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## CONDENSED NEWS.

House cleaning is in order. Observe Arbor day on Friday. Be careful about the brush fires. Hoboes are on their annual tour. Daylight for eleven hours and growing.

The chirps of the robins are not very loud these chilly mornings. The birds are evidently under the belief by this time that they left the sunny south a little too soon.

Saturday proved a busy day for the milliners of Danville, many of them working until a late hour at night.

The improvements at the First Baptist church are nearing completion.

A progressive policy always wins. Danville should cultivate every trend in that direction.

The editors of the High School "Orange and Purple" are receiving congratulations upon the bright and neat appearance of their April number.

Servant girls are very scarce in Danville and housewives desiring help find it hard to secure.

The Board of Trade is for Danville. Let every citizen be likewise.

New ties and rails are being laid in the switch at South Danville, and Riverside. The switch is nearly a mile in length and extends from the water tower to a point below Riverside Borough. The work is under the supervision of Section Foreman Nass.

Interesting services will be held at a number of our churches on Sunday next—Palm Sunday.

Just now the average woman's thoughts turn toward the Easter hat or bonnet.

Parents do not visit the schools as often as they should.

Better not put the camphor balls in the overcoats yet.

Coleman & James, the wagon makers, yesterday dissolved partnership and discontinued business. Harry Salmon, formerly proprietor will again assume the management. Mr. Coleman will be in the employ of Mr. Salmon.

Shamokin will have a big Fourth of July celebration, this year, if the plans of a number of its citizens are successfully carried out.

The kind of outdoor exercise that the average man doesn't like is transferring personal effects from one habitation to another.

Now that we are to have gentle spring according to the calendar it may be considered safe to house the snow shovel.

Bucknell University will have a first-class base ball team, which will open its season Saturday, at Philadelphia, playing with Pennsylvania University.

The mild spring has caused the grass to grow rapidly and many lawns are now being mowed, something unusual for so early in the season.

Coal is now down to the lowest notch for this year. Stop saving for your summer vacation and fill your bins.

Even a weather prophet is not averse to a pun if we may judge from the following from Coles' for April: "The month has some very good indications, which it is to be hoped will overcome the evil ones, but if Aries, 'The Ram,' which is in opposition to Earth, should take a notion to 'butt,' then watch out." What fools some mortals be.

FOR RENT—A blacksmith shop, corner Mill and Centre streets, Danville. Elegant location and good trade. Inquire at 500 Mill street, Danville, Pa.

Half a million dollars will be spent by the big coal companies in the anthracite region this summer in introducing electricity into the mines. The adaptability of electricity to coal mining having been thoroughly demonstrated, it will now be brought into general use. The Lehigh Valley Coal company has already started work in equipping several of its collieries. Hoisting systems are being introduced, which will furnish not only power, but splendid illumination, which will penetrate the darkness of the mines with a flood of light. Electric drills and other mining instruments are also being experimented with.

# Montour

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## BASE BALL ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the Danville Base Ball Association, commonly known last year as "The Old Timers," held a meeting in the office of Ralph Kiser, Esq., Tuesday for the purpose of making arrangements for base ball the coming season, taking action upon the procuring of grounds and the employment of players.

The meeting was called to order by manager Sam A. McCoy, others present being Ralph Kiser, Esq., Fred Jacobs, E. P. Williams, F. G. Schoch and Simon Hoffman.

An motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Schoch, Kiser and Williams, was appointed to visit upon Dr. DeWitt submitting a proposition as to grounds.

The accommodations at the grounds last year were unsatisfactory to the club and they ask that a number of improvements be installed for the coming season; otherwise they will accept grounds which have been offered to them on this side of the river.

The association asks for a new grand stand at the rear of the home plate; a canvas fence from the north end of the grand stand along first base line to shut off the park; a wire fence along the third base line to prevent spectators from encroaching on the lines. The grounds must be ready by May 1st.

