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CONDENSED NEWS.

There is a break in eggs. We hope for a seasonal March. Trim the trees and grape vines now. Keep the gutters open. There'll be need for it. Publish the laws and give the people a chance. The March break-up ought to be an early event now. Don't look for spring before you get the strains of the hand organ. What a chance there would be for pensioners in Russia and Japan if those countries were as generous to their soldiers as Uncle Sam! There's a pile of snow back in the mountains, but its quantity is being steadily decreased. There is no danger of it going off all at once. Danville has not been troubled this winter with so many tramps as in former years. St. Patrick's day is coming on apace, and we are reminded of it by little tithes of the weather.

Many of the states seem determined to make war on consumption, and the hope is general that good results will follow. The people of Pennsylvania will cordially approve any effective measures that may be taken to relieve the overcrowded and unsanitary condition of the various insane asylums of the State pending the completion of the new asylum at Allentown. The man who takes whisky with his game destroys the effect of the latter but delights in the effect of the former. Before long Chesapeake Bay will hold the greater portion of the ice crop of the state. Every farmer in Montour county ought to be an enthusiastic in his support of the good roads movement. The railroads have made a record for handling passengers that will be hard to beat. The pneumonia death rate throughout the country continues to break all previous records. Harrisburg High school has been closed owing to the discovery of a case of smallpox in the school. Many of the spectators found it hard to get out of Washington than to get in. Evidently the czar is beginning to realize that the Russian demands have some force back of them. The blue birds and robins that ventured north in March have been experiencing a shivering time. It will be remarkable indeed if pneumonia does not reap a rich harvest as a result of the weather changes on the inauguration crowds.

Another demand for a change of inauguration day is being made. The only obstacle to it is the unwillingness of the people to make the change. Thomas Dietrich will offer at public sale at the Excelsior Hotel, Washington, on Wednesday, March 29th, at 1 o'clock p. m., a carload of valuable Western Horses. There will be Sunday School and regular services in Trinity Reformed Church, Strawberry Ridge, on next Sunday afternoon. The pastor expects to preach. Members will please take notice.

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VOL. 50--NO 10. DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY MARCH 9, 1905. ESTABLISHED IN 1855

LIGHT PLANT IN OPERATION

The history of electric lighting in Danville entered upon a new epoch last night when the municipal plant went into commission and for the first time the streets of our Borough were illuminated by the new type of one-hundred hour lamps.

During yesterday the final preparations were made. The lamps, eighty in number, had all been tested and these were hung in their respective positions about the streets. The incandescent lights, twenty-four in number, were also placed in position at the points designated.

While work was in progress on the street system a force of mechanics was employed in installing the new steam separator at the light plant, which had just arrived. This was very successful and fully inserted in the steam pipe a few feet above the valve chest of the engine and by diverting the steam of all water will add very much to the efficiency of the high speed engine employed.

There was a good deal of curiosity manifested to see how the new plant would operate and when the lights went on last night there were few eyes in town that were not bent upon the lamps. The general success of the plant, however, had been previously demonstrated by experiment.

It was not claimed for the municipal plant that the lights would establish a new record for brilliancy. The object rather was to secure a greater number of lamps—to secure a more general diffusion of light throughout the borough—and to secure the result at a diminished cost. Whether Council has laid its plans well and will accomplish its object it will take a little time to demonstrate.

Arrangements are being made to operate the municipal plant with a minimum of help. In point of fact there is but one additional man employed and he is the Borough electrician. The engineers at the water works will have charge of the engine and dynamo and the street system with its hundreds of lamps, which require replenishing but once a week. Mr. Jones, the electrician thinks, he can attend to himself.

Yesterday Superintendent George M. West had a force of men employed dismantling the street system of the Standard Electric Light Company and re-lighting the streets. The Standard Electric Light Company owns 126 poles and these together with the fixtures will be removed during the next four months, which is the time limit allowed.

Electric lighting in Danville dates from 1867. The year previous the Excelsior Electric Light Company established a small plant on the present site of the warehouse of Welliver's Hardware Company. This company sold commercial light and in 1887 installed a few arc lights about town, on Mill and Market streets.

