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CONDENSED NEWS.

Has the grip got you?
Movers are packing up.
St. Patrick's day on Friday.
March is on its good behavior.
Don't knock, but boast always.
Early house-cleaners are at work.
The old-fashioned winter has loosened.
It will soon be time for that tired feeling.
This is the slack time of the year for the local express companies. The next rush will occur about Easter time.
Mothers' clubs are pretty good things. At least they are more effective than slippers.
May will be a month of great doings in Williamsport. There will be among other things, a big Congressional convention, the Knights Templar convocate and Barnum's show.
The legislature will have to do some hustling if it is to get through by the middle of April.
After St. Patrick's day it will be time enough to talk about spring. The ice has been getting gorgeous in places.
Wearing of the green will soon come to the front.
Inauguration pneumonia victims throughout the country are now answering the summons. The harvest has been a large one.
People on the lowlands at Bloomsburg are prepared to move at a moment's notice, though the river's rise is very slow.
Rev. Joseph Hunter, pastor of the Berwick Presbyterian church, has received a call to a large church in Newark, N. J., at a salary of \$2,400 a year, free of expense, and the congregation voted to pay the expense of his removal. He has accepted.
Wyoming county reports that the peach buds have not been damaged by the hard winter and that the prospects are good for a large crop of the fruit.
This sort of weather makes the baseball fan yearn for the good days coming.
The proposed bill for the investigating weights and measures, with proper limitations, ought to pass the legislature.
We are only a few pages now from the threshold of spring, and signs are apparent.
The man who lets fresh air into his sleeping room drives out pneumonia.
The legislature is getting in shape to finish its work early in April.
Eggs are very plentiful at the stores and are sold at twenty cents per dozen.
Over 600 conversions during the year in the Williamsport district of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, with 27 churches to hear from, is a most gratifying showing.
Senators are preparing for a big time on Old Fellows' day and will probably realize all it anticipates.
It is time now for the ground hog to "let up."
Good roads will improve the value of the farm properties through which they pass.
Base ball fever will soon be catching.

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SUDDENLY CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. George L. Rowe, of 412 East Front street, departed this life Tuesday evening under especially sad circumstances, the dread summons coming to her as she was crossing the river bridge in company with her husband.
Mrs. Rowe and her husband were returning from South Danville where they were calling upon Mrs. Rowe's brother, John Snyder, who is confined to his home by illness. In crossing the bridge they had reached a point something more than half way when Mrs. Rowe complained of weakness. Her husband advised her to sit down and rest awhile. She had scarcely complied when she calmly remarked that she believed she was dying. Mr. Rowe could not believe this possible and he tried to reassure his wife, when she repeated:
"Yes, I am sure I am dying" and almost at the same moment lapsed into unconsciousness. Several persons kindly volunteered to assist in carrying the woman off the bridge. She was taken to the residence of Jesse Wyant, Front and Mill streets where Dr. Barber and Dr. Wintersten were called. Life was extinct when the doctors arrived, there being little doubt but that death instantaneously occurred when she was stricken on the bridge. Mrs. Rowe was a sufferer from heart disease, which was no doubt the cause of her sudden taking off.
The deceased was 45 years of age. She is survived by her husband and one son, Ralph Rowe, who reside at the parental home. John Snyder, of Riverside and Joseph Snyder, of this city are brothers, and Mrs. Lafayette VanGilder and Mrs. Bigler Meyer, are sisters of the deceased.

Need of Systematic Exercise.

In this age of rush and worry with business, domestic and social cares there will arise such conditions which will cause complications of a most serious nature in the physical mechanism of a man, of which he is totally ignorant until brought to a full realization of his danger with strong evidences of a physical and mental breakdown, sure to occur sooner or later, if not given proper attention.
A place for diversion, for proper exercise and contact with men in other spheres of life, where cares are forgotten, will be found in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. Here systematic drills and body-building work is given, thus developing for themselves and preparing for the future, a strong healthy body, the better able to meet, combat and conquer the perplexities and trials which arise and confront men in all the walks of life.
People ought to train their bodies to have them in readiness for the greatest emergencies; otherwise there is great danger of failure at critical moments.
If the muscles are trained to meet only light resistances, then they will fail when much is expected of them. There are many people who think there is no need of workingmen taking special exercises, nor their children who follow after them, but this is a serious mistake. The working class more than any other need systematic exercise so as to stand severe periods of hard labor.
The betterment of the health and strength of the people through such exercise as promoted by the Y. M. C. A. will work wonders to those taking the physical course; as a conversation with any of the men connected with the classes will prove. This is an institution which promotes the welfare of the whole man, spiritually, socially and physically and is a credit to our town. It should be strongly supported by our business men and citizens in general.

