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## CONDENSED NEWS.

Engine No. 39 has been sent from Scranton to take the place of switch engine No. 17 at Bloomsburg and Danville, the latter being taken to the shops for repairs.

Everybody is waiting until Carrie Nation visits the Subway Tavern. She may do a little educating on her own account.

The "knocker" is not confined to base ball games. He is generally around at all times "making people tired" by his senseless twaddle.

If there are any spare bouquets lying around they ought to be sent to the man who is giving us such glorious weather.

Ice men are unanimously of opinion that the corn crop requires a prolonged spell of genuine hot weather, and that the corn crop ought to have what it wants.

The Reading Coal & Iron Co., has come to the rescue of the treasury of Schuylkill county, which is without funds, by paying \$1,000 in advance on its taxes. On account of the receipt of this money County Treasurer Noonan will be able to pay all bills without making a loan.

The baby heir to the Czar's crown lies all unconscious of the rumbling around his prospective throne.

The crop of oysters this year is larger than it has been in years past. Oyster planters say they are also of a finer quality. They are coming to market now daily, yet the season will not open until next month.

The Navy Department has determined to stick to wine in christening the naval vessels in spite of the numerous C. E. Societies who want water to be used for that purpose. If it were left to the old salts it is probable they would prefer whiskey for christening the ships.

Danville and Milton are two towns that are showing the proper spirit by having their streets paved. Ashland will wake up to the fact that this is economy if you only give her time.—Ashland Telegram.

The Reading road has placed new standard clocks in the office of all train dispatchers along its system. The dial is 18 inches in diameter, and the case is five feet six inches high and 24 inches wide. Being connected with the United States Observatory in Washington, the time is corrected daily at noon.

During last week's session of the Anthracite Conciliation Board at Wilkesbarre, it developed that Umpire Wright receives a fee of \$300 for each grievance referred to him for settlement. The next session of the board will be held on Friday in New York.

The oyster season will soon be here. The crop of big snake snails is unusually heavy this year.

Preserving and canning is the order of the day among housekeepers.

Shortening days are a reminder that the serene and yellow leaf is not far away.

The waiving of summer is made apparent by the homecoming of excursionists.

During the heavy storm which prevailed Monday evening the Methodist church steeple, Sunbury, was struck by lightning. A large number of trees throughout that city also suffered from the storm.

See that your name is on the registry list in order to secure a vote at the next election.

At last the World's Fair is beginning to draw crowds.

Register and Recorder W. L. Sittler bears witness to the fact that snakes are numerous this year. He killed one a foot and a half long in the vault of his office in the Court House the other day. The reptile probably crawled in through the window.

Rev. Bedekian, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Washingtonville, is visiting his native home in Armenia, Turkey, and will be absent some six months. While he is abroad the Rev. W. J. Arney of Port Allegany will administer to Rev. Bedekian's congregation.

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## SEASON OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

The curious mark that Saturday was found lined up on Lower Millberry and Church streets and Mill street, which has been the home for the market for so many years, will be handed over to the improvement of street paving and the construction of the trolley line.

Owing to the planting of trolley poles, which was begun on Mill street Friday, it was considered impracticable to hold market on that thoroughfare this morning. A discussion followed as to which of several streets were best suited to be occupied at least temporarily while the improvements on Mill street are under way. Mahoning, Lower Mulberry, Ferry and Church streets all were considered.

On motion of Mr. Reifsnider it was ordered that beginning with Saturday morning the market be held on Lower Mulberry and Church streets.

This arrangement, it was understood, was purely temporary, as a little later when paving reaches the lower end of Mill street, which will cause a congestion about Lower Mulberry street, it may be necessary to remove the market to one of the streets on the southern side of town, while still later when the improvements are all completed it may not be found impracticable to bring the market back to Mill street.

Friday was the date for the annual election to fill the various positions about the Water Works. The election resulted as follows:

Superintendent of the Water Works, P. J. Keefe;

First and second engineers, Jacob Byerly and Edward Bell;

Firemen, George Hallihen and Edward Wertman.

A petition was received signed by twenty residents of the Third Ward asking that the alley running from Walnut to Bloom streets, across the triangular tract west of J. B. Gearhart's store, which is unnecessary and never used, be vacated by Council.

The triangular tract at present has no one to take care of it and is very unsightly and the petitioners, all of whom reside near, agreed that if the alley intersecting it be vacated they will grade and sod the tract and see that it is a safe care of.

