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CONDENSED NEWS.

Warmer weather today.
Frozen pipes have the call.
Zero was high on the tube.
This is the week of prayer.
Get the swing of writing the '44.'
You never miss the water until the pipes freeze.
The track of the cold wave was along the river banks.
The lid was certainly off the thermometer on Monday.
A lot of good resolutions were made to be broken.
The new hat is turned. But then, there are others.
The man with the New Year's strength now begins to acquire a swag of a third.

Robert Morris, East Market street, is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of grip.
Apprentices in the Pennsylvania Railroad shops are required to serve a four years' apprenticeship instead of three, as formerly.
The man whose thermometer registered the lowest was in demand Tuesday.
The pay roll for the first two weeks in December in the American Car & Foundry Co. at Berwick, exceeded \$92,000.

According to the weather reports there are low temperatures for all.
Lehigh county for the year 1903 issued 1157 marriage licenses, 70 more than in 1902, and the largest number issued in any one year.
The snowfall is keeping up with the weather man's predictions in a way to make him solid with people who have sleighs for hire.
The New Year was inaugurated throughout the country generally in a quiet and unostentatious way. There was a notable absence of the noisy demonstrations.

The pretty school teachers of Cumberland county are so popular that the school board of Carlisle has compelled the girls to sign contracts for the full term.
There is but one day to make good resolutions, while there are 365 in which to try to keep them.
Why not resolve to do at least one kind act every day of the New Year. There can't be too much sunshine.
Even if you do write it 1903 for a few days your correspondent will know what you mean.

The State Board of Health of Indiana has issued orders forbidding the re-employment of 280 teachers in the public schools who are afflicted with tuberculosis.
It speaks volumes for the energy and practical ability enlisted in the work of the Y. M. C. A. throughout the country that this organization has added a new building to its equipment every six days during the year 1903.
This sort of weather "cuts ice" with more than the coal men. The ice men are having their inning, too.
There is a general consensus of opinion that this winter is old-fashioned enough—and winter enough.
With the thermometer below the zero mark, there are visions that the price of ice will be low next summer. At the same time there is a stern reality that the coal pile is rapidly diminishing in the cellar.

Miss A. M. Kessler, the dressmaker, has removed from 307 East Market street to dwelling above J. B. Cleaver's store.
Hi Henry's Minstrels will appear in Danville on Monday, January 11th.
What's the use of going away for the winter when you can stay at home and get all you want of it?
Nominate good men at the primaries and then elect them.
Picking presidential candidates is rather a thankless task just now, but many people are engaged in it. It would be wiser to wait until the time for picking early spring flowers.

The winter weather is severe enough here and the oldest inhabitant is satisfied.
Councilman D. A. Montgomery, who would be wiser to sit up for a couple of weeks has improved of late and is able to sit up.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL
HEARS REPORTS

The Borough Council Thursday eve held a special meeting for the purpose of paying bills and hearing the reports required to wind up municipal affairs for the past year besides transacting any other business that might come up for consideration.
Chief of Police J. C. Mincomeyer presented his report for the year just ended, which on motion was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.
There were forty-two arrests during the year, the offenses embracing drunkenness, disorderly conduct, fighting, obscenity, sidewalk spitting, property, hawking horses in the borough and violating market ordinance. Several of the offenders paid the penalty of their imprudence by undergoing imprisonment in the lock-up, but the majority of the offenders paid the fine imposed, which in the aggregate footed up \$154. During the year there were 154 tramps harbored in the lock-up.
Thomas Trainor, Jr., Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, presented his report. There were 15 fires during the year. The fires were either unattended with damage or the loss was slight. The most destructive fire occurred at the Reading Iron Works on December 26, the loss being \$1100. The total loss by fire was \$1,370.
The report embraced inventories showing the equipment of each company. The membership of each company is as follows: Friendship, 71; Washington, 67; Continental, 47; Goodwill, 41.
On motion the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.
The fourth quarterly appropriation due the Fire Department on motion of Mr. Swank was ordered paid.
The annual salary of \$32 due the Chief of the Fire Department, commencing on Mr. Lloyd was ordered paid.
The annual appropriation due the Executive Board of the Fire Department, \$25, on motion of Mr. Fenstermacher was also ordered paid.
The Finance Committee of Council in whose hands the matter had been left at the previous meeting reported that after due consideration it had decided to advise against any liquidation of the Water indebtedness at present either by buying in bonds or otherwise.
On motion of Mr. Reifsnnyder a section of hose reported as out of order at the Good Will Hose House was ordered repaired.
On motion of Mr. Swank the purchase of two nippers for the police was authorized.
Mr. Lloyd stated that there were good reasons for believing that other persons than the Roaring Creek farmer recently arrested for the offense, were purchasing produce in the curbstone market for the purpose of selling the same. The police officers were asked to be on the lookout for such violations.
The following members were present at the meeting last night: Vastine, Swank, Fenstermacher, Welliver, Reifsnnyder, Lloyd and Joseph Gibson.
The following bills were approved for payment:

WATER DEPARTMENT.
Regular Employees \$129.70
Joseph Lechner .75
Gross and Laffer 32.65
Washington Hose Co 1.35
Thomas W. Reifsnnyder 8.45
Standard Gas Co 29.95
H. B. Patton 20.00
Edward Corman 5.00
BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.
Regular Employees \$82.50
Labor and Hauling 23.40
A. C. Anshutz 29.95
Standard Electric Light Co 454.93
Standard Gas Co 3.20
Welliver Hardware Co 1.55
T. W. Reifsnnyder 29.00
B. B. Brown (Health Officer) 9.55
Dr. C. Shultz, (Secretary) 13.25
Joseph Lechner 1.71
J. C. Mincomeyer, 107 meals in lock-up at 13 cents 13.91

May be Admitted to School.
A fact which may not be known to all the patrons is that children who will be six years old between January 1st and June 1st next may be admitted to the schools now by showing a certificate of successful vaccination. According to a rule in force here pupils who will arrive at the school age between the opening of the term and the holiday vacation are permitted to enter school on the first day; those who will not arrive at the proper age until after the New Year can not be enrolled until that date. No time should be lost in either case in order to obtain full benefit of the course.
Frost Bitten Ears and Feet.
Robert Nico, son of Mrs. Louisa Nico, South Danville, who attends school in the Second Ward, this city, froze his ears very badly Tuesday morning. He suffered intensely on his way to school and soon after entering the warm room found that his ears were frozen. Such remedies as were at hand were applied by the teacher, but the boy's ears began to swell badly and were soon double their natural size. He was obliged to go home, where he received medical treatment.
Miss Bassett of Rush township, who also attends the Second Ward school, had her feet and hands badly frozen. The young lady it appears Tuesday walked to school and notwithstanding the exercise was affected by the cold as above described. Everything possible was done for her at the school building while word was sent to her parents, who later took her home in a sleigh.

MERRY MASQUERADERS

For one hour and a half Friday afternoon the numbers owned the town and that they did themselves proud no one who witnessed their fine parade will for a moment controvert or deny. That their efforts were appreciated and looked forward to with enjoyment by the citizens of the town was attested by the throngs that filled the streets long before the parade started and lingered until the last reveler had meandered by. Mill street from the bridge to the Army was black with people who lined the sidewalks and at many places crowded out into the street, leaving barely room for the parade to pass.
The weather was all that could be desired. About noon the sun began to shine quite warm, yet the snow did not melt to any extent, so that the streets remained in the best of condition for marching. Good weather brought out a good crowd, not as sightseers alone, but also as numbers. In fact the parade, which was a monster affair, surpassed all expectations.
The numbers began forming at 1:30 and by 2 o'clock the parade was ready to move. It was divided into three divisions. The first division was led by Chief Marshal R. B. Parsel and John Patton and Harry Philo, aids, all mounted. The second division was led by A. C. Rots, Thomas Trainor, Jr., Jasper Perry and Theodore Baker. The third division, which consisted of horsemen, was marshaled by William Suter. Steen's Band furnished music in the first division. The Mechanicsville band was in the second division, while the Washington Drum Corps marched with the horsemen.
The parade was led by Will G. Brown in an oldsmobile. He was followed by seven National Guardsmen, after whom came twelve uniformed firemen, marching four abreast and representing the Washington, the Friendship and the Continental Fire companies. Steen's Band came next, after which the long line of floats followed, and lingers on the description simply as a confusion of kaleidoscopic colors embraced in a confusing array of make-ups, all of them ingenious and picturesque and no two of them alike.
The line of floats embraced every form of minstrel outfit extant. There were Indians in every style of Indian regalia; there were cowboys and cowgirls; old Mephistopheles, himself, "Uncle Sam" and trumped galore, "Rebels" and young married couples from the country. Every outlandish conception in the way of disguise was to be seen, along with oddly devised vehicles drawn or pushed along by bony old horses which were dressed up to imitate the numbers. There were some thirty-five faces on horseback, all wearing false noses or decorated with burnt cork.
There was nothing more laughable among the jolly masqueraders than some of the advertising outfits. Many of these were on the order of "sandwich" men, but in the make-up no rule was followed, the only object being to produce a grotesque effect and to advertise the goods.
The parade surpassed everything of its kind ever seen in Danville. There were hundreds of men in line, the parade on the home stretch extending nearly all the way from Mill street to the Washington Hose House. Much praise is due D. C. Williams as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the full measure of success attained. At the same time the rank and file of the parade must not be overlooked. All who participated deserve credit, not only for the good order maintained, but also for the originality and the artistic taste displayed in the endless variety of costumes. Otherwise Danville could not have enjoyed the best New Year's parade ever seen in its history.