On motion of Mr. Kiser it was ordered that the manager secure eleven good players, the number to embrace as many of last year's players as possible.

On motion of Mr. Kiser it was ordered that each player be obliged to sign a contract binding him to return the suits at the end of the season or on demand in as good a condition as when received allowance being made for reasonable wear and tear.

The association is determined to give the citizens of Danville first class amateur base ball and the proceedings last night were marked with caution and deliberation, such as ought to assist in accomplishing that much-desired end.

Easter Gifts Find Ready Sale.

From the display of Easter goods in the confectionery and other stores it seems that Easter gift-giving has become almost as great a custom as at Christmas time. Certain it is that the displays become greater and grander every year. For many years eggs, dyed in all colors, were appropriate gifts and these were given to only children. Nowadays elaborate baskets filled with fine confectionery and toys are the fad and the same presents apply to the infant, the middle aged and the old. The spirit of giving seems to be in the air this year and heavy sales have already been made despite the fact that Easter Sunday is nearly two weeks off. Candy eggs are the principal purchases. Candy eggs on exhibition at a local store weigh nearly 40 pounds. Toy chickens and rabbits are novelties this season.

Willow Trees are in Leaves.

As a result of the rain the long row of willows on the river bank below the water works Monday burst into leaves. The new foliage with its delicate green that presented a very pretty sight and left no doubt in the mind that spring is here.

The fact was remarked upon by several elderly persons Monday and not one of them could remember of ever having seen willows in leaves on the 30th of March.

A cherry tree on the premises of Edward E. Bell, West Mahoning street, is just on the verge of bursting into blossoms. Vegetation has now reached a critical period and should the temperature drop to the freezing point there would be very poor prospects for a fruit crop.

Local fruit growers are of the opinion that the peach buds are already injured and that the crop will be very light if not a total failure.

New Rural Free Delivery Route.

J. R. Sharpless of Rush township, was in this city yesterday in the interest of a rural free delivery route on the other side of the river. It was Mr. Sharpless' intention to immediately begin a canvass of the territory for signers.

The route in view as one which seems to be feasible, proceeds from the river bridge at South Danville, to Rushtown, thence to Moore's, the Rush Baptist church and Union Corner, around by the "Four-mile Barn" and back to Danville by Boyd's Station.

The above route embraces a thrifty and prosperous farming community, where the people, educated and intelligent, constitute a class that keenly feels the deprivation of restricted mail facilities.

Workman Burned by a Flash.

Charles Moulter, an employe at the Reading Iron Works, was badly burned Friday afternoon while at work. He is a helper on one of the heating furnaces and had just opened the furnace door when the blast was accidentally turned on. The effect of this was to throw a heavy flash of fire into the man's face, burning him in the most painful manner. There was scarcely a square inch on his whole face that escaped. Dr. Curry administered to the case.

Mr. Moulter will be laid up for some time.

## HOSPITAL APPROPRIATION

Our citizens will be gratified to learn that a good solid appropriation has been secured for the Hospital for the Insane at this place, which will admit of many improvements and meet the most urgent needs of the institution. The following telegram relative to the appropriation was received by the American last evening:

Harrisburg, April 1.  
Hospital assured of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Infirmary and farm disallowed.  
R. S. Ammerman.

While the female infirmary and the additional real estate might be very desirable yet in view of the fact that all the other improvements have been granted no one will be disposed to complain. The bill asked for \$80,000 for the building and furnishing of the female infirmary and \$3,000 for additional real estate for dairy purposes. Deducting the total of \$83,000 from \$207,300, the full amount of the appropriation asked, we have \$124,300, the amount assured, remaining.

Of this sum \$25,000 will be applied to the erection of additions and extensions to the main building to provide a complete lavatory system, wash rooms, bath rooms, toilet rooms and the like.

Fifteen thousand dollars will be spent for a plant and the piping necessary for the proper disposal of sewage, which is now contaminating the Susquehanna river at a point 3000 feet above the intake of the water supply of Danville.

