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CONDENSED NEWS.

Company F inspection draw near—January 22nd.

There may be a boom in the artificial ice market next summer.

The anti-pass movement is working well so far.

WANTED.—Bright, honest young man from Danville to prepare for position in Government Mail Service.

To restrict the state may be difficult but it ought to be met by all legislators in a business-like manner.

More houses to rent at a moderate figure is one of the city's most urgent needs.

With the holidays well behind us the only thing to keep up the price of turkey is the scarcity of the bird.

Let no unworthy man receive a word of encouragement to become a candidate for Council.

There has been so much talk about breaking records that some of the New Year's reformers are already breaking their words.

It is evident that Russian officials are "falsifying the returns" in order to claim the public mind.

It will be out of the ordinary if the winter succeeds in passing without a few fabled war clouds in Europe.

Once more we are told that Havana is free of yellow fever, thanks to American methods of sanitation.

A good many new resolutions have already been laid aside until the last week in December next.

A "greater New Castle" is the object of the Board of Trade of that city. A commendable object.

Read worth and ability only should count in choosing councilmen and school directors.

Rumor says that Jonas Long's Sons of Wilkes-Barre, may open a branch store in Bloomsburg.

Don't let a handful of voters select the candidates for councilmen and school directors.

Congressional discussion of the Philippine tariff promises to be as warm as the climate over in those islands.

WANTED.—By Chicago wholesale and mail order house, assistant manager man or woman for this county and adjoining territory.

It is announced that no trouble between the operators and miners is expected, which is cheering news.

Railroads are not in the habit of buying new locomotives if they have no use for them.

The office of the City Hotel is replete with new paper and a coat of paint.

An establishment which would buy broken and damaged New Year resolutions would do a rushing business just now.

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THERE WAS NOT A QUORUM PRESENT

The Borough Council made a bad record on the first meeting night of the year by failing to have a quorum.

Over half an hour was spent waiting, but no one putting in an appearance it was decided to withdraw.

At the meeting last Saturday night held to wind up the business of the year the bills were all paid and a good deal of other business was attended to.

The members while waiting indulged in a pleasant chat reviewing the work accomplished by Council during the past year and dwelling upon what remains to be done during the year to come.

Council, it was claimed, is committed to the paving of East Market street and that this work will have to go on next spring.

Application for State Aid in reconstructing Mill street between Center street and the Borough line having been made last fall nothing now remains for Council but to decide whether immediate or brick pavement shall be employed.

CONGREGATION RECEIVES BLESSING

Sunday was an occasion of elaborate ceremonies and great rejoicing at St. Hubert's Catholic church.

In addition to Bishop Shanahan and Rev. Father Foin, the rector, other dignitaries were present and assisted in the solemn services as follows:

By 10 o'clock Sunday morning the church was filled with people. Precisely at that hour Father Foin preceded by the altar boys bearing a cross headed a procession of school children and male members of the congregation.

Council expects to be deluged with petitions for sewer extension next spring and members are thinking out some plan whereby petitions will be obliged to connect forthwith and the borough will not be overburdened with the unnecessary expense of making sewer extension where only one or two property owners make connection.

"Hungry Sam" Miller, of Washingtonville, known throughout this section because of his eating ability and one who has never met his equal, is in Berwick.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN CALLS MEETING

County Chairman John E. Roberts has called a meeting of the Republican County Committee of the Borough of Danville and of Maloning township, to make arrangements for holding the Republican primaries.

The delegates are ten in number, eight representing the Borough and two Maloning township. The meeting is called for 8 p. m., Friday, January 12, and will convene at the City Hotel.

Citizens who are interested in filling the different offices are beginning to bestir themselves in order to select men as candidates who are competent and who at the same time will run well.

The paper was printed and published every Thursday by George Sweeney. The price of the paper was two dollars per annum and subscribers receiving the paper by post were informed that they would be liable to the postage.

The Watchman was a common newspaper of that day containing little or no local news. The reading as a general thing was all copied from other publications, among the subjects dwelt upon being "The Tariff," "The Specie," "The Greeks," and "A Projected Escape of Bonaparte."

William Morrison advertised for sale about six acres situated on the main road leading from Danville to Northumberland and about two and a half miles below Danville.

Philip Goodman, who was about to remove from Danville, requested all those indebted to him to come forward before April 10th and make payment.

