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CONDENSED NEWS.

Next comes Labor Day. Comfort and shirt waist have sent fashion to the rear. Most people have recovered from the day of days. Danville has numerous excellent sites for new industries. Now the honest farmer will make busy with the harvest. The victims of tetanus are now coming to the front. The kissing bug has been operating in Pottsville but naturally avoided those hoodlums who have been black-mailing school teachers. There is a great deal of wireless electricity abroad this July. Summer is upon us—and this is no summer dream. The hay fever victims will soon be off to the mountains. Having extracted the powder grains and splinters from his anatomy the American small boy is ready for the next bunch of trouble that may wander his way. From a weather point of view July so far is an improvement on June. Weeds are growing high along the river bank. A baby girl has brightened the home of Walter Swank, Nassau street. Mary Emerson who is to star next season in the new play, "His Majesty and the Maid," is one of the youngest stars in America. Possessed of an unusually brilliant singing voice, she studied for a while for the concert stage. In studying the role of Juliet in Gounod's Opera of Romeo and Juliet, she showed so much dramatic instinct that her instructor advised her to enter the dramatic field. She took his advice and her subsequent career testifies to his good judgment. If some of the July divaludes come in the shape of good weather we will be satisfied. The two National Guard companies disbanded by General Stewart deserved their fate. The State is wanting good money in keeping on the rolls organizations that do not reach the standard of efficiency. The state merchants' convention will take place in the Hazleton Opera House, August 11th, 12th and 13th. The promoters intend to make the convention a big affair. Between 275 and 400 delegates are expected to be in attendance. Danville people are warned to be on the lookout for two-headed fakirs who are touring this part of the state. They pretend to be deaf and dumb and have victimized hundreds of families. They were recently arrested at Hazleton while under the influence of liquor, and that is how they unconsciously give themselves away. The green apple is getting ready to get after young America now since he toy pistol has had its innings. The short crop of hay should result in a less number of hay fever cases. The law passed by the last legislature prohibiting the sale of toy pistols is practically a dead letter. Many of the little weapons were disposed of his year. Picnic prospects are having a goodening effect on the Sunday school boy. Hot waves are beginning to play a part now. Reports from all parts of the country show that the crop of blank cartridge vitamins was above the average. Philadelphia philanthropists are strong on taking care of the children, and utterly neglectful of the grown-up orphans. The demands made upon the Pullman company for sleeping cars and parlor cars have never been heavier than now at all roads are wanting more of the ulman equipment. Whether people avail short or long distances they seem to be tending more and more to use of the Pullman car, because it offers advantages not found in most of regular passenger coaches. A baby girl has arrived at the home of Thomas Martin, Spruce street. The more thermometers there are to be ok at, the better the weather seems. Jane graduates are now beginning to mix with the plain people.

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BURGLARY AT SOUTH DANVILLE

Rufus Vastine's grocery was burglarized Tuesday night and goods to the value of some seven or eight dollars were carried off. The store is a one story building situated some thirty yards east of Mr. Vastine's residence, opposite the railway station.

The burglar effected an entrance at the rear window, which was protected by a drop shutter. By breaking one of the hinges he succeeded in getting the shutter open, after which he succeeded in knowing exactly what he had in order to effect an entrance. Breaking one of the panes of glass he inserted his arm and without difficulty removed an upright stick insert along the side of the lower sash and the top to prevent any one on the outside from raising the window.

The goods which were found missing consisted of a lot of chewing tobacco, half a bunch of bananas and a box of candy. The quantity of tobacco carried off can not be exactly determined, but Mr. Vastine thinks that the goods stolen in value do not amount to ten dollars. A Penny-in-the-slot machine which hung in front of the store was also stolen.

Mr. Vastine is looking for an individual, a stranger who was in his store Tuesday, whom he rather more than suspects is guilty of the burglary. The man, who was an observing sort of fellow, Mr. Vastine says, made a small purchase and he is sure that he would recognize him, if he should see him.

Another Flood Stops Work. Another discouraging and most unexpected delay has occurred at the sewer. Work was in progress Monday and Tuesday and the damage of the previous flood, which held up work during last week had just been repaired when another freshet has come along, flooding the trench as badly as before and which will make work impossible during the rest of the week.