Eleven thousand dollars will be devoted to the installation of a filtration plant and the proper increase of boilers, stacks and apparatus necessary for the same.

Moving Pictures Enjoyed.

Lynna Howe's Moving Pictures were exhibited at the Opera House last evening, appearing this time under the auspices of Trinity M. E. church. A large audience was present and from the applause it could be judged that all present were delighted. It matters not how often this attraction appears in Danville it proves a great diversion. Last night as usual every picture shown was new and very interesting. The Egyptian series, giving scenes and incidents en route from Cairo to Khartoum were of particular interest, giving an excellent idea of life and customs in that far off country. A new series of magic pictures were also shown creating much amusement. This entertainment deserves the great patronage it always gets here and it is an ever welcome attraction. The performance was much enhanced by the realistic property work and the excellent incidental music by Prof. Walkinshaw.

Old Fellows Day at Milton.

The local committee in charge of the coming Old Fellows anniversary and convention, which will be held in Milton, on April 28th, are all at work arranging the details of the several departments. An invitation is being sent out this week from the Milton lodge inviting all Old Fellows and their friends to come to Milton and participate in the pleasures of the day. Among other things five thousand buttons with "Meet me at Milton April 28th," will be distributed in the near future. The heads of the local committees are: A. Batorff, chairman committee on transportation; L. C. Townsend, chairman committee on finance; Ferd Piper, chairman reception committee; L. H. Giograph, chairman entertainment committee; Jas. D. Hartzell, chairman decorating committee; H. R. Frick, chairman printing committee—Milton Standard.

Farm Horses Run Away.

George Hall, who is removing from Snyder county to the farm of Mrs. Sarah Vantine, near Boyd's station, met with a runaway about dark Tuesday evening.

The horses took fright while at the freight house at South Danville, and escaping from the driver ran up toward the crossing where the wagon struck a telegraph pole. Here the horses broke loose from the wagon and ran over to this city where they were caught. One of the animals in trying to escape ran up to the pavement in front of Gillaspys' hotel, where he slipped on the bricks and fell on his side. The wagon was considerably broken.

Large Class Confirmed.

Bishop Ethelbert Tabbot of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania made his annual visitation to Christ Episcopal Church, this city, Friday.

A class of twenty was confirmed, there being a good-sized congregation present. The Bishop addressed the candidates, after which he preached a sermon.

The confirmation this year occurs toward the close of the Lenten season and at such a date as will permit the candidates to take their first communion on Easter Sunday.

Purchased a Home.

Frederick Plock of Frosty Valley, has purchased the dwelling, No. 521 Railroad street, of the Stegmaier Company. Mr. Plock will remove to his new home in a short time after which he will make a number of repairs about the premises. The residence vacated by Mr. Plock in Frosty Valley has been leased by Oliver Blocher.

## RE-ROOFING THE BRIDGE

The contract for re-roofing the river bridge, was yesterday awarded to Trumbower & Werkheiser, of this city, for \$2,370, red cedar shingles to be used.

A joint meeting of the County Commissioners of Montour and Northumberland counties was held in the Court House at this city yesterday afternoon. The full board of this county was present with Commissioners Beck and Raadoush of Northumberland county.

The only business on hand was the awarding of the contract for re-roofing the river bridge between the two counties. There were many bidders, the following in addition to Trumbower & Werkheiser being in the number: John A. Mowery, Samuel T. Jackson, Charles Uttermiller and Howard Irwin, of this city; Joseph Campbell, Daniel S. Moll, of Riverside; Diehl & Wertman, G. C. Jenkins and Hendricks & Moyer of Valley township; Wesley Diehl, of Strawberry Ridge; Edgar Holt, of Northumberland; Shamokin Lumber Company and Frank Erdman of Shamokin.

