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Next Fourth of July it is likely some additional features will be cut out.

Allentown uses 9,500,000 gallons of water daily, an average of 150 gallons per day to every man, woman and child.

There is a probability that the Pennsylvania Canal Company will repair the break in the dam at Sunbury if the people in that section will bear a portion of the expense.

The 1904 Williamsport directory gives that city 44,512 population. Williamsport is one of the most progressive inland cities in the state.

Seasonable weather makes the farmer and the merchant happy as well as busy.

If so far of the July dividends come in the shape of good weather we will be satisfied.

Over three hundred people were poisoned by eating ice cream at a picnic held at Elizabethtown on Monday.

Five physicians were hurriedly summoned from nearby towns and all still very ill no deaths are expected.

In order to bring illegal liquor dealers to terms the Sons of America and the Schuylkill County Lodge of St. Claire, American Mechanics' Lodge, of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, have offered \$100 reward for the arrest of all such dealers.

Summer is speeding, and the improvements in this city should be started at once.

It is to be hoped the casualties of the 1904 Fourth will fall below the casualties of its immediate predecessors.

It is in order now to enumerate the casualties and figure up the losses.

Four months' association with Kuroki's army and daily observation of its methods have convinced Oscar King Davis that the best thing Russia can do would be to negotiate for terms of settlement. That opinion is growing.

Capitalists of Reno and North Bend are discussing the advisability of constructing a trolley line from Reno to North Bend, and there is a strong possibility of the project taking definite shape in the near future.

China, according to the latest census, contains a population of over four hundred millions, or more than one-quarter of all the inhabitants of the world.

It is believed the casualty list has been materially reduced as a result, principally, of the efforts of the newspapers.

The National Cash Registry company of Dayton, Ohio, will send one thousand of its employees to the World's Fair, paying their transportation and for their admission to the grounds during five or six days. Among these employees are six hundred girls.

Bloomers merchants now close their stores at 6 p. m.

The farmer is now getting busy, and his work is in the sunshine.

Berwick church gears have petitioned council for a curfew ordinance.

After a lapse of three months, when the last case of small-pox developed at Williamsport, the dread disease has again broken out in that city.

The manufacturer will have enough blank cartridges on his hands to fill early orders for future events, if he is fortunate enough to receive any.

A terrific rain storm, accompanied a severe electrical display, broke Wilkesbarre Tuesday night. It was heaviest thunder storm of the season.

The streets were flooded for a number of hours.

The Shamokin papers publish nine cases of injuries, more or less serious, in that town, resulting from 14th of July explosives on Monday.

Lyman H. Howe, of Wilkesbarre, the moving picture man, who is well remembered in Danville, is still in a Philadelphia hospital and will probably undergo another operation on the knee which has given him so much trouble during the past few years.

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COUNCIL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

As anticipated in these columns the Borough Council held a busy session Friday, but the greater part of it took place behind closed doors. A large number of bids were on hand covering both the specifications for street paving and for the electric light plant and the councilmen preferred to consider them in executive session.

The council chamber presented an unusual and business-like appearance. A large portion of the floor space was taken up with samples of paving brick and the plans for the light plant occupied a prominent place, while the comfortable arm chairs along the three sides of the room were occupied with strange faces, men representing the different paving firms and electric light concerns that were bidding. There were some eighteen of these representatives present along with a good many of our townsmen who had crowded into the room.

Treasurer Ellenbogen presented a statement of finances to date, which showed a total cash balance of \$9,067.70.

On motion of Mr. Vestine it was ordered that \$1300 be paid to D. J. Rogers on account of culvert contract.

Mr. Reifsnider of the Committee on Streets and Bridges reported the Mill street culvert as approaching completion. Work is at present held up by changes rendered necessary in the gas and water pipe. It will be finished in a few days.

Mr. Fenstermacher moved that the Water Commissioners be authorized to proceed to erect a retaining wall along the river bank at the Water Works. Mr. Swank seconded the motion.

