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CONDENSED NEWS.

One million copies of a religious work by Rev. William Toennes of Hazleton have been printed and will be sold to defray a church debt of \$22,000.

January 23, is the last day on which certificates of nomination may be filed from boroughs and townships, and February 1, is the last day on which nomination papers may be filed from such districts.

The Milton Standard is getting anxious about having ball prospects for next season and wants the town to get together, pointing out that Watson-town is already under way.

Ground Hog Day, February 2, comes on again, and then perhaps we'll have our weather program arranged for the next six weeks to come. And there are some people who really believe in the ground hog theory.

Township voters should see to it that they elect constables who will perform their duties.

Numerous recipes for the prevention and cure of smallpox are now being published, but after all the only tried and true remedy is vaccination.

Voters should remember that it is their interest to elect good men to city councils.

Benny's declared purpose to go ahead with the immense improvements planned last year means plenty of work and good times for many communities along the giant railway system.

The Pennsylvania railroad exhibit for the St. Louis fair is ready for shipment and it is needless to say that it will be one of the greatest attractions of its kind within the grounds.

Funny that in almost every city and town in the State they are suffering from too much water.

The annual report of the Williamsport Board of Trade shows that town to be progressing at a rapid pace. It has the lowest death rate in the state, ten per thousand.

The sixty-fifth annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association will convene February 25th at the Emanuel Evangelical church, Allentown.

A probable strike of 3,000 teamsters and drivers at St. Louis, Mo., will be averted by settlement by arbitration.

The acquittal of Mrs. Bechtel as an accessory to the murder of her daughter Mabel by the jury of Lehigh counties was undoubtedly a righteous verdict. The aged woman should never have been compelled to pass through the terrible ordeal to which she was subjected. The case of the commonwealth was surprisingly weak.

In again bringing the old-fashioned winter to the front, the weather bureau ought to fit the cold snap to the flood time when it would do the most good.

An official of a New York dramatic agency estimates that fully 35,000 actors, stranded in strange places by the disbanding of 185 companies on the road, have for two months been wandering their way back to city.

The next holiday, Lincoln's birth day, February 12.

Willard Spencer, author of "Miss Bob White" that recently appeared here, is at work on a new opera which he hopes to complete by the spring of 1904. He will leave for Florida in a few days to put on the finishing touches.

Allentown has a record for immorality and crime that should arouse its citizens to better themselves and remove the cause. When the cause is known there ought surely to be found a remedy radical enough to bring about a cure.

The man who said that hard winters have gone out of fashion is in a hospital suffering from a bad case of frost bite.

Montour

"THIS COUNTRY WILL NEVER BE ENTIRELY FREE UNTIL IT SUPPLIES ALL OF ITS OWN DEMANDS WITH ITS OWN PRODUCTIONS."

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LICENSES ARE ALL GRANTED

Court convened at 10 o'clock Friday morning with President Judge R. R. Little and Associates Dr. S. Y. Thompson and Frank G. Blea upon the bench.

Judge Little read the list of applications for license. Finding that there were no new ones on the list that called for special investigation and that there were no remonstrances filed against the granting of any he announced that the licenses would be granted subject to the approval of bonds. These were considered later in the session and duly approved, so that every license in the county is good for another year.

After the licenses were disposed of the Court took up other business pending. The most important action was the making of an order discharging the rule to strike off the non-suit in the case of Sarah C. Cromley vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This was a suit to recover damages for the death of Joseph B. Cromley and little son David, who were killed by the Buffalo Flyer at Watsontown in January, 1902. The case came up for trial at this city in November last and had proceeded on trial to the second day when Judge Little ordered a compulsory non-suit on the ground of contributory negligence. The court granted a rule to show cause why it should not be stricken off. The Court's action Friday permits the non-suit to stand and precludes reinstatement. It is understood the case will now be taken to the Supreme Court.

Court adjourned at 12 o'clock to reconvene at the ringing of the Court House bell.

Death of Gilbert Voris.

