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CONDENSED NEWS.

Now comes a weather prophet who says the biggest snow storm of the season is to come yet.

Teamsters are driving the ice between Berwick and Nescopeck. The path is now clear and people may go across with safety.

Frank Yeager, of Danville, bought the property of D. N. Shippe on Line street, and will move here on April 1. The property was purchased through Hoffman & Son—Sunbury Daily.

The Reading Railway Company has ordered forty new high class locomotives, which indicates a measure of prosperity unparalleled in the history of the company.

It appears that there is no certainty that President Roosevelt will visit Wilkesbarre during the annual C. T. A. U. convention in that city next August. From a letter sent by the President to Congressman Palmer, of the Luzerne district it is learned that the President said he would be there if he could.

The Far Eastern war is a year old and the situation is about the same.

There have been more snow storm two to one this winter than last—not to mention the low temperature—and yet some people ridicule the goose-bone man.

The current issue of the Churchman contains a half-tone engraving of Rev. Dr. James H. Darlington, of Brooklyn, bishop-elect of the Harrisburg Episcopal diocese.

Secretary of the School Board W. H. Orth is ill at his home on Bloom street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Flick, of Kaseville, entertained a few of their friends at dinner on Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Sandel, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kase, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rhodes and daughters Edna and Dorcas.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, of Sunbury, will hold a dance on the evening of February 22, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of Fort Augusta. The price of tickets will be one dollar.

The men of the passenger crews on the Pennsylvania railroad heretofore known as brakemen are now called guards, the change of name having taken place on January 1st.

Lookout for icicles hanging from the eaves of roofs. They are liable to fall and inflict painful if not fatal injuries.

The stormy weather has already curtailed the production of anthracite coal half a million tons this year.

If you have children in school you do not doubt realize the importance of choosing none but good men to be school directors. If not, you should know that no office needs better men.

Sudden and severe weather changes are to be expected the next three or four weeks. We seldom have any snow storms, blizzards or very low temperatures after St. Patrick's day. The winter is three-fourths spent, and that brings courage and hope, and strength.

The annual failure of the Delaware peach crop is announced. This tardy bulletin gives assurance that we may expect a bigger crop than ever.

Lucky is the man who lives on the sunny side of the street.

Samuel M. Trombrow appeared on the streets yesterday after a several weeks illness.

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OLD RESIDENT'S HORRIBLE DEATH

Henry Thomas, an inmate of the Valley township poor house met a horrible death early Sunday morning by being burned by an overturned kerosene lamp.

Mr. Thomas was a cripple and has been an inmate of the poor house for a number of years. He had always shown himself to be trustworthy and was allowed to have a lamp burning in his room at night. He had been repeatedly cautioned, however, not under any condition, to touch the lamp. Saturday evening the steward and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Van Dine, were away from home and upon returning late at night looked into Mr. Thomas' room and found everything in order, with the lamp burning as usual upon a high bureau. They retired, but were awakened about 5 o'clock Sunday morning by the odor of smoke, and hastily making an examination of the house found the flames emanating from Mr. Thomas' room. Upon opening the door they saw the unfortunate man lying on the floor almost enveloped in the flames. Water was dashed upon him and the fire extinguished, but he was already beyond human help. The man's face and head were horribly burned, and not a spark of life left in his body. Near him was the lamp, and in a corner of the room lay the globe. It was evident that he had either turned the wick too high, or had allowed the lamp to slip from his grasp.

Mr. Van Dine called poor directors David D. Wise and Henry Winterson to the scene of the accident. Dr. Winterson was also summoned. It was clearly manifest that there were no signs of violence, and even the lamp globe was unbroken which precluded any supposition that Mr. Thomas had been overcome while carrying the lamp.

The deceased was 80 years of age, and is survived by six sons, William, George B., and Andrew of this city; Joseph and Frank of Berwick; and John of Tyrone.

