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CONDENSED NEWS.

April's last day.  
Let Memorial Day be fittingly observed.

Fishermen are plenty but trout appear to be scarce.

If the smallpox germ has been discovered it may be possible to end the controversy about the value of vaccination.

The assessors are making their annual rounds.

The angler is in his element, now that the streams are lowered, and the weather just right for camping and tramping.

Even with the absence of the hand organ it is safe to assume that spring has at last come to stay.

The weather is going the ice man's way.

The surrounding country at this season of the year was never more beautiful.

Farmers now begin to boast of thriving broods of spring chickens. Some of these were hatched out several weeks ago and will be on the market by Fourth of July.

An attempt to corner weeds will soon be the principal occupation of the gardener.

Many Danville housekeepers will use the gas cook range this summer.

The ice man is increasing in importance.

Capt. Gearhart is advised by the Adjutant General that Company F will be inspected by Captain Johnson of the U. S. A., May 21.

If any fruit has survived it ought to win gold medals.

Is there any time when life seems so perfectly worth the living as when the child comes home from school wearing the good conduct medal?

Governor Pennington's German bulldog asserts itself in his veto of the anti-dance bill. He believes it better and safer to sell beer with a lunch thrown in, than to sell salty pretzels and cheese with beer thrown in. He knows, doubtless.

Just as the fishing season starts in the timely information is brought by the scientific journals that a German professor has succeeded in making truthful men out of confirmed liars by hypnotic suggestion.

No one had reason to make a complaint of the weather of March, 1903. It was the warmest March ever known by the oldest inhabitants.

Keep a firm grip on your winter clothing.

May Day now looms up as a welcome comer.

The base ball fever promises to reach its old time height in Danville this season.

This is the season of the year when the weather man dodges every time he gives out a prediction.

The price of coal will be advanced May 1, but how much is not known.

New potatoes have already made their appearance in market.

A good circus would be well patronized in Danville this spring.

Orders regarding the observance of Memorial Day on Saturday, May 30, have been issued by Commander-in-Chief Stewart, of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Examinations for candidates for appointment as midshipmen to the Academy at Annapolis were held in the principal cities of the United States beginning April 21, and will be conducted under the direction of the Civil Service Commission. A second examination will be conducted in Washington on May 12, and a final examination at the Academy on June 16.

Fall in the ranks of those who are booming Danville. Join the Board of Trade.

Of course the trout bag cannot catch them fast enough with rod and line. Lime or dynamite are a great aid.

American tourists annually spend abroad an average of \$25,000,000, and foreign tourists leave about \$20,000,000 here.

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LYON BLOCK IMPERILED

A fire broke out in the cellar of the Greek-American confectionery, Mill street, about half past 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and for awhile it seemed that the entire establishment would be gutted even if the building escaped destruction.

The fire, which was confined to the ceiling of the cellar, proved very hard to get at, as the entire basement was filled with smoke suffocating in its density, which drove back the firemen as fast as they entered.

The fire was discovered by Charles Miller and Harry Keam who from the pavement in front noticed smoke issuing from the cellar. They quickly gave the alarm and in a very short time the Continental and the Friendship Fire Companies were on the spot.

The Continental Company connected with a plug on Mill street, while the Friendship Company went around to the alley back of the block where it connected with a plug and prepared to attack the fire from the rear.

Up to this time there was only a vague idea both of the location of the fire and proportions it had assumed. The smoke which came pouring out of the cellar, front and rear, concealed every thing inside from view.

The Continental boys poured a stream through the front door, but being unable to see the best they could do was to direct the stream where they thought it would do the most good. Time and again they attempted to carry the hose into the cellar in the hopes of locating the fire, but each time they were driven back by the smoke.

Meanwhile the Friendship boys, who had entered through the rear door, were battling against the same odds. The latter company finally succeeded in gaining a march on the flames and were enabled to play with full force upon the burning woodwork. After this the extinguishment of the flames was short work.

The fire did not get beyond the cellar. The latter although not plastered was fully lathed, indicating that the intention had been to finish the apartment like the one above, but that the work had been interrupted before the plaster was put on.

The pine lathing along with the joists afforded abundant material for the fire to feed upon and nearly the entire ceiling was burned over.

