

RAILROAD TIME TABLES. PENN. R. R. EAST. WEST. 7.11 A. M. 9.14 A. M. 10.17 " 12.15 P. M. 12.31 P. M. 5.50 " 7.51 " SUNDAYS. 4.31 P. M. D. L. & W. R. R. EAST. WEST. 7.07 A. M. 9.15 A. M. 10.19 " 12.44 P. M. 1.11 P. M. 4.33 " 5.43 " 9.05 " SUNDAYS. 7.07 A. M. 12.44 P. M. 5.43 P. M. 9.05 " PHILA. & READING R. R. NORTH. SOUTH. 7.53 A. M. 11.24 A. M. 8.55 P. M. 6.05 P. M. BLOOM STREET. 7.55 A. M. 11.22 A. M. 8.55 P. M. 6.04 P. M.

### THE NEW YEAR'S BIG PARADE

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Washington Hose House last evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the New Year's parade. All the committees reported progress, while sufficient has been accomplished to make it evident that those back of the event are determined that Danville shall see a summer's parade this year that will eclipse anything of the kind ever witnessed here before.

D. C. Williams, Wesley Hollibaugh, Elijah Morgan, Seth Lormer, R. W. Fetterman and A. C. Roat constituting the committee of arrangements were present at the meeting. The first named, D. C. Williams, Chairman of the Committee, presided at the meeting.

The committee on music reported that in addition to Stoes' Band and the Washington Drum Corps, whose services are assured, the Mechanicsville Band will also in all probability be in the line of parade. An invitation has been extended to that band and a favorable response is expected.

It is plain that the industrial features of the parade will be by no means the least interesting. The merchants are devising all sorts of methods, original and unique in their way, to advertise their goods and at the same time to add to the interest of the parade.

The idea is to have a detachment of the military to lead the parade along with a delegation of the biggest firemen of the department, four chosen from each fire company.

Robert Parsel, Marshal, with Will G. Brown, R. W. Fetterman, John Freeze and James Jones constituted the committee on Route of Parade. The committee made its report last evening, which was on motion adopted. The route selected is as follows: Form at Washington Hose House—March up Market to Mowers—to Grand-to Nassau—to Front—to Mill—to Market—to Chestnut—to Maloning—to Mill—to Bloom—to Ash—to Center-to Mill—to Mill-to Farmers' Hotel and countermarch—Mill to

Invention said to be successful. After exhausting experiments lasting over a period of ten years made on the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the vicinity of Altoona, Patrick H. Delaney, an electrical inventor of South Orange, N. J., has perfected a telegraph system which is destined to supersede the post office. It is capable of sending messages at the rate of 3000 words a minute, and a company is to be formed to compete with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies in the sending of bulky matter to the principal cities of the country.

The machine telegraph is designed principally for use on wires running between the most important cities, over which large volumes of business have to be sent each day. These wires are now taxed to their utmost to carry even the limited volume of business under the present system. By the Delaney system it is claimed that at the least forty times the quantity of matter can be transmitted in a given time.

It is Mr. Delaney's idea to make his system take the place of the mails for business correspondence. He says the day is near when it will not pay a business man to mail a letter to Chicago at a cost of two cents and wait two or three days for an answer when for a little more expenditure he can send a letter as far and receive an answer in a few hours.

### PIERCE FIRE AT BIG MILL

A fire broke out at the Reading Iron Works shortly before 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon and but for the fact that the wind was blowing strongly from the west the greater part of the mill might have been destroyed.

The fire was confined to a building standing on the bank of Mahoning creek in which were stored brick and masons' supplies and a quantity of iron filings, which are used in the puddling furnaces. The iron filings and dust, which constitute refuse and waste matter of machine shops, were saturated with oil and thereby added to the ferocity of the fire.

The interior of the building was a seething mass of flame before it broke through the roof. One of the first to see the fire was Tarring G. Brown, clerk for R. L. Marks. The flames had just erupted through the roof, but were rapidly spreading. Mr. Brown quickly notified A. M. Peters in his store adjoining who in turn called up the fire department. There was scarcely any delay and the firemen were on the ground in an incredibly short period of time.