The high water, which seems due to rains near the headwaters, was not dreamed of here. When the men quit work Tuesday evening the river was still falling and everything seemed favorable for steady work. Their surprise yesterday can be imagined, therefore, when assembling at the sewer they found that the river had risen about three feet and the trench was badly flooded. The river continued to rise during the greater part of yesterday and it is impossible to say when work can be resumed on the sewer.

The steam pump started Tuesday noon was found to be a failure owing to the presence of sand in the water which interfered with the action of the valves. Council has ordered a four-inch centrifugal pump, which is expected to arrive today. There seems to be no doubt but that the latter pump will do what the water difficulty after the river ceases to be normal, as it has an extraordinary capacity and is constructed to stand any amount of sand and gravel, even mud, which it raises to the surface as readily as water.

Accident Causes a Picnic. An accident occurred during a picnic on the Cycle Park Tuesday afternoon, which revealed a remarkable degree of fortitude on the part of a boy and showed a great deal of thoughtful conduct all around.

A party of about twenty young people, accompanied by Mrs. S. F. Birkens, were enjoying themselves in the vicinity of the spring at the further end of the path when Roy Nevins, while in the act of catching a ball slipped and fell dislocating the knee cap of his right limb.

In the absence of a doctor the young man himself set to work trying to reduce the dislocation. Notwithstanding the intense pain incident to such an operation he stuck to it until he actually succeeded in getting the knee cap back into place.

In view of some exigency similar to this Mrs. Ricketts had provided a bottle of liniment, which proved very useful in allaying the pain. The limb was carefully bandaged after which the boy was able to walk home.

Palanders Arrested And Fined. Stanley Barron and Philip Shaw, Northumberland street, were arrested by Officers Mincevover and Voris Saturday afternoon for being drunk and disorderly. Justice Bare placed upon each of them in addition to two dollars cost seven dollars fine, five of which belongs to the Borough and two to the School Board.

FIREMEN'S PICNIC A BIG SUCCESS

The firemen's picnic at DeWitt's Park under the auspices of the Friendship Fire Company, Fourth of July was a well rounded success. Everything seemed to come the firemen's way. There was not a serious casualty to mar the event; they had a delightful day and best of all they had the crowd. A conservative estimate places the number of people on the ground at 3000. There were 1754 paid admissions. In addition to these children were admitted free, while during the baseball game the grounds were practically open.

Everything in the line of eatables was sold out. None of the contests advertised, outside of base ball, however, were pulled off for the reason that no one could be found willing to enter. There was sufficient, however, to entertain the crowd. The music was good and this together with the dancing was much enjoyed. The two games of base ball afforded the lovers of that sport an abundance of amusement. In the evening the fine display of fireworks was a treat.

All persons paying admission to the park received a numbered ticket entitling them to a chance in seven valuable prizes. The drawing took place on the dancing pavilion Saturday night in the presence of a large number of spectators. None of those who held the lucky numbers were present. The numbers drawing prizes are as follows:

No. 870, the gentleman's Gold Watch; No. 323, the Silver Water Pitcher; No. 256, the Ladies' Silver Watch; No. 1512, Cut Glass Pitcher, silver trimmed; No. 14, Toilet Case, mirror, brush and comb, elegant trimmed with silver; No. 1332, China Cracker Bowl, silver trimmed; No. 358, Silver Cap, gold lined.

Boy Breaks Both Arms. Michael Coleman, 12 years of age, son of James Coleman, Hickey Alley, while picking cherries at South Danville Friday, fell from the tree and sustained very serious injury. He climbed to the top of one of the high cherry trees on the Woodruff lot nearly opposite the station and when in the act of descending when he became dizzy and fell to the ground, a distance of nearly 30 feet. He alighted on his hands and knees. The principal injury was in his arms, both of which had sustained a fracture.

He was taken to the office of Dr. Barber, where it was discovered that on the right arm there was a dislocation of one bone (the ulna) and a fracture of the other (the radius), while on the left arm both bones were broken on near the wrist joint. In reducing the dislocation and setting the broken bones Dr. Barber was assisted by Drs. P. C. Nowaker and T. B. Wintersteen.

Young Homers Make a Record. Twenty-two miles in 35 minutes—that is the record of eight homing pigeons owned by George Stickle of this city.

Mr. Stickle sent the pigeons to Berwick by express Tuesday, where they were liberated at 3:07 p. m. by trust-worthy parties. At 3:42 p. m. they arrived at Danville and alighted on their home loft.

