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The Annapolis Naval Academy football team gave Princeton a severe jolt by defeating them at Annapolis on Saturday 10 to 9.

A young man from Shamokin, driving to the Bloomsburg fair on Friday, had the misfortune to break his buggy in the middle of the creek at Catawissa, so in order to get to the shore he mounted his horse's back and had to procure another wagon to get his buggy out of the creek.

The story that General Superintendent Dice, of the Reading Company, is to assume the same position with the Lake Shore line, and that Superintendent Turk, of the Shamokin division, is to be transferred to the Jersey Central Railroad, is officially denied.

Warmer weather.
Hutching will soon be the rage.
The earliest crop is reported to be fully ripe.

The weather man is now making himself solid with the people.
The residence of Dr. Paulus at Ferry and Bloom streets, is being improved by a new coat of paint.

Somebody should invent a loadless gun for the use of the amateur hunter.

Walk all you can this season of the year. The air is bracing and the exercise is worth tons of medicine.

Michael Powers, who is in the nineties, being one of Danville's oldest citizens, on Sunday enjoyed his first trolley ride, taking it then on the new Danville & Bloomsburg line.

While hunting on Saturday in the vicinity of Frosty Valley, Harry Ritter and John Girton succeeded in bagging seven fine gray squirrels.

Miss Bertha Galland, the young actress who is starring in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," was married in Ashland.

It would be well for preparations for Christmas shopping to begin. That is for the families to open a new check book.

A deal for the Forepaugh & Sells Brothers' Shows has been closed by A. G. Fields, the minstrel, delivery to be made November 23rd at Columbus, Ohio.

No, this is not Indian Summer! We first have Squaw Winter, about the first or second week of November, then after the leaves are all off the trees and there comes a reaction from the snow signals and cold weather of Squaw Winter, we have our Indian Summer.

Now that the hunting season is on, the duties of the game wardens will be no sinecure.

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FIRE DESTROYS HOSPITAL BARN

A fire of unknown origin swept over the State Insane Hospital property yesterday afternoon and left a wake of ruthless destruction, consuming a costly cattle barn, the largest on the farm, in which machinery and crops were up in smoke and steers that could not be rescued were incinerated. The loss is roughly estimated at \$20,000 but may exceed that amount and to offset it there is \$15,800 insurance.

At about 3:30 o'clock boys named Shultz and Beagle, working on the place, discovered the fire and gave the alarm. J. O. Warner, the man in charge of the hospital farm, hastened for the hospital house and states that whereas only a little smoke was issuing from the structure then the entire barn was a seething, roaring mass of fierce flames when he returned. The scene was one of intense excitement, frightened cattle lowing and stamping and terrified dogs shrilly squealing. The mild patients who were working in the fields came rushing in to the fire in droves, but were looked after and occasioned no disorder.

The flames first appeared on the south side of the barn and when that was eaten through they greedily licked up part after part of the big structure, sending volumes of sparks skyward, but fortunately not where they seriously endangered other property, there being no wind to whirl them on the main hospital buildings. The men connected with the hospital were quick to begin battling with the fiery element, and being familiar with the location of the fire hose and apparatus did good work. The Second and Third Ward Danville companies responded to an alarm and worked with excellent effect, but of course the inflammable nature of the contents of the barn made any attempt to quench the furious flames folly. All that could be done was to play streams on the numerous surrounding buildings. This was done and they were saved. The horse stable roof was kept drenched and a store building was kept wet. The buildings adjoining the cattle barn, however, were damaged, but even so steers that are all doing well. Six streams of water from the Hospital reservoir were played on the fire.

Henry M. Schoch, a trustee of the Hospital, had been at the main building and was just driving away when the fire broke out. He assisted in driving the cattle from the building. Officials and everyone about the place lent willing hands to do everything they could to keep the disaster within the smallest confines possible. The cows were in an enclosure near the barn and were safe, although terrified. Six steers were in the flaming structure and only two of them could be rescued, the others perishing.