Garfield Literary Society.

A meeting of the Garfield Literary Society was held in the High School Room Friday afternoon. The following program was rendered:
Recitation, "The Skeleton in Armor"
Miss Hattie
Declaration, "Our Fine School System"
Mr. Davis
Reading, "Countin'"
Miss Mary McClew
Debate: Resolved "That a lie is never justifiable" Affirmative: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Woods. Negative: Mr. McDermott, Mr. Scott. The judges Miss Tooley, Miss Mann, and Mr. Peters rendered a decision in favor of the Negative.
Recitation, "Jane"
Miss Martha McClew
Poem, "Our Navy"
George Jacobs
Essay, "Our Saltish Sorrow"
Miss Jenkins
Piano Duett, "Misses Lowenstein and Cloud"
Vocal Solo, "Miss Mary Miles"
How Smallpox is Spread.
Dr. George G. Groff, member of the State Board of Health, has received a report from an inspector in Clearfield county, who said he had just discovered nine cases of smallpox on Snake creek, all in one house. One young man was clerking in a neighboring store, and the father of the family had gone to Washington to attend the inauguration, before the condition of affairs was discovered. Because of the irresponsible actions of the people like these it seems well nigh impossible to clear the disease out of state. The only safety of the individual lies in vaccination.

COMMITTEE VISITS DANVILLE HOSPITAL

The House Appropriations Committee of the Legislature some twenty strong accompanied by half a dozen other members of the Legislature, paid a visit to the Hospital for the Insane at this place Friday for the purpose of determining what could be done for the immediate relief of the overcrowded condition of the institution. The Appropriations Committee left Harrisburg at 7:35 o'clock Friday morning in two Pullman cars, arriving at Danville with the 10:21 D. L. & W. train. At the station the two Pullmans were cut off from the train and taken up to the Hospital by the switch engine.
Arriving at the Hospital the Committee was met by the Superintendent, Dr. H. E. Meredith with several hacks and were driven about the grounds, where the inconvenience of unloading coal and some of the disadvantages of the present method of lighting were explained and where they were shown the site of the proposed plant for manufacturing light and power as well as the location of siding for bringing in coal, after which they made a full tour of the farm and buildings, where the necessity of more farm land, additional buildings, a filter plant, and the other items in Mr. Ammerman's bill before the Legislature were one by one called to the Committee's attention and fully explained.
In the Legislative party were the following who belonged to the Appropriations Committee: J. L. Plummer, Blair county, Chairman; J. L. Plummer, Philadelphia, Speaker; McClain, Lancaster, the Republican leader in the House; McElroy, McKean County; Mohr, Berks; Anblur, Montgomery; Palmer, Mercer; Cressman, Bucks; Eckels, Crawford; Hayes, Butler; Wagner, Chester; Calk, Philadelphia; Mohr, Union; Rose, Susquehanna; Berry, Washington; Kelsey, Clinton; Bowersox, Snyder; Wood, Erie.
Other members of the Legislature who accompanied the Committee were: J. C. Smith, Philadelphia, Sergeant-at-Arms; Thomas Garvin, of Chester, Chief Clerk; J. M. Curry, Philadelphia, Speaker; Clark, Amherst; Montgomery, of Lycoming; Barrett, of Susquehanna; Irwin, of Blair; Thomas of Bucks and Philip H. Johnson of Philadelphia, architect.
The following Trustees of the Hospital for the Insane were present to assist Dr. Meredith, the Superintendent, in welcoming the Committee: Dr. M. Schoch, Hon. Alexander Billemeier, Dr. B. H. Detweiler, W. F. Shay, Dr. Shoemaker and Howard Lyon.
The overcrowded condition of the Hospital at Danville is a fact that is well established. Long before the Legislature completed their tour of the buildings Friday they were well convinced that R. S. Ammerman's vivid portrayal of conditions, which had aroused the Appropriations Committee to action, was in no respect overdrawn. Mr. Ammerman throughout the visit showed his interest in the institution by opening up every avenue of information possible, introducing the members individually and rendering explanations in person wherever possible.
As to the accommodations or rather the lack of accommodations the Committee could judge at a glance. As to the number of patients they were furnished with data by the Hospital authorities, which showed that the overcrowded condition, had as reported in the newspapers, was still worse than described, the total number of patients Friday being 1216, as against 1210 the largest number quoted. Eight hundred patients is about the capacity of the Hospital. The total number of beds is only 1000 and the extra 200 inmates are compelled to sleep in the hallways. It was denied at the institution, however, that some fifty male patients sleep in the power house every night as credited in some of the newspapers. Crowded as the buildings are such an extreme and inhuman measure has never yet been found necessary. The misstatement has probably grown out of the fact that some of the employees have seen proper to sleep in the power house.
Friday the number of men incarcerated were 641; women 575, which gives the total of 1216 as above named. The number of insane is steadily on the increase. Some relief is expected when the Hospital at Allentown is completed, but this is still several years in the future. The new hospital will eventually take nine counties from this district. Represented in these nine counties at present are 375 patients kept at the Danville Hospital. It is these removed it is patent to all that on the hospital with its present facilities would still be overcrowded.
However, by enlarging the facilities as proposed in the Act pending it is believed that after the Allentown institution is completed the patients of the remaining twelve counties of this district can be conveniently accommodated at Danville.
Chairman Plummer explained to the object of the present visit was primarily to see what steps could be taken to relieve immediately the overcrowded condition of the Hospital. The proposition, he explained, is to erect temporary buildings, if necessary, to house the excess of patients until such time as the Hospital at Allentown is completed. The Committee is very