Coal Rapidly Consumed.
There is a big increase in the quantity of fuel consumed during a cold wave such as prevailing at present, a fact which is plainly perceptible in the family coal pile.
The same thing is noticeable at the Water Works and at the Hospital for the Insane. At the latter institution they are now consuming for all purposes thirty tons of coal per day. As the result of experiment the hospital authorities have learned that river coal answers admirably for all purposes and they are now using it to the exclusion of all other kinds with the result that a considerable saving is effected.
At the present season an enormous quantity of water is wasted through the practice of leaving the hydrants run during the night to prevent freezing. To supply this deficiency extra pumping is required; this consumes more steam, which in turn requires more coal. At the Water Works also river coal is burned, so that the increased expense is kept down to a minimum.
Collection for Butler Fever Patients.
The collection taken at the concert on New Year's night in the Y. M. C. A., for the fever sufferers at Butler, Pa., amounted to \$10.00, which was turned over to the Danville National Bank to be forwarded.
Assumed Half Interest.
Jerome Flood has assumed a half interest in the mercantile business conducted by J. H. Kase, South Danville. The firm henceforth will be known as J. H. Kase & Co.

PREPARING FOR RELIEF WORK

The Woman's Benevolent Association of Danville will hold its annual meeting at the residence of Mrs. Robert Magill, 113 West Market street, at 3 P. M., today.
This first regular meeting of the season as is customary will be devoted wholly to business in the line of organization and in getting ready for a base season's work. Mrs. S. Y. Thompson is President, Miss Helen T. Magill, Secretary, and Mrs. J. A. Persing, Treasurer, of the Association. Not only will officers be elected on Thursday but two managers will be chosen from each of the thirteen different churches in town to represent that congregation in the relief work during the year.
The annual meeting will be followed by regular meetings on such dates as may be decided upon in the rooms of the Woman's Benevolent Association in the third story of the Thomas Heaver Free Library. These meetings at which the time is wholly devoted to sewing for the poor, are usually kept up during the winter, the aim being not only to supply immediate demands in the way of bedding and wearing apparel, but to create a surplus of the same, which will be available during the early part of the preceding winter before the Association gets down to work.
Already during this winter there have been appeals to the Association for help, coal being mostly what was needed. The indications are that we will have a long and severe winter and the ladies foresee an abundance of work for charitably disposed people.
The Woman's Benevolent Association has been in existence for a number of years. Its membership at times has been large; at other times speaking of those who are at all active its membership has fallen below what is adequate to accomplish the work that would seem to devolve upon it. At present, especially, the Association would like to increase its membership. The fee is but 25 cents, although any larger sum will be thankfully received and applied to a beneficent purpose.
Under the method employed of choosing managers from each of the churches the Association is able to keep in touch with the various strata of life throughout the town; it is in a position to determine at short notice the worthlessness or the unworthiness of every case that comes up and thus is an agency which can be prevented by a lack of resources only from accomplishing unlimited good.
As at present equipped the Association in any one case can extend only temporary help. It makes it a point to reach old people and the sick who are in destitute circumstances. Beyond this it does merely what it can. Who will deny that it is a noble no situation and as such deserving not only commendation but all the assistance it asks?

