin; General Manager, W. A. Sechler; Secretary, Alex. Foster; Treasurer, W. L. McClure; Auditor, E. W. Wetzel; Provo, Eimer Peters; Prelate, Frank Herrington; Inspector, Charles E. White; Sentinel, Robert Murray; Warden, John Kilgus.

The installation was conducted by W. D. Williams of Pottsville. Alternating District Deputy Supreme Anthon, Lotus Conclave No. 137 has one hundred and sixty four members and is in a flourishing condition.

For Benefit of Catawissa Band. A dance will be held at Catawissa on Friday night for the benefit of the band of that place, which promises to be a very interesting affair. The two steps will be played by the band and the waltzes by an orchestra. Simon Ellenbogen of this city is on the committee. Others on the committee are Dr. J. M. Vestine and J. B. Waters of Catawissa.

SIX PERTONS  
IMPERILLED

The residence of Patrick McVey, No. 100 Center street, took fire Tuesday night and it was only by a miracle that the family of six persons were not burned in their beds. During an effort to extinguish the fire a lamp exploded and Mr. McVey was shockingly burned.

About 10 o'clock Tuesday night the family retired leaving the kitchen lamp burning for the accommodation of the eldest son, James, who was absent at a party. The lamp was an ordinary bracket light fastened to the window frame immediately above a lounge. Mr. and Mrs. McVey occupied the bedroom immediately above the kitchen and communicating with it by a staircase. In the front room the four children of the family slept. These were Mary, a girl of about fifteen, William, a boy of ten or twelve, and Catherine and Lizzie, still younger.

Shortly after midnight William awoke. He said the air in the room felt hot and uncomfortable and there was a strong odor of smoke. He rushed down stairs and found the kitchen in flames. Nearly overcome and bewildered he rushed out the front door and thinking it was still early started for a neighbor's under the impression that his parents were there making an evening call. Remembering his three sisters and realizing that they might be burned to death he rushed into the house again, making his way through the burning room to the second story where he gave the alarm.

It was the boy William who saved the family. His attempt to arouse his sisters had the effect of awakening his parents, who were made aware of their peril. Rushing down stairs they found the window on fire and the lounge already consumed along with a quantity of carpet and other articles. Water was handy, however, and the entire family set to work and soon had the flames under control. At this point, however, a bad accident occurred.

The lamp still burning was heated intensely hot and Mr. McVey fearing an explosion proceeded to remove it out of doors. He had scarcely moved when it exploded in his hands. He was in his underclothing and these were saturated with oil and took fire. His left hand and his left foot and leg from the knee down were most shockingly burned, the flesh being literally roasted. Overcome by pain and the effect of the smoke Mr. McVey fell forward striking his head upon some furniture and inflicting a bad gash upon his head.

Dr. Paulus was called to attend the injured man. Last evening Mr. McVey was resting easily and was able to talk over the thrilling experience of the night before. He says the only way that he can account for the origin of the fire is that the lamp, although turned down when the family retired, must have burned higher during the night and set fire to the window curtain which falling upon the couch set it on fire. While the latter was burning the fire communicated to the window sash and frame and soon enveloped the whole corner of the room. The fire had already eaten through the window to the outside when discovered. Nothing but prompt and cool-headed action on the part of the family saved the house, and so quietly did they work that even the next neighbors, although aroused, were unaware that there was any fire.

Mr. McVey has been the victim of many accidents. He was very badly hurt in the boiler explosion at the Reading Iron Works a few years ago and was laid up for a long time. A few years previous he lost an eye in an accident at the mill, while on another occasion he was badly injured while working in a drain under the works. Another employe unconscious of his presence in the drain emptied a boiler with the result that Mr. McVey was overtaken by the deluge of boiling water and terribly scalded.

Will Leave St. Elmo Hotel. Johnny Meyer, landlord of St. Elmo Hotel on the first of February will sever his connection with that establishment. He will remove to Hazleton where on the 15th of the month he will take charge of his old establishment on Broad street, below the Central Hotel known as the "Oasis", which he ran twelve years ago. The stand, which is one of the most popular in Hazleton, will henceforth be known as the "Hotel and Cafe Hazle". Johnny Meyer as a landlord and as a caterer, has few superiors. He has been at the head of the St. Elmo Hotel for ten years. During this time he has built up the reputation of the hotel and won the full confidence and esteem of the people. Lawabiding himself, his hotel is always the scene of order and respectability. He is indeed a citizen that Danville regrets to lose.

HARMONIOUS  
SESSION

The borough council Friday night had a regular meeting. The session was harmonious and a good deal of business was transacted. The following members were in their places: Vestine, Montgomery, Swank, George Sechler, Davis, Brandt, Gibson and Lloyd.