The fire was an unconquerable one and beam after beam weakened, tottered and fell as the flames gained headway until at 4:45 o'clock the big stack of hay and grain in the left and the surrounding timbers crashed in, the whole structure collapsing. As it did so great clouds of densely black smoke rolled up. The heat during the progress of the fire was so intense as to keep the hundreds of persons who gathered on the grounds at a safe distance from the burning structure. The corn crib and contents were the first part of the building to go. Eventually the flames attacked and damaged the ice house and slaughter house. The new silo, with a capacity of 150 tons, which was just finished this summer, costing \$500, was destroyed. It had been filled not more than two weeks ago with the product of two fields of corn.

DROWNED AT WASHINGTONVILLE

Samuel Henderson for the past fifteen years employed in the care of Hon. Alexander Billmeyer's deer park at Washingtonville, was accidentally drowned about 5 o'clock Tuesday evening. He had been sent to what is known as the "lower meadow" after the cows and to reach it had to cross a creek, passing over a log that spanned it. Falling into the water, nine feet deep at that point, he must have struggled helplessly until death overcame him, being unable to swim and there being no one near to rescue him.

Harry Billmeyer saw the cows returning without Henderson and surmised that something was wrong. An investigation resulted in the finding of the man's lifeless body floating on the surface of the water. His person bore no marks of violence and his clothes even were not disarranged, so it was evident that he must have lost his balance and plunged from the log into the stream.

Before going to work for Mr. Billmeyer, Mr. Henderson was employed in this city by Mrs. A. A. Geisinger, as a gardener.

The only relatives who survive him are a sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Branch, of Burlington, N. J., and a brother, William Henderson, who lives in England. The deceased was born in England and was sixty-eight years old.

Death of Mrs. Edward Corman.
No. of the death of Mrs. Sallie Corman, wife of Water Commissioner Edward Corman, will be sadly remembered by the many friends of the deceased. She passed away at her home on East Market street Sunday morning.

INSTITUTE OF TEACHERS

C. W. Derr, the Montour County Superintendent of Schools, and City Superintendent Gordy, of the Danville schools, are perfecting arrangements for the approaching annual Teachers' Institute that is to be held in this city in November. The institute usually comes in the week following Thanksgiving, which this year falls on November 24, and in consequence will open on Monday, November 28, continuing throughout the week.

An effort is being made to secure thoroughly competent instructors to give the institute the highest possible standard of work. Several prominent men have already been engaged, including James M. Coughlin, of Wilkes-Barre and Professor Wilbur, of the Bloomsburg Normal. A lady from a Boston training school probably will be here and one or two other leading educators may come to Danville for a day or so during the institute.

The schools of this city, have an efficient force of teachers, numbering thirty-one in all. These teachers will all be on hand at the institute ready themselves to be taught. The annual gatherings of this kind are always highly profitable, as those who attend get new ideas and learn the approved modern methods of successful instruction. When all arrangements are made for the sessions to be held next month and the program is completed in detail it will call for a very interesting line of work.

Plunged Into River.
J. T. Hoaly, 35 years old, of this city, the superintendent of line work for the United Telephone and Telegraph company, yesterday morning at Sunbury plunged from a bridge into the river and sustained injuries that necessitated his removal to the Mary Packer Hospital.

Mr. Hoaly was assisting in putting a line over the river at the Reading railroad bridge and was working on a small platform on the outside of the bridge. The breaking of a bolt in the platform precipitated him upon a pile of stones near the base of a pier that was out of the water. He was whirled off the stones into the river and was rescued by W. C. Grady, a Lewisburg lineman, who went to his assistance with a boat.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Paul D. Lohr and D. Edward Bogard of Berwick, spent Sunday in Danville.

Attorney Harry Bare of Buffalo, New York, spent Sunday with his parents on Lower Malberry street.

Mrs. Sanna Kemp and two daughters, Misses Lizzie and Mahel, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday at the home of W. H. Wraut, East Mahoning street.

Misses Jennie and Pauline Waite spent Sunday with friends near Bloomsburg.