Says Husband Threatened Life. Claiming that all was not a bed of roses in their matrimonial career and alleging that her husband had beaten her and threatened to kill her at divers times, Mrs. Minnie Middleton, daughter of David Heimbach, of Grovania, picked up her infant babe on the 18th of last month and left her husband, Clarence Middleton, with whom she had been living at Shamokin. She boarded a train and has since been living with her parents.

Yesterday a Constable arrived at Grovania with a warrant sworn out by Middleton charging his wife with desertion, arrested the woman, who is attractive and the daughter of a well-to-do farmer. She entered \$300 bail before a squire for her appearance at the next term of criminal court.

Counter warrants were then sworn out charging Middleton with threatening to kill his wife and holding up her father, who is a highly respected citizen of Montour county. The warrants have not yet been served on Middleton, who is a carpenter employed at the Scott colliery, Shamokin.

The couple have been married for a number of years and have two children, the older of which is in the husband's possession.

Law to be Enforced. The dumping of coal ashes on the streets of the borough has become such a nuisance that the matter is being looked after by Street Commissioner Miller, who will arrest and impose fines on the offenders if they continue to violate the Borough ordinance.

Commissioner Miller is only performing his duty, and the provisions of the ordinance relative to this nuisance should be rigidly enforced. How mysterious and peculiar are the ways and actions of some people. The State Assembly has enacted laws empowering the authorities of municipalities, to frame ordinances that will protect their thoroughfares and the health and lives of the people residing under their jurisdiction. The same Assembly has made laws, the violation of which make the offenders guilty of a misdemeanor and subjects them to punishment. A little consideration of the matter would convince many people that they are not only endangering the health and safety of their neighbors, but themselves and their children as well. It takes only a small ash pile to cause a big accident some times. Besides that it is a nuisance in many other respects.

Shipman Pegg Has Resigned. Midshipman Elliot Morgan Pegg, who was graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, January 30th, and who then came to this city to wait orders to proceed to sea, has tendered his resignation to the Secretary of the Navy.

On the final physical examination the young Midshipman failed to pass normal on sight, but the Navy Department decided to permit him to take the two years course which follows graduation, stipulating, however, that if at the end of the course he should fail to pass on sight, he would not be given his commission.

Mr. Pegg subsequently consulted one of the eminent oculists of Philadelphia, who, after a patient and thorough examination extending over several days declared that the Midshipman would never be able to pass normal on a sight examination. His resignation followed.

Death of Well Known Citizen. Anton Mozvek died at his home, No. 515 Walnut street, Tuesday morning at 4:30 o'clock, aged 51 years. His illness covered a period of many months. He was a native of Gornau and a tailor by occupation, having been employed at various times by some of the leading establishments in this city.

He is survived by a wife and five children, two sons, Charles and August and three daughters, Emma, Anna and Julia.

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LIFE'S PROBLEM IS HARD TO SOLVE

"Character Building," was the subject of the Rev. S. B. Evans' sermon at St. Paul's M. E. church Sunday morning. Basing his remarks on the words, "So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God," he said in part:

Life is a problem, and very few, comparatively speaking, are successful in its solution. Many fail because they have no real desire to succeed; others when victory is almost in sight. It is not the work of a day, nor the work of a year, to solve the problem of life, but of many years. We shall either stand or fall by the work done in our lifetime, for we are building a structure that will outlive us. By it we shall be judged. There are vast differences of character springing up from every education, or, conversely, from every neglect, which will result in peculiarities, which will modify, but not entirely eradicate, those we do not expect or desire all good men to be alike, any more than we would have all the members of one family alike or all the flowers to be alike. Christ's church, like the meadows, or the star bedecked heavens above, are his beauty in part to the variety in unity which marks all the works of God, and mars none of them. We are not all alike in character, but one thing is certain. Character of every man is a consolidated habit, and habit forms itself by repeated action. Habits are like foot paths beaten hard by the multitude of travellers who go to and fro. Think of the silent work which is going on in you. Do you think of the great structures which are going up in our great cities? There are none that are building so fast, and with so many hands as the structure of which you are the subject. There is not a thought that is not striking a blow; there is not an impulse that is not doing mason work; there is not a passion that is not the workman's thrust. God's word warns you to take heed how you build, for there will come a day of testing and full examination when all that has been done will be brought out, and you will be seen as you are. "Every man's word shall be tried whether it be good or bad."