At the previous meeting the finance committee was authorized to wait upon the Borough Solicitor to determine whether or not in event of the absence of one of the three borough auditors elected the remaining two could serve alone and if so whether or not they would be entitled to the full pay which would have been earned by all three. The question grew out of a precedent of this sort said to have been established in the borough.

The Solicitor's opinion was read before the council. It took the view that while any two of the three borough auditors duly convened would constitute a quorum sufficient to transact the business of the office, yet proper caution would suggest that the absent auditor resign in time to have his successor duly appointed and qualified to take part in the official duties.

The opinion further stated that the per diem compensation—two dollars—is fixed by law and that it can not be increased on account of any additional labors occasioned by the absence of one of such auditors from his official duties.

Ed. Y. Seidel, of the firm of Seidel & Bausch, appeared before council to ask that the borough purchase the extra shelving which the firm installed at its own expense in the store room of City Hall. Considerably over one hundred dollars was spent for shelving, which is all of the most modern type and adds to the value of the building. Mr. Seidel said the firm desires to sell out and that it is necessary that it dispose of the shelving before negotiations proceed.

On motion of Mr. Davis the building committee was instructed to look into the matter and report at the next meeting what it deems advisable. The secretary reported that the furniture of council chamber—12 desks and 23 chairs—had been overhauled by A. C. Roat and were now as good as new.

The following bills were ordered paid: WATER DEPARTMENT. Regular employes \$137.00 Buffalo Meter Co. 12.78 Atlantic Refining Co. 3.15 O. S. Jamney & Co. 4.19 Harry B. Fattoum 20.00 Edward W. Peters 34.98 BOROUGH DEPARTMENT. Regular employes \$82.50 A. C. Roat 5.98 E. W. Peters 62.50 A. C. Amshury 4.42 H. G. Salmon 4.42 J. W. Crossley 18.00 J. W. Doshay 19.25 William Sechler 2.00 Labor and hauling 25.19 Franklin Boyer 11.80

Very Attentive Audience. W. D. Laumaster, Secretary of the Danville Y. M. C. A. spoke in the Lutheran Church last evening to a good sized and very attentive audience basing his utterances upon John 17: 1-6. He asked those present to first settle down in quietness and take time to rest and think. The world is rushing on so fast they don't give the Lord time to do anything with them. He said, "I pity the man who does not know he is saved. The natural man can not do good, the carnal man won't. How one in a home out of Christ disturbs the harmony there, and the father gets old too soon and the mother looks distressed. "God saves us and then sends us back into the world to do good. No place for Jesus on this earth and so they hang Him between heaven and earth. We are not to go off and live in a monastery, but right among men and shine. We are not to run into the world and then back to God, but take our stand and stick. We are not to make their doors big enough to get a funeral out, as if they were always to stay here. Our home is in heaven. "Did you ever, some one will say when told of the fall of some man, 'I never thought he would do that.' It means a gradual separation from the right. There is no good in us. We must enthroned the Savior."—Bloomburg Press.

PERSONAL  
PARAGRAPHS

John Hurley, Jr., of Wyoming, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. John Hurley, Sr., Honeymoon street.

Miss Louisa Lighow of Northumberland, spent Sunday with her aunt, Miss Helen Lester, South Danville.

H. Buck of Williamsport, spent Sunday in this city the guest of C. M. Childs, Lower Mulberry street.

Martin Mackert of Sunbury, spent Sunday with his father, William Mackert, North Mill street.

Miss Grace Haag has returned to Wilkesbarre after a visit with Miss May James, East Market street.

Miss Pegg has returned to Bloomsburg after a visit with Miss Edith Jenkins, East Market street.

Miss Laura Gilbert of Catawissa, is visiting at the home of Dr. C. H. Reynolds, Mill street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kiser of Millville, parents of District Attorney Ralph Kiser, spent Saturday in this city as guests at the home of James V. Wilson, Pine street.

TWO CLAIMED  
BY DEATH

The Reaper Death is still active in our midst and Friday claimed two additional victims from among our well-known citizens at very nearly the same hour. These were Alem Sechler of Kipp's Run and Samuel Foust of East Danville.

Alem Sechler passed away at 2:30 in the afternoon. For several years past he had been suffering from heart trouble and dropsy. At intervals his sufferings were severe. For some time previous to his death he was confined to his room, although unable much of the time to lie down. His condition was considerably grave although death was hardly looking for so soon. On Tuesday evening Mr. Sechler transacted some business with a neighbor, during which it was necessary for him to affix his signature to a paper. The sick man was clear and rational and it was observed that his handwriting was firm, free from the least tremor.

