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CONDENSED NEWS.

This cruel winter!
Baltimore is taking a just pride in
her own luck.

Our exchanges bristle with caution
to the people to boil their drinking
water before using it. The frestets are
carrying with them the germs of
typhoid and the danger of typhoid and
other diseases is increased with the
moving of the streams.

Ash Wednesday services were well
attended.

According to old signs we should
have the heaviest snow storms of the
season before Spring sets in, but no
big storm is in sight yet, though a
snow storm is following the lakes and
may reach this section by Friday.

If this kind of weather keeps on for
a while longer the average coal bin will
begin to cry for mercy. But there is
one thing for which all are thankful,
and that is the absence of a coal
strike.

Dr. Horace William Berg, of North-
umberland, one of the leading physi-
cians of Northumberland county, died
at the Medical Chiropractic Hospital,
Philadelphia, Tuesday evening at five
o'clock, after an illness of weeks from
Hofekins disease, a contamination of
the blood which is supposed to have
been contracted during the small pox
epidemic at Northumberland last win-
ter.

Don't forget the warm supper to be
given tonight in G. A. R. Hall by the
Dr. Yennans Bible class. Everybody
cordially invited.

The M. Reliants' Protective Associa-
tion of Berwick has framed a formal
request to the banks of that town for
new paper money. This is for the pre-
vention of contagion. Bloomsburg
banks have already done this, and are
serving crisp new greenbacks to their
patrons.

One doesn't hear so much nowadays
of the good old fashioned winters. The
old inhabitant who delivers his annual
discourse upon "the kind of winter we
used to have" has not been very
much in evidence this winter. We are
certainly enjoying a winter of the
strange kind. It is severe enough and
the oldest inhabitant is satisfied.

Cigarettes and cigarette papers have
been tabooed in Coudersport, Potter
county, all the dealers of that town
having agreed to cut them out of their
stock of goods.

If the peach crop isn't killed it gen-
erally gets tin-canned, anyway.

The new catalogue, now on press,
of Bucknell College will show an en-
rollment of over 700 students, an in-
crease of sixty over the preceding year
and forty were unable to register be-
cause of lack of room.

New and Modern Pullman sleepers
have been placed on the Reading trains
between Williamsport and Philadel-
phia, which leaves both cities at 11:30
o'clock at night.

Blue bells and dandelion seem to be
far off from us yet but both are in
bloom at Summit Hill where the fam-
ous burning mine has kept parts of the
ground at a springlike temperature.

How many short years is it since
Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera,
"The Mikado," had all the nations
laughing at the Japanese?

It is beginning to look as though
the groundhog did see his shadow and
that the old adage is holding good.

The Allentown curfew law has re-
ceived a knock-out blow by the mayor
retiring it. He took the ground that it
did not go far enough and did not
reach the right individuals.

Well, the spring elections are over
and yet there is no spring.

There are a large number of Amecians
of the Dewey brand behind the
Japanese guns. This may be the secret
of the Mikado's success.

People who want to see the St. Louis
Exposition, and hundreds will, should
begin to save right away. The fare
from the Atlantic to Missouri will be
about \$18.

Boom year over town. There may be
nobility due to it.

The groundhog has made good fo-
half the six weeks anyway.

February seems disposed to make a
record for early and persistent cold
only a few degrees removed from the
zero mark.



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INVESTIGATING
SECOND ROUTE

Special Agent Shoemaker accom-
panied by Post Master C. P. Harder
on Tuesday completed a second drive
over the territory on the opposite side
of the river with a view of establish-
ing a couple of rural free delivery
routes. The special agent left Dan-
ville yesterday for Catawissa where he
is looking up some matters relating to
rural free delivery.

What report Mr. Shoemaker will be
able to make relative to the two routes
petitioned for on the opposite side of
the river which he has examined no
one can tell. As stated Saturday
the territory is by no means conveni-
ently located, owing to the fact that
the route from Sunbury cuts into it
very deeply reaching a point within
three miles of Danville. Another draw-
back lies in the fact that a great deal
of the territory, and especially that
embraced by Tuesday's drive is made
up of large farms, so that while the
need of free delivery would seem to
be just as great the number of houses
and of inhabitants there do not run up
very fast. In this respect there are
some grounds for fearing that the sec-
ond of the two routes may not come
up to the requirements of the law.