High Wind Stops Work. The bridgemen were again compelled to quit work yesterday afternoon on account of the weather. During the morning they made considerable progress. All the stringers were put in place and fastened to the girders and four arch pieces raised on each side of the span.

Operations were not suspended so much on account of the cold as the strong gale which suddenly swooped down upon the workmen, and made it difficult to handle the heavy iron. The indications are that the backbone of winter will not be broken for some time to come and the last span of the bridge having reached a point that makes it practically safe and in a shape that in case of anticipated trouble, it could be forced to completion in a short time, the men are not under the necessity of pushing things as they did while building the other spans. They can rest occasionally, without the fear of the ice going out before they get through.

Celebrate the Occasion. The people of Danville and South Danville are beginning to feel jubilation. The cause thereof is the early completion of the new bridge. Already the matter of having a big celebration when the structure is completed is being talked about. One of the leading secret societies in Danville, it is said, introduced and discussed the subject at some length at a regular meeting, recently. While it was too early at that time to think of taking any action in the matter, the expressions of the members present were in favor of the movement, and the association will likely be heard from later.

And why not a celebration? The citizens of this community, have been without a bridge long enough to "rejoice and be exceedingly glad" when the new structure is ready for use.

Joshua Simpkins. "Joshua Simpkins," a rural comedy drama which has been presented continuously for several seasons on the road, will play an engagement in this city next Saturday night. "Joshua Simpkins" is a comedy drama, well acted by a company said to possess more than ordinary merit, in addition to which several pleasing specialties are introduced. A complete orchestra composed of professional musicians discourse incidental music, which assists to make the play the success it is. This feature is claimed by the management to be gilt edged, and, it is said, far exceeds the usual orchestra by theatrical companies. Their fine band will give a burlesque parade about noon on the day of the engagement.

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SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

The School Board met in regular session Monday, with the following members in attendance: Harpel, Adams, Trombrow, Buras, Pursell, Haring, Fischer, Werksheiser, Jacobs, Greene and Von Blohm.

In the absence of Secretary Orth, Superintendent Gordy was elected Secretary pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported \$4,237 in the hands of the Treasurer. He also stated that tax collector Peters had accrued him a few days ago, that he would be prepared to turn over to the Treasurer \$1,000 within a month.

Mr. Fischer, Chairman of the Building and Repairs Committee, was authorized to purchase a toll rope for the Third Ward school building. Mr. Pursell reported that the registers had been placed in the Third Ward school building.

Then followed, for over an hour, another debate on the matter of corporal punishment. Superintendent Gordy reported the number of pupils in attendance the past month, 1,201; number tardy, 391; number sick, 204. He then gave a brief report of the State Educational Convention held at Harrisburg, last week, and the report was accepted as read. Mr. Jacobs, a delegate from Montour county to the same Convention, also read an interesting report of the proceedings of the Convention, at the conclusion of which he was tendered a vote of thanks by the Board.

