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CONDENSED NEWS.

Summer isn't over yet.
Vegetation is at its best.
Vacation days are waning.

Fall goods are beginning to arrive.
Local baseball fans hope for better
luck.

August cannot end too quickly to
suit the people.

The sunshine of happiness illumina-
tes the home of Theodore Woodridge
on Chambers street and the reason
thereof is the arrival of a baby girl.

The chestnut trees throughout East-
ern Pennsylvania have blossomed
from the profuse blossoming of the
trees a large crop may be expected,
which has not been the case for sev-
eral years. July 15 was known as the
day of the seven sleepers, when if the
chestnut trees are in blossom, it is said
there will be a large crop. The trees
having been in bloom, it is regarded
as a good sign for a rich harvest of the
crop.

Grapes are beginning to take on a
pink hue.

Dealers in the dangerous toy pistol
are being arrested all over the country
in consequence of the many deaths
from lock jaw resulting from acci-
dents by their use.

The rural free delivery is the great-
est thing the farmers ever had.

Pennsylvania's exhibit at the St. Louis
exposition will be in accord
with the state's rank.

The currency question may result in
an extra session of congress.

The old brick school house at Mexico,
Montour county, has been condemned
as unsafe and it will be torn down
and a new frame building will be
erected on the site in time for the
coming term of school.

It's all right to make hay when the sun
shines, but don't loaf when it rains.

Even the puglist realizes that you
can reach a man's heart through his
stomach.

The weather man tried his best to
work that tropical hurricane off on
us.

The last of the open-air services will
be held this evening at 7 o'clock on
the Green Patch, Sagoberg. The Rev.
J. W. Crawford, pastor of the Im-
mune Baptist church will have
charge of the services. If the weather
is unfavorable the services will be
held in the Ammerman building at
7:30 o'clock.

The Pennsylvania State Board of
Examiners will hold examinations for
registration of students at law on Sep-
tember 22 and 23, at Philadelphia,
Pittsburg, Harrisburg, Wilkesbarre and
Williamsport. The credentials of ap-
plicants must be filed on or before Sep-
tember 1. J. L. Meredith, Esq., is ex-
aminer for Williamsport.

The fence around the St. Louis Ex-
position grounds will be six miles
long.

"A merry Christmas from the Toy
Trust, successor to Santa Claus" is
the inscription the children of the future
are likely to find pinned to their
filled stockings. The toy manufacturers
have formed a combination and
prices are expected to go up.

Life insurance in Pennsylvania is
growing rapidly, indicating the pros-
perity of the people.

The village of Exchange is experi-
encing quite a building boom. Seven
new houses are now under course of
construction. Work on the foundation
of the new township school building
was begun Saturday.

The Young People's Missionary So-
ciety of the United Evangelical church
will hold a picnic, Friday, Aug. 21
at Koon's Woods.

The East Danville B. B. Club will
hold the best festival of the season at
the Mechanicsville school house on
Saturday evening, Aug. 22. Everybody
invited. Hacks will run from First
National Bank corner.

The members of the Pennsylvania
Railroad Veter. association, their
wives and family, are looking for-
ward with much anticipated pleasure
to the annual basket picnic of the
association which will be held at
Edgewood Park, Shamokin, on Satur-
day.

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THE PROPOSED
TROLLEY LINE

A great deal of curiosity is mani-
fested about town to learn the status of
affairs relating to the Danville and
Riverside street railway company,
which was granted a charter two
weeks ago. It is generally understood
that it is now up to the Borough
Council and the Commissioners of the
two counties who have the right of
way through the town and over the
river bridge at their command. There
is a great deal of anxiety to know just
what terms will be named when the
trolley people come to ask for these
privileges.

What is true in cities holds good in
small towns; whenever innovation of
any sort is suggested there is always
much discussion for and against the
project. Probably nothing in the line
of improvement was ever put on foot
that did not meet with opposition;
consequently it is not strange that
when the subject of bringing an elec-
tric railway to town is suggested there
are here and there people to oppose it.

Frequently the opponents of electric
railway enterprises say that the com-
pany should pay for the franchises and
what this might appear to be right at
first blush, a little analysis of the
situation would show that there is an-
other side. Every town and city in
the country is striving to the extent
of its ability to secure the construction
of electric railways connecting the sur-
rounding communities. The tremen-
dous advantage derived from an electric
railway is no longer a question of
doubt. The effect in every instance is
to increase the population of towns
and to build up their industries. The
electric railway is to be classed with
the steam railway, telegraph, and tele-
phone, not only as a civilizer and an
educator, but as an instrument to draw
the people closer together. A few
years ago the line between city and
country folk was very marked. That
is all changing very rapidly and prom-
ises in a few years to disappear en-
tirely, thanks to the electric railway,
which has made it possible for the
country folks to become instead of ex-
iles to the hills and woods really as
urban and town-like in dress and man-
ners as the denizens of the cities
themselves.