The alley can only be vacated by enacting an ordinance. On motion of Mr. Goecker it was decided to vacate the alley provided the petitioners will bear the expense incidental to enacting an ordinance.

On motion of J. J. Smith of Sunbury was moved by the Borough as an inspector to look after the work of street paving. Mr. Smith is highly recommended. His salary is to be \$2.00 per day.

Mr. Reifsnider reported that the canal bridge on Beaver street was found to be unsafe and that he had ordered it to be nailed shut. W. A. Seehler, General Manager of the Store and Manufacturing Company, he said, had made a proposition to the effect that he would fill up the canal at that point provided the Borough or the D. & W. Railroad Company would furnish the pipe for a water course. Council was uncertain as to the ownership of the canal bridge and no action was taken.

Considerable discussion was indulged in concerning poles for the new light plant. Mr. Goecker in view of the great number of poles that would accumulate upon our streets favored the leasing of poles from the Standard Electric Light Company. Messrs. Vastine, Lloyd and Reifsnider opposed such a course. They did not like the idea of entering into a contract for ten years. They admitted the inconvenience of having to contend with 200 or more additional poles but they had entered into a contract with the Ramsey Electrical Manufacturing Company which required them to furnish the poles and the members did not feel like modifying the agreement.

The agreement proposed by the Light Company was read before Council. Mr. Davis favored leasing the poles on Mill street. The agreement, however, included the poles on Mill, Market and Bloom streets.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Reifsnider it was ordered that the light plant be erected according to the contract.

Charles Chalfant, Esq., representing the Danville and Sunbury Street Railway was before Council to present an ordinance relating to a right of way through certain streets of the Borough. He handed the ordinance to the clerk and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Streets and Bridges and to the Borough Solicitor. No action was taken.

The following members were present: Davis, Deitrich, Goesser, Swank, Fernestmacher, Boyer, Reifsnider, Vastine, Joseph Gibson and Lloyd.

The following bills were approved for payment:

**BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.**  
Labor and hauling \$116.69  
Regular employes \$82.50  
Franklin Boyer .75  
Montour American .60.50  
Frank Schramm .100

**WATER DEPARTMENT.**  
Regular employes \$138.83  
F. Q. Hartman .35.01  
Franklin Boyer .62.55  
Mrs. M. T. LeDue .39.00  
Frank Schramm .2.67  
J. B. Cloewer .9.70  
H. B. Patton .20.00

**Borough Department.**  
Pittsburg capitalists operating the Meyersdale and Salsbury St. R. W. have acquired an option on the Cumberland & Western Port Electric R. W. Ex-Judge R. H. Koch, of Pottsville, is president of the latter company. A mortgage of \$1,500,000 is reported to have been placed on record at Somerset by the proposed purchasing syndicate. It is stated that they have a controlling interest in the stock is desired. Both roads are located in Maryland.

## STREET PAVING IS DELAYED

Contractor D. J. Rogers has been delayed in street paving during the last couple of days by the non-arrival of curbing. The small shipment which reached Danville last week was all set up on Saturday and Monday. Thus far this week but little more has been done than to trim up the bottom of the street and get things in readiness for the steam roller.

Yesterday afternoon another shipment of curbing was received and last evening the stone were delivered along the street. Today the setting of curb will be resumed and this branch of the work will probably occupy the remainder of the week.

The excavation along the two squares on which the work is in progress is now practically completed and as soon as the curbing is set the steam roller will be put on. Mr. Rogers has purchased a new roller of eight tons weight which can be increased to ten tons. He stated yesterday that the roller had passed through Harrisburg on its way to Danville and that he expected it to arrive at any day. During the early part of next week therefore, the steam roller will be at work on Mill street.

After the street is rolled the ties will be placed in position and course of concrete will be applied upon which the brick are to be laid. An immense pile of stone crushed at Mr. Rogers' own plant at Reifsnider's cinder tip along with a lot of cement is piled up near East Market and Mill streets convenient for use in forming the first course. The paving blocks also are nearly all on the ground piled up on the sidewalks. Everything is in readiness for the latter stages of the work and when that point is reached surprising progress may be made. But few hands can be used to any advantage while the curb is being set, but when that branch of the work is completed a much larger force can be employed.

Thomas Tully Badly Injured.