Several of the bids ran very close, Trumbower & Werkheiser, the successful bidders, being only \$21.50 below Frank Erdman of Shamokin. The contract was awarded to both for furnishing the shingles and doing the work, the county furnishing the nails and sheeting. Several of the bids were for the work alone; others for furnishing the shingles exclusive of the work. It required a great deal of figuring in order to determine which bids should be accepted to save money for the counties. Those which included both material and work ranged all the way between Trumbower & Werkheiser's bid and sums approximating \$3,000.

Charles Uttermiller's bids were for materials only. He agreed to put a copper roof on the bridge for \$13,968.50 and a tin roof for \$4667.10.

The joint meeting adjourned shortly after 4 o'clock to convene again next Tuesday, for the purpose of acting upon the bond of the successful bidder.

Flowers for Easter.

Incidental to the near approach of Easter the green houses are noticeable with beauty. At Castle Grove, the display is such as only to be compared with the appearance of things during the chrysanthemum season last fall. Mr. O'Hara has made extensive preparations for the season and his plans all seem to be bearing good fruit. Easter lilies, lilies of the valley, hyacinths, roses, tulips, narcissus and carnations are to be seen in profusion. The lily is perhaps, the ruling flower and over one hundred of these are shipped each day, along with the other flowers in proportion, to say nothing of what is disposed of to the local trade, which seems to be growing with each succeeding month.

The green houses at Castle Grove never presented such an appearance before, on every side are the most noticeable evidences of experience and care. The immense variety of plant growths and the mass of detail involved in the propagation and the cultivating of the same is simply confounding to the visitor, and he wonders how it is all accomplished.

Castle Grove is building up quite a trade in vegetables and the green houses devoted to these are by no means the least interesting features. The big telegraph encumbers over a foot in length, hanging like beans from their stalks are worth a visit in themselves. There are also ripe tomatoes, with egg plants, cauliflower and lettuce all growing in rich abundance.

Assembly of the Elks.

Invitations will be issued in a few days for the first Easter assembly of the Danville Lodge of Elks which will be held in the Armory on Tuesday evening, April 14th. This event is being looked forward to with much pleasure as it promises to be a most elaborate affair. In addition to the ball there will be an hour's concert, a special orchestra of ten pieces, under the direction of Herbert Wyle, will render the music for the occasion.

The Danville Elks have already become noted as hospitable hosts. The most elaborate affair the people of this city have enjoyed for many years was the Elks Thanksgiving Assembly held in Armory hall on November 26th last and the cordial reception given was most favorably commented upon by all who were their guests.

Muled in Fine and Costs.

Lewis Kramer of Jerseytown, was muled in a fine yesterday for trotting his horses over the river bridge.

Mr. Kramer, who had a companion with him, drove a spirited team and in crossing the bridge the horses, it is alleged, were permitted to trot at pleasure.

Bridge Watchman E. K. Hale immediately swore out a summons, which was served upon the driver by Constable Young.

Mr. Kramer contended that the horses he was driving were mere colts and that he could not control them. He paid the fine, however, along with the costs, the whole amounting to \$7.40.

The banks were doing a rushing business yesterday. On the first of April a majority of people settle up their accounts and get a fresh start.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Cora Moyer, of Berwick, visiting friends in this city yesterday.

O. R. Harris and little son Theodore of Sunbury spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eyerly visited friends at Isaac Leary on Sunday.

Mrs. Isaac Leary, and son Samuel, of New York, is visiting her father, Benjamin Benzbach, Water street.

Miss Annie Snyder, of Bloomsburg is visiting at the home of J. W. Gibbons, East Market street.

Frank Kear of Berwick, spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, of Plymouth, were guests of friends in this city on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny C. Moyer and Miss Katie Edwards have removed to Hazleton where Mr. Moyer will have charge of Hotel "Hazel."

Mrs. J. D. McMillan, of Trevorton, returned home yesterday after a several days visit with friends in this city.

Mrs. William Haas of Shamokin, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Frank G. Schoch transacted business in Solinsgrove yesterday.