Montour House is Sold.
The Montour House, Danville's most famous old hotel, of which the late James L. Riehl was owner and landlord for over forty years, has found a new owner in the person of E. T. Linnard of Philadelphia.
Mr. Linnard, who until recently was half owner of the Colomade hotel, Philadelphia, closed the bargain yesterday. The price paid, it is understood, was \$25,000. The new owner will assume charge on Thursday of next week, whether he will remove to Danville and conduct the hotel in person or employ a man to run it for him is not known at present.
The Montour House was first opened in 1834. Few hotels are better known throughout the country. Brower's history states that the house was originally built by General Daniel Montgomery, who kept a store in the corner room. An orchard extended from the building up to Ferry street. Boyd, Colton and Donaldson also kept store there. In 1834 it was first opened as a hotel by Samuel Brady, who gave it its name: "The Montour House." In 1836 G. M. Shoop purchased the property and subsequently the house was kept by W. G. Gaskins, Cornelius Garretson, Smith, Kramer, Kirk and Jones." It was about 1859 that the late James L. Riehl became owner and landlord.
Five Veterans Were Paid.
The remains of Mrs. J. B. Love of Milton, were brought to this city on the 11:24 P. & R. train yesterday and taken direct to Old Fellows' cemetery, where interment was made. The husband of the deceased was a veteran of the Civil war, and among the residents of this city who met the funeral at the station were a number of veterans, members of Goodrich Post. The following acted as pall bearers: Samuel Mottern, James James, Clarence Price, William M. Heddins, John Crossley and G. W. Jackson. The funeral was quite a large one.
The following persons with the family of the deceased accompanied the remains to this city: Calvin Cromley, Milton; Samuel Bloom and son and Mrs. Alberta Horinger of Sunbury; F. B. Kelly of Lebanon; Mrs. L. K. Clayton and Mrs. J. C. Gibson of Havre de Grace.
The great Forepaugh-Sells circus, which toured the west last year, is coming through this section of the State the coming summer. An advance agent is already on the road engaging grounds.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Elizabeth Antrim of West Pittston, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Will G. Brown.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Campbell of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the Heddins House as guests of John L. Campbell.
Charles Jacobs of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs, Sr., East Market street.
Harry Charlton left yesterday for Baltimore, Md., after a short visit in this city.
A. M. Diehl left yesterday for Wilkesbarre.
Walter J. Lowrie accompanied by J. E. Closs a fellow-student, returned to Lafayette College yesterday after a sojourn during the holidays at the home of his father, J. W. Lowrie, Strawberry Ridge.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Robinson and daughter Eleanor of Roxborough arrived at this city yesterday for a visit at the home of Justice J. P. Baro.
Ira Johnson of Northumberland, was a Danville visitor yesterday.
Mrs. John W. Farnsworth returned home from Philadelphia last evening.
W. S. Reed of Bloomsburg, transacted business in this city yesterday.
Mrs. S. A. Yorks and daughter Miss Mary, left yesterday for Pinehurst, N. C.
John Bragler transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.
John Weniger visited friends in Sunbury yesterday.
George E. Kase of Kaseville, left yesterday for Lancaster.
Hiram Weaver transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. George Shultz left yesterday for Buffalo, N. Y., after a short visit in this city.
Henry Rempe returned from New York city last evening.
J. F. Tonley was in Shamokin yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Landau returned to Washington, D. C., yesterday after a visit with relatives in South Danville.
W. T. Shepperson transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.
Mrs. William Melick of Milton, visited friends in this city yesterday.
Aaron Williams left yesterday for Cayne, Lackawanna county.
Miss Ella Snyder called on Bloomsburg friends yesterday.
Mrs. E. Brown of Bloomsburg, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Warming the Mail Wagons.
The carriers on the rural free delivery routes had a trying experience of it during the cold spell. Those who have their wagons fixed on runners were able to avail themselves of the use of a lantern. The latter, like a lamp, throws out a considerable amount of heat, which in the small and tightly closed mail wagon soon has the effect of raising the temperature, so that the carrier if properly wrapped can get along with tolerable comfort, even in the coldest weather.
Diminutive stoves are manufactured and can be bought in this city, designed for use in wagons. The most of the milk and huckster wagons which ply about town are equipped with these little stoves, the vendors enjoying comparative comfort where a few years ago those in their position nearly froze.
There is a good deal of danger of the wagons taking fire unless precaution is exercised to keep blankets and other combustible matter away from the stove. The same danger may exist where lanterns are used. Such fires are reported almost daily and several are on record in this county.
Many Pupils out of School.
This is not the kind of weather when truant is apt to flourish, nevertheless Truant Officer Young states that he finds an unusually large number of children out of school, and explains that they are detained at home by illness.
At the same time there is no great prevalence of infectious diseases in Danville, illness where it exists consisting mostly of a cold in one of its various forms.
Health officer Brown last evening stated that there have been a few cases of scarlatina and of membranous sore throat, the dwellings where the latter exists being placarded "Diphtheria." Taking in both, he said, there are all told only three cases in town, and none that are not serious.
Brickwork Well Under Way.
All building operations at the Hospital for the Insane have been effectively held up by the cold wave. The brick layers have done no work this week.
One of Mr. Shepherd's foremen last evening, however, stated that there is no intention of suspending work on account of the weather. The walls on two buildings are finished as far as the third floor, which leaves but one story to build. The contractor will lie in wait for fair weather. By taking advantage of the nice days as they occur, the brickwork on both buildings can in a short time be completed. Once under roof the buildings can be finished regardless of the weather.