James Longhead was post master in Danville and the old paper contained a list of letters remaining in the post office, among the names being Thomas Woodsie, C. H. Ricketts, Jacob Foust, Clement Pegg, Philip Hartman and others.

T. W. Dyott, M. D., druggist, of Philadelphia, dealt in patent medicines very extensively and seemed to monopolize most of the advertising space of "The Watchman."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Elizabeth Bucher, of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bucher, Riverside.

Miss Mary Lyons, of Klingsgrove, spent Sunday with friends in this city. Reuben Boyer, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with his family in this city.

Miss Myrtle Siller, of Catawissa, spent Sunday with friends in this city. W. L. Myerly, of Middletown, N. Y., spent Sunday at the home of Dr. Harpel, Ferry street.

Misses Gussie Doster, Elsie Sainsbury and Ida Gallaher left yesterday for a trip to Philadelphia. Mrs. Joseph Neale, of Williamsport, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kuebler, Vine street.

L. Martin, of Turbotville, was a visitor in this city yesterday. J. H. Kase, of Elysburg, transacted business in Danville yesterday.

Hon. Grant Herring of Bloomsburg, was a visitor in this city yesterday. T. C. Smith, of Benton, was the guest of friends in this city yesterday.

E. F. Antrim, of West Pittston, is visiting his niece, Mrs. William G. Brown, Mill street. Misses Doris and Martha Brown and Mrs. Wagenseller, of Bloomsburg, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Miss Kate Rank, of Limestone township, was a visitor at the Court House yesterday. Thoughtless Act Incurs Penalty.

Some time ago the News called attention to a bad habit indulged in at the D. L. & W. crossing on Mill street by some people held up by the passing train—that of meddling with the gates, preventing them from falling or otherwise interfering with their action.

The very thing foreseen has occurred and a young man of this city for a purely thoughtless act yesterday in order to escape prosecution was obliged to pay the railroad company a sum exceeding nine dollars to reimburse it for damage done.

A few days ago as the gates were being lowered on the approach of a train a young man who with two or three others stood waiting reached up and sized a gate bringing it down to the ground with additional force.

An employe of the railroad company came down the road the next day and repaired the damage, the matter at the same time being placed in the hands of the railroad detective.

The young man who caused the damage is a very worthy young fellow and made no effort to keep in the dark so that when Officer Matchin appeared in this city yesterday he had no difficulty in laying his hands on the person wanted.

The young man accompanied the detective to the office of Justice Dalmond, ready and anxious to settle the whole affair without the formality of an arrest. He was much surprised, however, to learn that it required over nine dollars to fully reimburse the railroad company. He paid the money, however, and will hereafter let the gates alone. Whether others will profit by his experience remains to be seen.

Annual Election at Orphanage. Renewed interest and favorable financial reports by the different lodges makes the erection of at least one of the proposed new buildings at the Old Fellows Orphan Home, near Sunbury, during the year almost a certainty.

In round numbers the amount now in the building fund is \$5000. This in connection with the money subscribed by the various lodges and not paid in is quite an encouraging and not scribbled away from home are not all pipe dreams is proven by an instance right at hand.

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

In the rural districts of the county educational meetings will be held weekly between the present and spring.

As last year and previously these will no doubt be found to be a practical and a very valuable feature of public school work.

County Superintendent Derr has already announced meetings to take in the entire county. They will be conducted on about the same plan as previously.

Each teacher is requested to prepare a paper, the reading of which will require ten to fifteen minutes. The teacher in charge of the school house at which the meeting is held will preside.

The object is to make each meeting an inspiration to teachers and pupils and if all enter into the occasion with the proper spirit and enthusiasm there will be no doubt as to the result.

Following are the announcements, giving the place of meeting, dates and the subjects selected: January 19, Strawberry Ridge, Derry township. Question: "Should Derry Township Have a High School? Its Advantages and Disadvantages."

January 26, California, Limestone township. Question: "Can the Rural Course be Shortened and not Weakened? If so, How?" February 2, Grammar School, Mahoning township. Question: "How Can We Secure Better Results in Spelling?"

February 9, Cross Roads, Anthony township. Question: "How Can Home and School Help Each Other in the Regular School Work?" February 16, Oak Grove, Liberty township. Question: "How Can We Secure Better Results in Grammar?"

February 23, Sider's, Valley township. Question: "How May We Secure Better Results in Writing?" March 2, Valley School, Cooper township. Question: "The Use of Maps in Teaching Geography."

