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Retail grocers are justified in defend-  
ing vigorously the initial snits against  
them on charges of selling adulterated  
goods. Those who manufacture the  
goods are most culpable and it ought  
to be the aim of the State Dairy and  
Food Department to give wide pub-  
licity to the fraudulent food products.

Buy of your home merchants and  
spend your money where you made it  
—in Danville.

Harrisburg is facing a milk famine.  
In arranging Christmas decorations  
precautions should be taken to guard  
against the possibility of fire.

The weather man has been more than  
kind.

The farmer who can read Secretary  
Wilson's glowing and auroral report  
without feeling all-fired rich and pro-  
sperous may be set down as an incur-  
able and unimaginative pessimist.

John D. Long, former secretary of  
the navy, will publish a book of verse  
this month. Paul Morton, Mr. Long's  
successor, is writing life insurance.

The Navy department has been a great  
inspiration to literary talent.

A minister of the gospel at Stam-  
ford, Conn., is asked to resign, it is  
said, because he was deficient in re-  
gard to the feelings of his congrega-  
tion, who in the main are persons of  
wealth. The minister in the course of  
a recent sermon said that any person  
who receives a salary of \$25,000 a year  
is not honest.

It is said that poker playing legisla-  
tors are trying to find a new phrase as  
a substitute for "I pass."

A strict enforcement of the ordinan-  
ces would add considerably to the  
revenues of the city.

The closed car on the river bridge is  
proving a boon to South Side resi-  
dents these blustery days.

If even one violator of the cigarette  
law is made an example of it will  
have a wholesome effect.

The ice harvest is almost due, and  
as a result those who are interested  
are becoming anxious.

Two more weeks of gift selection.

Don't wait until the last minute to  
make your holiday purchases. Do it  
early and avoid the rush.

Congress is already arranging the  
work so as not to get into conflict with  
the holiday recess.

The passing of the days witness a  
gradual increase in the holiday rush.  
The annual "good resolutions" period  
is beginning to impress itself. It starts  
on the first of January and lasts until  
about the fifteenth.

Every parent should impress on his  
boy the danger of attempting to skate  
on thin ice. Be earnest in doing it  
and avoid funeral expenses.

A few lines for profanity would put  
a stop to so much swearing on the  
streets.

Jonas Long's Sons, of Wilkes-Barre,  
are after a site in Berwick, and have  
made a substantial offer to Charles  
Haas for the purchase of the property  
at the corner of Mulberry and Front  
streets.

"THIS COUNTRY WILL NEVER BE ENTIRELY FREE UNTIL IT SUPPLIES ALL OF ITS OWN DEMANDS WITH ITS OWN PRODUCTIONS."

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TOMMY MASLIN  
AT Y. M. C. A.

An audience something larger than  
usual assembled in Y. M. C. A. Hall  
Sunday afternoon to hear the ad-  
dress of Tommy Maslin, who has been  
circulating between this city and  
Bloomsburg during a week or so past.  
Tommy Maslin is truly a wonderful  
man, with a remarkable career and as  
was natural the address had about it  
a peculiar fascination. Not only has  
he the man a message to impart that  
commands attention, but he has many  
of the gifts that make up a strong  
speaker. He wastes no words, but is  
terse and logical, often eloquent, and  
he drives home the truths he utters  
with great power. All this is remark-  
able in view of the wasted years of  
his life and the utter lack of prepara-  
tion on his part for public speaking  
or intellectual work of any sort.

Tommy Maslin proclaims himself  
the "Rescued Man" and explains that  
he was once a convict, a drunkard and  
a gambler. His subject yesterday was  
"A Human Wreck, but a Spiritual  
Victory" and his talk of course, had  
to do with his own experience.

The depth of degradation into which  
the man had fallen was indeed great  
and yet to some extent he was the  
sport of circumstances. His first term  
of two years in the penitentiary was  
sent for a crime that another com-  
mitted, although he might have es-  
caped had he made a clean breast of  
what he knew, incriminating the real  
offender. Disgraced himself and after  
dragging his parents and brothers and  
sisters along down with him, at the  
expiration of his term he was turned  
out, as he put it "to sink or swim,  
one day up and many days down."

