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CONDENSED NEWS.

Beware of spring colds.
Snowball has evidently displaced
h. seball.
The sunny south has not escaped the
frost-bite.
Governor Pennypacker's veto pen is
still dipped in the ink.
The average school boy is already
indulging in visions of vacation.
Lucky is the robin who has not started
the duties of housekeeping.
What March gained in average
temperature April has already lost.
When the clouds roll by you will
get a chance to dig that garden.
Keep things moving all along the
line, is a good motto for an up-to-date
city.

An unusually early Spring must have
occurred in the North seas, as scores
of big bergs are reported in the At-
lantic on the route between New York
and England.
The election of a County Superin-
tendent of Schools is a matter of im-
portance.
That annual terror, spring house
cleaning, is already beginning to boom.
A "physical culture contest," as
prize fighters are called at Allentown
so as to arouse no suspicion among the
citizens, will be given in that city by
the Keystone Athletic Association Sat-
urday night.
The Lenten period and its restraints
will soon give way to something livelier.

Parents who value the lives of their
children should forbid the use of the
skipping rope.
The click of the lawn mower is al-
ready heard in the land.
The closing of the career of Joseph
Jefferson will cause a pang of sorrow
throughout the land.
Bishop John W. Shanahan, of the
Roman Catholic Diocese of Harris-
burg, will leave on a pilgrimage to
Rome the week following Easter.
Now that we have had the onion
snow the weather prognosticators can
retire for the season.
Peach blossoms are ready to burst.
This is encouraging to the Delaware
growers, in view of the weather vagar-
ies.
Governor Pennypacker on Saturday
signed the bill taking away from private
water companies hereafter incor-
porated the right of eminent domain.

Jonathan Mower, of Strawberry
Ridge, is convalescent after an attack
of typhoid fever.
In barring cigarettes from stations
and trains the Reading railroad adopted
the only certain guard against in-
fractions of recent anti-cigarette leg-
islation.
Fortunately the fruit trees have not
budded sufficiently to be injured by the
freeze, but there's no telling what's
ahead.
The busiest man in the state just
now is Governor Pennypacker, and no
man envies him the task.
G. A. R. men having objected to
the holding of Mifflin County Repub-
lican convention on Memorial Day, the
date for the meeting has been changed
to May 31.
The elimination of the parade fea-
ture of the circus will be a sad disap-
pointment to Young America.

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CHARMING BITS
OF HOME SCENERY

A set of souvenir post cards has just been gotten out for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. and are now on sale. The subjects are six in number and embrace most charming bits of scenery lying in and about Danville, which will convey to people abroad a fair idea of the natural beauty which belongs to this part of the North Branch Valley.

One of the views represents the Thomas Beaver Free Library building, of Danville, which as usual occupies nearly the whole card, leaving a margin at one end for correspondence. The big building shows up in fine style.

Another card bears a view of West Market street, a shady and exclusive part of the town which was photographed when the trees were in foliage. There is a charm and enchantment about the view which can only be appreciated by those who are familiar with the beauty of this thoroughfare in summer.

The photographs were taken by Dr. Ogleby and his son W. V. Ogleby, Esq., several years ago when the canal was still in use. The great waterway brimful in which objects of the landscape are reflected is a conspicuous feature in several of the pictures. Showing, therefore, as they do, scenes, whose counterpart in reality no longer exists, the souvenirs possess a value to be most highly esteemed.

One of these views, which is bound to attract attention, is entitled "The Susquehanna Below Danville." It is the masterpiece of the whole lot, both as to the selection of subject and method of treatment. In the immediate foreground, lies the track of the D. L. & W. Railroad, next comes the canal embracing a long graceful curve with the majestic sweep of the broad river beyond. In the background lies Montour Ridge culminating in old Bald Top with a mere suggestion of the town lying at its base.

Another view in which the old canal full of water is a conspicuous object takes in all the locality about the "creek's mouth," and bears the poetic title of "Where the Bright Waters Meet." Every detail is clearly brought out—the creek and the river, the fields in the foreground, the cluster of leafy trees, where the creek and the river meet, Blue Hill in the distance and the old bridge, which like the canal has now passed out of existence.

WILL COMPLETE
STATE HIGHWAY

George A. Atkinson of Port Deposit, Md., a representative of the Maryland Construction Company arrived in this city Tuesday night and is registered at the City Hotel. Mr. Atkinson is here in the interest of the State Highway between Danville and Manassas and will remain until the work is completed.

During an interview yesterday Mr. Atkinson stated that the unfinished highway would be pushed rapidly to completion—that in all probability work would begin on Saturday. He made a trip over the highway and found the road bed in a bad condition, it is true, but he is by no means discouraged. At several places the road will have to be torn up and a better bottom secured. But as a general thing the work can be taken up where dropped last fall and carried to completion.

