

LOCAL TIME TABLES

Table with columns for Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway, Penna. R. R., and Phila. & Reading R. R. listing departure and arrival times for various routes.

KEEP SIDEWALKS FREE FROM SNOW

The citizens who, after the snow storm on Monday evening, cleaned their sidewalks, displayed commendable zeal. However, in some portions of the city others did not show a like enterprise or consideration for the safety of their fellow men.

Rural Free Delivery.

Rural free delivery comes high, but the people must have it, and where it has been introduced the public would be extremely loth to return to old conditions and going a distance in storm, muddy roads and discomforts of the various seasons, to the postoffice, and often finding no mail for their pains.

A Practical Invitation.

The following letter, which will explain itself, is printed for the benefit of any who may desire to accept an invitation to attend service in New York City.

Mr. W. D. Lanhamster—The Young Men's Bible Class, (John D. Kockfeller, Jr., Leader), and The Young Ladies' Bible Class, (Dr. Wm. Seaman Brainbridge, Leader), of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, 4 to 8 West 46th Street, New York City, gladly welcome all young men and young women who come to our city.

After Information.

Mr. Kaiser, representing C. W. Lewis of the Reading Railroad Company, was in Danville yesterday. The wires of the new electric light plant will cross the Reading tracks at four different points, and Mr. Kaiser's visit was for the purpose of learning where the poles were to be located at the several crossings.

IMPROVE THE RIVER FRONT

With the completion of the new bridge so near at hand, property owners in that vicinity should begin to concern themselves in another important matter—the improvement of the river bank. Not much, if indeed any, work in that direction could be accomplished during this season of the year.

The Water Commissioners have not only been thinking about what they intend doing in the way of beautifying their portion of the bank, but have taken a pretty long stride toward the end they have in view. They only await the fulfillment of a promise made them by others, before continuing the good work they have started.

The County Commissioners have not as yet erected their wall, but when they do the Water Commissioners will, as soon as the weather permits, carry out the plans they have under consideration. After removing the old wooden building from the ground, they will fill up all holes, level and grade the lot and then transform it into a bowler of beauty to be known as the "Water Works Park."

Sunbury Bridge to be Rebuilt.

It is now up to the Commissioners of Northumberland county to build the bridge between Sunbury and Northumberland, carried away by the ice last winter, the property right in which has been transferred from the Bridge Company, its original owner, to Northumberland county, and through that source it has been declared free.

This State Leads.

Statistics show that during the season which closed Wednesday, November 30, hunters in 17 counties of Pennsylvania killed 559 deer. This is the largest number slain for many years, and the result places this state among the first in the Union for deer hunting.

Snow a Benefit.

Of much benefit was Monday's storm to the farmers of the surrounding country. Wells have been giving out since the ground has frozen up and a drought has been slowly making itself manifest in all countries. The fall sown wheat so far has had no protection from a covering of snow as other downfalls have almost immediately transformed into water.

Basket Ball Friday Night.

The Danville Old Timers will play the Bucknell second team next Friday evening in the Armory. The visiting team is under the management of the Bucknell Athletic Association, and has some of the best college players in the line up.

EARLY HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Merry Christmas, that halloved day to which children and grown people so longingly look forward with bright and glowing anticipation of what it has in store for them, will soon be here, with all its pleasing and sacred associations.

One feels its approach in the air. Everything denotes it. Nature's pure white robe, emblematic of the Saviour whose birth we celebrate, proclaims it; the sparkling eyes and laughing voices of childhood reveals it, and all humanity hears its steady advancement and heralds with joy the coming of the festive holiday time.

A glance into any of the large stores will convince the most skeptical of this. Enter them, you look and marvel at the scene presented. Nowhere is the fact that the holidays are near at hand demonstrated more clearly than in the shops.

Visit those in Danville and prove the assertion true. The show windows will be ablaze with color. Silks, jewels, new weaves and textures, cut glass, paintings, marvelous pottery, silver and gold effects are seen in lavish confusion. Thousands have been invested. The utilities are there. The things that people must have are to be found in almost endless profusion, and many more dollars have been expended in novelties that appeal to eye and ear and comfort until one marvels at the business daring of these men of the stores, who have so much faith in their judgment of what the people will buy that they have swept the warehouses of the country. Every year the demand grows. People want more and better things to eat, to wear, to amuse.