Miss Carrie Kline of Sunbury, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Second Baseman Clayberger of Mr. Carmel, who played with the "Old Timers" last season spent yesterday with Danville friends.

J. A. Dietrich, of Washingtonville, drove to Danville yesterday.

A. J. Leuziger transacted business in Shamokin yesterday.

H. N. Jordan attended a meeting of the Pension Board in this city yesterday.

H. N. Colby, of Williamsport, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Miss Julia Huber returned to Bridgeport, N. J., yesterday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. B. Russell, East Front street.

Rev. Harry Curtis Harman returned from Altoona last evening where he attended the session of the Central Pennsylvania conference.

R. W. Young of Sunbury, spent yesterday with old acquaintances at South Danville.

Rev. Xavier L. Febre of Wilkes-barre was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Mrs. A. L. Cornish and Mrs. M. Cornish returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit at the home of Dr. F. H. Harpel, Ferry street.

F. H. Yaman transacted business in Milton yesterday.

Ralph Fouk returned from a visit in Wilkes-barre yesterday.

John Tooley was in Shamokin yesterday.

Joseph Murray transacted business in Milton yesterday.

Mrs. Alex. M. Diehl left yesterday for a visit in Philadelphia.

Oliver Drummell made a trip to Shamokin yesterday.

W. S. Koehler was in Sunbury yesterday.

Entertained at Enche.

Mrs. Julius Heim and daughter, Miss Gertrude, entertained a number of friends at enche at their home on East Front street yesterday afternoon. Those present were: Mrs. Isaac Levy, of New York; Mrs. Lesser Alexander, Mrs. Alex. Schwartz, Mrs. Oscar Alexander, Mrs. Lewis Gross and Miss Claire Gross, of Bloomsburg; Mrs. Eli Rosenthal, Mrs. Herbert Wyle, Mrs. Joseph Heim, Mrs. Lewis Bloch, Mrs. Samuel Bloch, Mrs. I. C. Lee, Miss Jennie Oberdorf, Mrs. Isaac Gross, Mrs. T. J. Price, Mrs. John Eisenhart, Mrs. Harry Ellenbogen, Mrs. Henry Lyon, Mrs. W. G. Pursel, Miss Tillie Keener, Mrs. James Kramer, Miss Dora Meyers, Miss Bertha and Blanche Goldsmith, Miss Amanda Mann, Mrs. Elias Maier, Misses Ella and Bertha Meyers, Mrs. Emanuel Wolf and Mrs. Hannah Wyle.

Tendered a Surprise Party.

Miss Mae Brent was tendered a surprise party on Tuesday evening at her home 216 East Front street, in honor of her thirteenth birthday. The evening was very pleasantly spent. The following persons were present: Mary Walker, Helen Swazey, Pearl Fenstermaker, Lizzie Thomas, Viola Risher, Bessie and Verda Koebler, Irene Longenberger, Clara Smith, Annie Frosze, Marion Camp, Fannie Young, Edith Jenkins, Edith Mitchell, Florence Ephlin, Helen Shepper, Ella Snyder and Mrs. Walter Fields.

Making Brick Early.

Erick making, like a good many other things, begins very early this spring. John Keim has had his brick yards in order for some time past. Yesterday he began making brick in his lower yard below town and today he will begin moulding in the yard above the borough.

The Advertiser is Busy.

If a merchant has a store where he may rest comfortably of course he doesn't care about advertising. The merchant who advertises hasn't time to lounge about his store. His constantly growing patronage won't admit of personal ease and comfort in business hours.

March went out like the proverbial lamb. The weather clerk is good in these moving times.

## A NEW DOUBLE HEATER

The Danville Stove and Manufacturing Company anticipates a very busy season. A visit to the plant yesterday found sixty-one moulders employed, which is just ten more than has been given work for many years past.

