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CONDENSED NEWS.

Winter. The freeze up is not far off. Good Thanksgiving weather. Only one week until Thanksgiving. The turkey is now the popular bird. The plunder will be the busy man henceforth. At this stage the Thanksgiving bird is ripening. The annual good resolution period is approaching. Don't forget the supper at the Y. M. C. A. tonight. Wild geese are carrying their goose bones south. Coldest. Don't forget the poor and unfortunate on Thanksgiving. The early Christmas shopper has the best stock to select from. It seems that Lancaster county cannot get rid of Abe Bazzard. The many attractions of the holiday period are already becoming manifest. Don't trifle with a cold. This is the season when pneumonia gets in its work. As Christmas approaches the father of a large family begins to wear a worried look. Every precaution should be taken to prevent the introduction of smallpox in this section. Reserve your seats at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow for the Star Course of Entertainments. Winter is coming on and a bad spotting or leaky roof may cause a good bit of trouble. Despite the protracted autumn mildness the advent of winter will catch some people unprepared. Lyman H. Howe will present America's greatest moving pictures in the Opera House Thanksgiving day. Many people in this section will be forced to substitute chickens for turkeys at the Thanksgiving feast. The weather has been kind during the past few weeks, but the signs are that it will grow severe right soon. Farmers near the coal regions are wroth, because their "no trespassing" signs have been replaced by a neatly printed notice, inviting hunters to their grounds. A man advertises for a wife in the Middleburg (Snyder county) Post. He wants one with \$5,000 to pay his farm, and says: "Common scolds need not write." Thanksgiving turkeys will be high and scarce, it is said, but memory does not recall a time prior to Thanksgiving when the same report was not circulated and the market did not suffer to any extent from it as the holiday drew near. Daughters of the American Revolution in session at Pittsburg oppose the trips of the Liberty Bell. In that they are wrong. The bell is never in danger, and by giving all Americans opportunity to see it the best results are attained. In the world of iron and steel prevailing conditions are not so bad as have been reported, and there is every indication that as soon as prices shall reach a new level there will be a general resumption of business. While some mills are closing down others are being reopened. There will be a general readjustment in the trade. The bureau of labor has issued a bulletin on the cost of living of workmen's families, showing that 2,567 families in thirty three states from which data were obtained the average income per family was \$247.19, average expenditure for all purposes, \$768.34, average expenditure per family for food, \$236.30, and the average size of family, 5.31 persons. The cost of living had increased in 1902 to 16.1 per cent. Apples are selling in Wayne county for 75 cents per barrel, where the latter are furnished to the farmers. If the fruit is keeping well, the farmer should be able to get much better prices a little later on, or in retailing them from his wagon. The raiser of apples ought not to get less than 50 cents per bushel, and even that leaves a small profit. An apple orchard does not bear well, even with the best of care, inside of fifteen years.

REMOVED BY DEATH

Death yesterday removed from our midst one who had long been numbered with our oldest citizens, Reuben E. Voris, a man beloved, whose kindly bearing and upright walk of life made him conspicuous in the community and commanded universal respect. The deceased was in his 83rd year. He was ever a specimen of sturdy vigorous manhood, observing the moral law and avoiding excesses and his old age was in keeping with the life he led. There are few indeed, who having attained four score and over are so well preserved, physically and mentally as he was. In full possession of all his faculties and still retaining an active interest in life around him he proved a charming conversationalist up to almost the day of his death. Reuben E. Voris was the son of James Voris and was born in Liberty township, this county, on March 8, 1819. His boyhood was spent on a farm but as he grew up he learned the trade of carpenter. About 1845 when still a young man he came to Danville where he found employment at his trade. In 1851 he accepted a position under the Montour Iron Company as pattern maker. His services were here highly valued and he occupied this position for the long period of forty-three years. Some nine years ago he severed his connection with the works and has since lived a quiet retired life. The deceased is survived by a son, Alfred L. Voris, with whom he resided at the family homestead, Ferry street. He was a widower, his wife preceding him to the grave upwards of thirty years ago. The deceased was a widely known man. He was an elder in the Mahoning Presbyterian church, a position which he held for some nine years, ever since the death of his brother, Archibald, whom he succeeded. In 1861 he served as a member of the Danville Town Council. His brother, E. C. Voris, was Burgess during that time. Mr. Voris was taken sick about three weeks ago. His malady was heart failure, which in time became complicated with other ailments. He rallied after a week, although his condition admitted of but slight hopes of recovery. On Tuesday evening he suddenly became worse. Early in the night all hope was abandoned, but it was not until 12:30 yesterday afternoon that the end came. He was conscious as long as the power of speech remained. He realized that his earthly career had drawn to a close and was perfectly resigned. Reuben E. Voris was a brother of E. C. Voris of this city and of William Voris of Northumberland, who now are the only survivors of a family of thirteen children. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Services will be held in Mahoning Presbyterian church. Interment will take place in Fairview cemetery and will be private.

INSTALLING ITS OWN LIGHT

The Structural Tubing Works is installing its own electric light system and on Saturday night gave its new dynamo a trial. Four of the new incandescent arc lights were in position and the result was most satisfactory. Everything about the system is new and improved in type. At present the plant is lighted by electricity furnished by the Standard Electric Light Company. All of the lights now in use will be displaced by the modern incandescent arc lamps, which embody many advantages over the old. As implied by the term "incandescent," while by no means deficient in brilliancy they are attended by no shadow and they cast a mild and subdued light which makes them easy on the eyes. They are known as the 100-hour lamp and the carbon needs to be changed but once a week. The dynamo and whole system is thoroughly insulated so that the element of danger is entirely eliminated. The four incandescent arc lights were placed in position merely for the purpose of testing the dynamo. It will be some time before the entire system will be in working order. A separate engine will be installed to operate the dynamo. The system employed is quite an extensive one employing at present over a dozen arc lamps and double that number of smaller incandescent lights. In installing its own system the company will increase the number of lights, both large and small.