Messrs. Reifsnider, Gosser and Vestine did not approve of Council thus surrendering its authority to the Water Commissioners. Such work, they held, should rest wholly with Council which should see to it that estimates are properly made and contract awarded to lowest bidder. The question was put to a vote and was lost. The wall will be considered later.

On motion of Mr. Gosser the quarterly appropriation due the Firemen was ordered paid.

Mr. Vestine moved that Council go into executive session to open and consider the bids for street paving and an electric light plant. Mr. Swank seconded the motion. Mr. Lloyd objected to transacting business behind closed doors. The question carried, however, on a ye-a-and nay vote as follows:

Yeas--Davis, Reifsnider, Vestine, Swank, Boyer, Montgomery and Joseph Gibson.

Nays--Lloyd, Dietrich, Gosser and Fenstermacher.

At 11:30 o'clock it was announced that the contract for street paving had been awarded to D. J. Rogers of this city. Inquiry at the Council Chamber brought forth some additional facts. The contract was awarded to Mr. Rogers at \$2.17 per square yard and 60 cents per foot for curbing. Reese-Hammond clay blocks are to be used. The specifications call for six inch concrete foundation.

The following bills were approved for payment:

NEW CULVERT AT THE CANAL

The work of lowering the water mains at the canal has now been completed by the Borough.

The twelve inch main was lowered into the culvert last week. On Tuesday morning work was begun on the smaller or eight inch main, which was finished rapidly without a hitch of any sort. Neither was it necessary to stop the pumps even for a short interval while the work was in progress thereby cutting off the water from the entire Borough as it was at first thought would have to be done.

By shutting down the gate at Market street and the one at Swentek's alley between 9 a. m. and 8 p. m. the work was very satisfactorily completed without depriving any one of water with the exception of those establishments on Mill street between the two gates lowered that happened to get water from the small main.

The Borough yesterday finished filling up the deep trench north and south of the canal so that now the culvert can be returned to the hands of contractor Rogers, who will finish up the close of the present week this important improvement will be completed.

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Montour Lodge, No. 49, Amalgamated Association Iron, Steel and Tin Workers are planning for a gala event on Labor Day in the form of an immense picnic to be held at Hunter's Park.

An effort will be made to secure the presence of one or more of the national officers, who will deliver addresses. The features of the day will include a parade from the lodge room in Army Hall to Hunter's Park. The occasion will be enlivened by a brass band, in addition to which there will be dancing with good music afternoon and evening. All the sports that usually go with a picnic of that sort will be provided for. A tug of war will be pulled off for the silver cup, which at the Stove Moulders' picnic was won by the iron workers of the Reading Iron Company's plant.

No intoxicating liquors will be allowed at the park. Refreshments, however, of nearly all kinds will be for sale on the grounds.

A small admission fee will be charged, which will entitle the holders of tickets to a chance on gate prize.

Montour Lodge, No. 49, A. A. I. S. & T. W., has been in existence only since January 16th last. It has already three hundred and fifty members and is flourishing nicely.

The membership is composed exclusively of employes of the Reading Iron Works. Those belonging seem to take a warm interest in the affairs of it not only the local lodge but also the organization in general. It is regarded as beneficial in many ways, especially as relates to death benefits, which are one hundred dollars.

WOODCOCK ARE REPORTED PLENTIFUL

Woodcock came into season on July 1st and quite a number of local sportsmen have been making excursions to the fields with their guns during the last couple of days. As a general thing the birds are reported as plentiful. Woodcock are the only game in season at present. Upland plover will come in on the 10th inst.

L. C. Deitz, who went down the river after woodcock yesterday bagged a rattlesnake which possessed a greater interest than twenty woodcock. Mr. Deitz was walking over one of J. H. Cole's farms when he suddenly came upon the serpent, which was a monster. He did not see the snake until his foot was almost upon it. He was holding his gun in such a position that he was enabled to shoot the rattler before it could make battle.