S. M. Field, of South Danville, spent Sunday with his family near Wilkes-Barre.

GOOD USE OF APPROPRIATION

With about a dozen men engaged on the protecting wall at the Water Works the progress of operations is rapid. The wall has risen over half of the entire height, but is not laid to the full length yet. So far as it has gone it shows up well and it promises to be a good, solid pile of masonry and at the same time an improvement in the way of the appearance of the river bank.

Superintendent Koefler's ferry from the third bridge pier to the shore is a new feature of this work and is proving an unqualified success. It is the regulation cable ferry, but is of Mr. Koefler's own construction. The flat is a small one, but it carries a good-sized load of stone, taken from the third pier, every time it goes to shore. A horse power derrick has been placed in operation, too, over the new wall to raise wheelbarrows loaded with dirt. The dirt is taken from a bar in the river and is used to fill in back of the wall as fast as it rises.

It will be remembered that Council some time ago made an appropriation of \$1,000 to apply on the building of this wall. At the time the action was taken it was not thought that the money would go very far in the work, but the judicious manner in which the task is being done is a revelation. So far only a few loads of stone have had to be purchased. Now the stone is being taken from the river at a great saving and with the prospects of getting the whole job completed this fall and that, too, at an extremely reasonable cost. The wall has long been considered an absolute necessity. Its erection now under such favorable circumstances will please Danville's progressive people, bent on improvement in all lines.

City Clerk Harry Patton was kept busy yesterday serving the twenty-day pavement notices on the Mill street property owners. The notices were served on property holders only as far as the D. L. & W. tracks, as it is intended to hold the others back until the street paving has progressed to a point beyond Bloom street.

In nearly every case the notices were well received, the property owners showing the utmost willingness to put their sidewalks in good order. In several cases the improvements were begun yesterday. The walk in front of the Montour House was being lengthened at one end so as to reach to the curbing. At the Opera House Block the old curbing was removed and crushed under placed in the space between the flagstone walk and the new curb, as a temporary arrangement to last until spring.

STRONG ARGUMENT IN INJUNCTION CASES

In an all day session of court Friday the argument on the D. L. & W. railroad and Danville and Bloomsburg trolley injunction cases was made and the spirited contests of the opposing attorneys were followed with interest by the crowd that filled the court room. At 5:15 p. m. the afternoon session ended and court adjourned.

It now remains only for Judge Little to weigh the merits of either side and as soon as he does so his decision will of course be filed.

Judge Little convened court at about 10 a. m. and the argument for the railroad company's side was opened by Attorney Hinckley, who said the bills of the case were filed under the act of 1871, providing that the mode of crossing any railroad shall be such as will work least damage to the road to be crossed. He cited other acts and numerous decisions and urged as the duty of this court the determination of the possibility of avoiding a grade crossing at Mill street. He argued that the least damage to the railroad and the greater safety of the people would result from discouraging grade crossings. Giving several Supreme Court decisions against grade crossings, he said cost and difficulties encountered in abolishing grade crossings are in the balance against life, limb and it is the policy of this state to prevent the increase of grade crossings.

Mr. Hinckley then maintained that no local sentiment may be considered, even where the welfare of the public is at stake and informed the court that no light objections or excuses may be regarded, the citations showing that grade crossings are to be abolished except in cases of imperious necessity. Here he stated that the D. L. & W. is not at all bound by the borough ordinance giving the trolley company right of way and requiring the laying of the tracks at the accepted grade only and he further asserted that the jurisdiction of the court is not affected by action of municipalities, claiming that if so the street railways and Councilmanic bodies might reach agreements and defeat the purpose of the act of 1871.

Decisions intended to show that telephone and telegraph companies may not interfere with public travel were next offered. Mr. Hinckley contended that it can not be proven that it is impossible to interfere with electric poles and even if so claimed that the trolley company is at fault in having chosen such a route. He further alleged that damage to property that may result from constructing an overhead crossing is an element that does not enter into the consideration of the court. Next he stated that the present dangerous nature of the crossing with only 14 trains a day is not to be passed upon, but the court must allow for the future. The claim of the danger of a seven per cent. grade overhead incline being greater than a grade crossing he said could be refuted by Supreme Court opinions. He then opposed his judgment against that of Engineer Pascoe, who testified that safety devices make grade crossings safe. After referring to the manner in which the trolley people crossed the D. L. & W. tracks, he concluded by asking for the injunction against the D. L. & W. to be dissolved and that against the trolley company to be made permanent.