Post Master Harder is working hard
to secure both routes.

No Court Next Week.
The February term of Court this
year has been called off for the want
of business. There is not a single case
for trial either on the criminal or civil
list and accordingly Judge Little has
made the following order:

"The Sheriff of Montour County is
directed to notify all petit jurors who
have been summoned to serve at the
February term of Court, 1904, that
their services will not be needed there-
fore they are not to appear."

Sheriff Maers Tuesday was quite
busy delivering notices above to the
travelling jurors, which was no easy
task, as they are scattered all over the
county. In reaching a good many the
mail could be relied upon; others had
to be seen personally either by the
Sheriff or others who could be relied
upon to deliver the notice.

The Grand Jurors will be permitted
to convene but there will be nothing
for them to do beyond examining the
public buildings and like routine
work. They will probably wind up
their duties on Monday. The con-
stables will also make their report on
Monday morning.

February term of Court was dispen-
sed with in a similar way one year ago,
all of which speaks well for the peace
and general conformity to the laws
which characterize the inhabitants of
little Montour.

Big Fire at Milton Last Night.
One of Milton's most valuable busi-
ness blocks was destroyed by fire last
night.

About 8 o'clock fire was discovered
in the basement of the Goldenberg
shoe store in the Krauser block, Front
street, and by midnight the building
was entirely destroyed. The building
was occupied by the Goldenberg store,
Krauser's drug store, G. Dal Fox's
jewelry store, G. A. R. Post rooms and
Sons of Veterans Lodge rooms.

Watsontown and Lewisburg fire com-
panies assisted the Milton fire depart-
ment but owing to the zero weather
the fire plugs were frozen up and the
flames gained considerable headway
before water could be secured. At
midnight the Milton National Bank
and Hotel Haag were in danger of be-
ing destroyed.

The loss at midnight was estimated
at \$20,000.

Material for the Street Railway.
W. F. Pascoe, who has the contract
for building the Danville and Blooms-
burg electric railway, stated yesterday
that with early spring work on con-
structing the new line will begin.

COMMISSIONERS'
JOINT MEETING

County Commissioners C. W. Cook
and Henry Cooper went out to Blooms-
burg yesterday to attend a joint meet-
ing of the Commissioners of Montour,
Columbia and Northumberland coun-
ties, which was called for the purpose
of taking some action on the several
plans proposed for breaking up the ice
gorges in the North Branch within the
limit of the above counties. Messrs.
Raudenbush, Beck and Coomer of the
Northumberland county board were
present in addition to the Columbia
County Commissioners, Messrs. Fish-
er, Sterner and Bogart.

The meeting was held in the Court
House at one p. m. Both the Pennsylv-
ania and the P. & R. railroad com-
panies have placed themselves on record
as being in sympathy with the adop-
tion of plans looking to the relief of
the ice situation and their co-operation
with the counties is looked for as
soon as some practical plan is evolved
for making a grand assault upon the
ice gorges between Klinsgrove and
Berwick.

The first proposition considered at
the joint meeting was that of Alfred
Cole, whose scheme was simply to
build a dam at the head of each ice
gorge and to cause the water to flow
over the top of the dam, which would
have the effect of melting the ice. The
plan was given due consideration but
was finally dismissed as altogether im-
practicable.

Frank Cressy of Berwick, appeared
before the Commissioners with a propo-
sition which was regarded with more
favor. His plan was to install
tanks of petroleum along the river
where the ice is gorged and to pipe
the oil onto the ice where the jam is
the thickest and offers the most resis-
tance. He would fill the large hollows
on the ice gorge with petroleum and
set it on fire. He would feed the flame
with old railroad ties and other wood
that would evenly burn, at intervals
adding more petroleum so as to keep
up a fierce continuous fire. The heat,
Mr. Cressy believes, would be suffi-
cient in a very short time to melt the
ice enough to open a channel.

Mr. Cressy's plan was discussed at
length, each of the different boards
being very favorably impressed with
its practicability. Mr. Cressy today
will lay his proposition before repre-
sentatives of the Pennsylvania and
& R. railways. Should the latter be
impressed with its practicability, it is
believed that they will consent to
make the experiment, demonstrating
the success or failure of the scheme.