The reptile measured four feet in length and was as thick as a man's wrist. It had nine rattles. Mr. Deitz brought the snake along back to town and during the afternoon it was on exhibition at his place of business on Mill street. He will have the skin tanned.

THE DREAD

The State Board of Health is sending copies of a vaccination "creed" to the different local secretaries throughout the State. The creed relates that vaccination is the only known sure preventative of smallpox.

DANVILLE WOOD

The Y. M. C. A. base ball team of Bloomsburg crossed bats with a team of this city at the Mill grounds on Saturday afternoon. It was a well played game. The score was 4 to 2 in favor of Danville.

REVISITING DANVILLE

After an absence of many years in Florida Samuel J. Parlow is visiting old friends in Danville. He is a guest at the home of his sister-in-law, Miss Fannie Hartman, Mill street. Mr. Parlow is on his way to Rochester, N. Y., where he intends spending the summer with his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Roy Shoop.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Frank Walker of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. N. Walker, East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Freeze of Brooklyn, arrived in this city Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Bertha Eger of New York is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Wyle, Cross Keys Place.

Miss Jennie Waito returned Saturday evening from a visit in Parsons, Luzerne county.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Heider of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of George Hoffman, D. L. & W. avenue.

Dr. John Yorks of Philadelphia, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Martha Yorks, Church street.

Mrs. J. H. Woodside is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Lovett of this city, is the guest of her cousin, George Lovett, in Philadelphia.

Dr. Nita Richards of Bloomsburg transacted business in this city yesterday.

Ralph Fouk is a Berwick visitor yesterday.

Mrs. L. G. Little returned yesterday from a visit with relatives at Millville.

Miss Anna Johnson of Northumberland visited friends in this city yesterday.

H. Molenski of the P. L. brewery transacted business in Nanticoke yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Gornet left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Sup't. T. M. Ryan, Master Mechanic H. Shumaker and Train Master T. J. McConn, of Scranton, officials of the D. L. & W. R. R., transacted business in this city yesterday.

William Stahl of Sunbury, transacted business in South Danville yesterday.

Charles Hunter was in Shamokin yesterday.

Benjamin Gaskins of Sunbury, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grant of Shamokin, were visitors at the State Hospital yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolf returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Berwick.

Reese Edmondson transacted business in Berwick yesterday.

Mrs. Joseph Chirman of Bloomsburg, visited friends in this city yesterday.

William Smith, Grand street, has returned to Sunbury after a visit with his family in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keller returned to Riddlesburg yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

A. V. Pierce and son Raymond left yesterday for Philadelphia, New York city and Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hoover returned home from a visit to Millville, N. J., last evening.

Elmer Mowry returned home from a business trip to Shamokin last evening.

W. Kase West, Esq., returned home from Harrisburg last evening.

Miss Stella Ellenbogen of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Ellenbogen, Lower Mulberry street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bucher of Riverside, returned from a visit in Catawissa yesterday.

Northern County Sunday Schools.

The Northumberland County Sunday School Association will hold its next annual convention in Shamokin on September 22nd and 23rd, in the First M. E. church. At a special meeting of the Ministerial Association held yesterday a committee was appointed to cooperate with the executive board of the association in preparing a programme for the convention. Efforts will be made to procure able speakers from the state organization and elsewhere, and a profitable convention will no doubt rest to all Sunday school workers of Northumberland county should attend the sessions of the convention and get the greatest amount of good out of it. The convention will no doubt be a success in every way and Shamokin will give the visiting delegates a hearty welcome.

HOW THE FOURTH WAS CELEBRATED

The weather on Fourth of July was all that could be desired. The temperature of the atmosphere was just about right to make the shade inviting.

There were very few people who remained in town during the day. Many of those on this side of the river who did not attend the firemen's picnic at Hunter's Park, plunked on the Cycle Path or at other inviting places in the vicinity of Montour Ridge or Blue Hill. There was the usual amount of noise during the day and at night an interesting display of fireworks.

The people of South Danville and Riverside and many from the farming communities for miles around spent the day at Dr. DeWitt's beautiful resort. The park was crowded. It is estimated that at least 1,500 persons were in attendance during the day.