The cellar presented a bad appearance after the fire. The floor was charred and blackened network of lath and joists, under foot and lying about on tables was a pretty conglomeration of sugar, cornstarch, chocolate, kernels of nuts and all the ingredients that enter into the manufacture of candy.

There was evidently a large stock on hand. Nicholas Gregory, the proprietor, estimates his loss at \$300. He had no insurance. Among the stock destroyed was sixty-five dollar's worth of extracts, besides several barrels of sugar and a large quantity of peanuts.

The owner has no idea how the fire originated. When Messrs. Miller and Keam gave the alarm, Mr. Gregory was in the cellar. The fire then had a good start and was burning the most fiercely over the stove, which would suggest that the ceiling might have ignited from that source.

VISITING CLERGYMEN

One of the largest congregations that has convened in Grove Presbyterian church for a long time past assembled there on Sunday morning to hear a sermon by Rev. R. B. Jack of Hazleton. The father of the visiting clergyman, Rev. A. B. Jack, some twenty-five years ago, was pastor of Mahoning Presbyterian church, this city.

Rev. R. B. Jack's sermon Sunday was designed to show the kind of Christians Presbyterianism produces and was founded on First Corinthians, 13th Chapter and 8th verse: "Therefore, my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

On entering upon his sermon Rev. Jack explained that it was not his purpose to strike comparisons. In his opinion the time is not coming when denominational lines shall be wiped out and all Christians shall be united in one church. He thanked God for all denominations and rejoices in their prosperity so long as their success redounds to the glory of God.

The speaker portrayed a very lofty ideal as the type of a Christian, produced by the teaching and practices of Presbyterianism. In the first place he is a God fearing person. He speaks of God in no vague way as the "Ruling Will of the Universe", etc, but regards Him as the Sovereign of all creation, whom he glorifies not only in the hour of worship, but has with him always as the ruling factor of his life.

Such a Christian, as produced by Presbyterianism, believes in the brotherhood of man. He believes in the Y. M. C. A. and similar agencies; he assists in charity, yet does nothing in the name of charity, but rather in the name of Jesus Christ. He never forgets the sovereignty of God and is daily climbing up nearer to the level of God.

If true to his ideal he is a conscientious Christian, which does not mean that he is morbid, which is conscientiousness gone astray. He never follows mere selfish inclination, attending church for instance in fine weather and absenting himself in rainy weather. God the Sovereign, is to be obeyed at any cost. Ever conscious that he is dead in sin he never claims that he has attained unto God's constant approval. He is ever conscious of the need of a Savior to pay the penalty of his sin.

Presbyterianism is a representative form of government and the Christian of Presbyterian training believes in the liberty of the individual, affirming his responsibility to Jesus Christ alone.

The Rev. J. M. Galbraith of Lincoln University occupied the pulpit in Mahoning Presbyterian church Sunday. In the morning he preached a very earnest and telling sermon on "The Riches of God's Grace." He took as his text Ep. 1: "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

This earth is small and insignificant compared with many larger spheres. But God can do no more for any world than he has done for this—give His own son.

Paul speaks not only of God's grace, but the riches of His grace and not this only but the "exceeding" riches of His grace. Angels fell but were not redeemed. Man fell and God gave His son to redeem him.

To man is committed the revelation of this grace. "In the ages to come he might show"—show through Christ Jesus, who has been redeemed; yet how are we doing it?

One thousand, nine hundred years have passed. A missionary in China or India is given 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 people to reach. The world is dying to know the gospel.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. J. R. Renner of Beach Haven, spent Sunday with Danville friends. Prof. Lewis Ammonson of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Patterson Johnson, Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McCloskey of Arístes, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wyant, East Mahoning street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pope of Bristol, spent Sunday with relatives in this city. Joseph Oeschger of Berwick, spent Sunday in this city.

E. S. MacDonald, of New York city, was the guest of John R. Bennett, at Castle Grove over Sunday.

Mrs. J. Welliver returned to Philadelphia yesterday, after a visit at the home of Mrs. Mary Fax, East Market street.

Mrs. Wallace Hoover returned from a visit to Sunbury last evening. Mrs. M. J. Dieffenbacher returned to Williamsport yesterday after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Fax, East Market street.

