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CONDENSED NEWS.

December.  
Christmas month  
Now for Christmas.  
A cold wave is due today.  
Overcoats and heavy wraps will be  
in demand today.  
Now that Thanksgiving is behind us,  
the rush of holiday trade will set in.  
Barbers are getting their share of  
the foot ball profits now.  
So far it has been drawing lightly  
on the coal pile.

Permanent public improvements  
guarantee a steady growth of any city.  
Georgia has held the lead in the  
production of peaches for the eastern  
market since 1902, and for years to  
come is likely to be the leading peach  
state in the union. She has over 7-  
600,000 trees. The supremacy was  
wrested from Maryland.

The St. Louis Exposition has proved  
that the inventions and discoveries  
which are doing most to change the  
world are radium, the submarine boat,  
wireless telegraphy, the aeroplane,  
the automobile, and the gas producer—a  
simple machine to replace coal for  
manufacturing uses.

The hog leaves the farm for 5 cents  
a pound and comes back as bacon at 18  
cents. This proves that he is not the  
only hog in the trip.

We have the sites, the advantages,  
the railroads, the facilities. Give us  
more industries.

The women who are advocating the  
abolition of Santa Claus never had  
any little ones of their own.

It is believed that some of the amateur  
hunters are responsible for the  
disastrous forest fires this fall.

Now the man who sells coal will get  
weather that is to his liking.

The foot ball casualties for this season  
have been somewhat above the average.

Lester Dreese of Paintersville, is  
temporarily employed as an operator  
at the South Danville depot.

There is a distinct and noticeable  
apathy among the hen fraternity. Few  
of them are working and none of them  
appear to be looking for employment.  
Vacation days are not over with them.  
Result: eggs are scarce and high in price.

The World's Fair shutters are now  
being hung up.  
Now for the holiday rush of trade.

The American hen once more mani-  
fests her ability to reduce the family  
savings.

The stores of Danville are putting on  
a decided Christmas appearance.  
We are prepared to believe the drought  
in the South has assumed alarming  
proportions when we read that Ken-  
tuckians are praying for rain.

By falling from the top of a derrick  
thirty feet high at Reading, Howard  
Haviland, son of P. C. Haviland, residing  
at Sunbury, sustained injuries  
which caused his death.

The Leuten season will be ushered  
in on February 17th, a trifle earlier  
than last year. It will close on Easter  
Sunday, April 30th. Palm Sunday will  
occur on March 27th, and Good Fri-  
day on April 1st. The Advent season  
commenced Sunday.

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TROUBLE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

The School Board which held a regular meeting Monday eve was confronted by a most serious problem. A committee composed of Messrs. Pursel, Fischer, Orth and Adams, which was appointed to look into grievances brought up by a majority of the graduating class against the faculty presented their report sustaining the teachers.

The grievances as presented to the Board were taken from the fact that the faculty had departed from precedent and taken upon themselves the conferring of the class honors or choosing those who would speak on the night of commencement. The class numbers 23 and it was decided to allow but eight to speak. The eight to be chosen were those whose average report was the highest.

To this majority of the class objected stating that owing to unequal conditions they would have no chance. This condition arose from an unfairness in the demerit system, which several of the directors seem to think has been abolished.

The committee after hearing the testimony stood with the faculty, but upon presenting the report to the Board, the Chairman asked that his name be withdrawn as he believed he had acted unwisely in concurring with the action of the balance of the committee in so broad a manner.

This led up to the fact that a very bitter factional fight is being waged in the High School room and that not only is the graduating class divided on many questions but that the whole school has taken up the issue.

It was a condition of affairs that brought to light many serious things and the Board faced the question of either sustaining the faculty or depriving the class of its rights. It was the opinion of some members that the faculty erred in settling so serious a matter without consulting the School Board and the first vote taken was against accepting the committee's report.

Not wishing, however, to disrupt the discipline and act directly against the faculty in the matter the motion was after lengthy argument rescinded and the report was accepted with a amendment that there should be 12 speakers on commencement night instead of 8, which would give all a chance.

It was also decided though not voted on, that if the graduating class did not cease presenting this factional fight there would be no commencement and the leaders on each side should be expelled from the school.

The report of Tax Receiver Peters was heard relative to taxes for 1903. It showed \$176 uncollected on personal tax and \$133 on real estate. The cases being execorable the receiver was made exempt on the personal tax and on the real estate a portion was made exempt and a portion ordered entered against the properties.