March 9, Hill School, Mayberry township. Question: "How Many Subjects Is It Reasonable to Expect the Average Pupil to Have Prepared Each Day?" March 16, Styer's School, West Hemlock township. Question: "The Use of Magazines and Newspapers in Teaching."

The work of dismantling the Bessemer Blast Furnace is proceeding rapidly; the old landmark presents quite a torn-up and ragged appearance and will soon be a thing of the past.

Nearly thirty men are employed every day and the old plant is being attacked at nearly every point. While one force of men are tearing up the long switch, other gangs are demolishing the hot blast building, dismantling the big engines, while still others are tearing down the cast house and the several other smaller buildings.

The plant contains an immense quantity of iron, in the form of immense plates or bars used for bracing the masonry and in the system of pipes which ramify through the buildings or lie buried under ground. The hot blast pipes which are being laid bare at present are broken up as fast as they are removed, the scrap lying in an immense pile ready for shipping.

The building over the reservoir is nearly razed and the system of water pipe is for the most part dug up and removed. The two large engines have been taken apart and yesterday the men were trying to disconnect the big fly wheels. The system of machinery with blowing tubs of antiquated pattern is very extensive and will yield a great amount of scrap. One of the big engines is in first class condition and will probably fall into the hands of some manufacturing concern and see further service.

The large stack some ninety or a hundred feet high, which contains many thousands of brick will be tackled in a few days. This will be undermined and thrown over bodily, affording quite a spectacle to those who happen to be on the ground.

Never Before Left His Home. That stories of people living to old age without ever riding on cars or ever going away from home are not all pipe dreams is proven by an instance right at hand.

JANUARY COURT CONVENES

Court convened Monday morning with His Honor R. Little and Associates Frank G. Blee and Charles Wagner on the bench.

The traverse jurors will not appear until this morning and the grand jurors appeared yesterday morning and entered upon their duties. The trial of cases will proceed this morning.

The Constables presented their returns as follows: Amos Albeck, Anthony township; Philip Boyer, Cooper township; George Pursell, Derry township; Charles R. Gouger, Limestone township; William S. Bogart, Liberty township; Charles H. Rudy, Mahoning township; C. W. Bennett, Valley township; Mont. Gearhart, West Hemlock township; W. E. Young, Danville, 1st ward; Edward Rittter, 2nd ward; B. E. Brown, 3rd ward; Benjamin Cook, 4th ward; McClellan Diehl, Washingtonville; William E. Bird, Mayberry township.

There were no violations of law reported except in Derry township, where the constable reported one of the roads as in bad condition, it being too narrow.

Matthew Ryan, a grand juror, was excused. Jacob C. Miller was sworn in as foreman. Charles R. Gouger of Limestone township, was appointed stipendiary judge of the grand jury.

Before proceeding with the charge to the Grand Jury Judge Little adverted in a very feeling manner to the demise of Dr. S. Y. Thompson, late Associate Judge of Montour County. The late Associate's sudden death, he said, should be a lesson for us all reminding us of the uncertainty of time and the certainty of death. It behooves us to be prepared to meet the dread summons. His Honor said that he has been stricken himself and that he hopes to meet his late Associate in the Sweet Bye and Bye. It behooves us all to seek salvation through the Son of God.

The eulogy, he said, had been pronounced on Dr. Thompson and any further word of praise from him were not necessary at this time. Judge Little took occasion to say that just now when the subject is so much discussed, he is inclined to state that he has never accepted a free pass and that his conscience is perfectly clear on that score. Uninformed he said, he has always tried to dispense justice equally and impartially under the law as he understood it.

Judge Little explained that there would be few bills to go before the grand jury. He referred to the charge of murder against John Sees and at considerable length defined the crime of murder and the different degrees thereof. About 11 o'clock the grand jury retired.

The first case taken up by this body was that of Commonwealth vs. John Sees, who is charged with causing the death of one of his children. At 2:30 in the afternoon the grand jury returned a true bill in the case.

Sees, who is "doing time" for an attempt to break jail, can not be tried at the present term of Court and the witnesses in the case were discharged. W. V. Oglesby, Esq., was appointed by the Court to represent the public counts, which comprise those of Prothonotary and the Register and Recorder, an accounting of which has to be made to the State.

TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS. Court convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with His Honor Judge Little and Associate Charles Wagner on the bench.

The traverse jurors were on hand and the trial of cases at once began. The first case attached was that of Commonwealth vs. William Keefer, the charge being larceny as a bailer. The prosecutor was Thomas Good.

