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CONDENSED NEWS.

More like June now.
The longest day of the year will soon be here.
Don't complain about warm weather until the dog days come.
Some of the Sunday schools of this city are already arranging their picnic dates.
The busy housewife is now storing away her first consignment of preserves.
Pickles are getting soaked these days.
The man who fishes for bass with the patience of Job will soon be in his element.
There is a notable increase in the native song birds of this part of the country. There should be a general pride in their protection.
At a recent meeting of the directors of the Bloomsburg Fair Association it was determined to build an addition of eighty feet to the grand stand.
WANTED.—Small and large tracts of woodland. Send full description and price. New York & Penn'a Co., Lock Haven, Pa.
A number of prominent Berwick people, together with a few capitalists of other places, are interested in a \$40,000 embroidery factory, which they expect to erect in this place.
The busy burglar is swinging around the circle in western Pennsylvania, and in spite of the officers who are swinging around after him manages to cover some magnificent distances as well as gather up some moss as his stone rolls around.
Penny block ice cream is causing such serious trouble among children of Scranton that the Bureau of Health is making an investigation into its manufacture.
Sunshine and heat must be very acceptable to merchants with stocks of summer goods for sale.
It is to be hoped that June this year will not be a duplicate of 1903, when rain and unseasonable weather made backward crops and depressed business in general.
Lowery Bros, circus has disbanded at Staleting. Bad weather and poor business was the cause. The Lowery's are from Shenandoah.
The act of April 23, 1863, requires that the School Boards of the State shall organize within 10 days after the first Monday in June of each year.
By the payment of \$30 Wm. Summers settled the case brought by the Woman's Relief Corps, of Berwick, against his thirteen year old son for catching the boat laden with flowers which was sent adrift on Memorial Day, and the Relief Corps has decided not to further prosecute.
At the conference meeting of this Congressional district in July, H. E. Davis, of Sunbury, will be unopposed for the Democratic nomination. All of the counties have endorsed him.
At any rate this is pretty much of a rare day in June. In weather like this it is an offense against health and nature to remain indoors.
The teachers' minimum salary law is now in effect, dating from June 1. Under its provisions no teacher in this state will hereafter receive a less amount per month than \$35.
There are 1,500 cases of whooping cough in Williamsport and suburbs, according to the estimates of physicians.
Squire Charles G. Hauglawout and W. W. Gulick, enterprising South Danville residents, are treating their houses to a new coat of paint.
In Delaware there is some discussion as to whether a preacher may speculate. If "speculate" in this instance means taking an occasional flyer in the stock market of course he may speculate—if he wants to gamble.
Many newspapers are poking fun at Russell Sage's announcement about vacations. But as your Uncle Russell has neither time nor money to waste on newspapers he must remain in ignorance as to what is said of him.
The annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Builders' Exchange, numbering over 600 members, will convene in Harrisburg on December 5 of this year for a three or four days session.

BOROUGH TAX EIGHT MILLS

The Borough tax at a regular meeting of Council Friday was fixed at 8 mills for the coming year.
Mr. Vastine of the Finance Committee reported that at a meeting it had come to the conclusion that in order to meet the increased demands upon the Borough treasury caused by the public improvements under way the Borough tax from 5 1/2 mills to 8 mills and to omit altogether the water tax, which last year was 1 1/2 mills. The proposition of Mr. Vastine was put to a vote and it carried unanimously. This is the first time in the history of the municipality that no water tax was laid.
The question of damages due Mrs. Densburger for the privilege of carrying the sewer across her property on A street came up for consideration. Mrs. Densburger, it was explained, wants \$500, which Council thinks too high. On motion of Mr. Gosser the matter was left in the hands of the Committee on Streets and Bridges for adjustment with the understanding that if an agreement can not be reached the claim be placed in the hands of the Borough Solicitor to be disposed of by legal process.
The following communication was received from Burgess Pursel relating to the action of Council on the Mill street culvert:
W. W. Davis, President and members of Council.
Gentlemen:—I have your communication through your secretary, Mr. Harry Patton and do not approve of your resolution made at the special session of Council held Monday evening, May 9, 1904, viz: To award the contract for removal of Mill street canal bridges and building of a certain arch culvert, wing walls, and retaining walls, in and across the Pennsylvania canal to the next lowest bidder, D. J. Rogers, for the sum of \$2588.20 for the same reason I did not approve of awarding this same contract to Messrs. T. L. Evans' Sons for the sum of \$2100.
I believe that two or three lines of 36 inch terra cotta pipe laid in the bottom of the canal bed, extending several feet on either side of the Mill street line so that the street may be filled up and have an embankment of easy slope on either side will be as efficient as the costly culvert you propose to build.
I return herewith the contract between the Borough and Mr. Rogers for this work, unsigned.
W. G. PURSEL,
Chief Burgess.