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The inmates of the Alms-house of the Danville and Mahoning Poor District whose hard lines have made them public charges henceforth will know at least some of the luxuries that many persons who own their own homes are unaccustomed to. A lavatory system has been installed in the Alms-house affording a daily bath and other conveniences. For many years the wells about the poor farm were relied upon for a water supply. Owing to the nature of the soil, however, the water was hard in quality and undesirable for most purposes. During the past summer a two-inch pipe was laid to a large and never-failing spring on the ridge at the south side of the P. & R. railroad from the farm, at a distance of at least an eighth of a mile. The water pure and fresh is conducted from the spring in to not only the Alms-house proper, but the Steward's house, but also the barn, the pig pens and even into the orchard where the swine run at large during the summer. The lavatory system comprises three bath rooms, and is a feature of the appointment which will add much to the comfort and physical welfare of the inmates, the most of whom belong to the aged and infirm. The Overseers of the Poor contemplate installing a telephone. The poor farm is inconveniently situated from town and in case of illness or other emergencies a long drive is necessary which often causes considerable delay. A telephone would prove a great time-saver and the Overseers think it would be poor policy to try to get along without one any longer. Among further improvements contemplated is a thorough system of draining for a part of the farm which lies low and is inclined to be wet. This work, however, will not be begun until next spring. Terra cotta pipe will be used covered with stone.

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The present week will probably wind up work on the sewer for this fall. The engine and pump yesterday were removed from the river to Blizard's run at Rogers' stone yard where they were put to work pumping out the water so that the work of laying pipe could resume at that point. Owing to the several springs which drain into the creek the pump is very heavily taxed to keep down the water. By working in the water, which reaches nearly to the tops of their rubber boots, the workmen are enabled to make pretty good time and it will require only a few days more to carry the sewer as far as the D. L. & W. station or a point slightly above it. The river has risen considerably but this has not been permitted to interfere with the work. Anticipating a rise as an effect of the recent rain work was pushed along on the foundation of the mainline at West Mahoning street and the walls now are fortunately above the water which has backed into the sewer to the height of several feet.

Repairing Street.

Street Commissioner E. S. Miller with a force of men is busy at present repairing the road leading from Welsh Hill to Sidler Hill. Much of the land in that locality lies in common and delivery wagons and other vehicles bound for Sidler's Hill did not confine themselves to any particular road but generally drove wherever they fancied travel would be the easiest. The result was three different roads, all of which in process of time became out of order and well nigh impassable. The matter was finally laid before Council and it was decided to proceed to repair the road in conjunction with Mahoning township. Upon visiting the spot however, the street Commissioner declined to enter upon the work until the Committee on Streets and Bridges should decide which was the regular and authorized street. The Committee investigated the matter last week and selected the middle one of the three as the legal street and it is upon that one that the repairs are being made. The low places are all filled up and the street is nicely graded, while water courses along side are dug where needed to prevent wash-outs.

Bessemer Steel Plant.

The Danville Bessemer Company, the Directors of which have recommended dissolution and distribution of assets, after the plant at this city for sale. The advertisement appears in the current number of the "Iron Age." It describes the manufacturing site as one of 2,000 feet by 400 feet continuous and states that on it are buildings of brick and steel. One of these buildings is 201 feet long, 82 feet wide and 28 feet high. One is 186 feet by 42 feet by 20 feet. One is 183 feet by 42 feet by 25 feet. The advertisement mentions the P. & D. railway, the Pennsylvania and the D. L. & W. in connection with the plant. As to the latter road it states that sidings to the D. L. & W. are now over the greater part of the property. There is a water supply and the plant is described as suitable for locomotive or engine works or other manufacturing. It is hoped that the advertisement in the "Iron Age" will bring a purchaser to the Danville Bessemer Company at an early day, as the sale of the plant will mean a new industry for Danville.

Awarded the Out Stone Work.

T. L. Evans Sons of this city have been awarded the contract for the out stone work on the new buildings at the Hospital for the Insane. The trimmings employed will be of brown stone and the firm of stone cutters just now is very busy getting the work ready. The contract involves a good deal of labor, which will keep T. L. Evans Sons busy during the early part of the winter. The same firm has just completed the Masonic Hall in Mt. Carmel, a three-story granite building which is considered an ornament to the town. The new hall has a front of fifty feet; the first floor will be occupied by stores and the second and third stories will be devoted to lodge purposes.

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SILK MILL ON FULL TIME

A fact was learned yesterday which shows the extent to which our Silk Mill may be relied upon as a factor in keeping our people employed. F. Q. Hartman, the proprietor, states that since June last the silk business has experienced a depression unparalleled during seven years past. Nevertheless, while many other mills are working only two days per week, Mr. Hartman, thanks to his modern machinery and superior work turned out, has been able to keep his mills in this city, Berwick and Shickshinny, three in number, running without any loss of time and what is more he does not contemplate from the present outlook to either reduce his time or suspend operations. Neither have the improvements and enlargements inaugurated at other plants interfered in the least with the policy of expansion adopted at Mr. Hartman's mills. The enlargement of the plant and installation of new machinery is constantly going on and it is worthy of note that during the last four months alone Mr. Hartman has added to his mill in this city in the way of floor space and new machinery more than would equal the original plant when constructed. The present floor space is no less than 48,000 square feet and every available foot is occupied with machinery. The proprietor has still other improvements in view and he will continue his policy of expanding to provide places for skilled help as fast as they can be made familiar with the work. Mr. Hartman employs about five hundred operatives at his three mills in this city, Berwick and Shickshinny.

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