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CONDENSED NEWS.

May flowers.

Sonshine at last. Farewell to the ovster.

Summer days are coming.

The thermometer is climbing up. The iceman is increasing in import-

ance schoo, term.

It is a comfort to reflect that the bags and flies are late, too.

Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show will appear in Sunbury on Saturday, May

may be certain that Spring is here to

ings has much to do with your good health

elaborate. The hitching of hungry horses to

shade trees is an evil that should be plated ware.

Walter L. Main's mammoth railroad shows will appear in Bloomsburg on Thursday, May 26th.

The "goosebone" weather prophet hind, several of them having been set a position. at Reading warns the people "not to out of the way on the sideboard. shed their heavy flannels before circus

Our own idea of a model husband is one who can go through the house

wear a happy smile. Don't fail to see the grand free street parade of the Bard Bros. big

new United Shows on next Thursday, May 5, at 10 o'clock a. m. Under the reapportionment movement relative to legislative districts, North-

umberland county is entitled to three instead of two assemblymen. With the adjournment of congress there is an apparent deficit of \$77,000.

000 between the appropriations and the estimated revenues for next year.

State Editorial association will be the guests of the Williamsport Board of Trade, and the newspaper men of the city, during the last week of June.

state are being interested in a plan to raise a \$400,000 memorial fund to perpetuate the memory of Thaddeus Stevens, the father of the public school sys em in Pennsylvania.

now in its prime and apparently in more abundance than ever. Every one who goes in quest of the dainty forest aid of a jimmy. flower returns home well laden. And two suspicious characters were seen about town Monday. They had the sicularly beautiful.

Pennsylvania day at the St. Louis exposition will be held on August 20th, on the anniversary of the battle 20th, on the anniversary of the battle noon. It is said, however, they came of Falling Timbers, in which General back again and a significant circumwayne, a Pennsylvanian. commanded stance is that they were not in town the troops that won a great victory yesterday morning.

After the robbery the police gave the and virtually eliminated the Indians from the Purchase. Governor Pennypacker will deliver an address, and it suspicion attached. They also comis probable that a State military display will be made.

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DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY MAY 5 1904.

BURGLARS MAKE RICH HAUL

The manse of the Grove Presbyterian night and silverwar sand money to the his home in Scranton Sunday. value of nearly \$400 were stolen. When Mrs. McChranack, wife of the

dining room adjoining where all the terday morning. Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty. was sufficient to convince her that the age and is survived by a wife and a Attorney General of April 21st, which Instruments and prepared to execute the alarmed she flew up stairs to communi- Hiram Antrim of this city and was Danville would be put in the same pate her discovery to her husband.

purses and their contents.

The silverware missing, all of which dry goods dealers. was solid, according to a most conspoons, meat fork, nut picks, ladies' ed to Mrs. McCormack, were marked Horace B. Bennett and Charles and him to commit any set in the way of "Lena," while several spoons, birth- Comley Antrim, also cousins. day presents to Dr. McCormack's little daughter, were engraved with her

name, "Gladys." last menth of the borough cumulation of fifteen years. Every ly to the Old Fellows' ce metery, where pastor it seems, is likely to have his interment was made. own notion as to how the wedding fees The circus is coming. The bluebirds for the table. As a result after the and son of the deceased, G. B. Carson stocked with a fine lot of choice silver-

The cleanliness of your surround- ware. Arrangements for the celebration of like all the other drawers of the apart-Memorial day should be thorough and ment was found open yesterday morn- Sunbury; Miss Quinn, of Muney. ing. The drawer was practically empty, containing only a few pieces of