The birds are young ones and yesterday was the third time they ever flew. They made the trip from Berwick last Saturday, but no effort was made to determine the time. Their record yesterday—which was over a mile in two minutes—shows what speed they are capable of attaining.

Yesterday Hottest of Season. Yesterday was the hottest day of the season. During the afternoon the heat was variously reported at from 90 to 94 degrees in the shade.

At the Montour House W. G. Kramer's record of temperatures, which is always conservative and reliable, shows as follows: 5:30 a. m. 61 deg. 7:00 p. m. 82 degrees; 5:30 p. m., 96 degrees; 6:15 p. m., 88 degrees.

The maximum heat yesterday was several degrees above the hottest weather experienced last week or previously during this season. People complained of a great deal about the heat and are already sighing for cooler weather, nonnal of the fact that summer is scarcely more than begun.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Freeze and daughters, May and Hazel, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting at the home of Mr. Freeze's mother, Mrs. Mary Freeze, on Water street.

William E. Knorr and family of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday at the home of Dr. T. B. Wintersteen, East Market street.

Lawrence Tooley of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday in Danville.

Edward Wilcox of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday with Danville friends.

Mrs. George Wright of Lewisburg, spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, Cedar street.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wilson Richard of Catawissa, spent Sunday at the Farley home, Cherry street.

J. F. Mullen of Berwick, visited relatives in this city over Sunday.

Mrs. Benjamin Laton and son, Benjamin of Wilkesbarre, were guests at the home of Charles Kelly, Mansdale, over Sunday.

Clara Berwick of Catawissa, spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hartman of Berwick, spent Sunday at the Kiefer home on Nicholas avenue.

E. A. Burdick of Scranton, spent the Fourth in this city.

NEW OFFICERS OF PYTHIAN KNIGHTS

The newly elected officers of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, were installed, at the regular weekly meeting, by Deputy Grand Chancellor Harry Fields. The session was full of interest and several visitors from other lodges were present.

Beaver Lodge is in a most prosperous condition, the reports showing a gratifying increase in membership and financial strength. There are now enrolled on the books of the lodge nearly 150 members. The officers for the current term are:

Chancellor Commander, Thomas P. Evans; Vice Chancellor, John Richards; Master at Arms, Harry Trambauer; Prelate, Reuben Boyer; Master of Work, David Reese; Keeper of Records and Seal, John G. Waite; Master of Finance, Samuel Jackson; Master of Exchequer, William L. Sider; Trustee, J. D. Evans; Inside Guard, Keely Ream; Outside Guard, James Wilson. Harry Fields is the representative to the Grand Lodge, which meets this year at Carbondale.

The rank of Knight was conferred upon an Esquire, after which addresses were made by Manager Bright, of the Cuban Giants, who is a member of Alloghwy Lodge, No. 108, New York City, and C. E. Ships, of Larkin Lodge, No. 78, Chester, Penna. Responses were made on behalf of Beaver Lodge by Grand Tribune George W. Miles and Deputy Grand Chancellor Fields.

An Awful Record.

Dead..... 68 Seriously Injured..... 3,431 What a record for the Glorious Fourth!

The above figures tell the horrible side of the strenuous celebrations throughout the country on Saturday, and the reports indicate that the carnage due to the giant firecracker, the toy pistol and their fellow dealers in death and destruction was greater than in previous years.

Last year the death list throughout the country reached 21, and the report of injured 2,172. The list is growing larger and more appalling every year, and it is any wonder that the people are protesting against this reckless and useless slaughter?

Down in Harrisburg no one has a right to use a pistol on the streets on the Fourth of July, and the police of that city confiscated a hundred weapons of this sort on Saturday. Patriotism ran amuck for awhile, but the police had their orders, and they did their duty. If it was only the fool with the revolver who suffered it would not be half so bad, but in nine cases out of ten it is the innocent citizen that has to pay for it with a bullet or wad somewhere in his anatomy, and it is time to call a halt.

GIVEN A TRIAL TUESDAY

X. P. LeDuc gave his new coal digger a trial Tuesday. Everything about it was found to work admirably and all that is needed now is to get next to a large deposit of river coal when the machine will soon pay for itself and yield a profit to the owner.

