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CONDENSED NEWS.

The shortest day.
Winter begins today.
Old Kris is loading up.
Boys and girls are waiting patiently for the holiday vacation. They see lots of fun ahead.

It is altogether likely that since the breaking up of the trust that Danville will be favored next summer by the appearance of some of the large circuses.

The Christmas tree industry contributes largely to the injury of the forests, but we must have the greens.

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Don't forget the unfortunates on Christmas.
The Williamsport hotels and saloons have decided to close their bars on Christmas and give their bartenders and employes an opportunity to enjoy Christmas.

Will your Christmas turkey be a chicken?

If you have children, give them a Christmas tree.

The lace curtain, the evergreen and the lighted candle compose a dangerous combination.

Make good use of the last week of the holiday business boom. Don't wait until Saturday night.
It is hoped that the prices of fowl will not become fowl by the end of this week.

The holiday vacation in the schools will begin on Friday afternoon and the pupils are full of gleeful anticipations.

For the benefit of next season's crops a good coating of snow would be welcome now.

A great many men are now preparing to swear off—for a week or two.

It is time for members of the Legislature to begin saving car fare for the trip to Harrisburg.

There'll be slim Christmas cheer for some of the unfortunate unless those who have more than they need share their surplus with them.

Don't be cranky when you go shopping.

After attempting to conceal the fact for some time it is learned that Tamara is in the throes of a smallpox epidemic, and that the health authorities of that borough are very much exercised over the fact.

A pair of slick swindlers are working this section and housewives are warned to be on the lookout for them. They claim to represent sewing machine companies who have sent them out to repair machines. They do the repairing and then charge exorbitant prices for their work. They are not employed by the companies.

The "Mary Ann" ferry at Catawissa has been placed out of commission for the winter and a force of men have been engaged in putting the boat high and dry on the land out of reach of floods. With the boat out of service Catawissians and those Catawissa bound must necessarily resort to the row boat and steam cars.

Japan is still busy celebrating her victory. Compare the conditions there with those in Russia to-day!

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FILLING THE JURY WHEEL

The Jury Commissioners of Montour County—Curtis Cook of this city and W. B. Moore of West Hemlock township—Tuesday completed the task of filling the jury wheel for the year 1906.

Few persons have a correct idea of the modus operandi, and of the amount of work involved in the above operation. Pursuant to order of Court the Jury Commissioners have selected three hundred names for 1906 against four hundred for 1905. The term of court, which will meet in January is the term which under the old order convened in December. The change was only ordered last month and the jurors who will serve are those drawn out of the 1905 wheel.

The number of names selected from each district bears the same relation to its whole number of voters as the three hundred names to be drawn sustains to the whole number of persons in the county that may be called upon for jury duty. In some districts the number of names selected of necessity becomes very small.

In selecting these names the Jury Commissioners have a fine opportunity to serve the county by exercising care and discrimination, to the end that none but names of the best qualified men are put into the wheel. The very aged, the deaf, or men physically unable to stand the strain of jury service should not be among those placed in the wheel, as such at the last moment would have to be excused by the court, which likely as not would lead to embarrassing circumstances. To the above might be added the headstrong man, the man known to be blindly prejudiced and the one whose moral perceptions are dulled, all of whom our present Jury Commissioners declare they have no use for.

The Jury Commissioners find nothing in the mere list of voters that conveys any idea of the man's fitness for jury duty; it is only by being thoroughly acquainted throughout the county that they are enabled to steer clear of undesirable material and make the best selection.

So much for theory. It would be too much to say that mistakes are not of ten made. Neither does it follow that men whose names are not put in the wheel are undesirable as jurors, as the fact must be borne in mind that only a limited number are needed in each district.

Operations Discontinued.

A. R. Freeman, of Erie, a representative of the Maryland Construction Company, took his departure from this city yesterday. All operations have now ceased on the State highway between the Borough and the Valley township line, as well as on the section beyond ending at the Maudsall hotel, which latter section is in the hands of Fiss & Hartman.

