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CONDENSED NEWS.

Thrifty householders are fitting up their screen doors.
It rains more a big hay crop there is no danger of a scarcity this year.
The annual season of calamity in storm and flood and fire that every year seems to sweep across the country, has begun heavily this season, with the Oklahoma and Kansas tornadoes, the cloudbursts, wind and hail in Indiana and Texas, and the Pennsylvania railroad wreck.

The man with the rheumatism is more the rule than the exception these days.

The heroic girl has been having her turn in various parts of the country lately.

These are the days when every public improvement should be kept moving.

One of the best aids to sanitation is the white wash brush. And the manipulation of it is good exercise too.

School days are now growing less and the youth now counts the days instead of the weeks.

If the Kaiser is asked by the czar to explain he should tell it over again with added emphasis.

Karopatin is beginning to talk again. This is significant of coming developments.

From letters received from Judge Little, who is at a rest cure sanatorium at Elmira, N. Y., it has been learned that his health is greatly improving, he gaining strength each day. It is possible that he may be home this week but the change is working such a benefit in his health that he may stay there during the remainder of the month.

The Dauphin County Commissioners are still holding under advisement the purchase of the bridge across the Susquehanna at Clark's Ferry from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The price asked is \$9,500. The Commissioners will inspect the structure shortly.

An amatory for Danville is one of our needs. Let the N. G. P. put in a strong claim.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Bankers' Association will be held at Wilkesbarre, Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16.

Governor Pennypacker feels like a boy in vacation, since disposing of the bills left him by the Legislature.

The New York Central Railroad Company has placed an order for one hundred and fifty steel passenger cars with the Berwick plant of the American Car and Foundry Company. No specifications have as yet been received but it is likely that the cars will be of different construction from the Long Island or Interborough orders. Steel passenger cars are fast taking the place of wooden cars in the Railroad Companies equipment.

Detective Johnson, of Northampton county, says this is the time of year when the professional burglars leave the large cities and come to the country districts, and he warns the business people to keep a light burning in their stores at night and not leave much money in the safes. Another practice he says should be avoided as much as possible, that of clerks and merchants carrying large rolls of money exposed to view to the banks during the day.

A Matter of Health

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H. R. Leonard, the engineer who made the plans for the bridge, made some very practical suggestions relating to the approach, which will no doubt be acted upon by our County Commissioners. The curbing, which seems bound by no rule, whatever, but extends in half a dozen different directions, will be removed and the entire approach paved from wing wall to wing wall. The upper wing wall which as things are arranged at present, shows up quite oddly, Engineer Leonard thinks should be permitted to remain as it is and a sort of a curbing to define the entire width of the approach be extended in a straight line from the end of the wing down to the electric light pole where the corner of the curbing is established at present.

A New Fence Law.

The new line fence law which was recently approved by Governor Pennypacker, will be of interest to every farmer and property owner in this state. The act provides that each property owner must keep up half of the line fence and if he does not the adjoining property owner can put up the fence and collect the cost for so doing. In case of disputes the township auditors are made the arbitrators. In this capacity township auditors will be important officers hereafter as line fence disputes are numerous.

Soon all roads will lead to Williamsport for the Knights Templar, and many there will be who will travel them.

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RIVER BRIDGE WAS INSPECTED

The inspection of the river bridge took place during Saturday forenoon according to the program outlined in this paper last Thursday. Four inspectors being Emil Swenson, of Pittsburgh; William A. Allcott, of Glen Riddle and D. M. Currey, of Spring City. John E. Stott, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings, was present, along with H. R. Leonard and representatives of the different contracting firms. The report will be presented to the Dauphin County Court today.

The inspectors were at their work considerably before 10 o'clock. Each of them is an expert of recognized ability and they went about the inspection in a way which showed that they were able to take in the big structure as a whole and to size up the minutest details of construction all at the same time. Armed with the plans and specifications they went over the entire length of the bridge comparing the iron work of the bridge with the dimensions of the same specified in the plans.

