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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 di-  
rector 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 plenti-  
ful next season. William Rubright, of  
Moslem, found several live potato bugs  
on his farm recently, and E. K. Leshner  
found several large caterpillars.

Primary elections could be made a  
great deal more interesting if the voters  
could be made to realize their im-  
portance.

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  
\$1,155,000 acres, and the average produc-  
tion is not as high as at the corre-  
sponding period last year.

For school directors—men of honesty  
and capability, whose only aim in  
seeking election is the proper educa-  
tion 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 cal-  
culated to inspire in the average pedes-  
trian a sweet spirit.

Antagonists throughout the rural dis-  
tricts of Berks, Montgomery and Le-  
high 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 Peo-  
ple's Savings & Trust Co. of Hazle-  
ton, capital stock \$125,000.

Nominate good men for school di-  
rectors. Only the best should be elect-  
ed.  
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 impor-  
tance and magnitude of the Knights  
Templar convocation to be held at Wil-  
liamsport in May becomes apparent from  
the wide scope of the preparations be-  
ing made for the event.  
Good men and true with right prin-  
ciples and the welfare of the city at  
heart are the kind to select for connec-  
tions 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 scuttle 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 ex-  
citing in the vicinity of Mill and  
Mahoning streets. The scattered al-  
cohol soon burst into flames and only  
the timely arrival of assistants saved  
the entire contents of the room from  
destruction. G. Shoop Hunt, prop-  
rietor 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 attrib-  
uted to excessive heat as the fire had  
scarcely been started, and the room  
was still chilly when the accident hap-  
pened. 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  
bottle 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 di-  
rectly 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 yester-  
day morning, arriving over the Read-  
ing railroad and occupying two freight  
cars. In accordance with prior instruc-  
tions a message was sent the Romey  
Electrical Company, notifying it that  
the engine and dynamo were here. A  
representative of the company is ex-  
pected 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 So-  
ciety in accordance with the plans ad-  
opted 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 protec-  
tive 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 fratern-  
ity.

The committee appointed to arrange  
for the organization in this county, is  
hard at work perfecting its plans. Dis-  
tant organizations have been written  
to for copies of their constitution and  
by-laws, in order that suitable ones  
may be drafted for the local associa-  
tion. It is expected that an organiza-  
tion will take place soon.

**Riveters Hard at Work.**  
The riveters at work on the new  
bridge are making rapid progress, con-  
sidering 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  
boilers, driving them into place and  
riveting them fast. The four spans  
will be entirely completed in a short  
time, with the exception of the floor-  
ing and foot walks. That means, view-  
ing the situation from present indica-  
tions, 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 remain-  
ing 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 di-  
rectors to meet at a time apart from  
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 di-  
rectors in the county were in attend-  
ance.

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, Les-  
ter Cromley, W. C. Robbins, W. J.  
Clark.

Limestone Township.—J. A. Gromis,  
W. D. Hartman, P. F. Cromis, David  
Foust.  
Mahoning Township.—Harley Bay-  
lor, Alfred Mellin, Joseph Ritter, Clar-  
ence 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. Rob-  
inson.

West Hemlock Township.—William  
Gething, W. B. Billheim, Joseph Win-  
terstein, J. W. Andy, Joseph Crim.  
Danville, First Ward.—F. E. Hargel,  
M. D. Robert Adams.  
Second Ward.—J. Newton Pursel.  
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 Foust,  
Limestone township, First Vice Presi-  
dent; W. R. Robinson, Washington-  
ville, Second Vice President; J. N.  
Pursel, Danville, Secretary, and Joseph  
Ritter, Mahoning township, Treas-  
urer.

W. H. Orth and W. O. Greene, Dan-  
ville, and C. F. Ploch, Valley town-  
ship, J. B. Pollock, Derry town-  
ship and Joseph Ritter, Mahoning  
township, were elected delegates to the  
State Convention of School Directors,  
which meets at Harrisburg in Feb-  
ruary.

The convention reconvened at 1:30  
p. m., at which time D. W. Sankey,  
delivered an address on "Modern San-  
itary 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 instruc-  
tive paper on "The Duty of the Di-  
rector 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 di-  
rector and the school, on which in-  
dividual 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 per-  
suaded by outside influence in  
selection of teachers? Should directors  
receive pay? Is it advisable to make  
frequent changes in teachers? Do di-  
rectors visit schools often enough? Is  
corporal punishment advisable? etc.

**Danville Defeats Kingston.**  
In a one sided game played at the  
Army last evening Danville easily de-  
fied 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 play-  
ing. The visitors played an indiffer-  
ent game.

The line up: Danville,  
Fairchild, forward; Welliver  
Hall, forward; Dougherty  
Bates, center; Sechler  
Evanson, guard; Barry  
Culver, guard; Bedea  
Goals from the field—Welliver 8  
Dougherty 4, Bedea 3, Barry 2, Hall  
2, and Evanson 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 endeavor-  
ing 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 sum-  
moned. He soon succeeded in stop-  
ping 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 con-  
vention and placed in nomination candi-  
dates 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 Bed-  
ford, 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 con-  
vention 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 stand-  
point of the chairman, a revolver.

