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CONDENSED NEWS.

The family tree is giving place to the Christmas tree.

Well, the ice crop is making, anyway.

Without waiting to hear from the goosebone jeoglot, we feel assured that this vicinity is to have an experience with real winter weather.

The Allentown Board of Education has adopted a rule to prevent the teachers from receiving Christmas presents from the pupils of the Allentown public schools. It is asserted that the practice fosters favoritism and disturbs the sessions of school.

Smallpox is growing alarmingly throughout the state. Keep in mind that vaccination is the only preventative.

Chinamen who contemplate being smuggled into this country are advised to consider the fate of four of their countrymen who, crossing the border in a covered wagon, were upset into the Erie canal and drowned.

The practice of employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad of assigning their wages has become so great that steps are being taken by the company to have it discontinued. Superintendent C. A. Preston, of the Middle division, has issued a notice asking that employes refrain from the practice.

The United States produces more coal than any other nation in the world, yet many of us find it difficult to get a good supply for the winter.

Dr. Dowie might present Zion City to his creditors as a Christmas gift. He is a good imitation of Santa Claus.

The various Sunday schools have started to rehearse programs for Christmas. In most of the churches the schools will have a full special service. Music will occupy a prominent part in the exercises.

The newly organized State Department of Fisheries, during its six months of existence, just ended, reports $6080 in fines collected from offenders against the fish laws. The various hatching houses are rapidly filling with eggs, the report showing 63,440,000 eggs.

The owner of a horse who fails to have it properly shod is committing a cruelty that ought to be punishable.

The Masons of Pennsylvania will erect and maintain a home for Masons, their widows and children. It will be placed near the center of the state, perhaps at Cressona, the once famous mountain resort.

Burgess Smith, of Weatherly, has put a stop to Sunday skating in that town, and Sunday last the pond which is usually crowded with people was deserted in obedience to the order promulgated by the borough's chief executive.

The Presbyterian church at Pottsgrove, is holding special services this week. The pastor, Rev. A. B. Herr, is assisted by Rev. Carter, of the Church of the Covenant, Williamsport.

As a result of the increase of temperance sentiment among the anthracite miners, nearly one third of the 1100 saloonkeepers of Schuylkill county will go out of business next year. This is shown by the decrease of the application for Licenses. The United Mine Workers is encouraging the temperance sentiment.

There appears to be a very strong movement against exchange of Christmas presents in schools. And it is a movement that will win.

The fowls that escaped Thanksgiving are again feeding well.

The proposed Maclay Lodge, No. 632, will be instituted in Sunbury, at noon on Saturday, December the 19th, by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The widow of Pennsylvania's War Governor has passed away at a ripe old age. Her death was very sudden and unexpected.

Shamokin is to have an amateur minstrel performance in February, over half of the participants to be young ladies. It will be for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus.

Dowie declares that the greatest asset that Zion possesses is "the stability of Zion." The trouble with that asset at present seems to be that it cannot be converted into cash or used as collateral for a loan.

COUNCILMEN IN SESSION

Eight of the Borough Fathers convened in Council chamber Friday evening, the meeting being a regular one. The usual volume of routine business was disposed of including the payment of a large number of bills.

A committee representing the Fire Department consisting of Chief Trainor, Edward Purpur and George Yerrick appeared before council in the interest of the proposition to provide firemen with badges.

The matter was before Council at a previous meeting. It was shown that the firemen during a fire ought to wear a mark of some sort to distinguish them from others who assembled on the spot out of idle curiosity. On that occasion Council authorize the Committee on fire to appropriate $50 for badges and instructed the secretary to procure samples.

The committee of firemen Friday evening explained that it would require 300 badges for the department, that judging from the samples they did not think that they could be fit out satisfactorily with badges at less than 40 cents a piece, which would entail a cost of $120. Each of the four companies had agreed to contribute $10 out of private funds, which would leave a balance of $80. The committee was present to ask if Council would not do a little better and raise the appropriation so as to cover the deficiency.

Mr. Reifsnyder objected to any special appropriation as a bad precedent. A lengthy discussion ensued, the outcome of which was that action by Council was postponed until a fuller representation was present.

A petition signed by 26 citizens of the Fourth ward was presented to Council asking for an arc light at the corner of Cherry and Centre streets. Former Councilman A. L. Brandt and A. C. Angle were present in the interest of the arc light. They explained how the Fourth ward is discriminated against in the matter of light and how dark and unsafe is the point on Cherry street above named.