KITCHEN RANGES WERE WRECKED

A bad fire, for which the cold wave would have been indirectly responsible, was very narrowly averted, at the residence of Henry L. Gross, West Mahoning street Tuesday morning. A frozen supply pipe caused the "water back" to burst, the explosion instantly demolishing the stove and setting the room on fire.
About half past six o'clock Isaac Gross, who had spent the night with his father, arose and turned on the fire in the kitchen range, after which he left for his own home. He attended to the fire there and did some other chores, spending in all half an hour or more when he returned to his father's residence. As he approached the house he saw smoke issuing from the windows of the kitchen. Hurray to the rear he opened the door when a scene met his gaze which baffled description. The kitchen, which he left in good order less than an hour before, was a mass of ruins.
The stove was shattered to fragments. The oven doors along with other heavy pieces of iron were lying on the opposite side of the room, while the mass of red hot coals had been shot in a volley some eight feet against the wainscoting, which quickly ignited and along with the floor was burning rapidly. The walls and ceiling were covered with soot and ashes while a chair caught in the explosion was split in two.
A few buckets of water, which were convenient, sufficed to extinguish the fire. Isaac could not help but realize that he was twice fortunate. Had he been a few minutes earlier he would no doubt have been caught in the explosion, when judging by the ruin wrought his chances for escape would have been slim. Had he been a little later the fire would have gained sufficient headway to endanger or destroy the entire dwelling.
The range at Mr. Gross's is equipped with a water back. Such equipments, which are caused by the supply pipe freezing up, have to be guarded against in cold weather. Mr. Gross who was the only occupant of the house at the time of the explosion, was sleeping and did not hear the noise. The report, however, was heard by neighbors on the opposite side of West Mahoning street.
A similar accident occurred at the residence of Mrs. Eva Myer, Lower Mulberry street, Tuesday morning. A frozen pipe caused the water back to burst; the stove here was also wrecked, although the ruin was not so general as at Mr. Gross. Mrs. Myer was in the kitchen at the time and was struck upon the head by a flying missile although only slightly injured.

John L. Evans in a Fire.
Hotel Highland, one of the finest hostleries of Albuquerque, New Mexico, at which our townsman, John L. Evans, was a boarder, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening of last week.
The "Daily Citizen" of Albuquerque last Wednesday published a graphic description of the fire. The hotel contained forty-five rooms, and accommodated some thirty-five guests. The fire broke out at 7 o'clock and was discovered by John L. Evans, who was eating his supper.
Mr. Evans gave the alarm, after which the response by the firemen was prompt, but in spite of all that could be done the hotel was totally destroyed.
The flames spread with lightning-like rapidity. As soon as he discovered the fire Mr. Evans rushed to his room and succeeded in saving his trunk by throwing it out of the window onto one of the roofs adjoining. The time was short, however, and in order to save himself he was obliged to the leaving his suit case and a portion of his clothing a prey to the flames. Among the other guests were a number who did not fare so well as Mr. Evans, losing all they had in their rooms.
In a letter received in this city yesterday, Mr. Evans states that he has taken lodging in another hotel and is none the worse for his experience in the fire.
It is now quite cold at Albuquerque and ice quickly forms. The atmosphere, however, is equable in temperature and is considered very pure and salubrious.
Cold Wave is Past.
The weather yesterday was still perfectly cold and judging by its effects there seemed to be little difference in the temperature between Tuesday morning and the morning of yesterday. There was, however, a difference of some twelve degrees as shown by the thermometers.
The coldest reported was at Kipp's run, where mercury at 2 a. m. stood at 20 degrees below and at 5 a. m. at 18 degrees below. At 5:30 o'clock the thermometer at the Montour House registered 10 degrees below zero.
Coldest Weather in Forty-Three Years.
According to a meteorological record kept in the cash book at the store of A. H. Sharpless, at Catawissa, Tuesday was the coldest day in that town for the past forty-three years. On the 16th of January, 1861, the mercury registered 25 degrees below zero, whilst on the morning of January 5, 1904, it registered 20 below. At no time since the former date has the thermometer indicated such a low degree of temperature as existed in that Borough Tuesday morning.

