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CONDENSED NEWS.

Muddy roads. The pumpkin is ready for the frost. The straw hat and the overcoat find a common enemy. The merry-go-round on Ferry street is doing a bad office business.

The county fair period will now have a long run throughout the state. The bank robbery season in the Hazleton region is about closed. There were hundreds of pickets and they were paid about \$20,000.

The automobile road market is glutted so that collectors are compelled to close down, but that did not prevent the sale of 10 cars per ton being added to the price of coal on September 1.

There never lived that man who was irresponsible for more than a single week in his whole lifetime. The scuffle bug is the latest thing out counting public favor and condemnation.

The agency is over. The Reliance has won the yacht race by making it three straight. The American cup will remain on this side of the water. A number of beautiful sunset scenes may be looked for, also some very inspiring days this month.

The strike of Chicago waiters is calculated to shatter the theory that waiters are getting rich so fast on tips that they don't care for wages. It is understood that President Roosevelt will spend a week at Rose-gill, near Urbana, the Virginia home of Senator Ochsman, of Williamsport, during the month of November.

Ten million tons of anthracite coal stored by the railroad and producing companies represents forty million dollars tied up, until the coal is put upon the market and sold. Industrial activity throughout the country shows no signs of a diminution. Pulitzer's college of journalism is all right, but the Pulitzer graduate will nevertheless find that he has to hustle when he gets up against the reporter who started as office boy.

Sir Thomas says he may challenge again, but makes it clear he will first have to meet a better designer than Fife.

Mrs. Joseph Bissell, of Pottsgrove, while attending the Sunday school picnic at Fallowen church, on Saturday, was taken suddenly ill just before dinner.

Montour

"THIS COUNTRY WILL NEVER BE ENTIRELY FREE UNTIL IT SUPPLIES ALL OF ITS OWN DEMANDS WITH ITS OWN PRODUCTIONS." VOL. 48--NO 36. DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 1903. ESTABLISHED IN 1855.

IMPROVEMENTS AT D. L. & W. STATION

The D. L. & W. Railroad Company has taken the initiative in the matter of street paving. It intends to surround its station with a pavement of Belgian blocks and asks that the Borough unite with it and extend the improvement.

M. H. Daugherty, one of the engineers of the D. L. & W. Railroad, during a visit to this city Saturday fully explained the proposition to a representative of the News. Beginning with Pearl street as the thoroughfare leading from Boyer's coal yard south over the D. L. & W. tracks is known, the railroad company intends to pave all its ground about the station down as far as the 16-foot alley abutting on Rogers' marble yard.

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First Day's Tournament. The two days' tournament at DeWitt's Park held under the auspices of the Danville Rifle and Gun Club opened yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The attendance was not large, but few of the neighboring towns being represented. There were a number of expert shooters on the ground, however.

Married at Elmira, N. Y. Miss Lulu Welliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Welliver, Mill street, and Clarence G. Rogers, a prominent young business man of Elmira, N. Y., the Rev. William Henry, pastor of the Baptist church of that city, performing the ceremony.

Collar Bone Dislocated. Dr. P. C. Newbaker yesterday reduced the dislocation of a collar bone for Joel Beyers, son of Dairyman Hiram Beyers, who was injured at Shamokin on Monday.

Next week the students from the various colleges who have been spending their vacations here will begin to resume their work.

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Convention of Luther League. George G. Fox of this city was elected President of the Central Luther League of Montour, Columbia and Schuylkill counties, which closed a two days' session at Catawissa on Saturday. The Vice Presidents of the League are Charles C. Steele, Northumberland; Miss Sue Wampole, Shamokin; Miss Mary Helwig, Numidia; Recording Secretary, Miss Minnie Erdman, Numidia; Corresponding Secretary, George Karchner, Berwick.

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BAD FIRE AT GROVANIA

The store and post office at Grovania was destroyed by fire Saturday night, the entire stock of goods and all the mail matter going up in smoke. The fire was plainly visible from this city as well as from Bloomsburg and Catawissa. C. D. Garrison, who owned the building destroyed, who conducted the store and is postmaster at Grovania, was in this city Sunday morning. To a representative of the American he gave the following account of the fire.

The building burned was a two-story frame nearly new. In addition to a store room 22 x 40 feet there was a commodious residence portion, containing all the modern improvements and finished in hard wood. The dwelling rooms until recently occupied were vacant at the time of the fire. Mr. Garrison, the owner, who at present lives at some distance from the site of the store, was making arrangements to remove into the building. It happened on Saturday night that nearly the entire population of Grovania was attending a festival at Lazarus' church. Mr. Garrison says that he kept his store and the post office open until half past 8 o'clock when he closed up and joined his family at the festival.