THE Y. M. C. A. ANNIVERSARY

St. Paul's M. E. and the Mahoning Presbyterian churches were filled with large congregations Sunday eve when the Young Men's Christian Association Anniversary services were held. Several of the city churches were closed to allow their people to attend the services at either church above named.

At St. Paul's church B. W. Musselman presided and at the Mahoning Presbyterian James B. Watson was in charge of the interesting service. Following the organ voluntary in each church the opening prayer was made by the Rev. E. J. Swartz in the Methodist and the Rev. M. L. Shindel in the Presbyterian. The Rev. W. C. McCormack and the Rev. N. E. Cleaver respectively, read the scriptures in the churches and O. R. Schilling and William D. Laumaster read the President's and Secretary's and the Ladies' Auxiliary reports, first presenting the combined report of President and Secretary.

The report began with a review of the facts of the organization of the Young Men's Christian Association by George Williams, a London, England, clerk, in 1844 and dealt with the growth to over 300,000 members, with property investments of \$20,000,000 in their buildings and running expenses of \$3,000,000 annually. In a general way it then told of the world-wide extent of the work and described what the Association does for young men in giving them home influences, combined with entertainment, physical, mental and moral instruction and development.

In the educational classes there are 30,000 men and boys enrolled in the United States alone. The Y. M. C. A. now has branches in colleges and schools with a membership of over 50,000. The boys are receiving needed attention and over 90,000 of them belong to the Association, while over 60,000 railroad men also are members of the Y. M. C. A.

At this point the report takes up the local end of the work and is given here in full:
The work of the Danville Association has been fairly prosperous during the past year, and we feel that good has been accomplished, but we are not wholly satisfied with the results. We wish that greater interest had been manifested in the various departments of work, and that more members had been secured. We trust that greater things may be brought to pass during the coming year. For this we will work and pray.
Our building is one of the finest in the state, and is well adapted to the work. All the rooms throughout are neatly furnished, well-lighted and comfortable. The reading room is supplied with first-class periodicals and newspapers, and the game room contains various interesting games for amusement of young men. All the furniture has been brightened up, and the gymnasium and bath rooms newly painted and furnished with several new pieces of apparatus.
The Sunday afternoon Men's Meeting, the Sunday morning Men's Bible Class, and the Monday evening Bible Class for ladies and gentlemen, were well attended during the year.
The Thomas Beaver Boys' Bible Class still continues popular with the boys, and is one of the most encouraging departments of our work. The membership for the past year was 4250.
In the gymnasium, the past season showed the largest and most interesting classes in the history of the Association, and with our present equipment, it is hoped that during the coming season many will avail themselves of the advantages offered for physical development.
The Committee and Board of Directors were attentive to the duties assigned them, and through their efforts, much good work was accomplished.
The Star Course of Entertainments given in the Opera House was made up of the best talent obtainable, but for some reason or other was not a financial success. This year it has been decided by the Directors that the course will be omitted.
The social side of the work received its share of attention, and from time to time, during the year, a number of social gatherings were given for the pleasure and profit of members.
One of the valuable features of Association membership, is that young men leaving home with a Y. M. C. A. ticket are accorded all privileges in Associations in other cities. This is a privilege of great value, and will be appreciated more fully when young men are away from home.
One of our present needs, in order that the work may be properly carried on, is a larger number of subscribers and more young men and boys who will enroll as members of the Association. If renewed interest on the part of the people is shown, the work of the coming year will be greatly facilitated in every way.
We take the position that the work is needed in Danville, and that the citizens desire to see it go forward. We also assume that the good accomplished is appreciated and understood, and for these reasons we take courage and will labor more earnestly for the accomplishment of greater good for young men.
We would not be unmindful of this time of the many valuable favors rendered to our Association by both clergy and the press; also by many private individuals, who have assisted

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