MAKES WORK EASIER.

Danville People Are Pleased to Learn How It Is Done. It's pretty hard to attend to duties with a constantly aching back. With annoying urinary disorders. Doan's Kidney Pills make work easier. They cure backache. They cure every kidney ailment. John Tomans, paddler, of 301 Main St., says: "I consider Doan's Kidney Pills an excellent remedy for backache. I used them and they cured me of backache from which I had suffered for years. My trouble was an indescribable dull aching pain right across the loins, sometimes my back was so weak that I could hardly do anything, and on this account I have had to lay off work several times. I was unable to bend or stoop without severe pain and I was often obliged to catch hold of something to keep me from falling. I used liniments and hot applications but until I tried Doan's Kidney Pills I never had anything to do me any good. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me of my trouble. I had taken them only about three days when my back became strong and soon was as strong as it ever was. I have had no backache or any indication of kidney trouble since using Doan's Kidney Pills. For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's,—and take no other."

National Guard at Inauguration.

The question whether the National Guard of Pennsylvania shall attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt in March is already exciting the men and is the principal topic of discussion at the armories. It is the intention of the committee in charge to make it the occasion of a big military display and no big military display is complete without the Pennsylvania troops.

It has already been demonstrated that an inaugural procession without them is a tame affair and so they want the Keystone division. The rank and file and many of the officers are anxious to go but there are others not so anxious. It has become the fashion at recent inaugurations to make all sorts of charges against the Pennsylvania troops and, though 99 per cent. of these charges are either lies out of the whole cloth or the deceptions were committed by others than Pennsylvanians, Pennsylvania has had to stand the brunt before the general public, solely because it is fashionable to make such charges. One Pennsylvania regiment, with headquarters 1,500 miles away from Williamsport, was charged four years ago with raiding a store when it proved that at the hour the raid was alleged to have happened the regiment was in line and two miles away from the spot. It is many years since the Pennsylvania troops have had fair and just treatment in Washington. If the Pennsylvania troops go this time an example should be made of the first person who makes defamatory charges.

A new discovery for all Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc., is Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. It cuts phlegm, draws out the inflammation, cures all coughs, strengthens the lungs and bronchial tubes and assists in expelling a cold from the system by gently moving the bowels. Pleasant to take and contains no opiates. It is the children's friend. Sold by Paules & Co.

Sheriff Sharpless' Appointments.

Tuesday afternoon Sheriff-elect Sharpless of Northumberland county, announced his appointments which are as follows: Attorney, A. K. Deibler; Deputy, Harry F. Moore. There were many applicants who desired the positions.

RAIN IS BADLY NEEDED

It is reported from all over the country that ground and water conditions were never known to be in so deplorable condition for a freeze-up as now. There is no water in the soil. Farmers in the West Branch Valley and adjacent territory are hauling water for their stock, some of them drawing it over two miles.

The towns of Renovo, Lock Haven and Watsonown are on the verge of a water famine. At the former place all the engines on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad are supplied with water, but the supply is so curtailed that every household is served with notice not to use a drop of water unnecessarily.

In the Nippanose Valley, a district where because of the phenomenal strata of the rock all streams are underground, the wells have gone dry, and cave-like apertures 20 feet deep have been opened to afford access to the underground creeks. These are very low.

In many cases farmers' teams are not employed at anything else than to handle water to keep the stock supplied. If a freeze-up comes it is feared that what water remains in the creeks and few springs will be frozen solidly. At Montoursville the mountain reservoir has gone dry, and the town is being supplied from a big well. Lycoming and Loyalsock Creeks, both of which are small rivers ordinarily, are down to the volume of small runs.

The entire output of McElhattan Creek has been hauled and forced into the Lock Haven reservoir, yet even this makes the supply so inadequate that the town's authorities are getting ready to pump water directly from the river or Bald Eagle Creek. Altoona has had no such drought since 1887, and everybody is compelled to husband the water with the closest economy. Wells and springs never have been so dry in the past 20 years have no water in them now.

