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## CONDENSED NEWS.

Watch the primaries.  
This is hot cake weather.  
The days are getting longer.  
Men who cut ice should waste no time.  
The "middle of the road" is the safest place to walk.  
Beware of the treacherous grip germ.  
Now the Legislature will resume work and keep at it to the end.  
Remember, choose only men of the highest ideals and principles for school directors.

Meanwhile it is well to keep a watch on the candidates for school director in your ward; also those who desire to represent you in Council.  
The Elks of Milton, have secured a lease on the Brown building, corner of Broadway and Bound avenue, and will have it refitted between now and April first, when it will be occupied by the organization.  
Farmers throughout Berks county predict that potato bugs will be plentiful next season. William Rubright, of Moslem, found several live potato bugs on his farm recently, and E. K. Lesher found several large caterpillars.

Primary elections could be made a great deal more interesting if the voters could be made to realize their importance.  
It suggests good times that at one of the big savings banks of New York the rush to make deposits became so furious as to make intervention of the police necessary. The crowd was bent on depositing its money in time to draw interest for the first quarter of the year.  
The whole area of Winter wheat is 3,155,000 acres, and the average condition is not as high as at the corresponding period last year.

For school directors—men of honesty and capability, whose only aim in seeking election is the proper education of the young and the economical and just administration of the business affairs of the school board.  
If you will cross question your wife, after she has read the paper, you will find that she is a little "buzzy" about the status of the Eastern war, but that she has a sharp and clear notion of the "special sales" that are in progress at the various stores.  
Photographer I. C. Lee is receiving congratulations over the arrival of a baby boy at his home on West Mahoning street.  
Ice-covered sidewalks are not calculated to inspire in the average pedestrian a sweet spirit.  
Auctioneers throughout the rural districts of Berks, Montgomery and Lehigh counties report that a smaller number of farmers' public sales will be held this spring than for many years, as farming is more profitable than in the past.  
A charter was issued by the State department in Harrisburg to The People's Savings & Trust Co. of Hazleton, capital stock \$125,000.  
Nominate good men for school directors. Only the best should be elected.  
The residence of Hon. C. H. Dickerman, of Milton, was thoroughly ransacked by burglars on Tuesday while the family was absent.  
Even at this early date the importance and magnitude of the Knights Templar conclave to be held at Williamsport in May becomes apparent from the wide scope of the preparations being made for the event.  
Good men and true with right principles and the welfare of the city at heart are the kind to select for committees and school directors.  
Unless of a pessimistic turn no coal dealer has had much to complain of this winter.  
The ground hog is due to come out on Feb. 7th. If he sees his shadow he will scuffle back in his hole. Six weeks of cold weather will follow. If the skies are overcast the woodchuck will remain out to frisk about. According to tradition, the weather during the ensuing forty days will be moderate.

## EXPLOSION IN DRUG STORE

The explosion of a bottle of wood alcohol in Hunt's drug store Sunday morning about nine o'clock caused excitement in the vicinity of Mill and Mahoning streets. The scattered alcohol soon burst into flames and only the timely arrival of assistants saved the entire contents of the room from destruction. G. Shoop Hunt, proprietor of the store was badly burned about the face.

The bottle of wood alcohol was about three-quarters full and was standing on a shelf back of the prescription desk. John H. Hunt, father of the proprietor, had been in the store earlier in the morning and had rebuilt the fire in a stove near which the bottle stood, and then returned home to breakfast while G. Shoop Hunt took charge of the store.

The explosion could hardly be attributed to excessive heat as the fire had scarcely been started, and the room was still chilly when the accident happened. Mr. Hunt was seated near the stove, and just below the shelf upon which stood the alcohol bottle, when without warning the bottle burst with a loud report. The jar shook the store and the noise was heard in the adjoining buildings. The force of the compressed atmosphere broke a large window in the front of the store.

The alcohol was scattered over the space back of the prescription desk, causing the whole area to burst into flames. The explosion was heard across the street, and a chemical extinguisher was brought from the Post Office that soon put out the fire.  
Mr. Hunt was badly burned about the face and suffered great pain. The bottles standing beside the alcohol were not even moved, and the only other article that was broken in the store, beside the front window, was a bottle standing on another shelf directly below the exploded bottle.