Nowadays the village, or town with-
out an electric railway is to be
regarded as a relic of the past. It is
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Fremont's Picnic.

The principal event thus far looked
for Labor Day in this city is a fire-
men's picnic which will be held in De-
Witt's Park under the auspices of the
Continental Fire Company. Arrange-
ments are being made for a very big
outing, in which the prizes alone are
a feature not surpassed by any similar
event held in this city during the present
season.

The program will include all the
usual sports and races which amuse
and delight a crowd on such an occasion.
Ten cents admission will be charged,
which will entitle every person to a
chance on one of the following prizes:
A gentleman's or lady's gold watch,
a solid silver tea set, a gent's
dressing case, and a twelve dollar
clock. The prizes during next week
will be exhibited in the window of
George H. Smith's Jewelry store.

The outing will open with a fire-
men's parade, leaving the Continental
Fire house at 10 a. m. Each of the
other fire companies will be asked to
join the parade. A cordial invitation
is extended to the public to attend the
picnic.

Birthday Surprise Party.

John Hughes Jr. was tendered a
delightful surprise party at his home
in Frosty Valley on Tuesday evening
in honor of his birthday anniversary.
The following persons were present:
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Confor, Mrs.
Emma Hendricks, Jennie Kindt, Flor-
ence Wilson, Sarah Lawrence, Minnie
Callin, Minnie Roberts, Blanche Wil-
son, Rachel Churn, Anna English,
Maggie Cook, Gertrude Blue, Margaretta
English, Lizzie Brown, Annie
Young, Messrs. Bert Kase, Harry Law-
rence, Clyde Roberts, Frank Stettin,
Frank Kase, William English, Wil-
liam Roberts, Raymond Pursell, Frank
Marr, Harry Kase, Bert Churn, Har-
ry Marr, Walter Wilson, Harry Ben-
singer, Grover Wintersteen, Charles
Young, Joseph Roat. Refreshments
were served during the evening.

Five Tomatoes on Cider Tip.

Mrs. Perry Mazall and Mrs. Dan-
iel Mazall, Montour Row, can give
some of our traction pointers on
growing tomatoes. While the latter
this year are unable to raise tomatoes
in their finely cultivated fields the two
ladies in question have tomatoes and
to spare, notwithstanding that their
little gardens lie on the cider tip
where one would think hardly a
blade of grass could grow.

In the two small patches probably
apart of twenty bushels are grow-
ing. One bush in the yard of Daniel
Mazall is over six feet high and four
feet in diameter, where a bushel of
fine tomatoes are ripening. Under
the care of the two industrious house-
wives the cider tip is made to pro-
duce corn, beans and other vegetables
in abundance.

SAD CASE
OF SUICIDE

The home of James L. Pursell, Coop-
er township on Saturday morning
was darkened by a sad tragedy, the
wife and mother while the others
slept stealthily leaving her bed and
taking her life.

Mr. Pursell, who for a number of
years lived on the Bright farm near
Maudsall, at present is the owner of a
pleasant home on the Bloom road
about four miles east of Danville,
which was formerly the Keller farm.
His wife was an intelligent and high-
ly esteemed woman of fifty-two years.
Before marriage she was Matilda Cross-
ley; she has many relatives in this
and Columbia county and is widely
known.

Of late Mrs. Pursell had shown evi-
dences of depression, which was attrib-
uted by her friends to ill health. She
was subject to violent headaches and
suffered from rheumatism. The
dreadful tragedy, however, in which
she figured, was never dreamed of and
a shock most stunning in its effect.

Mr. and Mrs. Pursell were on their
Friday evening. There was nothing
about the woman then to suggest any-
thing unusual. Returning home the
couple retired, occupying to us apart.
During the night Mrs. Pursell awak-
ened and making her way to the wood-
shed hanged herself, using the rope hang-
ing to a hammock. She was not miss-
ed during the night. The husband
arose before it was fully light and
calling his daughter, he went out to
the barn to do the morning work.

The daughter, like her father under
the impression that Mrs. Pursell was
sleeping arose and proceeded to pre-
pare the morning meal. Stepping in-
to the wood-shed to procure kindling
she was confronted with an awful
spectacle.