The digger, which is the first craft in the form of a steamboat which has navigated the Susquehanna at this point in many years, created quite a sensation as it came steaming down the river and passed under the bridge Tuesday afternoon. The engine, boiler and digging machinery are installed on a flat boat 60 feet long and wide and deep in proportion. It is propelled by steam, the paddle wheels, two in number, being at the rear and embracing the entire width of the flat, which gives the craft an appearance resembling the stern-wheeled steam boats which ply on the Ohio river.

It is equipped throughout with the most modern machinery and embraces several very ingenious inventions devised expressly to facilitate extracting coal from the river. It is an exact counterpart of the coal diggers employed on Shamokin creek, which have a capacity of 50 to 60 tons per day, and which during the miners' strike last summer contributed so largely toward relieving the coal famine.

In bringing up the coal from the bottom of the river the suction method is employed by the digger, the system of machinery containing a revolving screw, into which the coal falls and where the coarse and fine are separated and stones and the like are thrown out.

Near the second pier of river bridge yesterday the digger was put to work. There was very little coal on the river bottom at that point but what existed there was very readily pumped up, while the revolving screen showed how effectively it was capable of doing its work. The operations were watched by a large number of people on the river bridge.

The Stricken Pope. The illness of Pope Leo has excited the gravest concern among Catholics all over the world. With this apprehension there will be sincere and general sympathy among members of other religious sects.

When a man 93 years of age is overtaken by so dangerous and insidious a disease as pneumonia, the chance of his survival seems hopelessly narrow. The millions of Christians who own the Pontiff as their spiritual head seem justified, therefore, in preparing for the worst. This wonderful old man has rallied from several physical prostrations during the last few years; but there is a limit to his vitality, phenomenal as it is, and the reports from Rome make it plain that the limit has been reached.

This prospect will overshadow with sincere sadness the whole world of Catholicity. Apart from his splendid intellectual attainments, the personal character of Leo XIII has been so pure, so gentle and so benignant that the respect and veneration which Catholics always feel for the spiritual potentate whom they regard as "Christ's vicar on earth," long ago deepened, in his case, into personal affection. On that account his death—if it be ordained that he must now die—will plunge his mighty flock into personal mourning.

But multitudes outside of the Catholic pale will watch the reports from Rome with a sorrowful interest. They owe no allegiance to the Pontiff, but they recognize the greatness and the goodness of the man. There are few American non-Catholics, whether they be Protestants, Jews, or agnostics, who have not given their assent to the opinion that Leo takes high rank among the really great men, not only of the past generation, but of the past century. Who can wonder if the profound impression created by the solemn thought that a historic personage, who has exerted a tremendous and all-pervasive influence upon Christendom, is slowly passing away, has for the moment obliterated sectarian lines and united everywhere men of all religious beliefs and of no religious belief with a tie of reverence and regret?

THE PEDDLING ORDINANCES

The constitutionality of the borough ordinances throughout the state, prohibiting hawking and peddling on the streets or from door to door by sample or otherwise was submitted by Judge Anton, of Northumberland county, in an opinion handed down Monday morning in the Roarick case.

N. L. Rearick, the agent of the Citizens' Wholesale Supply Company, of Columbus, Ohio, was arrested in Sunbury some time ago by Special Officer Paul Fenrick at the instance of the Business Men's Association for selling goods by sample from door to door without a license. He was given a hearing before Justice Carpenter, who in accordance with the borough ordinance, imposed a fine of \$25 and the costs.

The defendant's counsel appealed the case to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, asking to be discharged under a writ of habeas corpus claiming that the ordinance was a violation of the inter-State commerce clause of the constitution of the United States.

The application for a discharge was denied by the District Court and the case referred back to the court of the county.

It was argued before Judge Anton, H. S. Knight, of Sunbury, representing the business men. Monday morning Judge Anton handed down his opinion affirming the action of Justice Carpenter in imposing the fine of \$25, which is practically declaring the ordinance to be all right.

Judge Anton also refused a new trial in the Hood case. W. H. Hood, a Snyder county huckster was arrested for selling rabbits in the Shamokin markets out of season. The case was tried some time ago and was decided against Hood who made application for a new trial.

Prosecuted for Food Adulteration. The vigorous crusade made by Dr. Warren, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, against the illegal traffic in adulterated dairy and food products during the month of June and the Food Division of the Department of Agriculture, has caused numerous dealers to take out the proper State licenses in order that they could handle the uncolored oleomargarine without fear of arrest and prosecution.