ATTRACTIVE HOME WEDDING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Keefe, No. 54 Wall street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday when their granddaughter, Miss Grace Laura Williams, became the bride of Mr. Thomas J. Evans.
The ceremony took place at high noon before a large assemblage of invited guests, Rev. N. E. Cleaver, pastor of the Trinity M. E. church, tying the nuptial knot. The house was very nicely decorated for the occasion, the ceremony being performed under a bower of potted plants and evergreens.
Miss Martha Evans, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. Mr. Frank Aten was best man. The bride was very handsomely gowned in cream lacy gown trimmed with pearls and passementerie. The maid of honor wore cream mohair.
The ceremony was followed by a reception, during which a most sumptuous wedding dinner was served. Many handsome wedding presents were received.
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Williams, and is a popular and highly esteemed young lady. The groom is likewise well and favorably known. The newly wedded couple left on a trip for Williamsport and Lock Haven.

Following were the guests: Mrs. George Kase and son Davenport Kase, Beech Haven; Mr. and Mrs. James Richlin, Lackawanna; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Berwick; Mrs. William Farnsworth, of Strickshany; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Evans and son, David and John and daughter Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wiampham, daughters Wanda and Katherine, Mrs. J. P. Bare, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grove, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Iles and son William, Mrs. Thomas Keed, Miss Mame Keef, Mrs. Isaac Reed, Miss Edna Reed, Miss Jessie Mapstone, Mrs. Sarah Small, Mrs. John Mader, Isaac and Florence Mader, Mrs. G. M. Wheeler and son Lester, Mrs. Samuel McCloskey, Mrs. John Martin, John Tovey, Miss Maude Seidel, Percy Shultz, Roy Smith, Miss Gertrude Bare and Elizabeth Barry.

Death of an Old Resident.

Jacob E. Cole, one of the most widely-known residents of Montour county, departed this life Saturday evening at the home of J. L. Krum, Bloom street, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He had been ill but one week, although in declining health for some time prior, his ailment being a complication of diseases.
The deceased was born and spent his entire life in the western end of Montour county. In boyhood he lived with Col. Cameron, father of Simon Cameron, on the homestead farm, in Valley township, later owned and occupied by William Curry. In 1845, together with his brother, Thomas Cole, he entered into a contract with the Grove Bros. to furnish iron ore for their furnace at this place and from that date practically to the time when the use of native ores was discontinued the two Cole brothers were prominent factors in the production of iron ore. They first obtained the ore from the Peter Post farm, but later, about the time the war broke out, they purchased the Cole homestead, Mahoning township, situated on the Bloom road.
The brother, Thomas Cole, still survives. Hardware Dealer J. H. Cole of this city is a nephew of the deceased. Mrs. J. L. Krum, at whose home death occurred, is a niece.

