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CONDENSED NEWS.

More snow.  
Zero weather.  
N. or for sleighing.  
Sharpen the horse's shoes.  
Frozen pipes have the call.  
The ice man ought to get busy now.  
These are strenuous days for the  
salesladies and the self-sufficient.  
Whether prophet Hicks predicts hizzars  
and cold waves and deep snows for  
Christmas.

What this section of the country  
needs is a good soaking rain that  
knows its business and sticks to it.  
Danville's Christmas trade gives  
promise of breaking all previous records.  
Attached to the mining department  
when it goes into its new quarters in  
the new capitol at Harrisburg will be  
a museum of mines. Its most interesting  
exhibit will be the famous model  
of an anthracite coal mine which was  
one of the chief features of Pennsylvania's  
exhibit in the Mine Building  
at the World's Fair.

Shamokin has a clerk man who is  
causing considerable excitement by  
stepping women on the streets and  
badly frightening them. Friday night  
no less than five women were stopped  
and although hotly pursued the unknown  
individual was able to make good his  
escape.

The person who begrudges his gifts  
or who makes them with the hope of  
getting the better of the exchange has  
no true conception of the real Christmas  
spirit.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Farm of 115  
acres. Inqui e of A. H. Witzel, Danville,  
R. F. D. No. 1.  
The assessors have been going their  
rounds for the annual registry.  
With Christmas near at hand, the  
attendance at Sunday school is steadily  
on the increase.  
There is a water famine in many  
towns in Pennsylvania, and the  
deficiency of rainfall in this vicinity,  
since January 1, is twelve inches. It  
is clear that the weather bureau isn't  
treating the people right.

The Lehigh Valley railroad company  
is installing snow curtains on  
all of its engines. This is in compli-  
ance with a request of the Brother-  
hood of Railway Trainmen. The storm  
curtains are a great protection to the  
firemen in cold weather.  
The Christmas rush will soon be at  
high tide.  
There are only two things needed to  
enable a man to experience the exhilara-  
tion of sleighing—snow, and the  
price.

No use looking for a rain before the  
freeze up. The latter is in command.  
Invitations have been received in  
Danville for a dance to be given at the  
Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg, Tuesday  
evening, December 21th.  
The zero weather had many a lead  
pipe cinch this week.  
The deposits for the first day at the  
Catawissa National Bank, which was  
opened Monday morning for business,  
amounted to \$10,000, a very creditable  
showing.  
The business men of Shamokin have  
made an absolute rule to cease the  
purchase of tickets for balls, benefits,  
church festivals and other occasions.

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NARROWLY ESCAPED  
BEING CREMATED

The loud mowing, unusual noise and  
commotion made by a family cat at  
the home of Frank Arms, 23 West  
Front street, early Saturday morning,  
doubtless saved the house from being  
destroyed by fire, and the family, con-  
sisting of the father and seven chil-  
dren, from being cremated in their  
beds.

The smoke from the kitchen range  
makes its escape through a large old-  
fashioned stone chimney of wide di-  
mensions. A few inches below where  
the stove pipe connects with the chimney,  
the upper portion of the latter is sepa-  
rated from the lower by a number of  
boards, leaving under them a vault  
like space several feet square and  
about six feet high. This aperture  
during the early history of the house  
was no doubt used as a fire place, and  
the opening into it is closed by a wood-  
en structure composed of light, thin  
boards that would ignite quickly from  
a spark.

About 9 o'clock on Friday night,  
Mrs. Arms imagined that she scented  
the odor of burning wood or soot. She  
commenced an investigation in order  
to learn if her suspicions that some-  
thing about the building was on fire,  
but finding nothing in any of the  
apartments, she went out side to look at  
the top of the chimney to ascertain  
whether or not it was burning. Dis-  
covering no flames issuing from the  
chimney and no more smoke than  
would ascend from the fire in the kitch-  
en range, she re-entered the house and  
shortly afterward retired.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock the follow-  
ing morning Mrs. Arms was suddenly  
awakened by an unusual noise of some  
kind. At first she was unable to either  
locate the point from where the sound  
came or what was causing it. Then she  
heard the cat mewing in a peculiar  
manner. The animal had frequently  
mewed at nights when wanting out of  
the house, but the placid, unruffled  
tones of her calls on those occasions  
were vastly different from what she  
was giving vent to. The cries, if  
such they can be called, were loud,  
piercing and agonizing. The cat ap-  
peared in great distress, and to be ap-  
pealing for assistance with all the  
force and power at its command.