From then on the life he led was the  
usual life of the ex-convict, the gam-  
bler, the drunkard, until he found him-  
self again in the penitentiary and  
served nineteen months of a two years'  
sentence for shooting at a man in a  
bar room brawl, the consoling cir-  
cumstance of it all being that the bul-  
let went wide of the mark and that  
the shot was fired because he was in  
'a tight place.'

Then after it all came his conver-  
sion, through the efforts of a woman  
evangelist, to whom he paid a lofty  
tribute. Then with his efforts to re-  
sist temptation, which came in the  
form of drink and the presence of old  
associates the troubles of life began to  
multiply. A former companion under  
the influence of liquor came into his  
house and incensed because Maslin re-  
fused to drink with him became ab-  
surdly and disorderly and attacked his  
wife and when Tommy flew to her re-  
scue the drunken man stabbed him in-  
flicting a terrible wound upon his face  
and throat that came within a hairs-  
breadth of severing the jugular vein.  
This explains the unsightly scar upon  
the evangelist's face that he will carry  
to the grave.

Tommy lay at death's door for some  
time, and was told that his life could  
be saved only by taking stimulants.  
But he didn't believe it and chose to die  
rather than put to his lips the dread-  
ful curse that had brought him so  
much misery. He recovered while the  
man who attacked him went to the  
penitentiary for two years. The sincer-  
ity and the goodness of Maslin is  
shown by the fact that after the man  
who so nearly murdered him served  
his term Tommy found him one day  
and helped him along by giving him  
money out of his own scanty store and  
looking after him from then on until  
he finally succeeded in effecting his  
conversion.

The whole story was one of bitter  
trial and there was plenty of pathos  
in it as the speaker told of his desper-  
ate struggles to hold on to the good  
and how by ever remembering Christ  
and His promises he was able to resist  
and hold out to the end. At every page  
of his life's history there was some  
lesson to be learned that should be a  
help and guide to others.

It should be mentioned also that  
Tommy Maslin served as a soldier in  
the Civil War and left a finger on the  
field of battle. For the last 28 years  
he has been engaged in evangelistic  
work. His wife and children after see-  
ing him reform were claimed by death  
and the poor man has had sorrow after  
sorrow.

GRANGERS DEMAND  
MANY REFORMS

A large audience gathered at the  
Armory, at Sunbury, Tuesday even-  
ing, the occasion being the public re-  
ception to the State Grangers. A very  
interesting program was carried out,  
the principal features being addresses  
by Attorneys C. M. Clement, I. Clin-  
ton Kline, and H. S. Knight, of Sun-  
bury, and a response by Master Hill.  
The Sunbury City Band, also the  
Maenner-Gesang Verein - Concordia  
Singing Society, Mrs. H. B. Smith  
and Miss Christina Dietz, of Sunbury,  
furnished instrumental and vocal  
music, and Miss Elizabeth Russ, of  
Sunbury, gave a reading.

The next regular meeting of the  
School Board will occur on December  
25th. The Directors did not like the  
idea of assembling on Christmas and  
on motion of Mr. Parsel it was decid-  
ed to hold the next meeting on Jan-  
uary 8th.

On motion the Secretary was in-  
structed to draw an order and pay the  
teachers on January 4th next for the  
month ending on that date.

On motion of Mr. Fischer the Sec-  
retary was instructed to draw an or-  
der and pay the interest due on 8 1/2  
per cent. bonds due on January 1st.

On motion of Mr. Parsel the use of  
the Commercial room was granted to  
the class in stenography one evening  
each week for practice in short hand.

Traut Officer Young presented his  
report for the month ended which  
showed that 120 pupils were detained  
at home by illness; 8 for the want of  
suitable clothing. There were 10 cases  
of truancy and 18 notices had been  
sent out.

Mr. Burns reported that the Direc-  
tors of the Second Ward had investi-  
gated a report reflecting upon the  
janitor of that ward, and that in the  
light of all the facts they had exoner-  
ated him.

SCHOOL BOARD  
PROCEEDINGS

At a regular meeting of the School  
Board Monday night it was decided to  
grant the schools a week's vacation  
between Christmas and New Year's.  
On motion of Mr. Burns it was ord-  
ered that the schools close on Friday,  
December 22, not to re-open until  
Tuesday, January 2nd.