Gilbert Voris, an old and esteemed resident of this section, died at his home near Pottsgrove on Tuesday morning.

The deceased, who was a cousin of E. C. Voris, this city, was a representative of one of our oldest families, his father being John Voris who played a prominent part in the settlement and the development of this section.

He belonged to a large family of which but one brother, William Voris, still survives. Peter and Abram Voris, dead some years, were brothers of the deceased.

Gilbert Voris was seventy-seven years of age. He had been ailing for some time with a complication of diseases. His widow, who survives, is a sister of Mrs. Frank Hain of New York, and of the late Mrs. Regina J. Simington of this city. The deceased is also survived by a son, John Voris and a daughter, Harriet, (Mrs. Luther Moll) both of whom reside near Pottsgrove. Mrs. Annie Emerick, wife of Dr. Emerick of Milton, who died a few years ago, was a daughter of the deceased.

The funeral will take place from the late residence tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will take place in Harmony cemetery at Milton.

More Trains Yesterday.

The full schedule of trains on the S. H. & W. branch was run between Sunbury and South Danville yesterday, which proves quite a convenience to the traveling public.

On the D. L. & W. railway there was but one train from Northumberland, which arrived at this city at 2:11 and returned to Northumberland at 4:32. A good deal of freight was moved on this end of the D. L. & W. yesterday, which was transferred to the R. & V. railway. It is the first time in very many years it is not in the history of the road that such a transfer was made. Thirty-three cars loaded with merchandise, consigned to points east, which lay in the D. L. & W. yards here, were run up on the cinder tip where they were switched onto the Reading track, which by means of the trestling and bridge over the D. L. & W. connects the Structural Tubing Works with the main track of the Reading railway. Thirteen loaded cars stranded at Rupert were brought down over the Reading track and in the same way transferred to the D. L. & W. Railroad.

New Machinery Being Installed.

The Rempe Manufacturing Company has ordered another installment of machinery for the manufacture of its self-winding clocks, which will necessitate the employment of more hands and the utilizing of all the floor space in the building.

The clocks wherever introduced are giving satisfaction and their fame is spreading rapidly. Dealers who were among the first to give the clocks a trial have continued sending in orders. The result is that the factory is three to four weeks behind in orders and this in face of the fact that new hands are being employed right along and that the factory is working ten hours per day.

The new machinery will all have to be made to order in about a month or six weeks will elapse before it can be installed. Meanwhile clocks are being shipped every day. As only a small portion of the United States, probably less than one-tenth has been covered some idea can be formed of the enormous trade which may later develop and consequently of the importance of the clock factory as a future industry in Danville.

Both Feet Badly Frozen.

Martin Kelley, a stove moulder until a few days ago employed at the Stove Works here, was very badly frozen Tuesday night and is in danger of losing his feet as the result.

Kelley boarded with Mrs. Jones on Front street near the Second Ward school house.

Dr. Paulies, who was called to attend Kelley found him in a dreadful condition, both feet being frozen until black. The man will be taken to the Mary M. Packer Hospital this morning. It is much feared that his feet will have to be amputated.

Will Ask State Aid.

The County Commissioners of Columbia county have made an appeal to the State for assistance to aid in breaking up the enormous ice gorges in the North Branch near this point.

What the result of the appeal will be is not known. A telegram from Governor Pennypacker in response to an earlier communication warned the County Commissioners that it was their duty to do everything in their power to prevent private loss or the destruction of public property in the form of bridges.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

The Republican primaries were held throughout the Borough Friday evening. A good sized vote was polled, in the First Ward especially where sixty votes were cast. Following are the nominations:

FIRST WARD.
Council, Amos Vastine; School Director, H. E. Trambauer; Assessor, J. L. Frame; Judge of Election, W. V. Oglesby; Inspector, F. M. Herrington. F. A. Evans and W. G. Brown were chosen as delegates to the Borough and District Conventions. W. H. Woodside was the choice of the First Ward for Auditor. Joseph Y. Seehler and Jesse Beaver received a tie vote for Poor Director. The delegates therefore were instructed to vote, one for Seehler and the other for Beaver.