B. F. Holstzer of Milton, was arraigned before Justice Dalton at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to answer the charge of assault and battery and larceny. He pleaded guilty both to the assault and battery and larceny and was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Both the larceny and assault, it is alleged, were committed on Tuesday night. If Mr. Tully's face is to be taken as evidence the assault was a most vicious one. His left eye yesterday was closed and his cheek below was discolored and swollen. Above the eye was a deep gash and further upward on the forehead was another cut nearly as deep. He received surgical attention from Dr. Paulus after the assault and yesterday his face was half concealed by bandages and plasters.

Mr. Tully was badly injured and before the Justice he told his story with considerable effort. Mr. Tully keeps a saloon on North Mill street. According to his account about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening Holstzer, who was no stranger at his place, entered his bar room and watching his opportunity attempted to purloin a bottle of whiskey. The landlord, however, was suspicious and alleges that he caught him in the act.

He seized Holstzer and attempted to hold him until the police could be notified. The fellow resisted himself, however, and turned on his cap, raining four heavy blows upon his face. Holstzer escaped from the bar room and was not apprehended until late at night, when he was committed to jail to await a hearing.

Justice Dalton held Holstzer for court, fixing bail at \$300 for assault and battery and \$100 for larceny. In default of bail he was committed to jail.

**Open Air Concert and a Dance.**  
Stoes' Band will give an open air concert at the Court House on Friday evening, which will no doubt prove a most delightful entertainment.

The last concert given by Stoes' Band at the weigh scales a couple of weeks ago was much enjoyed. On that occasion, however, the musicians complain that their playing was interfered with by the crowd which pressed in upon them, the children especially running in among and jostling the players. The members of the band kindly ask that they be given room and some attempt be made to check unruly boys when they next attempt to play upon the street.

Stoes' Band will give a dance at Hunter's Park on Friday evening, September 2nd. In case of rain the dance will be held in the armory.

A little later in the season the band has arranged to chance off five tons of coal at 25 cents per chance, each chance taking in the entire five tons.

## FIRE CAUSES MUCH DESTRUCTION

One of the worst fires that have occurred since the Reading Iron Works were burned some three years ago took place in this city Saturday night, when the barn of W. H. Ammerman, the one on the Parsel estate adjoining and the building on the rear of Charles Woods' property, Mill street, were destroyed and much surrounding property damaged. A horse and a cow lost their lives, while two carriages and a quantity of hay and grain went up in smoke. The fire was of mysterious origin and burned with a fierceness and rapidity that made it hard to control. That quite a conflagration did not ensue was due to the persistent and well-directed efforts of the firemen as well as to the fact that there was little wind blowing and the surrounding roofs were thoroughly soaked with the rain which had fallen during the day.

The fire broke out shortly before 11 o'clock. The discovery, it seems, was made by several persons at about the same time. The building by that time was a seething mass of fire, the flames and smoke pouring out through the crevices between the weather boards.

Hon. R. S. Ammerman had called upon Prothonotary Thomas G. Vincent, and the two men were standing at the front door of the Vincent home at the entrance to the alley leading down to the fire. They detected smoke and were just in the process of investigation, when Calvin Lynn came running along shouting "Fire!" and pointing to the Ammerman barn.

R. S. Ammerman dashed down the alley and was able to get one of the doors open. The only horse in the building was already surrounded by flames, which had burned the hair from his body in large spots and literally roasted the flesh. Mr. Ammerman succeeded in dragging the horse from the burning barn into the back yard of the family dwelling, receiving himself severe burns about his hands.

Mr. Ammerman was no sooner in the backyard with the horse than the flames burst from the burning barn on all sides and driven by the slight wind blowing from the west roared overhead raining sparks and fire brands down upon him. He saw that his only hope of escaping with the horse was to lead him through the house to Mill street.

Up to this point Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ammerman, who were the only occupants of the house Saturday night, were sleeping soundly in a room on the first floor, a matter of less than fifty feet from where the fire was raging. They were awakened by the sound of the injured horse stamping on the walk outside the window and the desperate but futile efforts of R. S. Ammerman to force open the rear door leading into the office.

The fire department responded as promptly as possible after the first alarm was given. In sending in the alarm a great deal of credit is due to the thoughtful action of Miss Rella Adams, the young lady on duty at the telephone exchange. The fire was in full view from the Opera House, on the third floor of which the exchange is situated, and during the progress of the fire the burning brands flew into the open windows of the exchange.