In Butler the salt water overflowing from an oil well is one of the limited sources of the reservoir's supply; many of the people have chapped hands and faces, and many others have been unable to use any water for weeks for laundry purposes. In five towns of Westmoreland County, embracing 50,000 inhabitants, the main reservoirs are exhausted and the people are living from hand to mouth on the product of a small mining run, so foul that every drop of the water they get therefrom has to be boiled to prevent a plague.

Against Rural Delivery.

A concerted movement against the continuance of the rural mail delivery system in its present character has been started by organizations of business men and merchants all over the country. The men in these organizations will protest to Congress against the extension of the present system and will advocate its curtailment along sweeping lines. It is understood that the system has never been pronounced popular with business men, and opposition against it has become more pronounced than ever recently on account of the exposure of some of the uses to which it has been put, and especially since the publication of Postmaster General Wynne's estimate of the cost of the extension authorized by Congress for the coming year.

Beware of Counterfeits.

"DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve," writes J. L. Tucker, of Centre, Ala. "I have used it in my family for Piles, Cuts and Burns for years and can recommend it to be the best Salve on the market. Every family should keep it, as it is an invaluable household remedy, and should always be kept on hand for immediate use." Mrs. Samuel Gage, of North Bush, N. Y., says: "I had a fever sore on my ankle for twelve years that the doctors could not cure. All salves and blood remedies proved worthless. I could not walk for over two years. Finally I was persuaded to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which is completely cured me. It is a wonderful relief." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures without leaving a scar. Sold by Paules & Co.

Jones-Gilson.

Thomas V. Jones of Huntington, West Virginia, and Miss Elnora Gilson, of Plymouth, were married Tuesday afternoon at the parsonage of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church by Rev. S. B. Evans.

Will Take an Appeal.

The celebrated case in which Mrs. Sarah C. Cromley is plaintiff and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company defendant, apparently has not reached an end yet. On Thursday, November 17, a Montour county jury at the close of the four days trial, awarded Mrs. Cromley damages to the amount of \$7,428. The suit as is well known, was brought by the plaintiff with the view of recovering damages on account of her husband and son and a team of horses being killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Watsontown, January 9, 1902. Yesterday the defendant started proceedings looking to an appeal, and the final steps in that direction will likely be completed soon. No specific reasons are assigned for the taking of the appeal, the motion to be made on general grounds.

SERVICES HELD YESTERDAY

The services at the Mahoning Presbyterian church were most interesting Sunday and were very largely attended. The services were a fitting close to the two successful weeks of evangelistic meetings and the new members were all in attendance.

The opening of the day was devoted to the Sessional fund. A Sessional Prayer meeting was held at 10:15 a. m. and at 10:30 a. m. the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. At 7:30 p. m. the splendid choir of the church rendered a song service. Following is the excellent program: Prelude—"Panfare"; Lesson—Leumans Anthem—"Te Deum"; Katschma Hymn 923. Contralto Solo—"Shepherd of the Fold"; Mrs. Scarlat. Anthem—"O Worship the Lord"; Scripture Lesson—Psalm 90. Prayer.

Quartette—"Art Thou Ready?" Offertory—Andantino; Leman Hymn 965. Tenor Solo—"City of Refuge"; Mr. McCoy. Anthem—"Sing Alleluia Forth"; Bass Solo—"Abide With Me"; Mr. Russell. Anthem—"Jubilate Deo"; Hymn 923. Benediction. Silent Prayer. Postlude—"Triumphal March"; Oatkin.

Rural Delivery Growing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Extension of the rural free delivery service has resulted in an increase of 1,125 in the number of post offices discontinued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, according to the annual report of J. L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, made public today. During the year there were 2,549 post offices established and 5,587 discontinued. There was a decrease of 158 in the number of offices established. The principal cause of the increase in discontinuance has been the extension of the rural free delivery service. The total number of discontinuances was 3,750 post offices, with a saving in salaries of postmasters aggregating \$171,121. At the close of the fiscal year there were 71,311 post offices in the United States—256 first class, 1,304 second class, 3,896 third class, and 65,755 fourth class.