SECOND WARD.
Council, Jacob H. Boyer; School Director, David E. Haring; Assessor, Harry E. Seidel; Judge of Election, Harry A. Shick; Inspector, Frank T. Montague. W. H. Woodside was the choice for Borough Auditor. J. H. Woodside and Harry A. Shick were elected delegates. As to Poor Director they were unopposed.

THIRD WARD.
Council, J. B. Cleaver; School Director, J. B. Gearhart; Assessor, Henry Kerns; Justice of the Peace, J. P. Bare; Judge of Election, W. Dush Holloway; Inspector, Seth Lormor. W. H. Woodside was endorsed for Borough Auditor. The delegates elected were Edward Stroh and Clarence Price. For Poor Director they were unopposed.

FOURTH WARD.
Council, Joseph Gibson; School Director, W. H. Orth; Assessor, John Jenkins; Judge of Election, Dallas Hummer; Inspector, Michael Lormor; W. H. Woodside was supported for Borough Auditor. The delegates chosen were Nicholas Hill and Alexander Mann. They were unopposed for Poor Director.

Jesse Beaver for Poor Director.

The Republican Borough and District Conventions were held at Hotel Oliver on Saturday evening. There were no delegates present from Mahoning township. Each of the Wards of the Borough was represented as follows: First Ward, W. G. Brown and T. A. Evans; Second Ward, J. H. Woodside and Harry A. Shick; Third Ward, Edward Stroh and Clarence Price; Fourth Ward, Nicholas Hill and Alexander Mann.

Edward V. Stroh was chosen Chairman and J. H. Woodside, Secretary, of the District convention. Jesse Beaver, who with Joseph Y. Seehler received a tie vote in the First Ward, Friday night, was nominated for Overseer of the Poor in the Danville and the Mahoning District.

The officers chosen for the District convention also served in the Borough Convention. There was only one nomination to make, that for Borough Auditor. W. Haden Woodside of the Second Ward, who was unanimously supported at the primaries, received the nomination for Borough Auditor.

Enjoyable Social Affairs.

Members of the entertainment committee of the B. P. O. Elks of this city are making arrangements to hold a series of dances in the magnificent Elks hall in the Grone building, the first one of which is to be given some evening next week.

The social affairs given by Danville Lodge during the past few weeks were much enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to be present. The first entertainment was given several weeks ago, a progressive sledge party for members and their gentlemen friends, serving as the inaugural number. This was followed last week by a euchre for members and their lady friends. Nearly sixty people were present at the euchre and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Amusements for the ladies will be given at short intervals during the winter. The Elks are very hospitable and their rooms are well suited for entertaining purposes.

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Bloomsburg and Catawissa are in the grasp of the highest flood ever known in their history. At 11 o'clock last night the water had reached a height of forty feet, which is six feet higher than ever known before. All the low lying portions of Bloomsburg including Main street below Leonard are submerged. The carpet factory is surrounded by water. All the farm land below town is inundated, the river and Fishing creek forming one unbroken sheet of water.

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24 HOURS OF SUSPENSE

Above town a stupendous ice jam holding back a pent-up flood whose crest was the highest that ever swept down the North Branch Valley; below town another formidable mass of ice locked in the channel dreading as an obstacle which might hold back the mighty rush of water that was likely to be precipitated upon us at any moment and cause the inundation of all the low lying portions of our town. Such was the grave situation at Danville all day Sunday and during Sunday night.

It was a period of deep suspense and anxiety. The conditions were unique in the history of the town; precedents counted for nothing and no one knew what to predict.

The whistle at the Water Works sounded shortly after one o'clock Sunday morning indicating that the ice on the river had started. People crowded from their beds anxiously to witness the spectacle but sorely dreading of the menacing conditions which were so soon to develop. The ice moved some twenty feet and then stopped short.