As soon as the fire was discovered Miss Adams called up Friendship Engine No. 4, but owing to the lateness of the hour there was no one there to respond, without the loss of a moment, she called up F. M. Herrington, who lives near the Engine house, apprising him of the fire.

Mr. Herrington is a member of the Friendship Fire Company and he ran to the Engine House and rang the bell, which soon brought together a number of the firemen. The blocked condition of Mill street unavoidable where paving is in under way impeded the progress of the firemen a little. The Friendship Company acted with this in view and lost but little time by going round by Front and Chestnut streets. One of the companies in attempting to cross Mill street at Mahoning ran into a pile of earth. A couple of men were thrown and some confusion ensued but not much time was lost. The Continental and Good Will Companies had little difficulty in reaching the fire, Lower Mill street and Penn street being open.

When the firemen reached the burning buildings not only were the Ammerman barn and the barn on the Parsel estate, both good-sized structures, doomed to destruction, but the flames had crept up the alley enveloping Mr. Woods' barn and threatening to attack the barn on the rear of R. D. Magill's property, and thus communicate to the residence of Prothonotary Vincent. The large building owned by Liverman C. C. Moyer on the opposite side of the alley from the Ammerman barn and filled with cabs and carriages was also on fire, the flames enveloping the entire eastern end. In addition all the fences near the burning buildings were on fire and the flames were running off in all directions.

The Ammerman barn was nearly full of hay and as a result not only was the fire rapid in the extreme, but the volume of blaze was enormous. The long tongues of flame literally licked the rear of the Ammerman and the Brown buildings. The tall apple and other trees at the rear of the Magill and the Woods properties also saved the store buildings there. The shrubbery and the trailing vines which clothed the rear of the Ammerman barn were full of hay and as a result not only was the fire rapid in the extreme, but the volume of blaze was enormous. The long tongues of flame literally licked the rear of the Ammerman and the Brown buildings. The tall apple and other trees at the rear of the Magill and the Woods properties also saved the store buildings there. The shrubbery and the trailing vines which clothed the rear of the Ammerman

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aton of Sparrows Point, Md., arrived in this city Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. C. S. Books and son William returned on Saturday from a visit in New York.

Mrs. Ida Shaffer of Northumberland spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Corneilia Prout has returned from a visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Lucretia Leightow left Saturday evening for a visit with relatives in Plymouth.

Mrs. Anna Angle left on Saturday for a visit with her brother Percy Angle in Detroit.

Laundryman W. E. Kase is taking a trip to the St. Louis Exposition. He is taking in Tonawanda, Buffalo and Niagara Falls on route.

Mrs. O. J. Gauger of Sullivan, Ill., is visiting at the home of Henry M. Trambower, East Market street.

Mrs. Florence Miller and Miss Elizabeth Hurst of Wilkesbarre, are guests at the home of W. B. Grubb, Factory street.

Will G. Maiers returned home from a trip to Boston, New York and West Point yesterday morning.

Jacob Doster has returned home from an extended trip in the west where he took in the St. Louis exposition besides visiting Chicago and other points.

Mrs. Jane M. Carr last evening returned home from Allegheny, where she spent the past year.

Miss Ida Sweisfort is visiting friends in Bloomsburg.

Thomas Painter of Pottsgrove is the guest of Lawrence Hallman, Cooper street.

J. J. Roderick, postmaster of Canal Dover, Ohio, accompanied by his wife arrived in this city last evening for a short visit with old friends.

Mrs. Frank Shelhart left last evening for a visit to Hazelton.

Miss Hessie Reeder of Shamokin, is visiting at the home of Elias Woodruff, South Danville.

A. M. Diehl left yesterday for Scranton.

Samuel Bailey was in Sunbury yesterday.

Charles Hartley of Scranton, spent yesterday with Danville friends.

E. A. Burdick of Olyphant, formerly of this city, returned home yesterday after a several days' stay in Danville.

F. Q. Hartman transacted business in Shickshinny yesterday.

C. H. Lockwood of West Hemlock township, left yesterday on the 10-19 D. L. & W. train for St. Louis, Mo.

Harry Mitchell of Berwick, spent yesterday in this city.

Walter Marshall was in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Eyerly and Miss Hattie Albeck will leave this morning for a visit with friends in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Dr. W. Austin Pegg, of Ossian, Iowa, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Pegg, Bloom street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Luckenbill of near Danville are attending the Heintz family reunion at Kutztown. They will visit relatives in that place for a week.