Miss Clara Payton of Sunbury, spent yesterday with friends in Danville. William Curry, Esq., returned to Scranton yesterday after a visit with his parents on West Mahoning street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Waite have returned to Sugar Notch after a visit at the home of John G. Waite, Ferry street.

Misses Clara and Emma Hofer are visiting relatives in Pottsville. Mrs. H. Ickes and Mrs. Mary Lewis returned from a visit in Milton yesterday.

Miss Annie Reinhardt returned to Conshohocken yesterday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhardt, Pine street.

Poor Directors P. M. Kerns and Theodore Hoffman returned home from a visit to Shamokin last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Quick of Rupert, spent yesterday in this city.

Mrs. C. A. Brandon and daughter, Miss Nan, left yesterday for a visit in Philadelphia.

AWARDED THE CONTRACT

George Reifsnyder at a regular meeting of the School Board Monday night was awarded the contract for building the annex to the High school building.

The Building and Repair Committee presented a report of its meeting on Tuesday night last at which they adopted the specifications for the annex. The board at a previous meeting had decided that a hot water system should be employed in heating the new portion. The committee explained that they found the specifications unsuited to that method of heating and that they were assured by Architect Brugler that hot water would be found impracticable for warming the annex, as it made no provisions whatever for ventilation.

In view of these facts the committee after adopting the specifications recommended to the Board that the action of the previous meeting relating to hot water be rescinded.

On motion the report of the Building and Repair Committee was accepted, after which on motion of Mr. Keefe, it was ordered that the annex be heated with hot air.

The bids for building were then opened. They were only two in number. George Reifsnyder agreed to build the annex according to specifications for the sum of \$8345. S. M. Trumbower was the other bidder, his figures being \$9917.

Mr. Keefe moved that the contract be awarded to Mr. Reifsnyder as the lowest bidder. The motion carried unanimously, the following members voting yea: Barber, Orth, Green, Burger, Redding, Werkheiser, Rockefeller, Fischer, Keefe and Harpel.

The discovery was then made that several bids had been presented for heating the annex. This brought up the subject of heating and the claims of rival concerns and the matter proved more vexatious if not more important than the awarding of contracts for building.

W. S. Carpenter representing the B. G. Carpenter Company of Wilkesbarre, was present in the interest of his heating system. The Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company had also a representative at the meeting. Bids had not been invited for heating and the Board was not ready to act on this matter. Nearly an hour, however, was spent in discussing the subject. Mr. Carpenter explained the merits of his system, which he said, is wholly up-to-date embracing many improvements over other systems of its kind, which provides for ventilation as well as heating. It had the endorsement of Mr. Brugler, who affirmed, however, that the specifications would admit of almost any heating and ventilating system.

Mr. Boyer of the Danville Stove Works explained that his company had examined the specifications and that they believed their warm air furnace would answer. If necessary in order to heat the building they would install two furnaces side by side.

It was finally decided to postpone awarding contracts for heating until the next meeting. Meanwhile bids are to be formally invited to the end that all who may desire to enter into competition for heating may have an opportunity to get into line.

Garfield Literary Society. The regular meeting of the Garfield Literary Society of the High School was held Friday afternoon. The following program was rendered: Recitation, "The Garden of Marvel," Miss Daniel.

The question discussed was: "Resolved, that State aid should be given to pupils in rural districts to enable them to attend High schools, Academies and schools of similar standing in nearby towns."

THE BOARD OF TRADE

The Board of Trade held a meeting in Council chamber Monday, with President J. H. Gosser in the chair. There were some thirty members present.

Two communications from concerns which desire to change location were read before the Board. One of these was from the promoters of the "Carpet Lining" industry, who were very anxious to come to Danville. They are now ready to present a proposition. The president appointed C. P. Hancock, J. B. Claver and C. P. Murray a committee to investigate the merits of the new industry.

The other communication, which was from the "Peerless Piano Player" Company, showed the proposed industry to be one of mammoth proportions, which would eventually employ some 700 hands. The cost of the buildings would approximate \$175,000. No action was taken relative to this industry.

The amendments to the constitution and by-laws as proposed by the committee appointed to revise the same were adopted on first reading.

Vice President Youngman reported that through the efforts of the members of the Board of Trade the stock for the Rempe Clock Company has all been raised.