Mr. Lloyd moved that the Light Committee be instructed to change the location of the incandescent light at present doing service on Cherry street to a point at the corner of Cherry and Center streets. The motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd it was ordered that the interest due on the Josiah Wolf estate be paid over to the Woman's Beneficial Society as provided for in the will.

President Vastine reported that residents along Mill street object to the salt placed in front of the Grier building to prevent pedestrians from falling on the ice in passing up and down the steps at that point. This is a dangerous spot in winter and it was the sense of Council that something would have to be used to keep people from falling. Sawdust was recommended as a substitute for salt, but no action was taken.

The following members were present: Vastine, Swank, Fenstermacher, Welliver, Davis, Reifsnyder, Joseph Gibson and Lloyd.

The following bills were approved for payment:

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.

Regular Emloyes	$ 82.50
Standard Electric Light Co	451.75
Standard Gas Co	3.00
B. B. Brown, High Constable	8.00
G. Edward Roat	4.00
George W. Hendricks	9.19
Chulaskey Iron & Cement Co	22.59
Trumbower & Werkheiser	21.28
Labor and Hauling	54.76
John Keim	32.00
Curry & Vannan	12.94
Welliver Hardware Co	865.13
Harman Rupp	.50
J. H. Cole	138.52
Washington Hose Co	1.25
Labor on Sewer	206.33
Franklin Boyer	5.90
Harry Ellenbogen & Bro	6.00
D. L. & W. R. R. Co	16.39

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Regular Employes	$137.00
Curry & Vannan	17.93
G. Edward Roat	18.00
Trumbower & Werkheiser	4.18
A. M. Peters	.56
Standard Gas Co	8.40
Fred R Miller, Blank Book Co	3.75
M. T. LeDuc	43.19
J. H. Cole	22.03
Harry B. Patton	20.00

Closed for the Season.

The plant of the Iron and Cement Company at Chulaskey has closed down for the season.

The company disposed of a considerable quantity of crushed cinder, the Borough of Danville and John R. Bennett both being pretty heavy purchasers. D. S. Price, Superintendent of the plant, who resides in this city, yesterday stated that while some disappointment was encountered during the early part of the season, yet the Company on the whole is very much encouraged with last summer's experiment. Crushed cinder is becoming popular for road building and similar purposes and a big season is anticipated for next year.

In addition to crushed cinder the company did a good business in building stone, which are found in the stack of the old furnace and the walls of the other buildings belonging to the plant. The greater part of the stone used in the new buildings at the Hospital for the Insane was purchased at Chulaskey.

If the members of your family act suspiciously, lay it to your Christmas present, which they are trying to conceal.

ELKS LODGE OF SORROW

Danville Lodge, No. 754, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, held its first Memorial service Sunday afternoon in Elks Hall, corner of Mill and Mahoning streets.

Danville Lodge has not yet passed its second anniversary, but as the Order of Elks holds a service in memory of departed brothers on the first Sunday of each December they decided to hold such service themselves this year, depending on local talent entirely to fill the program. This, as results demonstrated, was a most happy decision on their part, for the services yesterday afternoon easily surpassed any

function of a similar character ever held here. The audience, which was admitted by ticket, comprised an exceptionally representative body of the best ladies and gentlemen in town, while the membership of the lodge itself surprised by its high quality, those who had been indifferent or critical of its personnel.

The services began at 2 p. m. After the audience was comfortably seated, the lodge filed in and took the respective stations assigned to it. Exalted Ruler Irland had exchanged places with Leading Knight Chalfant, while other offices were filled as follows: E. F. Williams, E. Loyal K; E. W. Peters, E. L. K; Harmon H. Sechler, chaplain; Edward Purpur, secretary; Ralph Kisner, Treas; W. W. Gulick, E; Paul Andrews, I. G; Simon Ellenbogen, Tiler.

The opening exercises were very impressively rendered. The program comprised several delightful features and greatly heightened the beauties of the affair. Miss Margaret Ammerman and Mrs. John F. Tooley sang delightfully; the quartette, composed of Messrs. Raver, McHenry, Herrington and Brown, created a very favorable impression and the music by Wyle's orchestra, including Miss Gertrude Heim, as accompanist, was far above what might have been expected in a city of much larger population than Danville.