The burglars were evidently professionals as is indicated by their ac- bert officiated. curacy in distinguishing the solid silver from that which was plated. The

yet in commission. Hammocks are al- room. A small writing desk was ran- which they were entertained at the down Mill street. so in the garrets. There is a good time sacked, but nothing was taken but some home of Will G. Brown, Brown Build- They soon learned their mistake, but three purses were found and stolen, in this city. cleaning season twice a year and still which in the aggregate contained over five dollars in cash. One of the purses belonged to little Gladys and

another contained Mrs. McCormack's ular meeting Monday afternoon with visiting cards. All about the floor were found spots from there into the parlor. In the hall rack, but neither here nor in the par-

lor was there a single article missing. Several circumstances indicate that the burglers were frightened off, otherwise, it is believed, they would have The members of the Pennsylvania invaded the second story. A large silver fruit dish was found vesterday morning upon a chair beside the side board as though the intention was to place the smaller pieces upon it. The fact that this was left behind, while a Public school scholars all over the gingham apron left in the room is missing, is taken to indicate that the robbers may have been unable to carry out their plans and in making a hasty exit seized the apron and tumbled the

silverware into it. Dr. McCormack is of the opinion that the burglary was committed about the The beautiful trailing arbutus is hour of midnight. The window, although in its prime and apparently in though secured with patent fastenings had become somewhat loose with long usage and was easily raised with the

appearance of crooks and speut their time among the stables on either side of the P. & R. track in the virinity of Hemlock street. The Chief-ot-Police ran them out of town Monday after

town a thorough search, but they were ed by the Brewery. unable to find anyone to whom any municated with ten neighboring towns giving an account of the robbery and escribing the articles stolen.

Banquetted at Hotel Oliver.

The local staff of Prudential Insurance workers enjoyed a fine banquet at Hotel Oliver last evening, which was held in honor of a special effort put forth the week before last when eighty applications were written. The following sat around the banquet board: O. R. Schilling, Assistant Superintendent: Medical Examiner P. C. Newbaker; F. E. McAran, J. E. Pfahler, James Smith, G. J. Cunningham, J. T. Oberdorf, H. S. Howell.

Sowing the Seed.

Yesterday was another ideal May day. The farmers are now putting in full time ploughing and sowing oats Throughout town garden digging is fully under way and at nearly every garden spot one or more persons might have been seen, employed on the grounds yesterday.

RESIDENT DIES

Benjamin B. Antrim, a former resi-

A FORMER

house had been robbed and thoroughly son. Hiram. He was a son of the late a few took to imply that the bridge at Mrs. Patterson Johnson, East Market had in the bus two passengers, two it not only relieves our poor district It required but a short investigation life in Danville. For a number of entirely misconstrued. to convince Mr. and Mrs. McCormack years he was in the mercantile busi- The Attorney General had been askthat they were the victims of a heavy ness in this city, occupying with his ed for an opinion deciding the question and most heartless robbery. Nearly brother, William, the north room now whether the wrecked bridges belonged all their silverware intrinsically valu- embraced by Murray's department to the State or to the counties upon

Moderate and a work thuranteed servative estimate was worth over manners, generous and obliging in dis- bridge unless it is destroyed, which in \$300 and included two teapots, cream, position, who had hosts of friends not his opinion meant total destruction. pitcher, egg castor with cups and only in this city but also in Scranton where the latter years of his life were torney General informs the Superincream spoons, and other articles all spent. Among the surviving relatives tendent of Public Grounds and Buildsolid silver. Many of the pieces were in this city are W. L. Antrim, an unlings, who had asked for the opinion, marked "McC;" others, which belong- cle, Mrs. Will G. Brown, a cousin, and that it would obviously be unwise for

> The silverware stolen, Dr. McCormack at this city on the 12:44 D. L. & W. explained yesterday, represents the ac- train yesterday and were taken direct- liability does not clearly exist. The

> The remains were followed to the should be applied. Dr. McCormack grave by a large number of people, and that it would be difficult to see on from the time he entered the ministry among them being relatives and friends what principle of law the Commonhas made it a practice of investing all of this city in addition to the follow- wealth could claim title to the materithe money that he has received for ing persons from out of town: Mrs. marrying couples in solid silverware Benjamin B. and Hiram Antrim, wife lapse of years his house had become and wife and Miss Rishel of Scranton; B. F. Antrim and Miss Elizabeth

> This was all kept in a drawer of the and wife of Philadelphia; Miles Heigh, flying down to Mill street on double sideboard in the dining room, which wife and son of Watsontown; Mrs. quick time. It transpired, however. Jacob Shipman and two daughters, of The pall bearers chosen in this city

Water Commissioners Meet.