On motion of Mr. Parsel it was or-  
dered that the teachers be paid for  
their attendance at the County In-  
stitute before Christmas, the janitors  
at the same time to receive one  
month's salary. This will be all the  
pay that will be received before the  
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PERSONAL  
PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hartman, of  
Berwick, spent Sunday with relatives  
in this city.

Miss Sara G. Woodside, of Inwood  
Sanitarium, West Conshohocken, in-  
formed her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.  
H. Woodside, Mowry street.

John Danner and George Maier, em-  
ployed by the Shamokin Extension  
Railway Company at Shamokin, spent  
Sunday with friends in Danville.

Miss Clara Simpson, of Scranton, is  
the guest of Mrs. W. W. Welliver,  
East Mahoning street.

Miss Sallie Baldy, of St. Paul, Min-  
nesota, spent Saturday in this city as  
the guest of Mrs. I. H. Jennings, West  
Market street.

Mrs. C. F. Hershey, of Sunbury,  
spent Sunday with relatives in this  
city.

Mr. Ellis Moore returned Saturday  
to Roanoke, Virginia, after a visit at  
the home of Mrs. Thomas Prout, Grand  
street.

A FINE EVENING'S  
ENTERTAINMENT

The mock trial given in Association  
Hall Tuesday eve under the auspices  
of the Y. M. C. A. proved to be one  
of the best evening's sport ever fur-  
nished Danville people. Things moved  
rapidly and there was not a dull mo-  
ment from the opening until the ad-  
journment of Court, not a moment  
when something crisp and unexpected  
did not develop. It was an evening of  
happy "hits" and there was not a part  
of the proceedings that did not reflect  
upon some one in an exceedingly wit-  
ty and humorous way. All of which  
shows that Colonel A. V. Newton,  
who was at the head of the mock trial,  
is a gentleman of many talents and  
knows how to get up a fine entertain-  
ment.

The make up of the Court was print-  
ed in these columns Monday morning.  
It was shortly after 8 o'clock when  
the Court, consisting of W. V. Oglesby,  
Judge; T. G. Vincent, Clerk; and  
W. M. Heddens, Court Crier, filed up  
the steps and occupied their places on  
the stage. It was with real judicial  
dignity that His Honor W. V. Oglesby  
settled down upon the bench of the  
improvised bar which had been con-  
structed during the afternoon. Pro-  
thonotary Vincent and Court Crier  
Heddens, of course, were experienced  
hands and performed their parts with  
dignity and dispatch.

When Court was opened the usual  
inquiry as made concerning cases on  
the docket. It developed that there  
were a large number of these, which  
were in turn taken up and disposed  
of. Three of these which stand as a  
sample of all the others, follow here.

Case No. 1165 was that of Common-  
wealth vs. W. V. Oglesby, Mr. Oglesby  
was charged with "over-exertion." The  
defendant being the Judge presiding  
opened the way for some com-  
plications, it is true, but the case was  
disposed of to the satisfaction of ev-  
erybody including the defendant, who  
pleaded guilty and threw himself on  
the mercy of the Court. Colonel New-  
ton made a strong plea for clemency,  
stating that it was the first time the  
defendant ever committed the offense  
of "over-exertion" and that he would  
never "do it again." The sentence of  
the Court was that the defendant be  
committed to the Old Ladies Home at  
Wilkes-Barre at soft labor for the term  
of his natural life.

Case No. 1170 was that of Common-  
wealth vs. Frank G. Schoch. The  
charge was eating all the oysters at a  
church supper. In this case the attor-  
ney declared that the indictment was  
defective and moved that he be "squad-  
ed." The fatal defect, he said lay in  
the fact that the term "oysters" was  
used instead of the singular form "oys-  
ter." Who, he significantly asked ever  
heard of more than one oyster at a  
church supper at Danville? His Hon-  
or saw the point and the attorney's  
view prevailed. The indictment was  
quashed.

No. 1185 was a case against S. F.  
Ricketts, who was charged with sell-  
ing "undressed kids." He pleaded  
guilty through his counsel, but the  
case was cited as an extenuating cir-  
cumstance that he sold "undressed  
kids" in order that the hands of the  
Danville public might be better "dressed"  
and he went Scott free.