During the months of May and June, 1902, the total receipts at the State Treasury on account of oleo license fees, was \$328.50, as compared with \$2412.50, for the same period in 1903 which clearly indicates a renewed activity in the practice stated.

Against Seed Distribution. The protest of the American Seed Merchants' Association, recently in session, illustrates the quickness with which the government competition will arouse vigorous protest from private interests which may be affected. Whether the protest will make any difference with the annual distribution of seeds produced by the Department of Agriculture remains to be seen.

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RELEASED FROM THE LOCK UP

An object lesson took place in the office of Justice Bare yesterday afternoon which shows that a departure from the truth is never wise and that it may lead to the most embarrassing complications. At the same time a little romance in real life came to the surface.

The hero in the affair was the young man held in the lock-up who appeared in this city Sunday night driving a horse which was barely able to travel for want of shoes, and who upon being called to account told so many conflicting stories that suspicion became general that he had not come by the horse and buggy honestly.

Up to yesterday afternoon no reply had been received to the postal cards sent out with reference to the affair and it was deduced that suspicion would not form a good ground for holding the man any longer.

He was accordingly taken before Justice Bare. The man, who still insisted that his name was Joseph E. Waltronek, is a cripple, undersized in stature, with black hair and a face covered with a stubble of black beard and who speaks with a slightly foreign accent. Upon being asked if he knew on what grounds he was being held he replied that as he understood it, it was because he drove his horse without a license.

The justice then explained to him that he was held on other than a grave-ground—that there was a suspicion that he had not come by the horse and buggy honestly—a suspicion which he was unfortunately responsible for himself by the flagrant untruths he indulged in as to where he was from, etc.

This seemed to be a revelation to the poor fellow. "Yes," he said "I did not tell the truth, but there was a reason."

The justice then further explained to him the predicament he was in and urged him to make some statement which could be relied upon, intimating in pretty plain terms that a great deal depended upon his conduct from that time on.

"I will tell the truth," he said, "but I will not tell where I am from. You see, I have a home. I gave my father all I earned and all was well until I fell in love. I am twenty-five years old and I want to get married. My brothers and sisters are against me. I want my father to help me, but they scorn me. I have earned money and I said I will go to another place and earn more money and then we will get married. So you see I will not tell where I am from. This trouble would be what they would like to hear and they would laugh at the girl."

He then took an oath that he had come by the horse and buggy honestly or as he put it that he had bought them.

By this time it was clear that the fellow was telling the truth or that he was a very artful deceiver. The justice told him that in the absence of evidence to the contrary he would accept his story and permit him to depart, but only on condition that he would get his horse shod before leaving town, as he would be liable to arrest for cruelty to animals and could even now be held on that charge. The fellow seemed overjoyed at getting off so easily and accompanied by Chief Mincevover left the office at once for the lively stable to try to effect a settlement with Mr. Hunter.

Coal Digger in Deep Water. X. P. LeDuc having ascertained by experiment that his coal digger was in good working order yesterday morning started out for the purpose of finding coal. About 10 o'clock the odd-looking craft went steaming down over the "ripples" in fine style bound for "deep water." In the vicinity of the "point" or probably between that point and Chalkley Mr. LeDuc expects to find heavy deposits of river coal.

The digger is of a kind adapted as well to deep as to shallow water and the various deposits of coal heretofore out of reach of men with row boats will this year undoubtedly be scooped up and placed on the market.

Considerable prospecting may be required to find the coal, which at places may be concealed beneath mud. Under the action of high water and the movement of ice the deposits, too, frequently change their position. A good-sized load of coal above the bridge near the South Danville shore which was known to exist last fall is said now to have entirely disappeared. The coal lies somewhere, however, and it is safe to say that Mr. LeDuc will find it.

Williamsport Took the Series. Williamsport won every game of a series of three with the Penn Park team, of York, played at Williamsport. The scores were: Monday—Williamsport 8, Penn Park 1; Tuesday—Williamsport 8, Penn Park 6; Wednesday—Williamsport 12, Penn Park 3. Quite a number of people from this city expected to witness the game yesterday afternoon, but were unable to get away. Penn Park is a strong team and cancelled games at Harrisburg to play this series in the Lambsport City.

Electric Light Installed. Electric light yesterday was installed in the freight house of the Pennsylvania railroad at South Danville. Two lights were placed in the building and two on the platform outside.