The Water Commissioners held a reg-H. L. Gross in the chair.

Charles H. Royce, Superintendent of wax, drippings from a caudle carri- of Castle Grove Farms, met with the urday afternoon at one o'clock, intered by the burglars. By this means Board to discuss a proposition to inthey were traced into the hallway and stall a water meter on the estate. The Water Commissioners claim that they er is consumed at Castle Grove and using meters elsewhere in the Borough where much water is consumed.

ent are sufficient. He admitted that a brothers acted as pall bearers. good deal of water is used at Castle! Grove for sprinkling and the like, but of the designs being an offering from held that the quantity is far less than the Sunday school class of St. Peter's what is reported. He was positive, he M. E. church taught by Mrs. Wallace said, that Mr. Bennett would not stand | Hoover, to which the deceased belong-

any increase in water rate. An hour or more was spent in disdecided that a two-inch meter be in- out the community and her early destalled at Castle Grove at the Bor- mise has caused much sorrow. The ough's expense and that if this proves funeral Saturday was an exceptionally inadequate a larger one may be instal- solemn and impressive event.

led at Mr. Bennett's expense. A representative of the P. L. Brewery was present asking for a rebate of water rent, owing to a leakage in the pipe which drew a great deal of water from the Borough, which was not us-

was allowed.

Coal Drawn by Dr. Free.

Association, otherwise known as the of the Y. M. C. A. last night. The full board of managers was present. The coal for which tickets were sold last Fail was chanced off and was drawn by Dr. Free of the Hospital staff.

It was decided that the season be opened on May 21st with a game with the Bucknell Reserves. rector, after which P. E. Maus was \$965. chosen as his successor.

Returned to Castle Grove.

ed his connection with Castle Grove day night fell down and fractured one swept away by a flood. Attorney Genresidence where there is a lawn or a about a month ago, has returned to of the bones of her left arm. She was eral Carson has decided that the State resume his position. Mr. Kipper's given surgical attention by Dr. E. A. can give no aid as the bridge was not home is in New York.

AS TO THE NEW RIVER BRIDGE

It now seems fully established to the church was burglarized on Monday dent of Danville, departed this life at satisfaction of those in a position to was a guest over Sunday at the home know how things are progressing that of George M. Gearhart, East Market Mr. Antrim's death was sudden in notwithstanding rumors to the con- street. its nature and the news, which reach- trary the State will rebuild the bridge tester, descended to the kitchen yes- ed this city shortly after noon yester- at this place; also that the structure terday morning a scene of confusion day, caused the greatest surprise. He will be mainly as recommended in the met her gaze. The door opening on the was stricken with apoplexy on Friday. report of the viewers. It is believed, porch facing A street was wide open From the start there was no hope and too, that no time will be lost, that while a window by its side was raised he remained unconscious until the ead work will begin in a month or, so's to its full height. A glance into the came, at half past seven o'clock yes- time and that the job will be pushed to completion before the holidays.

drawers and closets were thrown open The deceased was fifty-three years of It transpires that the opinion of the born and spent the greater part of his category as that of Catawissa, was

able and precious because of associa- store. About ten years ago he remov- whose petitions they were erected. In 288 Mill - St., Danville, Pa. tion was missing along with three ed to Scranton where he held a re- dealing with this class of bridges, sponsible position with McCann & Co., erected by the State, the Attorney General made the ruling that the com-The deceased was a man of genial monwealth is not obliged to rebuild a

In following out the subject the At reclaiming any material or wreck, inasmuch as that act might be interpret-The remains of Benjamin B. Antrim, ed to mean the assumption of an obwho died at Scranton Sunday, arrived ligation on the part of the Commonwealth to rebuild in cases where such view is held that the material having been donated by the State to the county the title is now vested in the latter al in revocation of its prior gift.

