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CONDENSED NEWS.

What is the topic now.
St. Valentine's day next.
The world weeps for Baltimore.
To get out the vote means much.
Waste no time in placing your spring address.
Lincoln J. Carter's emotional drama "Her Old Sin" will come to the Opera House next Tuesday evening.
The Danville School, through the Miss Mabel to have Lincoln Exercises Friday afternoon.
Baltimore is already showing the recuperative spirit. Before the rebuilding will be started. In a very few years Baltimore will be a new and a greater city than before the fire.
Suffering from an ulcerated lung John Carter, the colored insane man who in a bold manner robbed a Polish man on Commerce street, at Shamokin, about a month ago, is reported dying in the Northumberland county jail.
The Bennett & Moulton company at the Opera House every evening this week.
Don't forget the Band dance at the Armory Monday evening next.
All things come to him who waits, except the going of winter.
The praiseworthy hope of all people now is for a cessation of horrors.
The Banks will be closed on Friday, Lincoln's birthday.
That cold wave was a blessing in disguise.
A movement has been started among the Shamokin Elks to organize a club to attend the national convention in Cincinnati next August. The idea is to lay aside a certain amount each month from now on to pay expenses. A similar movement is on foot in Williamsport and the two clubs may act in conjunction.
The Bloomsburg authorities have worked so ardently to relieve those citizens rained by the recent flood along the river that no outside relief is necessary at this time.
The compliance with which we regard other people's troubles is only excelled by our craving for real sympathy when we have troubles of our own.
Is there any kind of winter weather that isn't "seasonable"? It seems to us that we have been having all sorts of weather in all sorts of winters for quite a certain number of years.
In some parts of the country the groundhog saw his shadow and in others he did not. Looks as if he were trying to set the weather prophets at each other.
Two more new cases of smallpox were reported at Shamokin on Thursday.
A gang of "boy burglars" has been discovered in Allentown and other symptoms of a Sodom morality may be looked for at any moment.
Now, if eggs would only fall with the river.
Shamokin is threatened with a sauer kraut famine.
There are degrees of popularity. Some men feel puff up if they fail to receive a vicious valentine on the 14th of February.
There isn't any question about it. People are mad as March hares over the winter prophecies for next month.
According to a number of traveling men who visit this city the weather in the south is extremely cold. They say that during the past twenty-five years the change in the southern climate has not been so great as this year.
Miss Mary Kuster of Bloomsburg has enrolled at Russell's Business College for a course of short hand and typewriting. Miss Kuster is a graduate of the Bloomsburg No. 1 School.
There is work for married men only at the town mills in Columbia. As this is the best of the glaze that town will probably get here.

