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CONDENSED NEWS.

Spring seems tardy. Movers are packing up. The blue birds are here. It will soon be time for that tired feeling. This is the time we engage in dreams of the flowers we are going to raise. The Philadelphia & Reading Railway broke all records for hauling passenger and freight traffic during the worst flood conditions and proved conclusively that they have not only a great system, but have capable men in charge of all departments. Slickie is reported to be on the increase. The only trouble is that the right ones do not avail themselves of the privilege. The Pennsylvania railroad is losing no time in making repairs to its tracks which have been damaged by the floods. The Eagles' State convention will be held at Reading on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 20, 21 and 22. The Edwin J. Hadley company will show a fine collection of moving pictures at the Opera House on Saturday evening. Mr. Hadley guarantees to exhibit pictures with less flicker than any show of its kind on the road. Mr. Hadley has recently perfected a device whereby this annoying feature has been practically eliminated. Come and see the best. Prices, 15, 25 and 35 cents. The soldiers residing in this section who served during the Spanish-American war are all being located and their correct addresses secured by the pension department at Washington. The object of the census is not known. Judge Marr, of Pottsville, has called upon the State Board of Health to take charge of the smallpox situation in that county. The disease, he declared, has become a menace to the whole state. The court announced that it would not sanction the further use of school funds in the townships to suppress the disease. You can find signs of spring or you cannot find them, just as you choose, any old day. Sunbury was about the only town along the Susquehanna for a distance of many miles that stood the most severe test of the ice and high water. It is expected that 855 delegates will attend the Central Penna. Conference to be opened in the Fifth Street M. E. church at Harrisburg on the twenty-first of this month. The bluebird is keeping somewhat darker than usual this spring. A little more winter for a change. The groundhog's reign is at an end. The Mormons do not show up very well under the penetrating rays of the searchlight of inquiry. Robins and blue birds seem to be poor judges of the weather. The Edwin J. Hadley company will present their superb collection of pictures in the Opera House on Saturday, March 19th. Mr. Hadley was five seasons with the Lyman H. Howe company. The High School Athletic Association will give a minstrel performance in the High school room on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th inst. Admission 15 cents. There will be a matinee Saturday afternoon for school children, admission for matinee 10 cents.

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IT WILL BE A FREE FERRY

There is no longer any question as to whether or not a free ferry shall be established here to take the place of the bridge. At the joint meeting Saturday the Northumberland County Commissioners showed themselves thoroughly in sympathy with the views of our own Board on the subject of transportation pending the rebuilding of the bridge. It was not only decided to establish a free ferry, but the two boards got down to work in a way which showed that but little time will be lost. The establishment of a ferry such as the Commissioners have in view to fully meet the requirements of the situation will in the very nature of the thing be several weeks in the future. The Commissioners at the joint meeting, Saturday, therefore, were more concerned in providing some substitute that will take care of traffic until the ferry proper can be installed. E. J. LeDuc appeared before the Commissioners and an agreement was entered into by which his coal digging outfit is to do service as a ferry for the time being. The "coal digger" proper from bow to stern is sixty feet long; in width it is twelve feet. Divested of all machinery except engine and boiler it will accommodate nearly a hundred passengers. The flat boat, thirty-five by twenty feet, used to receive the coal and pushed ahead of the steamer will hold at least two busses or other vehicles. Mr. LeDuc feels confident that he can steam across the river in eight to ten minutes, approaching the shore almost anywhere, as his steamer draws less than one foot of water. The only difficulty lies in the fact that the ice is not all down the river. Mr. LeDuc last fall succeeded in getting his coal digger out of the river and at a safe place upon the bank only at the expense of considerable time and outlay of money. The precaution was a wise one; otherwise the whole outfit would have met the fate of the bridge when the ice went. Under the circumstances he is loath to launch the steamer during the next few days, until fully apprised of conditions up the river, unless provided with adequate protection when the ice comes down. Mr. LeDuc was instructed by the Commissioners Saturday to proceed immediately to get his boat in readiness, which, it is thought, may consume three or four days. Several of the Commissioners held to the view that the creek's mouth now blocked with ice, might be opened to assist as a sort of harbor of refuge for the ferry when the next flood comes sweeping down. If this can not be accomplished Mr. LeDuc will probably be secured against damage or loss and the coal digger will be launched as soon as in readiness, whether the ice has come down or not. Meanwhile the people of Danville, South Danville and Riverside will have to be satisfied with such accommodations as is afforded by the row boats now plying back and forth. Owing to the number of bridges taken away along the North Branch ferries will be very much in demand and our Commissioners anticipate difficulty in procuring second hand boats suitable and are afraid that they shall have to order a new ferry.