## Engine and Dynamo Here.

The long looked for and anxiously awaited engine and dynamo for the municipal electric light plant, have finally reached Danville.  
They put in an appearance yesterday morning, arriving over the Reading railroad and occupying two freight cars. In accordance with prior instructions a message was sent the Romey Electrical Company, notifying it that the engine and dynamo were here. A representative of the company is expected to arrive soon, to superintend getting the machinery hauled from the railroad to the water plant and setting it up. How long that will take will depend greatly on circumstances that may likely be encountered. However, some of the local people identified with the new plant are of the opinion that every thing will be ready to turn on the lights by February 1.

In order to have his end of the work completed by the time the machinery is in position, Superintendent Watts is pushing the difficult matter of planting the poles as rapidly as possible.

## A Protective Association.

The Montour County Medical Society in accordance with the plans adopted at the last regular meeting, is pushing the matter of the formation of a medical Protective Association. This is with the view of protecting the members from sharp and dead beats, people who make a practice of not paying their physicians for services rendered. These are black listed and their names placed on record in the books of the association, in order that no other member thereof may be swindled by the sharps. These protective associations have been in vogue in other counties in the State for a number of years, and they prove of great benefit to the medical fraternity.  
The committee appointed to arrange for the organization in this county, is hard at work perfecting its plans. Distant organizations have been written to for copies of their constitution and by-laws, in order that suitable ones may be drafted for the local association. It is expected that an organization will take place soon.

## Riveters Hard at Work.

The riveters at work on the new bridge are making rapid progress, considering the various kinds of weather they have had to contend with.  
Whenever the elements permitted, or when it was possible to be at work at all, the crew was on duty heating the bolts, driving them into place and riveting them fast. The four spans will be entirely completed in a short time, with the exception of the flooring and foot walks. That means, viewing the situation from present indications, that the riveters will get through with their portion of the work on the spans that are up, before work can be resumed on the three remaining spans. When a resumption of the latter will occur, would be difficult to say with any degree of certainty. Under present condition it would be impossible to put up the false work. The water and ice would sweep away the heavy supports as fast as they would be put in position. Everything, however, is ready to begin the work on the remaining spans. Should the river freeze over again, or get sufficiently low and clear of ice to allow work to be resumed, it will be done at once.

## Will Begin Work April 1st.

Patrick Kearns, who was appointed Mercantile Appraiser January 1, will begin the duties of his office, April 1.

## DIRECTORS' CONVENTION

The first annual convention of the Montour County School Directors, in compliance with the Act of 1903, was held Tuesday in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. This Act requires the directors to meet at a time apart from the Institute week, which has always been the custom heretofore. Two sessions were held, at 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. Forty-three out of the sixty-two directors in the county were in attendance.

When Superintendent Derr called the convention to order the following directors responded to roll call:  
Anthony Township.—J. O. Kram, Jacob Kremer, P. F. Brennen, Allen Watson.  
Cooper Township.—J. M. Shultz, Charles Fry, Alonzo Mauser, Bruce Ploch, N. B. Kram.

Derry Township.—George J. Cotner, James B. Pollock, Matthew Sheep.  
Liberty Township.—J. G. Acor, Luther Cromley, W. C. Robbins, W. J. Clark.  
Limestone Township.—J. A. Gromis, W. D. Hartman, P. F. Cromis, David Focht.  
Mahoning Township.—Harley Baylor, Alfred Mellin, Joseph Ritter, Clarence Phillips.  
Pine Grove Independent District.—J. Dal Cotner, C. R. Bloe.  
Valley Township.—B. F. Bennett, H. A. Sidel, C. F. Ploch, H. J. Shultz, Washingtonville.—William R. Robinson.

West Hemlock Township.—William Gething, W. B. Billheim, Joseph Wintorstein, J. W. Andy, Joseph Crim.  
Danville, First Ward.—F. E. Hargel, M. D. Robert Adams.  
Second Ward.—J. Newton Parsel.  
Third Ward.—Jacob Fischer.  
Fourth Ward.—Walter O. Greene, W. H. Orth.

A permanent organization was then effected by the election of Jacob Fischer, Danville, President; David Foster, Limestone township, First Vice President; W. R. Robinson, Washingtonville, Second Vice President; J. N. Parsel, Danville, Secretary, and Joseph Ritter, Mahoning township, Treasurer.