The addresses delivered by Ralph Kisner, Esq., and Charles Chalfant, Esq., were eloquent and appropriate. They held the close attention of the audience, and with the singing of Miss Ammerman and Mrs. Tooley were probably the most striking incidents of the service.

It was a most successful and beautiful service and gave to many a clear and favorable conception of Elkdom, its purposes and its splendid future. After the services the social rooms were thrown open and were inspected by a large number of ladies and gentlemen who were of the audience but were before uninformed of what the Elks are and what the principles on which they are founded contemplate.

Danville Lodge certainly made a most favorable impression, and we doubt if anywhere on this momentous Elks anniversary a more interesting or impressive service has been held.

Anxious as to the Market.

Now that the trolley seems an assured thing for Danville farmers who dispose of their produce here are anxious to know what provisions will be made for the curb stone market. Mill street is not wide enough to accommodate both the market and the trolley track and at the same time leave sufficient space open for travel.

Not a few inquiries are made on nearly every market day, the question most frequently asked being whether by the action of Council some other street will not be set aside for the curb stone market.

This is a matter to which Council has given some thought, although nothing definite has been decided upon. If the curb stone market is an institution mutually advantageous to the farmers and the citizens of town, there is no doubt whatever but that some provision will be made for it when the time arrives. Ferry street is the thoroughfare most frequently named as the most central and next to Mill street the most suitable for the curb stone market.

Death of Old Resident.

John Geist, a well-known resident of South Danville, departed this life yesterday morning. The deceased had been in feeble health for some time previous to his death, although able to be about. On Monday he took a walk out of doors. The immediate cause of death was dropsy although during the few years past he sustained a couple of strokes of paralysis.

The deceased was 74 years of age and is survived by his wife and three children: Wesley, who is with Blank & Gottshall at Sunbury; Mrs. Sallie Eckert of Rushtown and Mrs. Martha Rush of Elmira, N. Y.

Gift purchasing days are here. Buy early and avoid the rush.

SOLICITING WILL RESUME

During an interview with Hon. James Foster, Chairman of the Soldiers' Monument Committee, yesterday it was learned that the work of soliciting has been suffered to lag of late, but that strong effort is being made to infuse new life into the patriotic project; that soliciting will be renewed with vigor and that the Soldiers' monument so long delayed may be an accomplished fact in the near future.

That so little headway has been made of late is a matter of much regret to Mr. Foster, as it is to every citizen of Montour county who believes that the patriotism and bravery of those who so generously responded to their country's call should be commemorated by a fitting memorial. The absence of a soldiers' monument here was made the occasion for a few good-natured strictures intended to have effect during the campfire of the recent regimental reunion held in the Court House. Former Governor Stone as well as one or more of the other speakers expressed great surprise in view of what has been done in other counties that Montour at this late day has accomplished nothing in the way of honoring the memory of her fallen brave.

Little Montour has a war record which is a marvel. The fact is one frequently remarked upon. Mr. Foster, therefore, thinks that those who survive do themselves great injustice by not hastening to show their appreciation of the deeds and heroism which made their county so conspicuous in the defense of the Union.

It is not generally known that the first soldier killed in battle during the Civil War was a Danville man. His name was Amos Zuppinger and Mr. Foster knew him well, while others among our older residents will no doubt easily recall him. Zuppinger was a member of the first military company recruited in Danville in response to Lincoln's memorable call. It was made up of three month's men—one hundred of the best and bravest of Danville's youth—under the command of Captain William McClure. At the battle of Falling Waters Amos Zuppinger was killed and his was "the first blood shed for the Union in the Civil War." This is certainly high honor, such as any county should be proud to claim and Zuppinger himself is worthy of a monument to say nothing of the others who followed him offering up their life blood on the altar of their country.

The work of soliciting was started on two different occasions in the past and quite a good beginning was made. Mr. Foster has made some new appointments and the solicitors who will now resume work are as follows:

First Ward—Dr. P. C. Newbaker, Sam. A. McCoy and Frank G. Schoch.

Second Ward—Ross Harner, Samuel Mills and T. W. Bedea.

Third and Fourth Wards—W. L. McClure, J. C. Miller and Alexander Foster.

Shoveling Off the Sidewalk.