About 2 o'clock Friday afternoon his son Lafayette called in to see him. The latter after a short conversation withdrew, leaving the deceased resting upon a couch. In this position he seemed to sleep away. His wife made an attempt to arouse him but his spirit had taken its flight.

Alem Sechler was a son of the late Jacob Sechler, one of the early settlers of this section. He himself was for many years a resident of this city and was one of the pioneer iron workers at the famous plant here now owned by the Reading Iron Company, where the first T rail in America was made. He was a rail straightener and was famous for his strength and skill in that difficult and arduous branch of rolling mill work. Mr. Sechler followed the business of rail straightening for a period of 31 years and was employed not only in Danville but also at Braddock's Field, Brady's Bend, Harrisburg, Steelton, and at Youngstown, O. While employed at Braddock he straightened a rail 120 feet long, which was among the most noteworthy exhibits at the Centennial Exhibition in 1876.

In the years 1870-1, Mr. Sechler was proprietor and landlord of Union Hall over the Heddens House. He subsequently retired to his farm at Kipp's Run, where he resided for many years.

Few men were more widely known over the state than Alem Sechler was in his day. He was a kind hearted man, whose benevolence made itself felt wherever he was known. Of him it might truly be said that it was a private pleasure for him to do another person a favor. He was a public spirited citizen, whose integrity was beyond question. He was always a leader in the community and at the time of his death was one of the Super-visors of Gearhart township, Northumberland county, in which his farm is located.

The deceased was 79 years of age. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters: Lafayette Sechler of Kipp's Run; Mrs. C. W. Bakesdale, of Long Branch, N. J., and Mrs. John Robman of Philadelphia. He is also survived by three brothers: Councilman M. D. L. Sechler and Frank Sechler of this city and James F. Sechler of Norrogen, Pa.

Samuel Foust died suddenly. He was a well-known farmer of Mahoning township, but at the time of his death lived retired on Bloom road. For some years he was not in the best of health being troubled with attacks of dizziness. Friday, however, he was as well as usual. Shortly after noon he was engaged in cutting wood for the kitchen stove, when his son William, who resides on the homestead farm, came driving along. The latter stopped for a conversation with his father. The deceased lay down his axe and stepped over to the sled. In the midst of conversation Mr. Foust showed signs of fainting. He was on the point of falling over when his son caught him in his arms. The young man called for help, but before assistance arrived death ensued. Dr. Paulus was called, who stated that death was caused by heart failure.

PLUNGED OVER  
RIVER BANK

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fetterman of Mill Grove, Columbia county, met with a terrible accident near Blue Hill Sunday afternoon while returning from a visit to South Danville.

They had reached a very dangerous point at the narrow where the road lies between the railroad, and the river bank, when a train was heard approaching. Mr. Fetterman got out of the carriage and took the horse by the head. The road was icy, however, and as the train dashed by the horse flung the man from his feet and frantic with fright plunged down over the river bank, which at that point is over twenty feet high, dragging the buggy containing Mrs. Fetterman along with him. The carriage rolled over upside down, while the horse, which stripped his harness in his struggles turned a complete somersault and went into the river.

Mrs. Fetterman was found under the buggy very badly injured. She was carried to the Vestine farm near by, attended by William Baylor. She suffered from internal hemorrhages and her condition was such as to make it impossible to remove her until last evening, when she was taken to her home. Her injuries will probably prove fatal.

The horse was finally rescued from the river. He is very badly injured, while the harness is torn to shreds and the buggy is nearly a total wreck.

Justice Renders Decision. Justice J. P. Bare rendered his decision yesterday in the case of John M. Herr vs. Alfred Litchard, which was heard before him on the 8th inst. The defendant, it will be recalled, sold his crop of buckwheat consisting of 436 bushels, to the plaintiff for 50 cents per bushel. He afterward wrote the plaintiff informing him that he had "changed his mind" and sold his crop to another party for 57 cents per bushel. The plaintiff claimed that there was a breach of contract and sued for damages.

At the hearing the defendant contended that the sale was made conditionally, the understanding being that if he could get a higher price he had a right to sell elsewhere. This was denied by the plaintiff. The Justice in his opinion took the view that a sale of the 436 bushels of buckwheat at 50 cents had been perfected between the parties and that the defendant is liable to the plaintiff by reason of his having failed to deliver the buckwheat according to contract as well as of the fact that he sold it to a third party at 57 cents per bushel. The Justice fixed the damages at thirty dollars and fifty-two cents, the amount received by the defendant over and above the price agreed upon with the plaintiff. The costs also fall upon the defendant.

John M. Herr, the plaintiff, resides at Schuyler. Alfred Litchard lives near Exchange. E. S. Gearhart represented the plaintiff at the hearing and Charles Chaffant, the defendant.

