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CONDENSED NEWS.

June brides and June bugs. Now for the month of roses. The base ball knocker is now getting his bumps.

The laws are giving work for the mowing machine pushers. With very little additional expense to Montour county the tree ferry could be operated 24 hours instead of 21.

The resignation of Dr. J. T. Rothrock as forestry commissioner of Pennsylvania will be much regretted throughout the State. He was the right man in the right place.

An all-night ferry service means a great deal to the South side men employed in the mills.

The St. Louis hotel proprietors have advertised the fair in the wrong way. Another Memorial Day has been added to the list observed since the days of '65.

Miss Margaret Ammerman, the well known soprano singer, has been engaged to sing at the Commencement exercises, at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, June 13th.

It seemed to be the aim of each family to have the family plot present a nice appearance for Memorial Day.

The best thing to do is to encourage the base ball club by generous support. That counts more than anything else.

Country fields are being populated with scarecrows. Everybody going to Philadelphia ought to know that the Reading Railway runs frequent trains, weekdays and Sundays, between Reading Terminal and Willow Grove Park, where Handa Rossa is now filling an engagement.

Now that it is here kindly refrain from singing in the "Good Old Summer Time."

High School Commencement will now enlist public attention. The persistency of the Japs is one of the features of their campaign work. They go in to win and discouragement is foreign to them.

Several of the powers are now anxious to intervene for peace in the Far East, but neither side is as yet ready to have the war cease.

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If rain means a big hay crop there is no danger of a scarcity this year. The Commissioners of Northumberland and Montour counties should accommodate the working men by providing an all night ferry service.

Orders have been posted at the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Harrisburg, that hereafter no work will be done on Saturdays unless it is absolutely necessary. Similar orders may be issued to the other shops along the line.

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VOL. 49—NO 22. DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY JUNE 2 1904. ESTABLISHED IN 1855

BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Rev. J. E. Hutchison preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the High School Sunday. The large and brilliant of the Mahoning Presbyterian church was literally packed on the occasion.

A profession of flowers were grouped about the altar, while overhead at the rear of the pulpit the class colors hung in graceful festoons. Among the music special to the occasion were two anthems rendered with exceedingly fine effect, one by Miss Margaret Ammerman and the other by Walter Russell.

The theme of the sermon was "The Cloud and the Voice," the text being found on Luke 9: 34, 35: "While he thus spake there came a cloud and overshadowed them and they feared as they entered into the cloud and there came a voice out of the cloud saying: 'This is my beloved Son, hear him!'"

Members of the Graduating Class: You stand tonight on the threshold of a new sphere in life's mission. Everything in this life which is worth having is the result of victory. Tonight you are victors. But if tonight you appreciate the victory you have already won you must realize that this present victory is but the earnest of a greater battle to be fought and greater victories to be won.

While in California Mr. Miller called upon several former residents of Danville, among them being Ed. Y. Seidel and Charles D. Bausch, whom he found in good health and spirits, both doing well.

His trip eastward Mr. Miller stopped at Albuquerque for the purpose of calling upon our townsman John L. Evans, who is journeying there for the sake of his health. Mr. Evans, he says, is improving, and along with his family seemed in good spirits. As the result of his out of door life he is very deeply tanned and on the whole he seems to be favored by conditions calculated to restore and promote good health.

The rainy weather of the last few days has caused little or no delay on the trolley line. The construction crew have now passed through East Danville and are working on toward Grovania.

The work of leveling over the track on Bloom street is now practically completed and the entire width of the street is returned to the public for use until the day when the trolley company desires to start its cars, which is still some three months in the future.

A VEIN OF PURE COAL

The McMichael Coal Company, which has been prospecting in the vicinity of Jerseytown for a year past, has succeeded in striking a vein of pure coal while all the indications point to larger veins near at hand.