SHERIFF-ELECT SWORN IN

George Maters, Sheriff-elect, was inducted into his office Monday noon. This is Mr. Maters' second term as Sheriff, his first term expiring with the close of 1900, while Michael Brockbill the retiring incumbent yesterday completed his third term as Sheriff of Montour County.
Michael Brockbill was first elected in 1888 and served during '89, '90 and '91, being succeeded in 1892 by C. P. Harder, present Post Master of Danville. In 1894 Mr. Brockbill was again elected, his second term ending with the close of 1897. He was succeeded in 1898 by George Maters, who on retiring in January 1901 was succeeded by Mr. Brockbill on his third and last term.
Michael Brockbill was not the first Sheriff of Montour County to hold the office for three terms. His case is paralleled by Edward Young, who held first the office for three terms, being first elected in the '50's. Young was Sheriff when Clark and Mrs. Twigg were convicted of murder and it was he who officiated at the execution. Sheriff Young ran for the fourth term but was defeated.
Michael Brockbill, one of the most popular of our Sheriffs, has been a resident of Montour County since 1858. He was born in Lebanon County in 1834. His father was a paper maker and later for a period of ten years was employed in the paper mill at Catawissa.
In 1850 Michael Brockbill, then a boy of 16, was hired to drive a stage coach from Selingsgrove to Williamsport. He was next employed to drive a packet boat from Williamsport to Jersey Shore during the summer and a stage coach to Trout Run and the Elvek House during the winter. His next employment, during the years of '51, '52 and '53, was driving a mail buggy from Williamsport to Milton, remaining in the latter place over night.
In Milton he learned the printing trade, serving three years under Col. Eek in the office of the "Milton Democrat." He later worked as a "jour" printer in the office of the "Home Gazette," Lewisburg.
In 1858 he came to Montour County and was employed on the farm of J. W. Foresman, Mahoning township. He intended to study law but the war breaking out he changed his plans. He had just graduated at the Danville Academy under Professor Weston, when in September, 1861, he enlisted serving in the war until 1865.
At the close of the war he returned to this county and in 1866 was married. For some years he followed farming in Mahoning township.
Ministers Will Have Saloon Supervision.
The Ministerial Association of the Panther Creek Valley and the eleven saloon keepers of Summit Hill, against whose license applications the former recently filed remonstrances in a most peculiar manner and the remonstrances will be withdrawn.
The ministers alleged that there were too many saloons at Summit Hill and they prayed the court to reduce the number proportionate to the population. They declared that the eleven against whom they remonstrated were the most undesirable and their action caused consternation among the tavern proprietors.
Summit Hill saloonists however, are ingenious fellows and they decided to see what could be done to alleviate the antagonism of the ministers. A committee of the dealers called at a meeting of the Ministerial Association and humbly asked for mercy. They represented that if they had done any wrong it was not intentional and they promised to be good in the future if only their licenses were not taken from them.
The ministers, after some consideration, agreed to relent in their war on the liquor traffic providing each saloonist paid \$25.00 to the association and signed an agreement giving the preachers virtual supervision of the drinking places. If the latter are not conducted on the high plane of morality exacted by the men of the cloth the licenses are forthwith to be revoked.
The saloon men whacked up their \$25, signed the agreement and now breathe easier.
Examination for Railway Mail Clerks.
President Roosevelt, in his annual message, stated that for the last fiscal year there had been 25,596 persons appointed through competitive examinations under Civil Service rules. This was 12,672 more than for any previous year, and forty per cent of all who passed the examinations. There will be a Post Office examination in this city the first Wednesday or Saturday after May 1. There will be examinations in several places in this state for Railway Mail Clerks, Stenographers, and many other positions during March and April. The Columbia Correspondence College of Washington, D. C., has issued an announcement giving the dates and places for holding examinations, the age limits, physical qualifications, education required, and full information about the various positions in the Government Civil Service, and it will be sent free to all who write for it.
Until some instrument is invented for registering the cold a person feels it will be impossible to tell how cold it really is.

