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CONDENSED NEWS.

Another kind of weather.
Evidently the mercury is becoming so weak it cannot rise.
If the Russians would only load up some of their names and fire them at the Japs they might be able to do something.
Shipping 3,000,000 bushels of apples to Europe in 1903 shows that the American fruit grower is going to the very core of the thing.
February is not as long in days as some months, but it is long in temperature.
Japan wants all the space at the St. Louis Exposition which Russia surrenders. There's enterprise for you.
How would it do for the Weather Bureau to initiate a lot of ground hogs into the service?
Harbingers of spring may be expected almost any time now.
There is a suspicion that the vertebrae of winter has been slightly fractured.
In his trip around the world Dowling has not yet found a place where his particular brand of religion can be made popular.
The naughty hen also maintains an uncomfortable attitude of neutrality toward her duty.
Uncle Sam can be depended upon to look after his fences in the Far East.
The state has already paid out \$1,400,000 for replacing bridges destroyed by floods.
It will soon be time for the peach crop liar to spring his usual story that all the buds have been killed by severe weather.
Maybe Japan intends to make a Russian warship exhibit at St. Louis.
Perhaps Gentle Spring is disinclined to put in an appearance for fear her advent will be the signal for slaughter of her joyous companion, Robin Redbreast.
The Milton Public Schools will be the only ones in Northumberland county that have sent an exhibit to the St. Louis Exposition.
There is nothing like a good rain— somewhere else.
Jerome Flood of Riverside is on the sick list.
The plant of the Milton Manufacturing Company has closed down for an indefinite period.
A man who, when he falls on the ice gets up and walks away without cursing or looking foolish, is a man to be feared.
Now, if the weather man would only show his stock on the bargain counter and get rid of it!
Lowa Courts hold that a tramp forcibly ejected from a moving train can obtain damages from the railroad company if he is injured. If all trains be stopped and trespassing tramps be courteously requested to descend no train will ever get anywhere.
If the ground hog will only announce his spring opening for an early date all will be forgiven.
MADAM CARMAN, the scientific Palmist is in Danville for one week. A rare chance. Don't miss it. Parlor of the Hedden House, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.
Fish is now the official diet with sanity.
Mrs. John Foye, who was in a very precarious condition due to inhaling the gas fumes from the stove at the home of Adam Specht, had Sunday, thus so far recovered as to be able to speak and the attending physician, Dr. Rice, of Sanbury, believes that her ultimate recovery is now assured, although Mrs. Foye is still a very sick woman.
It will be necessary for us soon to pass a law compelling every barber to wash his hands and instruments in some anti-septic fluid before he touches each customer, otherwise he is liable to infect us with syphilis, impetigo, scabies, alopecia and tinea capitis. Wonder if this knowledge will keep many from getting shaved?
One step backward is not always serious, but to walk backward regularly is a dangerous habit. The merchant who curtails his advertising has commenced to walk backward—and a lump into a lunatic's court is all too imminent.—Williamsport Sun.

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BOROUGH FATHERS IN SESSION

The Borough Council held a regular meeting Friday night. There was but little business on hand, beyond a discussion of matters relating to the proposed paving ordinance, which will be submitted for its first reading at the next meeting.
Mr. Srank of the Committee on Streets and Bridges called attention to an alley in the Second Ward connecting Mowrey and Honeycomb streets, which, in the opinion of citizens living near should be given a name. He moved that the alley, which opens into Mowrey street at the residence of the late David Van Sickle, be named "David's Court." The motion carried and the alley was declared so named.
Mr. Gosser called attention to the fact that the Pennsylvania Canal Company from whom permission had been obtained to remove the canal bridges had disposed of the waterway to the D. L. & W. Railroad and he raised the question whether it was safe to rely on the old agreement. The Borough had failed to remove the bridges and the new owners of the canal might resist any encroachments, such as would be implied by removing the bridges.
He moved that the Clerk communicate with the D. L. & W. Railroad company apprising them of the agreement entered into with the former owners as well as of the fact that the Borough desires to have its streets, which makes it necessary to remove the bridges and cut down the street.
The motion carried and the Clerk was instructed to open correspondence with the D. L. & W. Railroad Company.
The Street Commissioner reported several very heavy accumulations of ice in the gutters about town caused by water which drains into the street from the hydrants which are left running during cold weather. He has relieved the situation wherever possible by chopping the ice out of the gutters but on the whole he looks for a good deal of trouble on the score of flooded cellars when a thaw occurs.