Mr. Freeman was at work on the Maryland Construction Company's contract for some weeks. But little more was accomplished, however, than work that pertained to drainage, which together with some improvements made on the State highway under Mr. Atkinson last spring, leaves the road in a fairly good shape to weather the winter. Probably nowhere in the State is there a highway that forms a better criterion to show whether the State's present approved method of road building is in all cases efficacious than the stretch of road between Danville and Maudsall. Aside from the heavy traffic to which it is at all times subjected winter springs regularly make their appearance under the road bed, with the result that from time immemorial the highway every spring has been a slough of mud, cut up into deep ruts and ploughed over and over by the wheels. Whether the drainage will prove of the right sort and the road-bed in its unfinished state, heavy enough to hold its own remains to be seen. It would be better for all parties if the road could have received its additional course or crown and been fully completed before winter.

Celebrated Golden Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Pursel, Mill and Center streets, was the scene of a very happy golden wedding last evening, in which the couple who had traveled together half a century as husband and wife were Mr. and Mrs. John F. Pursel. The affair was in the nature of a surprise, gotten up by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin K. Pursel, son and daughter-in-law of the venerable couple honored by the event.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Pursel were for many years residents of Bloomsburg. As advanced age crept on they came down to Danville to spend their declining years at the home of their son. The golden wedding brought together a large number of friends representing Danville and Bloomsburg. A delicious dinner was served and the evening on the whole was one whose memories will linger throughout the rest of life.

JOHN MURPHY JR. LOSES HIS LIFE

John Murphy, Jr., a bright and highly esteemed young man of this city, met a horrible death in an explosion of dynamite near Shamokin on Saturday morning.

The deceased was the son of John Murphy, Sr., of Upper Mulberry street, the well-known railroad foreman. The latter, who was formerly employed by the P. & R. Railway Company, at a later date had charge of a gang of men on the construction of the Danville and Bloomsburg trolley line, where he was recognized as one of the most skillful men of his class. He was also employed on the Danville and Sunbury trolley line as well as on the Bloomsburg and Millville trolley road. When work was stopped on the latter line he re-entered the employment of W. F. Pascoe and took a position as foreman on the new Shamokin and Sunbury Electric Railway.

When Mr. Murphy accepted a position on the Danville and Bloomsburg line in the summer of 1904 his son who lost his life Saturday, then a lad of some sixteen years, went to work with him. He began by carrying picks and doing other work such as usually falls to boys and in a short time by his courtesy, his gentle and accommodating manners he won his way into the hearts of all connected with the road. He followed his father working with him on the various lines in this vicinity and under Mr. Pascoe at Shamokin. The construction crew on the Sunbury and Shamokin line at present are working at a point near Cameron colliery, just outside of Shamokin. At the foot of the hill Saturday morning a fire had been built to thaw out some dynamite. Twenty-four sticks of the explosive were arranged around the fire leaning against the dinner buckets belonging to the workmen.

On the hill above three hundred feet away a gang of sixty men under John Murphy, the father, were busy at work. The morning was chilly and John Murphy, Jr., complaining of being cold ran down to the fire. He remained seated within three feet of the blaze, while another workman who had been warming himself got up and walked away. The latter was only twenty feet distant when the twenty-four sticks of dynamite exploded with a loud report. The last named workman escaped serious injury, although badly shocked, but John Murphy, Jr., was dreadfully mangled. Both feet and one hand were blown off and as was natural in the dreadful concussion his body injured in every part of his body, internally as well as externally. He was found lying upon the ground unconscious.

He was tenderly picked up and carried into an empty building near by. Here after about five minutes while his father was bending over him he dimly regained consciousness for a moment. The next minute, however, death came to his relief and he peacefully passed away.

The cause of the explosion will forever remain a mystery. The thawing out of dynamite is a very common process and is not supposed to be attended with any danger whatever. A heavily loaded freight train just at that moment passed at a high rate of speed and some incline to the opinion that the jar on the heavily frozen ground caused the dynamite to explode. All the deadly explosive went off at once and did terrible execution. The tin dinner buckets, flattened by the force of the explosion, lay scattered about on every side.