The following bills were ordered paid: Standard Gas Co. \$3.45
H. R. Moore. 5.91
Myers, Fishel & Co. 4.32
Remington Typewriter Co. 2.80
H. G. Salmon. 2.75
Danville Stove & Mfg. Co. 4.30
U. F. Esterbrook. 2.60
H. S. Express Co. 1.90

Death of Jane Ann Lovett. Mrs. Jane Ann Lovett, wife of George Lovett, died at her home, 112 Lower Mulberry street, Monday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, aged fifty-two years. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. Lovett was Miss Jane Ann Gould, daughter of Edward Gould, of London, England, which is, also, Mr. Lovett's native country. In early life the young people met, and subsequently became betrothed. With the understanding that he was to send for Miss Gould when he was prepared to receive her and make her his wife, Mr. Lovett sailed for America, 35 years ago, and located in Danville. Three years later he kept the promise made to Miss Gould on the eve of his departure from England, by sending for her and leading her to the altar. She arrived in Danville during the day, and in the evening the wedding took place in the Episcopal church.

The deceased enjoyed a wide acquaintance and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Edward and Joseph Lovett; Misses Anna and Alice Lovett; Mrs. Rufus Gulliver, of Danville, and Mrs. William Heimlicher, of Bloomsburg. The funeral (private) will take place from the family residence, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

An Enjoyable Time. A sleighing party consisting of the following persons had a very enjoyable time at the residence of John Hartline, Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gething, Mr. and Mrs. William Gething and daughter, Fred Lawrence and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stadler and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Babel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Leiglow, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Blocher, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wert, Mrs. and Mrs. Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Haglund, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vaastine, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Charles Arter, Miss Stella Heller, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Diehl. An excellent dinner was served.

A Big Musical Treat in View. Mr. J. W. Canoly, business manager of the "Liberty Belles" under the management of Fred G. Berger, Jr., was a caller at the office of the Morning News yesterday.

The delightful musical comedy is from the pen of Harry D. Smith and is fresh from an unrepresented run at the Madison Square Theatre, New York. Mr. Canoly states absolutely the entire original production will be presented here next Tuesday, February 21st. The cast is a great one, including, Toby Craig, Betsy LaRue, Mabel Kip, the Pink Pajama Girl, Carrie Wilson, Will Coffey, Frank Farrington and a host of other well known stars.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Jacobs, spent Sunday with friends in Williamsport. H. F. Deener, of Catawissa, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stead and daughter Alice, spent Sunday with relatives in Rush township.

Charles Ruckel spent Sunday in Bloomsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hottenstein, Mrs. Daniel Hottenstein, Josiah Baker and Misses Verdilla Hottenstein and Daisy Baker, of Milton, were visitors in this city yesterday.

F. C. Angle, Esq., of this city, Miss Sara E. DeLong, Frank E. DeLong, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chamberlin and two sons and maid, of Torredale, sailed yesterday morning from New York on the steamship "Bermudian" for Hamilton, Bermuda, where they will join Miss Rea and Mrs. F. C. Angle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dildine, of Rohnsburg, were visitors in this city yesterday.

J. A. Merrill and daughter, of Valley township, were visitors in this city yesterday.

David Heimbach, of Grovania, spent yesterday in this city.

S. F. Welliver, of Washingtonville, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

C. C. Seibold, of Sunbury, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Samuel Eokman, of Rushtown, was in this city yesterday.

John L. Voris and son Gilbert, of Pottsgrove, spent yesterday with relatives in this city.

B. H. Creveling, of Bloomsburg, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Emma Lewis, of Chulasky, attended the Pomona Grange meeting in this city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Billmeyer, of Mexico, spent yesterday in this city.

L. Martin, of Terbotville, spent yesterday in this city.

F. C. Wolf, of Bloomsburg, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

T. P. Eckman, of Klinesgrove, made a business trip to this city yesterday.

C. Mio-emoyer, of Washingtonville, was in this city yesterday.

E. W. Reese, of Hazleton, was in this city yesterday.

M. S. Bond, of Chulasky, attended the meeting of Pomona Grange in this city yesterday.

W. J. Bidleman, of Bloomsburg, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

Nathan Becker, of Milton, was in this city yesterday.

W. R. Mills, of Exchange, was in this city yesterday.

Braze Keller and Frank Martz, of Washingtonville, was in this city yesterday.

