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CONDENSED NEWS.

This is nearly spring. Fish dealers are smiling. The blue birds are here. Congress is now on the wind up. St. Patrick's day comes next in the regular order. The Legislature is doing more work than would have been the case had the session not been limited. The daily Lenten services at Christ Episcopal church are being well attended. One sure sign of approaching spring has appeared. The peach crop prospects have commenced to knock. Matinee at the Opera House Saturday afternoon. "A Break for Liberty" is the attraction. It is leading up to the Easter bonnet. In making references to the March lion and the March lamb, don't forget Br'er groundhog, who is also one of the animals we have known. Our old friend, St. Patrick, is about to have another of those justly celebrated birthdays that keep his memory green. Matinee at the Opera House Saturday afternoon. "A Break for Liberty" will be presented. Admission Children 15 cents—Adults 25 cents. FOR RENT—A blacksmith shop, corner Mill and Centre streets, Danville. Elegant location and good trade. Inquire at 500 Mill street, Danville, Pa. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has decided that a railroad company is compelled as a common carrier to furnish cars to a shipper and has no more right to withhold cars than to refuse to sell a ticket to a passenger who applies for the same. The new two-cent stamp appears to have offended good taste, by the caricature of Washington on its face, and is to be retired. The philatelist artist in charge at the national capital needs a cultivation of his taste. The drop in the price of eggs is very acceptable to consumers. If a few other necessities would only come down a little also the problem of living would not be so serious. The lease recently obtained by the ground hog has but a short time longer to run. The precipitate young man who is anxious to appear in a Spring overcoat would better wear a sweater underneath for a few weeks. Henry Jones has resigned his position as driver for the United States Express Company. Mr. Jones has been in the employ of the above company fourteen years. He filled a similar position with the Adams Express Company for two years. William Pollock and wife of Washingtonville are both lying very low of pneumonia. Misses Bertha and Ella Meyers entertained a number of friends at supper at their home on East Market street last evening. If this kind of weather continues the robins and blue birds will soon make their appearance. The first few days of March have been very pleasant and balmy. Everybody but the coal dealer is ready for winter to go away back and sit down. "Francesca De Rimini" will be presented at the Opera House by Porter J. White, on a scale of magnificence soon. Ringtown has had only one death so far this year. All signs point to an early spring. The cheery notes of the blue birds are heard. But one swallow does not make a summer, and the birds which venture North for some time will have cold tents and a hard hunt for breakfast some of these days when a howling blizzard sweeps down from Manitoba or the British Northwest. Matthew Rhoden was arrested Tuesday evening on the charge of drunkenness, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Oglesby yesterday morning. The usual fine of two dollars was imposed in addition to costs. In default of payment Rhoden was committed to the lock-up for five days.

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OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The Borough Council for the year 1903-4 organized Monday night. If the first meeting may be taken as a criterion the new council will be a very harmonious body, as the members in most things seemed to be of one mind Monday night. Not only were the President and clerk of Council re-elected, but also the Chief-of-Police, assistant and all the officers who served last year. The old Council convened at 8 o'clock with the following members in their places: Vastine, Dougherty, Patton, Davis, Gibson and Lloyd. A communication was read from George West, Superintendent of the Standard Electric Light Company in reply to one from Council calling his attention to the number of lights out, in which Mr. West stated that he would give the matter his personal attention in order that justice might be done the borough. On motion the communication was referred to the Committee on Light.

The bills, which in the absence of a quorum on February 20th were ordered out by the Finance Committee, were Monday approved, after which the old council adjourned. The new council then convened. The places of the retiring members were filled by the following members elected at the last election, to whom the oath of their office had previously been administered by Chief Burgess Pursel: George Reifsynder, First Ward; Grant Fenstermacher, Second Ward; J. H. Gosser, Third Ward; David Gibson, Fourth Ward. The new Council was called to order by Mr. Dougherty. Mr. Vastine was chosen temporary president and Harry Patton temporary secretary.