W. H. Orth and W. O. Greene, Danville, and C. F. Ploch, Valley township, J. B. Pollock, Derry township and Joseph Ritter, Mahoning township, were elected delegates to the State Convention of School Directors, which meets at Harrisburg in February.  
The convention reconvened at 1:30 p. m., at which time D. W. Sankey, delivered an address on "Modern Sanitary Methods." Dr. F. E. Hargel read a paper on "The Director—His Duties and Obligations" which was a most excellent and able article, and received much favorable comment. W. R. Robinson also read a highly instructive paper on "The Duty of the Director to His School." Both papers were full of good points and valuable information, and made so favorable an impression that a vote of thanks was extended to the gentlemen.

One of the interesting features of the sessions was the question box. Many questions pertaining to the director and the school, on which individual members desired more light, being thoroughly discussed. Some of the questions were: What is the best method of keeping up attendance? Should directors allow themselves to be persuaded by outside influence in selection of teachers? Should directors receive pay? Is it advisable to make frequent changes in teachers? Do directors visit schools often enough? Is corporal punishment advisable? etc.

## Danville Defeats Kingston.

In a one sided game played at the Armory last evening Danville easily defeated the Kingston basketball team. Danville had the game well in hand from the start, and at no time was there even a possibility of Kingston getting in the lead.  
The home team showed improvement in their team work over the playing in the last few games. There is still however, much to be accomplished in the way of passing and snappy playing. The visitors played an indifferent game.  
The line up: Danville, Fairchilds, forward; Welliver Hall, forward; Dougherty Bates, center; Sessler Evenson, guard; Barry Culver, guard; Bedea Goals from the field—Welliver 8, Dougherty 4, Bedea 3, Barry 2, Hall 2, and Evenson 2. Goals from fouls—Bates 1.

## Horse Severs an Artery.

While a team belonging to A. O. Amesbury was delivering coal near the corner of Chambers and First streets, Welsh Hill, Saturday, one of the horses slipped and severed an artery in the right fore leg.  
The street at this point was very slippery, and the team was on a steep grade when the accident occurred. The horse had slipped, and was endeavoring to recover himself when one of the corks on a back shoe struck the front leg and severed the artery. The wound bled profusely for a time.  
The animal was led to the stable on Church street and Dr. J. O. Reed summoned. He soon succeeded in stopping the flow of blood.  
There promises to be a good deal of moving about on April 1st.

## KIRKENDALL FOR MAYOR

Monday evening, the Democrats of the city of Wilkesbarre met in convention and placed in nomination candidates for the several offices to be voted for at the coming February election. The ticket is a strong one, and the choice of the Convention for Mayor was Fred O. Kirkendall, a son-in-law of George M. Gearhart, of this city, and well known here. Mr. Kirkendall was nominated by Attorney Paul Bedford, who said in part:

"I am reminded at this time of an incident related by Judge Woodward as a former Democratic convention when a nomination by the Democratic party was equivalent to an election. Judge Woodward, or Mr. Woodward, as he was then, was chairman of this particular convention. The incident happened about thirty years ago and I was thereby prevented from being a witness to it. It seems that the convention was a rather turbulent one and there were many contests for all the offices. Matters became more and more exciting as the proceedings went on. When nominations for the office of sheriff were called several delegates jumped to the floor, each one more excited and anxious than the rest to be recognized by the chair. But one of the delegates waved above his head in a very pointed manner from the standpoint of the chairman, a revolver.  
"The chairman hastily rose to his feet and demanded that order be restored and announced in his loudest tones that he would recognize the delegate with the gun. The favored delegate took the floor and placed in nomination the name of William Penn Kirkendall. Needless to say he was nominated by the convention and elected by an overwhelming majority. His brother, Ira Kirkendall, was the first mayor of Wilkesbarre when it was incorporated a city, and this former executive has a son who is not far away from us tonight.  
"Fred O. Kirkendall is a man young in years, but not so young as to be without wide experience and fitness for the position of mayor. He is a citizen of spotless integrity, who has always taken a patriotic interest in the welfare of his native city, and a political candidate whose strength at the polls has been forcibly demonstrated. He is a man whom all Democrats wish to see an executive who will give the city a clean, honest and respectable government, can support.  
"He is a business man of the very widest experience and one who stands upon a good platform. He was born and reared in the city, and has the power of looking into matters which would help wonderfully in bringing the city to the front rank. His name I present for consideration."