Mrs. Arms interpreting the yells and  
screams to be cries of distress hurriedly  
responded to them. Little expecting,  
however, the startling scene that was  
so soon to greet her vision. When she  
reached the head of the stairs she heard  
another sound, one that deadened  
the stillness of the house to tremble.  
Not knowing the cause of the terrific,  
thunderous like vibrations beneath her  
feet, and imagining a y and everything,  
Mrs. Arms, after listening for a mo-  
ment, hesitated whether to proceed or  
return to her room and awaken her  
husband. But she decided on the former,  
and courageously continued on  
down stairs. Throwing open the door  
at the bottom of the stairs she discov-  
ered the kitchen filled with smoke, and  
the board covering of the old fire place  
behind the range burning fiercely. The  
flames were leaping up the wide chim-  
ney, and ascending high above its top  
on the outside. It was the roar of  
these which Mrs. Arms had heard dur-  
ing the short time she had stood at the  
top of the stairs.

A thrill cry from her after a single  
glance had taken in the situation, re-  
sulted in bringing her husband quick-  
ly to her side. He rushed to the front  
door and called to the night employes  
of the Water Works, which is nearly  
on the opposite side of the street.  
They promptly responded and in a  
short time had the blaze under control  
and a few minutes later extinguished.

When assistance arrived the wooden  
covering in front of the chimney was  
partly consumed and the flames mak-  
ing rapid advancement toward the in-  
terior of the kitchen. Had Mrs. Arms  
not discovered them when she did,  
they would soon have reached the  
stairway leading to the second story.  
That would have cut off the only a-  
perture through which the imprisoned  
family could have escaped, except to  
have jumped out of the windows, thin-  
gly clad into the chilly winds of a De-  
cember night—provided they had been  
awakened in time to have taken the  
opportunity thus given them to save  
themselves from being cremated.

The only thing burned besides the  
chimney covering and a portion of the  
floor under the range and near the  
stairway, was a small hole in the roof  
and a few articles of clothing which  
Mrs. Arms had suspended to the shelf  
of the range before going to bed. Con-  
sequently the damages are slight com-  
pared to what they might have been,  
had not the cat sounded an alarm.

Sparks falling from the stove pipe  
and igniting the boards separating the  
chimney, and these burning through  
and dropping down and setting fire to  
the spot in the old fire place is sup-  
posed to have been the origin of the  
blaze.

Favorably Impressed.  
The members of the Printing Com-  
mittee of the School Board to whom  
the matter was referred at Monday  
night's meeting of the Board, are fa-  
vorably impressed with Professor Gor-  
dy's proposed Outline of Study, and  
shall so report to the Board at the  
next meeting. They have authorized  
Mr. Gorley to get estimates of the cost  
of printing the number of books re-  
quired, so as to insert that item in the  
report.

CHARGED WITH LAR-  
CENY BY BAILEE

Saturday afternoon P. Miller, a farm-  
er residing in Liberty township, was  
placed under \$300 bail by Squire Dal-  
ton for his appearance at Court to an-  
swer the charge of larceny by bailee.

The prosecutor was Benjamin Mil-  
ler, a junk dealer of this city. He testi-  
fied to having visited the farm of the  
defendant on November 28, last, and  
negotiated for the purchase of a lot of  
old iron, at 40 cents per hundred. He  
paid \$2 on account, and left for home  
with the understanding that he was to  
return in a few days and get the iron.  
On Monday, December 5, he went back  
and upon looking around, discovered  
that the pile of iron that he alleges  
was the one he had purchased, was  
not as large as it had been at the time  
of his first visit. In fact, he said, only  
a few pieces of it remained, and as they  
were of an inferior quality, he refused  
to take them. He asked P. Miller what  
had become of the pile, and the latter  
replied that he had sold them to Jacob  
Engle that morning at 50 cents per  
hundred. Continuing the prosecutor  
said that he came home, and had a  
warrant issued for the arrest of P.  
Miller. The latter claimed that he  
made no specific agreement with Ben-  
jamin Miller to sell him the iron. He  
came there on November 28, and said  
he wanted a load of iron. He did not  
say whether he wanted scrap or cast  
iron, nor did he mention how many  
hundred weights he desired to secure.  
"I had seven piles of iron about my  
premises. He simply said he wanted  
iron, and that he would be back in a  
few days. He offered me \$2 to take  
it, but when he insisted that I should,  
I put it in my pocket. Jacob Engle  
came to my place on the morning of  
December 5, and I sold him 1600  
pounds of iron at 50 cents per hundred.  
Later in the day Benjamin Miller put  
on an appearance again. He threw a  
load of iron into his wagon, then he  
got mad and threw it out, saying he  
didn't want it. I gave him back his  
\$2 and he threw it on the ground,  
where it buried itself in the snow.  
After he went away I picked it out of  
the snow and put it in my pocket.  
"Yes, I have it now," he replied to a  
question addressed to him by the mag-  
istrate. Benjamin Miller was held in  
his own recognizance to appear and  
prosecute the case.