G. E. Woodring, E. L. Grosch and J. W. Graaf, of Hazleton, were visitors in this city yesterday.

Charles Stagerwalt of the Western Union Telegraph Company, made a business trip to Northumberland yesterday.

Thomas B. Evans made a business trip to Shamokin and Mt. Carmel yesterday.

Theodore R. Angle and Miss Mary B. Robison will return today from New York.

At Y. M. C. A. Tonight. Florence Louise Ketchum, who will appear at Association Hall tonight at 8 o'clock, is spoken of by the President of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, in the following terms:

"Miss Ketchum is a dramatic artist and refined young woman. The richly varied success of this superb artist in her monodramatic interpretations, in many states, places her in the front rank of America's younger readers. The reasons for this are numerous and unmistakable. Miss Ketchum is a unique personality. The artist talents in every fibre of her being. Her art is forcefully natural and it goes straight to the heart. Her instinctive discrimination in literary and dramatic values gives to her work that which all true art has—an educational value. Miss Ketchum's interpretations are clear and sharp in their outlines, full of the fire and dash that makes nerves tingle, and yet withal they are subtle, well-shaded, and tempered with that reserve that gives to art its needed balance and repose. Her voice is clear with intelligence; strong and resonant with the awakened energy of a vigorous, flexible body; and, as occasion requires, it is delicate, spiritual, and mighty, with the music of a great soul. In Miss Ketchum we find that happy blending of the vision of the poetess with the expression of a highly gifted actress."

Admission 15 cents for old and young tickets at Y. M. C. A. and Hunt's Drug Store.

Funeral of Henry Thomas. The funeral of Henry Thomas, who was burned to death in the Valley township poor house last Sunday morning, occurred Tuesday afternoon. Services were held at the home of his son, Andrew J. Thomas, at First street, Rev. G. E. Lambert, pastor of Shiloh Reformed church, officiating. The pall bearers were: Henry Shutt, John Bookmiller, John Hale and Jacob Hort. A host of town relatives in attendance were: Joseph Thomas, of Berwick and Christian Thomas, of Esby.

MEETING OF POMONA GRANGE

The regular quarterly meeting of Pomona Grange was held in G. A. H. Hall yesterday. Two sessions were held and the attendance was large. The local grange was not only well represented, but there were members of six other granges of this district present, as well as a number of patrons from Columbia County.

The Grange favors the laying of double tracks across the new river bridge and also that flat rails be used in the event that a trolley line crosses the bridge. A committee was appointed to appear before the County Commissioners and request that Board to assist upon the above.

The following resolution relative to the Rural Telephone enterprise was adopted:

"The farmer is constantly in need of quick communication with points a considerable distance from his home in other parts of the country, and in towns and cities, and the telephone is the only way in which this quick communication can be satisfactorily secured."

Country telephone systems owned by the people, have been established in some localities and are in successful operation.

Telephone stock companies are willing to contract for the connection of country systems with their lines.

Therefore, it is resolved, by this Pomona Grange, that we urge the farmers of this district to encourage the establishment of a system of rural telephone lines and that we give our support to those who may present a fair plan for bringing this about."

The new plan of nitro-culture was discussed.

Miss Lettie Merrell favored the meeting with a recitation.

The Grange, on motion, decided to extend an invitation to the Pennsylvania State Grange to hold its next annual meeting in December in this district.

It was also decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of Pomona Grange at Exchange on the last Wednesday in May.

A New Curriculum. An effort is being made to have the legislature pass a bill which shall compel every public school teacher to regularly set aside a special period of the day for the purpose of instructing the pupils on the subject of kindness.

If the promoters of this project should succeed it would occasion no surprise to school room visitors to hear the teacher say, "Class in kindness, please come forward." It certainly would be interesting to see how the class in kindness would be handled.