The President explained that in view of the veto by the Chief Burgess the proper course to pursue would be to reconsider the vote by which the contract was awarded to Mr. Rogers.
The vote on motion of Mr. Reifsnider was accordingly reconsidered, after which on motion of the same member the contract for building the Mill street culvert was awarded to D. J. Rogers at the sum named in the bid. The vote taken was a yea and nay one, each of the members—nine in number—voting in the affirmative. Thus it was announced that the contract was awarded over the Burgess' veto and can be legally signed by the President of Council.
The following petition was presented to Council:
"We, the undersigned residents of Lower Mahoning and Lower Market streets, respectfully request Town Council to have a bridge across Mahoning creek from Chestnut street and Mill street to Chestnut street and Council place one of the canal bridges which are to be removed across the creek, at that place."
The petition was signed by some thirty citizens, among whom was Chief Burgess Pursel.
It was the sense of the members present that one of the canal bridges in question should be placed at the point designated. There were some things to consider, however, in connection with the proposition and on motion of Mr. Vastine it was ordered that the matter be placed in the hands of the Committee on Streets and Bridges for investigation, they to report at next meeting.
The following members were present: Davis, Dietrich, Gosser, Swank, Fenstermacher, Boyer, Reifsnider, Vastine and Lloyd.
The following bills were approved for payment:
BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.
Regular Employees \$84.50
Standard Electric Light Co. 456.41
Standard Gas Co. 2.40
Benton B. Brown 8.00
Labor and Hauling 47.50
George F. Keofer 129.00
Wallmer Hupp 1.50
Hartman Hardware Co. 6.75
Labor on Sewer 237.43
WATER DEPARTMENT.
Regular Employees \$141.65
Standard Gas Co. 6.00
Harry B. Patton 20.00
Mrs. M. T. LeDue 119.92

Three Years at Hard Labor.
A charge was preferred against Carlton Smith on February 23, 1904, for stealing brass fitting at Elson street, Camden. This party disappeared and was only apprehended in Camden on May 21st, and was brought for trial May 27th, on which date he was sentenced by the court as follows:
"The sentence of the Court is that you be confined in the State's prison at Trenton, for the term of three years at hard labor."

Repairing Bridge.
Many of the plank on both the driveway and the footwalk of the Mahoning creek bridge, Northumberland street, are found to be badly decayed and will have to be replanked. Work on repairs was begun yesterday.

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FLOOR BLOCKING WILL BE USED

Attorney W. Kase West returned home from Harrisburg last evening where on Tuesday he was present at a meeting of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings.
Mr. West states that everything looks favorable for the early completion of the bridge, which will be built along modern and generally approved lines. The plans adopted provide for the block flooring system; the roadway will be twenty-four feet wide, with sidewalks of probably six feet. The second pier of the old bridge, which is comparatively new and firmly built, may or may not be used in the new bridge. The plans and specifications, it is true, as drawn up provide for using it, but whether it will be employed or not depends in great measure upon the nature of the bids presented.
Bids for the new bridge will be advertised for next week. In Montour county, the paper selected for advertising will be the Morning News; in Northumberland county as well as at the State Capital newspapers still remain to be selected. The advertisements will run three weeks.
On July fifth the bids will be opened and the contract will be awarded. Just how soon work will begin on the new structure and when it may be completed are questions which can not be definitely answered at present. The State Department, however, makes no secret of the fact that it is very anxious to have the work pushed through as expeditiously as possible. It is said that our bridge is six months ahead of every other bridge that has been applied for and that the new structure will be the first bridge with block flooring erected in the State.
An eminent contractor is quoted as asserting that it is perfectly feasible to erect a bridge such as the plans and specifications provide for here in the short period of four months. Practical men in touch with the situation in all its phases see nothing improbable in the proposition that the new bridge may be completed by December 1st.

Soldiers' Monument Committee.
At a meeting of the Soldiers' Monument Committee held on Monday night John H. Gosser was elected Treasurer to fill the place of E. R. Gearhart, deceased. The committee now has a very complete organization and it intends to push the work vigorously. Subscriptions to the fund can be paid at once either to Mr. Gosser, Jacob C. Miller or S. A. McCoy.
The Soldiers' Monument fund has swollen considerably since soliciting was resumed a few weeks ago. Many of the leading residents of the county have shown their interest in the movement by subscribing liberal amounts. There is no longer any doubt as to the ultimate success of the undertaking and the date of its consummation depends wholly upon the amount of energy put forth and the time employed by those who have the work in hand.
The generous response met with in the short canvass shows how favorably the general public view the proposition to erect a soldiers' monument in Montour county and it is gratifying to learn that the soliciting is in hands that intend at once to carry canvassing forward into the extensive territory which remains with a view of raising the money required during the next few months.