People crawled back to their beds but early Sunday morning again sought the river. Shortly after 11 o'clock the whistle was again sounded and in response nearly half the town's population made its way toward the river. The ice broke below the bridge and moved quickly down as far as the creek's mouth where it lodged. Above the bridge it remained intact.

Meanwhile reports reached this city from Bloomsburg and Catawissa telling of abnormally high water at those points, while below town on both sides of the river the railroads were under water. On the S. H. & W. branch all traffic was suspended. On the D. L. & W. line the 6:57 a. m. train came up to Danville but was unable to proceed to Bloomsburg owing to the submerged tracks east of the town.

An engine and coach containing several officials and a number of employees during the forenoon passed through South Danville on route to Catawissa where the flood conditions made their presence necessary. They proceeded as far as Boyd's Station but beyond that point they found the track under several feet of water.

It was not until they returned that the real magnitude of the ice jam lying between here and Catawissa was learned. As described it almost surpasses credence, an imposing mass of ice towering thirty feet or more in height, filling the wide channel from shore to shore and stretching on for an interminable distance or as far as the eye can see.

Down the river similar conditions prevailed. From Chulasky to Klinsgrove there were a series of ice jams with stretches between them where the ice remained smooth and intact.

Although the obstruction down the river seemed less formidable than the ice jam above town, although just how much resistance it might exert when put to the test was an unknown quantity. Below Sunbury the river was clear, the ice having passed off the dam about 5 o'clock Saturday evening. The ice also passed off the West Branch. A telephone message received from Sunbury last night stated that the river is not at all high at that point.

When the ice moved shortly before noon Sunday the river stood slightly above the 20-foot mark. From that on during the day it rose steadily at the rate of nearly three inches an hour, which indicated that the water was not finding its way through the ice jam below town as rapidly as it came down upon us from above. At midnight the river stood at 24 feet and was still rising.

By three o'clock in the afternoon Mahoning creek was out of its banks. Many of the cellars on Mill street had a foot or more of water in them. Center street was submerged up as far as the Company stables. By noon the wheel pits at the Reading Iron Works were full of water but before night the water poured over the surface from Mahoning creek into the mill. In view of the flood under the most favorable conditions work will be impossible at any part of the big plant for several days.

At dusk the merchants whose cellars were not yet flooded, believing that the worst was likely to occur, summoned all the help they could command and began to remove their goods. All had experienced or heard of the terrible flood of 1875 when the business part of town was submerged and conditions now seemed favorable for a flood as great if not one that would discontinue it.

Early in the day the water broke over the bank above town, flooding the uppermost portion of the Borough and breaking over into the canal which during the afternoon and evening was more than bank full from one end of town to the other.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bloch spent Sunday in Bloomsburg.

Howard Langer of Berwick, spent Sunday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Berger and daughter Thelma of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of Elmer E. Berger, near Mooreburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkendall of Wilkesbarre, are visiting at the home of George M. Gearhart, East Market street.

E. P. Harris left yesterday for Shick-shinny.

John Brudor was in Rupert yesterday.

Arthur Dietrich made a trip to Bloomsburg yesterday.

Mrs. Frank McNinch returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

A. H. MacAdams of Philadelphia, arrived in this city last evening on business connected with the Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor of Shamokin, arrived in this city last evening to attend the funeral of H. L. Schick, which will take place today.

Ex-Burgess Philip Moore and P. J. Oberdorf of Sunbury, were in this city last evening.

Dr. Gilbert Smith of the State Hospital, Florida, left yesterday for St. Augustine, Florida.

Ralph Konik returned to Wilkesbarre yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

W. G. Williams was in Bloomsburg yesterday.

E. W. Peters was in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lane of Salem, N. J., are visiting relatives in this city.

Alex. Grono was in Sunbury yesterday.

Gustave Weil was in Tamaqua yesterday.

John C. Irish of Wilkesbarre, was in this city yesterday.