The McMichael Coal Company is composed of farmers and others residing in the vicinity of Jerseytown. Many of these, old residents, all their lives cherished the belief that coal in paying quantities existed in the hills thereabout. They were encouraged in this view by the reports of mineralogists and practical miners, who from time to time visited the spot.

It was on the McMichael farm near Jerseytown that the best outcrop occurred. The expense of digging with the uncertainty of reward which always goes with prospecting for coal precluded individual effort and led to the formation of a small company.

About a year ago work was begun on a tunnel. As the digging progressed the indications of coal remained present, but there was nothing especially encouraging. During the winter the work was abandoned. Since April last digging was resumed.

In a short time the black rock or slate began to glisten with the properties of coal. Day by day the indications of coal grew stronger and last week the company was rewarded by striking a vein of pure coal.

The drift or tunnel at present has penetrated the hill to the depth of some forty-five feet. The vein discovered is a large one. Among those employed are two mining experts, who see nothing in the surroundings to discourage the belief that they are on the threshold of a deposit of good coal, which may underlie a large territory.

Returned From California. Frank Miller, an attendant at the Hospital for the Insane, has just returned home from a five weeks' visit to California. He is much pleased with the experiences of his trip, although he makes no secret of the fact that in all the vast territory traversed he found no place which in a general way is more desirable as a place of residence than Pennsylvania.

Mr. Miller left Danville in company with Roy Rishel, another attendant of the Hospital for the Insane. Mr. Rishel decided to try his fortune in the West and accordingly he accepted a position as an attendant in a State Hospital at Bisbee, Ariz., where at last accounts he was getting along very nicely.

MEMORIAL DAY BROUGHT RAIN

The Memorial Day program Monday was carried out under difficulty owing to the several showers which occurred during the afternoon. The weather during the forenoon was not promising. The sky was full of clouds and the indications were that there might be showers. Nothing was omitted, however, in the program relating to the early part of the day.

Those who had flowers to spare sent them to the post rooms and the committees appointed to decorate the graves performed that duty at the specified time. Old Glory was prominently displayed about the streets and the business places, open until 12 o'clock, were closed during the afternoon. Carry & Vanman, the Structural-Tabing Works, the Stove Works and several other industries were closed all day.

It was shortly before 2 o'clock when the parade formed in front of G. A. R. Hall and moved down Mill street and up Bloom street toward the cemetery. In line were the Washington Drum Corps, a firing squad of the National Guard, the members of Goodrich Post, the P. O. S. of A. and about one hundred school children, the latter brought up the rear. The parade was led by the drum corps preceded by Joseph L. Shannon, J. H. Hunt and James V. Wilson, the latter representing the P. O. S. of A. The school children were marshaled by Levi Seidler and Hiram Weaver. Hon. James Foster acted as Post Commander. The line was followed by half a dozen bands containing aged and infirm veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps, speakers for the occasion and the Keystone Double Male Quartette.

The parade on the whole was a very creditable one. It started off in fine style, but by the time it reached the P. & R. crossing on Bloom street it began to rain. The school children were brought back to the hall, while the remainder of the procession moved on toward the cemetery. The most of those in line were provided with umbrellas, so that no one got very wet. The shower was not a heavy one and soon passed over and although the sky became overcast again there was quite an interval before any more rain fell.

Meanwhile the parade reached the cemetery and the program was rendered. But three of our clergymen invited were present to deliver addresses. These were Rev. Simpson B. Evans of St. Paul's M. E. church, who addressed the Woman's Relief Corps; Rev. John Sherman, pastor of First Baptist church, who spoke to the Spanish-American war veterans; and Rev. E. T. Swartz of St. Peter's M. E. Church, who addressed the National Guard. Each of the addresses was brief, although very appropriate, eloquent in tone and breathing a spirit of true patriotism.