Sabbath School Missionary.

Rev. S. R. Ferguson, Sabbath School Missionary of the Synod of Iowa, delivered three interesting addresses in this city Sunday, which conveyed an immense amount of information relative to the methods employed and the success achieved along various lines of Missionary work in Iowa.
At the morning service Rev. Ferguson occupied the pulpit of the Grove Presbyterian Church. In the afternoon he addressed both the Sunday School connected with the Grove Presbyterian church and the Danville Bible Class.
Much has undoubtedly been accomplished in that part of the West on the several lines along which the work is being pushed by the mail but patient and devoted bands of Sunday School workers and a summary of ten years' work reveals many significant facts and figures, among which might be mentioned that in that time 534 Sabbath schools have been organized; 2145 teachers and officers have been employed and 18,316 scholars enrolled. Over 900,000 pages of literature have been distributed and 51,963 families visited. Forty-two Presbyterian churches have been developed from the work, while property owned by these organizations amounts to \$85,000.
Rev. Ferguson hopes that increased interest and liberal contributions for Sunday school missions will result from his visit to the East. While he is making an extended tour of several states in the interest of the work, yet his visit to Danville was largely of a personal nature, his object being to visit Rev. Dr. McCormack, who is an old friend and co-laborer of Rev. Ferguson's, the two for a number of years being local hosts to each other in Central Minnesota. Another fact which gives Rev. Ferguson's visit to Danville a local interest is that Rev. Hugh McSinch, Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath School Work, Synod of Iowa, by which Rev. Ferguson is employed, is a former resident of this place and has many friends and relatives hereabouts.

NEW PAVEMENT ACTING QUEERLY

The new pavement on Mill street is beginning to behave queerly and is proving a puzzle to our citizens who all along have taken such a keen interest in the improvement. As the snow and ice disappear and the winter's accumulation of dirt is removed the pavement as the wagons roll over it gives forth a rumbling sound, resembling thunder. It was noticed at first at only one or two spots where the pavement was bare, the hollow sepulchral roar suggesting a cavern or at least a cavity beneath.
A force of men under the Street Commissioner yesterday between Center and Lower Mulberry streets finished cleaning off the sand, which was spread over the pavement when finished last fall and never removed. Meanwhile cleaning up was in progress at other points between the D. L. & W. crossing and the canal so that at present in the middle of the street the bricks are clean and bare.
It is just now that the strange rumbling sound is heard nearly continuously for two squares. There is a bad place at City Hall and several other spots nearby where the rumbling is heard, while all about the site of the old weigh scales and for a hundred feet or more north and south the noise is at its worst and at all hours yesterday there was a ceaseless rumble as though a summer shower were gathering in the west.
No one seems to know what causes the noise, whether or not it is any evidence of weakness or of adverse conditions out of which a defect in the pavement may grow. The consensus of opinion seems to be that there is a cavity under the cement at the spots where the noise is heard, which correspond to places where the excavation was carried a little too deep in building and after-wriddle tipped to the grade. The theory is that while the pavement has become a solid rock-like mass capable of supporting almost any weight the ground underneath although well rolled has settled in process of time.
Another theory held by a practical builder is that under the action of the frost the pavement has simply raised in spots and that as the frost passes out of the ground it will settle back in place without any ill effects. A little time may help to solve the problem.

Thirty-five Initiated.

The meeting of Lotus Conclave No. 107, at 12:30 a. m. yesterday was a noteworthy event. Thirty-five new members were initiated, which with the thirty-one admitted at the previous meeting, raises the membership to 150.
The large accession of membership was signaled last night by the presence of the well-known degree team of York, which did the work pertaining to the initiation in a way that proved at once very entertaining and edifying.
The membership of Lotus Conclave comprises a number of the best young and middle-aged men of our town and the order ranks well among our fraternal organizations. Edward Gibson is Archon and Charles G. Cloud Secretary of Lotus Conclave.
The visiting Heptasophs from York last night were without exception gentlemen of pleasing personal appearance, who acquitted themselves with a dignity and reserve that showed that the order in York socially ranks as high as in Danville. In the degree team were the following: H. R. Wazner, J. F. Blasser, Peter A. Gise, J. H. Gotwald, Maurice E. Hinkle, John H. Dennes, Jr., Joseph F. Williams, Jr. James S. Bayl, J. G. Rieber, S. J. Greenwalt, John H. Dennes, Henry M. Gross, John W. Strickland and John Story.
The visiting Heptasophs were guests at the City Hotel last night. They will return to York at 9 o'clock this morning.