Every time the name of Kirkendall was mentioned by the speaker it was met with hearty handclapping and stamping of feet and at the conclusion it looked as if the proverbial Bedlam had broken loose.  
When order was finally restored, a delegate moved that the nominations close which was done. The secretary was then instructed to cast the ballot and Mr. Kirkendall was at once placed on the ticket by an unanimous vote.  
The nominee was then called to the front and he responded by thanking the delegates for the honor they had thrust upon him. He said that the past few days he had been ill and was in such a shape that nothing but a Democratic convention could have brought him out. He concluded by again thanking the convention.

## Male Quartette at Y. M. C. A.

The entertainment given by the Male Quartette from the Ithaca Conservatory of Music in the Y. M. C. A. Hall last evening as the third number of the special course, was largely attended, and thoroughly enjoyed. The Association Hall was crowded, every available space being in demand.  
The program was very well rendered throughout, the quartet work being especially effective. The solo numbers were very delightful, and the selections excellent.  
The readings by Mr. Wilson, which occurred at intervals during the program were loudly applauded. Mr. Oubert, the bass, was suffering from a bad cold and was unable to render his solo numbers. He sang, however, in the quartet work.  
Every one who heard the quartet singing last evening will agree that the organization is a deserving one for the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, and that the Y. M. C. A. deserves much praise for securing this entertainment.

## This is the Time to Act.

This is the time of the year when taxpayers and the intelligent and thinking men of the town should be awake and see to the most efficient, practical, common sense, patriotic, honest and trusty representatives they can find for Councilman, School Director or other ward officers, and then see that their candidate is elected.

## A Bad Mistake.

Clarence Clements, a young man employed at the Shamokin silk mill, out and while at work yesterday morning. Returning to his home when it was thought he was going to faint one of the members of the family gave him what he thought was a drink of whiskey, but proved to be sulphuric acid. The young man is in a very critical condition.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Voris, of Pottsville, spent Sunday with friends in this city.  
C. O. Houseneck, of Berwick, spent Sunday in this city.  
Miss Bertha Keister and sister, of Sunbury, spent Sunday in this city.  
W. A. Sholenberg, of Berwick, called on friends in this city on Sunday.  
C. A. Geringer, of Berwick, was a visitor in this city on Sunday.

Dr. W. E. Drumbheller, of Berwick, spent Sunday with his parents in this city.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Purpar spent Sunday in Wilkesbarre.  
Paul Rieck was a visitor in Wilkesbarre Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Ortlieb, of New York city, are guests at the home of Alfred Kemmer, East Market street.

Howard Lenger, of Berwick, spent Sunday in this city.  
Adam Wagner, of Washingtonville, spent Sunday with friends in this city.  
Samuel Rice, of Williamsport, spent Sunday with his brothers in this city.  
Edward W. Peters was a Wilkesbarre visitor yesterday.

J. L. Richardson, of Bloomsburg, transacted business in this city yesterday.  
The following party from Bloomsburg spent Tuesday evening in this city and enjoyed an excellent supper at D. B. Heddens' restaurant: Mr. and Mrs. William Law, Mrs. A. M. Cook, Miss E. Bloch, Miss Charlotte E. Kelley, James Magee and R. H. Moyer.  
Dr. A. T. DeWitt, of Riverside, transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.

William Sechler and wife, of Strawberry Ridge, spent yesterday at the home of S. F. Ricketts, Pine street.  
William F. Diehl and family, of Anthony township, were in this city yesterday.  
Harry Martin, of Milton, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Mrs. A. T. DeWitt, of Riverside, has returned home after a month's visit with relatives in New York City.  
Mrs. Jane H. Moser and her granddaughter, Miss Jennie Bechtel, of Valley township, visited friends in this city yesterday.  
Henry Rempe left yesterday on a business trip to Syracuse, N. Y.  
John Eisenhart transacted business in Wilkesbarre yesterday.