The Keystone Double Male Quartette rendered two selections with inspiring effect. The Woman's Relief Corps as is customary bestowed its offering of flowers upon the unknown dead. The ceremony is a very beautiful one. A mound of evergreen is erected at one corner of the G. A. R. plot and around this the ladies of the Relief corps walk, each in succession depositing a bouquet upon the evergreen as a tribute to the fallen heroes whose graves are unknown. In conclusion a firing squad of Company F, under Lieutenant Keefer fired three volleys over the G. A. R. plot as a salute to the dead.

Returning from the cemetery the beautiful custom was observed of casting flowers upon the river in memory of comrades who lost their lives on the sea and went down into watery graves. The school children who participated in the parade each carrying a bouquet of flowers were taken on board the ferry and carried across the river and back again. On the way across while the little ones sang "America" the flowers were strewn upon the tide. Each bouquet was borne in a steady stream down the river and by the time the boat returned they had all disappeared in the distance.

Two Fingers Badly Lacerated. Edward V. Stroh had, the two middle fingers of his right hand very badly lacerated yesterday afternoon while working in the roll shop of the Reading Iron Works. He was engaged in dressing up a grind stone when the tool slipped throwing his hand between the instrument and the stone.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Dr. Walter E. Drumbheller of Berwick, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Drumbheller, Hotel Oliver.

Miss Margaret Dailey of Wyoming, is the guest of Miss Maud Hurley, Honeymoon street.

John Bateman of Shamokin, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Howard Langer of Berwick spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Langer, Center street.

Miss May Scott of Northumberland, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Walter Arms and Miss Mary Keefer of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Arms, Water street.

Will Mairs and Howard Patton were in Sunbury yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farnsworth of Shickshinny, spent Sunday in this city.

HONORS FALL TO GARFIELD SOCIETY

The Lincoln-Garfield literary contest took place Tuesday afternoon. With the single exception of High School commencement there is no event that occurs annually in connection with our public schools that excites more interest than the literary contest. The High School room as usual yesterday was filled.

The decorations for the occasion were most elaborate and were never surpassed. Graceful folds of bunting orange and purple in color, representing the High School were entwined around the large central pillar. Over head, diagonally, and crossing each other at right angles were other folds of rich bunting, each hanging in a depending curve from the center of the ceiling to the corners. One of these was pink and white representing the Lincoln Society and the other, crimson and gold, the colors of the Garfield Society. The platform looked very pretty under its decorations of orange and purple embodied in bunting and the High School pennants. The effect was enhanced by a profusion of palms and ferns arranged upon the floor with the stars and stripes gracefully spread upon the wall above the blackboard.

The class of '05 was represented among the decorations by a beautiful fern bed at the rear of the room opposite the platform. Among the fern were many palms, carnations and other flowers, while upon the wall above was spread the fine class pennant fifteen feet in length, crimson and steel in color.

Never was a literary program on the whole rendered with better effect. The contestants in carrying through their parts showed that they had studied their subjects deeply and they acquitted themselves in a way to correspond. The program of recitations, solos and declamations ran as follows: Piano Solo "Torchlight Dance," May Books, '04.

Declamation "The Yellow Peril," John Bowyer, '06. (L.) Declamation "Equal Rights for American Citizens at Home and Abroad Irrespective of Creed," Clyde Davis, '07. (G.)

Violin Solo "Frank Kemmer," '05. Recitation "Ermer-Rose," Isabel Blue, '08. (L.) Recitation "Tim Went Straight Home," Jessie Kimerer, '05. (G.) Piano Solo "Fra Diavolo," Stella Doster, '07.

The subject discussed was: "Resolved, That the English government represents more truly the wishes of the people than the government of the United States." On the affirmative side were: Maurice Dreifuss ('06), Lucretia Rhodes ('05), and Harry Schoch ('06), representing the Lincoln Society. On the negative side were: Harry Benda ('05), DeWitt Johnson ('07) and Vera Reed ('05) belonging to the Garfield Society.

