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CONDENSED NEWS.

Rivermen of Berwick and Nescopeck are prophesying and preparing for a flood and damage when the ice breaks up. The prospect of high water is the one subject of conversation among them.

Miss Tillie Keener has accepted a position in G. Shoop Hunt's drug store.

A New Wilmington, Pa., newspaper man who inherited \$100,000 became insane. Comment is superfluous.

Rural delivery is wending out a lot of country post offices. With the opening of a new route from Mifflinburg, Union county, the post office at Dice, Violet, White Springs and Forest Hill will be discontinued. The rural routes in Union now reach to nearly all parts of the county.

The oldest men in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona say they do not recall another winter when there was so much snow, when it is piled along the tracks from 5 to 15 feet high.

The boys and girls never had a better or more prolonged season of coasting than the past six weeks. There has not been so much snow, but just enough to 'patch' up the spots, and with a little thaw or rain and then freezing, an ideal surface has been formed on the hill streets.

It is predicted that by the year 2000 from 200 to 300 new foods will be at man's service. That is all very well, but better would it be to hear that those foods we have now were not to be put out of service to the average man by their ever-increasing cost.

St. Patrick's day is only a month away. That means the winding up of Winter.

February has a temperature deficiency of over 200 degrees as compared with the normal temperature for a like period. The rule of averages applied to this fact makes it probable that we shall have an excess of something like what many degrees above the normal next July and August. When you are shivering a bit today and tomorrow just console yourself with this reflection.

Forty spittees were had in New York on Saturday. At that rate, a horrid habit bids fair to lose its grip, in one American city at least. In time anti-spitting ordinances may be made equally effectual elsewhere.

Harbingers of spring may be expected almost any time now.

Tham with numerous promises to pay falling due this week thinks holidays are all right.

The ice in the river at Lock Haven is thirty inches thick.

Berwick had an eighty thousand dollar pay on Saturday.

Walter Arms, the tailor, will open a tailor store in the room formerly occupied by Gass & Gibson on Fourth Street.—Sunbury Item.

The bowl of the stay-at-home voter because it didn't go to suit him was heard yesterday.

The Sophie Bradford Repertoire company will open a three night's engagement at the opera house tonight.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL IN SESSION

At Friday night's regular meeting of Borough Council Mr. Reifsnnyder of the Light Committee stated that the Municipal Light plant would be in operation on or before March 1. Some delay has been occasioned by the severe weather of the past week, which made it impossible to do outside work.

It was recommended that an alarm whistle be placed at the new light plant to be used at night, when it is necessary to call the electrician.

A communication was received from Caldwell, Barry and Leonard desiring to know why the payment of \$19.00 due that firm from the Borough had been delayed.

The following bills were ordered paid: Borough Department. Regular Employees, \$82.50. Postage, 5.00. Street Labor and Hauling, 16.71.

WATER DEPARTMENT. Regular Employees, \$129.70. P. & R. R. Co. freight, 73.15. P. & R. Coal & Iron Co., 135.88. Washington Fire Co., 75. Joseph Lechner, 10.30. Labor on Streets, 3.00. Harry B. Patton, 20.00.

Martha Washington Supper. The W. M. C. A. auditorium never presented a more animated appearance than last evening, between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock, during which time the Ladies' Auxiliary served a most delightful supper to about 450 persons.

Best Game of the Season. The basket ball fans who failed to attend the Danville-Ashtand game at the Army last night, missed the most brilliant game of the season.

Death of Mrs. Fax. Mrs. Mary E. Fax, widow of the late James Fax, died at her home, No. 364 Church street, yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock.

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SUICIDE AT GROVANIA

About 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, a freight crew on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad saw a black object lying in the snow several rods from the tracks and about 100 yards from a man.

There being no Justice of the Peace in Cooper township and none nearer than Danville, Squire William V. Oglesby went from this city to inquire into the case.

Statements made by witnesses present, showed that Middleton was first noticed in Grovania on Thursday afternoon. He was seen entering the place on a freight train.

Middleton for the past several weeks had been making things very unpleasant for his wife. He threatened to kill her at different times since they were married.

Although Mrs. Middleton had received word from Shamokin that her husband had left that city on Wednesday, she had no idea that he was in the vicinity of Grovania.

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A SMALL AUDIENCE

The mass meeting held in the interest of the Soldiers' Monument took place in the Opera House last night. Although it carried with it some disappointment as to the number of speakers, it was not as to the size of the audience.