General Manager W. A. Sechler states that the trade is unusually active at present, the demand including all lines of stoves. Orders come in with such rapidity that notwithstanding the increased capacity the goods are shipped as fast as manufactured. The export trade continues to grow and of the orders being filled at present are one for Madras, British India, and another for Capetown, South Africa.

The Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company is constantly working along new lines and it has now a new and attractive feature ready for the fall trade. This is a new double heater to be known as the "Beaver Oaker," which will take the public by surprise. The first stove is just completed and is under trial at the works. The test has proven perfectly satisfactory and the new stove will be a success.

Under the name of "Beaver Oak" the company has for some years manufactured a plain stove for either wood or coal, which found a ready sale in the Northwest and in other sections where wood was plentiful. The new stove, however, resembles the old in nothing except that it is cylindrical in form. The body is of highly polished sheet iron. The base, feet, door frame and top are very heavy and ornate. The stove is handsomely nickled and strikes the eye as most pleasing and artistic in design. The new double heater, which is made in three sizes, it is believed, will entirely supersede the square heaters at present in use.

The new gas range which was added to the product of the stove works last year proved a great success and this year two more sizes are being added. In the way of further additions, the full line of stoves turned out at the plant are being dressed with nickel trimmings, which adds very much to their appearance.

The pattern shop, in which seven men are employed, is always a busy department, as in addition to getting up the new lines a great deal of time is spent in redressing patterns, etc. Malcolm Beyer is at the head of the pattern department.

Methodist Church Enters Protest.

The appointment of William A. Houck to the pastorate of the Mulberry Street Methodist church by the conference of that denomination at Altoona yesterday, stirred up a hornet's nest. The official board of the church held a meeting last evening to take action on the matter the result of which was that a telegram was sent to Mr. Houck asking him not to come. The bishop and Presiding Elder Wilcox were notified that Mr. Houck would not be received as pastor. Word was received this morning from Mr. Wilcox to the effect that he would at once take the matter up.

Some time before the meeting of the conference the official board of the church met, and decided that the salary was not able to pay the salary, \$1,500 per year, that has heretofore been paid. It was decided to send a committee to the conference for a young man, with the understanding that the salary would be \$1,000. This was done, the committee asking for Morris H. Swartz, of Shippensburg, who pressed himself as being willing to serve the church. When the news of the appointment of Mr. Houck, who is recognized as being in the \$1,500 class of preachers, and quite an old man, was received, the meeting of the board was at once called. It was decided to notify the authorities of the church that if they persisted in sending Mr. Houck the church would not receive him. Those interested say that the objection is not to Mr. Houck personally, but to the disregard of the request of the church by those who made the appointments—Williamsport Sun.

Handsome Lodge Room.

The Danville Lodge of Elks, yesterday installed handsome new lodge furniture. The set includes four office chairs built of solid oak, upholstered in leather. The pedestals accompanying the chairs are also built of oak and are trimmed with elk heads of very artistic design. The set includes a number of smaller chairs. The lodge room is being handsomely papered and with the installation of the furniture completes one of the most up-to-date lodge rooms in this section of the state.

Rev. T. V. Vulkoff is Dead.

Rev. T. V. Vulkoff, pastor of the First Baptist church of DuBois, died on Sunday from the effects of a fall. Rev. Vulkoff up to a few years ago was pastor of the Rush Baptist church, Rush township, Northumberland county.

He was a college mate of Rev. A. B. Bowser, former pastor of the First Baptist church, this city. He frequently visited this city and was well known among our citizens. He was an able and energetic preacher and was raised as a missionary in Bulgaria. He came to the United States in 1886. It was as late as 1900 that he left DuBois.

We should have a good High School Base Ball team.

## WOMAN IN BLACK

The "Woman in Black," as she is designated, who has been peddling salve about town without having procured a license, fell into the hands of the police Monday morning. It was about 9 o'clock when the two officers ran across her as she was plying her vocation on West Market street. They immediately took her into custody and conducted her to the office of Justice-of-the-Peace Oglesby, for a hearing.