Upon a table sat a lighted lamp,
plainly visible in the light, suspended
from the ceiling hung the dead body
of her mother arrayed in her night
clothes. The poor girl's feelings may
be more easily imagined than described,
but she managed to call her father
and impart to him the dreadful news.
County Commissioner George Leig-
bow and other neighbors were soon
apprised of what had occurred. One
of these drove down to this city and
laid the facts of the case before Justice
of the Peace Oglesby to ascertain
whether an inquest was necessary. It
was the opinion of the Justice that an
inquisition was not necessary, all the
facts clearly indicating suicide.

It was known that the unfortunate
woman was restless and unable to sleep
during the earlier part of Friday
night, but nothing is known of her
movements leading up to the fearful
tragedy, as the father, daughter and
other inmates of the house were asleep.
She went about the preparations in a
very deliberate way, omitting nothing
in the way of detail that was
necessary to insure success. She had
mounted a chopping block and from
that taken the fatal leap.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Pur-
sell is survived by three daughters,
Myrtle (Mrs. Harvey Keiser), Laura
and Hattie.

Aided by Rontgen Ray.

The Rontgen ray, commonly known
as the X ray, has been brought into
play with very good success in locat-
ing the bullet in the hand of fourteen
year old William Irvin, who was ac-
cidentally shot by a companion on
June 28th. The boy, who lives in the
family of George Gross, West Market
street, from the first received the best
of care and attention. It was impos-
sible to locate the bullet, but the
wound yielded to treatment and seem-
ed for a time progressing rapidly to-
ward recovery. Last week, however,
the hand became very troublesome,
symptoms developing which showed
that the bullet would have to be ex-
tracted or grave consequences might
ensue.

At the advice of Dr. Curry on Sat-
urday evening, Mr. Gross took the boy
up to Dr. Bierman's at Bloomsburg
and had the hand exposed to the X
ray. A very good negative was procured
which revealed the exact location
of the bullet. The negative Monday
was given to a local photographer who
proceeded at once to produce a print,
which will aid the surgeon in extract-
ing the bullet.

Professor Billings Declines.

Professor William Billings of Pas-
saic, N. J., elected as teacher of the
Commercial department of the High
School, Monday night, has declined
to accept the position, the salary,
seven hundred dollars, seemingly not
coming up to his idea of a just com-
pensation. Prof. Billings, who is au-
thor of a valuable book on shorthand,
and is recommended as a man of fine
attainments, can no doubt command a
much higher salary than our school
board would consent to pay, but there
are others who can fill the bill and
these will now be heard from. One
person very highly recommended is
Professor George D. Horner of Lost
Creek, W. Va., and he next will have
a chance of accepting or declining
the position.

Interested in a Trolley.

A. H. Bloom, formerly of town, is
one of the promoters of the Hazleton,
Weatherly & Manch Chunk Electric
Railroad, upon which work of survey-
ing will soon begin. The road is
seventeen miles in length.

PERSONAL
PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allgaier of
Brooklyn, spent Sunday at the home of
Mrs. Kate Allgaier, Water street.

William Manning and wife of Sun-
bury called on relatives in this city
Saturday afternoon.

Miss Louisa Meyer of Berwick, spent
Sunday as the guest of Mrs. Louis
Thornton, Honeymoon street.

Mrs. W. O. DeWitt and little son
John of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday at
the home of Dr. A. T. DeWitt, River-
side.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. John of
Berwick, spent Sunday at the home of
W. M. Heddens, West Mahoning street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jere Garrow, this city,
spent Sunday with relatives in Sun-
bury.

Emerson Keim of Lola, Kansas, ar-
rived in this city Saturday for a visit
at the home of his father, John Keim,
Front street.

Harry Startzell of Berwick, spent
Sunday with his parents in South
Danville.

John Bachinger of Plymouth, arrived
to-day for a visit with his father,
August Bachinger, Upper Motherly
street.

E. D. Ponz transacted business in
Northumberland yesterday afternoon.

Joseph Oesinger returned to Berwick
last yesterday for a visit at the home
of Grant Gulick, Mowry street.

Mrs. R. C. Hittelder of Nanticoke,
is visiting Mrs. John Eisenhart, Mill
street.

Miss Clara Becker returned to Ben-
ton last evening after a visit with
friends in this city.

Miss Mame Bryan, Cross Keys
Place, left yesterday for a visit with
friends in Williamsport.

Miss Sallie Musselman, West Ma-
honing street, left yesterday for a
short visit with friends in Shamokin.

Miss Cora Kase, South Danville,
spent yesterday afternoon at Kipp's
Run.