The mutilated remains were taken to the undertaking establishment of Malcolm Farrow, Shamokin, where they remained until evening when they were shipped to Danville. The body arrived at South Danville on the 5:50 train, accompanied by the father, and William Murphy, uncle of the deceased, John Danner and George Maier of the Engineer Corps, besides several other persons connected with the construction crew.

The shocking event cast a deep gloom over the entire force of workmen. The father's grief indeed was pitiable. The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of everybody. Several years ago another child was killed by accident, a mere babe—which strolled out of the rear gate of the yard and sat down on the projecting edge of a tie on the P. & R. Railway. The little one was on the outside of the rail, but not beyond reach of the locomotive, which came along and struck it, causing it to roll down the high embankment. Injuries were sustained which caused the death of the child in a short time. The second tragic death on Saturday leaves the stricken parents childless.

Work is Progressing.

A. A. Barr, of the Shamokin Street Railway Co., was in this city today and says that work is progressing finely on the Sunbury & Shamokin Street Railway, and that they have one hundred and thirty Italians now at work this side of Tharptown and more men will be put on as soon as they can be obtained.—Sunbury Daily.

Christmas Reception.

The Thomas Beaver Boys' Bible Class will hold its Christmas reception and entertainment Friday evening, December 22, at seven o'clock. An excellent program is being arranged by the Women's Auxiliary and every member of the class should make a special effort to attend.

DAVID FOUST BADLY INJURED

David Foust, the well-known farmer of Limestone township, while engaged in shelling corn Tuesday, fell a victim to a most unusual accident. One of his fingers was caught in the cog wheels, a portion of it was severed from the hand and along with it a tendon nearly eighteen inches in length was pulled out of his arm.

Mr. Foust is the owner of an improved corn sheller, which is operated by a traction engine. He does work for his neighbors, passing from farm to farm with his engine and corn sheller, as his services may be required. Yesterday he was engaged in shelling corn on the Lobach farm near Limestoneville. Mr. Foust is unable to explain how the accident happened. He was feeling indisposed and he is inclined to believe that he fell forward onto the corn sheller. At all events the index finger of his right hand was caught in the cogs, which cut through the thick glove that he wore, mangled the finger and completely severed it at the first joint, at the same time tearing the tendon loose, which has its origin near the elbow and pulling it out of the arm. It was a most shocking injury. Mr. Foust nearly collapsed under the shock, while those assisting him were nearly overcome by the sickening spectacle.

The injured man was taken to his home and Dr. Snyder of Washingtonville was summoned. The latter upon ascertaining the serious nature of the injury sent for Dr. Patten of this city to assist him. Dr. Patten left town shortly after noon and returned about 4 o'clock. During an interview last evening he stated that the injury is one of the most remarkable he ever heard of and he has no doubt that the case is without a parallel in the experience of most other physicians.

Assisted by Dr. Snyder, Dr. Patten Tuesday afternoon amputated the finger midway between the first and second joints. As to just what the effect will be Dr. Patten would venture no positive opinion. That the stump of the index finger will be stiff is altogether probable. A more grave doubt exists as to whether or not complications may not arise affecting the health of the right arm. The physicians took every precaution to prevent infection, but all is doubt as to whether or not the antiseptic applied will be potent enough to prevent putrefaction, which might originate and spread through the long duct in the arm which now exists where the ruptured tendon lay. The physicians are hoping for the best. Meanwhile Mr. Foust endures the most excruciating pain, not only where the finger was amputated but all along the arm from the elbow down.

Appointed Committees.

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting was held at the Washington Hose House last night to arrange the preliminaries to the mummies' parade. Those present were not limited to members of the Washington Fire Company, but took in citizens in general.

D. C. Williams was chosen president of the meeting and A. C. Roat, secretary. The matter in hand was talked over in a general way for a few minutes, when the following committees were appointed:

Finance, Seth Lormer, George Koehler and D. C. Williams.

Prizes, James Freeze, James Wilson and Harry Rupp.

Music, R. W. Fetterman, Grant Gulick and Thomas Roney.

Printing, J. G. Waite, William A. Reed and A. C. Roat.

James Tooley, former Chief of the Fire Department, was chosen Chief Marshal with power to appoint his own aids.

