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G. B. Strouse, tenant on one of the Castle Grove farms, ill of typhoid fever, was reported as much better yesterday.

The future Mrs. Nicholas Longworth is going to be dressed up some. Building material is going up. That's why buildings are not.

Lieutenant General Chaffee retires. A good soldier who never failed in the galleries.

Not even Roosevelt, the strenuous, hopes to hold the center of the stage as long as Miss Alice's wedding gown is in the public eye.

Togo is coming to visit America! All hail Togo!

Are you independent? If so, are you independent enough to be an independent voter?

Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes has remarried a month after the death of Mr. Yerkes. She evidently doesn't hold spite long.

It appears that King Christian, of Denmark, led a virtuous life and attended strictly to his own business, which probably explains why he never straggled much under the limelight of world publicity.

It is true that 60 per cent. of the deaths among the Sioux and Yankton Indians now are from tuberculosis, and it is also true that 50 years ago tuberculosis was unknown among the Indians, and has fastened upon them only since the coming of the white man to Dakota.

Ex-Legislator Fred Keeler is rousing more than usual interest among the men at Bloomsburg over the study of the Bible, and his classes at the Presbyterian church Sunday mornings are attended by more than fifty men.

The epidemic of measles at Trevorton is increasing instead of diminishing. It is reported that at least one hundred cases are being treated, there being an average of one case in every other house.

The groundhog was no liar this time. The voters are getting their thinking caps on.

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A VICTIM OF MENINGITIS

John W. Roat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Roat, Grand street, whose critical illness of meningitis was noted in these columns a couple of weeks ago, departed this life Sunday. No sadder death has occurred in Danville in a long while.

The deceased was fourteen years of age, a boy of remarkable promise. He was devoted to his home and to his parents to a degree beyond what is common in this day when there are so many social attractions outside the parental home. He was an only child and as was natural he was beloved and idolized by his parents as only a lovable and dutiful child can be. He was remarkably studious and made rapid progress at school. He was a great reader and excepting his parents books were his only companions. It was this condition of mental activity, natural with the boy, which the physician thinks had a great deal to do with bringing about the distressing and fatal disease of which he died.

The deceased took his bed three weeks ago today, but he had been ailing for some days previously. It was a fearful seige of suffering practically hopeless from the start. He breathed his last at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning but had been dying since Friday evening.

John W. Roat, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roat, whose death occurred on Sunday morning, was consigned to the grave in Odd Fellows' cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral was largely attended.

Services took place in Trinity Lutheran church at 2 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor. No more impressive funeral has been seen in this city for a long time.

The pall bearers were six cousins of the deceased: Warren Root, Harry DeLanty, Bruce Springer and Clyde, Harry and Walter Swank. The remarks of Rev. Ulrich were very touching, very beautiful and very appropriate, perfectly attuned in all their allusions to the innocent young life just closed and the deep grief of the parents, bereft of their only child.

A quartette consisting of Sam A. McCoy, J. B. McCoy, Miss Margaret Aten and Miss Lucinda Leighow rendered three beautiful selections: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Some Time We Will Understand" and "When the Mists Have Cleared Away."

The casket of pearl grey, was nearly covered by a profusion of beautiful flowers which represented offerings from the Sunday school, the pupils of public schools and from a large number of individual friends. The Sunday school class to which the deceased belonged accompanied by the teacher Mrs. Evans, was present at the funeral in a body and stood as a guard around the casket. The members of the "A" class of the First Ward grammar school, taught by Miss Musselman, were also present in a body and formed a double line between which the casket was carried from the house to the church.

The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: G. W. DeLanty and wife, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. John Epler of Northumberland; Miss Anna Van Kirk and William Wolfinger, of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Billmeyer and Alexander Mattis, of Pottsgrove.

The right kind of a primary election law should be passed by the state legislature.

FIRE COMPANY WILL BUILD BARN

James Freeze, Thomas Evans and James Crotty, a committee from the Washington Hose Company, appeared before Council Friday with a very liberal proposition relating to the building of a stable for the use of that fire company. They explained the need of a stable in connection with their hose house in order to keep their horses where they could use them in running to fires. The building they have in view is one of 24 feet x 16 feet, built adjoining the hose house immediately in the rear, the present tower to be removed back to make room for the stable. The fire company proposes to build the stable at its own expense, asking nothing more of Council than the more permission to put up the building.