The fire burned with fearful intensity and the building from the first was doomed. It was situated some ten yards east of the mill, separated from it only by a roadway. Had the wind been blowing from the east with the same velocity that it came from the west there would have been nothing to save the mill. As it was the roaring flames were blown far out over Mahoning creek and the dense clouds of black smoke rolled along over the house tops, shutting out the sky to some on Mill street and creating the impression that the entire Reading Iron Works were in flames.

The fire department aided by the mill hose did all in its power to check the flames, but before it succeeded the building, which was about the dimensions of an ordinary dwelling house, was practically destroyed. It is difficult to figure on the loss at present. The building was insured.

Whether the fire originated from a stove which was kept in the building or from spontaneous combustion in the iron filings is not known.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES. The late William E. Dodge was one of the most generous givers to Christian work that New York or the country has known. Few men knew the plan of his life or the secret of his giving, however. As revealed by his will, he considered himself as a steward of God, and administered his great business, and his fortune, and his abilities as well to the glory of God.

The \$5,000 bequeathed him by his grandfather rolled up into a large sum. He gave generously to the Young Men's Christian Association, with which he was personally connected as an official for over fifty years, his gifts amounting to over \$100,000. In his will occurs the following statement that should be full of interest to every man who recognizes relations to God in the administration of his fortune:

"Acting from a judgment deliberately formed, based upon observation of the progress of the human race, and of the progress of religious and charitable objects, and believing it better and wiser to give liberally during my life to such objects, I make no bequests of that character. Knowing the hearty sympathy of my beloved wife in all that is good, I feel sure that should she survive me she will use the property entrusted to her hands as a faithful steward of God, and I trust that by the guiding of a kind Providence my children and grandchildren have been so educated as to feel it a privilege and joy to give liberally and largely in proportion to their means for the advancement of the cause of our Blessed Redeemer, and to all humane and benevolent objects."

Over \$24,000.00 has been given to the Young Men's Christian Association of North America for permanent equipment since they were organized in 1851. The cost of the new buildings opened last year was nearly \$4,000,000. A new Association House is being opened each week, costing from a few thousand dollars to \$700,000. Many have been erected as "Memorial Buildings."

### PREPARING FOR STREET PAVING

The committee appointed to circulate the petition asking that Mill street be paved the coming spring resumed its work yesterday morning.

Considerable progress was made during the day, signs for five additional properties being obtained. Among these was the Board of County Commissioners, who have a frontage of one hundred and fifty feet to look after. Fifty three signs have now been obtained along Mill street, which constitute a majority of the property owners.

According to the law on the subject this is sufficient to insure the proposition of street paving. The petition will be presented to Council at an early date to the end that that body may enact the necessary ordinance so as to be ready to begin street paving when the trolley company begins work on the proposed line.

An Inch of Truth. Dr. David Kennedy's new medicine, Calceura Solvent, has been successful in cases which have baffled good doctors, and what it has done it may be trusted to do again. Whether your trouble be acute or chronic the result will be the same; only in old cases you must be faithful and patient. For full information and a free sample bottle write to the Calceura Company, Roundout, N. Y.

Pennsylvania at St. Louis. The exhibit to be made by Pennsylvania at St. Louis will take the shape of a collection of views descriptive of the representative features of the principal towns and cities in the Commonwealth—their business and manufacturing enterprises, their leading thoroughfares, their conspicuous buildings and their scenic beauties or ornamental characteristics. The responses to the commission's invitation to the various municipalities to furnish these photographs have been gratifyingly numerous, and many of the leading towns have entered with special zest upon the undertaking.

In a number of cases those of the older towns for example the photographic exhibits will furnish contrasts of their appearance years ago and today. Philadelphia will have a particularly fine display in this connection, and so will West Chester, where the aspect of the Center Square in 1840 can be compared with what it is in 1903.