On September 30, 1888, the Consumers' Gas Company equipped a plant and assumed a contract for lighting the town. This plant continued in operation until 1898, when the Standard Electric Light Company was organized and with a thoroughly remodeled plant and up to date system of alternating current entered upon the contract of lighting the town.

During many years past George M. West has been in charge as Superintendent. Mr. West has brought into his position all the requisites that go to make a successful manager. Courteous, obliging and just to the patrons he has ever looked after his employers' interests and impressed all as possessing a vast store of technical knowledge coupled with much experience which enabled him at all times to accomplish the best results with the facilities at hand.

THE ICE STILL HOLDS FAST

Thursday partly cloudy, rain or snow in north portions. Such is the weather forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania.

With rain today coupled with the downfall of the last twenty-four hours conditions will be such as to make a general break-up during the next couple of days almost a sure thing.

Last night up the river as far as Wilkesbarre there was practically no change in the condition of the stream. The rain thus far had not materially affected it and although the ice as at Danville and at other points had a wasted and unsafe appearance there was no positive sign of the ice breaking.

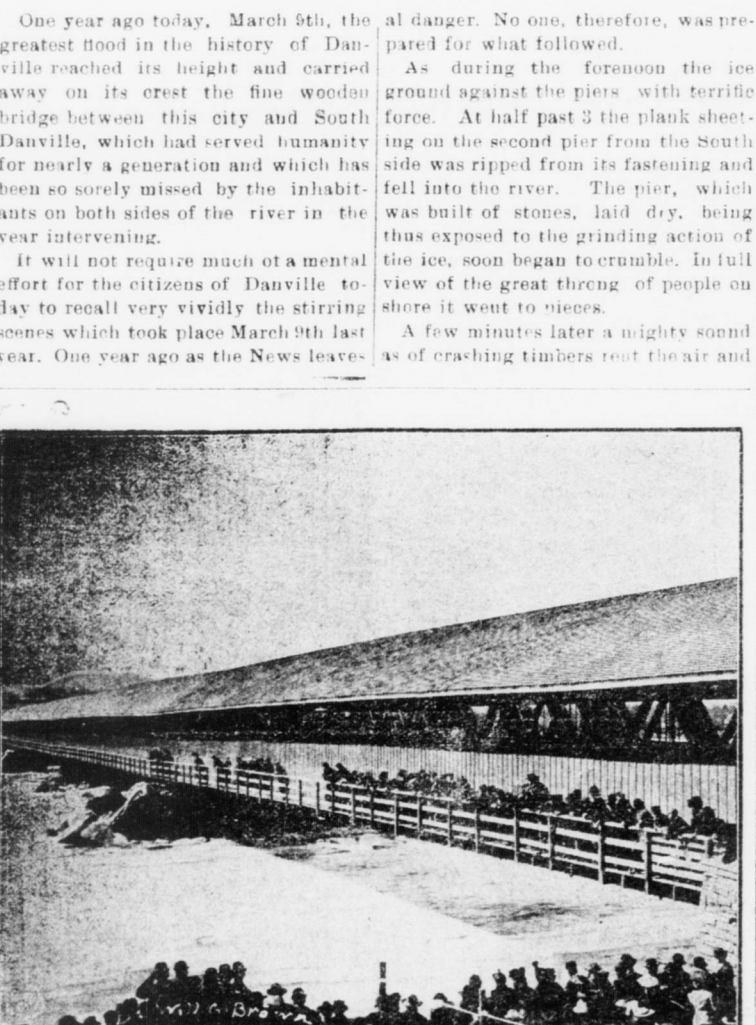
The canal, Blizard's run and other small tributaries of Mahoning creek are pretty well filled with water as the result of the rain, while Mahoning creek at a late hour last night began to rise. As a result of the increase of water from the tributaries the North Branch may be expected to rise today or tonight.