Mr. Garrison was quickly consumed together with its contents including a large stock of goods, which enter into a general store, all the mail matter, besides some twenty-five dollars worth of stamps and six or eight dollars in cash belonging to the post office. The fire several times came very near communicating to a nearby residence owned by Mr. Mauser which was saved only through the vigilance of a bucket brigade which kept it drenched with water. As it was the paint on the weather boards was blistered by the heat.

Mr. Garrison stated Sunday that he carried an insurance. He has every reason to believe, he says, that the fire was the work of an incendiary. None of the stores were lighted; upon locking up the store he himself had carefully extinguished all the lamps and he feels confident that there was no fire on the premises. Mr. Garrison as post master finds himself in a predicament and the object of his visit to this city Sunday was to obtain advice from Post Master Harder as to how to meet the present emergency in the care of the mail and the conduct of the post office.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Frank Kear of Berwick, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kear, Spruce street. Hugh Bennett of Northumberland, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bennett, Church street.

Miss May and Joseph Bowman have returned to Pittsburg, after a visit with Mrs. Mary Shepperson, East Front street. Paul and Morton Christian have returned to Girard college, Philadelphia, after a visit with their mother Mrs. Emma Christian, Pine street.

Miss Elizabeth Foster, Lower Mulberry street, is visiting friends in Berwick. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sebain of Berwick, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lowenstein, West Market street. Mrs. W. L. Sidler returned home from a visit to Shamokin last evening.

Miss Ruth Morgan returned to Kingston last evening after a visit with the Misses Bassett, Mill street. Miss Olive Linger returned yesterday afternoon from a visit with friends in Wilkes-Barre. Frank McCaffrey of Clearfield, is visiting his parents, Mill street. E. Q. Hartman transacted business in Berwick and Shickshinny yesterday.

Harry Lowenstein of Philadelphia, arrived home last evening for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lowenstein, West Market street. E. Pursel Angle, who has been at Johnstown during the last couple of months, arrived in this city last evening, where he will spend a couple of weeks with his parents before enrolling as a student at Lehigh University. Dr. Austin Pegg of Ossian, Iowa, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Pegg.

George Youngman of Corry, is visiting his brother, M. G. Youngman, Bloom street. Mrs. John Shafter of Sunbury, returned home last evening after a visit with her brother, C. G. Cloud, East Market street. Miss Mary Fry returned yesterday from a visit with friends at Elysburg, C. W. Ammerman, South Danville, spent yesterday a terno with friends in Bloomsburg. Miss Alice Buck returned to Light Street yesterday after a visit at the home of Cornelius Minier, South Danville. Hon. R. S. Ammerman left yesterday for Brookville, Jefferson county.

Mrs. and Mr. Harry Reifsnyder and daughter Gertrude, of Reading, are visiting at the home of County Commissioner George Leiglow, Bloom road.

Mrs. Walter Marshall, Lower Mulberry street, spent yesterday with friends in Bloomsburg.

REV. HUTCHISON'S FIRST SERMON

Rev. J. E. Hutchison, pastor-elect of Mahoning Presbyterian church, Sunday entered upon his duties, preaching two fine sermons. A large congregation was present morning and evening. The morning sermon was founded on Mark 14:8—"Shall I do unto what she could?" The discourse ran along the line of service to God, the speaker applying the thought very nicely to the new relations of pastor and congregation assumed in the Mahoning Presbyterian church.

Then we are measured by our present best, not by the best of yesterday. This and many other beautiful lessons were learned by reviewing all the circumstances of Christ's visit to the home of Martha and Mary. If we are going to do our best the object of his expression should be the highest object. Mary did her best not for herself, not for Martha, but for Christ. Though we may have done well, we have not done our best until we have a terian church.

This act of Mary, in the text praised by Jesus, the speaker said, he understood as implying that she had done the very best for Him that she could. It was the highest commendation that the Savior could bestow, for if any one knows the real worth of an act, that one is Jesus. Others might not see the motive; they might be deceived, but not so the Master. The discourse emphasized the fact that our best is not measured by the best of others. The Savior did not measure Martha by Mary's ability and yet Martha's weakness is revealed just the same. There is but one infallible standard. We can't measure man by man. We must be measured according to our ability to measure up to the Christ-standard. Not what we do but what we truly strive to do will mark our failure or success in the eyes of done all we can do for Christ. "Not failure, but low aim is crime." The highest aim is Christ, whom Mary served. The best for Christ is the best for others. If you do your best for Christ be sure that his disciples and others and yourself will be recipients of the blessing however, costly the service.