It was scarcely 11 o'clock when they completed the superstructure. Next in Dan Ross' naphtha launch they made a tour of the substructure inspecting the piers and the bottom of the bridge. About an hour was consumed in this work, after which they went into session in the grand jury room at the Court House.

The inspection attracted a good many citizens to the bridge. In this number were several Councilmen, in addition to Messrs. Cooper, Cook and Leighow, the Board of County Commissioners. The latter were joined by Messrs. Cooner and Raudenbush of the Northumberland County Board of Commissioners, who arrived on the 10:17 Pennsylvania train.

While the inspection was in progress the County Commissioners spent the time conversing with the contractors and others who were authorized on matters relating to the inspection and such many important and practical facts were learned relating to the bridge.

As to the finished structure itself there seemed to be but one opinion; it is one of the finest bridges ever erected by the State and as Mr. Stott remarked it is "fit to span East River." H. B. Gibbs, Treasurer of the King Bridge Company in conversation with a representative of the AMERICAN explained many facts relating to bridge construction under present conditions. It is solely due, he said, to the present law which provides that the State shall build bridges that such structures as spans the river here are at all possible. He considers the law a wise one, as the counties of the Commonwealth consulting their comparatively limited resources would be able only to build a bridge that would possess none of the imposing qualities of the new one here and would be poorly adapted to withstand the ravages of high water and ice. Incidentally Mr. Gibbs remarked that the King Bridge Company builds no finer bridges than ours to meet the demands of traffic such as exist here.

The bridge, the experts all agreed, would serve humanity for a century, but that it would have to be well taken care of. It will probably need no repairs for five years, but at the expiration of that time it will have to have a new coat of paint and regularly every five years thereafter, it will have to be repainted.

FOUR HOUSES BURGLARIZED

Our town on Saturday morning was thrown into a state of excitement by news that several burglaries had been committed during the night. Four houses were robbed, the burglars getting away with considerable booty.

Three houses broken into were situated on East Market street. At the fourth house, East Market street, occupied by Abram Burger, the burglars were in the point of gaining admittance when Mrs. Thompson, a daughter, was awakened, who gave the alarm. The burglars, two in number, escaped, but in passing under the electric light lamp they were seen by Newton Parsel, who noted that they were men both short of stature.

At Frank Berger's the burglars broke open a window and stole a gold watch belonging to Mrs. Berger. They did not arouse any of the inmates and Mr. and Mrs. Berger did not know they were robbed until Saturday morning.

At Whitefield Ford's they also forced an entrance through a window and operated so quietly that they did not cause any alarm. They there stole eight dollars in money.

At John Johns' the burglars found one of the windows raised and a screen inserted. They had no difficulty in gaining entrance here. Inside they ran across a lot of eatables and partook of quite a lunch, leaving the remnants of their feast scattered over the floor. Their booty consisted of a child's bank containing a small sum of money.

Leaving East Market street the burglars proceeded to the D. L. & W. station where they attacked the hotel opposite conducted by Eugene Meyer. They here forced their way through a window into the bar room. The cash register contained about \$5. This they carried out on the railroad breaking it open and removing the money. They also stole from the hotel four bottles of whiskey and five boxes of cigars.

The burglars were evidently strangers and suspicion pointed to a group of hobos who were found in hiding about the Bessemer blast furnace, Saturday, but who were routed during the afternoon.

Edwin Moore Vaudeictorian. The seniors of the High School have completed their work for the year and are now enjoying a vacation of two weeks preparatory to Commencement. Edwin Moore carries off first honors. Catherine Vestine has second honors. Other members of the class who have attained an average of 95 for the last three years are as follows: Verna Reed, Bertha Kase, Bessie Hooley, Amanda Youngman, Mary Lyon.