Finally the case of Commonwealth vs.  
H. M. Sober was reached, which  
went to trial. The charge was stealing  
a rooster. The jurors named in Mon-  
day's issue were called—each, how-  
ever, under the name of a State or  
National celebrity. The jurors as called  
to the box were: Grover Cleve-  
land, David B. Hill, Channey M. De-  
Pew, Alton B. Parker, John Wan-  
maker, Samuel W. Pennypacker, Ad-  
miral George Dewey, J. Piermont  
Morgan, General Nelson A. Miles,  
Theodore Roosevelt, John L. Sullivan  
and Thomas C. Platt.

R. C. JACOBS  
IN DANVILLE

R. C. Jacob of the Maryland Con-  
struction Company arrived at this city  
yesterday for the purpose of looking  
over the State Highway and ascertain-  
ing what prospects there are of com-  
pleting work on the road this winter.  
During last evening he was interview-  
ed at the City Hotel.

Mr. Jacob stated that the company  
in view of the open weather had hoped  
to fully complete the highway this  
winter. His visit yesterday, however,  
convinced him that it would be im-  
practicable to re-open the road this  
winter. There is already more or less  
frost in the ground, which interferes  
with digging, while a circumstance  
which adds to the difficulty is the fact  
that no one can place any reliance op-  
on receiving stone with any degree of  
regularity at this season of the year.

Add to this, the uncertainty of fair  
weather and you have conditions that  
are likely to result in long hold ups  
in such work as road building. Mr.  
Freeman with a force of men will  
likely remain on the ground a few  
days longer making some changes in  
grade, drainage, etc., needed to satisfy  
property owners. With the next change  
of weather at most he will leave and  
there will be a suspension of all work  
until next spring.

The amount of work required to  
bring the road fully up to specifica-  
tions is not great and can be finished  
up in considerably less than a month.  
Mr. Jacob very much regrets the de-  
lay that has occurred and no one feels  
the disappointment more keenly than  
himself that the work can not be com-  
pleted at the present. During the sum-  
mer he was building a State Highway  
in Lancaster county. His representa-  
tive, Mr. Freeman, would have been  
here early in the fall, but just as they  
were about to take up the road here  
1000 feet more were added to the high-  
way they were building in Lancaster  
county, which detained them. Mr.  
Jacob stated that it is his determina-  
tion to give Montour county a perfect  
piece of State Highway.

The Maryland Construction Com-  
pany in its relation to the State High-  
way here has been the victim of a se-  
ries of unfortunate circumstances that  
have militated against success. To be-  
gin with the highway here was one of  
the first applied for in the State. All  
the methods employed, even the plans  
themselves, were new and since then,  
as the result of experience, there have  
been modifications along all lines,  
which makes construction of roads lat-  
er applied for simpler and easier.

Plans and specifications for a high-  
way between Danville and the Valley  
township line, if made today, would  
bring out altogether a different kind  
of a road from the one constructed.

Will Meet Friday Night.  
A number of our citizens interested  
in getting up a first class mums'  
parade on New Year's Day met in the  
Grand Jury room last night. The turn  
out was not quite what those present  
thought it ought to be and the meet-  
ing adjourned to reconvene in the En-  
gine House of the Washington Hose  
Company at 7:30 o'clock on Friday  
night next.

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The office of the AMERICAN  
being furnished with a large  
assortment of job letter and  
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nounces to the public that he  
is prepared at all times to ex-  
ecute in the neatest manner.

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CONFERENCE  
TOMORROW

The D. L. & W. Railroad Company  
manufacturers keen interest in conditions  
here relating to the old canal of which  
that corporation is the owner. Ever  
since the company's proposition to fill  
up the old waterway with the aid of  
the Borough was turned down by  
Council last summer the Railroad peo-  
ple have been anxious to revive the  
matter in some form.

During an interview with Council-  
man J. H. Goesser yesterday it was  
learned that G. J. Ray, Division En-  
gineer of the D. L. & W. Railroad  
Company, will come to Danville to-  
morrow morning for the purpose of  
meeting the Sewer Committee of Coun-  
cil and G. F. Kiefer, the Borough  
Surveyor, the object of the conference  
being to see what can be done toward  
getting rid of the nuisance on a new  
basis that will enable the Borough and  
the Railroad Company to co-operate in  
such a way that will not place too  
heavy a burden upon the municipality.