Assuming that the railroads will
test the matter the Commissioners at
the joint meeting yesterday decided,
in case the plan proves successful, to
unite with the railroad companies in
an attack on the ice between Berwick
and Sunbury, each county obligating
itself to bear its pro rata share of the
expense. The counties, however, will
spend no money in experiment.

Still Hope for Our Bridge.
The pessimistic view held at Blooms-
burg and Catawissa as to the safety of
the heavy iron bridges over the river
at those points has inspired a feeling
of grave solicitude here for our own
bridge when the spring flood makes its
final round-up and the ice gorges above
us break loose. The majority of peo-
ple seem to take the least hopeful view
possible and regard the bridge as
marked for destruction.

There is still room for hope, how-
ever, and while our bridge in all its
history may not have faced conditions
precisely like those prevailing at present
it is not at all unlikely that it will
be able to maintain its supremacy
when it comes to its final bout with
the ice.

The fact is not to be concealed,
however, that the bridge is in danger
and that were it to be swept away its
loss would be severely felt not alone
in Danville but throughout a wide sec-
tion on the opposite side of the river.

All things have very nicely adjust-
ed themselves to free passage over the
river. The water earners employed in
Danville suffer no inconvenience or
loss through a residence in South Dan-
ville or Riverside. The farmers and
chairmen of Gearhart and Rush town-
ships since the bridge was made free
have become accustomed to driving to
Danville. The demoralizing effect up-
on our market alone would be some-
thing to be deplored, but it would by
no means end there. The loss of the
bridge would be felt here in every de-
partment of trade and business activ-
ity. It is well, therefore, not to in-
dulge too much in the gloomy view,
but to hope for the best.

Ice Three Feet Thick.
A gentleman residing near Cameron,
who drove to this city yesterday is
authority for the statement that the
ice on the river at points near there
approximates three feet in thickness.
Such ice is not to be confounded with
the several gorges but represents ice
which has been in process of forma-
tion since fall and is included in the
several large areas which have never
yet broken up.

According to the gentleman's story
some days ago he cut a hole through
the ice and found it to be thirty-three
inches thick. Allowing three inches
additional for the recent zero weather
he thinks there is no doubt that it is
at least three feet thick by the pres-
ent time.

A movement is on foot among the
citizens of Nescopeck to apply for a
special election when the ballots will
be properly made.

Gene to Cuba.
W. B. Chamberlin and family have
gone to Cuba for a midwinter visit.
They will remain several weeks.

PERSONAL
PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yordy of Sun-
bury, were guests Sunday at the home
of George Hoffman, Front street.

Augustus Diener of Williamsport,
spent Sunday at the home of J. V.
Wilson, Pine street.

John Eyerly of Bloomsburg, spent
Sunday with friends in this city.

C. C. Yetter, Esq., of Bloomsburg,
spent Sunday with Danville friends.

Eleanor Maier of Philadelphia, spent
Sunday with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Limberger of
Sunbury, spent Sunday at the Lim-
berger homestead, West Mahoning
street.

Mrs. James Morgan of Shamokin,
visited relatives in this city yester-
day.

Charles Whispell transacted business
in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Mrs. Joseph Smith visited friends
in Sunbury yesterday.

J. A. Gatlus of Shickshinny,
transacted business in this city yester-
day.

Clark Sloane of Bloomsburg, was a
visitor in Danville yesterday.

Mrs. E. S. Gearhart visited Blooms-
burg friends yesterday.

Fred Smidley transacted business in
Bloomsburg yesterday.

R. B. Bird of Riverside, returned
home last evening after a visit to Jos-
eph Bird in Sunbury. The latter con-
tinues critically ill.

Dr. C. Shultz took the train for
Roaring Creek last evening on profes-
sional business.

F. Q. Hartman transacted business
in Berwick yesterday.

County Commissioner J. H. Deeter
of Bradford County, was a visitor at
the State Hospital yesterday.

Miss Ida Yorks visited friends in
Bloomsburg yesterday.

Jesse Shannon was in Sunbury yester-
day.

R. B. Bird of Riverside, transacted
business in Sunbury yesterday.

Percy Biddle returned to Lewistown
yesterday after a visit with his moth-
er, this city.