THE HOLIDAY  
VACATION

The School Board held a regular  
meeting Monday. The members pres-  
ent were: President Dr. Harpel, Sec-  
retary Orth, Directors Parsel, Fischer,  
Trumbower, Werkheiser, Burns and  
Adams.

The Finance Committee reported  
\$2,584.75 in the hands of the Treasur-  
er. On motion the report was accept-  
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then Newberry, but now the 7th and  
11th Wards of the city of Williams-  
port, 44 years ago. He was married to  
Miss Emma Parsel, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. J. V. Parsel. April 1, 1895,  
he moved to Danville from Highes-  
ville. At the latter place he was en-  
gaged in the livery business with his  
father-in-law, Mr. Parsel, and in Dan-  
ville he was in the grocery business  
with his brother-in-law, E. K. Parsel.

FIRST TROLLEY CAR  
ON MILL STREET

"Mill street!"  
The exclamation was made in ring-  
ing tones by a conductor on the Dan-  
ville and Bloomsburg trolley line, last  
night.  
His car was the first to run through  
to the intersection of Bloom and Mill  
streets. Hence his jubilant shout.  
The long expected had really occur-  
ed.  
It was exactly 9:25 o'clock.  
The car was packed from end to end  
with passengers. There was "stand-  
ing room only," and hardly that. Both  
platforms and all the steps were crowd-  
ed. A number of boys clung to iron  
rods at the rear of the car. The only  
space not occupied was the roof. The  
trip around the Bloom street curve,  
down "A" street, through the sub-  
way, along Walnut street to Mill was  
made with ease. Not the slightest  
trouble was encountered enroute.  
When the car stopped the motorman  
pulled the string and permitted the  
whistle to give in several minutes solid  
work. Its thrilling tones on the crisp  
air, was the first notice that many had  
of the arrival of the first trolley car  
to Mill street.

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RIVER ON THE ICE

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the river on the ice. The mail was  
brought over in a wagon Tuesday even-  
ing; teams crossed yesterday without  
 mishap. Pedestrians are still making  
good use of the foot path. The path-  
way is safe in every respect at the  
present time, but in order that it may  
continue in that condition, the News  
suggests that wagons, sleds and other  
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different and distinct route to follow.  
Wheels and horse hoofs will wear  
the ice through more rapidly than the  
feet of men and women. Consequen-  
tly there should be two roads across  
the river. Leave the present path for  
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Thoughts on Christmas.

Christmas with its many hallowed  
and enchanting associations, is again  
about to dawn upon the world.  
Christmas!  
What magnet in the sound; what  
subtle charm in the word. How it  
stirs the fount of memory.  
With the quickness of the lightning's  
flash it restores childhood. Old age is  
given a backward glance into the dis-  
tant past. A moving panorama por-  
trays scenes of other days when the  
years were young and hopes bright.  
The faces and forms of youthful com-  
panions, now either bent with age or  
gone to their reward, distinctly ap-  
pear on the canvass. Loved parents,  
around whom children gather at the  
old homestead and listen to the story  
of the babe born in the manger, are  
presented with startling effect. Their  
features are so distinct and clear that  
the beholder is nearly forced to believe  
that the picture before him, is real and  
not a trick of memory.

The whole world loves Christmas.  
It gives pleasure to youth and joy  
and contentment to age. Children look  
forward to it with bright anticipation,  
wondering what the day of all days is  
going to have in store for them. Par-  
ents anxiously await its coming, hop-  
ing in the thought of the pleasure they  
can give their children.  
It is a day of family re-union, when  
parents, brothers and sisters long sepa-  
rated, are re-unioned around the old  
family hearth stone, wishing each oth-  
er "On Christmas's eve" acquaintances  
are renewed and friendship re- cemented.  
Angels rejoice and again herald  
about the glad tidings of "Peace on  
Earth—Good Will to All Men."

Let everybody try to make the com-  
ing Christmas one of genuine pleasure  
and rejoicing throughout Danville.  
Above all things else "remember the  
poor, whom ye have always with you."  
Make it an object to make some one  
outside of the pale of your immediate  
family and friends, happy on Christ-  
mas. From your abundance give to  
the needy and the distressed, remem-<