The paving ordinance was read section by section last night and discussed in all its features. A number of changes were suggested and it will be modified considerably before it is submitted at the next meeting.
The following members were present at the meeting: Vastine, Dougherty, Gosser, Swank, Fentemacher, Reifsnnyder, David Gibson, Joseph Gibson and Lloyd Burgess Pursell and Borough Solicitor E. S. Gearhart were also present.
The following bills were approved for payment:
BOROUGH DEPARTMENT
Regular Employees, \$ 82.50
Labor and Hauling, 12.00
WATER DEPARTMENT.
Regular Employees, \$137.00
Labor on Streets, 18.75
J. H. Gosser, 3.38
Rensselaer Mfg. Co., 189.60
Harry B. Patton, 20.00
Joseph Lechner, 53.29
The Danville Bessemer Plant.
Up to the present there has been no prospect of selling the fine plant of the Danville Bessemer Company, which has been widely advertised for sale since last fall.
The Shovel Works, it is said, with little outlay of money could be adapted to the manufacture of other goods of a similar kind in which stamping machinery is brought into play.
Trade conditions prevailing, however, are such as to discourage investment along any line and it is doubtful whether buyers would be plentiful even if the business were an old and well-established one.
It is unfortunate, indeed, that a sale could not be effected, as the plant occupied by the Shovel Works is all that could be desired for manufacturing purposes and Danville stands sorely in need of the industry. It can only be hoped that trade conditions may improve in the early spring with the result that a purchaser may be found for the idle plant, and that it may be rehabilitated and started up without delay.
Meanwhile our Board of Trade, always desirous of improving industrial conditions, by giving the matter proper attention may be able to assist in furthering the object in view.
Mrs. Linker Meets With an Accident.
Mrs. William Linker, West Mahoning street, had the misfortune to break her arm yesterday morning while visiting in the country. She spent Tuesday night at the Vincent farm, Valley township. She rose before daylight so as to be able to start for home at an early hour. In leaving the house she stepped upon a small piece of ice and slipped, falling upon her left arm in such a way as to cause a bad fracture near the wrist.
The injured woman was brought to her home in this city where Dr. Curry was called, who set the broken bone. During yesterday she was resting quite easily.
Workman's Leg Badly Lacerated.
William Baker of Welsh Hill, an employe of the Reading Iron Works, had his left leg badly lacerated about 10 o'clock last night.
He was employed at an endless chain which carries the iron away when one of the pieces became disarranged, the sharp end striking him on the leg. A long deep gash was inflicted, which bled very badly. Dr. Curry sewed up the wound.

BLOOMSBURG TOOK THE GAME

A large crowd which occupied all the seating capacity and a portion of the standing room assembled in the Army last night to witness a battle royal between the Old Timers of Danville and the Old Timers of Bloomsburg.
It proved to be a good game on the whole, although Danville lost, the score being 22 to 10 in favor of Bloomsburg. The game in the start was of the snappy sort, which fills an audience with delight.
The first goal was thrown by Bloomsburg and Bloomsburg kept on throwing them, while Danville fell into the rear. The latter's deficiency was accounted for on the ground that they were unused to playing together. To make matters worse during the first half Schuler at guard injured his foot and had to retire. Dougherty took his place.
It was not until toward the close of the last half that Danville got right into the game. Boda, Russell and Dougherty each in quick succession throwing a goal. Russell's goal, which was thrown from the center of the field, was one of the features of the game.
The visitors are skillful and experienced players and their work was the best seen in this city for a long time.
The line up:
DANVILLE BLOOMSBURG
Boda, center forward, Rabh
Klasse, center forward, Keller
Russell, center, Gilmore
Gaskins, guard, Sewart
Schuler, guard, Taylor
Dougherty, guard
Goals from field—Danville, Boda, 1; Russell, 1; Dougherty, 1; Bloomsburg, Rabh, 6; Keller, 1; Gilmore, 2; Stewart, 1; Taylor, 1. From goals—Danville, Klasse, 2; Boda, 2.
A Woodsman's Bad Accident.
Benjamin Woodridge, who is employed by John Boden on one of his timber tracts in Rush township, met with a very serious accident on Saturday forenoon.