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NO SCHOOL ON GOOD FRIDAY

The School Board held a regular meeting Monday night. There was but little business on hand, necessitating only a short session. The flood, it was reported, had interfered badly with school in the Second Ward, as it had been impossible to use the building since Wednesday, although it was hoped that it would be found fit for occupancy by tomorrow. The cellar was pumped dry on Thursday but the water soon began to accumulate again and from that day on it has been necessary to keep five men employed carrying out the water. Mr. Porsel reported that the situation had improved considerably last evening and that the water was not running in so fast. He thought about all that was necessary now was to heat up the building and disinfect it thoroughly. The suspension of the Second Ward school suggested the question of whether or not the teachers should be paid for the time the schools were closed. A short discussion revealed that it was the sense of the Board that no reduction should be made, notwithstanding that a clause in the contract with the teachers gives the Board in an emergency of this kind the right to close the schools without compensation to teachers. On motion it was ordered that the teachers be paid their salary in full for March. On motion it was decided to close the schools on Good Friday. The following members of the Board were present: Keefe, Orth, Greene, Werkheiser, VonBloha, Fischer, Harpel, Hancock and Byerly. Treasurer Schram presented a statement of finances to date, which showed a cash balance on hand of \$7,044.41. The following bills were approved for payment: Ellis H. Rank \$ 3.00 Standard Gas Co 1.40 Standard Electric Light Co 1.00 William Miller 4.25 Danville Stove & Mfg. Co 6.98 William Robinson 1.25 East Boston Coal Co 79.30 Friendship Fire Co 3.50 A. H. Groner 5.10 U. L. Gordy 1.50 A. LaRue 1.63 E. H. Sainsbury 1.05 Samuel Sainsbury 1.05 John Bruder 1.95 S. M. Trumbower 10.47 J. H. Brugler 250.00 Friendship Fire Co 35.00

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TO RE-ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION

The United Telephone and Telegraph Company will begin work today on the erection of poles to carry a cable across the river to reestablish communication with South Danville. A crew of eleven men under Harry D. Livers, construction foreman, arrived in this city last evening and are stopping at Hotel Oliver. In an interview last evening Mr. Livers stated that the cable supported on two high poles will be carried across the river just above the bridge. The pole on this side of the river, which will be planted between Jesse Wyan's and the approach to the bridge, will be sixty feet in height; the pole on the opposite shore, which will be on higher ground, will not be so high. Between these poles a messenger wire will be strung, supporting a cable containing three trunk lines and three pairs of wires, the latter to accommodate the subscribers in South Danville and Riverside. The South Danville pole was delivered yesterday and the one at this city will be on hand by the time it is needed. A great deal of work will be involved and Mr. Livers stated that it would be difficult to say just when the job would be completed. He has hopes, however, that communication will be reestablished with South Danville by the end of the week. Elaborate Production of "Quincy Adams Sawyer." The dramatization by Mr. Justin Adams of the "best New England story ever written" and one of the most popular and best selling books of the day, entitled "Quincy Adams Sawyer," which will be seen at the Opera House on Tuesday evening next is presented by a carefully selected company of well known artists and is given in four acts and five scenes, all specially built and painted for this production. The first act is the interior of Bononi Hill's grocery store and the village postoffice at Mason's Corner; the first scene of the second act is the cross-roads between Eastborough and Mason's Corner; the second scene of the second act is Mrs. Putnam's "settling" room at the Putnam farm; the third act is the Pettengill farm-yard, showing an old-fashioned husking bee in the great barn; and the fourth act is the interior and exterior of the Pettengill homestead, showing a good old New England snow storm.

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