The following directors were present: President Harpel, Messrs. Orth, Adams, Haring, Pursel, Greene, Werkheiser, Jacobs, Fischer, Burns and Trambower.

The following bills were ordered paid:  
H. R. Edmondson ..... \$40.00  
William Quigg ..... 7.45  
H. G. Mower ..... 2.29  
J. L. Frame ..... 4.43  
Remington Type Writing Co. .... 2.40  
Cathira Co. .... 33.90  
James Daily ..... .75  
Emery Shultz ..... 1.00  
Borough of Danville ..... 57.50  
S. A. McCoy ..... 18.00  
Thomas G. Vincent ..... 27.50  
W. H. Amersman ..... 39.50  
John W. Farnsworth ..... 47.50  
Edward Gorman ..... 59.00

More Men Needed.  
No matter who is responsible for the slow progress on the iron work at the bridge it certainly does not seem to be Superintendent Galen Morgan, who is doing everything he possibly can to hurry the work along.

Mr. Morgan has to serve at two places and when not on the bridge is at the siding directing the unloading of the iron. The work at the siding should be done by a foreman with the ability to unload and send the proper pieces to the bridge from the plans and specifications.

Each day there are rumors of more help, but the men do not materialize. Skilled mechanics are necessary on this work and there are few bridge builders in this vicinity who can be obtained.

The iron work was a month behind at best. Caldwell, Barry & Leonard, contracted to have one abutment and one pier ready by October 15th. At that time they had two piers finished. The iron work could have easily been started October 15th and that it was not done is an unfortunate thing for the people on both sides of the river.

Bishop Manning of New York.  
The Episcopal Convention at Lancaster adjourned last night at 6 o'clock. The election of the Bishop took place late in the afternoon, the Rev. Dr. W. T. Manning of New York being elected on the 9th ballot. The new diocese was named the "Diocese of Harrisburg," and the Bishop's salary fixed at \$4,000, with an allowance of \$500 for rent. He will reside at Harrisburg, and has the permission of selecting his home church. In Harrisburg St. Stephen's Episcopal church is one of the oldest in the new diocese. St. Paul's is also a flourishing congregation.

SUSPECTED OF FORGING CHECKS

A man giving his name as Jesse Rumble, and his place of residence Catawissa, was arrested in this place Tuesday morning shortly before noon. He was taken into custody by Chief of Police Mincomeyer and Officer Voris at Tidel's hotel for attempting to secure money on checks that are thought to have been forged.

The name Rumble seems to fit the individual who bears it perfectly. His appearance and general make-up indicates him a rambler from away back. Soiled and ragged clothes, dirty face and hands, uncombed hair and ill features are prima facie evidence of the characteristics of the man. It is doubtful if he and soap and water enjoy so much as a passing acquaintance. When placed under arrest he put up a stubborn resistance while enroute to the office of Squire V. V. Oglesby. At the latter place he was searched and the checks he had attempted to pass found upon his person. There are four of them. One is on the Bloomsburg Farmers National Bank for \$5. It is made payable to Jesse Rumble, and bears what is alleged to be the signature of Harvey Hesse. The bank in question has no depositor by the name of Harvey Hesse, according to a telephone message from the cashier of the institution shortly after the arrest of Rumble.

All the other checks are on the First National Bank of Bloomsburg. They purport to be drawn by a man named Jacob Rhoades and signed by the same party. Two are for \$5 each and the other for \$10. The First National Bank has a depositor by the name of the person in whose favor the checks are drawn and signed, but he spells it Rhoades and not Rhoades.

In attempting to pass the alleged bogus checks, Rumble makes no denial. He admits to having called on several merchants in town for that purpose. Among these were Edward Fallon and Elmer Peters. There were others, but Rumble was turned down wherever he went.

Falling in his purpose to swindle merchants Rumble adopted another scheme. He called on Harry Ellenbogen, the clothier, and requested the latter to go with him to a bank for the purpose of identifying him, so he could get a check cashed.

"Why," said Mr. Ellenbogen, "I don't know you; never saw you before to the best of my recollection."  
"That's funny," replied Rumble. "Why, I have bought all my clothes from you for years." As the suit he had on looked as though it was suspended to a telephone pole, caused his remark to be anything but complimentary to Mr. Ellenbogen when the matter of fitting custom-made clothes is taken into consideration.

Rumble was held on suspicion of having forged the checks he attempted to pass. He was taken to the lock-up, but when the officers succeeded in getting him inside of the calaboose, he put up another stiff fight. He was finally forced through the door and the latter secured. Then he commenced an assault upon the structure, and fearing that he would finally break it down and make his escape, he was removed to the county jail to await further developments in the case. If sufficient evidence can be secured to implicate him as the forger of the checks, he will be held for trial, otherwise he will be released.