The Danville Rifle and Gun Club held a shoot during the afternoon, which was well patronized and afforded entertainment for a large number of lookers-on. Base ball, however, was the absorbing feature of the day's amusements. The game in the afternoon between the Old Timer Reserves drew a large crowd, but interest principally centered on the game in the forenoon between two clubs composed mostly of old-time players gathered from Riverside and South Danville. This contest was witnessed by at least seven hundred people.

The following interesting bit of description is from an eye witness: "While the score seemed to indicate that it was a slugging match such was by no means the case. On the contrary it was the result of scientific bunting and sacrificing which advanced the runners.

"The special features were a three base drive by Treas with the bases full; Farley's phenomenal fielding in center and Major Gearhart's base running, which was splendid with grandeur and daring, no less than five stolen bases falling to his credit. Gulick also covered himself with glory at short."

Following was the line up, the first of the two sides winning out on the score of 12 to 11:

Frank Bucher c., Frank Hummer p. and 2b., Charles Shiffler 1b. and 3b., William Murphy 3b. and 1b., John Murphy 3b., W. W. Gulick ss., Harry Nuss lf., R. B. Bird of., O. B. Mills rf.

Parson Robinson c., Edward Hummer p. and 2b., Dallas Hummer p. and 2b., Darrow Hokman 1b., Charles Geney 3b., H. L. DeWitt ss., J. W. Treas lf., John Farley of., O. P. Gearhart rf.

The Fourth wound up with a grand display of fireworks on the Park. Our neighboring Borough of Washingtonville did itself proud on the Fourth of July. The people thronged into the town from many miles around. Every feature of the day was a marked success.

The parade led by the Orangeville Band was one of the largest ever seen at Washingtonville and was full of interesting features. The parade marched to Blue Springs Farm where Mr. DeLong was serenaded by the band, the paraders lining up on the spacious lawn. Refreshments were served to the entire assemblage by Mr. DeLong, after which the parade retired to Washingtonville.

There were two games of base ball between Washingtonville and Turbotville. The scores were as follows: Forieon game, 8 to 7 in favor of Turbotville; afternoon game, 11 to 3 in favor of Turbotville.

At 7 p. m. a fine address was delivered by Rev. O. W. Bryner. Rev. Bedickian also made some choice remarks.

The base ball festival in the evening was a pronounced success. The display of fireworks was the best ever seen at Washingtonville and was witnessed by an immense concourse of people, who had driven in from the surrounding country.

Scrubbing out Post Office.

The post office clerks yesterday put in several hours very diligently scrubbing the tiling on the floor of the post office corridor.

The tiling had become much soiled and the clerks could conceive of no better recreation than might be obtained in polishing it up a little. They went about the work in a thoroughly business like manner, applying the mop and scrubbing brush in a way which would do the most good. They had their reward in securing results which would turn the average scrub woman green with envy.

Timely and Valuable Suggestions.

Many people, especially women who lead closely confined domestic lives, suffer from what in general terms is called "nervousness." Among all forms of treatment none has even approached in success the intelligent use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, of Rondont, N. Y., which promotes an easy and natural action of the digestive organs and imparts tone to the nervous system.

New Superintendent.

Herbert T. Hecht of Scranton, the new Superintendent at the Reading Iron Works, has entered upon his duties. Along with his wife he is living at the Montour House.

It's a little tough to have to pay school taxes when there is no school.

A YOUTHFUL HIGHWAYMAN

A boy wearing knee breeches successfully held up a woman in front of the Grove Presbyterian church on Monday night.

It was about ten o'clock when residents in the vicinity of the church were startled by a woman's cries, calling loudly for help in tones that were full of terror and dismay. Several persons including John and Theodore Doster and the Rev. Dr. McCormack rushed to the spot and found a young woman who stated that she had been held up and robbed of her purse. The highwayman, she described as a mere boy, who after taking her purse had disappeared down the alley leading to the rear of the Grove church.