Mrs. J. C. Peifer and son Torrence
were in Sunbury yesterday.

Mrs. William E. Grove left yester-
day afternoon for a visit in Philadel-
phia.

Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Mill street,
left yesterday afternoon for Lancaster
where she will attend the funeral of
a relative.

Mrs. L. M. Mengel returned to Sha-
mokin yesterday after a visit with
her father, S. S. King, South Dan-
ville.

Gomer Thomas transacted business
in Sunbury yesterday afternoon.

J. Beaver Gearhart transacted busi-
ness in Sunbury yesterday.

Mrs. M. J. Simpson and children
returned to Elizabeth, N. J. yesterday
after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. E.
Moore, Ferry street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindner of Mil-
ton, Mrs. W. C. Lindner and son
Erwin, Mrs. Israel Lindner and Mr.
Van Horn of Pottsgrove will be the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Hunter
at Hunter's Park today.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Seidler enter-
tained twenty friends at their cottage
at Hunter's Park yesterday.

Miss Edith Baylor, South Danville,
left last evening for Shamokin where
she will visit the family of George
Trometter.

Miss Elizabeth Harder left yesterday
afternoon for a visit with friends in
Shamokin.

E. Q. Hartman transacted business
at Berwick and Shickshinny yester-
day.

Mrs. S. C. Books, West Mahoning
street, left yesterday for a visit with
Pittsburg friends.

A. F. Spitzer left yesterday for Sha-
mokin.

Mrs. Oliver Hoover, South Dan-
ville, spent yesterday with friends in
Sunbury.

Miles Barber, Ferry street, left yester-
day for a visit with relatives at
Middleburg.

Miss Colletta Gosser left yesterday
for a visit with friends in New York
city.

Mrs. Thomas Delaney and children,
East Market street, left yesterday for
a visit with relatives in Plymouth.

Thomas Delaney, East Market street
left yesterday on a trip to New York
city.

Mrs. Sara E. Bogart, East Market
street, left yesterday for a visit with
friends in Bloomsburg.

J. W. Swartz and little son, Frank,
left yesterday morning for a visit to
Wallace Run, Lycoming County.

Rev. A. L. Miller of Catawissa, re-
turned home last evening after a visit
with Rev. Harry Curtin Harman of
this city.

Miss Marion, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Evan T. Jones, Church street,
returned home last evening after an
eight weeks' visit in Washington and
Baltimore.

Miss Edith Baylor left yesterday
afternoon for a visit with friends in
Shamokin.

Mrs. Sallie Cole of Benton, called
on friends in this city yesterday.

VICTIM OF
TETANUS

Death came in terrible form to Mrs.
Peter V. Johnson of Rush township
yesterday morning, tetanus or lockjaw
developing Monday night and speedily
running its course.

It was a remarkable case well illus-
trating the insidious and deadly na-
ture of the disease in question. Mrs.
Johnson was in good health until Fri-
day last, when she accidentally ran a
rusty nail into the little finger of her
right hand.

The wound was not considered seri-
ous, although at intervals it caused
more or less pain and produced some
swelling in the hand.

Monday night Mrs. Johnson began
to experience a choking sensation and
pain in the muscles back of the neck.
On Tuesday morning she was serious-
ly indisposed and Dr. N. M. Smith of
South Danville was called. The symp-
toms of tetanus by this time were
quite marked. The patient rapidly
became worse enduring all the agony
of that painful and distressing disease
until 8 o'clock yesterday morning
when death brought relief. She was
conscious until the last and conversed
with those around her at intervals un-
til the muscles of the lower jaw were
affected, which prevented her from
speaking so as to be understood.

The Johnson homestead is situated
near the grist mill along Logan Run,
some four miles from Danville. Mrs.
Johnson was 62 years of age, a well-
known and esteemed woman, whose
sad death has cast a gloom over the
entire community. In addition to her
husband she is survived by a son,
William Johnson, who resides on the
homestead farm, and one daughter,
Gertrude, the wife of Ernest Glad-
man of Rushtown. The deceased
is survived by four brothers and five
sisters: Squire James Reed of Log
an Run; Gilman Reed, L. A. Reed
and Howard M. Reed, of Kansas City;
Mrs. H. A. Kneibler of Danville;
Mrs. Boliver Ammerman of Reed's
Station; Mrs. David Rockefeller of
Philadelphia; Mrs. Marshall Davison
who lives in the west, and Mrs. Jos-
eph Gulick of Klinesgrove.