Operation of rural mail delivery and the extension by private interests of rural telephone service has created a demand from patrons of rural routes for the delivery of small packages of merchandise on an order to local merchants by postal card, telegrams or otherwise. The value of such packages is small and the present rate of one cent per ounce, the report says, is practically prohibitive. Mr. Bristow recommends that Congress fix a rate of three cents per pound, or any fractional part thereof, on packages not exceeding five pounds, included at the existing post office of any rural free delivery route. If this special rate were established, Mr. Bristow says, it would be a great convenience to patrons and become a source of revenue to the department.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my disease, by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold, under guarantee to do the same for you, by Paules & Co., druggists, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

Vicious Assault in Berwick.

As the result of a vicious attack made by two men near the Malleable Iron Plant, Alfred Bower lies at his home on West Front street, Berwick, in a very serious condition. There is little doubt but that the object of the assault was robbery. Mr. Bower, who is a driver employed by A. J. Lynch, was driving on Frease Avenue and had just turned into Oak street when one of the ruffians threw a club at him. The other man followed this with a huge rock, both missiles striking Bower and partially dazing him. To prevent himself from falling from the wagon he grasped the shaft and trace, in which position he was further maltreated. Before he could be removed from the vehicle the horse took fright and ran out Oak street, carrying the injured man out of reach of his assailants. It was not until the horse had run a considerable distance that Mr. Bower recovered sufficiently to handle the reins. He managed to drive to the office of Dr. E. L. Davis where he received medical attention. His ear is badly torn and lacerated, and the whole upper part of his body is shockingly bruised. After removing him to his home his shoulders, arms and body became partly paralyzed; so that it is thought his injuries are of a more serious nature than was at first expected. The assailants are known to be Americans who no doubt made the attack in the vicinity of the Malleable Iron Works so that the blame for the crime would fall on the Italian element residing in this district.

Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies, because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, without relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough, and saved me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of Throat and Lungs. At Paules & Co., druggists; price 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

No More Suffering.

If you are troubled with indigestion get a bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and see how quickly it will cure you. Geo. A. Thomson, of Spencer, Ia., says: "I have had Dyspepsia for twenty years. My case was almost hopeless. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure was recommended and I used a few bottles of it and it is the only thing that has relieved me. Would not be without it. Have doctored with local physicians and have doctored at Chicago, and even went to Norway with hopes of getting some relief, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the only remedy that has done me any good, and I heartily recommend it. Every person suffering with indigestion or Dyspepsia should use it." Sold by Paules & Co.

MASONRY WAS COMPLETED SATURDAY

Caldwell, Barry and Lunoard, who had the contract of building the abutments and piers for the new bridge, have completed their work. The last stone was placed on the north abutment on Saturday evening, December 3, at 5:15 o'clock. The first stone was laid on Monday, September 12 at 2:15, the intervening time being three months less nine days.

Had the Horseheads Construction company, who has the sub-contract for erecting the iron work, showed the same zeal or a like haste of "trying to do something" as did Caldwell, Barry & Leonard the bridge would have been nearly ready now for the use of the public. But they didn't and in consequence their part of the contract is not near completion; and there are no positive indications as to when it will be finished. One span of the iron work is in position, but there is any amount of riveting and fastening of joints and girders to be done yet. The false work between the second and third pier was placed in position last Thursday, since which time most of the floor system has been put in. After getting started the workmen promised to complete a span a week. So far that promise has not been kept and at the present rate of speed, the Horseheads Construction Company will do well if it succeeds in finishing a span every two weeks.

When it became known about town that the last stone on the abutment was to be laid some time during Saturday afternoon, quite a large crowd gathered on the shore to witness the scene. They commenced to gather as early as 3 o'clock. Some became weary of waiting, and didn't tarry long. Others remained steadfast on the ground until the end, bearing the extreme cold nobly. That was no easy task. Mercury stood at a very uncomfortable point to say the least, and the wind blew "big guns," whistling all kind of tones into frost bitten ears, with the exception of "Good Old Summer Time." A group of boys huddled around a fire built on the bank and by constantly revolving around the blaze they managed to keep their blood in fairly good circulation. When the last stone was finally lowered into position by the big derrick the spectators trended away feeling thankful that at least the stone work of the bridge was completed.

In Mad Chase.

Millions run in made chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble. 25c at Paules & Co's. drug store guaranteed.