By that time, however, the miscreant had attained a safe distance and a search in the alley afforded no clue. The darkness prevailing at the spot made it impossible for the lady to notice her assailant at all closely and she is unable to give a good description of him.

The woman robbed--Miss Kate Byers of No. 532 Bloom street--was called upon by a representative of this paper yesterday. She told a remarkable story showing to what a deplorable degree, depravity, nerve and audacity exist in at least one boy, who was enabled to plan and execute a hold-up unaided.

She had been to Hunter's Park, she said, and was returning home up Bloom street alone. She had with her a small sum of money approximating half a dollar, which was contained in a purse suspended from her belt by a chain.

When near the Third Ward School House she noticed a boy walking near. She unfortunately noted nothing clearly about him, but distinctly remembers that he wore knee breeches and a sailor hat.

The boy passed her and when just east of the railroad crossing he stepped over to the opposite side of Bloom street. Miss Byers unsuspecting harm kept on her way toward home. As she approached the church the boy recrossed the street and came up with her just as she arrived opposite the iron gate.

"Give me that pocket book!" he growled and demanded at the same moment snatched the woman's purse. Miss Byers instinctively grasped the purse herself and in the brief struggle that ensued the chain snapped in two.

Before the woman could collect herself to act the thief with her purse in hand went legging it down the pavement as fast as he could run, disappearing in the alley.

Bloom street in front of the Grove Church is one of the most poorly lighted spots in town and is very much dreaded at night. A movement was set on foot yesterday, which has as its object the securing of more light. Council at its next meeting will be appealed to to make some action which will at once relieve the situation.

"I was not aware of the situation."

F. W. Jackson representing the Harrisburg engine, was present and was called upon for some information. He presented a number of facts relative to engines in general and the Harrisburg product in particular, which seemed to strengthen the conviction of the Councilmen that the Harrisburg engine was the one they needed.

Mr. VanDoran seeing the drift of sentiment gracefully acquiesced and explained that he would agree to substitute the Harrisburg engine for the one which he had selected, although the latter in his opinion and in the opinion of experts generally was first class in every respect and was quite as good as any.

Mr. Vestine moved that the contract for putting up and completing the electric light plant be awarded to the Rumsey Company of Philadelphia at \$14,662.40, the engine to do the work at 65 pound pressure instead of at 85 pounds as originally bid, the borough to be liable for an additional cost of not over \$245 for the change. George Reifsnider seconded the motion.

The question was discussed at considerable length, Chief Burgess Parslow was present giving Council the benefit of his views. The question closed on the following vote:

Yeas--Davis, Reifsnider, Vestine, Swank, Boyer, Gosser, David Gibson and Joseph Gibson.

Nays--Lloyd and Dietrich.

The two gentlemen in the minority explained their position, which was not one of antagonism to municipal light; in their opinion the vote was premature and should not have been taken until after the public election was held to decide the question of increasing indebtedness.

J. B. Nicholson, agent for the Bullock Electrical Co., of Philadelphia, was also present at the Council meeting and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

The public manifest great interest in the proceedings of Council relative to the two important improvements of municipal light and street paving. It is regarded as very fortunate that the lowest bidder for paving happened to be a local contractor. Mr. Rogers, who holds the contract for building the new culvert on Mill street, has carried the work through very expeditiously and it is believed that he will make a good job of paving.

Council is warmly commended for its good judgment in the selection of paving brick or blocks. On Saturday morning the news reached this place that Harrisburg had just adopted the same blocks--Reese-Hammond--for paving seventeen streets of that city. Our Borough is protected by a satisfactory guarantee, covering a period of ten years, given by the Reese-Hammond Company. It will require sixty car loads of about 450,000 blocks to pave Mill street from the bridge to the Northern building line of Center street.

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The proceedings which followed Saturday night showed that the first thing done on Friday night was to look over the samples and select a kind of brick. Council, first, rejecting the shale brick. The first thing, therefore, to do was to decide on one of the several kinds of clay samples, taking into consideration prices quoted, quality, etc. Here again Council was unanimous, deciding upon the Reese Hammond block made at Bolivar, Pa.