Mrs. William Mettler and little daughter, of New York City, are visiting at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. T. DeWitt, Riverside.  
Miss Elizabeth Griffin was a visitor in Bloomsburg yesterday.  
Floyd Shaw, of Kingston, is a guest at the home of Albert Kemmer, East Market street.  
N. D. Haupt, of Sunbury, was a visitor in this city yesterday.  
Miss Florence Ephlin enjoyed a trolley ride to Bloomsburg yesterday.  
Hiram Woodruff, of Union Corner, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

## Send for One.

One of the most unique calendars to appear in the year 1905 comes from the Literary Institute and State Normal School at Bloomsburg. Pa. On the card above the calendar-pad is a picture of the buildings and grounds, and a likeness of the Principal, Dr. J. P. Welsh. On each of the twelve pages of the pad is found one or more pictures of the leading members of the faculty, with an appropriate setting and pertinent facts of the department each represents.  
It will be sent to any address on receipt of 5 cents in stamps to pay postage mailed to the Principal. Graduates and former students of the school will doubtless all want one of these, as throughout the year it will be a daily reminder of old times and familiar faces.  
The Spring Term of this excellent institution will open March 25th, '05. Special inducements are held out to public school teachers who can attend all or part of the term.

## Change in Temperature.

The change in the temperature yesterday was very satisfactory to the residents of this section. When compared with that of the previous week it was spring-like.  
The air was mild and balmy. At noon the thermometer in front of the Gillespie House, registered 50 degrees above zero. It was one of the most delightful days of the season. Ice and snow melted rapidly under the rays of the warm sun shining from a clear and unclouded sky. In places water accumulated on the streets, and at certain points crossings and thoroughfares became quite muddy.  
As a result of the change from cold to warmer weather, the river conditions were greatly bettered. The ice flow was not so heavy as it had been, consequently the launches crossed with far less difficulty and danger. They did a good business, and the people of South Danville were better satisfied with the situation of affairs than they have been in a long time. If the present weather continues for a few days, the water will become entirely clear of ice, and the crossing of boats made still easier.

## To Install 'Phone System.

Owing to the success achieved by the Philadelphia & Reading Co. and Iron Company with the telephone line it introduced recently, connecting all its collieries in the Schuylkill region with headquarters of the company at Pottsville, the Reading Railway Company has decided to establish a telephone system along its main line and all the other divisions.  
The arrangement will not interfere, however, with the telegraph department, but 'phone service will be used at all points where there are no telegraph offices and where trains can be reached on sidings, etc., thus throwing extra safeguards around trains and saving the expense of operators at points where there is but little for them to do.  
At the present time the Reading has hundreds of private 'phones. They are used in the big yards and at all important stations. At Reading in the locomotive shop, car shop, offices and switch towers, they are in use and on busy days can hardly be dispensed with.

## IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE

The Polish Lithuanian Brewing Company's plant is undergoing a great transformation. Changes are being made, and in a short time the building on Spring street will have passed beyond recognition.  
It will be remembered that Anton Buerger, president of the Buerger Maltining Company, of Mayville, Wisconsin, recently became part owner of the local plant. Soon thereafter he set about devising plans for the improvements of the establishment. After these were consummated, work was commenced. A new foundation is being placed under the entire structure. Partitions are being removed so as to have a packing room, 40x40 feet. This will have a concrete floor. It is now being built. The present office will be removed into the building on the opposite side of the street, now used as the bottling works. The latter industry will be dispensed with. A new office will be erected near the present bottling establishment. Local mechanics are being employed, and while they are at work the business of the plant is not being interfered with.

When everything is completed and put in shape, Mr. Buerger says he is going to invite the public to inspect the plant, so an opinion can be passed upon its merits. "I am not going to make a new building of this," he continued, "but I am going to make all the improvements on it that I can."  
Mr. Buerger, when talking to an American representative yesterday afternoon, said: "This kind of work is my hobby." My brother frequently tells me, I have seen brewing establishments in Pennsylvania. It is my delight to find some old plant and put it in running order. That's just what I am doing now. A year hence, you will perhaps have forgotten me. So far as you or any one else, with the exception of those immediately identified with these works, has any knowledge, I shall have stepped down and out. I will not be a resident of your city. I will not have personal charge of this establishment, but I will be represented by a competent man, a superintendent, who will report to me weekly. I will be kept posted regarding the way the business is being conducted, just as I am concerning what is being done at my other six plants.

There is more money to be made in repairing and remodeling an old brew, than there is in building a new, up-to-date one." Mr. Buerger's right hand man is S. J. Czechowicz. At the present time the latter is serving in the capacity of book-keeper, but will soon be promoted to a more responsible position. A year ago he was not in so quietly a disposed country as he finds himself today. Then he was within the confines of Port Arthur, representing an American firm. On the night of February 10, 1904, he and a number of others started to climb a high hill for the purpose of witnessing a naval battle between the Russians and Japan war ships. They soon gave up the expedition, because of the shells beginning to drop around them entirely too thick for either comfort or safety. The party returned from where they had started, and the next day Mr. Czechowicz made a hasty exit from the scenes of conflict.