Curstone Market Must Move.
The days of the curstone market on Mill street would seem to be numbered. Owing to the building operations at the canal where the stone culvert is in process of erection both farmers and patrons are put to no little inconvenience at present, all of which however, are as nothing compared with what must follow when street paving and the building of the trolley line get under way. It seems to be a settled question with Council that other quarters will have to be selected for the market at least while the system of improvements contemplated are under way. Whether when all is finished Mill street will be found available for a market is a fact which will develop later.
Something will have to be done very quickly and just how to meet the emergency is one of the problems that Council has on its hands at present. Some of the farmers do not take very kindly to Ferry street as a site for the market on account of the exposed condition, which affords vendors no shelter in case of stormy weather. The latter have learned to appreciate the awnings on Mill street, which unfortunately cannot be supplied on any other thoroughfare.

Picnic Marred by Rain.
The Maccaebie picnic, which was held at Hunter's Park Saturday, was very badly marred by the rain. There was a fairly good attendance during the day, but early in the evening just as the crowd was about to make its way toward the park, the shower began to materialize and the threatening condition of the weather made it advisable to remain in town.
Dancing went on during the evening, but none of the games advertised came off during the day.

Interesting Facts Relating to Schools.
The annual report of the Danville Public Schools submitted to the School Board at its meeting Monday night by Borough Superintendent Gordy contains a good deal of information that will prove of interest to the general public.
The registers of the schools show an enrollment of 1340 pupils with an average attendance of 93 per cent. for the year. Of these 152 were students in the High School, attending on an average 95.5 per cent. of their time. In the grades, the highest enrollment in any school was 69 in the first primary, Second ward; the lowest, 33 at Walsh Hill.
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According to the system of promotion in operation throughout the Borough 632 pupils were candidates for promotion to other year classes by written examination. Of this number 447 having attained a general recitation average of 85 per cent. or over were excused from examination. Of the 192 examined 29 failed to make a general average of 75 per cent. and were detained in their respective classes—9 in the High School and 20 in the grades.
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IRON GIRDER GAVE WAY

A serious accident was narrowly averted at the Stove Works Monday forenoon. An iron girder supporting the cupola platform gave way precipitating a workman along with a quantity of firebrick some eight or ten feet below, striking another workman.
The two young men who figured in the accident were Arthur Walker and Frank Montague, both of whom escaped with slight injuries. Mr. Walker was wheeling a load of waste castings out of the foundry to the elevator. The wheelbarrow had just reached the cleaning room door when the young man heard the floor above giving way. With the wheelbarrow in front of him it was impossible to wholly escape the brick and debris which rained down upon him. He sustained a scalp wound, which required several stitches, besides an injury upon his hand and right leg.
As a result of the girder breaking only a section of the floor above, some six by eight feet, gave way. Frank Montague was standing squarely upon the portion which came down and was unable to save himself. He got a dangerous fall, but beyond a wrench in the back he does not seem to be much injured.
The girder was supposed to be perfectly sound and gave way without the least warning. The platform above frequently supports a weight of a ton or more. Yesterday it was not taxed to anything like its full capacity and contained only a few fire bricks. A workman had just dumped a wheelbarrow load of soft coal upon the platform beside the cupola. The slight jar, it seemed, was sufficient to snap the girder in two and thus the accident occurred. It is regarded as a very singular circumstance.
The damage wrought was very slight. A portion of the blast pipe of the cupola was carried away, but this could have been easily repaired and a heat could have been run yesterday afternoon, but the accident caused some delay and confusion in the foundry and at the request of the moulders it was decided to knock off for the day.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers of Sunbury, spent Sunday in Danville.
Charles Horton of Philadelphia, circulated among old friends in Danville during Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles McBride of Rupert, spent Sunday at the home of Grant Fenstermacher, East Market street.
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Calhoun of Millmont, spent Sunday at the home of William Ortmann, Center street.
William Smith, Grand street, who is employed in Sunbury, spent Sunday with his family in this city.
Miss Emma Ebling of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Kate Daniels, West Mahoning street.
District Attorney Ralph Kiener transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.
Miss Bertha Kapp of Bloomsburg, visited friends in this city yesterday.
Miss Hattie Adams is visiting friends in Shamokin.
Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Sidler of Narcissa, are visiting relatives in Valley township.
Mrs. F. Ricketts visited friends in Bloomsburg yesterday.
Mrs. Howard Klingler visited friends in Milton yesterday.
Mrs. B. F. Fouk was the guest of friends in Bloomsburg yesterday.
T. C. Hill returned to Shickshinny yesterday after a short visit with friends in this city.
Mrs. John Sechler and guest Miss Crozier of Illinois, were Bloomsburg visitors yesterday.
W. C. Manser returned to Bloomsburg yesterday after a visit with friends in this city.
George W. Keiter of Bloomsburg, transacted business in this city yesterday.
John Shannon returned to his home in Berwick yesterday after a visit with his brother, Joseph L. Shannon, Riverside.
Hon. R. S. Ammerman returned home from a business trip to New York last evening.
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Rossman returned to this city from a visit to Sunbury last evening.
Chief Burgess W. G. Pursel arrived home from a business trip last evening.
A. R. Pillsbury, assistant engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad, was at South Danville on business yesterday.
Gustave Weil is transacting business in New York city.
O. R. Drummeller was in Sunbury yesterday.
Jerome Flood of South Danville is attending court at Sunbury.
D. R. Pency left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Johnstown.
William Farley was a Bloomsburg visitor yesterday.