J. J. Corcoran, manager of the Red
Star Trading Stamp Company, trans-
acted business in this city yesterday.

J. H. Fry transacted business in
Sunbury yesterday.

Isaac Pursel of Berwick, visited rela-
tives in this city yesterday.

Hugh Quick of Rupert, was in this
city yesterday.

O. K. Drummer was in Sunbury
yesterday.

Mrs. W. P. Roth and brother Wil-
liam Diehl will leave today for a visit
with relatives in Philadelphia.

A. J. Leinger transacted business
in Shamokin yesterday.

ICE-ROADS
CAUSE AN UPSET

Charles Campbell, who is employed
at John Eisenhart's meat market, City
Hall, was injured in a runaway Mon-
day.

With one horse and a light wagon
he drove into the country during the
forenoon. His business lay in the vicin-
ity of Moorsburg and to reach the
place he desired to visit he took the
"back road" by Dr. Thompson's farm
known as "Pilgrim's Rest."

When near the latter place he en-
countered a great deal of ice and at a
point where there was a slant in the
road the wagon began to slide; sud-
denly it struck a stone, which caused
it to upset. Mr. Campbell was thrown
out; he fell headfirst in a fence corner
among a lot of briars.

Fortunately he did not lose his grip
on the lines. The horse was a spirited
animal, and thoroughly alarmed by the
turn things had taken, made a despe-
rate attempt to escape. Mr. Camp-
bell entangled as he was in the briars
held pluckily on to the lines and was
dragged some distance. He, however,
succeeded in bringing the horse to a
stop and regaining his feet.

The plucky driver sustained a cut in
the back of the head and his face was
covered with deep abrasions, from
which the blood flowed profusely. The
wagon was broken in several places,
but like the driver after a little "fix-
ing up," it was able to complete the
trip.

Twenty-fourth Anniversary.
The twenty-fourth anniversary of
the Woman's Home and Foreign Mis-
sionary Society of Pine Street Luther-
an church was very nicely celebrated
Sunday evening.

The choir rendered an anthem "Give
Alms," after which a Scripture lesson
was read by Miss Harriet Werhiser.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. M. L. Shindel,
offered a very appropriate prayer, after
which a paper was read by Mrs. T. H.
Winterstein, entitled, "A Little Leav-
en Leaveneth the Whole Lump."

This was followed with exercises by
the Mission Band in which the follow-
ing young ladies participated: Misses
Isabella Schoch, Pauline Waite and
Ruth Kase.

Mrs. W. R. Faales rendered a solo
entitled, "The Celestial Choir" with
exceedingly fine effect.

Miss Lizzie Horton read a selection
entitled, "A Revelation."

The President, Mrs. M. L. Shindel,
presented her report which revealed a
very encouraging state of affairs in the
Society. The Secretary's report show-
ed a membership of 104, an increase,
representing a gain during the year of
thirteen.

The meeting closed with a benedi-
ction by the pastor.

School Work for St. Louis.
The exhibit of school work to be
sent from Pennsylvania to the St.
Louis exposition is to be in charge of
Mrs. Alicia M. Zierden, of DuBois,
who has gone to West Chester to take
charge of it.

Mrs. Zierden, who was born in Wil-
liamsport, is a specialist who under-
stands thoroughly the arranging of
educational exhibits.

She has been assigned a large light
and airy room on the first floor of the
new library building at the West
Chester State Normal School and
there, with a large table and plenty
of wall space she will arrange the
work which is sent to West Chester
from all parts of Pennsylvania.

When the exhibit is ready for ship-
ment to St. Louis she will leave for
that city, and will see that the work
is placed in the large educational
building. Then while the fair is in progress
Mrs. Zierden will be present to show
and explain the work to those who are
interested.

She is under the supervision of Super-
intendent Addison L. Jones, of the
West Chester Public Schools, who some
months ago was made director of the
educational exhibit.

Mrs. Zierden is a young woman of
much intelligence and has had consid-
erable experience in arranging and ex-
plaining exhibits. She is a graduate
of Bucknell University, and was in
charge of the educational work at the
fairs at Buffalo and Charleston.

In addition to this, she has had much ex-
perience in arranging displays for
hospital fairs and other occasions of
this nature.

The Fast of Lent.
The Lenten season, containing forty
days, exclusive of Sundays, began yester-
day and ends on Easter, April 3d.