After being removed to jail Squire Oglesby learned by telephone that Rumble had on Monday succeeded in getting two checks cashed by the First National Bank at Bloomsburg. Both were drawn in favor of and signed by Jacob Rhoades.

Besides the checks found in Rumble's possession two ardent love letters were resurrected. One to a girl he fondly addressed as "Sweet Madie" and follows it up with a list of endearing terms that shows that he is hit hard in the region of the heart. The other is from "Sweet Madie" and she reveals that her affections are as strong, if not stronger, for Rumble as his for her. She closes her epistle in these words:

"Don't think hard of me because I failed to meet you in Danville as I promised. Good bye, my honey, good bye. I enclose a hundred kisses to my only true love and honey."

Jesse Rumble, the Catawissa man taken into custody Tuesday morning, for having attempted to pass bogus checks, and subsequently committed to jail to await a further investigation of his case, was released Wednesday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock.

The Danville officials having nothing upon which to hold him, and the bank at Catawissa preferring to lose the amount he secured there on an alleged forged check rather than to appear against him, there was no way out of it but to let him go.

While Jesse has never before figured in police circles in this place, he is quite well known around Bloomsburg and Catawissa, having been on trial in the Columbia county courts.

Illegal Car Rider Arrested.  
Arthur Reedy, of this city, was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Constable and Iron Policemen Parsley and Simmers for illegal car riding on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

At the hearing, held before Justice of the Peace Oglesby, the offender was sentenced to ten days in the county jail. Later the sentence was commuted upon the payment of the fines and costs.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE

The thirty-ninth annual Teachers' Institute of Montour County convened shortly after 2 o'clock by County Superintendent Charles W. Derr. The Rev. J. E. Hatchison read the 27th Psalm and offered up an appropriate prayer. After Superintendent Derr's announcements, several songs were rendered under the direction of D. N. Dieffenbacher.

After the singing Miss Gertrude Edmund, principal of the Lowell Training School for Teachers, was introduced to the Institute as the speaker of the afternoon. Miss Edmund in addition to her teachers training school work, is principal of a school of a thousand pupils ranging in years from the kindergarten to the high school. Her career has been most varied. She has taught in the country school, and in public schools from the kindergarten to the high school; so that with the experience gathered from so many different educational institutions she is particularly well fitted to speak to gatherings of this kind. Miss Edmund combines with these acquired attributes, the natural quality of concisely expressing her thoughts in the simplest diction. Her subject, "The Claims of the Children" was treated in a most interesting and instructive manner, and while her address was particularly adapted to the Institute, it would have been enjoyable and profitable to any audience.

Miss Edmund said that children should not be rushed to work beyond their years, or trained in any way beyond their age. There is a marked tendency at the present time to develop this evil, to imbue into the minds of children the ways of older people, and to make childhood a "lost art." It is a mistake to send children to a kindergarten before the age of six years, when they should be playing the games and enjoying the amusements of childhood, and building up a physically sound body that will better stand the trials of a mental training. The children who are kept out of the kindergarten until the age of six generally outstrip the ones whose schooling is started at an earlier age, for the reason that they have become physically stronger because of the outdoor exercise that the others have missed.

She also brought up the question of a more extensive practice of physical culture in the schools. More of both indoor and outdoor exercise was advocated. The brain does not act as a whole, but different portions have different functions, each muscle having its brain center. Therefore when the children exercise they develop not only the muscle, but the brain centers as well. Ploek and courage are developed in the games of childhood that better fit one to fight the battles of after-life.

Miss Edmund made a plea for the introduction of manual training into the lower grades. It is often the case that when a child is utterly incapable of book learning his intelligence can be quickened by giving him something to do with his hands. As soon as he learns to do something useful he gains in self-respect, which makes him happy and keeps him out of mischief. Manual training combines the development of the brain with the development of those powers which will enable him to earn his living. Miss Edmund does not consider a boy as cultured when he is thoroughly educated or having a good education, but she considers the education of a girl complete until she can bake bread, darn stockings and fit a dress, even though she can converse in French and play the piano. The country furnishes the intellectual basis of the city, and this is because of the manual training that country-bred men receive in their childhood and youth.