On motion it was decided to invite the farmer boys from Montour and Northumberland counties to participate in the New Year's parade.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene on Friday night, when the committees will present their reports.

Will Break Ground Today.

George Reifsnnyder has been awarded the contract for the building of the annex to the Danville Knitting Mills, a full description of which was given in these columns a week or so ago. Mr. Reifsnnyder will break ground this morning. The annex will be of brick and will be located north of the mill between the latter and the creek. It will be occupied by office and as mending room, which room is now on the upper floor of the mills. The space in the present building occupied by the office and mending department will be utilized for manufacturing purposes. Mr. Reifsnnyder will put as many men to work this morning as apply, his intention being to push the annex to completion in record-breaking time, unless the weather changes so as to render building operations out of the question.

Oppose the School Journal.

Because they persisted in the publication of a newspaper, known as the Senior, after they had been warned by the School Board to desist, five members of the Allentown High School were suspended. All are members of the graduating class, and they were notified that expulsion will follow their insubordination if continued. The suspended pupils must also sever their connection with the school journal, Canary and Blue.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Margaret Ware, of Inwood Sanitarium, West Conshohocken, is visiting the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ware, Bloom street.

Mrs. W. E. Boyer, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shannon, Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pope and daughter Hilda, of Bristol, spent Sunday at the home of Daniel Mottern, East Market street.

Miss Mary Cornwall, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Mrs. Spencer Springer and her sister, Miss Freda Cook, arrived in this city last evening from Georgetown, Delaware, for a visit with their aunt, Mrs. John Seidler, Ferry street.

Miss Edna Campbell, of Fort Wayne, Ind., who has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Desha Campbell, of this city, left yesterday for a short visit with friends in Shamokin.

C. D. Garrison, of Grovania, was a visitor in this city last evening.

Carlton McHenry, a student at Lafayette College, Easton, arrived in this city last evening to spend the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Emma McHenry, Center street.

Miss Blanche Seehler and Miss Catherine Vantine, students at Bucknell, returned home last evening to spend Christmas with their parents.

A. P. Lepore, of Limestone township, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

C. N. Steiner, of Schuylers, spent yesterday in this city.

L. Martin, of Turbotville, made a business trip to this city yesterday.

C. S. Robbins, of Pottsgrove, called on friends in this city yesterday.

William Billmeyer, of Liberty township, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

George W. Tyson, proprietor of the White Inn, Allentown, is spending a few days with his friend, Dr. J. J. Kline, this city.

Miss Stella Doster returned home from Bucknell University last evening to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Doster, Jr.

Miss Carrie Klase and Miss Margaret Aten have accompanied the teachers' excursion to Washington, which left Bloomsburg Monday morning.

W. M. James, of Turbotville, spent yesterday in this city.

Miss Lizzie Cooper, of Kingston, is visiting at the home of Seth Lormer, Pine and Walnut streets.

William Williams will leave today for his home in Williamsport, after a visit with friends in this city.

William E. Boyer, of Liberty township, made a business trip to this city yesterday.

C. Mincey, of Washingtonville, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Stephen E. Gray, of Schuylers, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Mrs. J. B. Freas, of Orangeville, is the guest of friends in this city.

Miss Doris A. White, who has made her home in this city for the past year returned last evening to Endeavor, Pa.

W. H. Taylor, of Liberty township, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

J. A. Smithers, of Washingtonville, spent yesterday in this city.

Danville Has 27 Hotels.

Next Wednesday, December 27th, is the last day on which application can be made for license. License court will be held on January 19th.

The matter of liquor licenses is altogether one to which considerable interest attaches. Up to the present nothing has occurred to show that there will be any new applications this year. In this connection it may be put down as morally certain that all those at present holding licenses will apply for renewals. So far as known there will be no remonstrances.

Danville, with its population of some 9,000, has twenty-seven hotels. According to this it should be a rare occasion indeed when our town has more people within its gates than it can take care of. Twenty-seven is the number of licensed drinking places in Danville and they are all down as hotels, as coming fully up to the requirements as such.

Washingtonville has two hotels. In the county there are thirty-six licensed houses. In addition there is one distillery, two breweries and two wholesale liquor dealers.