The president appointed the following committee: INDUSTRIAL.—F. Q. Hartman, A. C. Amesbury, J. H. Cole, J. B. Watson, C. P. Hancock, David Thomas and J. L. Evans.

STATISTICS, PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.—W. V. Oglesby, A. H. Grom, W. L. McClure.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND IMPROVEMENT.—James Foster, M. G. Youngman, George F. Reifsnyder, Joseph Lechner, Charles V. Ammerman.

SITES AND REAL ESTATE.—W. G. Pursel, John Dostal, George B. Jacobs, Wallace Hoover and S. M. Trumbower.

First Game of Lawn Tennis. The lawn tennis grounds on West Mahoning street are now practically in shape for the season's sport and the first game will be played on Saturday afternoon.

The grounds have been very much improved. Previously there was but one court accommodating four players. During last spring another lot was acquired, which gives the club two courts so that eight persons now can find amusement at the same time.

The membership of the club numbering some twenty-five persons, is limited to the Y. M. C. A. A section of the by-laws provides that ladies shall be entitled to the privilege of the courts on invitation of any member of the club.

WILLIAM SECHLER'S BAD INJURY

William Sechler, son of Former Councilman George R. Sechler, met with a bad accident at the Reading Iron Works about 10 o'clock Monday morning.

He was assisting to pull a steel billet out of one of the heating furnaces. The billet was of the largest sort weighing something over four hundred pounds. Three men had hold of the billet, Mr. Sechler standing in the middle. Under the united strength of the men the billet came out of the furnace with such impetus that it slid off the heavy, the sharp edge striking Mr. Sechler upon the heel, cutting through his clothing and lacerating the flesh in a shocking manner. He had no use whatever of his foot and was unable to walk.

The injured man was carried to the office of Dr. J. R. Kimerer, where an examination revealed that the large tendon at the heel, known as the Tendon of Achilles, which controls the movement of the foot was completely severed.

Serious as such an accident proves to be surgeons are generally able to sew the ends of the severed tendon together, so that they reunite. For awhile a lame limb may result but eventually all stiffness and inconvenience passes away and there is a full recovery.

A cab was ordered and Mr. Sechler was driven to the home of his father on West Mahoning street. Here Dr. Cameron Shultz was called in to assist Dr. Kimerer. It was no easy matter to sew the tendon, as one of the ends had contracted and seemed out of reach. A good deal of cutting therefore was necessary which rendered the operation very tedious and difficult. The tendon was finally sewed together, however, and all the features of the case at present are very encouraging, although the injured man may be unable to walk for a long time to come.

Automobile Behaved Badly. A. B. Newcomb and A. W. Porter of Bloomsburg, who came down to this city in an automobile on Sunday met with one or two adventures before they got home.

Their machine began to give them trouble on Sunday evening. They decided to remain in town until Monday morning, when after giving the automobile some repairs they would proceed home. They carried out their plans and early yesterday went steaming out of town with flying colors.

During the afternoon W. G. Brown, machinist, received word that the automobile was stranded at Dr. Paules' farm on the Bloom road. The young men who had it in charge had gone on to their home and they wanted Mr. Brown to proceed to the farm where the machine had been left and take it to Bloomsburg.

Mr. Brown started at once for Dr. Paules' farm in a two-horse surrty, taking with him an extra man as driver. His plan was to hitch the machine behind the surrty and thus haul it to its destination.

From the Isle of Man. Samuel Mortimer of this city has received a copy of an interesting newspaper printed at the town of Ramsey on the Isle of Man. It is called the "Ramsey Courier" and is a large and pleasant sheet differing little from its American contemporaries in make-up, style of writing and composition.

Curiously enough in its columns it alludes to a former resident of Danville, Samuel Mortimer, a cousin of our townsman of that name. Mr. Mortimer's daughter, Miss Margaret Anna, had just been married to "H. J. McGee, M. A. B. Sc., Head Master of St. Michaels-in-the-Hamlet, Board School, Liverpool. The wedding notice was quite lengthy and profuse of compliments. Mr. Mortimer, father of the bride, lived in Danville several years, returning to the Isle of Man in 1893.