Mr. Dougherty nominated Mr. Vastine as permanent president. He was elected by acclamation, there being but one dissenting vote, that of Mr. Lloyd. Mr. Dougherty nominated Harry Patton as permanent secretary and he was unanimously elected. On motion of Mr. Dougherty it was ordered that the salary of the officers and all the employees of the borough remain the same as last year. The remarkable unanimity which characterized the proceedings thus far was quite a revelation to the new members who had heard many stories of dissension and conflict in council. Mr. Davis moved that all the officers who served the borough last year be re-elected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Reifsynder called a halt. He did not approve of this way of lumping things. There was an abundance of time, he said. He advocated taking up one office at a time, so as to afford an opportunity of naming new candidates.

Mr. Davis then withdrew his motion and the following officers were nominated and without any opposition elected: Borough Treasurer, Harry Ellenbogen; Street Commissioner and market master, H. B. Doss; Chief-of-Police, J. C. Mincomey; Assistant, J. G. Voris; Borough solicitor, E. S. Gearhart; Borough Surveyor, G. W. West. The voting proceeded by acclamation and the election was unanimous with the exception of the Chief-of-Police, in which Mr. Lloyd voted "no."

On motion it was decided that the meetings for the ensuing year remain the same as last—The first and the third Friday night of each month. The hour of convening was fixed at 8 o'clock. The Skelp Mill Started Up. The skelp mill of the Reading Iron Works started up Monday morning. All the departments are now in operation and the big plant presents a busier appearance than for some months past. No sooner did the work get started up Monday morning than high water threatened to cause trouble. The fifteen foot flood on the river caused the water to back up Mahoning Creek until the flood came dangerously near the limit which makes work impossible in the mill. The creek hung stationary during the entire day and although a good deal of water accumulated in the wheel pits which caused the big and rapidly revolving wheels to throw a constant stream of spray into the air work went on without any serious inconvenience. Funeral of Miss Bennett. The funeral of Miss Ella M. Bennett, which took place from Trinity M. E. church Monday at 10 a. m., was very largely attended. The services at the church were conducted by the pastor, Rev. N. E. Cleaver. The interment took place in the cemetery at Hendrickson's church, where Rev. Cleaver was joined by the Rev. M. C. Flogal of Washingtonville, who assisted in the services at the grave. The flowers were very beautiful, comprising a pillow from Miss Alice Bennett, sister of the deceased, and the Ladies' Aid Society and from individual friends. The pall bearers were: David Gibson, S. F. Ricketts, John Hughes and John Ewart. Hairy Cooper Convalesced. County Commissioner Henry Cooper who last week was confined to his bed with an attack of grippe, is much better at present and will be out in a few days.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

One of the most miraculous escapes on record occurred in the Second Ward yesterday afternoon, when three small boys, none of them yet six years of age, broke through the ice and for twenty minutes, all unscathed, struggled for their lives in five feet of water. The accident occurred at the rear of Samuel Mills' coal yard in the Pennsylvania canal where it is nearly banked away to a dam which was constructed for the purpose of supplying the Shovel Works with water. The canal there is covered with a coat of rotten ice upon which the boys ventured and broke through. The story of the exciting event as related by Samuel Mills is as follows: About half past 3 o'clock Mr. Mills while seated in his office heard some children crying desperately. He looked through the window and in a back yard of one of the neighbors and paid little attention to the matter. The crying, however, continued and there was something so plaintive and appealing about it that Mr. Mills finally could stand it no longer and started out to investigate.

Upon opening the door of his office where his eye took in the canal which bounds the rear of his lot he was horrified to behold three little heads protruding from the water. One of the boys was struggling directly opposite Mr. Mills' office door, while two others were in the water some twenty yards further up the canal. The little fellows had risen to the surface at the same spot where they had sunk and had succeeded in getting hold of the ledge of ice which they held to for dear life. Mr. Mills was utterly at a loss to know what to do. The boys were struggling in the middle of the canal and the ice was not fit for a man to venture upon. Besides Mr. Mills had just recovered from a siege of illness and exposure of any sort was something to be avoided. The little boys had already been struggling in the water for at least fifteen minutes. They were half frozen and benumbed and unable to keep their hold on the ice. Several times they lost their grip and sinking to the bottom rose again, renewing their struggles and cries for help.