The funeral will be held Saturday
morning, convening at the late resi-
dence at 10 o'clock. Services will be
held in the Rush Baptist church, in-
ternment taking place in the cemetery
adjoining.

Price of Wheat Goes Upward.

There is an upward tendency in
wheat and just where it may end there
is no telling.

Expert students of government crop
conditions and of domestic and foreign
demands declare that ninety cent
wheat will be a certainty within a few
weeks and that the dollar mark may
be reached.

With a falling off of one hundred mil-
lion bushels in the winter wheat crop
and half that amount in the spring
crop there presents a situation full of
promise for a higher level of prices.
Already the price of September wheat
is well established above 80 cents,
whereas three months ago it was
quoted at 70 cents.

Europe has a short wheat crop this
season and will call on this country
for 200,000,000 bushels. American ex-
ports of what are said to have averaged
more than 200,000,000 bushels for
the last five years.

Valley Township Teachers.

Miss Tuilla McNinch and Miss Alice
Small of this city will both teach
school in Valley township during the
next term. Miss McNinch has been
elected teacher of Siddle's School and
Miss Small of Child's School. The
other schools of the township have
been filled as follows: Bright's, Miss
Minnie Roberts; Blue's, Miss Jean
Curry; Beyer's, Miss Anna Childs;
Henrickson's, Miss Florence Connors
of Orangeville.

An old circumstance connected with
the filling of the schools this year was
that there was not a male applicant in
Valley township, which is all the more
noteworthy considering that the town-
ship offered a salary of \$25 per month
to male teachers, whereas it was pay-
ing only \$20 per month to females.

A Thriving Industry.

The Danville Knitting Mills, one of
the most active of our industries, is
running on full time with two hun-
dred and eight hands on the pay roll.
There is no such a thing as a deficiency
of orders in sight. There are enough
on hand to keep the plant run-
ning steadily for many months, among
them being orders for next spring
goods. The company pays its hands
every two weeks disbursing over \$3000
per month.

Under the present management the
Danville Knitting Mills stand estab-
lished on a sound and paying basis and
it is an industry that our town can
rely on in the future.

Index Finger Badly Out.

Miss Libby Getting of Valley town-
ship, who is living in the family of
Office J. Grier Yoris, cut the index
finger of her left hand quite badly on
Saturday forenoon.

The accident occurred while she was
killing a couple of chickens. Before
beginning the work she neglected to
sever the cord holding the pair together.
Just as she was in the act of de-
capitating one of the fowls the other
flattered, which had the effect of bring-
ing Miss Getting's finger instead of
the chicken under the hatchet. A
very ugly gash was inflicted which
necessitated stitching.

Coming Wedding.

Invitations are being issued for the
wedding of Miss Martha A. Laubach
to J. Raymond Koeber, both of this
city, which will be solemnized at No.
126 West Mahoning street, at high
noon, Wednesday August 26.

Picnic at DeWitt's Park.

Several of our townspeople yester-
day joined a company of ladies and
gentlemen in a pleasant outing at De-
Witt's Park. In the party were Dr.
J. J. Brown and wife, Mr. and Mrs.
Chauncey Trench, and daughters, Dr.
Jennie Trench, Misses Nellie and Zoe
Trench of Bloomsburg; The Misses
Balliett of Williamsport and Miss Es-
sick of Catawissa. Among those pres-
ent from Danville were Mr. and Mrs.
W. G. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adams and
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Somehow or other the blacksnakes
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Tendered a Surprise.

Mrs. Giles Lamberson, West Ma-
honing street, was tendered a surprise
party on Tuesday evening in honor of
her 49th birthday. The affair was a
complete surprise and was very much
enjoyed. Mrs. Lamberson received
some handsome presents. Those pres-
ent were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills,
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Winters, Mrs.
John Henning, Mrs. Frank Ross, Mrs.
Henry Jones, Mrs. Bigler Meyer, Mrs.
Harrison Slutt, Mrs. Jessie Long,
Mrs. John Langer, Mrs. George Grog-
er, Mrs. Commons and granddaughter
Mrs. John Winters, Misses Lydia Ross
Alice Lamberson, Bessie Weir, Lizzie
Jones, Florence Jones, Messrs. Robert
Lamberson, Edward Jones and Wil-
liam Commons.

Boy Fractures his Arm.

A thirteen-year-old son of Peter
Kashner, who is employed on the
farm of Milo Reed, Boyd's station,
had the misfortune to break his right
arm yesterday.

He was engaged in picking apples
from one of the trees in the orchard
during the afternoon when he lost his
balance and fell to the ground fractur-
ing both bones near the wrist.