Mercury in the Nineties. Spring although seemingly delayed has come with a bound. The heat yesterday actually produced discomfort. At noon the thermometer registered 75 degrees at the Montour House. At 4 p. m. when the sun fell with full force upon the front of the building where the thermometer is exposed the mercury climbed up to 93 degrees.

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The office of the AMERICAN is furnished with a large assortment of job letter and fancy type and job material generally, the Publisher announces to the public that he is prepared at all times to execute the neatest manner.

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BASE BALL SEASON

The base ball season in Danville will open about May 15th and from the outlook Danville "fans" will see some rare sport during the coming summer.

Manager McCoy is making every effort to secure good players and so far has secured the following: Catchers, Hummer and Ebe. The latter is a student at Susquehanna university, Selinsgrove, and will report for duty as soon as his school closes.

Among other visiting clubs will be the celebrated "All Cubans" who play here on July 29th. With a good team the sport is bound to be encouraged and liberally patronized. Dr. DeWitt is giving the grounds his personal supervision and with a commodious and comfortable grand stand there will be no chance for our "rooters" to kick.

Changes on the Reading Road. W. A. Garrett, who has resigned his position as general superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company, to take effect May 1, will transfer his services to the "Queen and Crescent," as the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway company is popularly known. Mr. Garrett will have a higher position with the "Queen and Crescent" than he has had with the Reading. It is understood he will become general manager and will receive a higher salary.

First Vice President Voorhees, of the Reading, would not state Thursday who would be named to succeed Mr. Garrett, but it is likely that Agnew T. Dice, superintendent of the Shamokin division will be chosen, as he ranks in point of service and was sidetracked from promotion when Mr. Garrett succeeded General Superintendent Besler.

In point of service Mr. Dice outranks all the other superintendents. When Mr. Garrett was made general superintendent he went over Mr. Dice's head. This caused some surprise, as Mr. Dice is considered not only an able railroad man but one of the most efficient that the Reading has ever had. When an officer of the company was asked who would succeed Mr. Garrett and if an outside railroad official would be brought in, he said: "No, the appointment will be made in the line of seniority."

The resignation of Mr. Garrett has led to many rumors to the effect that there will be other changes in the operating department of the company. If Mr. Dice is promoted it is said A. G. McCausland, now superintendent of the Atlantic City Railroad, will be promoted to Mr. Dice's position.

Schroyer Tells of Rescue. Private John W. Schroyer, of Shamokin, an account of whose good fortune appeared in Thursday's News, tells the following story of the rescue. "Weaver and I were in Company B, Twenty-first Regiment, regular army," said Schroyer yesterday in explaining the background, "and one day in 1899 were engaged near Manila in keeping the Filipinos away from the city water works. We were charging the insurgents, who poured a hot fire at us and then fled from their entrenchments, they were quickly occupied. There we rested for a short period. When Weaver left the entrenchments to get a better view of the Filipinos he was struck down by a bullet from the rebels. He lay in an exposed position, so I jumped from behind a barricade and carried him to a place of safety. He was badly wounded, and after recovering in a Manila hospital, he joined the regiment. He thanked me for saving his life, and said he would remember me with money some time. I soon forgot the incident, and was remained in service until our terms of enlistment expired.

"Weaver went to Texas and I returned to my home here. I was greatly surprised yesterday when Wesley G. Love, a private in the Twenty-first Regiment, told me of Weaver's death, and that he willed me the money. Weaver was a good soldier and I always liked him."

Tendered a Surprise. Jacob C. Miller was tendered a surprise party by the members of his Sunday school class on Tuesday evening at his home on Ferry street. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Miller's class presented him with a handsome chair. The following were present: Mrs. Maust, Mrs. Blecher, Mrs. J. Mottern, Mrs. P. Mottern, Mrs. J. Diehl, Mrs. A. Diehl, Mrs. W. Diehl, Mrs. G. Goss, Mrs. Root, Mrs. E. Foulke, Mrs. Weigold, Mrs. A. Thomas, Mrs. O. Pinner, Mrs. Ullmar, Mrs. C. Mingle, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. W. Heller, Mrs. Christian, Miss Balliet, Mrs. Dietz, Mr. Alf. Diehl.

Forest fires are again raging. Will this destruction never cease?