Each child must be studied individually by the teacher. Some children are "eyeminded," and learn easily what is placed before them in writing. Others are "ear-minded" and absorb more readily the things that are told them. The peculiar kind of training should be used that will appeal to the pupil's peculiar kind of imagination. Most minds are more richly endowed in one direction than in another. Great pains should be taken to discover this special bent in a pupil, and an effort made to train the child along the line of greatest strength in the broadest way.

TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.  
The Teachers' Institute of 1904 bids fair to go on record as the most valuable and agreeable session that has been held in recent years. The instruction rendered is certainly of a very high order, and, judging by the many expressions of appreciation and praise, it is highly regarded by the teachers attending.

Religious exercises were conducted yesterday morning by the Rev. G. E. Lumbert. The first service was occupied by Miss Gertrude Edmund who addressed the Institute on "Children's Literature." The speaker said that one of the main objects is to give to the child that which will enable him to educate himself as far as reading

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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

Arthur E. Robinson and Ferdinand D. Bare of Philadelphia, were guests at the home of J. P. Bare over Sunday.

William Klase of Shamokin, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Frank Engler, a musician in the 5th Regiment U. S. Cavalry, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Wyant, Mill street.

Mrs. James T. Gaskins and son of Baltimore and Mrs. Rebecca Cloud of Williamsport, are visiting at the home of Charles G. Cloud, East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Billmeyer and son Griffith spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James C. Heddens at the Heddens House.

Walter Marshall left yesterday for a trip to Muncy.

Joseph Lochner transacted business in Berwick yesterday.

William Fallon and son Edward spent yesterday with relatives in Carbondale.

Benjamin Harris transacted business in Shickshinny yesterday.

Miss Stella Sandel spent yesterday at Berwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wyant and daughters spent yesterday afternoon in Bloomsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Lane were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pannabaker, Liberty township, on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Bare returned to Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday after a visit at the home of J. P. Bare, Lower Mulberry street.

Peter Eckman of Sunbury spent yesterday at South Danville.

Mrs. Mary Egan left yesterday for Philadelphia, where she will reside.

Harvey Dietz left last evening for Philadelphia.

C. A. Girtin of Bloomsburg, was in this city yesterday.

Richard Metherell was in Bloomsburg last night.

J. E. Calhoun of Northumberland, was in this city yesterday.

Miss Mary Lobaeh, Liberty township, returned from Philadelphia last evening.

George La Tourette, miller at Maudsall, was in Bloomsburg last evening.

Mrs. J. H. Vanatta of Bloomsburg, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Russell Kelley and daughter Jessie of Sunbury, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beaver, Pine street.

James E. Callon of Horseheads, N. Y., arrived in South Danville last evening.

Death of Mrs. Byerly.  
Mrs. Lewis Byerly died at her home on Walnut Street Sunday morning, after an illness of about ten days.

Mrs. Byerly was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Coldron of Shamokin, when she was taken suddenly ill. She was removed to her home in this city, and later pneumonia developed. Last Wednesday came a very decided change for the worse, and from that time the patient's condition grew more critical until death came at 5:30 on Sunday morning.

The deceased was 58 years of age. She was a native of Wales, and coming to Danville in childhood, has resided here ever since.

MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER WASTED

The Water Commissioners are considerably increased at the gross carelessness and neglect of certain attaches of the Reading Iron Works.

About 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon the pressure at the Water Works suddenly dropped from a million and a quarter to a startling degree, and all the power brought to bear upon it subsequently failed for several days afterward, failed to bring it up anywhere near its former standard.

Knowing that a serious break must have occurred some where in the pipes, men were started out to locate the trouble. Sunday night, Monday and Tuesday night, Tuesday and Tuesday night and the greater portion of yesterday were spent in a vain endeavor to find the cause of the scarcity of water at the plant. Crossings were examined, sewers investigated and other places minutely searched, but the searchers had only their pains for their labors. In the meantime there was hardly sufficient water at the station to supply the town, and not enough to have reached a story and a half building. Had a fire broken out anywhere the entire town would have been in peril because of a lack of water to have fought the flames.

Fearing to alarm the citizens the Commissioners kept quiet and said nothing about the condition of affairs until last evening, after they had found where the cause of the trouble was, an act of prudence that is commendable. Had the people known during the past few days the deadly peril they and their property were in case of a fire, they would have been greatly alarmed.

It was partly by accident that the break in the pipe was discovered. Having occasion to shut off the water on Bloom street on Wednesday morning the gauge suddenly revealed convinced the Commissioners that the break they had been looking for was somewhere in that end of town. While enroute to find the exact spot they were told by a citizen that it was at the Reading plant. A large pipe had burst Sunday afternoon, and had been flowing ever since. Instead of informing the Commissioners of the break, an employe of the mill had turned the water into a sewer and permitted thousands of gallons to go to waste.