By this time Oscar Bailey arrived, who a minute or so later was joined by Wilson Ryan. These men proved veritable heroes. Encouraging the little fellows to hold on to the ice, assisted by Mr. Mills they worked heroically and did not give up until the last boy was lifted from the water. During the rescue Oscar Bailey unconsciously plunged into the canal armed with a board which he used to good advantage. The boys nearly drowned were: LeRoy Ritter, son of Edward Ritter, East Market street; Mitchell and Irvin Boyer, son of Frank Boyer, Jr. The boys all reside near the spot where the accident occurred. The Mitchell boy seemed little the worse for the accident, but LeRoy Ritter and Irvin Boyer were in a very bad way. Had the rescue been delayed a minute longer or they would have been lost. Irvin Boyer's condition was especially serious, owing to an accumulation of water on the lungs—a feeble heart action. LeRoy Ritter in addition was suffering from a bad cut inflicted upon the forehead by a fall yesterday morning, which had necessitated the insertion of two stitches. Dr. Wintersteen last evening stated that there was little doubt but that the boys will come around all right in a day or so.

Arraigned Before Justice. Chief Mincomey has opened war on the unruly boys of the town who annoy property owners and make themselves objectionable generally. Yesterday afternoon he caused the arrest of Roy Robinson and William Rudy, who have been annoying the people in the vicinity of the D. L. & W. station. They were arraigned before Justice-of-the-Peace Baro last evening. According to the testimony they had been guilty of different kinds of bad conduct, among which was spitting over pavements and door steps. The Justice omitted the fine but mulcted the defendants in the costs, in addition to which he gave them a severe reprimand. Chief Mincomey now has his eye on some other offenders guilty of similar conduct, who prove a great annoyance in the vicinity of the Opera House. Base Ball Looming Up. The Washingtonville Base Ball team has organized for the coming season. The positions will be filled as follows: First base, Lawrence; Second base, Shillort; Third base, McCormick; short stop, Lewis; right field, Wise; center field, Zauer; left field, Solled; pitcher, Heddens; catcher, Hoffa; manager, Harry Billmeyer; captain, Hoffa. The Washingtonville team last year played fifteen games. Out of these they won twelve, lost one and were tied on two.

Hairy Cooper Convalesced. County Commissioner Henry Cooper who last week was confined to his bed with an attack of grippe, is much better at present and will be out in a few days. To Exempt Veterans from Tax. Representative Palmer, of Schuylkill, has introduced a bill in the Legislature exempting all soldiers and exiles of the Civil War from paying tax, either poll or personal.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Hugh Bennett of Northumberland, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bennett, Church street. Mrs. Isaac Whitenight has returned to Rupert after a pleasant visit with her sister, Miss Lydia Thomas, Ferry street. Fred Owen spent yesterday afternoon with friends in Sunbury. John S. Gilbert of Catawissa, was the guest of Dr. C. H. Reynolds, Mill street, yesterday. William Russell spent yesterday afternoon with friends in Sunbury. William House of Bloomsburg, was a Danville visitor yesterday. Miss Charity Morgan of Milton, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Ammerman, Mill street. Wilbur Jacobs of the State Hospital, spent Sunday with friends in Bloomsburg. Howard Clark of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark, South Danville. William E. Bailey, of Berwick, spent Sunday with his father, Samuel Bailey, Mill street. Ammon Keiser, operator at the D. L. & W. station spent Sunday with relatives at West Milton. George Sonneborn of New York, spent Sunday at the home of Major Gearhart, South Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis spent Sunday with relatives at Shamokin. Julius Moyer of Sharon, Pa., is visiting his uncle, H. L. Gross, West Mahoning street. Mrs. E. W. Whitman returned to Sunbury yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city. Mrs. R. V. Pardo returned to Pottsville yesterday after a visit with friends in this city. Miss Claire Gross of Bloomsburg, spent last evening with relatives in this city. Mrs. Allen Seehler of Kipp's Run, left yesterday for a visit with her daughter at Long Branch, N. J. Jesse Johnson and C. C. Farley returned to York, Nebraska, yesterday after a protracted visit at the home of John Lormer, Roaring Creek. Rev. J. H. Mortimer of Hughesville, who has been visiting in this city left yesterday for Philadelphia. Mrs. Florence White spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury. Mrs. Hannah Evans returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit with Mrs. Florence White, East Market street. Miss Lillian Allgaier spent yesterday afternoon in Sunbury. Joseph Eckert, Front street, spent yesterday afternoon in Sunbury. J. H. Johnson, Mill street, spent yesterday with relatives in Milton. Rev. E. B. Dunn left on the 9:14 train yesterday for Baltimore, Md., where he will attend the Conference of the United Evangelical church. Mrs. Mary A. Kemp, Pine street, left yesterday afternoon for a visit with friends in Scranton. Mrs. C. A. Kline of Bloomsburg, called on friends in this city yesterday. Misses Mary and Amy Hoffman returned to Williamsport yesterday after a visit with friends in this city. John F. Tooley visited his stores at Sunbury and Shamokin yesterday afternoon. Mrs. E. M. Arnold returned to Harrisburg yesterday after attending the funeral of her mother, the late Mrs. Frank Riffel. Mrs. Mary James returned to Scranton yesterday after a short visit with relatives in this city. David A. Williams returned to Scranton yesterday after attending the funeral of the late Walter D. Williams. Miss Ellen Hotenstein has returned to the Bloomsburg Normal School after a visit at the home of William Nuss, Riverside. E. J. Hartman, Water street, spent yesterday in Berwick.