The subject was exceptionally well debated and it was surprising how many strong points the youthful debaters were able to advance in favor of their respective sides. The judges selected were Hon. H. M. Hinckley, Rev. J. E. Hutchison and Rev. N. E. Cleaver. The judges retired to their deliberations while the High School Boys' Quartette rendered a song, "A Continuous Performance." The quartette made quite a hit and was encored.

THE MEMORIAL SERMON

Some fifty veterans of Goodrich Post, No. 22 G. A. R., uniformed and bearing the handsome post colors, Sunday morning in solemn procession marched to the United Evangelical church, Front street, where the memorial sermon was preached by the Rev. E. E. Dunn.

The veterans were assigned a space in the front part of the church. A number of persons not regular attendants in addition to the full congregation dropped into the edifice on the occasion so that the comfortable little building was filled to overflowing.

The memorial sermon was one of Rev. Dunn's very best efforts, founded upon Joshua 4th chapter and latter part of 21st verse: "What Mean these Stones?" Israel like any other nation on many occasions was beset by hardships, difficulties and defeats. And it is noteworthy that the most of the difficulties and defeats arose from insubordination. And yet the armies of Israel were led by Jehovah. They battled for their rights, they sought freedom from slavery, the union of their race and the making and the welfare of their nation. Their old commander Moses is dead and the new commander Joshua has been commissioned and after 40 years of marching, camping and fighting the command is given to cross the River Jordan into the Land of Promise and strike a decisive blow at Jericho. In crossing the Jordan they were ordered to take up twelve stones out of the river and to set them up on the other side as a memorial of the Divine aid rendered them in crossing. We read in the 20th and 23rd verses: "And these twelve stones which they took out of Jordan did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. And he spake unto the Children of Israel saying: 'When your children ask their fathers in time to come saying, what mean these stones?' then ye shall let your children know saying: Israel came over this Jordan on dry ground."

Monumental building has been the work of ages. From out the mist of the past first come the Pyramids of Egypt. They are 70 in number and to the Israelites perhaps they are memorials carrying the memory back to days when grain was stored in them by Joseph against the time of famine. The wonderful structures of granite and marble, the proud castles, the towers and the moss covered ruins of Europe are memorials of deeds of valor and triumph won. In America we have our shafts at Bunker Hill and at Washington, our memorials at Mt. Vernon and Charleston. But no granite shaft, no marble slab, no structure of mortar and stone is worthy to commemorate the memory of the fallen heroes of our Civil War. No sculptor's chisel, no artist's brush, no poet's pen, no historian's narrative can portray the real valor of their sacred deeds.

There are living monuments, and living memorials that are more precious than granite, marble or bronze. Men's character and works stand out and live on. The endless production of the printing press is a living memorial to Gutenberg and Richard Hoe. Our vast railroad systems and the mighty locomotives rushing through the land are living memorials to George Stephenson and his "Rocket." The vast army of steam ships which plough through the ocean and circumnavigate the globe are enduring memorials to Robert Fulton. The telegraph, the Atlantic cable, the electric car are ever present memorials which speak of Franklin, Morse, Travels and Fields. This mighty American continent with its inexhaustible resources is a monument to the undaunted courage and the unparalleled zeal of Columbus. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the civil and religious liberty that we enjoy are living and glorified memorials of our beloved Washington and the heroes of '76.

The flag with its unbroken circle of stars, symbolizing the unity of the north and south, is a memorial of the noble men who during the great Civil War sacrificed home, loved ones and fought and died to maintain the Union and to save the nation.

They were heroes all. The eloquence of no Cicero was necessary to arouse them, the zeal of no Peter the Great to impel them. They heard the cry of their country's peril and they marched boldly and loyally to her rescue.

What mean these stones? They bring to your memory? Looking back over the fields of time for more than forty years again you see the dark storm cloud gathering and again you hear with sympathetic ear the wail and plea of a race in bondage, again you feel the tremor and commotion that invades every corner of our national life. Again you hear the call for War sacrificed home, loved ones and fought and died to maintain the Union and to save the nation.