Danville Defeats Milton.

A large crowd gathered at the Armory last evening expecting to see the strong Tanaga team play, and were greatly disappointed when it was learned that the Milton five had been scheduled to take their place.
The game was one-sided, and Danville won easily by a score of 50-15. Only one man on the Milton five, Shirley, the center, played a really good game.
The line up:
Danville, forward, Milton, Peters
Danville, forward, Campbell
Edmondson forward, Campbell
Redenbach forward, Campbell
Schler center, Shirley
Klasse guard, Curry
Barry guard, Clapp
Goals from the field—Peters 9, Edmondson 6, Schler 3, Klasse 3, Barry 2, Redenbach 2, Tobias 3, Shirley 3, Campbell 1. Goals from fouls—Shirley 1. Referee, Rosenthal.
The fight against cigarettes for school boys goes steadily on. Many principals who have made a study of the subject assert that boys who indulge in them are far behind their classmates in their studies. Acting on this belief, the head of one of the New York high schools has just announced that pupils smoking cigarettes about the building or grounds will be expelled. While this seems somewhat rigorous action, it is undoubtedly true that cigarette smoking is injurious to growing boys and all teachers should use their influence against it.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

J. C. Fank, of Lewistown, spent Sunday at the home of Bruce McCracken, South Danville.
Miss Mary Moeschlin, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in South Danville.
Frank Cromwell, of Williamsport, spent Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Cromwell, Bloom street.
Mrs. John McCoy, of Watsonstown, spent Sunday with friends in this city.
Fred Dash, of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday with friends in this city.
Adam Wagner, of Washingtonville, spent Sunday with friends in this city.
W. T. Shepperson transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.
L. Martin, of Turbotville, was a Danville visitor yesterday.
C. F. Bine, of Wilkesbarre, transacted business in this city yesterday.
M. V. Marks was a Northumberland visitor yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. VanAlen, of Northumberland, visited friends in this city yesterday.
Rev. Edward Haughton officiated at Christ Episcopal church, Berwick, last evening.
Frank W. Newbaker, of Bellefonte, and William Horan, of Altoona, spent yesterday at the home of Dr. P. C. Newbaker, West Mahoning street.
Mrs. Clara Brandon left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Philadelphia.
Max Rosenthal, of Bloomsburg, spent last evening in this city.
Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Maus and W. J. Bailey, Esq., will leave today for a several weeks' trip to Old Point Comfort, Virginia.
Mrs. Edward Frazier, of Valley township, visited friends in this city yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vanant, of Shamokin, visited friends in this city yesterday.
R. H. Simington, of Mooresboro, transacted business at the Court House yesterday.
W. L. Hellenstein, Esq., of Shamokin, visited in this city yesterday.
Benjamin Heckert, Esq., of Sunbury, transacted business in this city yesterday.
Mrs. Chas. Baker Passes Away.
Mrs. Charles S. Baker, widow of the late Chas. S. Baker, 201 Grand street, this city, died at 12:30 a. m. yesterday. She was a first cousin of Mrs. George L. Rowe, whose death occurred a few hours earlier, and the two will be consigned to the grave on the same afternoon.
Mrs. Baker was taken off by pneumonia, after a short illness of one week. She was sixty years of age and is survived by her husband, three brothers and two sisters: Peter and Alva Snyder of this city, and Henry Snyder, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Jeremiah Knorr, and Miss Rose Snyder of Riverside.
The deceased was a member of Trinity Lutheran church; she was popular, esteemed and widely known. She was born in Danville and lived here all her life. For the last forty years she resided at No. 301 Grand street, where her death occurred.
Mrs. Baker was a first cousin of Mrs. George L. Rowe, whose death occurred while crossing the river bridge about six o'clock the evening previous.
The two women were much attached to each other. They will both be consigned to the grave in Old Fellows' cemetery Friday afternoon. Mrs. Baker's funeral will take place from her late residence at 3 o'clock p. m. The hour for Mrs. Rowe's funeral is 1 p. m.