Those acquainted with river conditions seem to entertain no fears of a great flood, at least nothing to compare with last season. There are large quantities of ice in the river, but the great gorges which blocked the channel last year, menacing life and property here at present do not exist. While a large quantity of snow still lies in the rural districts the greater part of the winter's snowfall wasted away without affecting the streams. Most persons look for a break-up with moderately high water between the 1st and Sunday. A few predict that there will be no high water this year owing to the fact that the excess will pass off gradually instead of coming in a large volume as was expected.

It is a coincidence that conditions favorable for a break-up this year should occur on the anniversary of the great flood of last year.

THE RIVER BRIDGE AT THIS PLACE SWEEPED AWAY ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Anniversary of Greatest Flood That Ever Swept Down North Branch Valley—An Eventful Day of Thrilling Incidents.



One year ago today, March 8th, the greatest flood in the history of Danville reached its height and carried away on its crest the fine wooden bridge between this city and South Danville, which had served humanity for nearly a generation and which has been so sorely missed by the inhabitants on both sides of the river in the year intervening.

It will not require much of a mental effort for the citizens of Danville to recall very vividly the stirring scenes which took place March 8th last year. One year ago as the News leaves

al danger. No one, therefore, was prepared for what followed.

As during the forenoon the ice ground against the piers with terrific force. At half past 3 the plank sheeting on the second pier from the South side was ripped from its fastening and fell into the river. The pier, which was built of stone, laid dry, being thus exposed to the grinding action of the ice, soon began to crumble. In full view of the great throng of people on shore it went to pieces.

A few minutes later a mighty sound as of crashing timbers rent the air and

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

J. T. Tracy, of Bloomsburg, was a Sunday visitor in this city.

V. A. Gray, of Berwick, was a visitor in this city on Sunday.

E. G. Walter, of Catawissa, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Miss Margaret Grove, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

N. Uhl and Thomas Brown, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday in this city.

E. H. Brown, of Catawissa, was a visitor in this city on Sunday.

Alder Vastine, of Catawissa, spent Sunday in this city.

Frank Seidel, of Sparrows Point, Md., is visiting relatives in this city.

Homer Lotter, who was in this city attending the funeral of Mrs. Henry Wireman returned to Camden, N. J., yesterday.

Mrs. William H. Antrim and daughter of Philadelphia, are visiting friends in this city.

James P. McCormick, of Shamokin, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Harry C. Blue, of Sunbury, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

J. A. Welsh, of Shamokin, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

James R. Ritter, of Millburg, was in this city yesterday.

C. W. Diehl, of Bloomsburg, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

H. K. Kresge, of Lehighton, transacted business in this city yesterday.

L. G. Halton, of Shamokin, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Mrs. George Kessler and son Bruce, left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Shippensburg.

M. H. Schram made a business trip to Berwick yesterday.

Hon. James Foster transacted business at Kingston yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Howery and granddaughter Miss Cecil Dean will leave today for Marion, Ohio, where they will reside.

Albert Dreifuss, of Lewistown, arrived in this city last evening for a several weeks visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dreifuss from a visit with friends at Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Robinson have returned to Milton after a few days visit with friends in this city.

Wesley Morrill, South Danville, returned yesterday from Shenandoah.

Hon. R. S. Ammerman arrived home from Harrisburg last night.

Mrs. John Dieter and daughter Mary, Mrs. Fred Purpur and sons Arthur and George and Mrs. Peter Caslner, of Boyds station, were guests at the home of Edward Shultz, near Roaring Creek, Tuesday.

SENTENCED TO PENTENTIARY

The cases of George Arnold and Caroline Fillingner, which figured in court proceedings during last week, were both disposed of Saturday morning, Arnold going to the penitentiary and Caroline to the Hospital for the Insane.

Court convened at 10 o'clock with His Honor Judge Little and Associate Frank G. Blee on the bench. Caroline Fillingner accompanied by the Sheriff and Arnold in custody of Officer Voris came into court a few minutes after the ringing of the bell. Caroline, very demure, as if fully appreciating the importance of the event took her seat in an arm chair facing the court. To her right sat Arnold, his head still bandaged where wounded with a pistol ball, and wearing the same indifferent dejected look that characterized him during the trial.