He was plying the axe in the woods when the log which happened to be frozen caused the axe to glance, the entire width of the sharp blade sinking deep into his left foot. The flow of blood was copious and it was at once seen that the injury inflicted was of a very serious nature.
Woodridge's companions at once placed him upon one of the wagons in use at the woods and drove him with all haste to the city where he was taken to the office of Dr. T. B. Winterstein. The injury was found to consist of a deep gash extending over the top and the side of the foot from the base of the second toe nearly to the instep.
The tendons of the second toe were severed, which constitutes some ground for fears whether the toe may not have to be amputated, at least, whether he will ever have any use of it. Had it not been for the fact that he had on heavy rubbers along with the other footgear worn in the country, which somewhat broke the force of the axe, Mr. Woodridge thinks the injury would have been much more serious and that he would no doubt have lost the use of his foot. Over a dozen stitches were required to enclose the wound.
The injured man was taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Woodridge, on Front street. It may be many weeks before he will be able to resume work.
Wedded at Huntingdon.
Dr. John H. Vastine of Shamokin and Miss Helen C. Benscoter of Huntingdon were married at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The bride is the daughter of the Rev. C. L. Benscoter, pastor of the West Huntingdon M. E. Church, who tied the nuptial knot according to Rev. A. S. Baldwin, D. D. The newly-wedded couple left on the night train for Atlantic City.
Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Amos Vastine of this city, parents, and A. Beeber Vastine of Philadelphia, brother of the groom; Miss Davidson of West Pittston; Miss Dewiler of Hopewell and Miss Ale of Bellwood.
Scarlatina is Dying Out.
Health Officer B. B. Brown last evening stated that the several cases of scarlatina recently reported are either convalescent or have entirely recovered. One of the infected houses got out of quarantine today, which leaves only one dwelling placarded in Danville. There is no diphtheria and the single case of scarlatina remaining is the only case of infectious disease in town.
The physicians agree that the public health is good considering the time of year. There is some probability of grip becoming prevalent, but from disease in any of its more fatal forms our town seems to enjoy a remarkable immunity. But few deaths from any cause have occurred since the Holidays.
Returned from Hospital.
Mrs. George Myerly, from street, returned home, Saturday, from the Gynecae Hospital, Philadelphia, where she was under treatment for five weeks previously. Her condition is favorably improved.
Thumb Taken Off.
Thomas Grimes of the Third Ward had the thumb of his left hand taken off on Saturday night. Dr. Shultz performed the amputation.
Mrs. C. H. Dickerman, wife of Congressman Dickerman, of Milton, is quite ill at Atlantic City.

LOOKING TO A FREE FERRY

The County Commissioners at their regular meeting Saturday found themselves confronted with two important matters, both outside of the usual routine of work, but which seemed to require prompt and decisive action.
One of these was the question of a free ferry. In view of the extraordinary conditions on the river many persons have brought themselves to believe that the bridge here is doomed. Citizens on both sides of the stream have learned to appreciate the benefits of a free ferry and they will hear to nothing but a free ferry to take the place of the structure in the event that it should follow the fate of the bridge at Berwick.
In this matter the Commissioners of Montour, at least, are of the same opinion as many of their constituents and although we still have the bridge with us, in view of the application for a charter pending, in which private individuals figure, the Commissioners do not consider it any too early to act.
Accordingly on Saturday the Board of Commissioners decided to establish a free ferry to take the place of the bridge in case that structure should be destroyed or rendered impassable.
As the bridge here spans a stream dividing two counties the Northumberland County Commissioners of course have an equal voice with Montour County and a free ferry can be established only by "joint discretionary action" of the two boards. No doubt is entertained, however, but that the Northumberland county board will concur with the Commissioners of Montour in a matter like this and the establishment of a free ferry, should one be needed, is considered as assured.
The other matter before the County Commissioners which was not an every day affair was the deciding of a contest for the office of Assessor in West Hemlock township, in which the two candidates, S. B. Flick and C. J. Deighmiller, each had 28 votes. The matter was settled by the Commissioners appointing C. J. Deighmiller as Assessor.
It is only in the case of assessor that the Commissioners have the power to appoint, in a tie among any of the other candidates for township offices being settled by the court.
Filtered Water at Hospital.
The filter plant at the Hospital for the Insane is practically completed and by tomorrow the one thousand or more people at that institution will know what it means to enjoy the luxury of filtered water. The Trustees will hold a special meeting for the purpose of taking the filter plant off the contractor's hands.