The shovel brigade was out in full force last evening and there was plenty to do. From one end of town to the other the sidewalks were blocked with wet snow ten inches or more in depth, which to comply with the Borough ordinance had to be removed within "the space of six working hours after the fall of snow." The penalty is for each and every lot or part of a lot neglected three dollars for every day or fraction of a day." When the Street Commissioner is obliged to remove the snow the expenses may be collected from the owner of the premises.

The sidewalks at many places were shoveled clean last night and the squawk of the snow shovel could be heard until very late.

Furnishing Sand for Hospital.

O. B. Sweitzer who has the contract for plastering the new buildings at the Hospital for the Insane is also furnishing the sand required in erecting the filter plant and the four additions to the main building. The sand is obtained from Mr. Sweitzer's own ground at the upper end of the Borough, where he has a crane installed and is prepared to handle the sand very expeditiously, excavating at the rate of a hundred tons or more per day. An immense quantity of sand is needed for the new work at the Hospital, which, it is thought, may approximate a thousand tons.

The buildings will not be ready for the plasterers until after the Holidays. Mr. Sweitzer's contract calls for all the plastering on the inside as well as a complete coat on the outside of the walls required to dress the buildings up to correspond with other portions of the Hospital.

Workman Loses End of Finger.

William Romig, of Riverside, an employe of Hoover Bros. planing mill, had the end of one of his fingers cut off while at work on Saturday afternoon.

He was working at the planer when in some way his left hand came in contact with the sharp knife, the first finger being nearly cut off at the first joint.

Dr. Curry was called who found it necessary to complete the amputation, removing the end of the finger.

We are indebted to Senator Penrose for a copy of the proceedings of the National Good Roads convention

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Josephine Andrews spent Sunday with friends in Wilkesbarre.

William Mapstone of Sunbury, spent Sunday in Danville.

Mrs William Keefer and children, William and Carmen of Williamsport, are visiting at the home of Richard Whapham, Gulick's Addition.

Rev. Jules Foin was in Sunbury yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aten attended a funeral in Shamokin yesterday.

James Dougherty left yesterday for Binghamton, N. Y.

Miss Mary Voris visited friends in Milton yesterday.

P. R. Swingle and S. Van Dorn of Hawley, transacted business at the State Hospital yesterday.

Edward Zimmerman of Lebanon, was a visitor in Danville yesterday.

Mrs. Susan Earp returned to Shamokin yesterday after a visit with friends in this city.

Frank Lee Miles, the well known theatrical manager is visiting his home in this city.

F. Q. Hartman was in Berwick yesterday.

Miss Jennie Snyder visited friends in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Mrs. John Wolverton of Sunbury, visited relatives at Riverside yesterday.

D. J. Rogers transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Miss H. E. Simington left yesterday for New York City.

Mrs. F. K. Hain returned to New York city yesterday after a visit in this city.

Reese Edmoudson transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.

Harry Shimer of Milton, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Edward P. Thomas transacted business at Lime Ridge yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Berninger returned to her home at Roaring Creek last evening after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Shultz, East Market street.

C. C. Carpenter, George Reilly, W. E. Gosh, Arthur Amesbury and Dr. J. B. Gearhart walked to Catawissa yesterday morning returning on the 12:15 train.

John Poyer left yesterday for a visit with friends in Sunbury and Lewisburg.

Miss Lizzie Foulk spent yesterday in Sunbury.

D. L. Mauger of Williamsport, District Passenger Agent of the P. & R. Railway, was in this city yesterday.

Eleaser Maier of Philadelphia, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Young Men's Christian Association of McGill University has received from an anonymous donor a gift of $25,000, on condition that $80,000 is pledged for a buildnig at McGill University, Montreal. But $5,000 more must be secured to complete the conditions of the gift. A handsome building will be erected directly opposite the campus, which will be the center of the social and religious life of the University. In the past year the University and College Associations have been promoting building enterprises, with large encouragement. In Ohio Wesleyan University $42,000 has been subscribed towards a building for Association headquarters and gymnasium. At Brown University, a building to cost $75,000, the gift of John D. Rockefeller, is nearing completion. The students and graduates here contributed $25,000 for an endowment of the building. Mr. Rockefeller has also promised $30,000 for a building for the University of Indiana, provided $30,000 is secured from the graduates and students. This amount has been more than met. He has made a similar offer of $66,000 to the University of Nebraska toward a $100,000 building, and here the members of the University are undertaking a canvass to secure the remaining amount. The Iowa Agricultural College at Ames and the University of Wisconsin at Madison are rounding up large building enterprises. At the latter University the building will cost $75,000, besides a lot which is outside the campus adjoining the great gymnasium. At the University of North Carolina plans have been accepted for a $13,000 building, and $8,000 of the amount has been already secured.