Licensed to Wed. A license to marry was issued at the Prothonotary's office yesterday to J. A. Cooke of Rushtown and Miss Orpha Gibratte of Reedsville. A marriage license yesterday was issued also to Allen Wertman of Limestoneville and Miss Ida N. Conrad of Exchange. After Illegal Voters. The coal corporations and the furnaces in the northeastern part of Schuylkill county are after the fellows who vote without paying taxes. The former claim that the burden of the county's expense falls on them and they are decided in their stand that those who don't pay shan't vote. Thumb Mashed. James McCormick, Upper Mahoning street, had his right thumb mashed while working in the Reading Iron Works on Saturday afternoon. Dr. Kimerer gave him surgical attention.

Mr. Suter Will Take Charge. G. M. Dyer, florist and gardener of Riverside Heights, appeared in the courthouse market for the last time Saturday morning. He will be succeeded in the business by the former owner, William Suter. Seriously Ill. Mrs. Leah K., wife of Charles Uhl is seriously ill at her home at Somerset, Pa. Mrs. Uhl is the youngest daughter of Simon Krebs formerly of this city.

THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Water Commissioners held a regular meeting Monday afternoon. The entire board was present, consisting of H. L. Gross, Edward Corman, and Andrew Schatz, Harry Ellenbogen, Borough Treasurer, and P. J. Keefer, Superintendent of the Water Works, were also present. The subject of coal for the ensuing year was discussed at length. The Water Commissioners are confident that they have effected a great saving for the borough by the use of river coal. While buckwheat coal, the kind formerly used at the water works, during last summer and winter was quoted at \$3.95 per ton and much of the time could not be had at any price, the water works were kept running on river coal, which was purchased as low as \$2.05 per ton, while at no time was it higher than \$2.62 per ton. It was a question with the Commissioners whether they adopted the use of river coal whether it would produce the same heat as buckwheat coal or in other words whether a ton of the river article would last as long as the same quantity of freshly mined buckwheat coal. After an experiment of nine months the Water Commissioners are convinced that river coal will go just as far as any other kind, or if there is any difference at all it is in favor of river coal. Since last June 450 tons have been purchased, which it was estimated, would last until March 1st. The Water Commissioners yesterday were agreeably surprised to find enough river coal on hand to last until April 1st. It was estimated that the Borough has saved at least \$300 through the use of river coal. On motion of Mr. Corman it was decided to recommend that Council instruct the Borough Treasurer to buy in two thousand dollars worth of water bonds, which are offered for sale by the banks at the present time. This measure will result in saving a considerable item for the borough in the way of interest and other expenses.