These bricks were covered by only two of the bids on hand--those of D. J. Rogers of this city and I. J. Leroh and Co., of Reading. Mr. Rogers agreed to put down the pavement for \$2.17 a cubic yard, with 60 cents a foot for curbing, on a six inch concrete foundation. The figures in the bid of I. J. Leroh & Company were \$2.34 per cubic yard with 75 cents per foot for curbing.

The contract for paving Mill street, therefore, was awarded to D. J. Rogers as the lowest bidder. Both in curbing and paving Mr. Rogers' figures were the lowest. There were five bids in all, but it was only in the two above named that the bricks stood the breaking test applied. The others, too, were higher in price.

It was nearly nine o'clock when Council got down to the regular work of the evening, which was to award the contract for installing an electric lighting plant.

Bids were read from four different firms, only two of which, however, agreed to install the entire lighting plant. These were Keller Pike & Company and the Rumsey Electrical Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, the latter being represented at the meeting by E. I. VanDoran. The Valley Iron Works of Williamsport and the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Company had put in bids for furnishing the engine. There was also a bid from John R. Wallace of this city for erecting the pole line. The figures named were \$397.

The Rumsey Company, which agreed to furnish the entire plant, including engine, was the lowest bidder. There was a deep-rooted sentiment in Council, however, in favor of the Harrisburg engine, which, it was understood, was not the kind included in the Rumsey people's bid.

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CONTRACT FOR THE BRIDGE

Attorney William Kase West last evening returned home from Harrisburg, where on Tuesday he was present with the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings when the proposals for building the river bridge at this place were opened.

The King Bridge Company, Mr. West says, is thoroughly able to comply with all the conditions and he has no doubt but that that firm will receive the contract on next Tuesday.

There were twenty bidders on Tuesday. Twelve of these withdrew, as it was evident they could not compete with the others. The highest bid was made by the Milliken Bridge Company, the figures being \$238,885. The bids ranged from that sum down to the figures of the King Bridge Company. The next lowest bidder was the Pennsylvania Steel Company at \$149,000. The other bids ranged from \$170,000 to \$190,000.

Should anything occur so that the contract would not be awarded to the King Bridge Company the next to receive the contract, Mr. West says, would be the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

Danville is especially lucky in the matter of a new bridge and is way ahead of other places. Of the eight bridges to be constructed for next Tuesday ours is the only structure that was destroyed by the late flood. Each of the other bridges to be lost were destroyed a year or two ago.

Messrs. Cooper, Lighow and Cook, County Commissioners, who along with the Northumberland county board and their attorney were present in Harrisburg on Tuesday, returned home yesterday morning.

A Nice Point of Law.

The Danphin county court was again called upon to give a judicial interpretation of an act of Assembly Wednesday, when Judge Kunkle sat to hear argument on the exceptions filed by Attorney General Carson to the report of the viewers recommending the rebuilding of the Catawissa bridge crossing the North Branch of the Susquehanna river.

Judge Kunkle was asked to adjudicate the act of 1895, which provides that the State shall replace all bridges destroyed or carried away.

The bridge in question was a steel structure of four spans, and during the great flood of last March two spans were carried away. A jury of view recommended that a new bridge be built of much larger dimensions and of greater strength than the former one, at a cost of \$90,000.

Exceptions were filed to this report on behalf of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General alleging that the bridge was not destroyed within the meaning of the Act of Assembly and that the State was not required to erect a structure at a greater cost than the one destroyed.

Deputy Attorney General Fleitz appeared in the interest of the exceptions and asserted that the main question involved was as to whether under the act, the State was required to rebuild a bridge which, as he contended, was not wholly destroyed, but was merely damaged and as Columbia county was the custodian of the bridge, it is the duty of the county to repair the damages.