At Cole's Hardware Store.

Having recently enlarged and remodeled our store, we are better prepared to cater to the trade than ever. Our stock is complete and we are showing the largest and most diversified line of hardware ever seen in this city. In our stock you will find many articles that make appropriate Xmas gifts. Our line of lamps is especially attractive and the prices are, in all cases, extremely reasonable. Pocket knives, skates and sleds are being bought extensively this season and we can give you satisfaction in these goods both as regards to price and quality.

A Boom Promised.

Jerseytown is said to be on the eve of a great boom involving the development of its coal land. But little has been heard from that quarter of late, but as it will appear parties have not been idle.

FIREMEN ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual election of the Danville Fire Department took place in the Friendship Engine House on Saturday evening. The voting began at 6:30 and continued until 8 o'clock. The whole number of votes cast was 118, which represents a little more than one-half of the membership of the department.

John Sherwood, a member of the Good Will Hose Company, was elected Chief Engineer. He had no opposition and received the full number of votes cast. Assistant Chief Engineers were elected as follows:

First Assistant, Edward Purpur, Friendship, 58 votes.

Second Assistant, Charles Gibbons, Washington, 33 votes.

Third Assistant, John Ward, Continental, 24 votes.

Fourth Assistant, Reinhart O'Blosser, Goodwill, 3 votes.

There is a rule, which permits of no deviation, that the Company which furnishes the Chief of the Department can have no other than the Fourth Assistant. This fact predetermined the rank of Mr. O'Blosser of the Good Will. The members of the latter Company seeing that they could not alter the fact distributed their votes among the other companies wherever their next preferences lay.

The election board consisted of Chief Engineer Thomas Trainor and the Secretaries of the four different companies: Friendship, John G. Waite; Washington, William W. Davis; Continental, Alfred Yerrick; Good Will, Dallas Hummer. The result of the election was announced at 8:15 o'clock. The officers chosen will be declared elected at the next regular meeting Saturday night.

The fire department of Danville is well equipped with hose and other appliances. It is made up of a strong and effective force of men, forming the bone and sinew of our town, many of them being the sons of those who organized the first fire department in Danville and for many years were themselves fire fighters.

The local Firemen's Relief Association including the $155 which was ordered paid into its treasury by Council Friday night now has a fund of about $800. This money comes from the State and represents one-half of the net amount received from the two per cent tax paid upon premiums by foreign fire insurance companies. It is paid by the State Treasurer to the treasurers of the several cities and boroughs, by whom in turn it is handed over to the Firemen's Relief Association. The officers of the latter association in Danville are A. C. Roat, President, and W. E. Young, Vice President; H. E. Trumbower, Secretary and Sam A. McCoy, Treasurer.

No money can be paid out except in relief of those who are injured while on duty fighting fire. During the four years in which the local association has been in existence there have been no demands for relief.

A Nuisance on the Streets.

The snow yesterday along with its other unpleasant and detrimental features was accompanied with a revival of snow balling. The snow was just right for making snow balls yesterday. It was the first opportunity afforded for indulging in the sport this year and as was to be expected it was carried to great extremes by the boys.

At some places passers-by had a hard time of it. The boys engaged in the sport manage to dodge the snow balls with the result that it is generally the unsuspecting pedestrian who gets it in the neck.

Snowballing on the streets led to a great deal of complaint last year and Chief Mincemoyer yesterday stated that he will take measures to prevent the nuisance this year. It is just as much an offense against the ordinance as playing ball on the street and henceforth like ball playing it is to be under the ban.

The police yesterday did their best to prevent snowballing, but the boys seem slow to believe that the officers are in earnest. Chief Mincemoyer says if necessary he will make arrests, as he is determined that his order shall be obeyed.

Equipping the Filter Plant.