V. M. C. A. NOTES.

Mr. L. L. Pierce, secretary of the Washon Association, has just returned from Cuba, where he took part in the successful launching of the "Association of Young Men's Christian Association of Havana, Cuba." The organization was formally launched at a notable dinner, attended by President Palma, of the Republic, representative English-speaking residents, distinguished Cuban statesmen, war heroes, the Mayor of Havana, Postmaster-General, Administrator of Customs, Secretary to the American Minister, American Vice-Consul, representative of the Associated Press, members of the Cuban Congress, representatives of the Church, the proprietors of every English and Spanish paper, presidents of leading banks, and representative business and professional men of the city. Mr. Merchant, representative of R. G. Dun & Co., president. Mr. Pierce read a letter from President Roosevelt, in which he said: "I am much gratified to learn that you are to start a branch of the Y. M. C. A. in Havana. I know the excellent work accomplished by your organization in this country, and am glad that it is now to be established in our neighboring republic."

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Removing to Danville.

On account of the uncertain ferry accommodations during the winter, Jesse Shannon has decided to take up his residence in this city and will occupy the residence adjoining Dr. F. E. Harpel, Ferry street. Mr. Shannon was compelled to ship his furniture by rail via Sunbury and Northumberland.

FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The Danville Fire Department held its annual election of a Chief and assistant chiefs at the Friendship house, Saturday evening. It resulted as follows: Chief, Edward Purpur of the Friendship Company; first assistant, Willard Fetterman, Washington Hose Company; second assistant, William Iles, Good Will Hose Company; third assistant, John Ward, Continental Hose Company; fourth assistant, Harry Kupp, Friendship. The board having charge of the election consisted of Chief Sherwood, Archie Hummer, Thompson Jenkins and John Waite.

The department at the beginning of the present year, starts out under bright and favorable auspices. It is in a good financial condition and well equipped for fighting the fiery element, both as to the stalwart, willing men of which it is composed and the apparatus at its command. Of the firemen little need be said. They are too well known to require an extended eulogy. The record they have made in the past is sufficient testimony of their worth and ability. During the year just closed they have responded frequently to the call of duty and at the risk of their own safety, saved many thousands of dollars worth of property from destruction. Not enough can be said of such heroism. Men who will, without thought of recompense, save the pleasure it affords them to know that they have faithfully performed their duties, voluntarily endangered their lives by facing devouring flames and falling walls composed of the metal of which true and unselfish heroes are composed. It is of such men that the Danville Fire Department is made. They are willing, capable and experienced, and they never flinch or hesitate when their services are needed.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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Christmas Preparations.

The various churches throughout the town have begun to arrange special programs for Christmas Day and the indications are that the event will be the most joyous observed in many years for the times have been fairly prosperous and the people have been hoarding their savings for the merry-making of the year when all Christmas is inspired with the desire to emulate the example of the three wise men of the East in present giving.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Buckler's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for Cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at Paules & Co., druggists.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY

The announcement of the sudden death of Newton H. Reifsnnyder, a well known citizen of this place, early Saturday morning was a shock to his hosts of friends. The tidings were the more startling because of the fact that he had been seen on the streets the previous day, apparently in his usual health. He was found dead in bed at the home of Harry Fields, his partner in the restaurant business, and with whom he boarded, at 338 Mill street. During the early portion of Friday evening, he had been up town. He returned to the house, and retired at about 8:30, without having complained of feeling unwell. Between 6 and 7 o'clock the following morning, Mrs. Fields called him to breakfast. Getting no reply after repeatedly rapping on the door, she entered the room and found life extinct. A physician was summoned, who after examining the remains, said that Mr. Reifsnnyder had been dead for several hours. Death was due to heart trouble, with which the deceased had been afflicted for a number of years. Mr. Reifsnnyder was a moulder by trade, but last summer he became engaged with Mr. Fields in the restaurant business, which was still occupying his attention when the grim destroyer overtook him. He was 44 years of age, unmarried and a native of Tamaqua. When only a boy he came with his parents to Danville, and continued to reside here ever since. He is survived by three brothers and one sister—Thomas and George, of Danville; Alvin, of Altoona, and Mrs. Ellen C. Brasse, of New York City.

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