Simon Ellenbogen returned yesterday from a several days' stay in Williamsport.

Miss Emeline Lyon is visiting friends in Bloomsburg.

Miss Edith Jenkins is visiting friends at Roshtown.

Miss Ada Noyhart returned to Watertown yesterday after a visit with Danville friends.

Miss Eckert returned to New York City yesterday after a visit with Miss Helen Hoffman, West Mahoning street.

Edward Kase of Philadelphia, is visiting at the Kase home, West Market street.

Charles Whispell transacted business at Bloomsburg yesterday.

Samuel Styer, West Hemlock township, left yesterday for St. Louis, Mo.

James Cornelison of Catawissa, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Shepperson has returned from Pittsburgh after a very pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bovanant.

## MANY REPAIRS RECOMMENDED

The School Board held a regular meeting Monday night. Considerable time was given to the subject of repairs needed on the roofs in order to place the buildings in good condition for the next term. At the last meeting D. C. Williams was appointed by the Board as an expert to examine the several buildings and report as to their condition.

In accordance with the School Board's request Mr. Williams last night made a report as to the necessary repairs.

In the First Ward the report showed that the slate roof, valors and gutters of the school building need repairs. All the tin work should be repainted. The tower needs six new gables.

In the Second Ward, repairs were recommended for the slate roof and gutters.

In the Third Ward the roof of the building needs repairs on slate, snow shoe and gutters. The tin should be repainted.

In the Fourth Ward the roof needs repainting and the gutters repairing. The tower needs five new gables. On the frame building the trap door and chimney need repairing.

On the Welsh Hill building repairs were recommended for the slate roof and chimney. Gutters need repainting and painting.

On motion of Mr. Greene Mr. Williams' report was accepted and the recommendations were placed in the hands of the Building and Repair Committee.

A communication was received from J. M. Hosterter, former principal of the Third Ward Grammar School, stating that he is an applicant for a State Permanent College certificate and asking for a certificate from the Board here to the effect that he taught three years successfully in the Borough, which is a qualification necessary to entitle him to the college certificate.

On motion of Mr. Parsel it was ordered that the officers be instructed to sign the certificate as requested.

The contract for making the two chemistry tables needed in the High School was awarded to S. M. Trumbower, whose bid was \$30. W. H. Farley was another bidder, his figures being \$39.75.

On motion it was decided to purchase one-half barrel of Kathairo disinfectant for use in the several schools of the Borough.

On motion it was decided that the schools be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th.

Mr. Greene called attention of the Board to the extent to which school books are defaced by pupils. The Borough Superintendent was on motion instructed to notify the teachers that the resolution must be carried out which was previously adopted, to the effect that the parents must stand good for all defacement of the text books which occurs while in the hands of their children.

The following members of the School Board were present: Harpel, Orth, Greene, Burns, Parsel, Harling, Werkheiser, Von Blom, Fischer, Trumbower, Adams and Jacobs.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Rebecca Lovett	\$22.50
Montour Democrat	10.75
Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Hime	20.00
Emily Shultz	1.30
D. C. Williams	5.60
Friendship Fire Co.	83.68
Ezra Haas	65
Casper Diserod	12.79
Boyer Bros.	11.45
Mrs. Anderson	4.00
P. & R. R. Co.	107.38
Mrs. Mary E. Kinn	20.50
John L. Russell	19.50
U. L. Gordy	2.12

**Labor Day at DeWitt's Park.**

One of the features of the Labor Day picnic which Dr. DeWitt is making arrangements for at his Riverside Park will be two games of base ball between the Old Timer Reserves and the Bloomsburg Y. M. C. A. The morning game will take place at 10 o'clock sharp and the afternoon game at 3 o'clock. The Old Timer Reserves have been playing very good ball and it is a well-known fact that there is nothing slow about the Bloomsburg team. Each of the two games will possess a full measure of interest.

Dr. DeWitt on Labor Day will throw his park open to the public as on the Fourth of July, when so many people found rest and recreation at that resort. In addition to base ball there will be foot races, dancing and sports of various kinds.

Dr. DeWitt's park never presented a more attractive appearance than at present. The dense foliage casts cool and refreshing shadows all around, the grass, which grows abundantly is well trimmed and the park with its ponds and refreshing wells holds out an invitation which it is hard to resist on a summer day.