Mr. Atkinson says the road will be completed under the supervision of the County Commissioners and he was busy yesterday hunting up the officials for the purpose of having them to accompany him on a drive over the road in order that they may give their views.

The course of crushed cinder was applied last fall. Owing to the muddy weather and the heavy traffic to which the road was subjected the cinder is badly scattered about where it has not been forced down into the soft clay by the wheels and no doubt a good deal of work will be required along the entire length of the road before the first course can be placed in the same condition that it was left in by the workmen last fall. The three-inch course of trap rock including one inch of screenings forming the crown of the road still remains to be applied. Mr. Atkinson yesterday stated that every effort would be made to improve the drainage and that for this purpose a ditch would be dug along side of the road. The post winter and spring has shown whereabouts along the highway water will have to be reckoned with as a factor and just how drainage will have to be arranged in order to keep the road dry. In this respect the delay, which held the road up over winter, will prove an advantage.

The road, Mr. Atkinson thinks, should be completed in a month or so's time, in which event the State highway may be handed over to traffic about the time that paving on Mill street is completed and it will therefore add one more to the half a dozen fine improvements which so vitally affect the interest of our town at present.

Meter Rates Increased.
The Water Commissioners held a special meeting yesterday afternoon, at which among other matters important action was taken relative to a change of meter rates. The full board composed of Edward Corman, T. J. Rogers and Henry L. Gross, was present.

DANVILLE WILL
CELEBRATE

Danville will have a Fourth of July demonstration this year. Not a Fourth of July celebration, however, to be compared with any other Independence day event held in the history of our town, proud as Danville has done herself on some of those occasions, but a rousing demonstration big enough to celebrate not only the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, but also the opening of the grand bridge, spanning the Susquehanna and the completion of the whole system of improvements, which is making Danville not only one of the towns in the interior of the State.

A citizens' meeting was held in Council Chamber Monday for the purpose of considering the matter of a demonstration to signalize the completion of the river bridge. The preponderance of sentiment, however, was found to be in favor of a demonstration on the Fourth of July, not omitting a proper recognition of the State officials, should they visit our town when the bridge is inspected.

The following gentlemen were at the meeting: Chief Burgess Parsel, Councilmen Vastine, Reifensnyder, Gosser and Boyer, District Attorney Kiser, Justice of the Peace W. V. Ogleby, John Meyer, landlord of City Hotel, F. G. Schoch, Bigler Moyer, W. G. Williams, J. H. Cole, J. V. Gillaspie, Fred Jacobs, Harry Ellenbogen and P. J. Dailer.

Burgess Parsel was called to the chair and F. M. Gotwalds was chosen Secretary. On motion of W. V. Ogleby seconded by John Meyer, it was decided that Danville should hold a general celebration on the Fourth of July to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and to celebrate also the completion of the river bridge and the other municipal improvements.

On motion of Mr. Vastine it was decided that South Danville and Riverside be invited to join Danville in the big celebration. On motion of Mr. Kiser it was ordered that the Burgess appoint a Citizens' Celebration Committee of five to have charge of the celebration with power to appoint sub-committees.

As members of the above Committee Burgess Parsel appointed the following: Ralph Kiser, Esq., W. V. Ogleby, Jacob H. Boyer, John Meyer and Joseph Gibson.

PERSONAL
PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. Max Smith and Mrs. Furman, of Shamokin, were guests at the home of John G. Voris, this city, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bombay, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

F. C. Kirkendall, of Wilkesbarre, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Thomas Reilly, of Selingsgrove, spent Sunday with his parents in this city.

Eugene Stead spent Sunday with relatives in Berwick.

Mrs. George Mitchell, of Salt Lake City, Utah, is the guest of Mrs. Jennie E. Gearhart, West Market street.

MAY BE AN OVER-
HEAD CROSSING

The County Commissioners of Northumberland County are now expected to begin work on the long retaining walls required in connection with the new approach to the river bridge on the South side. The report of the viewers appointed by the Court, it will be recalled, set forth that the expense would be too great for the township to bear and recommended that the County build the walls. The report was returned to Court but a good deal of delay seemed to be involved and on Monday Supervisors Baylor and Richard accompanied by Attorney Charles Chalfant went to Sunbury, where to facilitate matters Judge Savidge made a decree declaring the retaining walls at the South Danville approach to the river bridge a county improvement to be built as county bridges are at the expense of the county. This relieves the township supervisors of all responsibility. Previous to this Judge's decree of Monday the Commissioners of Northumberland County were of the opinion that they could not proceed to build the walls until the convening of May Court when the grand jury was expected to take action.

Judge Savidge's decree, Monday, changes the status of the proposition entirely and the County Commissioners unless deterred by unexpected complications will likely begin building the walls at any time.