Death of Mrs. F. J. Riffel. Deadly pneumonia claimed another victim Friday making the third in two days. The last to succumb to the disease was Margaret, wife of Francis J. Riffel, of Riverside, who died at 12:35 o'clock Friday afternoon. The deceased was ill only a few days. On last Saturday she was in Danville. She was then in good health and nothing was further from her thoughts of the family than that in less than a week she would be claimed by death. Mrs. Riffel was sixty-five years of age. She was most highly esteemed and will be keenly missed not only by the immediate family, but also by many others throughout the community. She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Anna (Mrs. Edward Arnold) of Harrisburg; John and Charles of South Danville; Miss Ellen of Philadelphia; Arthur E., of Corning, N. Y.; and Misses Minerva and Blanche, who reside at home. Funeral of Mrs. Frau. The remains of Mrs. F. C. Grau, whose death occurred at Scranton Saturday last, arrived in this city on the 12:44 D. L. & W. train Tuesday. Interment took place in Odd Fellows' cemetery. The remains were accompanied to this city by F. C. Grau, husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Grau, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Clover, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gordon, Mrs. Edward Linker, son Roy and daughter Pearl all of Scranton; Mrs. Tillie Alford of Philadelphia, sister of Mr. Grau, and Levi Ressler of Tower City, brother of the deceased. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. C. W. Raver of this city. The pall bearers were: S. A. McCoy, Capt. J. H. Johnson, Charles Pusey and E. S. Miller. Death of Mrs. Morgan. Margaret Basset-Morgan, wife of Elliott R. Morgan, whose illness was noted in these columns, departed this life Tuesday morning. The home of the deceased was in Kingston, but during the latter part of her illness she was staying with her sisters, the Misses Basset, in this city. It was here that death occurred at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday morning. On Monday Mrs. Morgan's condition seemed much improved. Her son, who had been called to his mother's bedside, returned to Wheeling, W. Va., and her two daughters also returned home. Tuesday morning she seemed decidedly better, but it seemed to be only a forerunner of the end. Without any sign of approaching dissolution she passed away, the very suddenness adding greatly to the shock. In addition to her husband the deceased is survived by one son, Charles Morgan, of Wheeling, W. Va., and two daughters, the Misses Lucy and Ruth Morgan of Kingston. Mr. Suter Will Take Charge. G. M. Dyer, florist and gardener of Riverside Heights, appeared in the courthouse market for the last time Saturday morning. He will be succeeded in the business by the former owner, William Suter. Seriously Ill. Mrs. Leah K., wife of Charles Uhl is seriously ill at her home at Somerset, Pa. Mrs. Uhl is the youngest daughter of Simon Krebs formerly of this city.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Dr. M. L. Shindel, who has been ill for a week past was unable Sunday to occupy his pulpit, although he is fairly on the road to recovery. Sunday was the twenty-ninth anniversary of Dr. Shindel's pastorate of Pine street Lutheran church and it was a matter of much regret to Dr. Shindel, that he was not able to preach, as it is the first anniversary sermon that he has been obliged to omit since he came to Danville. Dr. Shindel came to this city from Solingrove. His long continued pastorate is sufficient to indicate his high appreciation in which his services are held as pastor. A number of the congregation Saturday in honor of the anniversary presented Dr. and Mrs. Shindel with a very handsome couch and several other useful articles, which reflected very eloquently the general esteem in which both are held. General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., W. D. Laumaster occupied the pulpit at Pine street Lutheran church Sunday morning Rev. C. D. Lerch of Mansdale Reformed church, preached in the evening. Coal in Columbia County. From another corner of Columbia Co., there comes a story of another discovery of coal which if it proves to turn out in paying quantities will prove a boon to the entire South Side. The coal has been discovered in Roaring Creek township on the Mainville mountain by George M. Craig and a prospector Patrick Moran. And the story that is back of this discovery is at once interesting and convincing of the ability of Moran as a prospector. Several months ago Moran and Craig were driving over Mainville mountain, when Moran noticing its formation stated to his companion that there was coal to be found in that basin. He succeeded in getting Craig interested and they leased over two hundred acres of land lying between the Mine Gap road and the Mainville road in Roaring Creek township. Several men were employed and the work went quietly along until a depth of perhaps two hundred feet had been reached, pick and shovel and dynamite being used. After a number of weeks' hard work they struck the vein, and have found it to contain coal of an excellent quality. A number of people in that vicinity have already burned it and declare it to be the very best they ever had in their stoves. The shaft will be sunk yet deeper to ascertain the depth of the vein and if it be found to be in paying quantities steps will at once be taken to mine it on an extensive scale. Moran claims there is coal in all the land lying that side of the mountain. The mountain dips low into the farm land in that section and a number of the farmers have become very much excited over the prospect of being rich. When Craig and Norman started their operations, all were skeptical and derided the idea that there was coal, but now since they have proved there is coal there, all are anxious to reap some of the benefits should it prove to be in paying quantities.

