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### CONDENSED NEWS.

Feels like fall.  
Scrapple is getting ripe.  
Lewistown fair this week.  
Chestnut burrs are opening.  
Chrysanthemums are in bloom.  
The straw hat is now a back number.  
These are glorious days. Make the most of them!  
The open-faced pumpkin pie has the field all to itself these days.  
Pennsylvania farmers who attend the St. Louis fair are ashamed of the agricultural exhibit of the Keystone state.  
Chestnut parties are being arranged for this week.  
There is still considerable heat in old Sol's rays.  
Potatoes are selling at twenty-five cents a bushel in Snyder county.  
The hills surrounding town are already taking on a beautiful tinge.  
Intending visitors to the Milton fair will note the improved train service arranged for their accommodation this year.  
Indian summer will be along before many days go by.  
The management of the Dallas fair, which opens next week, had advertised that each person who buys a ticket will be furnished with a coupon and requested to vote on whether beer shall be sold there next year or not.  
WANTED.—Special Representative in this county and adjoining territories, to represent and advertise an old established business house of solid financial standing. Salary \$21 weekly, with expenses advanced each Monday by check direct from headquarters. Horse and buggy furnished when necessary position permanent. Address Elbow Bros. & Co., Dept. A., Monon Bldg., Chicago, Ill.  
The Great Bloomsburg fair October 11th to 14th. Very low rates on the Reading Railway. Special trains on Thursday and Friday.  
The loss to the tobacco crop in Lancaster county, this state, by the frost of Wednesday night, is placed at \$100,000.  
The mountains are donning their autumn hues.  
The cabbage crop assures the winter supply of sauer kraut.  
This is the most delightful season for a drive in the country.  
Big pumpkins are getting their weight in the paper nowadays.  
September has been earning many good marks in the weather line.  
Rabbi Solomon Rosenberg will deliver a sermon on "The Immortality of the Soul" at B'nai Zion synagogue, Friday evening. All interested are invited to attend.  
Corn cutting bees are buzzing throughout the country districts.  
It is generally agreed that in several Pennsylvania towns the weather was cool last week. This extremely important fact having been established the campaign for the election of a President of the United States may proceed.

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## THIS ELK WAS FEROCIOUS

The unusual proceeding of deborning a bull elk caused a great deal of excitement at Hon. Alex. Billmeyer's farm near Washingtonville yesterday morning.

For a number of years this herd of elk, consisting of 12 cows and two bulls, has been a great attraction at the Billmeyer park and thousands of people have been attracted to the place to see the animals.

The elk deborned yesterday seemed determined to exterminate the herd. A week ago he killed a most promising two year old heifer which he chased into a fence corner and ran his antlers through its body.

On Tuesday the bull again became enraged and killed another fine specimen. The animal killed was valued at \$100 and in order to save the balance of the herd from extermination it was determined to cut off the antlers of the ferocious beast.

The operation was performed by Harry Billmeyer, assisted by six men, everyone of whom were needed. It was a most dangerous proceeding and before it could be accomplished the men were thrown around the pen like so many straws all of them sustaining slight bruises.

The first thing done was to lasso the animal which was only accomplished after a hard battle. Three ropes were used to hold him down and the horns were taken away in pieces.

As soon as the operation was completed and the bull released he plunged into a creek running through the park and remained in the water over an hour. His spirit seemed entirely broken and he became as tame as any member of the herd.

The antlers of the elk are in great demand and it was with great reluctance that Mr. Billmeyer removed them. In the spring of the year the antlers fall off and new ones grow in their place.

The affair caused great excitement around the farm and the thrilling spectacle was witnessed by a large number of people. The antlers removed, while not full grown, weighed 22 pounds.

The paved portion of Mill street from Market to Mahoning street, was thrown open to travel on Saturday morning and the many drivers of vehicles were not slow to avail themselves of the privilege.

As evening approached the street became very dirty and much rubbish had accumulated. The small stones left on the street made driving inconvenient and proved a source of danger, not only to the horses but to the paving blocks as well.

Property owners are advised to fill in their pavements with gravel and not with small stones as they are apt to be swept into the street and prove an unsightly and dangerous obstruction.

Excavating was begun north of the D. L. & W. crossing on Saturday and good progress was made. Weather permitting the street will be finished as far as the crossing by next Saturday night.

## SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

At a regular meeting of the School Board held Monday eve it was decided to allow non-resident pupils who had secured boarding places in the Borough to attend the schools in the Ward in which they had taken up their residence.

It was the sense of the Board that the pupils who had moved into the town to attend school had established a residence and should be allowed this privilege.

The plan to district the surrounding country for the purpose of placing non-resident pupils in schools nearest their residence was abandoned until next term.