Other municipalities that have notified Colonel Lambert, Executive Officer of the Commission, of their immediate co-operation, and in which the photographic work is now under way, are Reading, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Bradford, McKeesport, Johnstown, Williamsport, Meadville and Easton. In each case the staple industry will be largely featured. Bradford, for example, will exploit its oil energies, Wilkesbarre and Scranton their anthracite interest and McKeesport and Johnstown their iron works.

It is particularly desired by the Commission that the interest manifested by the places named should be general throughout the state, and that the pictures exhibit should represent every tier of communities have notified Colonel Lambert of their appreciation of the project and their readiness to cooperate, but definite arrangements have been deferred on account of various municipal technicalities. It is expected that these trifling difficulties will be overcome in time to make the display complete and representative of Pennsylvania's prosperity, progress and enterprise for the opening of the exposition on May 1st.

This display of pictures will be on view in the most conspicuous part of the Pennsylvania building—the rotunda. The Liberty Bell will be hung there, and this circumstance will make it one of the most important centers of attraction at the fair. The photographs will be of uniform size and uniformly framed, and should prove to be one of the most interesting and instructive features of the Pennsylvania exhibits.

A Costly Mistake. Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 35c. at Pauls & Co's Drug Store.

### ROUTE No. 5 IS GRANTED

Post Master C. P. Harder has received a communication from the Fourth Assistant Post Master General at Washington authorizing him to extend the Rural Free Delivery from the Danville Post Office with one additional carrier. The new route, which will be known as Route No. 5, will follow the one laid down by Special Agent Wilkinson in his report of November 20, 1903, and will be as follows:

Beginning at the Post Office in Danville the carrier will go thence southeast and east to Vincent's corner 3 1/2 miles; thence in succession easterly to Ammerman's corner, northeast to Heimback's school house, east, south and easterly to Irvine's corner, northwest and northwest to Lazarus' church, west and southwest to Cotner's corner, westerly to O. A. Mauer's corner, northwest to Edmondson's corner, thence southeast to A. C. Mauer's corner south to Mauer's corner, southwest and west to Toby Run school house, northeast and northerly to Hartzell's corner, easterly to York's corner, north, northeast and east to Schram's corner, northwest to Ploch's corner, southwest to Sumner's corner, southwest to Welsh's corner, northerly to Gillaspay's corner southwest and west to Baker's corner, north to Mill Hollow, southwest to Danville Post Office.

The route between the Mill Hollow and the Post Office takes in Sidler Hill, a thickly populated portion of the county up to the present left out of the free delivery territory. The route just granted is 24 miles in length and covers an area of 14 square miles. One hundred and ten houses embracing a population of 475 is served.

Free delivery over the new route will begin on February 1, 1904. The carrier has not as yet been named, but Postmaster Harder is informed that an appointment will be made in a few days.

The above will be very good news to the residents of Maloning and Cooper townships. Post Master Harder has been working very hard for some time past to secure free delivery for Sidler Hill and it is in no small measure due to his persevering efforts that Route No. 5 has been granted.

Looks Like Murder. New light on the tragedy at Central on Christmas night reveals that the victim, John Daukska, did not commit suicide, but was murdered. Mystery surrounds the story and it is doubtful if the crime will ever be fastened on anyone.

After Daukska and Donna Shoski had quarrelled in George Metzcock's home they went out on the street. Their companions hearing four shots rushed out and told that Shoski was reeling around. Shoski said Daukska had shot him and then shot himself. Daukska lay on the ground with a bullet through his temple.

At a hearing later, however, Benjamin Dyke, who lives next door, to Metzcock, told a different story. He says he heard four shots and rushed out to find Daukska on his back, with Shoski's face was bleeding copiously from a bullet wound across his forehead. Daukska clutched a revolver in his right hand. Shoski had evidently overpowered his assailant after he had been shot.

Dyke then went away to call for an officer, and when he had turned and taken a few steps he heard another shot. Daukska lay there with a bullet hole in his left temple and the revolver lay at his left foot. It had five empty chambers.

As Daukska held the revolver in his right hand to shoot Shoski he could not likely have placed the revolver to his left temple while held down, and the theory advanced is that either Shoski or one of the three companions, who surrounded the pair fired the last shot.