Workmen Will Approve of It. Among the improvements in the borough contemplated by Council for the coming summer is one which will be most highly appreciated by a large number of employees at the Reading Iron Works. The plan is in doing away with the canal bridges to remove one of the divisions of the Mill street bridge used as a sidewalk to Mahoning Creek at the foot of Chestnut street. Those employed at the works residing on West Mahoning and West Market streets except at times of very low water are obliged to walk around by Mill street. The short cut afforded by the bridge will be a wonderful convenience to the tired workmen desirous of getting home as quickly as possible after a hard day's work. The New School Law. Copies of the proposed new school law are being sent out. The law provides that no district hereafter receive a State appropriation unless the amount of money raised from local taxation shall at least equal the amount paid by the State. Some opposition to the act has manifested itself, but it is believed that it will be passed. Why Trout Are Scarce. It is said that in spite of the constant replenishing of the streams of Pennsylvania with food fish from the hatcheries the fish are becoming more scarce. That is to say, those who only fish according to law find them scarce because those who fish contrary to law catch all the fish. Joseph Brown's Funeral. Joseph, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Brown, Ferry street, who died on Monday was laid to rest in St. Joseph's cemetery yesterday afternoon. Services were held in St. Joseph's Catholic church at 3 p. m., Rev. Father O'Reilly officiating. The flowers were most beautiful. The deceased was carried to his last resting place by six boyhood companions: William Fallon, Michael Redmond, Harry Hooley, Lawrence Connolly, Joseph Gill and Thomas McDermott. Harold Dougherty carried the flowers. Mr. Suter Will Take Charge. G. M. Dyer, florist and gardener of Riverside Heights, appeared in the courthouse market for the last time Saturday morning. He will be succeeded in the business by the former owner, William Suter. Seriously Ill. Mrs. Leah K., wife of Charles Uhl is seriously ill at her home at Somerset, Pa. Mrs. Uhl is the youngest daughter of Simon Krebs formerly of this city.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SOCIAL