Smoke House Burns Down.

An alarm of fire about five o'clock Saturday evening brought the Friend-Aptrim, of Pittston; W. H. Antrim | ship and Washington Hose Companies that their services were not needed. The blaze proved a slight one confined to John Eisenhart's smoke house vesterday were: Dr. Jno. Sweisfort, at the rear of West Market street. The D. R. Williams, J. B. Cleaver, and little building was quickly consumed W. L. McClure. Rev. George E. Lim- along with its contents, five hams and two picees of side meat.

The flowers were very beautiful and | The fire was discovered by one of comprised a fine tribute from the clerks the neighbors and a gentleman drivplated articles were invariably left be. of the store in which the deceased held ing up West Market street quickly delivered the word at the Friendship Funeral services were held in Scran- Engine House. The fire company, After selecting the silver they want. ton on Monday evening. Returning however, got under the impression that from Odd Fellows' cemetery the rela- the blaze was at Eisenhart's Meat Front gates and front steps are not to the closets and drawers in the tives took dinner at Hotel Oliver after Market in City Hall and they dashed

> postage stamps. In the closet every- ing, where during the afternoon they by the time they got to the scene of thing was turned topsy-turvy. Here were called upon by friends residing the fire the building was practically consumed.

Mr. Eisenhart estimates his loss at about \$25.

Funeral of Miss Anna Dver.

Miss Anna Dyer, whose death occurred on Wednesday, was buried Satment taking place in Mt. Vernon cemetery. There was a very large attendance

they inspected some clothing upon a have no knowledge of how much wat- The services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Swartz, pastor of St. Peter's M. that it would be no more than fair for E. church, of Riverside and Rev. N. both parties that a meter should be in- E. Cleaver, pastor of Trinity M. E. stalled, especially as they have been church, this city. The deceased besides her parents is survived by a sister, Miss Margaret, who resides at the Mr. Royce objected to a meter, as, parental home, and eight brothers as he held, it seemed only an attempt to follows: Charles, Robert, Galen, get higher prices for water out of Mr. Isaac, William and Freeman, Cyrus and Bennett, while the rates paid at pres- Mahlon. The six first named of the

The flowers were very beautiful one

Miss Dyer was a young lady of lovecussion, after which on motion it was ly character, highly esteemed through-

Reunion of 127th Regiment. Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in this secof that organization, which will be On motion a rebate of ten dollars held in Gettysburg, May 12th. It will be the occasion of the annual meeting. The meeting will be a reunion of the members, some of which are wide-A meeting of the Danville Base Ball ly scattered. Officers will be elected and the death rolls will be made com-"Old Timers," was held in the parlor plete. During the past year Secretary Walmer, of Harrisburg, has learned of at least nine deaths in the regiment, F. Vastine, of Catawissa.

Double Dwelling Sold. tion continue for another year, where- Saturday afternoon. It was knocked ment of visitors to the conclave. upon Fred W. Jacobs resigned as di- down to Mrs. Cora May Yeager for

Little Girl's Mishap.

PERSONAL **PARAGRAPHS**

Fred C. Kirkendall of Wilkesbarre

Claude Guest of Mahanov City is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Guest. Front street.