As a companion to filtered water the Trustees will next be obliged to take up the matter of sewage, which ever since the Hospital was built has polluted the river at this point. The appropriation to the Hospital made by the last legislature included \$10,000 for a filtration plant and \$15,000 for the disposal of sewage.
The Trustees at once began to cast about for some method of handling the sewage which would divert it from the river, but up to the present nothing has been positively decided upon. The Waring system as adopted at Norristown was investigated but it found little favor with the trustees. The proposition which received the most support was the laying of an 18-inch pipe from the Hospital along the bottom of the canal through the borough connecting with the sewer of the latter at the aqueduct and in return for the privilege to grant to the borough permission to sell to its citizens the right of connecting with the Hospital sewer. Permission to lay the pipe had been practically obtained from the Pennsylvania Canal Company, although what effect the change of ownership might have on the proposition is not known.
It was learned yesterday from a reliable source that the idea of laying a sewer in the canal has been practically abandoned by the Trustees and that the Waring or some kindred system may be selected for disposing of the sewage on the Hospital grounds.
Meanwhile the Susquehanna is being polluted to an alarming extent, the sewage from the immense institution draining into the river scarcely a mile above the intake of our water works. The state was liberal in its appropriation to afford relief and no news would be more gratifying to our citizens than that the disposal of sewage would be the very first work entered upon by the Trustees when spring opens up.
Long's School, West Hemlock Township, Closed.
There is an epidemic of measles in West Hemlock township, which has necessitated the closing of Long's School. Among those down with the disease is Miss Arwine, the teacher. Some half a dozen families in all are infected.
Measles are among the less dreaded of the infectious diseases, nevertheless when an outbreak occurs they are sufficient to create a good deal of excitement in the community.
None of the cases in West Hemlock are of a serious nature, but as an aid in stamping out the disease it was considered advisable to close the school.
Farm Sold.
The farm belonging to the M. D. L. Seckler estate situated near Montandon has been purchased by H. H. Robbins of Milton.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Eyerly of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.
S. M. Fields, gateman at the South Danville crossing, spent Sunday with his family at Pittston.
Ralph Fouk of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday in Danville.
Frank Kear of Berwick, spent Sunday in Danville.
William Mapstone of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma Mapstone, this city.
Mrs. D. A. McDermott of Bloomsburg, visited friends in this city yesterday.
Benjamin Gidding of Bloomsburg, was in this city yesterday.
James Fielding of Catawissa, was a visitor in this city yesterday.
Frank McCune left yesterday for Lebanon.
Mrs. J. R. Kimerer visited friends in Sunbury yesterday.
Architect John Brugler was in Sunbury yesterday.
John Boden, Rush township, was in Shamokin yesterday.
J. E. Baily of Bloomsburg, transacted business in this city yesterday.
Alexander Mowrey left yesterday for Dayton, Ohio, where he will enter the Soldiers' Home.
Mrs. J. E. Thomas of Bloomsburg, called on friends in this city yesterday.
Robert Vincent of Clearfield county, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vincent, Valley township.
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Vastine returned home from Huntingdon last evening where on Tuesday they attended the Vastine-Benscoter wedding.
Carl Litz transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.
Emery Dye of Exchange, returned home yesterday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shultz, Cooper township.
William M. Robinson will leave this morning for a several days' business trip to Philadelphia.
Mr. and Mrs. William Coldren of Berwick, spent yesterday with friends in this city.
Hon. H. M. Hinckley was in Sunbury yesterday.
F. G. Peters transacted business in Milton yesterday.
E. P. Thomas was a visitor in Milton yesterday.
Miss Mary Campbell returned to Shamokin yesterday after a visit with friends in this city.
Mr. and Mrs. John Keim visited friends in Sunbury yesterday.
George B. Maie of Rochester, N. Y., was a Danville visitor yesterday.
Lewis Hort transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.
Walter Gross visited friends in Bloomsburg yesterday.
Charles Rudder of Philadelphia, representing W. F. Potts & Sons Co., manufacturers of Tin Plate and Sheet Metals, called on the trade in this city yesterday.
Half a Dozen Sheltered in the Lock-Up Nightly.
The hoboes in anticipation of Spring have crawled out of winter quarters. During the several days of mild weather they might have been seen in considerable numbers about town.