The lecture room of St. Paul's M. E. church Friday was the scene of a very interesting event known as a George Washington Social, which was held under the auspices of the Epworth League. The program consisted of music, recitations, guessing and name contests. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a report by the women of the church who undertook and succeeded in raising one thousand dollars for church improvements. The report was followed with appropriate remarks by Rev. Harry Curtin Harman, thanking the women for their earnest and largely toward paying off the expenses of remodeling the church. The report was preceded by a piano solo by Miss Books and Miss Consort. The pastor's remarks were followed by a vocal solo by Miss Madge Sanders. The "question contest," consisted of furnishing the proper answers to questions asked on George Washington's life. It afforded a great deal of entertainment. Nelson Woods gave a violin solo, which was followed with a recitation by three little children: Paul Foster, Anna Shultz, and Louisa Reynolds. Another contest consisted of seeing how many names one could form out of the letters making up the name of Washington. This was called a "name contest." The Boys' quartette of the Y. M. C. A. rendered a selection which was followed by a duet by Mrs. Lew Woods and her daughter Martha. At the close of the program refreshments were served. The lecture room looked very pretty under a profuse decoration of flags appropriate to the event. Meeting of Lincoln Literary Society. At the meeting of the Lincoln Literary Society held Friday afternoon the following program was rendered: Recitation—"The removal," Miss Mary Hooley. Declamation—Patrick Henry's Speech, Mr. Raver. Essay—Feeding her birds, Miss Bessie Hooley. Debate—"Question"—Resolved, That the laborer has contributed more to the industrial advancement of the U. S. than the capitalist. Affirmative, Mr. Hooley, Mr. Schoeh, Mr. Dreifuss. Negative, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Welliver, Mr. Walter Pegg. The decision rendered was in favor of the negative. Declaration—The slave of Boston, Mr. McCaffrey. Reading—"There'll be room in heaven," Miss Peyton. The following officers for the ensuing term were elected: President, Miss Consort; Vice President, Mr. Hooley; Secretary, Miss Harpel; Assistant, Miss Zeth; Treasurer, Mr. Pegg; Chorister, Miss Bessie Hooley; Assistant, Miss Jenkins; Marshall, Mr. Welliver; Assistant, Mr. Amesbury; Attorney, Mr. Edmondson; Reporter, Miss Cromwell. Milk Wagon in a Runaway. A ripple of excitement was caused in the vicinity of Bloom and Ferry streets Tuesday morning by a runaway. Two horses attached to a milk wagon belonging to Robert Farnsworth, Valley township, were left standing near the residence of Rev. M. I. O'Reilly, Ferry street, while the driver was at some distance away serving customers. The horses were tied to a weight, which previously had always sufficed to hold them. Tuesday, however, one of the horses was especially restive and taking fright led the other horse off in a dashing runaway, dragging the weight with them. Out Ferry street and across Bloom street they flew like the wind. Near Lower Mahoning street the runaways found themselves confronted with a telegraph pole. The horses tried to avoid it but unfortunately passed on opposite sides, which brought the pole up between them and compelled them to stop. But for this accident there would no doubt have been a great wreck with plenty of spilled milk. As it was nothing about the wagon nor harness was broken. The Purim Ball. The Purim ball, which takes place next Tuesday evening at Armory Hall promises to be one of the most successful social events which has been given for many years. The Opera House orchestra under the capable leadership of Mr. Herbert Wyle will render several selections prior to the dance, thus affording an opportunity to those who do not participate in the terpsichorean festivities, to enjoy an excellent concert. The committee on decorations will make the large hall a most inviting ball-room, and the refreshment committee report that an excellent menu of goodly things will be served. A Critical Case. Mrs. John Gulick, Church street, left for Philadelphia, Saturday to spend some time with her daughter Mrs. Grant Rockefeller, whose eight-year-old daughter, Stella, is to be operated upon for the removal of a tumor growing on the brain. The case is a very serious one and the result is much in doubt. What Miners Expect. The hopes and expectations of thousands of miners in the anthracite field are centered on the findings of the coal commission, which are expected in a short time. One of the Mine Leaders recently said: "The men are expecting a straight 10 to 15 per cent. advance, at least. Some of them think we will get an eight-hour day and also the weighing of coal. I believe myself that the commission will recommend the weighing of coal, as it is one of the laws of the state, although never enforced because there is no penalty attached to its enforcement. "The question of an eight or nine-hour day is also being discussed by the miners and there is much speculation as to what the commissioners will recommend. The miners, as a rule, would prefer an eight-hour day and the weighing of the coal and a 10 per cent. advance. All expect something substantial in the way of an advance, and if they don't get it there will be much disappointment. "Many of the men are already figuring and speculating on the bonus they are to receive on the commission's findings. It was agreed when the men returned to work that any advance the commission would decree in their favor was to date from November 1, 1902. It is now about four months since that date and if the miners get 15 per cent. straight they will receive a bonus of from \$25 to \$35 each, according to the amount of wages earned. Valuable Vein of Iron. Farmers in the vicinity of Bear Gap are much excited over the find of a two and a half foot vein of the finest kind of iron ore on farmer Michael Hornberger's farm about two miles above Bear Gap. The ore was first discovered by John Bowman, son-in-law of Mr. Hornberger, in a little brook. He noticed a peculiarly colored stone and upon picking it up found it to be very heavy. A quantity of the ore was taken out and shipped to Philadelphia for the purpose of having it analyzed with the result that the expert to whom it was sent reported it to be eighty per cent. pure magnetic iron ore, the very best quality used in the manufacturing of steel and that it is equal in quality to the Michigan ore. The Mad Dog Scare. The mad dog scare, it seems, will not stay down. A fresh outbreak occurred yesterday in Cooper township. During the afternoon a dog belonging to Henry Betch, tenant on the farm of Prothonotary Thomas G. Vincent, went mad. As is customary with dogs afflicted with rabies the animal immediately started off on a tramp. In due time he appeared on the farm of Melvin Shultz where he bit two other dogs. The symptoms of rabies were most pronounced and the presence of the mad dog caused the greatest kind of terror about the farm. Fortunately, however, he was shot before he escaped. Whether any other dogs besides Mr. Shultz's were bitten is not known, although it is very likely that such was the case. Mr. Shultz will kill his two dogs, which were bitten.