"Not only that," the Commissioners say, "but impertinently every building in town as well." Had the Reading mill caught fire with the water escaping through the broken pipe, the plant would have been at the mercy of the elements. The Superintendent of the Reading Works claims to have known nothing about the break, and expressed himself greatly surprised at the actions of his subordinates in not reporting the matter.

Monthly Report.  
Superintendent U. L. Gordy presented a most favorable report to the School Board at Monday night's meeting. The report is made up for the month commencing October 25th and ending November 22nd.

The report shows that there were registered 1236 pupils, 600 male and 636 female, of which during the month there were in attendance 1269 with a daily average of 1131. The average attendance for the entire term thus far has been 1126 with a total percentage of 95. So far this year there have been 445 pupils who have not missed a session and 817 who have not been tardy.

During the past month there have been 493 absent and 199 tardy. There have been 85 pupils on the sick list though there have been no deaths.

8 pupils have so far left school. There have been 33 visitors and a substitute teacher has been employed but 113 days. The report also shows 265 pupils in the First Ward, 266 in the Second, 290 in the Third and 259 in the Fourth. There are 137 pupils in the High School.

A Water Scale on South Side.  
The Pennsylvania Railroad Company yesterday completed the painting of a water scale on the first pier on the south side of the river. The measurements were given to the company by Inspector Mechen of the Caldwell, Barry & Leonard company and show a height of 33 feet.

These water scales appear on all bridges crossing streams along the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad and are intended for observation in times of flood. The company can tell at all times just what danger their property is in at all places.

In order to procure a uniform scale for the first pier on this side of the river measurements should be secured before the storm workers leave. There is a difference of nearly three feet in the height of the bridge on the Danville side and the exact measurements cannot be obtained from anyone but those who have had the mason work in charge.

Pleasant Party in Riverside.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shepperson of Riverside last evening pleasantly entertained a number of friends in honor of their daughter, Miss Mabel Shepperson. Those present were: Misses Bessie Pittner, Olive Conway, Ella Mills, Dorelle Wierton, Mabel Kimball, Adelaide Yeager, Mary Yeager, Bertha Ammerman, Laura Unger, Bessie Unger, Evelyn Mills, Lillie Wild-smith, Katherine Wildsmith, Martha Fowler, Esther Bird, Eva Bird, Cora Shepperson and Mabel Shepperson.

New Carpet for Lecture Room.  
The ladies of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church have been working for some time on a fund, the proceeds of which are to be used to purchase a new carpet for the lecture room of the church. About one hundred dollars, which is over one-half of the sum needed, has already been raised.

OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McCracken, residing at South Danville, on Tuesday night, had a narrow escape from death by being suffocated with coal gas. Mr. McCracken is the night operator at the South Danville Station, but during the absence of day operator Trease, is on duty during the day.

Early yesterday morning he and his wife were awakened. Both were suffering severe headaches. They at once detected gas, and Mr. McCracken started down stairs to learn what caused it. When going down he became very ill and fainting, falling with great force to the bottom. The crash alarmed Mrs. McCracken, who, suspecting what had happened, went to her husband's assistance. She found him unconscious and dragged him to an open window, where after a short time he revived.

The gas escaped from a parlor heater and but for the fact that one window in the room was open they might have both been suffocated.

Mr. McCracken yesterday had another thrilling experience. He had walked from the depot to Theodore Kimbel's farm below Riverside with the hope of getting the effects of the gas driven from his system. When returning he met a runaway horse. He grasped the animal by the bridle as it was passing him. After being dragged some distance he brought it to a standstill.

Arrested for Illegal Car Riding.  
"In another column of this AMERICAN, will be seen the account of another arrest and conviction for illegal car riding. The misdemeanor was committed on the Reading Railroad in this city and the young law breaker was promptly taken into custody by the detectives in the employ of the company. The latter is determined to break up the dangerous practice. With that object in view orders have been issued to arrest and punish all offenders.