Caroline's case first occupied the attention of court. After reviewing the charge that of concealing the death of her illegitimate child, as well as the evidence, which showed the woman to be of unsound mind and a degenerate, the Court cited the Act of Assembly, which provides in such cases that the person be placed in some suitable institution and maintained at the county's expense. The order of the Court therefore was that Caroline Fillingner be committed to the Hospital for the Insane at Danville and there to be kept in strict custody at the expense of Montour county. The Sheriff is to conduct her there in ten days and is to be allowed one female assistant.

George Arnold was next called before the bar and asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him. His reply was that he had nothing to say. Arnold, who had been found guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill, had been recommended to the mercy of the Court. His case was obviously one that called for a good deal of consideration and Judge Little very sympathetically addressed him a few inquiries as to his state of health. In reply Arnold explained that he suffered a great deal of pain in his head and distress in his stomach. He was thirty-seven years of age, he said, and is single.

It was in great measure due to drink; they would not be nominated for the recommendation for mercy. The sentence of the Court, therefore, was that George Arnold pay the cost of prosecution, a fine to the Commonwealth of one thousand dollars, and undergo imprisonment at separate and solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary for two years and six months.

As the Judge completed the sentence, Arnold replied: "I am a thousand times obliged!"

Arnold is to be conducted to the penitentiary in ten days.

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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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NEW COUNCIL ORGANIZED

The Borough Council of 1905-6 organized Monday evening. The initial meeting was well attended and exceedingly harmonious. Joseph Gibson was chosen President of Council and all last year's officers of the Borough were re-elected.

The Old Council went into session at 7:30 o'clock with the following members present: Reifnyder, Vastine, Penstermacher, Boyer, Lloyd, Dietrich, David Gibson and Joseph Gibson, the latter being called to the chair. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved, after which the various committees were called over when it was found that none had any report to make.

On motion orders were drawn for the salary of the Borough Solicitor and Borough Treasurer, due for the past year. David Gibson of the Fourth Ward, formally tendered his resignation as member of Council, assigning as a reason the fact that he did not feel physically able to stand the strain incidental to the full performance of duty as a member.

On motion of Mr. Penstermacher Mr. Gibson's resignation was accepted.

Dr. Swetsfort, one of the viewers appointed to assess damages sustained by properties on Mill street by reason of the change of grade, the report of which body was accepted by Council at its last session, appeared at the meeting to explain that the viewers had not put in presenting the bill for services, to the amount of \$13 each. The bill, he thought, was presented by an attorney. Speaking for the other viewers, as well as himself, he declared, no one thought of receiving compensation for more than two days' work, one for examining the property and one for conducting the hearing.

At 8 o'clock the Council of 1904-5 adjourned sine die.

The retiring members were: First Ward, Davis; Second Ward, Swank; Third Ward, Montgomery (deceased); Fourth Ward, Lloyd. These were succeeded in their order by Dr. Swetsfort, J. J. Dyer, Fred Dyer, and Joseph Gibson, all of whom were elected to the new members by Burgess Parcel.

Secretary Harry Patton called the new Council to order, after which Joseph Gibson was chosen as temporary chairman who in turn appointed Harry Patton as temporary Secretary. A roll call showed ten members present. J. H. Gosser was the only absentee, David Gibson having withdrawn after resigning.

Joseph Gibson was nominated as Chairman of Council. He had no opposition and was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. Vastine the salaries were permitted to remain the same as last year with the exception of Borough Surveyor, which was reduced from \$5 per day to \$5 per day for time actually put in. Other salaries stand as follows: Secretary and Receiver of Water Reuts, \$660 per year; Treasurer, \$150 per year; Borough Solicitor, \$100 per month; Street Commissioner, \$50 per month; Chief of Police, \$50 per month and house rent; Assistant police, \$50 per month.