It is not known as yet whether His Honor Judge Little or Judge Staples of Monroe county, who sat during last term, will preside at the license court.

Entertained Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mong entertained a number of friends at their home, Upper Mulberry street, Tuesday evening. Music and games occupied the evening. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Flora Kasner, Eva Manning, Anna Manning, Florence Morrison, Dora Morrison, Florence Blocher, Florence Hartline, Viola Fern, Annie Kasner, Messrs. Frank Kasner, Norman Krumm, Jasper Stettin, Frank Hartline, William Lockford, Harley Corner, Clarence Cotner, John Dell, Walter Dell, Stuart Hartman, Roy Fern, Walter Kasner, Mr. and Mrs. John Kasner.

The adulteration of food products is next to murder for money.

MAY LEASE PAULES GROVE

There is a rumor abroad, which seems pretty well substantiated, to the effect that the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company is negotiating for the leasing of Dr. Paules' grove some two and a half miles east of town, at which it is proposed to establish a finely equipped pleasure resort.

Paules' Woods seems to possess an irresistible charm and people of Danville and Bloomsburg in summer instinctively turn to its inviting shade. Already last summer when the woods were distinctively private property there was scarcely a trip made that the cars did not stop to let people off who wished to picnic in the woods. With such accommodations as the trolley company would install the success of the place would be assured.

It is well known that the officers of the trolley company came up from Pottsville some time ago and looked carefully over the ground; also that they were well pleased with the spot. It is stated that an agreement has been practically reached between the parties, although the papers have not yet been executed.

Should the trolley people lease the woods, as seems likely, it may be assumed that there will be no half-way work in the matter. An elaborate system of buildings, will be erected, including one of the finest pavilions in this section, while all the manifold attractions that go to make up a successful pleasure resort, will be installed in the grove.

Alarm of Fire on Saturday.

While three little children in the Second Ward during the temporary absence of their mother Saturday afternoon were home alone the house took fire. The little ones raised a big outcry, which brought help in the nick of time to prevent a bad fire.

The blaze occurred in a small house occupied by Mrs. Leidy and owned by W. A. Shepperson abutting on the alley between East Front and East Market streets. The house is directly opposite Mr. Shepperson's large ice house and is in the midst of a number of inflammable wooden buildings.

On Saturday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Leidy's children were in the house alone. What occurred among the little folks is not exactly known, but in some way a fire started in the building, which soon took a firm hold of the woodwork and threatened to destroy the house.

The outcry was fortunately heard by Mr. Shepperson who happened to be near the rear of his lot on the opposite side of the alley. Seizing a bucketful of water he ran to the rescue of the children. The blaze had entered a cupboard and was making rapid headway.

The fire was soon extinguished but had not been promptly on hand there is no telling what the result might have been.

The bell of the Washington Hose Company was rung and that company responded but by the time they reached the house the fire was extinguished.

Sodality Reception.

A Sodality reception was held at St. Hubert's Catholic church, Sunday night, which had many pleasant features and was on the whole one of the most interesting events that has taken place at that house for worship for some time.

Twelve new members were received into the Sodality. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Foin, assisted by Rev. Father Fesser of the Holy Family Convent. Father Foin preached a sermon on "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin."

During the services the new Sodality banner was blessed by the priests. The banner is an especially rich and beautiful one imported from France by the Sodality. It is of silk moire, four feet by six feet, the body being pure white trimmed with gold. On one side is the medallion of the Virgin Mary and on the other side one of St. Aloysius, the patron Saint of the Sodality.

The decorations on the interior of St. Hubert's church will not be wholly completed for several days. Gas light, which has done service for so many years is being replaced by electric light. The effect of the new light on the brilliant decorations is very fine.

Excursion Struck Cold Wave.

With the mercury in the thermometer flirting with the degree common to early Fall, with the weather conditions such as to necessitate street sprinkling, and to make even light overcoats a burden, a big delegation of Bloomsburg and Danville citizens left Monday morning on the Normal extension to Washington. That afternoon they arrived at the National Capital, to find that city, to their great amazement, wrapped in the hoary arms of winter. The streets, plazas, and other open spaces with which that place abounds, were covered with several inches of snow and sleet. The difference in the weather there and at home was most striking and is only intensified by the difference in latitude.