After a selection by the band, Hon. James Foster, James Scaret, Esq., District Attorney Ralph Kiser, Father Jules Poin, John H. Gosser and Major I. H. Seesholtz filed in before the floodlights and took seats upon the stage.

Rev. Father Foin, rector of St. Hubert's Catholic church, was next introduced. Father Foin soon impressed the audience as an ardent patriot.

James Scaret, Esq., was introduced as the next speaker. The popularity of this orator was well attested by the prolonged applause with which he was greeted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Geiger and Miss Mand Geiger, of Limestoneville, were visitors in this city yesterday.

William Hendricks left yesterday for Northumberland, where he will install several large heaters manufactured at the Danville Works.

John Barry made a business trip to Sunbury yesterday.

D. L. Hess, of Benton, spent yesterday in this city.

Hon. L. W. Welliver, of Exchange, was in this city yesterday.

Thomas Dennen, of Exchange, made a business trip to this city yesterday.

Patrick Brannon, of Exchange, spent yesterday in this city.

Miss Nelle D. Edgar returned to this city yesterday, after a four months sojourn at Pasadena, California.

Peter H. Vonght, of Mayberry township, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Heber L. DeWitt, clerk at Pennsylvania Railroad station, South Danville, took a trip to Wilkesbarre and Scranton yesterday.

E. W. Reese, of Hazleton, made a business trip to this city yesterday.

Miraculous Escape. Motorman Burger of Danville distinguished himself by an act of cool-headedness in Bloomsburg Friday afternoon whereby the life of a little girl was miraculously saved.

Will Likely Select Harrisburg. Since the first convention to elect a Bishop for the new Harrisburg diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Williamsport, has been doing everything to have that city made the see of the diocese.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

George W. Weidensaul, of Lewisburg, spent Sunday in this city.

Garnie Lyons, of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Miles Barber, of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday with his parents in this city.

Mrs. A. Stovall, two sons and daughter, of Lincoln, N. C., are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Hinchelwood, West Mahoning street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kaestner, of Catawissa, spent Sunday in this city.

Mrs. Harman Rupp and son Fred, spent Sunday with relatives in Catawissa.

R. C. Keppner, of Berwick, was a Sunday visitor in this city.

Miss Sylvia Cromley spent Sunday with friends in Berwick.

Blaine James, of Philadelphia is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Harry Pope and daughter Hilda, of Bristol, are visiting at the home of Daniel Kottorn, East Market street.

J. W. Belles, W. N. Michael, Moses Savage and U. S. Keefe, of Benton, transacted business in this city yesterday.

John Kirby, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, Berwick, transacted business in this city yesterday.

The following election officers of the various districts throughout the county made their official returns at the Court House yesterday: Anthony, Joseph S. Acor; Cooper, L. H. Weaver; Derry, Charles G. Miller; Liberty, William J. Leidy; Limestone, S. F. Welliver; Mahoning, W. S. Madden; Mayberry, Peter H. Vonght; Valley, William H. Churm; West Hemlock, Thomas J. Keefe; Washingtonville, Thomas F. Kerswell, Esq.

McClellan Diehl, of Washingtonville, transacted business in this city yesterday.

U. R. Adams, of Exchange, was in this city yesterday.

J. S. Acor, of Exchange, spent yesterday in this city.

Samuel Metz, of Bloomsburg, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lormer, of Sunbury, are visiting at the home of Seth C. Lormer, Pine street.

Howard Yeager, of Shamokin, spent yesterday in this city.

Orris O. Oswald and son William, attended the funeral of a relative in Shamokin yesterday.

VIEWERS' HEARING IS POSTPONED

Yesterday was the date set for the hearing in connection with the view on the old river road, which was held on the 10th inst. The hearing, however, was not held, although there was a good turnout of interested parties and the matter informally was once more fully discussed in all its bearings.

When the viewers reconvened Mr. Gouger was still absent. It was learned, however, that he was indisposed and confined to his home.

The old river road, which has been closed to travel for some two or three years has been the source of constant contention between the Supervisors of Mahoning township, who hold that the road is unnecessary and too burdensome to keep open, and several owners of property abutting on the thoroughfare and others who find it convenient to use the road, all of whom hold that the old highway is indispensable and who resist at every point measures adopted to vacate it.

Present at the hearing yesterday in addition to Messrs. Sheep and Ellis, viewers, were Edward L. White and James Heckendorf, Supervisors of Mahoning township, along with their attorneys, James Scaret, Esq., and Hon. R. S. Ammerman. W. A. Shepperson and Robert Morris, who own land abutting on the old road, were also present along with others who consider the road a necessity.