But the task the company has undertaken, judging from the general appearance of matters, is one that will be hard to accomplish, if the offenders after being arraigned before a justice are permitted to go free on the payment of a small fine. They secure their release then go back and repeat the offense. Perhaps a few weeks or months imprisonment on a light diet might have more effect upon the majority of them. Under the present condition of things, illegal car riders being let off in the manner they are after being convicted, the more arrests made the more there will be to make. If seeing a comrade torn limb from limb, his remains scattered along the track and his life crushed out like a flash, has no effect upon such law breakers; if such a scene as that will not cause them to pause and hesitate before risking life and limb by jumping on a train, an arrest and insignificant fine will not stop them. The Reading Railroad Company is doing all it can to do away with the practice, and the corporation is to be commended for the efforts it is putting forth in that direction, but in the opinion of an observing public, a severer punishment must be measured out to the offenders before a very great deal can be accomplished. The present way may check it to some extent but it will not prevent it. Stern measures are necessary.

Water in River Very Low.  
The low stage of water in the river and tributaries at the present time, is becoming alarming. Unless a change in the situation takes place soon, the consequence can be readily surmised.

As it is, people depending on cisterns to supply their household needs can scarcely secure a sufficiency of water to do it. Many are already dry, and others will have no less rain comes in such quantities before very long as to raise the streams.

The North Branch of the Susquehanna has never before been so low in the recollection of the old citizens of Danville. It is far below low water mark. A depth of four feet can scarcely be discovered in this vicinity, anywhere between its banks, and in the majority of places, people could almost step across it on the bottom stones without wetting their shoes to any material extent.

Should winter come suddenly in dead earnest and a general freeze-up occur the result would be a water famine, not only in this valley, but elsewhere as well. The West Branch of the Susquehanna is in the same condition as the North, and so are all its tributaries between Cherry Tree and Northumberland. At Williamsport the river was never lower.

PLEASED WITH CAMP SITES AT GETTYSBURG  
Governor Pennypacker is much impressed with the site at Gettysburg which has been suggested for a permanent camping place for the Pennsylvania National Guard. The Governor and other State officials visited the site on Saturday and all agreed that it is an ideal one, aside from the historic value of the place and the ease of access by railroads. The party visited two sites, that along the Emmittsburg road and the level ground several miles north of Gettysburg, embracing a large part of the old Mead-wood Valley farm, now owned by J. L. Butt, with the former Cobean and Wills farms.

JOB PRINTING

The office of the AMERICAN being furnished with a large assortment of job letter and fancy type and job material generally, the Publisher announces to the public that he is prepared at all times to execute in the neatest manner

JOB PRINTING Of all Kinds and Description

MARKET AGAIN ON MILL STREET

After a lapse of four months the curbstone market is again located on Mill Street. This will not only prove satisfactory to the patrons of the various booths and vans, but to the dealer and the merchant doing business along that prominent thoroughfare. The latter will be especially pleased because of the trade it will bring him, while the patron and market man will appreciate meeting together once more on ground familiar to them for years.

But there are a few matters the State authorities desire to call attention to for the safety of everybody. A few sidewalks are in a bad condition on account of the property owners along the street, not having had the time to repair them since the street paving was put down. Excavations and piles of dirt appear in other places, consequently it behooves the drivers of vans to steer clear of such obstacles and patrons not to blunder or fall over delapidated sidewalks. A little caution on the part of all interested will prevent anything of that kind happening, and it will not be very long until the present hindrance to safety will be removed by proper repairs being made.

Death of Isaac C. Sterner.  
Isaac S. Sterner, a former resident of this city died yesterday morning at the home of his son, E. Sterner at Montgomery, Pa., after a year's illness. The deceased was born at Lewisburg and was 85 years of age. He remained in Lewisburg until about twenty-seven years ago when he accepted a position at the State hospital in this city as head butcher, which position he held for eleven years.

He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and while a resident of Danville was a member of the official body of the Pine Street Lutheran church. He was also one of the oldest members of the I. O. O. F. of Pennsylvania, having been affiliated with the Lewisburg lodge for over fifty years.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters: N. E. Sterner of Montgomery, James K. Sterner of Marlboro, Md., Isaac C. Sterner of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. William Strohecker of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Harry E. Trambower of this city. The funeral services will be held in Christ Lutheran church, Lewisburg, on next Friday at two p. m.

Deer Season Closed Yesterday.  
Yesterday was the last day of the open deer season, which lasts only during the month of November. Special attention has been given to the protection of deer in the state during the past few years, and these magnificent game animals are already beginning to increase. A few years ago the deer in the state had almost been exterminated, and now that they are beginning to increase should be completely protected for a period of years. Hunters from all parts of the state report deer as more plentiful this season than for many years and it is a pleasure to state that many deer hunters were content to let the deer alone this year in order to give them a chance to increase. There were a number of sports