TO CONNECT BIG TROLLEY LINES

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company, held at Allentown all the rights, title and interest of the Danville and Riverside Street Railway Company were purchased outright.
The acquisition of this line gives the Danville and Bloomsburg Company the right of way from Danville to Bloomsburg through Riverside, and it also places the company in a position to make direct connection with the road to be built by "Farmer" Kulp and others from Shamokin to Sunbury.
In the construction of the Danville and Bloomsburg Road the first step is to be taken in connecting Wilkesbarre and Danville and Hazleton and Danville. As the new road will connect with the Columbia and Montour Line, now operating between Berwick, Bloomsburg, Rupert and Catawissa, by extending the Columbia and Montour Line from Berwick to Shickspanya, a link will be made forming a continuous trolley connection from Wilkesbarre to Danville.
The Hazleton Line is to be built to Nesquehanna, and there remains to connect Hazleton and Danville, the building of the Columbia and Montour Line, from Berwick to Nesquehanna, a distance of about two miles.
At the same meeting W. F. Pascoe, of Allentown, tendered his resignation as president of the company and F. C. Angle of Danville, was chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Pascoe has been awarded the contract to build the Danville and Bloomsburg Road for \$200,000.
The consolidation of the various companies will mean much in the direction of opening up the country along the Susquehanna.

The Note Was Burned.
Services at Shiloh Reformed church Sunday were of a very interesting nature. As stated Saturday the congregation is out of debt and in order to signalize the fact a part of the program yesterday morning was the burning of a note which represented a debt of ten years standing. The zero weather prevailing and the newly fallen snow, which left the roads unbroken, had the effect of keeping at home some of the congregation who reside in the country. Among those unable to attend it was noticed were some who had not been absent for years.
The usual order of worship was followed, during which W. C. Crum, Financial Secretary, read the Treasurer's report, which showed no liabilities and a small balance on hand.
After singing the second hymn the note was burned in the presence of the congregation. The document to be destroyed was placed upon a plate, which Mr. Orth held in his hands, struck a match and set the note on fire. Breathless silence reigned throughout the auditorium as the flames ate up the document. As soon as the note was consumed the congregation joined in singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."
Another circumstance which added to the interest of the services of Shiloh Reformed church Sunday was the fact that the congregation had with them morning and evening the Rev. Christopher Noss of Sendai, Japan, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall college at Lancaster, who holds a chair in the Tohoku College at Sendai. Rev. Noss, who took a post graduate course in the University at Berlin, is a man of splendid attainments. Besides holding a chair in the college at Sendai he also preaches among the natives. His learning and his practical experiences make him an authority on all matters that pertain to missionary effort in Japan and other Eastern countries. He indulged in some remarks during the morning service, but gave a more extended talk last evening. During his discourse one caught some interesting glimpses of life in the land of the Mikado and learned to appreciate the difficulties missionaries there have to contend with and consequently to measure accurately the progress made in the work of evangelization.
Notwithstanding the cold there was a good-sized congregation present morning and evening.

Mr. Lawrence Heavy Ice Crop.
If every ice house about town is not filled with ice, the product of our own ponds and streams, this year, it will not be because there is not a superabundance of it.
William S. Lawrence alone, has harvested from the dam on Mahoning creek over one thousand loads of ice, averaging one and a half tons per load. All of this ice has been used in filling ice houses about town and there is still room for a great deal more.
Mr. Lawrence has not been cutting ice this week, but he will resume in a day or so, when he expects to find ice eighteen inches in thickness.
A Good Picture.
The last week's issue of the "Weekly Reminder" issued by the Mahoning Presbyterian church contained an excellent cut of the church. Architecturally the Mahoning church is quite a notable structure and the cut, which is by Dr. James V. Ogleby, shows the building up in excellent style. The vista taken includes the front of the church with its imposing columns and the tower above, as well as the manse a short distance further on. The picture has been much admired.