WILL REBUILD THE WINGWALL

The upper wingwall of the approach to the river bridge on the Danville side of the river, which has formed the subject of so much discussion of late, is to be rebuilt by the County Commissioners.

A joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Streets and Bridges Committee of Council was held yesterday morning to come to some understanding relative to the approach to the bridge. The full board of Commissioners, Messrs. Cook, Cooper and Leighow, was present along with Messrs. Vestine, Reifsnyder, Boyer and Dietrich of the Committee on Streets and Bridges.

After looking over the grounds the party withdrew to the Grand Jury room where some time was spent in discussion. The jurisdiction of the Borough extends up the approach only six or eight feet, the width of the pavement on the South Side of Front street. The committee of Council took the view that the approach should have sidewalks and were determined to live up to their convictions by installing a curb, on each side as far as the Borough's jurisdiction extends.

The County Commissioners, however, had resolved not to maintain a sidewalk on the approach, but to have from wingwall to wingwall. The interchange of thought in the Committee or the Board of Commissioners and the work will have to be completed accordingly, paving the entire width of the approach down to the borough's line, where a sidewalk with the usual curbing will break the surface.

The subject of wingwall was next taken up by the County Commissioners. Whether to rebuild the upper wingwall or to try to overcome the defect in some way in fixing up the approach was the question. Engineer Leonard Saturday, made a practical suggestion as to remedying the defect, which found favor with some. Others—perhaps the larger number—saw no other remedy than the tearing down of the wall and rebuilding it at a different angle. The Commissioners decided to the popular sentiment and yielded to erect a new wingwall. The present wall will be permitted to stand, only the coping being removed. The new wingwall will be built on a line with upper sidewalk of the bridge and will extend just as far as the one built by the bridge contractors. A heavy curbing will extend from the end of the wall at the same angle down to Front street. The effect of this will be not only to remove an ugly defect which detracts much from the appearance, but also to widen out the approach, making travel more convenient.

The building of the wall was let to D. J. Rogers, who in order that no delay might occur, began work yesterday afternoon. A large quantity of stone on the spot will be used in the new wall. The work will proceed rapidly and will probably be completed about the time street paving is finished.

Exposed to Danger. The workmen on the trolley track on East Market street, are much annoyed by children who crowd upon the track and expose themselves to injury. The men must have elbow room. Picks and sledges are flying about in all directions and the boy or girl simply enters a game of chance when he or she attempts to circulate among the workmen. The painful accident which befell Thos. R. Evans Monday evening well illustrates in how many different ways a person may be exposed to danger when standing upon the track while work is in progress.

The matter is thus alluded to that it may be brought to the attention of parents, teachers and others who should employ all measures possible to keep the children off the track. There is no time of day when boys and girls are wholly absent, but the worst hours are when the children are on their way to or returning home from school.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Jennie Knorr is visiting relatives in Scranton. James Dennen spent Sunday with friends in Bloomsburg. Mrs. William Waite, of Sugar Notch, spent Sunday at the home of John G. Waite, Ferry street. Mrs. Mont. Rishel and daughter Jennie, of Utica, N. Y., are visiting relatives in this city.

John L. Voris and son Gilbert, of Pottsgrove, spent Sunday at the home of W. Fred Jacobs, Mill street. Mrs. B. S. May, of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Patton, Lower Mulberry street. Warren M. Keiser, of Shamokin spent Sunday in this city. George D. Crocker, of Williamsport, representing R. G. Dun & Company, transacted business in this city yesterday.