The work of installing the tubs at the new filter plant at the Hospital for the Insane began yesterday. The building is practically completed and nothing now remains but to equip the plant, which will be completed before the holidays.

The tubs being installed are three in number. They are somewhat smaller than the tubs in use at the borough plant. The system, also is somewhat different, employing sand on the filter beds instead of quartz.

The filter plant is being equipped under the supervision of John Brittin, a representative of the New York Central Filter Company. Charles Miller, William Marshall, Edward Wertman, John Baker, Frank and George Armes, of this city, are working at the new plant.

Death of Mrs. Derr.

Mary Jane, the wife of George Derr, Railroad street, departed this life at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night. She was 64 years of age. Besides the husband five children survive: Mrs. Clara Rein, Kelly Cross Roads; Mrs. Emma J. Crossley, Mrs. May Quinn, Miss Lizzie Derr and George F. Derr of this city.

REDUCING THE INDEBTEDNESS

The Board of Water Commissioners held a meeting Tuesday afternoon with President H. L. Gross in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Schatz it was ordered that Council be recommended to purchase two thousand dollars worth of water bonds, which are offered for sale. This of course, is equivalent to paying off bonds to that amount.

When this purchase has been consummated the water debt of the Borough during the present year will have been reduced $6,200 and the total indebtedness of $81,000, the figures last year reduced to $75,000, which is on interest at 3 per cent.

The revenue of the Borough through the channel of water rent is on the increase, amounting at present to $12,000 annually. The water tax at its present rate, 11½ mills, no longer constitutes a very heavy burden upon the tax payer, the duplicate this year showing but $3,617.48 for the whole borough.

The revenue of the water works will increase perceptibly as soon as the sewer is completed and property owners take advantage of it by installing bath rooms in their dwellings. The water works are thoroughly equipped and will necessitate no expenditure for years to come so that whether the increase be considerable or not the water Commissioners see their way clear of paying off from now on at least $5000 of the water debt annually.

Silk Mill to Have Night Force.

Although the silk business throughout the country has been slack it is now picking up. The slump has been the worst in six years and the mills of the Hartman Brothers at Danville, Berwick and Shickshinny are among the few which have been in continuous operation. The lack of business was caused in a large degree by dealers in the raw product, principally in New York, who have been keeping up the prices.

Dozens of mills in the eastern states have been closed and between ten and twelve have been offered for sale to the Hartman brothers, which certainly testifies to the position they hold in the silk industry. Recently additions were made and if the business continues to increase beyond that which the mill with the night force is capable of handling, more additions will of course be made. There is little doubt but that in a few years the Berwick plant will be extended to the street in the rear, which was the object of the proposition when the location was purchased. When the night force is put on it will not include any girls.

On account of the increasing business demands a night force will soon be added at the Berwick Silk Mill. This will be composed of upwards of thirty employes and will about double the present capacity of the plant. The night turn will be added in about one month when the spring work is being turned out.

At present the plant is working full time with about ninety hands and is turning out about 1000 pounds of silk per week. With the plant in continuous operation the output will be increased to about 2000 pounds per week. —Bloomsburg Press.

Funeral of Mrs. Moore.

The funeral of Mrs. Robert Moore, whose death occurred in Elizabeth, Thursday, took place from the residence of J. E. Moore, Ferry street, on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

The services were conducted by Rev J. E. Hutchison. The pall bearer were: J. E. and H. R. Moore, sons of the deceased; Dr. M. G. Simpson and W. H. Eyster, sons-in-law; Robert Cathcart, nephew and Thomas W. Pomeroy, grandson.

The obsequies were attended by the following persons from out of town: Dr. M. G. Simpson and family of Elizabeth, N. J.; W. H. Eyster and family, Mrs. Mary H. Pomeroy and three children of Chambersburg; Thomas W. Pomeroy, Pittsburg; C. P. Girton and wife, of Bloomsburg; Misses Hattie and Maggie Sloan of Williamsport; Mrs. M. A. Girton and two daughters and W. A. Girton and wife of Hemlock township, Columbia county, and Mrs. J. J. Kramer of Jerseytown.

Conference Date Changed.