W. D. Bernard and F. C. Angle of the United Telephone Company transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.

A. J. Leniger left yesterday for Philadelphia.

A. L. Canfield of New York is in this city on business connected with the Stove Works. Mr. Canfield has charge of the New England and the export trade of the Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company.

Miss Carrie Muesch of Milton, visited friends in Danville yesterday.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff John Montgomery of Sunbury, was in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Fanny Holdens of the Excelsior Hotel, Washingtonville, was in this city yesterday.

Justice of the Peace T. F. Kerswell of Washingtonville, circulated in the County seat yesterday.

Millard Robinson's Narrow Escape.

Millard Robinson, who lives at the "Four-Mile Barn" nearly lost his life in the raging waters while driving to Shamokin Saturday morning.

MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

At a regular meeting of the School Board Monday Miss Cora Kase was elected as a supply teacher.

Borough Superintendent Gordy explained that by experiment the one supply teacher in the Borough was found insufficient and that to keep all the schools open he had been obliged to employ Miss Kase to teach for Miss Cunningham, who was ill. He therefore asked that the Board elect Miss Kase as an additional supply teacher.

Complying Mr. Greene moved that Superintendent Gordy's advice be acted upon and Miss Kase was unanimously elected.

Superintendent Gordy reported Professor Horner's resignation as teacher of the Commercial Department and explained what measures he had taken to supply a successor. On motion of Mr. Orth Professor Horner's resignation was accepted. The Board felt that it had hardly been treated fairly, as Professor Horner was under contract for a year, nevertheless it seemed to cherish no ill will toward the gentleman, who had merely embraced an opportunity to better himself. On motion of Mr. Burns it was decided that the balance of salary due Professor Horner should be paid in full.

Superintendent Gordy explained that Miss Kate B. Potts of Scranton had agreed to take charge of the Commercial Department for the remainder of the term at the salary paid, \$77.78 per month. He explained what recommendations she had furnished, whereupon on motion of Mr. Greene she was elected as teacher of the Commercial Department.

Mr. Beverly stated that the Athletic Association of the High School desired the use of the High School room for an entertainment to be given in the course of a few weeks. The matter was discussed at some length when it appeared to be the sense of the Board that it might be proper to grant the use of the room for the entertainment alone, shutting out rehearsals. On motion of Mr. Greene, seconded by Dr. Harpel, the room finally was granted with the understanding that two nights be the limit, one night for entertainment and the other for the last rehearsal.

Dr. Harpel was of the opinion that John L. Evans was absent from town under circumstances which made it incumbent upon the Board to provide a successor to him as School Director. To determine the status of the matter the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Evans. When the Board hears from him it will understand what his duty is in the premises.

The following bills were approved for payment:

T. L. Evans & Sons, \$10.00
Miss Nita Meyer, 3.50
Robert G. Miller, 10.00
Casper Diercord, 1.28
George Seehler, 1.00
A. C. Amesbury, 1.25

End of Fingers Badly Lacerated.

Walter Gross, son of Charles Gross, an employe of Curry & Vanman, met with a painful accident Monday as the result of which he loses the ends of a couple of fingers.

He was working at the circular saw when in some way his fingers came in contact with the rapidly revolving teeth and were badly lacerated.

It was the left hand that was struck, all four fingers being injured. Walter was taken to the office of Dr. Newbaker, where he received surgical attention. It was necessary to amputate the end of the index and of the little finger. The lacerated flesh on the other fingers was stitched. The injured man may be incapacitated for work for a long time, but his hand will be crippled little, if any, as the result of the accident.

The Tax Rate Fixed.

The County Commissioners have fixed the tax rate at 3 mills, the same as last year. They decided upon this course notwithstanding that they were under an unusually heavy expense during the past year and in addition succeeded in paying off \$2800 of the county debt.

Among some of the unusual items found in the county's expense account for last year might be cited the roofing of the river bridge and the repairing of the voting booths. The county was also obliged under the act of 1901 to pay out \$351 for cattle bitten by mad dogs and killed. It was also obliged by an order of court to purchase a set of new indexes for the Prothonotary's office, which with the work involved cost \$320.