Working on Repairs.

A force of men yesterday morning were put to work on the repair of the Danville Rolling Mill, which was recently purchased by the Reading Iron Company and which will be operated in connection with the big plant owned by that company in this city.
While the plant is in a fairly good condition a good deal remains to be done before it can be started up as is common in the case of machinery which has been idle for a long time. The engine house belonging to the train of tools during the winter became flooded with water, which later froze so that now the pedestal on which the engine rests is embedded in ice which under present conditions shows no signs of melting. One of the first things being done is to sink a drain down through the center of the mill to conduct off the water which accumulates at the upper side of the mill, thereby preventing a repetition of the flooding of the engine room.
One gang of men are working on the boilers, which were pronounced safe and serviceable by the inspector, but which nevertheless require a good deal of attention in one way or another before they can be used.
Others are overhauling the rolls; the journals of which in some instances have to be replaced with new ones. One set of rolls yesterday were entirely removed from the housings. The mill can not start up for a couple of weeks under the most favorable circumstances.

SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

The School Board held a regular meeting Monday night. The following members were present: Harpel, Orth, Burns, Haring, Werkheiser, VonBlum, Fischer, Trumbower, Adams and Jacobs.
A statement of finances was presented by Treasurer Schram, which showed a balance on hand of \$5460.63. The following communication was received from Hon. R. S. Ammerman, relative to the School Appropriation measure before the Legislature, which the school board at its previous meeting had asked Mr. Ammerman to consider the bill a meritorious one and thought that it should become a law. He said he would consider it a pleasure to serve the school board by giving his support to the bill. Mr. Ammerman stated that the State has the money and he knows of no better place for it than the public schools.
On motion Mr. Ammerman's communication was accepted and noted on the minutes. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Ammerman, extending the school board's thanks.
Mr. Orth explained that two car loads of coal ordered to be purchased at the previous meeting had not been procured owing to the fact that the mines at which the school board is dealing at present are closed down for four weeks. A discussion brought out the fact that the janitors might get along with the supply of coal on hand by using the larger size with using its standard No. 6 coal. This view prevailed and it was decided that no additional coal be purchased this season.
The Trust Officer presented his report, which showed that 115 pupils are out of school owing to sickness. The number of truant reports was 6. Ten pupils were detained at home for want of proper clothing. Twelve notices were served on parents.
The new rules defining the duties of Superintendent and Principals and regulating the conduct of pupils was given its second reading before the Board.
Borough Superintendent Gordy presented his report for the last month, in which the following items are noted: Total number of pupils in attendance during month—males 588; females, 606; total, 1194. Average daily attendance—males, 531; females, 577; total, 1108. Percentage of attendance—males, 90.3; females, 90.8. Number of pupils tardy during month, 221. Number of pupils sick, 168.

Rumors of Overhead Crossing.

There seems to be some reason for believing that a grand overhead crossing at the Pennsylvania tracks, South Danville, is not among the impossibilities in the relatively near future. There are plenty of rumors bearing on the subject but just to what extent they are founded on fact it will take some little time to reveal.
The new bridge, which at the South end is raised some five feet higher than the old structure, if not planned with such an object as an overhead crossing remotely in view, would, at least very conveniently lend itself to such a proposition. Besides it is a fact patent to everyone that the crossing at South Danville is one of the most important on the whole division. It is necessary to maintain a gateman by day, while at night the crossing has already become a problem that has given the company some concern. It can readily be seen that an overhead crossing if feasible, would solve the problem very nicely.
The elevated roadway, which would extend from the river bridge to the intersection of Sunbury street, where it would meet the level according to the generally accepted view, would be made to accommodate both wagon traffic and the Danville and Sunbury Street Railways, which will be obliged to effect an overhead crossing at some point which by uniting with the railroad company could reduce the expense considerably and at the same time secure an easy and direct route. One of the rumors current is to the effect that within a few days past a conference was held at South Danville between representatives of the trolley company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company relative to the erection of an overhead crossing.
Surprise Party.
A surprise party was tendered Mrs. Joseph Morten, at her home on Bloom road, Monday evening in honor of her sixtieth birthday. Refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morten and grandson John Oberdorfer, Mr. and Mrs. William Morten and son Earl, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Angelo Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Egger, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Joseph Diehl, Mrs. A. Sweeney, Mrs. William Heller, Mrs. John Winger, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. John Mingle, Mrs. Thomas Vereen, Mrs. Winger, Mrs. William Wortman, Mrs. William Lefler, Mrs. Harry Balliet, Miss Amanda Share and M. Ella Balliet.