On motion of Mr. Boyer it was decided that the fire company be granted privilege to build the stable as proposed, under the supervision of the building committee. On motion of Mr. Reifnyder it was ordered that the street commissioner be instructed to make repairs on East Front street before Heister Foston's residence, where the drainage is very defective, the result being that the water runs into Mr. Foston's cellar.

Mr. Reifnyder reported that the street commissioner has installed the necessary guard rails at the canal culverts at Ferry and Church streets.

In view of the probability of a strike among the coal miners it was the sense of the councilmen that the borough should lay in a heavy stock of coal at the water works. The matter was discussed at length. It was decided that larger quantities of coal be purchased—three car loads from the D. L. & W. railroad and three from the P. & R. company to the end that a stock of coal be acquired to meet future emergencies.

On motion it was ordered that an arc light be installed at the lower end of Factory street to light up the exterior of the water works, where darkness now prevails and where more or less stealing of coal, etc., from the borough has been taking place.

Mr. Swisfort called attention to the fact that between passenger trains on Sundays the gates at the D. L. & W. crossing on Mill street does not seem to be on duty. On Sunday a party, who was accustomed to seeing the gates fall, narrowly escaped being run over by a passing freight train. On motion of Mr. Swisfort the secretary was instructed to write to the D. L. & W. railroad company, notifying it of the narrow escape at the crossing and informing the company that the borough insists upon the watchman being on duty Sundays the same as on any other day.

Treasurer Ellenbogen presented a statement of finances to date, which showed a cash balance on hand of \$5661.42.

The following members were present: Vastine, Gosser, Reifnyder, Fenstermacher, Swisfort, Dietz, Boyer and Magill.

The following bills were approved for payment:

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT. Regular employees \$115.00, Tax on borough bonds \$181.20, Auditing borough accounts \$2.00, E. W. Peters (Com.) \$195.00, Harry B. Patton \$30.00, Foster Bros. \$10.99, Robert J. Pegg \$16.13, Freight and hauling \$2.50, Atlantic Refining Co. \$38.67, Ramsey Elec. Mfg. Co. \$7.70, H. R. Moore \$2.55, W. L. Gouger \$2.50, Labor and hauling \$45.63.

WATER DEPARTMENT. Regular employees \$137.00, Labor on water \$12.75, Auditors \$2.00, E. W. Peters (Com.) \$10.00, John H. Gosser \$25.63, Joseph Lechner \$19.18, Washington Fire Co. \$1.35, Tax on water bonds \$308.00, Ellis Rank \$5.33, D. L. & W. R. Co. \$218.59, H. R. Moore \$4.41, J. P. Patton \$3.00.

Strawberry Ridge Items.

Walter Umstead, who lives on J. W. Lowrie's farm near Strawberry Ridge, has secured a patent on a ditcher which is pronounced by the agriculturists who have seen it in operation as the most complete machine of its kind in existence. The ditcher not only loosens the ground but throws it out of the ditch at the same time. Mr. Umstead was at "Squire Shires" last evening securing papers preliminary to having several improvements he wishes to put upon his invention. The young inventor is in receipt of communications from farming districts in Indiana and Michigan offering openings for the machine.

Rev. Wilbur J. Kohler, pastor of Emmanuel's charge, left yesterday for York county, where he has been called on account of the death of his father.

Mrs. J. F. Mower is confined to her bed with a severe illness.

Damage Case to Supreme Court.

The end of the White damage case against the C. & M. Trolley Company for which re-trial was recently refused by Judge Staples, does not seem to be yet. A. W. Dux, Esq., counsel for the trolley company, states that a re-trial will be filed for a new trial and the matter taken to the Supreme court.

THROWN OUT OF CARRIAGE

A bad driving accident occurred just beyond Maudsle on the Washingtonville road, Sunday, in which Robert Farnsworth, wife and children were thrown out of the carriage sustaining bruises of more or less severity and narrowly escaping injuries of a graver sort.