### SMALL POX FACTS WORTH KNOWN

Some truths about how to avoid the smallpox that are of interest to all health boards, as well as every individual in this section.

"Smallpox shows a tendency to become epidemic in the State. The following suggestions are made to Boards:

"1. Enforce the State law requiring all school children to be vaccinated. It is a good law.

"2. Where smallpox gets into a school it should be promptly closed and all the children vaccinated.

"3. Require all physicians practicing in your boroughs or townships and all heads of families to report within twelve hours, under penalty of \$50, each and every case of eruptive disease occurring in their practice or families. This is necessary in order to bring to light many mild cases of smallpox, often called chickenpox.

"4. There are no such diseases as 'Cuban Itch,' 'Hungarian Itch,' 'Italian Itch,' etc. They are all smallpox. Chickenpox is seldom ever seen in adults before sixteen years of age.

"5. Whenever any case of smallpox is discovered quarantine the whole household and enforce at once vaccination of all unprotected persons. Continue rigid quarantine in the case of those sick of smallpox for at least thirty days from the appearance of the eruption, longer, if necessary, or until the person is absolutely well. Quarantine exposed persons fourteen days.

"6. Those sick of smallpox are dangerous from the time they appear until they are absolutely well.

"7. Whenever smallpox appears in one borough, all the Boards of Health in adjacent boroughs should be notified. The failure to do this in the past has been a cause of the spread of the disease.

"8. Fumigation of buildings must be thorough. The fumigators commonly sold are too small to be of any value. Fumigation, when properly done, should consume not less than six hours for each and every room (all may be done at once). Most fumigation is of no value because too quickly done.

"9. Remember that every unvaccinated person in any family in which smallpox appears will have the disease. None will escape. Experience shows this to be true.

"10. Persons who are vaccinated after exposure often have varioloid, some of them are sure to have it. A person with varioloid can give others smallpox. That is the way smallpox is kept alive in communities which vaccinate but do not quarantine exposed persons.

"11. All diseases at times appear in mild forms: scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever, etc., all occur in mild forms, and smallpox does the same. But the mild forms can give rise to the most malignant types.

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### MARKERS FOR WAR VETERANS

Veterans of the G. A. R. are interested in the recent laws enacted by the state legislature relative to the placing of metal markers over the graves of deceased soldiers or sailors who served their country with honor and also the enactment providing for the burial of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors whose resources are not sufficient to defray burial expense. These laws, a part of General Orders Nos. 8 and 9, the Pennsylvania department, G. A. R., are as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., that the board of county commissioners of the several counties of this state may upon the petition of any ten reputable freeholders of any township, borough, or city in their county, procure for, and furnish to said petitioners some suitable and appropriate metal marker for the grave of each and every soldier or sailor, who served with honor in the military forces of the United States, buried within the limits of said township, borough or city, to be placed on the grave of such soldier or sailor, for the purpose of permanently marking and designating said grave for memorial purposes.

Section 2. That in all the petitions to the county commissioners the petitioners shall state in said petition the names of the soldiers or of such graves in their said township, borough or city at the time of the petitioning.

Section 3. This act shall take effect and be in force immediately after its passage.

Approved, the 24th day of April, 1903.

SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER. Order No. 9.—The Department Commander calls attention to an act passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and approved by the Governor, on the 27th day of March 1903, amending the act of May 30th, 1883, providing for the burial of soldiers, sailors or marines that may die leaving insufficient means to defray the necessary burial expenses. The act as amended provides that the County Commissioners shall pay \$50, instead of \$30, for the burial of said soldier, sailor or marine.

A Frightened Horse. Running like mad down the street dashing the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Scres, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. See, at Pauls & Co's drug store.

Wife Ounces Husband's Arrest. Malcolm West was arrested Saturday charged with assault and battery and committed to jail in default of bail.

The warrant was sworn out by the defendant's wife, Pauline West, who charged that at divers times during the past year the accused had brutally abused her by choking and striking her; also that on different occasions he had compelled their ten-year-old son to arise from his bed at night and to go to the hotels to bring him liquor.