There was no opposition for any of the offices and Secretary Harry Patton, Treasurer Harry Ellenbogen, Borough Solicitor E. S. Miller were Street Commissioner, E. S. Miller were in quick succession unanimously re-elected to their old positions. Chief of Police J. C. Mincey and Assistant police John Miller Voris were also unanimously re-elected.

G. F. Kessler was re-elected Borough Surveyor by the following vote: Yes—Gibson, Vastine, Reifnyder, Boyer, Penstermacher and Hughes. Not Voting—Dietrich, Dietz, Swetsfort and Jacobs.

Protected Home Circle

A local of the Protected Home Circle was organized in this city on Tuesday night by John Golden of Milton, District Deputy, who has been laboring in Danville at intervals since the holidays and R. McAllister of Bradford, State Deputy, who was present to assist in the organization.

A local of the Protected Home Circle was organized in this city a few years ago, but owing to some cause the members lost their interest and the circle disbanded. The meeting on Tuesday night therefore took the form of a re-organization. Twenty-six members were taken in. The officers elected were as follows: Past President, George W. Sandt; President, John F. Gooley; Vice President, Mary R. Dietz; Guardian, Mary C. Gaskins; Chaplain, W. Cross; Accountant, George B. Jacobs; Treasurer, William T. Ryan; Guide, John Winner; Companion, Thomas Good; Porter, Jacob R. Ryan; Watchman, John English; Medical Examiner, Dr. G. A. Stock.

School Boy Breaks His Arm

Ellis, the eight-year-old son of Austin Roup, tenant on the Dietler farm at Cameron, broke his arm while at school on Tuesday. He got caught in a jam when school was dismissed and was precipitated out through the front door. He struck the ground violently sustaining a fracture of the right arm at the elbow. Dr. Cameron Shultz set the broken bone yesterday. Mr. Roup, father of the injured boy, was formerly tenant on the Torrence farm at Riverside Heights.

Cost of February Court

The February term of Court may not have been of marked importance in point of cases tried and general business involved, but it added a considerable item to the county's expense accounts. The total cost of the term was just \$326.53.

The five Commonwealth cases alone cost the county \$176.35. The costs of each, which includes the fees of District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, Justice of the Peace, Constables and witnesses, were as follows: Caroline Fillingner case, \$37.85; case against the two Keefe boys, \$43.90; the Arnold shooting case, \$40.20; Arnold assault and battery case, \$34.95; the case against William Keefe, in which Grand Jury ignored the bill, \$19.45.

The Grand Jurors cost the county \$136.32; the traverse jurors, \$100.30. The constables for making their returns received \$37.50. The court clerk and tipstaffs added another item of \$16.60.

Remaining Open After 6 O'Clock

Owing to the revival in business incidental to spring several of our stores, which were on the early closing list, are remaining open during the evenings. One or more have announced the fact through the columns of the News that they intend remaining open after six o'clock. One by one the stores are remaining open and already after dark Mill street at several points has taken on a cheerful and business-like aspect, quite in contrast with the dark and deserted appearance presented during February.

Dispensation for St. Patrick's Day

At the personal request to Archbishop Farley, of New York, the Pope has granted a special dispensation from abstinence to all the Catholics of the United States who are to attend celebrations and banquets on March 17, St. Patrick's day, which this year falls on Friday. This dispensation is not, however, universal to all Catholics but restricted to those who by reason of their office or position have to attend banquets or celebrations in honor of the Irish saint. The dispensation is rather unusual, but will no doubt be a welcome addition to the day.

Death of Mrs. Twist

Susan A. Twist, an old and beloved resident of Danville, departed this life at 10:35 o'clock Tuesday morning. She had been ill five weeks, death being due to heart trouble complicated with other diseases.

The deceased was the widow of William Twist, who with William Hancock, John Foley and others, came to Danville from England in 1845 and assisted in the manufacture of the first T rail in America, which was rolled on the present site of the Reading Iron Works. Mrs. Twist was also a native of England, but came to this country when but 11 years old. At the time of her death she was 88 years of age and had lived in Danville for 60 years. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and was widely known. Two sons and two daughters survive: Charles Twist of New York, Edwin of Milton; Miss Kate and Miss Mary Twist of Danville.