## Schools in Good Condition.

The public schools of this city are in a flourishing condition. Everything connected with them at the present time, is moving along to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, principals, teachers and pupils.  
The unsettled state which occurs in all schools and colleges for a short time following a vacation period, especially after the festive Holiday tide, has assumed a normal state. Matters are again working with clock-like regularity.  
Each class is in its place, and each pupil in his or her class. All are studying with but one object in view—that of advancing as rapidly as possible toward that goal which everyone is anxious to reach, "Education." Since the holidays the number of pupils has greatly increased, many children having been admitted for the first time on account of reaching the legal age of 6 years. These swell the ranks to a considerable extent, and they are taking interest in their primary studies.

Professor Gordy is well pleased with the condition of all the schools, and predicts a successful winter term.  
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## GENERAL COXEY IN TOWN

Jacob S. Coxe, a native of this city, who became famous by organizing the Commonweal Army some years ago, and marching at the head of the gathering all the way from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington, D. C., is visiting relatives in Danville.  
General Coxe was born in Danville and lived here until early manhood. He was employed in several of the iron mills here, and just prior to his departure he held the position of engineer at the Co-operative Iron and Steel Company's works. In 1881 he left Danville and located at Massillon, at which place he was identified with a number of successful business enterprises. It was while in Massillon that he organized the famous army. About five years ago he moved to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and engaged in the sand business which he is still conducting.

General Coxe was transacting business in Philadelphia this week and he took occasion on his return trip to visit relatives in this city and Wilkesbarre. He arrived here yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and spent last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. F. Spitzer, Church street. He will leave this morning for his home at Mt. Vernon.

An AMERICAN representative called on Mr. Coxe last evening, and spent a very pleasant period with him. He is a particularly interesting talker, and is possessed of a pleasing personality. He was especially well pleased with the many improvements both industrial and municipal, that have been made in Danville since his departure, and commented upon the prosperous appearance of the city.

## Monthly Reception.

The regular monthly reception of the Thomas Beaver Boys' Bible Class of the Y. M. C. A. was held last evening in the Association Hall, and was a most enjoyable affair. These monthly entertainments for the boys are always appreciated, not only by the members of the class, but also by the parents and others interested in the welfare of boys and young men.  
The class now numbers 250, and the attendance at both the weekly meetings and the monthly receptions is always large. The Ladies' Auxiliary, under whose direction the receptions are given, do all in their power to make the affairs interesting and enjoyable. The value of the class to the boys, and the great amount of good accomplished might be better understood, if one could see the enthusiasm and interest shown by the youthful members.  
The program last evening, which was arranged by Mrs. William D. Laumaster and Mrs. Jesse Shannon, was as follows:  
Singing.....Class  
Scripture Reading.....Mrs. Jesse Shannon  
Prayer.

Piano Duet.....Misses Anna Divel and Margaret Sidler.  
Recitation.....Miss Elsie Gulick.  
Vocal Duet.....Misses Helen and Ethel Shannon.  
Recitation.....Miss Frances Hargel.  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Edna Hughes.  
Recitation.....Miss Gussie Bruder.  
Vocal Solo.....Master Raymond Sinton.  
Recitation.....Miss Mildred Sidler.  
Vocal Duet.....Mrs. J. H. Johnson and Mr. Laumaster.  
Recitation.....Miss Isabel Blue.  
Piano Solo.....Miss Mary Hooley.

## Wreck Inquest Delayed.

Word received from Shamokin states that Engineer McElwee, who was injured in the recent wreck at the Weigh Scales in which Engineer Conser and Fireman McElwath lost their lives, is recovering very slowly from the injuries he received and it will be another week at least before he will be able to appear before the coroner's jury and give his testimony concerning the fatal accident.  
The wife of Operator Dank-burger has so far recovered as to be able to be up and around the house. She has been fully informed of the result of the terrible wreck.