The defendant was arraigned before Justice Shultz on Saturday morning. He was under the influence of liquor and the Justice refused to proceed with the hearing. He was accordingly confined in the Borough lock-up until 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening when the hearing took place. The defendant pleaded not guilty.

The prosectrix in giving her testimony supplemented the information lodged with the accusation that on Christmas day the defendant chased her out of their house holding in his hand a large butcher knife and threatening that he would "put her right out."

### THREE LIVES LOST IN FIRE

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The Troy club was destroyed by fire at 1:30 o'clock morning, and three prominent men who occupied apartments in the building lost their lives. They were William Shaw, of the law firm of Shaw, Bailey & Murphy; Moss T. Clough, pastor of the Reusseler county bar, and Benjamin W. Kinney, of Boston, Mass., who was manager of the branch office of the Warren company, of Troy. Edward Carpenter, of New York, was overcome by smoke and removed to the hospital in a serious condition.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The flames and smoke were first discovered on the third floor of the building adjoining the Troy club, and occupied as a boarding and rooming house by the employes of the club. The flames spread along the walls of the Troy club, and were already breaking into the club house when discovered. Panic reigned among the occupants. Several rushed to the windows and threatened to jump in their excitement.

Men cried to the terrified inmates to remain in their positions. A ladder was hurriedly raised from the rear but it was no use. The rear portion of the building was a mass of fire and smoke. A ladder was almost simultaneously raised on the Congress street side, and one after another were carried down safely by the firemen. Some were already overcome. Clough was nearly ninety years old. The club was a magnificent building, costing \$125,000.

One Hundred Dollars a Box. is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by Pauls & Co., J. D. Gosh & Co.

Spent Pleasant Evening. A party was tendered Miss Myrtle Snyder Saturday evening at her home, Strawberry Ridge. The event was in honor of Miss Snyder's sixteenth birthday. Those present were: Misses Grace Boone, Mabel Krumm, Catherine Patterson, Belle and Etha Schooley, Dora Mouser, Alice Conoley, Emma Moser, Eva Moser, Margaret Deibel, Grace Stevens, Messrs. Charles Mearns, Willard Stamba, Harold Stamm, Lewis Patterson, Harry Diehl, Ralph Diehl, James Egan, Charles Reider, Frank Patterson, Alton Schooley and Morris Moser. A pleasant evening was spent.

A large number of Shamokin's "smart set" have recently been served with legal papers commanding them to lay aside all business next Monday to attend and give testimony next week at Philadelphia on the \$25,000 breach of promise suit of Miss Margaret Watkins against Frederick R. Graeber, both of whom are former Shamokinites. The suit was entered at least four years ago, but for some reason or other the trial has been put off time and again. It is claimed upon excellent authority that the trial will take place next week and some interesting developments are anticipated.

Tendered a Reception. A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. David Flick at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Flick, West Hempock township, Thursday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Flick, Mr. and Mrs. David Flick, Misses Libbie Parsel, Mary Crim, Carrie Flick and Ada Ferris of Berwick; Messrs. Wellington Parsel, Jesse Crossley, Samuel Styer and Harry Snyder of Berwick and Elwood Crossley of Buckhorn.

Entertained. The following were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shultz, West Hempock township on Christmas day: Mrs. Barton Runyan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shultz and daughter Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Shultz and daughters Mabel and Maggie, Mr. Jacob Umstead, Mr. Thomas McGonigal, Miss Ruth Shultz and Miss Florence Shultz.

No Women Prisoners. Warden George Hancock, of the Northumberland county jail, reports that Friday was the first day since the jail was built in 1876, that no women prisoners were confined in the bastille on the natal holiday. Sixty-three male prisoners enjoyed the special meals served on Christmas Day. Most of them received boxes containing dainties from their homes and friends. No turkey was served the prisoners.

Mercantile Appraiser. George M. Bedea has been appointed Mercantile Appraiser for next year by the County Commissioners.

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