Lewisburg Defeated

A small audience witnessed the basketball game between the Danville and Lewisburg Athletic Associations at the Armory last evening. Danville won easily by a score of 18-12.

The visitors put up a good game, and during the first half which ended with the score 8-6 in favor of Danville, neither side had any great advantage. The locals opened the second half with three pretty baskets in quick succession, which gave Danville a lead that Lewisburg was unable to overcome.

The line-up:

Danville	Lewisburg	
Breitenbach	guard	Stock
A. Klasse	guard	Besheimer
Scheller	center	Shirley
Book	forward	Johnson
Edmondson	forward	Parry

Goals from the field—Breitenbach 3, Book 3, Scheller 2, Klasse 1, Stock 2, Johnson 2, Shirley 1, Besheimer 1, Referee, Rosenthal.

Death of Mrs. Wireman

Emily V., wife of Over-seer of the Poor Henry Wireman, departed this life Saturday after a long siege of suffering.

The deceased, who resided with her husband on Bloom road about a mile out of town, was a widely known and highly esteemed resident of Mahoning township. She was very long during the latter part of last week and on Saturday morning about 4 o'clock death came to her relief.

Mrs. Wireman was 60 years of age. Beside her husband she is survived by three daughters and one son: Anna (Mrs. Lewis Cathbert), Regina (Mrs. Clarence Rishel), Virginia (Mrs. Lobaach), and Kirk, the latter, who has been blind since his infancy, being an inmate of a blind institution in Philadelphia. The three daughters reside in this county. The deceased was a sister of Victor A. and C. H. Lotter of this city. The funeral took place from the late residence Tuesday at p. m. Interment in Old Fellows' cemetery.

Lincoln Literary Society

The Lincoln Literary Society of the Danville High School held a regular meeting Friday afternoon at which the following program was rendered:

Violin Solo "Life Let Us Cherish" Miss Margaret Hoolley.

Recitation "The Two Glasses" Miss Faust.

Declamation "Greatest Americans by Roosevelt" Mr. Edwin Moore.

Oration "Liberty Bell" Miss Mary Lyons.

Reading "The Yarn of the..." Nancy Bell.

Mr. Kestnerbauer.

Debate: Question—Resolved, "That the Academic Education is the Most Practical One."

Affirmative side was sustained by Miss Gearhart and Mr. Seehler.

Negative, Miss Price and Miss Clayton.

The judges, Mr. Walliver, Miss Evans, Miss Hinckley, decided in favor of the Affirmative.

Piano Solo "Palka de Concert" Miss Doster.

Recitation "An Old Sweetheart" heart of Mine" Miss Jenkins.

Essay "My Three Homes" Miss Linger.

Declamation "Mr. Johnson" Mr. Johnson.

Danville Lady Vet President

Mr and Mrs. T. J. Rogers returned home from Washington, D. C., yesterday afternoon where last Saturday they attended the inauguration of President Roosevelt. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers during Monday and Tuesday of this week visited many points of interest in and about the National Capitol, including Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon.

On Tuesday Mrs. Rogers had the honor of shaking hands with President Roosevelt. Mr. Rogers was also booked for the honor of meeting the President but he was unable to keep the appointment. The couple were to join a party of Michigan people led by the Governor of the State but reached their hotel too late. Mrs. Rogers by running was able to drop into line as the party entered the White House, but Mr. Rogers states that he was a little too slow and missed seeing "Teddy."

Mrs. Rogers describes the President's handshake as a very hearty one expressive of great warmth and sincerity.

Breckbill-Sidder

Walter V. Breckbill, son of ex-Sheriff Michael Breckbill, and Miss Mary Sidder, daughter of George Sidder, were married last night at 8 o'clock the Rev. N. E. Claver officiating.

The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, 406 Railroad street.

The merchants on Mill street are on the alert to detect the least danger of an overflow from Mahoning creek or other sources and last night were prepared to begin removing goods from their cellars at short notice.