It happened about 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Mr. Farnsworth with his family consisting of wife and little son and daughter, were driving into Danville to call upon relatives. Driving two spirited horses they were approaching Maudsle from Fenstermacher's corner and had reached a point some three hundred yards west of the Reformed church when the king bolt broke, which caused the front part of the carriage to drop to the ground, throwing all four of the occupants out. The horses, frightened by the accident gave a spring forward and dragging the front wheels after them ran toward Maudsle.

Mr. Farnsworth and family so unceremoniously dumped by the roadside gathered themselves up and were glad to find that no bones were broken. Mr. Farnsworth sustained some rather bad bruises about his face, while the little boy had a badly contused wound on the mouth. Each one of the family yesterday were suffering from the effects of the jar and bruises sustained.

The horses were caught near the church and taken back to the scene of the accident. Beyond the loss of the kingbolt the carriage was not badly injured, but the trip to Danville was abandoned for the time being.

Funeral of Mrs. Sechler.

All that was mortal of Mrs. John M. Sechler was consigned to her last resting place in Odd Fellows' cemetery Monday afternoon.

The funeral took place from the Mahoning Presbyterian church and was largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. E. Hatchison, pastor of the Mahoning Presbyterian church, whose remarks constituted a most beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased.

By request Mr. W. R. Miller rendered very beautifully a solo entitled, "When the Mists Have Cleared Away." There was also a very beautiful quartette rendered by W. R. Miller, J. B. McCoy, Misses Sara Vastine and Ella Lyon. The pall bearers were as follows: Howard B. Schultz, James Schultz, Dr. Robbins, David Shehartz, Theodore Doster and D. C. Hunt.

The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: Rev. J. D. Cook and family, of Renovo; Mr. and Mrs. Springer, of Georgetown, Del. J. Morgan Cook, wife and daughter, of Morgan's Creek; Mrs. Ida McRishel, of Watsonstown, and Mont. Rishel, of Utrica, N. Y.

Train Wreckers Sent to Jail.

In default of \$2000 bail Martin Golden and John McAvoy, the two young men who are charged with the serious crime of attempting to wreck the Pennsylvania Flyer, near Nescopeck, last Friday were remanded to the Luzerne county prison. The hearing took place Tuesday before Alderman Pollock at Wilkes-Barre and the evidence against the young men was very convincing.

The most important witness was little Herbert Parker, who together with his 11-year-old brother, was responsible in averting a horrible accident which would have undoubtedly resulted in a large death list. The little fellow is but 12 years of age and resides near Nescopeck, where the attempt was made to wreck the train. He swore that he saw the defendants tamper with the switch and throw it open so that the train which was due in about ten minutes would crash into the blind siding. The evidence was of a damaging character the boy identifying the defendants as the guilty parties.

Peter Golden, a trackwalker, employed by the Pennsylvania railroad, and who was notified by the little Parker boys that the switch had been thrown was called. His testimony was to the effect that he was walking down the track toward Nescopeck and saw the two men accused of the crime proceeding up the railroad towards Wilkes-Barre. When he heard the switch he was notified by the Parker boys that two men had tampered with it and he at once suspected that the men he saw a few minutes before had something to do with the dastardly work. It is understood that detectives of the company have in their possession a number of important facts which will be brought out later in connection with the case.

To File 500 Remonstrances.

Declaring that Luzerne county is the worst county in the State for liquor traffic, Rev. W. L. Riley, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, says that he is preparing to file 500 remonstrances in license court. There are 1500 applicants for licenses, 350 being for new places. Rev. Mr. Riley said: "I say without fear of contradiction that with respect to the liquor traffic, Luzerne county is pre-eminently the worst county in the State. This condition will not continue when the Christian sentiment of the community is aroused."

At any rate the insurance investigation has been short, sharp and to the point.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Laura Essick, of Bloomsburg Normal School, spent Sunday in this city as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Patten, East Market street.

Miss Elizabeth Good has returned to Berwick after a visit with friends in this city.

Miss Mame Beaver left Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Russell E. Kelly in Sunbury.

Miss Stella Doster and Miss Hannah Derr, students at Bucknell, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Doster, Church street.

Mrs. L. P. Miller, of Pottsville, is visiting at the home of her son, W. R. Miller, Bloom street.