On Tuesday night six of the wanderers were given shelter in the lock-up. Last night brought another installment of four who asked to be locked up. The fellows all claim to be honest working men in search of a job, but in most instances their appearance seems to belie their words and when given an opportunity presents itself they do not hesitate to beg.
They have all the shrewdness and cunning of the genuine Willie, but they do not deceive the officers, who keep a close watch over them to see that they soon leave town or at least that they do not beg or fall into practices which may be worse.
Mrs. Thomas Cole, East Danville, Falls on the Ice.
Mrs. Thomas Cole, East Danville, fell on the ice Tuesday and fractured her right arm.
She was on her way to town when she slipped on the sidewalk. In endeavoring to save herself she threw out her right arm and fell upon it in such a way as to cause a fracture near the wrist. Dr. Newbaker set the broken bone.
This is the second time that Mrs. Cole has sustained such an accident, the same arm being broken at nearly the same place twenty years ago.
A Finely Appointed Flat.
Station Agent W. R. Clark yesterday moved into his flat above Clayton's store. His former home, South Danville, which he built a few years ago, has been purchased by W. W. Galick, who will move into it during the coming week.
Mr. Clark's flat, which contains six rooms constitutes a commodious and well-appointed residence. It has all the modern conveniences.
After Long Illness.
E. C. Veris, Ferry street, is able to be about again after two months' illness. He is improving day by day and expects before long to regain his former health.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

One of the latest problems that the School Board has to deal with is how to keep the pupils supplied with drinking water. During the latter part of last week the service pipe at the First Ward school froze, which shut off the water from that building. Yesterday the same thing occurred in the Fourth Ward, and that school building is without water. How long it will be before the Second and Third Ward school buildings follow suit no one can tell.
The matter was discussed at length at the regular meeting of the School Board Monday. It was the sense of the Board that it would not pay to thaw the pipes out, as in all probability they would freeze again in a short time. The digging would be a big item and the total cost might not be less than \$25.
Borough Superintendent Gordy reported that James Shultz had kindly granted the First Ward schools permission to get water on his premises. The Superintendent favored the plan of employing a boy to carry water for the whole building, fixing the limit at 16 buckets per day, which would give each of the rooms two buckets, one in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. It was also recommended that the same plan be adopted in the Fourth Ward.
On motion of Mr. Pursell it was ordered that a boy be employed at each of the school buildings where the pipes are frozen to carry water as recommended by the Superintendent.
On motion of Mr. Fischer the use of the High School room was granted to the Senior class one night each week between April 1st and the end of the term.
On motion of Mr. Werkheiser Superintendent Gordy was granted permission to attend the Convention of the Superintendents of the State, which will be held at Norristown March 9th and 10th.
Mr. Greene called attention to the old school house on Center street, which, he said, was fast going to destruction. He knew of a man who wanted to buy it and raised the question why it could not be sold.
Mr. Fischer said the matter had been before the Board before and that complications were discovered which made it inadvisable to keep hands off. As the building is no longer used for school purpose it is a question whether the land does not revert to the original owners. On motion the matter was laid upon the table.
Superintendent Gordy said that many requests by patrons had been made of him asking that the pupils be permitted to go to the river when the ice moves. He asked for the sentiment of the Board on the subject.
After discussion it was decided that the pupils who present notes from their parents will have to be granted permission to leave but that all others should be kept in school.
On motion Seth Lornor was elected janitor of the Third Ward school building for the remainder of the term.
The following members were present: Keefer, Orth, Greene, Pursell, Harpel, Werkheiser, Fischer and Adams.
The following bills were approved for payment:
Ezra Haas, \$ 75
Emery Shultz, 80
O. M. Lemiger, 4.35
Welliver Hardware Co., 2.00
Friendship Fire Co., 3.00
William Miller, 3.50
A. C. Amesbury, 33.60
R. J. Pegg, 43.66
Charles Mottern, 3.50
Y. M. C. A. Star Course.
The Committee having in charge the course of lectures and entertainments, under auspices of the Y. M. C. A., have decided to put the price of admission to the last two entertainments at 25 cents and 25 cents for gallery admission. This action is taken, for the reason that this season the sale of course tickets has been so small as to cause a shortage of about \$60.00 at the present time, and unless the deficit is made up on the next two entertainments, by single admission tickets, there will be a loss to the Association, to say nothing of the work that has been spent on perfecting the course.