Miss Mary Everett spent Sunday with friends in Bloomsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Jones spent Sunday with relatives in Bloomsburg. Prof. Lewis Ammerman of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bloch spent Sunday in Bloomsburg. Harry Lyon of Pittsburg, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Elias Lyon,

Ferry stareet. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heim spent Sunday with relatives at Bloomsburg. Walter Breckbill of Berwick, spent

Clock Factory Breaks Record. Last week was a record breaker at the clock factory. The enlargement of the plant together with the installation of antomatic machinery has resulted in a gratifying increase of product. Last week all previous efforts were outdone and one hundred and twenty of the self-winding clocks were

turned out. The entire building is now occupied. It presents a busy and interesting appearance and seems quite a factory, having already outgrown the limits of a small industry. Fifteen hands are employed. The clocks manufactured comprise sixteen different models. among them being office clocks, parlor, boudoir, dining room and kitchen clocks in addition to the large depot clock or regulator now nearly ready for the trade.

Two salesmen-A. F. Hitchler and S. S. Cohen-are out on the road and some idea of their success will be gathered from the fact that on the books of the company are three thousand orders unfilled. It is evident that the Rempe Manufacturing Company will have to enlarge its plant again in the near future.

The clock factory has not yet been in existence one year. The factory started up on July 1st, but no clocks were turned out until October 1st and then only in limited numbers to meet the demand for samples. It was not until

of the wonderful timepiece and the push and enterprise of those who have its manufacture in hand.

Boy Exploded Signal Cap. Striking a signal cap with a hammer, Arthur, the eight-years-old son of Lewis Erdman, of Catawissa had his face frightfully mangled at his

home Thursday. It was while the lad's mother was washing her husband's blouse, the latter being employed as engineer on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. that she discovered the cap in the blouse. She placed it on the window sill, where the lad found it, and secreting it, took it to an outhouse where, procuring a hammer, he proceeded, with the natural inquisitive propensities of a child, to discover of

what it was made. The explosion was a terrific one, a hole being torn in his face twice the in his neck and another in his ear. He suffered excruciating pain. Dr. Robbins was summoned and dressed

the injuries.

The Curbstone Market. trolley assume shape and the time for breaking ground approaches it is realized that the curbstone market at least as a factor on Mill street has a decidedly short lease of life. To mainseem as impracticable as when the cars surface.

are running The matter of a new location has frequently been discussed by Council before that body for action. What pro- appearance. Weeds higher than the tion are much interested in a reunion will yet develop. It is safe to as- rot in the same place, fences out of sume that this useful class of venders repair, gates and barn doors off the will not be neglected, but that they will be assigned to some other location sightly litter in door yard and at the convenient alike to seller and buyer.

Preparing for Annual Conclave. Preparations are being made by Knights Templar bodies throughout the state to attend the fifty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandfrom this vicinity such as Dr. Jacob ery of Pennsylvania, which will meet ade of commanderies from all sections of the State will take place on the first day of the conclave. York Com-The double dwelling on Vine street mandery, No. 21 and Gethsemane Com- Bard Bros. Shows, are the originators watchman, and was to conceal himself | Columbia, was made the regular Demobelonging to the estate of Catharine mandery, No. 75, of York, have com-It was decided that the old organiza. Kratz was sold at Orphans' Court Sale mittees preparing for the entertain-

To Make Fight for New Bridge. The Commissioners of Columbia

County propose to make a fight in A little daughter of Charles Sweitz- court to force the State to rebuild the Augustus Kipper, florist, who severer, Montour Row, while playing Fri- Catawissa bridge, which was partly entirely destroye

THROWN FROM THE FERRY

The ferry boat as it plied southward

the deep water. safe side it was decided that the two curred.

the mail. was on its way back over the river. Sunday with his parents, East Dan- Realizing that but a few minutes remained before the train was due Rich- 31, 1899, she was brought back to Mahalong and when the ferry arrived at a Franklin township, and was placed in dividing old Columbia and creating the point opposite to the last pier he made the Almshouse here where she has new county of Montour. The two secready to assist in lowering the fall

> he called another gentleman to his assistance. Their combined weight provfrom shore the only thing for them to Mahoning Poor District. do, of course, was to keep their feet | The appeal was allowed by the on the beam to the end that they Court, September 4, 1899. The matter might balance the fall board and keep was allowed to rest, our district being it raised in position.