Hon. H. M. Hincley and Edward S. Gearhart represent the citizens who oppose vacation.

The river road was laid out in 1832. About one-third of its length, from the creek's mouth is at present within the Borough limits. Between the creek's mouth and Lovers' Leap, about two-thirds of its length, the roads of the river long ago obliterated the last trace of the original road and before it was vacated the only way that vehicles could get through at certain points was by driving upon private property.

The heavy flood of the spring of 1903, cut up the old road along its entire length so badly as to make it practically impassable and it was closed by the Supervisors. To repair it, they held, would necessitate an outlay which was altogether unjustified in view of the fact that Northumberland street opened into a parallel road. Viewers were appointed, but an appeal was taken to their report, which favored vacation, and thus the matter has been in court ever since. Meanwhile the bridge at the creek's mouth, which could not be replaced for less than several thousand dollars, has been carried off, and this is urged as an additional reason why the road should be vacated.

Vacation is being opposed on the ground that the owners of the land below the creek's mouth would be deprived of an outlet; also that to close the river road would be in effect to vacate one of the streets of the Borough, which is held as a monstrous proposition that could not for a moment be countenanced.

The Supervisors deny that they desire to deprive any property of outlet. They seek to vacate only the superior right of the State, in which event the ground where the road still exists will revert to the owners of the land abutting there to be used as a private road or for any other purpose that the owners may see proper to apply it to.

Just what the report of the viewers may be will no doubt depend in great measure upon the result of the hearing next Friday.

District Organizer in Town. George Brown, of Shamokin, Division Organizer of the Sons of Veterans, arrived in this city last evening preparatory of mustering in a new Camp of the above named order tonight.

During an interview Mr. Brown stated that everything looked very encouraging and he had every reason to believe the new Camp would enter upon its career with some sixty members. Sons of Veterans are expected to be present from Shamokin, Bloomsburg and Milton, among the members from the latter place being a degree team which will do the work.

The meeting will be held in G. A. R. Hall at 7:30 o'clock. It is desirable however, that the members be on hand not later than 7:15 o'clock, owing to some preliminary matters pertaining to the muster that will have to be attended to first. All those whose names are on the list, and who have paid up, however, will become charter members of the Camp whether present tonight or not. At the same time they, even by complying as above, affords the last opportunity of becoming a charter member.

There was formerly a Camp of Sons of Veterans in Danville, which ceased to exist in 1891.

The proposition to increase the borough debt of Mt. Carmel by \$50,000 to complete the sewer system carried by a vote of about five to one.

A LIGHT VOTE POLLED

The election Tuesday passed off very quietly. The weather conditions were all that could be desired. Overhead the day was spring-like and balmy; underfoot the streets were sloppy it is true, but the ice had disappeared and the walking on the whole was much better than for weeks past.

Voters, however, failed to turnout in large numbers and the vote polled was small even for spring election. In a few of the districts there was some degree of rivalry between the candidates, notably for Council, but nowhere was there anything like a determined fight among the candidates for any of the offices.

In the district Henry Wireman won out for Overseer of the Poor. In the Borough Benton B. Brown was the choice for High Constable and John L. Jones for Auditor. The vote for the various candidates stood as follows:

DISTRICT.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Henry Wireman, R. 220, First Ward, 124, Second Ward, 124, Third Ward, 120, Fourth Ward, 131, Mahoning Township, 111, Total, 706.

BOROUGH.

HIGH CONSTABLE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Benton B. Brown, R. 242, First Ward, 148, Second Ward, 148, Third Ward, 159, Fourth Ward, 148, Total, 694.

AUDITOR.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes John L. Jones, R. 197, First Ward, 124, Second Ward, 124, Third Ward, 104, Fourth Ward, 110, Total, 555.

FIRST WARD.

COUNCIL.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

JUDGE OF ELECTION.

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.

CONSTABLE.

SECOND WARD.

COUNCIL.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

JUDGE OF ELECTION.

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.

CONSTABLE.

THIRD WARD.

COUNCIL.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

JUDGE OF ELECTION.

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.

CONSTABLE.

FOURTH WARD.