The woman was well dressed and presented a good appearance. She did not admire her two uniformed escorts at all and requested them as a favor to permit her to precede them on the way.

Justice Oglesby read the information to the woman which charged her with violating the borough ordinance by peddling without first obtaining a license. The fine for this offense, she was apprised, was five dollars. In addition to this she would have the cost to pay, amounting in all to \$6.25.

The woman had but a couple of dollars and professing to be in a painful dilemma, she produced her "wedding ring" which she begged to be permitted to raise some money. A gentleman present kindly volunteered to carry the ring to a neighboring jeweler's to ascertain its value. The jeweler fixed the value of the ring—an 18 carat gold—at \$2.34, which still left a deficiency in the sum to be raised.

Meanwhile an effort had been made to get at the woman's name. She intimated that this was a matter of little importance, as in her time she had found it expedient to assume different names. She might have had a hundred in her time, she said. The fact is she gave two different names during the hearing. In order to raise the money, she was finally forced to divulge the fact that she has a husband temporarily located in Danville. The man was at once made acquainted with the woman's predicament and he handed over the money required to cover fine and costs.

This was a revelation to the officers who had learned from stories alleged to have been repeated by the woman that her husband had lost his life in a fire in Paterson, N. J., while attempting to rescue his three children from a burning home. She was asked to explain this apparent contradiction. Her reply was: "Well if my husband did not lose his life, a dear mother was burned to death." She denied any of the stories imputed to her, but as a principle held that it is necessary to lie in order to get a living, admitting that when people showed no willingness to purchase her salve she resorted to falsehood. On the whole, she held that she practiced no more deception than the average salesman in disposing of his goods.

High School Team.

It is now time for the school to place a ball team in the field.

It is now time for the school to sustain itself as nobly as she has done in the various ventures she has taken hold of in the past years such as the Inter-Scholastic Debate, the Newspaper and Football.

The objection that has been raised so often is the fact of expense. The reason that people will not patronize our games is because we have not had good teams and the reason we have not had good teams is because we have not had the interest of our school at heart.

There is plenty of good material in the school and if the students would come out to practice and allow the captain to pick a team it would undoubtedly be a good one.

It is a matter that should be given careful consideration by the A. A. N. Not only those in the school but the Alumni expect something of us and now let us get together and show them that there are still some who wish to keep the school to the front in Athletics as well as in Education. We are sure that we do not want our Alumni to think that the school at which they received their preparation for life's battle has forgotten so far its honor as to let the orange and purple trail in the dust.—The Orange and Purple, April.

"The Hoosier Girl."

"The Hoosier Girl," one of the most pronounced legitimate comedies ever recorded, is described by a well-known Chicago critic as being the quintessence of all that ever constituted a well-regulated bunch of fun. There is no lack of original features and catchy ideas in the "Hoosier Girl" and it just takes an actress like the fascinating Kate Watson to bring them out. Everything contained in its construction has been enlisted for no other purpose than to provide an evening of good old fashioned laughter and pleasure. An additional advantage given "The Hoosier Girl" is the general excellence of the company, every member of which has individual claims to public recognition as actors of fun-providing plays. All of them are familiar favorites. "The Hoosier Girl" will appear at the Opera House on Saturday evening.

It is seldom that the first of April greets the woods so full of wild flowers. The arbutus, anemone, hepatica, Claytonia, dicentra, waldsteinia and symplecarpus are in blossom, the maple, poplar, alder and elm are in bloom. Never, probably, have the leaf buds, the flowers and grass been so far advanced at this date.

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## REVOLUTIONARY MUSKET

Aaron Manser, a farmer of Cooper township, enjoys the proud distinction of not only being the descendant of a Revolutionary hero, but of possessing as one of his most highly prized heirlooms the musket which the old patriot—his great grandfather—carried throughout the war for Independence. More than this, fourth in the line of descent he still lives on the farm which his great grandfather cleared and was born in the little log house—still standing—built by the Revolutionary hero, and in which the old soldier died nearly a century ago, while among the papers which have come down to Mr. Manser from his fathers is the original deed which transferred the land from Thomas and William Penn, to one of the early settlers in that remote day before the Revolution when the Penns were proprietors of Pennsylvania.