**New Wash Pipe.**

The Water Commissioners have men at work digging up the "wash pipe" at the rear of the Water Works, which are used to drain off the water used in washing the filter tanks.

The river bank at this point has moved slightly since last winter, which has caused the terra cotta pipe used to spread apart. The old pipe will be thrown out and to prevent a repetition of the trouble iron pipe will be substituted. The work will be finished in a day or so.

## PASSED HER 90TH MILESTONE

Mrs. Hannah C. Russell, widow of Andrew F. Russell, granddaughter of General William Montgomery, the founder of Danville, on Tuesday passed the 90th milestone on life's journey. Yesterday she was found seated contentedly in a pleasant apartment of the old Montgomery mansion at the corner of Mill and Bloom streets surrounded by the relics of her early life, with the day which marked the beginning of another year of earth shed its sunlight and the fragrance of the vintage season auspiciously about her. Time has indeed dealt kindly with the venerable woman. Hearing may be slightly impaired, but memory and every other faculty of the mind is keen and in conversation it is difficult to realize that one is facing a person of four score years and ten.

Mrs. Russell is one of two granddaughters of General William Montgomery who still survive, the other one being Mrs. Caroline Haseltine of Youngstown, Ohio. Of the more remote descendants of the founder of Danville there are a large number including not a few of the most prominent people of our own town.

Mrs. Russell is the daughter of Alexander Montgomery, a brother of Daniel Montgomery, for whom Danville was named. A daughter of Daniel Montgomery, Mary, became the wife of Dr. Magill. Another daughter married John C. Boyd. The children resulting from these two marriages, grandchildren of Daniel Montgomery for whom Danville was named, are R. D. and James Magill, Mrs. Hannah Shultz, Mrs. Mary Kline, James Boyd of Harrisburg, Joseph Boyd of Danville, and Mrs. William McClure of Columbia. The late D. M. Boyd of this city, whose widow and daughter, Miss Elsie, live in Danville, was also a son of John C. Boyd and grandson of Daniel Montgomery.

Mrs. Russell is a charming conversationalist and after imparting the above facts as to genealogy indulged in several pleasing bits of description of life as it existed here when she was young.

It was Mrs. Russell's father, Alexander Montgomery, who in 1820 built the brick residence below the site of the old farmhouses on Northumberland street, which for many years past has belonged to the proprietors of the Iron Works and occupied by the families of their superintendents. Mrs. Russell was born in a log house a short distance below the site of the present brick dwelling. Her father was owner of all the land reaching to the river and extending from Lever's Leap to Church street. The entire tract was under cultivation and cut up into fruitful fields.

Even at a much later period the only houses in Danville beside the Montgomery mansion at Mill and Bloom streets was a small number of houses clustering about the ridge of land in the vicinity of what is now the Mountour House. Mrs. Russell remembers when an index board stood where the weigh scales are at present located and she was told by the legend: "This way to Danville". The town then was not in sight from that point. Mill street was a country road and passed over a deep hollow, which the head of a man on horseback alone in view from the Montgomery home as he rode southward into Danville.

Mrs. Russell took occasion to correct the prevailing error that "Bald Top" as it is known now was from time immemorial destitute of trees. Time was when it was clothed with timber the same as other portions of Mountour Ridge. It was Mrs. Russell's father who denuded the mountain at that point of its timber.

He attempted to farm the mountain top but was soon glad to abandon the idea. It was easy enough to raise wheat or rye on Bald Top, but it baffled the farmer's skill to get the crop down from the mountain. One year's experience was all Mr. Montgomery wanted.

The fine old brick dwelling erected by Alexander Montgomery is remarkably well built and was a pretentious dwelling in its day. It is so except fire proof and none but kiln dried lumber was used in its construction. Mrs. Russell yesterday showed her visitors a roll of wall paper left over when the parlor was papered 84 years ago.

Mrs. Russell soon after her marriage, with her husband removed to Davenport, Iowa. The couple were among the pioneers of the town. They were the tenth family in the place. During their residence in Davenport they built a dwelling with a cellar, which was the first luxury of that kind known in Davenport.

After four years they returned to Danville. Mr. Russell departed this life some twenty years ago. Mrs. Russell happy in her old age continues to reside with her children in the old mansion built by her famous grandfather, which has been her home for nearly fifty years.

**Trolley Cars Have Arrived.**

The trolley cars for the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company, in these columns last week, passed through this city yesterday enroute to Bloomsburg.