"The chairman hastily rose to his  
feet and demanded that order be re-  
stored and announced in his loudest  
tones that he would recognize the dele-  
gate with the gun. The favored dele-  
gate took the floor and placed in nomi-  
nation the name of William Penn Kir-  
kendall. Needless to say he was nomi-  
nated by the convention and elected by  
an overwhelming majority. His  
brother, Ira Kirkendall, was the first  
mayor of Wilkesbarre when it was in-  
corporated a city, and this former ex-  
ecutive 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 demon-  
strated. He is a man whom all Democrats  
and men of other political creeds who  
wish to see an executive who will give  
the city a clean, honest and respect-  
able 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  
bestowed upon him. He said that he  
had first begun his public life in 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 associa-  
tion hall was crowded, every avail-  
able 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 selection  
excellent.

The readings by Mr. Wilson, which  
occurred at intervals during the pro-  
gram 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  
sing last evening will agree that the  
organization is 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  
waking men of the town should be  
convinced of the most efficient, prac-  
tical, common sense, patriotic, hon-  
est and trustworthy 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 em-  
ployed at the Shamokin silk mill, out-  
stayed his welcome 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 wis-  
key, 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. Drumbeller, of Berwick,  
spent Sunday with his parents in this  
city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Purpur spent  
Sunday in Wilkesbarre.

Paul Rieck was a visitor in Wilkes-  
barre 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 yester-  
day.

The following party from Blooms-  
burg 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. Kel-  
ley, James Magee and R. H. Moyer.

Dr. A. T. DeWitt, of Riverside,  
transacted business in Bloomsburg yester-  
day.

## 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 be-  
yond recognition.

It will be remembered that Anton  
Buerger, president of the Buerger Malting  
Company, of Mayville, Wisconsin,  
recently became part owner of the local  
plant. Soon thereafter he set about  
revising plans for the improvements  
of the establishment. After these were  
consummated, work was commenced.  
A new foundation is being placed un-  
der 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 re-  
moved into the building on the op-  
posite 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 bot-  
tling 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 con-  
tinued, "but I am going to make all  
the improvements on it that I can."

Mr. Buerger, when talking to a  
American representative yesterday af-  
ternoon, said: "This kind of work  
is my hobby." My brother frequen-  
tly tells me so. I have seen several  
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 regard-  
ing the way the business is being con-  
ducted, 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-  
ery, 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 respon-  
sible 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 witness-  
ing 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 entire-  
ly 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 satisfac-  
tion 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, es-  
pecially 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 study-  
ing with but one object in view—that  
of advancing as rapidly as possible to-  
ward that goal which everyone is an-  
xious to reach, "Education." Since  
the holidays the number of pupils has  
greatly increased, many children hav-  
ing been admitted for the first time on  
account of reaching the legal age of 6  
years. These swell the ranks to a con-  
siderable 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.

**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 Com-  
pany has decided to establish a tele-  
phone system along its main line and  
all the other divisions.

The arrangement will not interfere,  
however, with the telegraph depart-  
ment, but 'phone service will be used  
at all points where there are no tele-  
graph 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 im-  
portant stations. At Reading in the  
locomotive shop, car shop, offices and  
switch towers, they are in use and on  
bu-day cars can hardly be dispensed  
with.

## GENERAL COXEY IN TOWN

Jacob S. Coxe, a native of this city,  
who became famous by organizing the  
Commonwealth Army some years ago,  
and marching at the head of the gath-  
ering all the way from Massillon, Ohio,  
to Washington, D. C., is visiting rela-  
tives 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 en-  
gineer 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 en-  
terprises. 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 busi-  
ness in Philadelphia this week and he  
took occasion on his return trip to vi-  
sit relatives in this city and Wilkes-  
barre. He arrived here yesterday af-  
ternoon 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 per-  
sonality. He was especially well pleased  
with the many improvements both in-  
dustrial 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 month-  
ly entertainments for the boys are al-  
ways 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 meet-  
ings and the monthly receptions is al-  
ways large. The Ladies' Auxiliary,  
under whose direction the receptions  
are given, do all in their power to  
make the affairs interesting and enjoy-  
able. The value of the class to the boys,  
and the great amount of good accom-  
plished might be better understood, if  
one could see the enthusiasm and in-  
terest shown by the youthful members.

The program last evening, which was  
arranged by Mrs. William D. Lan-  
master 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. Laomaster.  
Recitation.....Miss Isabel Blue.  
Piano Solo.....Miss Mary Hooley.

**Wreck Inquest Delayed.**  
Word received from Shamokin states  
that Engineer McElwee, who was in-  
jured in the recent wreck at the Weigh  
Scales in which Engineer Conser and  
Fireman McElwath lost their lives, is  
recovering very slowly from the in-  
juries he received and it will be an-  
other 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 ter-  
rible wreck.

**Evangelistic Meetings.**  
A series of evangelistic meetings will  
begin at the East End Mission on Mon-  
day 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.