They had stood thus only a moment or so when the second gentleman forgetting himself or not realizing that appoint John M. Reiliy, Esq., Combis weight was needed to keep the missioner, to take testimony in the ing the administration the control of beam down stepped off and walked case on part of Franklin township. over to the other side of the boat.

The very moment his weight was redownward into the river.

position to see Richard as he took his Court November 25, 1902. remarkable header into the river. The water at that point is ten or twelve 23, 1903, decided that from the testi- ed the new Senators to be sworn. The the first of the year that clocks were feet deep. Richard sank out of sight mony he found that counsel for Danturned out in considerable numbers. and by the time he rose to the surface | ville and Mahoning Poor District hav- | Brawley of Crawford for Speaker, and The progress made has indeed been the flat boat had gone on its way. The ing appeared, examined and cross exrapid and attests alike the popularity eyewitness, however, had grasped a amined witnesses cured the objection Best, nominated Senator Darsie, of Allong pole kept on board for emergen- as to the legal proceeding and that the legheny, the oldest of the Whig Senacies and was endeavoring to reach him. case must be decided upon its merits tors in service. I was fortunate in ob-

but it was impossible to stop the boat was actually holding his own and making considerable progress in swim-

The ferry was finally brought to a ome ten yards was assisted on board. his head on the side of the ferry and sustained a bad scalp wound and bruise. Injured and wet as he was, however, the plucky busman, completed his trip the years she was a charge on the disto South Danville.

Law Not a Good Measure. Local fishermen of experience claim that the state law which requires that size of a dollar. A gash was inflicted all fish of a legal size be thrown back into the stream is not a good measure. The fish after being hooked and drawn out of the water are so damaged by exposure that they seldom survive the experience, even though they are returned to their native element im-As things in connection with the mediately. One angler states that while on a trip last week he caught three trout that were not of the prescribed size. As soon as he discovered this fact he tossed each fish back into the pool of water he had taken it from. tain the market on that thoroughfare A few miuntes thereafter the fish while the trolley is in building would could be seen floating dead upon the

Value of Farms. Many farms are estimated below informally, but it has never yet came their true value because of slovenly vision will be made for the farmers fences, trees blown down and left to hinges or swinging on one hinge, unbarn-these and many such evidences of carelessness depreciate the value of any farm. The soil may be excellent, the water facilities all that could be Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Governor Johnston promptly gave it asked for and all natural advantages requisite to make a good, high-priced tered, and Cashier A. L. Bastress, for-

scarcely makes its owner a living. Never Before Seen.

Bros. New United Shows which will

are to be seen only at the Bard Bros. New United Shows which will

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are to be dead was to be three days from the time of their arrest. A number of years behind prison bars awaits

United States Senator, as foreign visit our city on Thursday next. these desperadoes. - Sunbury Item.

ESTABLISHED IN 1855 LOWER COURT REVERSED

A decision has just been handed over the river shortly after 4 o'clock down by the Superior Court in the Monday afternoon was the scene of a case of Overseers of the Poor of Frankthrilling occurrence which consisted | lin Township, Lycoming county, vs. of a man being thrown over board into the Overseers of the Poor of Danville and Mahoning District, this county, The victim of the mishap was Rich- reversing the lower court and quashing and Hullihen, driver of one of the Mc- the whole poceedure. The decision and Columbia counties. Colonel Mc-Cormick busses. The ferry was mak- settles the question of residence of ing poor time owing to difficulty of Sarah Boice, who has been an inmate getting the flat boat into the shore on of the Almshouse in Mahoning townthe South Danville side. Richard was ship for five years, and is a triumph trying to get to the station in time for for William Kase West, counsel for the cratic House. The Senate of 1851 had the 4:31 Pennsylvania train west. He Danville and Mahoning Poor District; trunks and the mail pouch. So much of the charge, but it makes Franklin was safe in its important financial and time was consumed in waiting for the township liable for the payment of the other progressive measures but when ferry on this shore that to be on the big bill of costs, which have been in-

passengers should take a launch, while | Sarah Boice is about 77 years of age. Richard would take his chances in She was a resident of Mahoning towncatching the train with the trunks and ship for 17 years. In 1892 she went to Franklin township, Lycoming county, The ferry arrived and in due time where she made her living for several years sewing and doing other work. She later became a charge and on July ard thought he would help things oning township by the overseers of Montour County over the question of remained ever since.