COUNCILMEN IN SESSION

The proposed paving ordinance revised in accordance with the instructions and suggestions made by the Chief Burgess and the Committee on Ordinance and Police at a meeting held Wednesday was read before the Borough Council Friday night. No action was taken, the first reading being postponed until a subsequent meeting.
The ordinance authorizes and provides for the paving and curbing of that portion of Mill street from the Northern entrance to the bridge over the Susquehanna river and to assess a portion of the cost on the owners of the property abutting on said portion of Mill street and providing for the collection of such portion of such costs.
Mr. Reifsnider called attention to the fact that the ordinance was not fully signed; also that all the members of the Committee on Ordinance and Police were not present when it was formulated; there were many points which would have to be changed and on the whole there was so much room for discussion that he thought the first reading ought to be deferred until at least the next meeting. A vote was taken when his view was found to prevail and it was so ordered.
Several sections of the ordinance were discussed at length. W. F. Pascoe, of Allentown, who has the contract for building the Danville and Riverside Electric Railway, was present and joined in the discussion. The terms of the trolley franchise obligate the company to proceed with the paving of its portion of the street at such time as when the Borough is prepared to enter upon street paving. Mr. Pascoe informed Council last night that he is prepared to go on with the work whenever the Borough is ready. He stated that there are better and cheaper paving material than vitrified brick and suggested "Warren Paving," which is a composition of much merit, built upon a concrete base. He also thought the plan would be a good one to decide upon one contractor who should pave the whole street. Mr. Pascoe's suggestions were very courteously received and they will be considered by Council in the discussion which will precede the first reading.
Mr. Dougherty of the Fire Committee reported that he had examined the Hose Houses of the Borough and that he found them all in good condition with the exception of the Washington Hose House, which is in need of some inside repairs. On motion of Mr. Dougherty the repairs needed were left in the hands of the Fire Committee, they to report at next meeting. An exception was made in the case of a defective hydrant, which Mr. Davis was authorized to have repaired immediately.
Treasurer Ellenbogen presented his report, which showed a total cash balance on hand of \$10,455.28.
Mr. Reifsnider called attention to an iron plate or cellar door belonging to the Nail Works forming a part of the pavement on Railroad street, which has become quite slippery and causes a good many people to fall. He has heard much complaint about it and asked that some action be taken looking to its removal, as it is no longer needed. On motion the Secretary was instructed to lay the matter before H. H. Ginsberg, Trustee, Philadelphia, who is responsible for the building.
Mr. Dougherty moved that a fire escape be erected on the South side of City Hall to aid the occupants of the lodge room on the third floor to escape in case of fire. Mr. Reifsnider opposed the improvement as an unnecessary expenditure, inasmuch as the inspector when in this city had seen the building and had not notified the Borough that a fire escape was necessary. Mr. Dougherty's motion was not seconded.
The following members were present last night: Vastine, Davis, Reifsnider, Welliver, Swank, Fenstermacher, Dougherty, Goesser, Joseph Gibson, Lloyd and David Gibson.
The following bills were approved for payment:
BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.
Regular Employees \$ 28.50
Standard Electric Light Co. 456.55
Standard Gas Co. 3.80
Tax on Bonds 106.00
O. B. Switzer 3.24
Labor and Hauling 43.77
Montour American 25.00
W. A. Sepperson 57.50
H. R. Moore 1.57
WATER DEPARTMENT.
Regular Employees \$144.30
Labor on Streets 15.99
Garlock Packing Co. 10.08
Standard Gas Co. 11.20
O. B. Switzer 1.22
Henry Diehl 8.94
Ezra S. Haas 5.50
H. B. Patton 35.09
Tax on Bonds 324.00
H. R. Moore 2.49
High School vs. Lewisburg A. C.
The High School basketball ball team of this city on Friday, February 12th, will line up against the Lewisburg Athletic Club in the Armory. The Lewisburg aggregation is a strong one and realizing this our boys are practicing almost daily in order that they may score another victory.
Our High School boys played a very brilliant game with Milton on Friday night and Lewisburg had better look well to its laurels or it may lose them.

POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION

By order of District Attorney Ralph Kiser a post-mortem examination was made Friday afternoon, to determine the cause of the death of Harry H. Creglow. Mr. Creglow was taken ill last Monday with a slight cold, but did not seem to be seriously indisposed until Wednesday night when he suddenly grew worse. He died early Thursday morning after great suffering.
The post-mortem examination was made by Dr. P. C. Newbaker and Dr. E. A. Curry. The District Attorney was also present. After a careful examination it was found that death was due to uraemic poison, resulting from a form of kidney disease.
The inquest was held on Saturday before Justice of the Peace J. P. Bare, acting as Coroner. The witnesses examined were Dr. Newbaker, Dr. Curry and Harry G. Mowery, father-in-law of the deceased. The finding of the Coroner's Jury follows:
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Montour:
Inquisition taken in the Borough of Danville, in the County of Montour and State of Pennsylvania, aforesaid the sixth day of February, A. D., 1904, before J. P. Bare, Esq., a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Montour and as such acting as Coroner and upon the solemn oath and affirmations of George W. Miles, Joseph R. Patton, William Robinson, Edward Corman, George W. Reifsnider and Horace H. Furman, six good and lawful men of the County of Montour aforesaid, charged to inquire when, where and by what means Harry Henry Creglow came to his death; who, having viewed the body of the said Harry Henry Creglow and having heard the evidence produced before them do find and say that the said Harry Henry Creglow died on the morning of the 14th day of February, A. D., 1904, in the home of Harry G. Mowery, the father-in-law of the said Harry Henry Creglow and with whom he was at the time living, in the First Ward of the said Borough of Danville, in the County and State aforesaid. And that upon the evidence of Dr. P. C. Newbaker, Dr. E. A. Curry and Harry G. Mowery we find death to be due to natural causes to wit: Blood poisoning resulting from inactivity of the kidneys.
In witness whereof we the said acting Coroner, as well as the said respective jurors, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 6th day of February, A. D., 1904.

SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

Robert Adams of the First Ward was elected school director at a regular meeting of School Board Monday to succeed John L. Evans, who tendered his resignation owing to ill health.
Pursuant to action taken at the previous meeting Secretary W. H. Orr wrote to Mr. Evans, who is sojourning at Albuquerque, N. M., to see when he would be able to return. In reply Mr. Evans stated that while he is improving in health it does not seem likely that he can return before next spring a year. Under the circumstances, he thought the proper course would be for him to tender his resignation, which he enclosed in the letter.
Mr. Evans' resignation was read before the Board and on motion of C. P. Hancock it was accepted.
Mr. Hancock explained that as a successor for Mr. Evans, who will hold the office until June, 1905, he had selected Robert Adams and with some difficulty had succeeded in securing his consent to serve.
Mr. Adams was therefore nominated by Mr. Hancock and unanimously elected. A messenger was dispatched to inform him of his election, whereupon he came to the High School Building where the oath of office was administered by Notary Public A. H. Gress, after which Mr. Adams took his seat among the directors.
Treasurer Schram presented a statement of finances to date which showed a net cash balance on hand of \$9,178.17.
Mr. Parsel reported that a new clock is needed in the third school of the Second Ward. On motion the matter was referred to the supply committee.
Mr. Burns of the latter committee asked why in replacing clocks worn out in the schools the Rempe clock could not be used as it was one of the most up-to-date known, would run two years without winding and was the product of a home industry. It was the sense of the Board that unless the difference in price be too great Mr. Rempe's clock in every instance should have the preference.
The Pennsylvania State Educational Association convenes at Harrisburg, Wednesday and Thursday. Chairman P. J. Keeler and W. O. Greene were delegates from the Borough of Danville. Mr. Greene last evening reported that owing to the pressure of business he would be unable to attend the convention and he asked that some one be appointed to fill his place.
On motion of Mr. Greene W. H. Oak was chosen as his substitute to represent Danville in the Educational Convention.
Trust Officer Young presented his report which showed that there are ninety-five children out of school owing to illness; twenty are detained at home for want of shoes; there were five cases of truancy.
The following directors were present at last night's meeting: Keeler, Orth, Greene, Burns, Parsel, Harpel, Werkheiser, Von Blohm, Fischer, Hancock, Byerly and Adams.
Certain charges having been preferred against the janitor of the Third Ward school by parents of pupils the matter was referred to Grievance Committee for investigation. The outcome of the matter was that the charges were considered sustained and the janitor on the recommendation of the committee was summarily dismissed.
The following bills were approved for payment:
Teachers and Janitors \$1638.55
C. E. Welliver 2.00
Remington Type Writer Co. 2.00
Standard Gas Co. 2.80
E. Shultz 1.45
Robert J. Pegg 11.80
Whistle Will Tell When Ice Moves.
The river at this place was the center of all interest yesterday as was natural in view of the reports of high water which came from points immediately above us. The rise here was at no time above the rate of a foot an hour, and during the greater part of the day it was considerably less. The stream was viewed by hundreds of people from the bridge and there was much conjecturing as to how long it would be before the ice gorges would break and Danville would feel the force of the deluge.
It was learned at the Water Works yesterday that in the event of the ice moving, whether day or night the whistle at that place will be sounded to warn the people as was decided upon on the occasion of the January thaw.
The rule adopted by the County Commissioners at that time relative to being upon the river bridge when the ice moves will also be enforced. The notices posted warning people of the danger, several of which had disappeared, were carefully replaced yesterday at each end of the bridge. These notices state that people must not go nor remain upon the bridge when the ice moves.
The County Commissioners take the view that with the enormous quantity of ice above us and the height that the river has attained conditions would be such should the ice gorge suddenly break as to place the bridge in great danger and that persons by venturing upon it at such a time would be taking no little risk.
Is there such a thing as a fire-proof building? The history of the Baltimore conflagration is the strongest kind of testimony in the negative.