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BI-COUNTY CONVENTION

The bi-county convention of the P. O. S. of A., which met in the G. A. R. Hall of Danville on Washington's Birthday, was attended by some 125 members of the order belonging to Montour and Columbia counties. No more successful convention has ever been held in the history of the order in these two counties. The addresses were earnest efforts, eloquent in tone and abounding in patriotic sentiments. The hall, which had been especially decorated for the occasion, was resplendent with the stars and stripes and presented a most striking appearance.

Owing to the absence of A. H. Kline, President, Robert Mapstone, Vice President, presided at the convention. The address of welcome and eulogy of Washington was delivered by Ralph Kiser, Esq., of Camp No. 364 and was an especially able effort. Rev. Bachman of Camp No. 204, Newlin, made the response which was also an appropriate and felicitous effort.

After hearing the reports officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. I. M. Bachman of Camp No. 204, Newlin. Vice President, J. V. Wilson, Camp No. 364, Danville.

Master of Forms, W. C. Schweppenheiser, Camp No. 654, Mifflinville. Secretaries, C. B. Wilson, Camp 364, Danville; C. S. Waltz, 640, Catawissa; E. G. Scheppenheiser, 105, Berwick. Conductor, Isaac Gross, Camp 364, Danville.

Treasurer, I. H. Seesholtz, Camp 540, Catawissa. Inspector, Charles Berry, Camp 105, Berwick. Committees were appointed as follows: Special Committee on Resolutions—Ralph Kiser, 364; L. B. Kline, 540; I. H. Seesholtz, 540; T. Chapin, 503; J. W. Bellas, 123.

General Committee on Resolutions—L. B. Kline, 540; J. C. Snyder, 684; P. W. Unangst, 105; C. E. Rarig, 304; A. N. Shearer, 105.

Lengthy resolutions were adopted among other things endorsing the efforts to bring and keep under control corporations and trust combines. It was also urged that no efforts be spared to make the public schools the best in the world; the teachers should inculcate American principles and devotion to country. It was urged that the order, the advocate of the public school, should oppose with might all appropriation of public money for sectarian purposes; that it should demand of our representatives that the appropriation for the public schools be increased in proportion as the school population increases; that the members of the order should be ever mindful of their duty that none but those having the true interest of the public schools at heart be elected to office.

It was resolved that the order not only reiterate, but persistently demand the reading of the Bible in the public schools as the only standard for the moral and higher training of youth; it was resolved also that the members not only urge, but assist in enforcing the laws pertaining to "Child Labor" and insist upon the enforcement of compulsory education.

It was resolved to welcome to our shores all who appreciate the blessings of Liberty, but a protest was entered against undesirable immigration. For all immigrants and the granting of naturalization papers a rigid literary test was recommended. A law was favored restricting foreign immigration to 50,000 from any one country.

It was decided to hold the Joint County convention with Camp 319 at Bloomsburg on Washington's Birthday next year.

Delegates were present as follows: Camp 105, Berwick—Boyd McAllister, A. N. Shaerer, J. W. Folk, Charles Berry, P. W. Unangst.

Camp 684, Fishing creek—W. H. Kingsbury, N. J. Robbins, Harrison Hess, W. E. Eveland, Bruce Sattif.

Camp 17, Light Street—Harry Zeiler, E. A. Brown, M. Eyerly, H. H. Brown.

Camp 103, Benton—C. M. Treitt, J. W. Bellas, W. F. Keefe, William Michael, Moses Savidge.

Camp 204, Newlin—Wilson Rhodes, J. P. Snyder, Charles Rhoad, Ray Walters, Rev. I. M. Bachman.

Camp 684, Mifflinville—J. W. Miller, H. H. Emerick, W. C. Schweppenheiser, J. E. Snyder, J. E. Lutz. Camp 319, Bloomsburg—C. E. White, night, J. W. Sands, Samuel Metz, Thomas Manning, Issiah Deilly.

Camp 540, Catawissa—Adam Trunkemiller, C. W. Harder, Dr. L. B. Kline, S. S. Deibert. Camp 364, Danville—J. V. Wilson, Isaac Gonsberger, William Wertman, G. E. Wertman, Stephen Nevius. Camp 365, Washingtonville—W. O. Krum, W. E. Patterson, V. C. Shultz, J. F. Patterson, A. A. Sweitzer. Camp 567, Riverside—J. A. Gotshall, William Bailor, R. B. Bird, D. J. Snyder, Elmer Fowler. Camp 517, Fowlersville—John S. Scott, T. A. Renley. Camp 484, Mainville—Charles Bauman, William Linn, J. B. Ness, J. A. Shuman, A. F. Diener.