"The main purpose of the exceptions," he said, "is to obtain a judicial interpretation of the act and have the court decide if the State under the act, must rebuild the bridge."

Lyman D. Gilbert representing the Commissioners of Columbia county, argued that the bridge was destroyed, and is no longer spans the river, and was rendered useless for the purpose for which it was erected.

Early Closing.

The promoters of early closing have achieved a degree of success that they scarcely dreamed of when they began the agitation of closing the stores at six o'clock during the summer.

The date set for early closing to go into effect was Tuesday, July 6th. The movement met with little or no opposition, although on Tuesday night the closing was not universal by any means. There was little business done, however, and those who kept their stores open had plenty of time to weigh the matter in their minds.

The result of their deliberations was nearly wholly in favor of early closing and last night at 6:30 o'clock there was only one store open along Mill street. The stores closed of course did not include millinery establishments, tobacco and cigar stores, confectioneries and the like. The one store open, it should be explained, manufactures and sells confectionery as a side line.

Mill street at an early hour last night took on a quiet and deserted appearance in contrast to what is seen when the stores are open. And this is the state of affairs that will exist during the summer.

The stores will now close at 6 p. m., Saturday nights excepted, between the present and October 1st.

New Switch at Grovania.

The P. & R. Railway Company has built a switch at Grovania from the main track to the site of the power house to be built by the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company.

Owing to the non arrival of rails work is much retarded on the railway line. Only a few men can work and these are employed in leveling up the track.

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The contract for erecting the municipal electric light plant on Saturday night was awarded to the Rumsey Electrical Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia at figures falling slightly below \$15,000.

In order that the public might have full information as to the proceedings while in executive session on motion of Mr. Reifsnider, seconded by Mr. Vestine, it was ordered that the bids for Mill street paving be re-read and the contract be awarded in public.

The proceedings which followed Saturday night showed that the first thing done on Friday night was to look over the samples and select a kind of brick. Council, first, rejecting the shale brick. The first thing, therefore, to do was to decide on one of the several kinds of clay samples, taking into consideration prices quoted, quality, etc. Here again Council was unanimous, deciding upon the Reese Hammond block made at Bolivar, Pa.

These bricks were covered by only two of the bids on hand--those of D. J. Rogers of this city and I. J. Leroh and Co., of Reading. Mr. Rogers agreed to put down the pavement for \$2.17 a cubic yard, with 60 cents a foot for curbing, on a six inch concrete foundation. The figures in the bid of I. J. Leroh & Company were \$2.34 per cubic yard with 75 cents per foot for curbing.

The contract for paving Mill street, therefore, was awarded to D. J. Rogers as the lowest bidder. Both in curbing and paving Mr. Rogers' figures were the lowest. There were five bids in all, but it was only in the two above named that the bricks stood the breaking test applied. The others, too, were higher in price.

It was nearly nine o'clock when Council got down to the regular work of the evening, which was to award the contract for installing an electric lighting plant.

Bids were read from four different firms, only two of which, however, agreed to install the entire lighting plant. These were Keller Pike & Company and the Rumsey Electrical Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, the latter being represented at the meeting by E. I. VanDoran. The Valley Iron Works of Williamsport and the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Company had put in bids for furnishing the engine. There was also a bid from John R. Wallace of this city for erecting the pole line. The figures named were \$397.

The Rumsey Company, which agreed to furnish the entire plant, including engine, was the lowest bidder. There was a deep-rooted sentiment in Council, however, in favor of the Harrisburg engine, which, it was understood, was not the kind included in the Rumsey people's bid.

F. W. Jackson representing the Harrisburg engine, was present and was called upon for some information. He presented a number of facts relative to engines in general and the Harrisburg product in particular, which seemed to strengthen the conviction of the Councilmen that the Harrisburg engine was the one they needed.

Mr. VanDoran seeing the drift of sentiment gracefully acquiesced and explained that he would agree to substitute the Harrisburg engine for the one which he had selected, although the latter in his opinion and in the opinion of experts generally was first class in every respect and was quite as good as any.