BERWICK BRIDGE BURNED

By 12 o'clock last night the water here had fallen nearly a foot, while reports from up the river all indicated a fall, with the exception of at Wilkesbarre where a rise was reported as a result of ice gorges formed further down the stream. At Bloomsburg and Catawissa, where the water began to recede yesterday morning, the river had fallen eighteen inches. At Berwick the water fell between four and five feet during the day. The ice, however, stopped running at that place. An immense gorge was piled up which held the water back causing the river to rise at points above it. Not only does the ice gorge take the place of the bridge, permitting the people to walk backwards and forwards upon it, but even the telephone wires are strung over it on improvised poles sunk in the ice.
The river bridge at Berwick, swept away by the flood Tuesday, was set on fire and destroyed yesterday afternoon.
As stated in yesterday's issue six spans of the big structure lodged in the ice at Briar Creek, two miles away, while one span lay stranded nearly opposite Berwick.
The immense hulks lying in the channel were a menace to the safety of every other bridge below them on the North Branch. It was a fortunate circumstance that they happened to lodge in the ice, as thus they were still kept within reach.
From the first there was a sentiment in favor of burning the bridge before it should break loose and start down the river on its mission of destruction. The Commissioners of Columbia County yesterday took the matter in hand and ordered the bridge burned. The two sections were set on fire at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by members of the Reliance Fire Company of Berwick, who walked out on the ice to where the bridge lay. The bridge was an old one, having weathered the storms for quite three-quarters of a century and its timbers dry and well-seasoned readily fell a prey to the hungry flames.
Arrangements are being made to install a ferry between Berwick and Nescopeck to take the place of the bridge carried away until a new structure can be built.
At high noon yesterday the great flood upon the North Branch which has wrought such havoc along its course reached high water mark, when the river at this place registered 22 feet and six inches. At that hour it began to recede and by 3 o'clock it had fallen three inches. At Little Roaring Creek at 4 o'clock in the afternoon it had fallen nearly a foot.
It was with a feeling of keen relief that our citizens noted the gradual subsidence of the flood, as the high water had covered the limit of safety and any additional rise must place many homes in danger and jeopardize valuable property.
At 12 o'clock Mahoning creek filled with back water had attained an enormous height lying on a level with the top of the aqueduct and with the canal, also bank full, formed an unbroken sheet of water. At the Reading Iron Works the Mahoning creek was out of its banks and the water was pouring into the eastern end of the mill in an unbroken sheet when the tide turned. The dwellings below the creek on the North side of Northumberland street were surrounded with water. A portion of Center street also was flooded. Much of the land at the South Eastern part of the Borough was submerged. The river with the flooded area attained an enormous width and John Keim's brick kiln on the river bank seemed to protrude from the water in midstream. The flood had already surrounded several dwellings, which from their exposed position stood a fair chance of being swept from their foundations should the ice gorge break. These houses in view of what might occur were vacated, the families removing with them every bit of furniture. On Cooper street alone there were five families who decided to be on the safe side by removing. They were: Millard Myers, John Wertman, Samuel VanKirk, Isaiah Dawson and Thomas Wray.
An incident worthy of mention occurred in connection with the rise of water at the residence of Patrick Griffin near Four and Mowrey streets. During the forenoon the water flowed into the street and slowly crept up toward the cellar windows. The family watched the advancing water with anxious eyes hoping that the tide might turn before their house was flooded. Just as the hour of noon approached the water struck the side of the house. At each window a steady stream poured into the cellar and continued for an hour or more. By the time the cellar was nicely flooded the river began to fall and the water receded from the street.

SITUATION AT ROARING CREEK

Along with several other communities along the North Branch, since the formation of the ice gorges, the farmers who occupy the depression of land lying about the mouth of Roaring creek have been having a trying experience.
Some idea of the height of water may be formed when it is stated that a house car on the railroad siding at Roaring creek was very nearly submerged, the water rising to within about eighteen inches of the top of the car. The water yesterday morning was within eight inches of the height attained at the previous flood. The water reached as far as Col. Eckman's barn yard and he was obliged to remove his live stock. His house is situated on higher ground.
A number of other farms were less fortunate and the buildings, houses and barns, were flooded. These farms are practically abandoned, the families having taken refuge among the neighbors on higher ground. There is a feeling of grave uncertainty as to what might happen in the face of conditions existing and the household goods have been removed from the houses in the flooded section. While the fleeing families themselves enjoy the hospitality of the more fortunate neighbors their furniture is stored about in the barns or in vacant rooms wherever such can be found on the high ground.
Among those who have moved are: Charles Hartman, Truman P. Roadarmel, Peter Schlee, Fleming Stewart, James Drum and Frank Drum. The live stock also had to be moved from the farms on the lowland and are given shelter and are cared for by neighbors who live out of the reach of the flood.
Edward Shultz, whose farm lies a short distance above Boyd's, is having a repetition of all the trouble he experienced during the previous flood. The water is up to the very threshold of his home. He has removed his family as well as his live stock. His horses are taken care of by William Baylor and his cattle by Miles Reed.
The public road from Boyd's to Kennedy's is deeply submerged, at Boyd's only the railway of the bridge appearing above the water. To reach Danville from Roaring Creek yesterday it would have been necessary to drive around by Union Corner. Thomas Elmes, Clark Kase and Samuel Schlee, three residents of Roaring creek, yesterday morning walked to Danville and back, the latter being accompanied by taking the fields and keeping on high ground. The ice in the river they said showed no signs of giving way. None of it had drifted over the river bank and from what they could see they were not inclined to think there was much likelihood of the ice gorge breaking at present.
Interested in the War.
Naturalized and un-naturalized Russians in Shamokin and vicinity are manifesting a deep interest in the Far Eastern war situation and those who are able to read the English language with any degree of intelligence eagerly devour every bit of information in the daily papers concerning the latest developments.
The naturalized Russians feel the more secure because no matter what happens they are not subject to draft in the army. The newcomers, however, who have not been here long enough to get their papers, have a fear that if the czar sends men, he will summon all his former subjects now in this country to the fatherland to help maintain the supremacy of Russia.
The Russians living about here are as a rule confident that in the event of war Russia will easily win. They frequently have disputes with men of other nationalities who take delight in teasing them about the strength of the imperial army.
There are not many Japanese here, but they and the Chinese who make Shamokin their home are equally as positive about Japan's chances as are the Russians concerning theirs. - Shamokin Herald.