FOR GREATER DANVILLE

That our neighbors on the South side of the river are not of a conservative class that would oppose all change and improvement begins to be pretty obvious. Their strong effort to secure free delivery of mail was described in these columns elsewhere. Among improvements in view are electric light for both streets and residences and a water system that would enable them to maintain a fire department.
The most ambitious dream, however, cherished by the South Side residents is that they in time may become a part of Danville, thereby securing as their just and legal portion municipal light and municipal water, along with free delivery of mail and many other advantages, which are now only remote possibilities to be obtained at personal sacrifice and heavy public outlay.
It is not generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact that some of the leading spirits of Riverside Borough and Gearhart township have been quietly talking over the matter for some time past and have concluded that the only way in which either Riverside or South Danville can grow and develop is by becoming a part of Danville. They are perfectly aware that opposition will rise up, but they profess no doubt but that it can be accomplished, just as the county lines have been changed elsewhere and borough limits moved so as to embrace a larger area.
An official of Riverside Borough yesterday presented the whole scheme to a representative of the Morning News. Viewed from the standpoint of Danville, he said, the prime movers could see little or no possibility of opposition. "A Greater Danville," and incidentally a greater Montour county, which as is well known is inconceivably small in area, constituted a proposition which would no doubt be welcomed with open arms. In this way a population of some 1200, thrifty, industrious people, a large percentage of whom own their own homes, would be added to Danville, while the territory gained would be unexcelled anywhere, abounding in most desirable building sites not only for dwellings but also for manufactories. Taking the town as a whole now that the fine iron bridge is completed and the two trolley lines are assured consolidation is all that is needed to insure a steady growth of the place and soon rank with the large towns of the state.
Speaking for South Danville and Riverside he said they would have every thing to gain. As it is their people are all employed in Danville and their interests lie on that side of the river. A single exception lies in the case of court, which is held at Sunbury, but this only illustrates the benefits of annexation. To attend court now the residents of the South side are obliged to lose much time and to expend money for car fare and hotel accommodations, while if able to effect annexation they would have the advantage of living in the county seat. As things stand now they feel that they are slighted considerably by Northumberland county, which seems to regard them as an out-of-the-way locality, naturally and in effect belonging to Montour county where in such great measure their sympathies and their interest lie.
A water system is very badly needed in the South side, but independently it is too expensive a proposition to be handled by the township or the Borough of Riverside. A proposition in the past was made to Danville from that source looking to the feasibility of laying a main across the river and furnishing the South side with water for a consideration. The proposition was disowned by Council, but rejected. Meanwhile wells have had to suffice on the South side and while no destructive fires have occurred property of all forms has been wholly at the mercy of circumstances. The people there have now come to regard annexation to Danville as the only feasible method of obtaining Borough water with anything like adequate fire protection.
The matter, our informant states, has been little more than talked over up to the present, although all are in favor of immediately entering upon a full investigation to determine how far the scheme is feasible, after which the matter will be fully agitated and procedure decided upon.

Long Funeral Trip.

Because the Berwick bridge was swept away by last Spring's great flood and there is no means of crossing the river the relatives of Mrs. Harry Spoonberg, who died at her Nescopeck home yesterday morning, will have to drive twenty-five miles by way of Shickshinny in order that her body may be buried at Berwick.
Mrs. Spoonberg died yesterday morning after a short illness of a complication of diseases. And as she had expressed a desire before death to be buried in the family plot in the Berwick cemetery her bereaved husband has decided to carry out her wish in the matter and a drive via the Shickshinny bridge will be necessitated, as there is at present no means of crossing the Susquehanna that divides the two places.
Frozen fire plugs resulted in a big fire loss at Muncy. A case of costly neglect.