Although Ash Wednesday and the
penitential season are not marked by
any special observances in the churches
outside of the Episcopalian, Catholic
and Lutheran denominations, society,
regardless of church affiliation, seeks
the cloistered abstinence. From the
apostolic days Lent has been one of the
most prominent institutions of the
Christian church. It is a time of reli-
gious awakening among the people, and
the Catholic church endeavors to im-
press upon her faithful children the
fundamental truth that fasting and all
other observances, are simply means
to a higher end, the sanctification and
salvation of the soul. As a soul dis-
cipline the fast of Lent can not easily
be excelled.

Old Timers at Basket Ball.
There will be a game of basket ball
in the Armory on Wednesday night,
February 24th, at which both teams
will be made up exclusively of "Old
Timers," who in the past partici-
pated in some of the greatest games
played in this section. The Danville ag-
gregation will be as follows: Forward,
Bodea and Klase; Centre, Russell;
Guards, Seidler, Gaskins and Train-
or, the latter as substitute.

WILL DOUBLE
THE CAPACITY

Next week new machinery will be
installed at the clock factory which
will more than double the capacity of
the plant. The new machines will do
all the turning work of the factory
and as is implied by their name will
do the work automatically. They en-
tirely discount the machines at first
installed for this work, each of which
had to be manipulated by a boy.

The self-winding clocks being entire-
ly new and original in their design
special machinery had to be devised
for their manufacture which is being
gradually improved upon as the result
of experiment. The automatic form
embraces the latest conception in
machinery devised for the turning
work.

A very handsome assortment of clock
cases may be seen at the factory and
it is certain that no more nicely finish-
ed or more artistic clocks are put up
on the market. A number of firms are
competing in the manufacture of cases
but up to the present it seems the
Muncy Manufacturing Company and
the West Branch Novelty Company of
Milton have the preference. The styles
illustrated in the catalogue are frames
manufactured by the two above firms.

The demand for self-winding clocks
is steadily increasing and the future
of the industry is assured.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE
AT WASHINGTONVILLE

The Montour County Farmers' In-
stitute held at Washingtonville, Feb-
ruary 12th and 13th, was one of excep-
tional interest not only on account of
the local talent participating, but also
because of the extended addresses with
their practical and timely suggestions
as to the conduct of the farm.

The meeting was called to order by
Chairman Charles A. Wagner, after
which a selection of vocal music was
rendered by J. W. Lowrie and family,
entitled, "I will Magnify Thee." The
opening prayer was offered by Rev.
Owen Reber, J. Miles Derr was elect-
ed Secretary.

The address of welcome was deliver-
ed by Rev. Bayner, pastor of the
Methodist church, the response being
by Prof. R. L. Watts of Cambria
County.

The program as it related to the non-
resident speakers was printed in these
columns on Saturday morning.

Among the interesting talks given
by residents of our own county was
one by C. R. Boyce, superintendent of
Castle Grove Farms. He emphasized
the necessity of an "agricultural ed-
ucation." He adduced many reasons
why farmers' sons and daughters
should have a practical agricultural
education.

The session Friday evening was
opened by prayer by Rev. S. V. Bed-
lockian, pastor of the Presbyterian
church. A musical selection, "God
Bless Our Native Land," was render-
ed by J. W. Lowrie and family. A
recitation, "The World's Progress,"
was rendered by Adam Wagner. A
selection of music, "My Pennsylvania
Home," was rendered by Mr. Wagner
also.

County Superintendent C. W. Derr
followed with an address on "Central-
izing and Grading of the County
Schools." He advocated a better edu-
cation, first for the training that it
affords, second for the aid it imparts
in increasing a man or woman's earn-
ing capacity. Therefore, if from no
other than a wage-earning point of
view the country boy or girl should
be better educated and in order to ac-
complish this schools should be cen-
tralized and graded.

A recitation, "The Supper Table,"
was rendered by Miss Rebecca Applem-
an. Miss Edith Rogers also render-
ed a recitation. Amos Johnson and
Mr. Lowrie and family sang "Gather-
ing Home," after which the session
adjourned.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Mollie
Johnson rendered a solo accompanied
by a guitar. Herman L. Schure render-
ed a recitation, "Already off the
Boat." Master Fuller Runyan sang
"The Man behind the Plow." Miss
Helen F. Derr rendered a recitation,
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