A communication from Miss Editha Weiss, instructor of music, was read in which Miss Weiss asked for an increase of salary, explaining the request by saying that additional duties had been placed upon her.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$888. The State appropriation had not as yet been received.

Clocks were ordered for several of the school rooms and a number of minor repairs were looked after. Those present at the meeting were Directors Harpell, Adams, Trumbower, Harpell, Parsel, Fischer, Werkeiser, VonBlohn, Greene and Orth.

The following bills were ordered paid: Teachers and Janitors, \$1733.00; Roberts & Meek, 337.40; Remington Type Writer Co., 74.00; W. H. Quinn, 1.00; Emery Shultz, 4.25; U. L. Gordy, 3.12; C. H. Schmidt, 97.08; Zinn Co., 47.21; Jas. Daily, .75; Montour Democrat, 17.50; American School Furn. Co., 29.40; A. F. Hartman, 4.75; O. B. Switzer, 1.50; D. C. Williams, .30.

Opera House Opens Tonight. The well known Murray & Mackey Company will open the season of 1904-05 at the Danville Opera House tonight.

The affair caused great excitement around the farm and the thrilling spectacle was witnessed by a large number of people. The antlers removed, while not full grown, weighed 22 pounds.

Alterations at the theatre are about completed. The new asbestos curtain has been hung and the scenery will be in position by tonight.

The new system of lighting the stage will add very much in the giving of theatrical performances. Quick changes can also be made between acts owing to the new plan of scenery and altogether productions can be given with more satisfaction, both to the audience and the players.

The play tonight will be "Blue Grass of Old Kentucky," a drama that has received the highest praise from press and public. High class vaudeville is introduced between the acts and the evening's entertainment will be most satisfactory.

At a regular meeting of the Washington Hose Company held Saturday evening, David Evans was elected as delegate to represent the "Washes" at the Silver Anniversary Convention of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association to be held at Erie, October 4th to 7th.

The company also decided to attend the convention in a body and will be accompanied by their drum corps. The company will by way of Philadelphia and Reading railway. The special train will leave at 5 a. m. The fare for the round trip is \$8.75 which includes the privilege of a stop over at Buffalo either going or coming.

Those desiring to accompany the firemen can do so by making application to Secretary William W. Davis who will supply them with a card entitling them to reduced rates.

## DANVILLE CITIZENS WANT GRADE CROSSING

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED IN FAVOR OF GRADE CROSSING ON MILL STREET— COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT COPY TO D. L. & W. OFFICIALS—A COPY WILL BE READ TO THE COURT ON FRIDAY—AUDIENCE ENTHUSIASTIC.

The announcement that the Board of Trade would hold a public meeting at the Court House last evening brought out an enormous crowd and long before the time set for the meeting Mill street was thronged with pedestrians from one end to the other.

WHEREAS, The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad now operating the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad, passing over Mill street in the Borough of Danville, objects to the crossing at grade of said Railway by the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Street Railway, and is seeking to prevent such crossing by injunction proceedings to compel the erection of an overhead crossing on Mill street.

WHEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of Trade of the Borough of Danville and citizens assembled, that the safety and welfare of the public require that such crossing should be at grade. That an over-head crossing would be far more dangerous to the public in its operation than a crossing at grade and that such a crossing will not be permitted by the Town Council of the Borough of Danville upon Mill street, such a requirement would prevent the operation of the said railway and deprive the community of its benefits both as a means of travel and as an agency to improve and increase the development and growth of the borough.

A motion by John Doster, Jr., which was warmly seconded by the audience, that the resolution be adopted and a copy forwarded to the D. L. & W. officials, was passed most heartily, everybody in the assemblage answering "aye" in response to the question.

Col. A. J. Frick made a motion that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a copy of the resolution to the officials of the D. L. & W. company. This was also passed unanimously.

The committee is composed of John H. Goesser, Thomas J. Price and James Foster. A letter has already been forwarded to E. M. Rine, Superintendent of the Bloomsburg Division, who is located at Scranton, requesting an audience for the Committee.

On motion of Col. A. J. Frick it was ordered that a copy of the resolution be presented to Council with a recommendation that it be delivered to the attorney representing the trolley company and read to the Court when the case is argued tomorrow.

On motion of T. J. Price a vote of thanks was tendered Stokess' band for their assistance in making the meeting a success.

President Goesser thanked the audience for its warm support and then adjourned the meeting.

No cause has ever been more enthusiastically supported by Danville citizens than the question of the grade crossing at Mill street. It would seem that after so general an expression in its favor that success is assured.