## Evangelistic Meetings.

A series of evangelistic meetings will begin at the East End Mission on Monday evening, January 23rd. Owing to the accident that has disabled Rev. J. D. Cook, of Renovo, who was to have conducted the first week's meetings, he will not be able to fill his appointment. Rev. C. H. Bruce, D. D., of Jersey Shore, will preach the first part of the week and Rev. W. T. L. Kieffer, of Milton, the balance. On Monday, January 23rd, Rev. George J. Minnings, D. D., of New York, will take charge of the services. The public is cordially invited to be present.

## Officers Installed.

Last night at a meeting of Lotus Conclave, No. 127, Improved Order of Hoptophers the following officers were installed for the ensuing term, by District Deputy A. M. Peters:  
Archon, Charles Gibbons; Provost, David Haring; Prelate, Harry Seidel; Past Archon, Elmer Peters; Financier, William L. McClure; Treasurer, Edward Wetzel; Secretary, Charles Cloud; Trustee, W. O. Greene. A committee of five was appointed to make arrangements for a banquet to be held some time in February, at which prominent officials from Baltimore will be in attendance.

## Will Send Three Regiments.

A provisional brigade composed of one regiment from each of the three brigades of the division of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will represent the Pennsylvania militia in the inaugural parade at Washington on March 4. What regiments will be assigned to the brigade is not as yet known and it will be a week or more before the assignments are made.

## Delegates to State Convention.

Arrangements are being made by the Young Men's Christian Association to send a delegation of members to represent it at the thirty-seventh annual convention of the State Association, which will be held at Johnstown from February 16 to 19. The circulars regarding the convention which have been received here state that entertainment will be provided gratuitously for all accredited delegates.

## Willie Goes to Berwick.

Willie Green and his companion, who spent Tuesday night in the lock-up, were shipped out of Danville yesterday morning by Chief of Police Mincoy. They had expressed a desire to go to Berwick, so they were escorted to the 10:20 trolley, and started on their way.

## 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.

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## ANNUAL CONCLAVE AT WILLIAMSPORT

Under the title of "What Williamsport did in 1904," H. R. Laird, secretary and manager of the Williamsport Board of Trade, has just issued his annual report for the past year. After giving in detail what has been accomplished, the neat and attractive little booklet briefly sets forth what is going to take place in the Convention city the coming summer. Among the latter events is the meeting of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar.

"By invitation of the local members of the Order, the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, will hold its fifty-second annual conclave in Williamsport, May 22-24. Those who will be in attendance will represent very largely leading industrial interests of the State and the creation of a good impression of Williamsport cannot be but beneficial to the city's interests. The members of Baldwin II Commandery have subscribed a fund amounting to \$15,000 which will be used for the purpose of entertainment, decoration, etc., and on their part nothing will be left undone to maintain Williamsport's reputation for hospitality and to increase its fame as a city for convention purposes as well as for Home or Business."

Within two days after the acceptance of the above invitation at York last May, where the conclave of 1904 was held, nearly every room in all the large hotels in Williamsport had been engaged by Commanderies expecting to be in attendance at the coming event, and in order to meet the emergency, landlords were under the necessity of securing the premises of rooms outside of their places of business, as boarding houses and private residences. The largest gathering of any organization is expected at Williamsport next May. Commanderies will be there from all sections of the State. Among them will be Calvary Commandery No. 87, Knights Templar of Danville. The members have made arrangements to attend in a body.

## New Regulations Not so Hard.

The drills by Company F in which the new regulations have been used prove to both officers and men that the change is not as difficult as was at first anticipated.  
All the drills from squad to battalion are more simple. A recruit may now, by being thoroughly familiar with the squad movements, master all of the movements up to the battalion with but little work.  
As but a few weeks intervene between now and the day of inspection, it behooves all members of the company to be prompt in their attendance at drills.

## Deserved Promotion.

B. Budd Cannon, of Milton, has been appointed resident representative of the American Car and Foundry Company in place of C. L. Rogers, district manager, resigned. Mr. Cannon has been connected with the Milton car works since 1887, and for years has been one of the big plant's most trusted and efficient employees. His promotion was a merited one.  
Mrs. Cannon is well known in Danville. He is one of the most prominent workers in the Prohibition party in this section.

## Music in the Schools.

Doesn't it sound a little odd for a professor in the Philadelphia High school to take a stand against the teaching of music as a compulsory study? He does not oppose it altogether, but would make it elective. This is a concession to the sentiment which prevails pretty generally in so many communities, that music is more of an accomplishment than anything else.