Mr. Vestine moved that the contract for putting up and completing the electric light plant be awarded to the Rumsey Company of Philadelphia at \$14,662.40, the engine to do the work at 65 pound pressure instead of at 85 pounds as originally bid, the borough to be liable for an additional cost of not over \$245 for the change. George Reifsnider seconded the motion.

The question was discussed at considerable length, Chief Burgess Parslow was present giving Council the benefit of his views. The question closed on the following vote:

Yeas--Davis, Reifsnider, Vestine, Swank, Boyer, Gosser, David Gibson and Joseph Gibson.

Nays--Lloyd and Dietrich.

The two gentlemen in the minority explained their position, which was not one of antagonism to municipal light; in their opinion the vote was premature and should not have been taken until after the public election was held to decide the question of increasing indebtedness.

J. B. Nicholson, agent for the Bullock Electrical Co., of Philadelphia, was also present at the Council meeting and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

The public manifest great interest in the proceedings of Council relative to the two important improvements of municipal light and street paving. It is regarded as very fortunate that the lowest bidder for paving happened to be a local contractor. Mr. Rogers, who holds the contract for building the new culvert on Mill street, has carried the work through very expeditiously and it is believed that he will make a good job of paving.

Council is warmly commended for its good judgment in the selection of paving brick or blocks. On Saturday morning the news reached this place that Harrisburg had just adopted the same blocks--Reese-Hammond--for paving seventeen streets of that city. Our Borough is protected by a satisfactory guarantee, covering a period of ten years, given by the Reese-Hammond Company. It will require sixty car loads of about 450,000 blocks to pave Mill street from the bridge to the Northern building line of Center street.

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CONTRACT FOR THE BRIDGE

Attorney William Kase West last evening returned home from Harrisburg, where on Tuesday he was present with the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings when the proposals for building the river bridge at this place were opened.

The King Bridge Company, Mr. West says, is thoroughly able to comply with all the conditions and he has no doubt but that that firm will receive the contract on next Tuesday.

There were twenty bidders on Tuesday. Twelve of these withdrew, as it was evident they could not compete with the others. The highest bid was made by the Milliken Bridge Company, the figures being \$238,885. The bids ranged from that sum down to the figures of the King Bridge Company. The next lowest bidder was the Pennsylvania Steel Company at \$149,000. The other bids ranged from \$170,000 to \$190,000.

Should anything occur so that the contract would not be awarded to the King Bridge Company the next to receive the contract, Mr. West says, would be the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

Danville is especially lucky in the matter of a new bridge and is way ahead of other places. Of the eight bridges to be constructed for next Tuesday ours is the only structure that was destroyed by the late flood. Each of the other bridges to be lost were destroyed a year or two ago.

Messrs. Cooper, Lighow and Cook, County Commissioners, who along with the Northumberland county board and their attorney were present in Harrisburg on Tuesday, returned home yesterday morning.

A Nice Point of Law.

The Danphin county court was again called upon to give a judicial interpretation of an act of Assembly Wednesday, when Judge Kunkle sat to hear argument on the exceptions filed by Attorney General Carson to the report of the viewers recommending the rebuilding of the Catawissa bridge crossing the North Branch of the Susquehanna river.

Judge Kunkle was asked to adjudicate the act of 1895, which provides that the State shall replace all bridges destroyed or carried away.

The bridge in question was a steel structure of four spans, and during the great flood of last March two spans were carried away. A jury of view recommended that a new bridge be built of much larger dimensions and of greater strength than the former one, at a cost of \$90,000.

Exceptions were filed to this report on behalf of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General alleging that the bridge was not destroyed within the meaning of the Act of Assembly and that the State was not required to erect a structure at a greater cost than the one destroyed.

Deputy Attorney General Fleitz appeared in the interest of the exceptions and asserted that the main question involved was as to whether under the act, the State was required to rebuild a bridge which, as he contended, was not wholly destroyed, but was merely damaged and as Columbia county was the custodian of the bridge, it is the