Shoveling Off the Crossings.

The Street Commissioner had a force of men at work yesterday shoveling the snow off the crossings. In the Second Ward work included a removal of the ice which lay in a thick sheet on the crossing stones and rendered walking dangerous.

Keeping all the crossings about town open and in good condition involves a good deal of work, but it is a very important duty, which at present is being very faithfully performed, for all of which the Street Commissioner has the thanks of the public.

Officers Re-elected.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Danville, officers were re-elected as follows: President, R. R. Gearhart; Cashier, W. L. McClure; Assistant Cashier, R. Y. Gearhart.

A WOMAN'S BRAVE ADVENTURE

Mr. and Mrs. Clark McCloskey, Church street, this city, were visiting in Catawissa over Sunday; they were caught in the flooded district and instead of the pleasant time they anticipated their visit was darkened by a series of thrilling adventures, which did not cease until they reached home.

Mr. and Mrs. McCloskey were visiting at the home of the former's father, John McCloskey, Water street, Catawissa. They left Danville on the 5:50 Pennsylvania train Saturday evening and when they reached Catawissa the river was rising rapidly. Mr. McCloskey's father lives in a low part of town which is usually flooded when the river is high. His dwelling is at the end of Water street, however, where none but the very highest floods can reach it. The family, therefore, felt comparatively safe and made themselves comfortable for the night.

Upon awakening Sunday morning they found themselves surrounded with deep water and the entire family, guests and all, had to be removed in a boat.

Mr. and Mrs. McCloskey went to a hotel and on Monday they began to think about returning to Danville, but as is well known there was no traffic on any of the railroads. The P. & R. trains, which keep communication open between West Milton, Danville and Rupert are unable to get to Catawissa. The new railroad bridge itself was considered safe, but the long trestling at each approach, was loaded down with a train of loaded coal cars, which will be kept in place as long as the flood conditions hold out.

A few men, mostly workmen, had crawled over these cars and thus effected a crossing of the river. It required considerable nerve, especially in making way over the long trestlings, where the swirling water and big cakes of ice rose almost to the stringers. Such a thing as a woman making the attempt was never dreamed of.

It remained for Mrs. McCloskey, however, to prove that there was one woman, and that a Danville woman, who was brave enough to attempt to cross where a man could go. Mr. McCloskey himself intended to cross the trestling and when his wife urged him to permit her to accompany him he had confidence that she would succeed, dangerous as the undertaking seemed to be.

In order to assist his wife Mr. McCloskey procured a board, which he laid from one car to another as the journey progressed. The cars, loaded with soft coal, were stretched as far apart as possible which left a wide space between each to be bridged. Assisted by her husband Mr. McCloskey in each instance made her way safely over the plank, which was then picked up and carried ahead. Upon reaching this side of the river their adventures were by no means over, as they were obliged to walk nearly all the way to Danville.

Fourth Quarterly Conference.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of St. Paul's and Trinity M. E. churches was held on Saturday evening and same taking place at St. Peter's M. E. church, Riverside, Friday evening.

Presiding Elder W. W. Evans in each case had charge of the Conference. The fourth quarterly conference is of especial interest, as it is then that the congregation generally manages to make the fact known how the preacher or in charge stands with the church and whether or not his return is desired. In each of the churches here on the subject of pastor and the congregations have spoken in no uncertain tone. The warmest and most tender relations exist between pastor and flock and no change is anticipated in either of the three churches.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Evans this year completes his term as Presiding Elder of the Danville District. In view of this fact the following complimentary resolutions were adopted at the Quarterly Conference held in St. Paul's M. E. church on Saturday evening:

Whereas, The Rev. William W. Evans, D. D., is with us in quarterly conference perhaps for the last time, because of the expiration of his term; therefore,

Resolved, That the Administration of Dr. Evans as Presiding