The entertainments this year have been of a high order, and were secured with the thought of entertaining and edifying those who secured tickets. The prices paid for the different numbers in the course were in keeping with former years, but for some reason or other the course has not received the patronage of those in the past. This, of course, has caused the loss. It is the hope of the Committee that many persons will avail themselves of the present prices and attend both entertainments, and by so doing they will not only help the cause, but enjoy two really first-class elevating entertainments.
The next lecture, by Rev. Thos. McClary, has the highest and most complimentary indorsement of press and pulpit, as well as from managers of lecture courses and all who attend this lecture may expect a delightful and profitable evening.
Opossum Found in a Hen's Nest.
Charles Jameson, West Mahoning street, relates a story concerning the disappearance of one of his hens in which a big opossum figures in a curious way.
Mr. Jameson says he was the owner of a fine black pullet which was probably because of the number of eggs she laid. Her domestic was a barrel which lay on its side, enclosed by a wide board placed against the front.
Mr. Jameson's hen was valuable because on Monday he determined to institute a search. The first place he examined was the barrel where instead of the pullet he found a big opossum snugly curled up in the hen's nest. The pullet, herself, was missing.
It was purely circumstantial evidence of course, but the old opossum was held guilty of knowing what had become of the hen and he was made to pay the penalty with his life.
In the Midst of an Oyster Famine.
Danville, along with other towns is experiencing an oyster famine. During the week past A. M. Peters, a leading dealer in this place, has been practically out of the business. A few days ago he received a telegram from the wholesale house with which he deals which stated that there was not an oyster in Baltimore.
The oyster famine is another one of the effects of the old-fashioned winter prevailing, which has enclosed the favorite dredging grounds with ice. The loss of the oyster is a deprivation keenly felt and the return of milder weather which will bring the bivalve back into the market will be warmly welcomed, indeed.

A PATRIOTIC DISCOURSE

Rev. R. J. Allen, pastor of St. Peter's M. E. church, Sunday morning preached a noble discourse to the P. O. S. of A. of Riverside and this city, some eighty of whom were present in a body.
The text is found in Psalms 127-1: "Except the Lord Build the House they Labor in Vain who Build it. Except the Lord Keep the City they Keep it in Vain."
The sermon was appropriate to the near approach of Washington's Birthday and began with an eloquent tribute to the life and character of that Soldier and Statesman.
The truth of the first part of the text, he said, is firmly established; the second clause is the logical sequence. As by the will of our forefathers God builded of and for them this material structure high and exalted, so by our will as patriots and Christians the same God and Lord over all will keep the city in safety. What is our will and pleasure in the matter of our presentation? Let us examine our faith and answer.
The sermon took a very comprehensive view of life, noting the changed conditions which have come to pass in a few years and dwelling with much apprehension upon the growing tendency toward commercialism which is marked in American life.
The heart governs the man and not the head. A clever man with a bad heart is a constant menace to society and yet to our shame be it said our public school system makes no definite attempt to train the heart. Gradually religion, the reading of the Bible, teaching the commandments, the enforcement of moral precepts as of divine authority have given place to mere secularism. Let some class small or large in the community be offended our schools must ignore the spiritual side of our nature and teach us only how to get along. The child's ambition, desires and passions must go untaught and untrained with never a word on the great subject of duty to God. This is the goal toward which we are tending. Crimes violent and cunning are on the increase—partly from other causes, of course, but largely because of a serious defect in the education of the child. Something of vital importance is missing. A system which fails to train youth to the yoke of discipline and obedience—to make them strong to control self and resist temptation is lacking in something. If it fails to turn out patriotic citizens, law-abiding men, and women, it fails the nation at a crucial point. What shall we do? Give up the public school system and drift back into ignorance and illiteracy. God forbid! Make it an instrument for the propagation of religious opinions of the majority, forcing the children of the large and respectable minority to receive teachings hostile to the opinions of their parents? God forbid! Neither alternative is necessary. To the Ten Commandments as a part of the course taught and commented upon, neither Romanist, nor Jew could object.
Our fathers founded the Republic upon Liberty and Equality and dedicated it to the proposition that all men should have equal opportunity, but sad to say to day there is a spirit of strife among us that would stifle faith in the equality of the race, that would annul the constitutional amendment, that would brand the immortal Lincoln's Gettysburg and inaugural address as fables and dreams.