The date of the next meeting of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will convene in Harrisburg, has been postponed from March 16 to March 23. The conference will be held in the Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The presiding elders of the conference have just received word to this effect from Bishop C. C. McCabe. Pay day in the mining and lumber regions of the conference, which has two districts in these regions, interferes with holding the meeting on the original date, and this is the reason of the change. It happens that the men in these districts are paid off from March 10 to 15, and this last date being but a day prior to the convening of conference it was thought wise to change the date, owing to important collections from these districts. By the change the exchequer of the conference will be increased by several thousand dollars. J. F.

We rise to inquire whether this cold weather will hurt next year's peach crop.

ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL

Gaston W. Ames of Hawley was committed to the Asylum for the Insane here at noon yesterday after a misadventure which detained him in Danville nearly twenty-four hours. Ames was connected with a bank at Hawley and is the author of a book to be found in the Thomas Beaver Free Library, this city.

Ames is a man of some 45 years, of powerful physique and of rather distinguished appearance. He was in the Hospital here on two previous occasions, neither time being incarcerated very long. He arrived at Danville Tuesday afternoon accompanied by Dr Silas Van Doran and Constable P. R. Swingle of Hawley.

Arriving at the institution they found that they lacked the proper commitment papers and it was necessary to communicate with the authorties at Hawley and to settle down here until the papers arrived. Meanwhile the trio were guests at the Baldy House. Never had Landlord Williams a guest that received so much attention. Although neither violent nor dangerous the man by his odd and eccentric conduct caused much wonder among those not familiar with the circumstances. He needed constant watching and was too restless to remain long in one place. In company with Dr. Van Doran and the Constable he made a tour of a large part of the First Ward before retiring. After he went to bed he could not sleep and wanted to get up again. To gratify him the whole party about one o'clock arose and took a stroll about town.

While waiting for the papers yesterday morning Ames with his attendants at his heels called upon Cashier M. G. Youngman at the Danville National Bank and introduced himself as a banker. The evening before he paid a visit to the Thomas Beaver Free Library, where he requested to see the latest catalogue and not finding a certain book on the list seemed much agitated and began to make inquiries about it.

The book he referred to was "Gaston Griffin, A Country Banker," a rather unusual volume, sometime previously presented to the library by the author. The book was produced when the librarians were brought to realize that they stood face to face with the author. Upon leaving he said he would return yesterday and read the book.

Several persons about town have read "Gaston Griffin." It is made up of anecdotes of the Country Cross-Roads order and a large mass of correspondence relating to the hero of the book when he was incarcerated in the Hospital. The correspondence covers a wide range involving letters to President McKinley and replies from the Executive mansion. The book is supposed to reflect the writer's own life.

While in Danville the insane man made it interesting enough for the men who had him in charge. They tried to be tactful in order to obviate trouble and as much as possible they gave the man his own way. During the forenoon he led the way to South Danville and when the 9:14 train stopped at the station, before those with him could anticipate his action he coolly stepped in to the smoking car and taking off his overcoat settled down on one of the seats. The two attendants hardly knowing how to proceed asked the conductor to put him off the car. The conductor likewise was a little chary, not feeling quite sure that the man might not prove to be a regular passenger provided with a ticket and as such entitled to altogether different treatment. He got around the difficulty, however, by holding the train a moment and stepping up to the insane man and asking him for his ticket. Finding that he had none the conductor explained that he would have to leave the car and purchase a ticket before he could proceed. Ames readily complied but as he stepped upon the platform he was taken in tow by Dr. Van Doran and the Constable.

Frame Barn Burned Down.

A barn belonging to the estate of William Martz, situated about a mile northwest of Strawberry Ridge was consumed by fire Tuesday morning together with two horses and other contents.

The farm is tenanted by Lloyd Zarr, who is an attendant at our curb stone market. Tuesday morning Mr. Zarr arose about 2 o'clock so as to get an early start. He was on his way to Danville, when the fire was discovered. It was first seen by Jonathan Mowrey, who raised the alarm. This was about a quarter of 3 o'clock and a large portion of the barn was then already a mass of flames.

Mrs. Zarr rushed to the barn and succeeded in turning the cows out into the cattle yard. These were all that it was possible to save and two valuable horses perished in their stalls. A lot of chickens and turkeys were also burned together with the season's crops, including hay, straw and cornfodder, as well as a truck wagon, a heavy wagon, a self-binder and a mowing machine.

By daylight the barn was entirely consumed. There seems to be no theory as to the origin of the fire. The barn was a good-sized structure and was insured. The tenant also carried insurance on the livestock.