In what respect the terms will differ  
from the former proposition is not  
known, but it is hoped that little  
will be very generous; otherwise but  
little will come out of it. It is clear  
that the present Council will not agree  
to anything like the former proposition,  
which provided that the D. L. & W.  
Railroad Company pipe the bottom  
and the Borough of Danville fill up  
the canal. The expense of filling, it  
was argued, would be enormous; also  
that while the Borough might get rid  
of the drainage nuisance, for which it  
was not responsible, the Railroad Com-  
pany would be immensely the gainer  
by having a long strip of land embrac-  
ed by the canal improved and enhanc-  
ed in value principally at the Bor-  
ough's expense.

The outcome of the conference will  
no doubt figure in proceedings of  
Council tomorrow night. Meanwhile  
there is much speculation as to just  
what proportion of the heavy burden  
the owners of the old canal will con-  
sent to bear in order to wipe out the  
nuisance.

The old ditch is not improving any  
with the lapse of time. A few weeks  
ago, during the dry weather prevail-  
ing, it was discovered that a quantity  
of waste matter from the Hospital for  
the Insane drained into the canal, pol-  
luting the bottom throughout the en-  
tire length of the Borough and render-  
ing conditions doubly bad. In view of  
all the facts it is hoped that the rail-  
road company will do the right thing  
and that Council may see its way  
clear to co-operate with the owners in  
some way that may relieve us of the  
canal nuisance before another summer  
comes around. The matter should re-  
ceive careful consideration by Coun-  
cil.

Big Convention Convenes Today.  
All day yesterday delegates and vis-  
itors from all over the Pennsylvania  
anthracite region gathered at Shamok-  
in to attend the tri-district convention  
which convenes there today. Presi-  
dent John Mitchell arrived at Shamok-  
in late Monday night, but would  
make no statements for publication  
outside the fact that matters are in  
the hands of the delegates and will be  
disposed of by them.

From Wilkes-Barre alone nearly 500  
men went to Shamokin yesterday, like  
numbers going from all over the coal  
fields, the Pottsville region sending  
especially large delegations, which  
arrived at Shamokin last evening.

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Absolutely Pure  
HAS NO SUBSTITUTE  
A Cream of Tartar Powder,  
free from alum or phos-  
phatic acid  
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Pennsylvania Freight Congestion.  
The great press of freight traffic in  
the Sunbury division of the Pennsylv-  
ania continues and Nescopeck had a  
demonstration of this yesterday.

Twelve Injured in Explosion.  
Twelve foreigners were injured by  
an explosion of gas in the Luke Fidler  
mine at Shamokin, yesterday morn-  
ing. Four of the number were so bad-  
ly burned that they can not survive.

Officers Elected.  
The following officers for the ensu-  
ing year were elected at a regular  
meeting of Mahoning Lodge, No. 515,  
F. & A. M., held on Tuesday night:  
W. M., Edward F. Williams; S. W.,  
Frank Jameson J. W., George Jacobs,  
Secretary; J. W. Farnsworth; Treas-  
urer, George Maier; Representative to  
the Grand Lodge, W. L. Siller;  
Trustees E. S. Miller, Harry E. Ben-  
son and Andrew Schatz.

A Big Butcher.  
A big day's butcher game some yes-  
terday by Frank Hartman, of Lim-  
stone township. Mr. Hartman killed  
nineteen hogs, weighing from 150 to  
600 pounds apiece. One large porker  
killed the scales at 602 pounds and an-  
other at 570 pounds.

The Washington Drum Corps.  
The Washington Drum Corps, en-  
larged and equipped in part with new  
instruments on Monday night will meet  
for the first general practice.

Relating to Castle Grove.  
P. E. Maus of Maasdale, has accept-  
ed a position as Superintendent of  
Castle Grove. Danville people have  
always felt great pride and interest in  
that beautiful estate famous over the  
whole country and will be glad to  
learn that the place with all its fine  
appointments will be kept intact at  
least for another year.

New Switch Under Way.  
Work was begun yesterday morn-  
ing on the new D. L. & W. switch in this  
city described in these columns, Tues-  
day.

Make up your mind to attend the  
primaries and see that only the best  
men are nominated.

The way to be happy is to be cheer-  
ful. Try it and see how much sweet-  
er your Christmas turkey will taste.