The sentiment in favor of the crossing is without dissension anywhere. Everybody wants it. The town's interests and progress depends upon it not a little and efforts to the untiring and persistent efforts of the citizens the right way to secure it can now be pursued with a promise of success.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

John Maloney of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday in this city.

John O. Evely and wife of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday in Danville.

John Hendrickson of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday with South Danville friends.

Frank Bergner spent Sunday with relatives at Nescopeck.

Miss Sue Martin spent Sunday with relatives in Bloomsburg.

Michael McHale and family spent Sunday with relatives in Pittston.

William James of Berwick, was in town over Sunday.

William Klase, Physical Director of the Shamokin Y. M. C. A., spent Sunday with his parents on Water street.

Mrs. J. L. Caldwell and two children of Trenton, N. J., are guests at the home of Harrison Kase, South Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Parsel of Milton, were guests over Sunday at the home of Hon. James Foster, Walnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. Parson Robinson of Bloomsburg, were guests over Sunday at the home of H. M. Yocum, South Danville.

Packer Hottenstein of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of A. F. Spitzer, Church street.

Austin Hartman of Berwick, spent Sunday in Danville.

James E. Brosnahan of Trenton, N. J., spent yesterday in South Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Grae of Philadelphia, left yesterday for Montgomery, after a few days visit in this city.

Mrs. Hugh Quick of Rupert spent yesterday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Shultz, East Market street.

Maurice Gledaier of New York spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Doab, William Morgan of Shenandoah, visited friends in Danville yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Singer and children of Brookville, and Miss Myrtle E. Newell of Plainfield, are guests at the home of W. K. Davis, Valley township.

Fred Dash, a former employe at the State Hospital who for the past week has been a guest at the home of John B. McCoy, West Market street, left yesterday for Wilkesbarre.

Sunbury.

Mrs. Anthony Yocum and daughter, Mrs. George Dougherty, of White Deer, are visiting at the home of T. W. Bartholomew, East Front street.

Daniel B. Heddens and wife and Harry Hart and wife will attend the Lewistown fair today.

Fred M. Owen and Will G. Brown will enjoy an automobile ride to the Lewistown fair today.

Miss Maggie Hixson is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

M. V. Marks transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.

E. V. Stroh was a Sunbury visitor yesterday.

Mrs. William D. Nields of Shamokin, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Spitzer, Church street.

Miss Mairie Bryan, Cross Keys Place, has returned from a visit to New York.

Miss Cora Shaffer of Trenton, N. J., is the guest of Mrs. Henry Kramer, Wall street.

Mrs. William C. Davis has returned to Berwick after a visit with relatives in this city.

Arthur M. Peters was in Shamokin on business yesterday.

## OLD RESIDENT DROPS DEAD

William F. Gearhart of South Danville, dropped dead on Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. He had just come across the river in a row boat and walked up from the ferry landing to the residence of Samuel Arms on Water street, where he stopped to rest.

Before a chair could be offered him he dropped over and expired. Death was caused by heart failure.

There was probably no man in this vicinity more generally known than William Gearhart. His friends in both Northumberland and Montour counties were legion. He was a familiar figure on both sides of the river and though never a resident of Danville his interest and loyalty to the town endeared him to its people.

Mr. Gearhart, though 81 years of age, maintained a vigor of mind and body that was truly remarkable. He was conversant on all political affairs whether national, state or county and kept in touch with all topics of the times until the day of his death.

On Friday night he had the papers read to him and seemed to be in his usual good health. On leaving the house Saturday morning he uttered no complaint and it was not until he had alighted that weakness overtook him.

Mr. Gearhart was a son of the late Harmon Gearhart and with a surviving sister, Miss Hannah L. Gearhart, was the last of a family of twelve children. He was born in the house where his last days were spent. The dwelling was built by his grandfather Captain Jacob Gearhart, a soldier in the Revolutionary War and one of the earliest settlers in this vicinity.

In 1892 William Gearhart went to California, remaining there until 1898. His experiences during this time were varied and he made and lost a fortune in the gold fields. While at Virginia City, Nevada, Mr. Gearhart became acquainted with Samuel L. Clemens known in the book world as Mark Twain and his reminiscences of the man were very interesting.

On returning home Mr. Gearhart laid out the town of South Danville which is located on what was formerly the Gearhart farm. It consisted of about 70 acres and was cut up into building lots, in the sale of which Mr. Gearhart acted as attorney in fact for the Harmon Gearhart heirs.

The deceased was a consistent member of Trinity M. E. church and always maintained a warm interest in church work. He was a liberal patron at all affairs given for church or other benevolent purposes and was wont to lend assistance. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and was a prominent figure at the Northumberland county conventions.