The discourse in turn took up polygamy and the other evils which assail our country, explaining what pertains to us and the only course left open for us if we would wish to preserve our integrity as a great and growing Christian nation.

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FEBRUARY COURT CONVENES

February Court convened Monday morning with President Judge R. R. Little and Associate Frank G. Blee on the bench. As stated in a previous issue owing to the lack of cases the Court made an order notifying the Traverser Jury not to appear.
The Grand Jury, however, was present. P. J. Keefer of Danville was sworn in as foreman and Jacob Welliver of West Hemlock township was appointed tipstaff to wait upon the Grand Jury.
The District Attorney informed the Court that he had no bills to present. The only business therefore remaining for the Grand Jury to transact was to examine the public buildings and to take action on a petition for a county bridge in Limestone township.
The Constables of the county made their returns, none reporting any violations of the law.
H. Spenser Vastine of South Danville, was sworn in as a member of the Montour County bar.
The court disposed of a number of rules, and by 2 o'clock in the afternoon was through with all the business on hand. By that hour the Grand Jury was ready to present its report, which was as follows:
To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions, of Montour County, Pa.
The Grand Jury having performed their duty submit the following:
We recommend the building of a county bridge across Beaver creek in Limestone Township.
We have examined the river bridge and find it in fair repair, except three of the piers at the south end, where the sheeting at places needs new timbers.
At the jail we would recommend the following: Repairing of the kitchen, new gate post near the stable, repairing of conductors at rear end of jail and painting of line fence between jail ground and Edward Corman's property.
We further recommend the payment of rental of telephone in jail by the county.
We recommend that a hand railing be placed at each end of stair steps in front of the Court House and the repairing of the balcony roof.
Respectfully submitted,
P. J. KEEFER, Foreman.
Amos Vastine, Clerk.
After hearing the report the Grand Jury was discharged and Court adjourned to meet at the ringing of the Court House bell.
In re-estate of P. J. Keefer, deceased. In re-estate of Catharine Light, a patient at the Hospital for the Insane, by J. P. Bace, acting Coroner. Inquest not approved.
W. V. Oglesby vs. County of Montour. Case stated September term, 1901; now February 23, 1904. It is ordered that the case be quashed.
George W. Hendricks vs. the American Relief Association. Judgment of Justice reversed.
Martin Kelly, Committee of William Saul. Exception dismissed and report of auditor confirmed absolutely.
Eugene O'Hara vs. Mrs. Eugene O'Hara. Action in divorce. The clerk was directed to place the case on the argument list to be argued at the next argument court.
In the matter of the petition for a public road in Anthony township near Jacob Kramer's. Report of viewers against said road filed.
Estate of Christians Wanda, dec'd. Report of sale confirmed.
Estate of Caroline DeLong, deceased. Order of sale continued.
Order of sale of Phoebe Hilkert. Petition for partition. Inquest approved.
William Mackert vs. Anthony Schett. Application for sale on claimants. Rule granted.
Laura U. Kline, widow of John M. Kline, dec'd., vs. Jonathan S. Deen, et al. Return of inquisition confirmed in part.
Estate of Catharine Kratz, dec'd. Return confirmed in part.
In re-receivership of S. Bailey & Co. Order of sale and report and return of same confirmed in part.
In re Levi Smith. Application for appointment for Trustee. The Security Company of Pottstown is appointed as Trustee.
Commonwealth vs. Edward Lohr. Nol. Pro. allowed.
Inquisition on body of Harry Craglow. Directed by Court to be placed on argument list.
Report of viewers in re county bridge in Limestone township. Report approved.
Petition of Thomas J. Rogers, Committee of William S. Roberts, a lunatic, for an order to pay over the rents, interest and dividends to the wife of said lunatic for his care and maintenance. Decree made as presented for.
Manservant Party.
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Fentemacher, of East Market street, tendered their daughter Pearl a magnificent surprise party on Monday evening in honor of her 13th birthday. Those present were: Misses Mae Brent, Helen Swartz, Ethel Haring, Verda and Beanie Keefer, Mae Fentemacher, Lizzie Thomas, Catherine Kemmer, Thelma and Zella Baynam, Mary Walker, Viola Nichol, Messrs. Harry Redding, Ralph White, Willie and Raymond Johns and Norman Nichol, Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Redding.
February still has five days to make trouble in.