The people of South Danville still see reason for believing that a grand overhead crossing at the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks extending from the South side entrance to the bridge to the intersection of Sunbury street is still something more than a possibility. There are many considerations to recommend the overhead crossing both to the railroad company and the trolley people, who would help to bear the cost and the knowing ones say that the proposition is still under consideration.

An overhead crossing at that point would relieve both township and county of all cost in fixing up an approach to the river bridge, as neither retaining walls nor filling as contemplated at present would enter into the construction of an overhead crossing.

Found Dead in Bed.
William Geringer, an old and widely known resident of the Fourth Ward, was found dead in bed Friday afternoon.

The deceased was in his usual health Friday. About four months ago he seemed to suffer a physical decline and during the interim did no work. Of late, however, he had rallied, and during the present week resumed work at the big mill. He was working at night and had put in three turns.

COMPLETED BRIDGE
IS IN SIGHT

Barry & Caldwell are making fine progress in concreting the river bridge and expect to be off the ground by next Monday night. To illustrate just how rapidly the work proceeds it might be stated that by 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon they had covered one hundred feet of the river bridge as their morning's work. The trolley track as far as the course of concrete is concerned is completed from one end of the bridge to the other. While one crew yesterday was finishing up the driveway near the Southern end of the bridge another crew at the Danville end began the work of concreting along the rails as made necessary owing to a peculiarity of the paving blocks, which unlike brick used on the street, are not so formed as to accommodate the flange of the car wheel.

The blocks laid in the trolley track will not approach the rail within some four inches. This narrow strip has to be filled up with concrete, into which while soft a groove is formed to admit the flange. In concreting along the rails a framework, laid inside the track, acts as a mould. This is later removed and the space between the rails neatly filled with paving blocks.

As soon as the concreting is completed the entire surface of the bridge will be carefully gone over and all the loose stones and even the sand will be removed. Wherever the least hollow occurs the surface will be leveled over with mortar. Then will be applied a course of sand about three-fourths of an inch thick on which the blocks will be laid. The pavement on the bridge when completed will be grouted just as streets are when paved with brick.

Mr. Barry of the firm of contractors arrived in this city Tuesday night. In conversation yesterday he said that very satisfactory progress is being made along all lines. Speaking for their own contract he said they might be delayed a little by non arrival of material but he felt reasonably sure that they would be through with concreting by Monday night at the outside. Paving, he said, would go very fast, while the painters, who have seven men employed, will be through almost as soon as any. On the whole Mr. Barry felt justified in predicting that the bridge would be completed by the end of next week.

Planning to Assist the Band.
The entertainment given in the Opera House last Saturday evening for the benefit of Stoes' band of which so much was expected, owing to the poor attendance packed out very poorly, indeed, and to say that the members are discouraged is putting it mildly.

The band has a hard struggle of it. Rent, light and heat are items of expense which cut very deep into the band's resources and frequently to meet these bills the members have to reach down into their individual pockets.

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COMMITTEE PLANS
A DEMONSTRATION

The Citizens' Celebration Committee held a meeting at the City Hotel last evening for the purpose of appointing sub-committees and transacting other business relating to the Fourth of July demonstration. The following members of the Committee were present: Ralph Kiser, Esq., W. V. Ogleby, Esq., Johnny Moyer and Jacob Boyer. Burgess W. G. Parsel, officially a member of the Committee, along with F. M. Gotwalds, Secretary, was also present.

The Committee had lost none of its zeal in the interim succeeding the citizens' meeting on Monday night and it transacted a big volume of business, handling the various propositions as they came up in a thoroughly business like and practical way.

It was the Committee's first meeting and the plans laid were broad and deep, on which to rear a gigantic fabric in the way of a demonstration that will endure in memory as the greatest event that the town has ever witnessed. Several principles were laid down, which will be followed out to the letter. One of these is that the Central Committee while acting through subordinate committees will keep a firm hold of the affairs of the celebration, assuming all responsibility for success or failure.

To illustrate, while it is a part of the policy to bring in organizations of all sorts from neighboring towns to attend the demonstration, yet no invitations are to be extended except through the Citizens' Celebration Committee.

Again as nothing can be accomplished without money soliciting will be pushed for all that is in it. The success or the failure of the demonstration is to hinge upon the patriotism and the civic pride of our citizens. If their response when appealed to for contributions is not in keeping with the dignity and importance of the grand event, then the whole affair must dwindle from the magnificent proportions planned to something insignificant or secondary in its nature. It is believed, however, that the civic pride of our citizens can be relied upon and the response to the solicitors will enable the Committee to carry out all its plans. The Committee would like to make the fire works an inspiring feature, never equalled in Danville. The plans are to explode these from a flat boat in the middle of the river below the bridge where they will be in full view from Riverside, South Danville and the thousands of people on the Danville side who may line the river bank from the Water Works to the creek's mouth.

On motion M. H. Schram was elected Treasurer of the Citizens' Celebration Committee.