Immediately after her return here against each other and Valentine Best He placed his weight upon the long William Kase West, Attorney for the had been elected Senator from Danville shaft supporting the fall board which Danville and Mahoning Poor District, is secured by an iron catch in the side presented a petition to the Court of chiefly on the issue of erecting the of the boat, some eight or ten feet Lycoming county, asking for an ap. new county. It was his last session from the end. His weight not proving peal from the decision of the Justice and his last opportunity to win out on adequate to bear the beam downward, in removing Sarah Boice to this dis- his new county scheme. If he remaintrict, claiming that the Justice did not ed in opposition to the State adminishave jurisdiction and that there was tration it was possible for him to pass ed sufficient to unlatch the beam and no evidence that the woman had a the measure on a partisan issue by as they were still some seventy yards legal residence in the Danville and Democratic votes, but in that event he

the defendant district. On January 25,1902, the counsel for the Poor Board he could get his new county, and that of Franklin township had the court was to make himself Speaker of the

and examined by H. W. Whitehead, knew what such a political movement moved down went the heavy fall Esq., and J. S. Strieby, Esq., counsel involved and it was most humiliating board, up went the beam and Richard, for Franklin township. W. Kase West, for him to desert his party and make whose weight proved scarcely more Esq., appeared for the Danville and himself Speaker by his own vote, but than a feather, shot into the air fall. Mahoning District. A number of meet- he felt that the end justified the means ing on the outside of the rail head ings were held and many witnesses and he accepted the contract. examined on part of both districts, The ferry was full of vehicles and it which testimony was filed in court, there would be some queer political happened that only one man was in a October 25, 1902 and heard before the doings when the Senate was called to

By this time the alarming cry had and found that the pauper had gained taining a seat quite close to Best, as I gone out that a man was overboard, a legal settlement in Danville and knew he was to be the central figure Mahoning Poor District and that the of the show. instantly. Meanwhile Richard was procedure was legal. The case was On April 29th Justice Morrison filed

struggling to keep above water and then appealed to the Superior Court. his opinion dated April 18th reversing the lower court and quashing the whole procedure at the cost of the standstill and the man after swimming | Poor District of Franklin township. By this decision not only is the Dan-In falling into the river he struck ville and Mahoning Poor District relieved from paying the heavy bill of costs but is entitled to payment for the support of Sarah Boice during all trict.

To Murder Bank Cashier. Northumberland County narrowly escaped another dark page in its history and only the prompt action of officers of Mt. Carmel prevented a series of crimes equal in daring as those committed by the car bandit robbers, who were recently executed at Chicago. Shemaskie, Trevitti and Williams,

three young men who were recently arrested in Mt. Carmel charged with committing a nu nber of daring robberies and bold hold-ups, before being arrested had planned to commit crime in wild-western style and the murdering of a former well known Sunburian was agreed upon and arrangements for committing the deed had all been perfected.