Governor Names His Cabinet. HARRISBURG, Jan. 21.—Governor Pennypacker has sent to the senate nominations for four cabinet places. Hampton L. Carson, of Philadelphia, is to be attorney general; Frank L. Fuller, of Fayette, to be secretary of the commonwealth; J. W. Shoemaker, of Cambria, to be superintendent of public buildings and grounds, and Thomas J. Stewart, of Montgomery, to be adjutant general.

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R. H. WOOLLEY  
PASSES AWAY

Another one of our prominent and highly honored citizens has been removed by death. The one in the present instance to receive the sad summons was Robert H. Woolley, who passed away, about 8:30 last Thursday evening.

The sad news flew rapidly through the town, eliciting on every side expressions of profound regret. Mr. Woolley was not feeling well for some time. About a week ago he took his bed where in the course of a few days he developed symptoms of typhoid fever. He held his own, however, remarkably well and his case admitted of hope.

That evening he held a conversation with his son. A few minutes later he expired, death being attributed to heart failure. He was conscious up to the very moment of death.

Mr. Woolley will be greatly missed. He was known by nearly everybody and beloved by all who knew him. Few men lived whose hearts were so full of love as his. The ruling traits of his character seemed to be kindness and generosity. There was scarcely a day but he befriended or cheered the life of some one. It might have been a little child on the street, but more likely some one whose lines had fallen in hard places. It was the one great regret of his life that he was not a man of large means, so that he could assist as he would like to in relieving the wants of the poor.

Mr. Woolley was about 62 years of age. He was born in Belvidere, N. J., and came to Danville in 1861. In 1864 he was married to Miss Martha Henrie, daughter of William Henrie, deceased. He is survived by his wife and a son and daughter, Arthur H. Woolley and Cordelia G. (Mrs. T. B. Holloway) of Philadelphia.

During the forty years of Mr. Woolley's residence in Danville he was engaged in the wholesale coal business. He was a man of refined tastes, intelligent and public spirited. His business brought him into intimate relation with prominent people of a wide section, who like the citizens of Danville, where he was best known, held his character in the highest esteem.

The funeral of Robert H. Woolley took place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, West Market street. The obsequies were very largely attended, among those who assembled to pay their last respects to the deceased being a large number from a distance. The services were conducted by Rev. Erskine Wright, rector of Christ church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Henry L. Jones, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre. The simple burial service was read at the house and in addition Dr. Jones made some remarks very beautiful and appropriate in their nature.

Among the many tributes to the memory of the dead man there were none more expressive than the vast profusion of flowers which were piled around his bier, representing the offerings of loving friends not only in Danville but in distant places.

Interment took place in the family plot in the Episcopal cemetery. The honorary pall bearers were: John N. Congraham, W. H. Conyngham, Wilkesbarre, J. H. Boyer, Williamsport, James Scarlet, Esq., W. J. Baldy, Esq., George M. Gearhart, George B. O'Connor and Joseph C. Boyd of this city.

The deceased was carried to his last resting place by six former employes: Ellis H. Rank, John H. Yorgy, A. Jackson Winterstein, Charles Low, John Marshall, and Wilson Frey.

Among those who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Myron Low, the Misses Woolley, Linn Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Otis, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rishton, Miss Sade Sloan and P. G. Miller of Bloomsburg; Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Stine, Harrisburg; H. H. Schroyer and wife, Milton; John N. Conyngham, W. L. Conyngham, William H. Congraham, Morris Williams, Harold Deemer, of Wilkesbarre, Miss Florence Jewett, New York; W. H. Barr and Paul Hastings, Milton; Mrs. B. H. Pratt, Scranton; W. H. Kilbourn, J. H. Boyer, Williamsport and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson, Philadelphia.

New Baggage Order. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western baggage department has received official notice that in order that baggage may be properly weighed, checked, and checks recorded, it must be presented at least ten minutes before the advertised departure of trains, otherwise it cannot be forwarded until the following train.

Death of Former Resident. Mrs. Ann Goodall, widow of Edward Goodall, a former resident of Danville, died at her home, Wheatland, Mercer county, on the 14th inst. The deceased removed from Danville thirty years ago. Her husband held a responsible position at the rolling mill of Waterman & Beaver.

Smallpox Situation at Northumberland. The smallpox situation at Northumberland is greatly improved. After today Dr. Burg will cease to attend all of the patients. Today the quarantine will be removed at two of the houses. At the other places where disease existed the quarantine will be continued for a week as a precaution.

New Book of Rules. The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad officials have issued a new book of rules to take effect March 1. The men are spending their evenings studying the new features.