The facts of the case are briefly these. On the 31st of August last Thomas Good bought a farm of 80 odd acres situated in Mahoning township from Miles Farnsworth. Good was tenant on the farm the year previous and on leaving last spring the grain in the ground was sold at public sale along with other things. It is not denied, however, that according to the terms of the sale the straw was to be left on the farm. The grain in the ground was purchased by William Keefer, the defendant, who rented the farm for the present year and is now the tenant.

The Commonwealth contended that when Mr. Good purchased the farm it was with the article of agreement in force providing that all straw should be left on the ground. The contention of the defense was that when Mr. Good sold the grain in the ground to the defendant under the terms of the agreement the straw, which was to remain on the farm, became the property of Miles Farnsworth and they alleged that the latter, before transferring the property to Mr. Good, for a consideration gave Keefer, the tenant, now defendant in the case, permission to remove the straw and everything but the manure. Accordingly Keefer began hauling out and selling the straw and the arrest and law suit followed.

The first witness called was Miles Farnsworth, who explained the terms under which the farm was sold to Good. This according to his view gave Good possession of the straw. He strenuously denied that he at any time had given the defendant permission to haul the straw off the farm.

Thomas Good was the next witness, who testified that the defendant was not only selling the straw from last year's crop, but that he had declared his intention of selling the whole of next summer's crop. He denied the fact that the agreement cited as to the premises and based his right to sell on the fact that he was paying a money rent.

JOB PRINTING

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William Keefer was the first witness for the defense; he was followed by Mrs. Keefer, Nelson Houshecht, Phoebe Moser and some others, whose testimony sustained the allegations of the defense.

The jury retired about 4 o'clock, returning at 5 o'clock with a verdict of "not guilty."

Thomas Sheppard pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery, his wife being the complainant. The Court decided to suspend sentence, but made an order requiring Sheppard to pay five dollars per week to his wife; it was also ordered that if he practices any abuse or cruelty toward his wife he be at once taken into custody again. Saloon and hotel keepers were forbidden to sell Sheppard any drink under penalty of losing his license. Sheppard was ordered to report at Court at the next term.

Court adjourned to meet Saturday morning.

The Grand Jury Tuesday afternoon presented its report, which reads as follows:

To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Montour County.

The Grand Jury having performed its duty makes the following report: We have examined the public buildings and find them generally in good condition with the exception of the Court house roof, a leak being apparent in the ceiling, which unless repaired soon will prove injurious to the plastering and mar the appearance of the room. We recommend that the leak be repaired.

The jail and all the appurtenances thereof seem to be in excellent condition. We recommend as has been done by previous Grand Juries that the indices in the Register and Recorder's office be replaced by new ones, as those now in use have been there for many years and are in a very dilapidated condition and for the better protection of the public interest should be replaced by a more modern and improved kind.

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. C. MILLER, Foreman. January 9th, 1906.

Left For San Antonio, Texas. Theodore Doster of the firm of John Doster & Sons yesterday left for San Antonio, Texas, for the purpose of bringing to Danville the remains of Edward Cope, the young soldier, who was accidentally killed by a pistol shot at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, last August.

The facts are still fresh on the minds of our readers. Edward Cope, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cope, of Maudsland, was seated in his room at the barracks when his body was pierced by a ball from a revolver in the hands of a comrade, which was accidentally discharged, death following almost instantaneously.

The young soldier's parents desired to have the body brought to Danville at the time, but they were apprised that the health regulations in force would not permit the removal of the body north until cold weather.

While interment was made in the National Soldiers' cemetery at San Antonio, Texas.

The body will be brought north in a sealed (air tight) case and reinterred in Old Fellows' cemetery. Mr. Doster, who left here yesterday noon, will arrive at San Antonio Saturday morning. Returning, he will reach Danville, completing the round trip of four thousand miles, by Thursday next.

The government ships the bodies of soldiers home only when death occurs in any of our foreign possessions. In the present case the cost of shipping the remains from Texas will have to be borne by the family of the deceased.

Strawberry Ridge Items. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Diehl, of Bloomsburg, stopped at Strawberry Ridge on their way to attend Mrs. Lydia Diehl's sale.

Alfred Snyder is advertising some fine sleighs.

Some of Rev. Coler's goods have arrived at Strawberry Ridge and Rev. and Mrs. Coler are expected in a few days.

Buckwheat Cakes made with Royal Baking Powder

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