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SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZED

The new School Board was organized Monday night. The meeting began with every member of the old Board in business. There was considerable business to transact and it was nearly 9 o'clock before reorganization took place.
A committee numbering about a dozen representing St. Joseph's and St. Hubert's Catholic churches appeared before the School Board to protest against the action of that body in withdrawing the services of the attendance officer from St. Joseph's and St. Hubert's parochial schools. This it was claimed is altogether contrary to the intent of the law relating to the Truant Officer, whose duty plainly is to keep all children of certain age in school and there is nothing to suggest that people of any religion or race are to be deprived of the benefits of the Act in question.
The committee also took mild exception to the action of the Board which deprived the parochial schools of the periodical visits of the Borough Superintendent and which obliged the pupils of those two institutions who wish to enter the High School to take an examination under the Borough Superintendent. This, however, they were willing to waive as something they could not exact, although they were emphatic that the Board had erred in its action relating to the truant officer.
Superintendent Gordy, it appears, had written to State Superintendent Schaeffer for information on these points. He was in receipt of a reply from the State Superintendent, which he read to the School Board. The reply stated that it was incumbent upon the teachers of the parochial schools to report truants and absentees to the School Board and it would be well for the truant officer to aid the teachers of said schools in bringing the truants to school. Without such co-operation, he held, the compulsory law must be a failure.
The School Board very readily saw its error and gracefully yielded. On motion of Mr. Adams it was ordered that the resolution withdrawing the services of the truant officer from the parochial schools be rescinded.
The Treasurer's report was read and accepted, which at the close of the school term shows a cash balance of \$351.47 on hand.
The Secretary read the annual report, which on motion was accepted and ordered printed in the Morning News and "Montour Democrat."
President Keefe made a few remarks returning the customary thanks after which a vote of thanks was extended by the Board to both the retiring President and the Secretary. The School Board then adjourned sine die.
Dr. Harpel was elected temporary President of the new Board and Newton Pursel, Secretary. The members elected at last election were then sworn in, Harry Trumbower taking the place of C. P. Hancock; D. E. Haring taking the place of P. J. Keefe; and W. H. Orth succeeding himself. On motion George B. Jacobs, whose year expired last night, was elected to fill the place made vacant by Daniel Byerly for one year. Mr. Jacobs received eleven votes and after he was sworn in there was a full Board present.
Dr. Harpel was elected permanent President of the School Board.
The salary of the Secretary was fixed to remain the same as last year. W. H. Orth and Newton Pursel were both nominated for permanent Secretary. A yea and nay vote resulted as follows:
Pursel—Harpel, Burns, Pursel, Haring, and Greene.
Orth—Adams, Trumbower, Fischer, Werkheiser, Jacobs, VonBlohn and Orth.
Mr. Orth receiving the majority of votes was declared elected permanent Secretary.
M. H. Schram was re-elected Treasurer of the School Board, the remuneration to be one per cent. of all disbursements.
Ralph Kiener was re-elected Solicitor for the School Board the remuneration to be the same as last year.
On motion of Mr. Greene it was decided that the tax rate be fixed at 6 mills for school purposes and that no tax be laid for building.
On motion of Mr. Werkheiser the school term was fixed at 9 months for the coming year. The schools will open on August 29th.
Seventy-five per cent. was the minimum time fixed for pupils to attend school.
On motion it was ordered that teachers be elected on the 27th inst. of the second meeting night of June.
The following bills were approved for payment:
H. R. Moore \$5.48
A. H. Moore 9.02
Borough Auditors 12.00
U. S. Express 1.00
H. G. Salmon 2.10
Standard Gas Co. .80
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