The best we can do will be criticized just as the act of Mary was criticized by the disciples and particularly Judas. But if we are true men and women unimpaired of criticism, we will continue to do our best and with the help of God plant the standard of our best a little higher at each successive service. The best we can do will be criticized just as the act of Mary was criticized by the disciples and particularly Judas. But if we are true men and women unimpaired of criticism, we will continue to do our best and with the help of God plant the standard of our best a little higher at each successive service.

Should the weather prove at all favorable, today will practically see the completion of the sewer as far as the deep cut extends. It has been a long and trying task in which obstacle after obstacle, unforeseen when the work was begun, had to be surmounted. Ground was broken on June 3rd, but it is safe to say that during one-third of the time since, the work has been held up either by rain or by high water on the river, which flooded the trench. In addition to the presence of the water the constant use of cribbing was another hindrance and expense which was not reckoned on.

There are probably but few towns in the state having sewers where such deep excavating was necessary as was required between the river and Mahoning creek, where the deepest part went down about thirty feet. That the work has been so successfully pushed through speaks well for the executive ability, the ingenuity and resources of P. J. Keefe and E. S. Miller, who have the work in charge. Beyond this point the work will proceed rapidly. Some difficulty may be experienced in passing through the arches under Mill, Ferry and Church streets, but beyond these it is believed all will be clear sailing.

A Six O'clock Dinner. Mrs. Thomas Williams, Wall street, entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. Those present were: Mrs. J. P. Bare and daughter, Miss Gertrude, Mrs. P. J. Keefe, Miss Grace Williams, Mrs. Warren Bare and Miss Nora Koons of Phoenixville.

HEPTASOPH CONVENTION

District No. 29, Improved Order of Heptasoph, held its annual convention at Hotel Baldy in this city yesterday. The session began at 3 p. m. The following delegates were in attendance: S. B. Wolfe, of Lewisburg; A. J. Thrash, of Hazleton; Charles Williams of Berwick; T. C. Harter of Bloomsburg; L. K. Hannan of Pottsville and Benjamin P. Harris, who represented the Synulary convocation. In addition to Danville, District No. 29 includes Williamsport, Lock Haven, Milton, Lewisburg, Bloomsburg, Pottsville, Hazleton and Berwick.

The following officers were elected: T. C. Harter, of Bloomsburg, President; C. G. Cloud, Secretary; A. M. Peters, District Deputy Supreme Archon, with William D. Williams of Pottsville alternate. The following resolutions were adopted: Inasmuch as we deem the services of Brother District Deputy Supreme Archon A. M. Peters worthy of recognition in his untiring efforts and efficient ability in furthering the interests of our noble order and in putting our district No. 29 in a condition second to none, therefore in convention of District No. 29 assembled this date be it Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered our worthy Brother A. M. Peters to show our appreciation of his services and be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Convention, a copy signed by the presiding officers and sent to our esteemed Supreme Archon, Brother M. G. Cohn, and a copy be presented to Brother Peters.

State Aid in Road Building. Questions are being asked as to the prospects of receiving State aid for repairs on the road leading from this city to Maudsile, application for which was made by the County Commissioners early last spring. The truth of the matter is that the prospects are very poor of receiving state aid for this or any other road in the near future. There are probably few counties which have not like Montour, made application for state aid in road building. But the new act, it seems, is very imperfectly understood. The mere formality of applying, it would seem, is only a preliminary step, leading a great deal to comply with before the State is in a position to furnish means for the building of roads.

Assuming that the application has been regularly made, the details of survey, map, and established grade being attended to—the department is by no means yet in a position to extend aid. The sum to which each county is entitled under the act depends upon how many miles of roadway it possesses. Before any means can be furnished by the State the County Commissioners are obliged to furnish the State Highway Department with the number of miles of public roads in the different townships to the end that the appropriation to be set aside for each county in proportion to its roads may be properly estimated. When the numerous provisions of the act have been complied with State aid may be forthcoming but not before.

"Shore Acres." "Shore Acres" has been played over three thousand times in this country, and is universally recognized as the greatest pastoral play ever written for the English-speaking stage. It is strange, but true, that this interesting comedy-drama was offered to every well-known theatrical manager in America, and while a number of them thought "Shore Acres" a fairly good play, they did not care to risk any money in its production. All this happened about fifteen years ago, and since then those astute purveyors of the drama annually count up the fortunes they might have earned with this charming idyl of American home life. For the present season entire new scenery has been prepared for "Shore Acres," and several novel effects have been introduced. The play is underlined for presentation at the Opera House, Saturday evening, September 12th.