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RAILROAD TUNNEL KILN
Charles Francis Coffeyville, Kan., arrived in this city yesterday and was the guest last night of Mail Carrier Arthur Freeze, Water street. Mr. Francis is a director in the Coffeyville Vitrified Brick and Tile Company, which last year manufactured sixty million of brick. Mr. Francis' visit here possesses an especial interest to our citizens, as his trip east is made in the interest of the Brice Patent Railroad Tunnel Kiln, an entirely new device for burning brick, which the Philadelphians who are about entering upon the vitrified brick project contemplate installing here. It is no doubt a great thing and will entirely revolutionize the manufacture of brick, as it is based upon an entirely new system of kiln practice, eliminating methods of drying before burning. In the first place the new kiln is in tunnel form, the brick being burned directly on fire-proof cars, which convey the material through the tunnel between a double line of furnaces continuously in operation. The drying and water smoking is accomplished in the entrance chamber and before the furnace proper is reached. As two cars of green material enter the tunnel at one end two cars of finished product emerge from the other end. At the entrance the temperature is carried at about 200 degrees, Fahrenheit; at the opposite end it is about 600 degrees; through the middle of the tunnel the maximum temperature is maintained. Under the old system it requires at least two weeks for the burning and cooling of a kiln of brick; yet nothing of the labor involved in piling the brick and removing them from the kiln, which must be done by hand. Altogether the burning of a kiln which may contain from 100,000 to 200,000 brick, requires little less than a month. In the Brice Patent Railroad Tunnel Kiln common brick are burned in 18 hours; pressed brick, in 24 hours; vitrified or paving brick, in 36 hours. The tunnel will produce 500,000 brick in 20 working days. In addition it is claimed for the tunnel that it will effect a saving of 50 per cent. in fuel. What Miners Expect. The hopes and expectations of thousands of miners in the anthracite field are centered on the findings of the coal commission, which are expected in a short time. One of the Mine Leaders recently said: "The men are expecting a straight 10 to 15 per cent. advance, at least. Some of them think we will get an eight-hour day and also the weighing of coal. I believe myself that the commission will recommend the weighing of coal, as it is one of the laws of the state, although never enforced because there is no penalty attached to its enforcement. "The question of an eight or nine-hour day is also being discussed by the miners and there is much speculation as to what the commissioners will recommend. The miners, as a rule, would prefer an eight-hour day and the weighing of the coal and a 10 per cent. advance. All expect something substantial in the way of an advance, and if they don't get it there will be much disappointment. "Many of the men are already figuring and speculating on the bonus they are to receive on the commission's findings. It was agreed when the men returned to work that any advance the commission would decree in their favor was to date from November 1, 1902. It is now about four months since that date and if the miners get 15 per cent. straight they will receive a bonus of from \$25 to \$35 each, according to the amount of wages earned. Valuable Vein of Iron. Farmers in the vicinity of Bear Gap are much excited over the find of a two and a half foot vein of the finest kind of iron ore on farmer Michael Hornberger's farm about two miles above Bear Gap. The ore was first discovered by John Bowman, son-in-law of Mr. Hornberger, in a little brook. He noticed a peculiarly colored stone and upon picking it up found it to be very heavy. A quantity of the ore was taken out and shipped to Philadelphia for the purpose of having it analyzed with the result that the expert to whom it was sent reported it to be eighty per cent. pure magnetic iron ore, the very best quality used in the manufacturing of steel and that it is equal in quality to the Michigan ore. The Mad Dog Scare. The mad dog scare, it seems, will not stay down. A fresh outbreak occurred yesterday in Cooper township. During the afternoon a dog belonging to Henry Betch, tenant on the farm of Prothonotary Thomas G. Vincent, went mad. As is customary with dogs afflicted with rabies the animal immediately started off on a tramp. In due time he appeared on the farm of Melvin Shultz where he bit two other dogs. The symptoms of rabies were most pronounced and the presence of the mad dog caused the greatest kind of terror about the farm. Fortunately, however, he was shot before he escaped. Whether any other dogs besides Mr. Shultz's were bitten is not known, although it is very likely that such was the case. Mr. Shultz will kill his two dogs, which were bitten.