The funeral of William F. Gearhart, who died suddenly last Saturday morning, was held from the Gearhart home, South Danville, Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

The obsequies were attended by a large number of people representing both sides of the river. Mr. Gearhart was a man who possessed many friends and all who could possibly do so showed their respect for the deceased by attending the last sad rites.

The Rev. N. E. Cleaver of Trinity M. E. church, this city, officiated at the services. He was assisted by the Rev. E. T. Swartz of St. Peter's church, Riverside.

The pall bearers were Harrison Kase, J. B. Laidacker, W. R. Clark, C. S. Smith, Olive Hoover and Peter Berger. A male quartette from the Trinity M. E. church rendered three selections most feelingly. Interment was made in Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Among those present from a distance were George D. Gearhart of Philadelphia, Mrs. Marr Oberdorf and Mrs. Mettler of Klingsgrove and William McDevitt of Sunbury.

This Line Up Should Make Good Showing. The "Old Timers" basketball team have organized for the season of 1904-05 and judging from the players that are named in the line up, should make an excellent showing.

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## SEPTEMBER TERM OF COURT

Court convened Monday morning at ten o'clock with President Judge R. K. Little and Associates Dr. S. Y. Thompson and Frank G. Blee on the bench.

George W. Miles was sworn as foreman of the grand jury. That body retired to its room at 10:30 o'clock and later returned a true bill against B. F. Hulsizer for assault and battery. An indictment of larceny was also found against Hulsizer.

James Connelly and D. A. Steffin were appointed tipsters to wait upon the Court and G. W. Bennett to wait upon the grand jury.

A nol pross was allowed in the cases of Commonwealth vs. Alfred Blecher, Commonwealth vs. Fred Ryan and Commonwealth vs. Mabel Runyan.

A divorce was granted Lucy J. Featherman against Elwood J. Featherman.

November 4th was appointed by the Court as a special time for the hearing of Civil cases.

J. C. Heddens was appointed guardian of budless Heddens, the bond being fixed at \$300.

Court adjourned at three o'clock in the afternoon to convene again in the morning at 10 o'clock. The traverse jury will report for duty at this session.

The first case to be tried will be that of Commonwealth vs. Harry Davis who at the last term of court was indicted by the grand jury with assault and battery and an attempt to ravish.

A number of other cases were before the grand jury yesterday afternoon and the returns will be made this morning.

Court convened at ten o'clock Tuesday morning and before four o'clock in the afternoon had nearly finished all business for the September term. The reading of the judgment docket and the hearing of a few minor returns will be attended to in a short session to be held this afternoon.

The Grand Jury was discharged at 8 o'clock in the afternoon after having found true bills in the cases of Commonwealth vs. William Frantz, charged with desertion, Commonwealth vs. William Owen on a charge of false pretenses and Commonwealth vs. Fred Wolf. These cases were continued until the December term.

Before retiring the Grand Jury made the following report: "The Grand Jury report as follows: The jail buildings and grounds are in a neat condition. The dining room needs padding, also one half dozen curtains needed. Court House and grounds in a generally good condition. Two chimneys were found in need of repairs. The ceiling in the Grand Jury room is in need of painting.

GEORGE W. MILES, Foreman  
B. L. DIEHL, Sec'y.  
B. F. Hulsizer who was indicted for assault and battery and petty larceny pleaded guilty when brought before the Court yesterday morning.

Hulsizer, while in a drunken frenzy had entered Thomas Tully's hotel in the Third Ward and purloined a bottle of whiskey at the same time assaulting Mr. Tully and badly bruising him.

The Court after a severe admonition sentenced him to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of fifty dollars and sixty days confinement in the county jail, the defendant to stand committed until sentence is complied with.

The rest of the session was taken up with the case of Commonwealth vs. Harry Davis charged with assault and battery with an attempt to ravish. The prosecutrix was Mrs. Ida M. Carl who testified that the assault took place on the "Dug Road" leading to "Bald Top" on the 18th of last May.

Many witnesses were heard on both sides. Hon. H. M. Hinckley, who represented the defendant, made an eloquent address as did also District Attorney Ralph Kiser.

The jury, which was made up of T. J. Rogers, E. F. Williams, Joseph Sherwood, T. W. Bennett, Samuel Elliott, William Thomas, Clarence Cleaver, Charles Robinson, William Lawrence, Elijah Bell, M. W. Hartman and C. M. Childs, retired at 3:45 p. m.

The jury had not agreed upon a verdict until after his honor, Judge Little had returned to Bloomsburg. The sealed document will be opened at this afternoon's session.

Police Making Many Arrests. The police are determined to break up the carousing and lawlessness that is prevalent on Mill street in the evening, especially on a party night. Repeated warnings have been given the offenders all of which seems to have no effect.