TRAINS MAY RUN THROUGH TODAY

The Pennsy and the D. L. & W. each sent two trains up to Danville yesterday. On the former road the first train to arrive was at 10:17 a. m.; this laid at South Danville until 12:15 when it returned to Sunbury. The second train arrived from Sunbury at 2:31 and returned at 4:31.
On the D. L. & W. both trains came up from Northumberland during the afternoon, the first arriving at 2:11 and returning at 4:43 and the second arriving at 5:43 and returning at 8:37.
It was stated at the D. L. & W. station last night that in all probability trains on that road would be run through this afternoon. At that time water was reported as falling and there were but five feet of water upon the tracks at Catawissa.
On the Pennsy, too, traffic may be resumed sometime today, although on either road it all depends upon how fast the water continues to fall. The ice on this side of Catawissa and Bloomsburg did not move so that none of it lies upon the track and the only obstacle to contend with is water.
Annual Conference of Prominent State Educators.
HARRISBURG, Feb. 10. - Twenty-five members of the County Superintendent's department of the Pennsylvania State Educational association attended the annual convention of the organization yesterday morning and afternoon at the High School auditorium. Among the speakers of the day were Deputy Superintendents Henry Houck and J. I. Stewart, and well known educators from the state.
The annual election held in the afternoon resulted as follows: President, George W. Weiss, Schuylkill Haven; vice presidents, Mattie M. Collins, Driftwood, and Frank R. Hall, Washington; secretary, G. W. Moore, West Chester, and treasurer, J. W. Snook, Annullville. A committee on institutes was elected and consisted of G. W. Moore, Ercildoum; Samuel Hamilton, Braddock, and A. G. C. Smith, Media.
Among those present were: Samuel Hamilton, Braddock; Eli M. Rapp, Hamburg; T. S. Davis, Altoona; James J. Bevan, Mauch Chunk; C. L. Gramley, Berksburg; George W. Moore, Ercildoum; J. Kase Green, Carlisle; H. V. B. Garver, Middletown; A. G. C. Smith, Media; James G. Dell, Huntingdon; H. C. Klinger, Oriental; J. C. Taylor, Scranton; M. J. Brecht, Lancaster; John W. Snook, Annullville; Alvin Bann, Allentown; Benjamin Apple, Sunbury; G. W. Weiss, Schuylkill Haven; Daniel P. Stapleton, Lewisburg; D. H. Gardner, York.
H. V. B. Garver, superintendent of this county, welcomed the visitors in a short address, and Frank P. Hopper, of Luzerne county, responded at the opening of the morning session. Following a talk on "The County Institute" by J. C. Taylor, of Lackawanna county, Superintendent Henry Houck made one of his characteristic addresses on the benefits of county institutes and interspersed his remarks with humorous allusions to past experiences in the world of education. A discussion followed and A. G. C. Smith, W. W. Ulrich and R. B. Trickett participated. Supt. J. Q. Stewart also made a few timely remarks.
"Good Schools" was the subject of Superintendent Garver's afternoon talk. His words were supplemented by remarks by D. H. Gardner, C. L. Gramley and H. K. Bender, who gave their idea of what constituted a good school from a county superintendent's viewpoint. Among the superintendents who also spoke were Messrs. Rapp, Bevan, Becht, Rupp, and Hamilton. Election and routine business brought the session to an end.

JOB PRINTING

The office of the AMERICAN being furnished with a large assortment of job letter and fancy type and job material generally, the Publisher announces to the public that he is prepared at all times to execute in the neatest manner

Narrowly Escaped Drowning.
Miss Loggitt, Miss Pearl Hood, and Miss Grace Hill, three young ladies of Briar Creek, came very near losing their lives by drowning in the river yesterday. They ventured out upon the gorge when one of the girls slipped and precipitated all of them into the water. They were rescued with difficulty.