Robert Jacobs and Edwin Moore visited friends at Pottsgrove yesterday. Mrs. Fanny Heddens, of Washingtonville, visited friends in this city yesterday. H. E. Cotner and Charles W. Derr, of Washingtonville, spent yesterday in this city. Mrs. G. Oelschlagel and granddaughter Louisa Kreiger left yesterday for a several weeks visit with relatives in Pittsburgh and Cleveland, Ohio. Clarence Seidel, of Washingtonville, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

Charles Wagner, of Limestone township, transacted business in this city yesterday. Mrs. Jesse Wyant and daughter Laura left yesterday for a visit with friends in Harrisburg. John B. McCoy was a Northumberland visitor yesterday. George B. Kase left yesterday for a trip to Lancaster. Rev. Edward Haughton left yesterday for a visit with friends in Scranton. William Fagley, of Bloomsburg, transacted business in this city yesterday. Register and Recorder W. L. Sidler transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday.

Mrs. J. J. Kline, of Allentown, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit at the home of Mrs. George Maier, East Market street. Andrew Bittmeyer, of Liberty township, called on friends in this city yesterday. "Squire" G. W. Hirlman, of Benton, was in this city yesterday.

New Work at Hospital. The appropriation of over \$200,000 granted by the last legislature for new buildings, &c., at the Hospital for the Insane will be immediately available and work on the splendid system of improvements will begin in a very short time. Long before autumn much of the work will be far under way. Philip H. Johnson of Philadelphia was appointed engineer and architect to have charge of the new work by the board of Trustees at their last regular meeting. He is already working on the plans and specifications for the power, light and heat plant, which will be one of the first buildings erected under the new appropriation.

For this building \$91,000 has been appropriated. The idea is to concentrate all the departments into which the consumption of fuel enters under one roof. The power, light and heat plant will of necessity be an extensive structure located at a point on the grounds conveniently reached by the cars. The concentration as described will have the effect of cutting down the cost of heat, light and power to a very appreciable extent. Trustees who were interviewed yesterday stated that they could not say to what extent work would be pushed on any of the other buildings during the present summer, but in view of the urgency existing they saw no reason why all the improvements should not be gotten under way just as soon as possible. The building of the power, light and heat plant will be commenced just as soon as the plans and specifications are completed.

Pardon Granted David Barrett. The Board of Pardons in regular session at Harrisburg yesterday granted a pardon to David Barrett of this place who is undergoing imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary. Barrett was convicted January 17, 1901, of burglary, receiving stolen goods, &c., and on January 19, 1901, sentenced by Judge Little to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$200 and undergo an imprisonment at separate and solitary confinement at hard labor in the Eastern penitentiary for a period of nine years and six months. Barrett's case was presented to the Board of Pardons by Edward S. Gearhart, Esq., of this city, the argument taking place in the State Supreme Court in the Federal Building. Barrett's pardon was the only one granted in Pennsylvania yesterday. The good news last evening was taken to Barrett's aged mother, who resides in East Danville. The faculty preliminary examinations of the Bloomsburg State Normal School will be held Wednesday, June 7, at 9 a. m. The state board examinations will be held Wednesday, June 14, at 9 a. m.

DANVILLE HOLDS LOVING CUP

The Danville Gun Club is holding a two days' blue rock shoot at Hunter's Park, which began Tuesday. Conditions were fairly favorable for shooting and some good totals were attained. Following is the score:

Event No. 1, ten targets—H. Money, 10; Hess, 10; Tovey, 5; Rohrer, 2; Speiser, 9; Rudy, 7; Dietz, 8. Event No. 2, fifteen targets—H. Money, 11; Hess, 10; Tovey, 7; Rohrer, 6; Speiser, 11; Rudy, 10; Dietz, 12. Event No. 3, twenty targets—H. Money, 18; Hess, 15; Tovey, 12; Rohrer, 6; Speiser, 15; Dietz, 14; Money, 16; Derr, 9; Munschach, 10. Event No. 4, fifteen targets—H. Money, 12; Hess, 14; Tovey, 11; Speiser, 12; Rudy, 12; Dietz, 12; Money, 10; Derr, 13; Munschach, 13; Lawrence, 12. Event No. 5, ten targets—H. Money, 10; Hess, 9; Tovey, 9; Rohrer, 5; Speiser, 8; Rudy, 6; Dietz, 9; Money, 6; Derr, 9; Munschach, 4; Lawrence, 7. Event No. 6, twenty targets—H. Money, 19; Hess, 14; Tovey, 12; Speiser, 16; Dietz, 17; Money, 17; Derr, 11; Munschach, 12. Event No. 7, fifteen targets—H. Money, 15; Hess, 14; Tovey, 8; Rohrer, 10; Speiser, 12; Dietz, 12; Money, 10. Event No. 8, fifteen targets—Money, 14; Hess, 13; Tovey, 10; Speiser, 13; Rudy, 13; Dietz, 10; Money, 11; Derr, 10; Munschach, 10; Lawrence, 13. Event No. 9, twenty targets—H. Money, 18; Hess, 18; Speiser, 15; Dietz, 17; Money, 15; Derr, 14; Munschach, 16. Event No. 10, fifteen targets—H. Money, 13; Hess, 15; Speiser, 13; Rudy, 8; Dietz, 12; Money, 12. Event No. 11, fifteen targets—H. Money, 14; Hess, 13; Speiser, 13; Rudy, 14; Dietz, 13; Money, 14. Event No. 12, ten targets—H. Money, 10; Hess, 9; Speiser, 7; Rudy, 7; Dietz, 9; Money, 5. Totals—H. Money, 164; Hess, 154; Tovey, 74; Rohrer, 29; Speiser, 144; Rudy, 77; Dietz, 145; Money, 118; Derr, 66; Munschach, 65; Lawrence, 32.

The annual spring Target Tournament of the Danville Gun Club, which began Tuesday morning, came to a close last evening. The shoot was one of the most successful ever held by the Danville club. As on Tuesday the weather conditions yesterday were mainly favorable. For awhile during the afternoon the wind interfered somewhat with the shooting, but nevertheless the scores made were uniformly good. On each day shooting began at 10 o'clock sharp, lunch being served on the ground. The principal event of the shoot was the team race for a loving cup, which took place yesterday afternoon and was won by Danville. The cup was purchased by the Danville Gun Club to be contested for by any team in Pennsylvania. The only teams that entered the race were the Milton Rod and Gun Club and the Danville Gun Club. There were five men on each side, the number of targets being 25. In the cup contest, although the wind was blowing hard, Danville outdistanced its competitor, Speiser piling up a score of 25 straight.

The scores for the day were as follows:

	HIT	MISSED
Money	163	22
Hess	154	31
Godcharles	152	53
Dietz	133	52
Mason, J. D.	133	27
Haney	128	47
Mason, F. H.	104	47
Rishel	103	23
Speiser	103	23
Fox	25	25
Lawrence	25	25
Rudy	73	32
Strine	46	34
Harris	27	38
DeHaas	21	29
Phile	21	28

Military Coat With a History. Mrs. R. W. Eggert has in her possession highly prized heirlooms in the form of a military hat and coat worn by her father, Valentine Best, when he was Brigadier General of the military in the early 40's. The coat, of navy blue, lined with white satin, and highly decorated, is unlike anything ever seen by men now living and is without counterpart except in old engravings showing military heroes dead and gone for many years. The coat is some approach to the clam-hammer pattern. It is double breasted with ten buttons on each side. On each shoulder is a rich epaulette, while at the extreme end of each of the long narrow tails is a heavily embroidered star indicating the wearer's rank. The coat is well preserved and is still a handsome garment. It was worn on at least one distinguished State occasion and that was when General Scott with his staff visited Danville. On that occasion General Scott was the guest of General Best at the family homestead on the present site of the Grone building occupied by the post office and the local lodge of Elks. Valentine Best was one of Danville's most distinguished citizens. He was founder of the Danville Intelligencer. He was Speaker of the Senate and it was solely through his efforts that Montour county was formed.

Commencement exercises will have the call for the next few weeks.

FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Charles Chalfant, Esq., has been chosen as delegate to the Democratic State Convention, which will be held at Harrisburg Wednesday next, May 24th.

Pursuant to a call from the County Chairman the members of the Democratic Standing Committee of Montour County, convened at the Court House yesterday for the purpose of electing a delegate to the State Convention. The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock, County Chairman Horace C. Blue presiding. Joseph R. Patton filled his post as Secretary.

The following committee men or their substitutes were present: Anthony township, Samuel Hilner and S. J. Dennen. Cooper township, Alfred Blecher and James Baylor. Danville—1st ward, Arthur G. Jameson and John G. Waite; 3rd ward, W. Fred Jacobs; 4th ward, George Bachinger and Patrick Scott. Derry township, Charles W. Stamm and Jacob S. Umstead. Liberty township, William J. Clark and A. A. Falls. Mahoning township, Michael Breckbill. Valley township, Elmer Sidler and Pierce Appleman. Washingtonville, Elmer Cotner and Thomas F. Kerswell. West Henlock township, William P. Moore and C. J. Deighmiller. Charles Chalfant, Esq., was unanimously chosen as delegate to the Democratic State Convention. Thomas F. Kerswell of Washingtonville was chosen as alternate.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, Our late Representative in Congress, Hon. C. H. Dickerman, has faithfully and impartially discharged the duties of his office, therefore Resolved, That we endorse his official acts as those of an able and conscientious representative. Whereas, Our Representative in the State Senate, J. Henry Cochran, has ably and faithfully served the constituency of his district, therefore Resolved, That we likewise approve him as an able and careful representative in whose care the public interests are at all times safe. Whereas, The voice and the vote of our Representative R. S. Ammerman while in the Legislature has always been found to be on the side of the people, in consonance with the palpable conception of their rights—for such laws as would benefit all the people and against all forms of corrupt legislation and machine rule, therefore Resolved, That we recommend him to the voters of Pennsylvania as a candidate for Judge of the Superior Court and further Resolved, That we instruct our delegate to use all honorable means to insure his nomination. It will fall to the duty of Mr. Chalfant as delegate from the district in which Mr. Ammerman resides to make the speech nominating him to be Superior Court Judge. Mr. Chalfant is the ablest orator of the strong section and in electing him as delegate the Committee made a wise choice. His effort will no doubt go on record as one of the ablest and most effective nominating speeches ever made at any convention.

Opening Game on Saturday. The opening game of base ball will be played at DeWitt's Park on Saturday afternoon between the Danville base ball club and Springfield. Danville will put a strong team in the field. The best of last year's players will be retained in addition to whom other first-class players will be employed. The Springfield club is well known in Danville, where it has frequently played. It is one of the strongest teams hereabout. It is needless to say that the opening game will abound in interest and should be witnessed by every lover of base ball. Game will be called at 3:15 o'clock. The Danville club needs encouragement. It has assumed heavy expense and has been obliged to fix the price of admission to the opening game at 25 cents. It is at some risk that the game has been inaugurated but it will be run one month as an experiment. Beyond one month, therefore, it will all depend upon the encouragement received. If the patronage warrants it the game will be continued and only first class teams will be put in the field. The grounds at DeWitt's Park are in first class condition. S. M. Waite having been employed upon them during the whole week thus far. The grand stand will seat five hundred. The new bridge will afford a delightful walk to the ground. The line up will be printed later.

Trolley Extension. Superintendent Mountney has given out that he has been successful in securing the right of way for the extension of the Lewisburg, Milton and Watonsontown Electric Railway from East Lewisburg to Northumberland, and that today the engineers will go to work on the survey. This line will traverse a rich and populous agricultural section of the county. The superintendent says that with a very few exceptions the residents along the line were heartily in favor of the project and gave him assistance in promoting the matter.