Several days ago the young crimi-

nals were taken to Mt. Carmel from

identified by a farmer, recently held exhibit the usual courtesy of conductup and shot at on a road near Mt. Car. ing his successful opponent to the mel. The three were identified by the chair, but Darsie, the defeated Whig farmer as the right parties and seeing candidate, promptly arose and led the that they could not evade the law they new Speaker to the platform. made a startling confession of their The result was that the Administraplans. They said they had been praction controlled the Senate, that the ticing at long range shooting and rid- Montour County bill passed the Sening horseback with the expectation of ate by a single vote, and finally comholding up trains and robbing banks. manded sufficient Democratic support They were then going west. The in the House to carry it through, when Company of Mt. Carmel was to be en- his approval. farm may exist, and yet that farm merly of Sunbury, was to be shot down umbia portion of his district, but he in cold blood and murdered. The three was heartily supported by the Montour robbers had inspected the bank and people. He was refused the regular had laid all their plans. Shamaski Democratic nomination for re-elec-The four famous Bard Brothers that was to gain an entrance to the bank at tion, and Charles R. Buckalew, then appear at each performance of the night, escaping the vigilance of the a young lawyer of Bloomsburg, in old and introduce an act that has never on top of the vault and when Mr. Bas- cratic candidate. Many of the Whigs before been seen with any show in tress came alone to the bank in the of old Columbia and nearly all the America, and no finer or more costly morning he was to shoot and kill him. people of Montour supported Best, who act is given with the largest shows Trevatti and Williams were to be wait- received within one or two of a unantravelling. This one act alone costs ing on the outside of the building and imous vote in Danville, and close to the Bard Bros. more in salary each week than the entire expense of the ordinary popular priced attraction. Remember that this great act and the The boys were then to leave immediately the West (The day fixed for the Suntaing at unanimous vote in the new county, secure the plunder. A revolver was to be placed in Mr. Bastress' hand to try and make it appear like suicide. The boys were then to leave immediately the suicide. The boys were then to leave immediately the suicide. The boys were then to leave immediately the suicide. original and only four famous Bard ately for the West. The day fixed for to begin a great career as long the

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SOME PAST HIS-TORY RECALLED

Colonel A. K. McClure in writing of the career of Governor Johnston, the first Whig Governor ever chosen by the people of Pennsylvania, relates an episode occurring at Harrisburg during his administration which possesses a deep interest to the people of Montour Clure says:

The elections of 1849-50 were adverse to the Whigs in Pennsylvania and Johnston had to deal with a Demoone Democratic majority. While the Senate was Whig his administration in the last year of his term he was conrouted with a Democratic Senate the power of the administration was seriously threatened. With the Senate in harmony with him the House was impotent and by a very shrewd political maneuver he won the control of the Senate from the Democratic majority. There had been a long battle between Columbia County and what is now tions had become intensely inflamed the Montour end, three years before, would have to run up against the Governor, who knew exactly how to defeat

such political movements. It was finally suggested to Senator Best that there was one way by which the finance and several other import-A number of witnesses were called ant committees. Senator Best well

It became whispered around that order and the hall was crowded when The Court by opinion filed February the clerk rapped on his desk and call-Democrats had nominated J. Porter

Brawley came into his seat with a most unsteady gait. He knew that his defeat was inevitable and he had fortified himself for the ordeal by a copious supply of stimulants. Brawley would not have been required to vote for himself if the Whigs had not made the combination with Best, as the courtesy was always observed in that body when the contest for Speaker was a square one between the two parties, and the dominant party had but one majority, for the two candidates for Speaker each to vote for the other. The old-time Senate many times stood 17 to 16, and the majority Speaker was always chosen by the vote of the opposing candidate.

The first ballot gave Brawley 15; Darsie 15, with Brawley, Best and Darsie scattering their votes, and on the second ballot the Whigs voted solidly for Best and Brawley received 15 Democratic votes, but Best had not answered when his name was called, and just before the clerk was about to compute and announce the vote, Senator Best rose in his place in very obvious confusion and asked that his name be called.

The clerk called "Valentine Best," to which the Senator responded "Val entine Best," and thus made himself Speaker of the body. Some hisses came from the crowded lobby, and Brawley Sunbury jail in an effort to have them sat sullenly in his chair and refused to

Best was burnt in effigy in the Col-Minister and finally as Congressman.