The cars were taken to Bloomsburg purely as a matter of convenience, the plan being to unload them at that place onto the tracks of the Columbia and Mountour Street Railway Company and to bring them down over that line to the track of the Danville & Bloomsburg street railway at Fishing Creek. The cars will be brought to Danville on September 10th.

The "Bloomsburg Daily" of yesterday confirms the AMERICAN in its flattering description of the trolley cars. The "Daily" says:

The new trolleys for the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric railroad, arrived at the D. L. & W. station this morning. The cars are of a handsome design and are the finest in this section.

## WORK ON BRIDGE COMMENCED

The sub contractors who will build the piers and abutments of the new river bridge began work Tuesday. Only half a dozen men or so were employed during the forenoon, the work done being limited mostly to the removal of iron, &c., preparatory to the tearing down of the two spans of the old bridge remaining.

During an interview with Messrs. Barry and Leonard, two members of the contracting firm, Tuesday a representative of the AMERICAN was informed that the work on the bridge, if possible, from now on will proceed without any interruption. The plans of the contractors are somewhat disarranged through the non-arrival of the cranes, &c., which, it seems, have gone astray. These were shipped at Conneleville a week ago, but yesterday they were not known. A tracer was sent on their track and pending their arrival at Danville a limited number of men will be kept at work tearing down the old structure.

The contractors will build a trestle work carrying a double railroad track clear across the river just below the bridge, which will communicate with the Penny tracks by means of a switch. The proposition to build a switch intersecting the land of H. H. Vastine, Hoover Bros. and J. H. Kase has been abandoned and the switch will come in below the bridge, branching off from the siding below the cattle yard and intersecting the land of W. F. Gearhart.

Six big steam power derricks will be installed in the river to raise the material from the cars on the temporary trestling, which will be built some four feet above the water. In addition to the six steam derricks, the plant will contain a steam concrete mixer, which will be installed at the South side of the river. All the modern appliances will be employed and the work will proceed rapidly. There are 4,400 cubic yards in the contract and with the facilities at command 100 yards can be completed per day.

According to the terms of the contract Messrs. Caldwell, Barry and Leonard are required to have the southern abutment and the pier next to it completed in 40 days. By that time the King Bridge Company will come on with the iron work for the superstructure. By the time the first span is completed the sub-contractors will have other piers ready and thus the two departments of the work will advance at the same rate. By the first of December the sub-contractors will be off the ground. According to calculation the King Bridge Company with the iron work will be close upon the heels of the sub-contractors during the entire job and when the finishing touches are put upon the last pier and abutment the superstructure will be nearly completed. Thus it will be seen that prospects are fair for an early completion of the bridge.

**Preliminary Injunction Refused.**

A special session of court was held Saturday morning with Associate Dr. S. Y. Thompson on the bench for the purpose of hearing argument on the injunction prayed for by the Danville and Sunbury Street Railway Company restraining the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company, et al., from laying the tracks of that railway on certain streets in Danville.

The Danville and Sunbury Company was represented by Charles Chalfant, C. C. Yetter and W. Kase West. James Scarlett of this city and Grant Herring of Bloomsburg represented the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway. The applicants were provided with a bond of \$5000.

On opening the case Charles Chalfant requested the attorneys for the defendants to state with their consent. In responding Mr. Scarlett explained that he represented the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company, the Danville and River Side Street Railway Company, W. F. Pascoe, The Standard Construction Company, the Borough of Danville and all persons interested.

After hearing argument by the counsel the preliminary injunction was refused by the Court, the bill to remain without prejudice.

**Old Fair Grounds as a Farm.**

Liverman Erwin Hunter has this year raised four hundred bushels of oats on the old fair ground adjoining his park.

The crop was threshed out yesterday when the yield was determined as above stated. Mr. Moser with his steam threshing machine did the work very quickly, threshing just one hundred and twenty bushels of oats in one hour.

The oats were cut and shocked some days ago and the threshing was done directly from the field. The oats is only one of several good crops that Mr. Hunter this year has raised in the old fair grounds, which in point of productiveness is very admirably holding its own with the farms of the county.

**Plate Glass Broken.**

The large plate glass window of Leuger's drug store was broken by a stone which struck it during the fire Saturday night. The stone—or rather the mere fragment of one—picked up is said to have been hot, which has given rise to the theory that it came from the fire, where the heat probably caused an explosion.

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