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PRETTY HOME WEDDING

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Foust, before one hundred invited guests Miss May Foust at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon became the bride of Frank Keur. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church.

No prettier home wedding has taken place in Danville for some time. The beauty of the cozy and handsomely furnished residence on Walnut street was enhanced by lavish floral decorations made up of palms and cut flowers of all descriptions.

The bride was very handsomely attired in a silk mill, trimmed with pearls and satin and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. As she assumed the marriage vows she stood between two handsome palms. Miss Grace Foust, sister of the bride, was flower girl.

After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. The newly wedded couple left on the 5:43 D. L. & W. train for Berwick, where a furnished home awaited them. The groom is a son of Thomas O. Keur, Sr., this city, and is well and favorably known both here and in Berwick where he holds a responsible position in Mr. Hartman's silk mill. The bride is a charming young lady and has a large circle of friends.

Among the guests present were the following from out of town: Miss Lillie Heidley, Bloomsburg; Miss Mary Freese of Rupert; Miss Eva Longenberger of Catawissa; Miss Margaret Knickle of Williamsport; Miss Florence Keur of Milton; Mrs. Walter Godfrey, of New York.

The presents were very fine and consisted of china, silverware, a carving set, pictures, a handsome chair, three fine rugs, fine linen, three elegant bedspreads, a chamber set, vases and the like. The china ware comprised one full set and a large number of other pieces.

Charles M. Kinn Passes Away. Charles M. Kinn, the well-known Mill street tobacconist, died Saturday evening. Death was unexpected and proved a great shock to his many friends.

The deceased, while not in good health for some years, was not known to be critically ill. On Thursday he was in his store although he complained of having a bad headache. On Friday he was worse and on Saturday evening at 8:20 o'clock he was claimed by death.

John B. Kinn, father of the deceased, died on the 17th inst., less than two weeks ago. Charles M. Kinn was 39 years of age and was in business on Mill street for some ten years. He is survived by his mother, two brothers, Joseph and John Kinn, and two sisters, Miss Amelia Kinn and Mrs. George Rodenhoffer.

Iron Moulders' Annual Picnic. The annual picnic of the Iron Moulders' Union No. 124, will be held at Hunter's Park on Saturday, June 18th. The picnic will be an all-day affair, a cordial invitation being extended to the public. Refreshments will be for sale on the ground.

A full program of sports is being arranged. There will be dancing, base ball and games of all sorts. A feature of the event will be the changing off of a handsome Imperial Beaver range, one of the new line just turned out at the stove works.

The Iron Moulders' Union last year picnicked at DeWitt's Park and was unfortunate in having a rainy day. The Union is making extensive preparations for its picnic this year.

The Shoe Factory is Booming. The shoe factory on West Center street is now rightly in operation and is running along without any loss of time. Some seventeen hands are employed, including a few new men, who are learning the art of making shoes by machinery. Owing to this fact the little plant is somewhat handicapped just at present, but it will not be long before every man will be an expert and shoes can be turned out as fast as the orders are received.

All the work at present is done by machinery with the exception of the lasting and nailing and the probability is that machines for doing this work will be installed before long.

The little industry has plenty of work. Among the orders unfilled is one for one thousand pair of shoes.

Thrown From a Vehicle. Engineer Danner of the Standard Construction Company was badly shaken up in a driving accident Saturday evening. Accompanied by Milton Pascoe, John Corman and Benjamin Pascoe, he was driving in from Mechanicsville and when descending a hill east of the Borough one of the hind wheels came off, which caused the vehicle to drop on one side, the effect being to throw all four out. The horse with some difficulty was brought under control. All escaped injury with the exception of Mr. Danner, who was under the doctor's care Saturday night. He was much better yesterday.

All Knights of Pythias lodges of Williamsport, will observe Sunday, June 13, as Memorial Day. The fall Reunion had been engaged to furnish music for the occasion. The services will be held at the grave of one of the members of the organization in Grandview cemetery.

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