On Saturday last a representative of the American paid a visit to the Manser homestead for the purpose of viewing some of the relics which have made the old place famous. Mr. Manser was found ploughing in one of his fields. Tying his horses to the fence he kindly led the way to the farm-house, en route explaining how long the land had been in possession of the Manser family.

His great grandfather, the Revolutionary soldier, who purchased the tract soon after the Revolution, was Nicholas Manser. At his death the farm descended to his son, Christian, grandfather of Aaron and at the death of that ancestor it fell into the possession of his son Jacob, father of Aaron by whom it in turn was inherited.

It was with evident pride that Mr. Manser produced the old musket, long of barrel and equipped with the primitive flintlock, whose bullets had assisted to win the battles of our independence. By actual measurement the barrel was found to be forty-six inches long. The ungainly six arm with its wooden ramrod, bears little resemblance to the muskets of the present time. Wonderfully potent, however, was the old gun in its day and none of the ingeniously devised weapons of modern warfare have accomplished more for mankind than the old flintlock of the Revolutionary hero, by Colonial patriotism, pluck and endurance.

The question naturally suggests itself whether there are many of the old Revolutionary muskets in existence. In the strenuous matter-of-fact days when our fathers fought themselves free they had little time for sentiment and it is feared that in too many instances the old flintlock went out of existence along with the waste that had carried it through battle and aimed its long barrel at the heart of tyranny. It is therefore with all the more pride that Mr. Manser looks upon his old Revolutionary relic, surrounded with the dust of more than a hundred years, a memento of events that made up one of the most glorious epochs of the world's history.

Just back of the core and commodious dwelling in which Mr. Manser resides with his two daughters, stands a picturesque log structure, the original farm-house on the Manser tract, built at least a hundred years ago. It represents the work of Nicholas Manser's own hands, who although a soldier and a tailor, turned his hand to carpentering and he was by no means unskilled, neither, judging by the carving around the front door and the paneled woodwork inside. The house is about 21 feet by 18 feet and is a story and a half high. Here Nicholas Manser died early in the last century and here Aaron Manser, the present owner, was born in 1829.

In the log house are stored many old articles which seem strangely out of place at the present time. Standing in the centre is an old wood stove, which was old and out of date half a century ago. It burns wood at least three feet in length, and is rectangular and box-like in design with no attempt at ornamentation. Under the deep rust, which encrusts its surface is discernible the name: "Saml. Ann Furnace." Mr. Manser states that his father informed him that the old stove was used to heat the "English" Church in Danville, a name which it is understood, applied to an office which at one time occupied the site of the present Grace Presbyterian church.

Mr. Manser also has in his possession a batch of old deeds which would be considered a valuable acquisition by any museum. Several of these contain the signatures of John and Thomas Penn. One of them bearing the signature of John Penn transferred a tract of land 215 acres in extent to George Miller. The deed, which is written on parchment, bears the date of 1753 and is in excellent condition, every line being clearly legible. The reading runs as follows: "Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esquires, True and Absolute Proprietors and Governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, etc., etc." The consideration named for the 215 acres was "fifteen pounds, fifteen shillings" or about \$40 in United States money. The Manser farm was presumably in this tract for in the batch is another deed bearing the date of 1766, which transfers the same tract from George Miller to Nicholas Manser. By this time, however, land was increasing in value and the consideration was "seventy-five pounds."

During the period covering the two deeds all this section was embraced in Northumberland county. Penn's deed locates the Manser tract "on the waters of the Mahoning in Turbutt Township," and specifies it as "Miller's Mount," which can not be considered an inappropriate name. The elevated position of Mr. Manser's farm.