When the season is considered—four days before Christmas—the weather is most remarkable, and can hardly be complained of even by those who dislike a "Green Christmas."

Start in early this morning and do our Christmas buying.

POLICEMEN AS POLE INSPECTORS

The two policemen of the Borough are engaged in making their semi-annual inspection of the electric light, telephone and other poles in the Borough to determine how many may be yielding to decay and unfit to remain in service during the winter.

Poles have become a very important factor in the Borough. Asked to guess the total number that line our streets and alleys very few persons would go as high as a thousand, yet this is said to be the probable number of poles all told. There are no less than nine corporations maintaining poles in Danville.

Decay is constantly in progress and the total danger to which citizens would be exposed from falling poles would be considerable were not precaution employed.

The Borough Ordinance provides that it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police once in every six months to make a thorough inspection of all telegraph, telephone and other poles within the limits of the Borough. If any are found defective or unsafe the owners are to be informed of the fact and they must replace them with safe and suitable poles within forty-eight hours. For neglect a penalty of five dollars is attached.

The two officers have been seen meandering up and down the avenues of the Borough for several days past armed with a stout cudgel in the form of a heavy sledge hammer handle in the further end of which is inserted a long pointed spike. It is this odd looking implement that enables them to do satisfactory work in inspecting the poles.

The officers state that a good deal of experience is necessary to make a good inspection. The weak point of a pole is apt to be found under ground at a spot immediately below the surface. It is here that the handle and the long pointed spike come into play. With nothing else could they so well penetrate the ground and determine whether the pole under the surface is solid or fast yielding to decay. The work of course is tedious and slow but the officers have covered the greater part of the Borough.

In nearly every thoroughfare poles are found that are unsafe. The system of marking and numbering insisted upon by the Borough enables the officers at a glance to tell to which corporation the condemned pole belongs and a record is made accordingly.

Congressman Keeps Busy.

Congressman E. W. Samuel, of this district, continues his activity as a representative in our national legislative body. Last week he introduced two important bills.

The first is a bill to regulate the salaries of letter carriers in towns or cities of less than 75,000 population and provides:

"That in cities and towns containing a population of less than seventy-five thousand the letter carriers at free delivery postoffices shall consist of five grades as follows: Carriers of the fifth grade being those in the first year of their service, who shall receive an annual salary of six hundred dollars; carriers of the fourth grade being those who have served one year, who shall receive seven hundred dollars per annum; carriers of the third grade, being those who have served continuously two full years, who shall receive eight hundred dollars per annum; carriers of the second grade, being those who have served continuously three full years, who shall receive nine hundred dollars per annum; carriers of the first grade, being those who have served continuously four full years, who shall receive one thousand dollars per annum; Provided, That carriers now serving at a salary of eight hundred and fifty dollars shall not have their salaries decreased; And provide, further, That the provisions of this act shall be in effect on the first day of the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and six, and that it shall then repeal any or all acts inconsistent therewith." The other is a bill to provide for employees of first and second class post offices.

The bills were referred to the committee on the post office and post roads.

Work Stops on Berwick Bridge.

Next week all work on the Berwick river bridge will come to an end for the rest of the winter, and it may be three months or more before operations are again resumed.

Contractor Stebbins, who has in charge the erection of the bridge, says that by the end of next week work on the Berwick abutment of the bridge will be completed, and that everything else will have to be held over until Spring.

Two piers are yet to be built in the river before the erection of the superstructure can be started, but the winter weather, and the uncertain condition of the river at this season are both detrimental to advantageous work.

The stream is constantly rising and falling, floating ice is often abundant, and the river is liable to freeze up almost any time—all of which makes satisfactory progress impossible.

Officers Elected.

Danville Lodge No. 224, F. & A. M., Tuesday night elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: Worshipful Master, E. D. Pentz; Senior Warden, Dr. C. Shultz; Junior Warden, William W. Oglesby; Secretary, Robert J. Pegg; Treasurer