Whether such an addition to the public school curriculum should be required by law is questionable. But as the moral training of a child is quite as important as the training of its intellect, a good purpose in the direction of cultivating its moral nature would be served by infusing into it an example at school a spirit of kindness—kindness to one another, to brothers and sisters, to animals; obedience to parents and teachers and respect for the aged; polite and courteous forms of speech as well as manners, and the general trend of instruction should instill into the pupils the principles of honesty, unselfishness, truthfulness, manliness and womanliness.

All these qualities should be the product of public school instruction without the requirement of a specific curriculum.

Proposed New School Law. Second section of House bill, No. 57, which is intended to amend the act of the assembly approved July 11, 1901, to provide for the attendance of children at school, if passed by the general assembly will work radical changes in attendance in our common schools.

Parents and truant boys and girls should read the section below, and not fail to reflect upon its provisions:

All children between the ages of 8 and 13 years, and all unemployed children between the ages of 13 and 16, habitually absenting themselves from school contrary to the laws of the State, shall be deemed habitual truant; all children between the ages of 8 and 16 years, regularly or persistently misbehaving in the ordinary schools, so as to be subjects for exclusion therefrom, shall be deemed habitual school offenders, and all children between the ages of 8 and 16 years, habitually on the street out of school hours, with no lawful occupation, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, shall be deemed vagrant children.

To Succeed Mr. Cripps. Thomas B. Williams of this city, has been appointed to fill the vacancy at the State Hospital gas works, caused by the death of William Cripps. Yesterday Mr. Williams moved his family into the house on the asylum grounds, recently occupied by Mr. Cripps.

Liberty Belles. Twenty-six beautiful young ladies and fifteen male members comprise "The Liberty Belles" organization which will be seen here at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, February 21st. It is a pleasure to find a musical attraction once in a while that does not advertise a hundred people and show up with about thirty. The well known manager, Fred Berger, is the owner and manager of the combination which will be seen here, and this is sufficient guarantee that the performance will be a good one, for Mr. Berger never does things by halves.

"The Liberty Belles" company for the present season is made up largely of the original members of the company which produced this splendid comedy at the Madison Square Theatre, New York, where it had a run of twenty-two weeks, and from two to ten weeks in the other larger cities throughout the country.

Woolridge-Farley. Charles A. Woolridge and Miss Celesta Farley, both of Danville, were united in marriage by Rev. E. B. Dunn, Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the United Evangelical church.

Court Declares Nomination Void. In a decision handed down by Judge Little, at Bloomsburg, Monday, the nominations made at the Citizens' caucus, are declared null and void, and the county commissioners are restrained from printing the names of the nominees for municipal offices on the official ballot. A few of the nominees took out nomination papers, anticipating the Court's decision.

High Water Expected. The great accumulation of snow along the Susquehanna Valley, however, has caused much grave apprehension among the people who reside along the banks of the river, for a flood is almost inevitable, unless the thaws that come are most gradual. Already this winter the precipitation in rain and snow is greater than last winter's entire downfall.

There is considerable apprehension as to the mines of their result that may follow a sudden thaw, or if the present snow and ice melt under the impulse of a continued rain. In such cases the results must be most disastrous to the mining interests. The mountains are covered with ice and snow and some of the breaches are choked full of both, and should there be a sudden influx of water into the mines the result must be most disastrous, and it is doubtful whether there would be a mine in the entire region that would not be drowned out, and many of them perhaps for many weeks.

"We look upon the conditions as alarming," said a Reading official, "and are getting in shape for any emergency that may arise."

At the collieries orders have been issued to maintain the pumping machinery in best possible condition and everything in that direction is now being done. Water tanks are also being overhauled so that they will be ready for instant use if necessary. The mule cars are also being held in readiness so that the stock can be hoisted at the shortest possible notice should the emergency arise.

At some of the collieries a force of men has been organized and put to work on the troughs and ditches that carry the water around the mine breaches and every effort will be made to keep them in the best possible condition.