Celebrated Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Shannon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their pleasant home at Riverside, yesterday, surrounded by their sons, daughters and grandchildren and a large number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon were married at Bloomsburg, May 17th, 1855, by Rev. John Moorehead, and subsequently removed to Riverside in 1871. During their residence in this community they have made many friends. They have been faithful workers in St. Peter's M. E. church. Mr. Shannon was actively engaged in business in this city until about a year ago, when he retired. The day was spent most delightfully by the host and hostess and their guests. Many beautiful and valuable presents were received by the venerable couple. Among the guests present were: Jacob Hess, Mrs. Bruce Kepner, Mrs. John Shannon, of Berwick; Henry F. Oman and Mrs. Frederick Lecher, of Wilkesbarre; Mr. and Mrs. William Loran and Mr. and Mrs. John Dewald, of Hughesville; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Landan, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyer and Joseph Wellington Shannon, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. John Keim, Mrs. Reuben Boyer, and Mrs. Emory T. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gulick, Mr. and Mrs. John Conway, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Yocum, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morrill, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hess and son Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hummer, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shannon, daughters Helen and Ethel and son Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. William Kimbel and daughters Margaret, Mabel, Dorothy and Harriet and sons Joseph and Albert, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bird and daughters Eva, Esther, Anna and Florence and son Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Morrill and son Harold, Messdames Celestia Gearhart, John Geist, Hannah Pitner, Sarah Cleaver, Margaret Kennedy, Hannah Bird, Dorcas Dimmick, Charles Haughaunt, C. C. Shultz, William Treas, Emma Shannon and children, Ralph and Miriam, Catherine Hazlett, Elvi Hoover, Miss Hannah Gearhart, Messrs. Isaac Hoffman and George Gardner. During the evening the following guests were present: Mrs. Charles Henry, of Jersey City; Miss Bertel Wolverson, of Sunbury; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Kimbel, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shepperson, Mr. and Mrs. John Unger, Mr. and Mrs. John McCloghan, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. William Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hoover, Messdames Edward Cuthbert, Sammie Fischer, Elizabeth Roth, Miss Hattie Kimbel, Mrs. Jacob Berger and Benjamin Landau.

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WANT TO BUY THE FERRY
Now that the river bridge has been completed and the prospects are that it will be turned over to the two counties at almost any day the logical sequence would seem to be that we will have little more use for the ferry boat with the cable, etc., making up its equipment. As a consequence communications are being received at the office of the County Commissioners looking to the purchase of the ferry outfit.

The free ferry up to the present stands the two counties about one thousand dollars. The outfit has been in use a trifle over a year and while it has depreciated somewhat the Commissioners think it ought to be cheap at one half of its cost, or five hundred dollars, and have decided upon that figure as a price. The ferry boat is one of the largest and best used on the North Branch and it is wanted at several points where bridges taken away by the ice gorge have not yet been replaced. According to indications Danville itself may have use for the ferry for an indefinite time longer. Up to the present the County Commissioners have had no word as to the nature of the inspectors report who examined the bridge last Saturday and it is not known whether or not the report has been presented to the Dauphin County Court. Complications relating to the approach at the South Side are such as to make it impossible to predict when the bridge may be thrown open to the public.

Meanwhile the farmers of Rush and Gearhart townships are subjected to no end of inconvenience and feel very much aggrieved that now when the bridge is at last completed there should be so much delay. When they visit town they often find it almost impossible to get through with their business in time to catch the ferry before it closes down for the night. Now that the river approaches low water mark the ferry begins to make slower time. At certain hours there is quite a congestion of wagons entailing a long and tedious wait at each landing. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning there were some fifteen vehicles waiting on the Danville side. Half a dozen of these were taken on the ferry, leaving nine of that number at least one-half were left behind on the following trip and had to wait for the greater part of an hour. Undoubtedly we are entering upon a season when all the delays and annoyances of ferry travel experienced before are about to be repeated, which makes it especially unfortunate that anything should occur to prevent the use of the bridge.

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