County Prison is Empty. Frank Lyle, the young actor who was committed to jail ten days ago for illegal car riding, served his time and was released on Saturday morning. The county jail is now empty. During last week Lyle had the county trustee all to himself and his experience gave him some idea of what solitary confinement is like. An empty jail does not occur very often even in little Montour where offenders against the law are not numerous. This is the first time during his present term of office that Sheriff Breckbill has found himself without prisoners.

Granted a Charter. A Charter has been granted to the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company. This company is composed of the same people who make up the Danville and Riverside Street Railway Company. The two charters provide for a line extending from Riverside through to Bloomsburg.

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LARGE SHIPMENT OF FISH

A shipment of brook trout and large mouth black bass arrived at South Danville last evening for the purpose of stocking the streams hereabouts. The fish were sent in response to an application made by M. H. Schram and W. B. Rhoades of United States Fish Commissioner George M. Bower early last spring. The fish—sixty large cubs in all—arrived on the 9:30 train in charge of a messenger belonging to the department. The brook trout—six hundred in number—were consigned to Oliver Weaver, who resides in the vicinity of Rushtown; the black bass—three hundred in number—were consigned to M. H. Schram, who with W. E. Lauger, William L. Lloyd, Charles Ruckel, Capt. Johnson, George Ross, William P. Angle, William Seehler and other bass fishermen, was on hand at the station to receive them.

Carrying out instructions from the Fish Commissioner the party had ten large cans containing water on the platform conveniently placed for an immediate transfer of the fish when the train stopped. Small fish are very tender and can not endure neglect while being shipped. Fish breath air and a large number confined in a can soon exhaust the air in the water when not in motion. For this reason it was necessary to provide the ten cans and distribute the fish. Under such circumstances would it do to hold the fish over night. Accordingly arrangements were made to plant the fish immediately after the departure of the train. The black bass were placed in the Susquehanna and one or more of its small tributaries. Oliver Weaver failed to receive the telegram announcing the arrival of the brook trout, but by merest coincidence happened to pass through South Danville soon after the train had passed. Learning that he was wanted he drove down to the station. He of course was unprepared to comply with the instructions as to transportation cans, but after some delay an arrangement was made whereby he was permitted to use the government cans—five in number—in transporting the fish to his home.

The fish which are from the United States hatchery at Witteville, W. Va., are very fine specimens, especially the brook trout. The large mouth black bass are becoming very scarce in the North Branch and its tributaries, hence the application which resulted in the fish shipment. The small mouth black bass are said to be correspondingly scarce and in order to keep the river stocked in the near future it will be necessary to apply to the Fish Commissioner for a shipment of these.

A New Counterfeit. Dickerman's "United States Treasury Counterfeit Detector" for September, reports a new counterfeit \$10 National Bank note, series 1882, check letter E, which was discovered after the "Detector" went to press and the description of it is printed upon an inserted slip. The "Detector" says: "This new counterfeit is a photographic production and liable to escape the careless hand of money. It is on the Mechanics National Bank of New Bedford, Mass. Charter No. 743; Bank No. 11293; Treasury No. AS2055; bears signatures of E. K. Bruce, Register, A. U. Wyman, Treasurer, and the chocolate seal of seal. The most noticeable defect is the color of charter, bank and treasury numbers of note, which is brown instead of the bright carmine in the genuine, although an attempt is made to tint the numbers with red ink. The latter work, also the vignettes on face of note, will not stand investigation. The brown back of note is a good imitation, but the panel containing charter No. 743 is not green as on the genuine. The counterfeit is printed on good quality of bank note paper, with fibers imitated by ink lines. Credit is due Mr. Frank C. Rogers, paying teller of the Metropolitan National Bank, Boston, Mass., for the detection of this counterfeit."

Merged in Danville Office. Postmaster, D. Garrison of Grovania, who was burned out Saturday night, was unable to continue business for Uncle Sam Monday and the Grovania Post office is temporarily merged in the post office at Danville. Post master Garrison might have been able to conduct the post office at his residence or at some other convenient place temporarily, but he had nothing to begin business with, as all his stamps were burned and even his stamping outfit destroyed. It will not be at all convenient for the patrons of the Grovania post office to come to Danville for their mail but it seems to be the best that can be done. The post office no doubt will be re-established at Grovania in the near future.

Rev. Dr. Shindel Preached. Rev. Dr. M. L. Shindel occupied his pulpit at Pine Street Lutheran church Sunday morning for the first time in many months. Dr. Shindel was taken ill last winter. During his recovery, which has been slow, the pulpit at Pine street has been supplied from Susquehanna University. Dr. Shindel has in a great measure regained his health and will continue to officiate.