Miss Mary McCoy of Watsonstown, is the guest of Miss Florence Price, East Market street.

Miss Bessie Evans, of Bloomsburg Normal school, spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Florence Price, West Market street.

Miss Blanch Sechler, student at Bucknell University, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Edward Malloy spent Sunday with friends at Lewisburg.

George M. Brown, of near Rushtown, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Miss Emma A. Welliver and C. P. Welliver, of Valley township, were in this city yesterday.

Mrs. S. Y. Thompson and Miss Olive Thompson left yesterday for a visit with friends at Shickshinny.

Miss Katherine McCormick left yesterday morning for a visit with friends in New York City.

William Bailey returned to Lewisburg yesterday after a several days' stay with relatives in this city.

Edwin F. Williams was a business visitor in Lewisburg yesterday.

Miss Katherine Shepperson who spent several months in Pittsburg and Baltimore, returned yesterday to her home, East Front street.

Alfred Diehl, of Mahoning township, made a business trip to this city yesterday.

John P. Weaver, of Mahoning township, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Miss Mary Wetzell is visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

G. O. Kling, of Limestoneville, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

Miss Edith Blue left yesterday for a visit with friends in Sunbury and Northumberland.

J. H. Case, of Elysburg, transacted business in this city yesterday.

W. E. Geiger, of Limestoneville, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Miss Jennie Bechtel, of Washingtonville, called on friends in this city yesterday.

Ice Nearly Closes River.

Yesterday was slightly warmer than on Tuesday, although at an early morning hour mercury at several points hereabout dropped down to the zero point.

The river is very nearly closed with ice. Above the bridge only a narrow channel along the Southern shore remains open and there the heavy ice cakes move very slowly. Obviously it will require only another night of zero weather to close the river from shore to shore. Below town about the big bend the river has the appearance of being practically closed.

Ice on the ponds has attained a thickness of six inches and is considered a good article. W. S. Lawrence today will begin cutting ice on the dam in Mahoning creek just north of Danville. Yesterday he was busy getting things in readiness—installing engine and equipping the ice elevator. John Jacobs' Sons of this city had the list of those who will have their ice houses filled with the product from Mahoning creek.

Air Brakes After July 1st.

After July 1, 1906, there will not be a freight or passenger car run on the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad un-equipped with air brakes.

This order signed by General Superintendent of Transportation Trump, was sent out to the various headquarters along the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday.

The Interstate Commerce Commission requires that only seventy-five per cent. of the cars must have air brakes.

Another order from the same source was sent out at the same time to the effect that after January 1, 1907, no cars will be accepted by the Pennsylvania railroad for movement over its lines, which are not suitable to be moved in heavy train service.

This latter order means that next year every car operated by the Pennsylvania railroad must be in first class condition and all inspectors will be cautioned to see that this order is enforced.

Operation Successful.

Dr. J. E. Shuman, of Jerseytown, returned last evening from Philadelphia, where he had accompanied Miss Sallie Sheep, daughter of Matthew L. Sheep, of near Jerseytown. Miss Sheep underwent an operation in Philadelphia. Dr. Shuman reported that Miss Sheep was doing very well, and that should no complications set in she will recover.

WATER BACK EXPLODES

The freezing weather Tuesday morning brought about an explosion in the water back installed in connection with the cook stove at the residence of Mrs. S. M. Trumbower, East Market street, which not only wrecked the water back but also blew the stove to pieces, broke the kitchen furnace and set the room on fire. It was only by the turning of a hand that Mrs. Trumbower was not caught in the explosion, and badly injured.

Only last fall the stove and the water back, both new, were installed in the comfortable apartment used as a dining room in the Trumbower home. On Monday night the fire went out and Tuesday morning Mrs. Trumbower thinking that the pipes were all right built a fire in the stove and proceeded to prepare breakfast.

Mrs. Trumbower's daughter, Mrs. Fonk, was in Wilkes-Barre and Mrs. Trumbower, herself expected to leave Tuesday morning for a visit to Shamokin. Miss Kram, a school teacher, who has charge of the Gravel Bank school, just north of town, spent Monday night with Mrs. Trumbower. Breakfast being ready Mrs. Trumbower intending to call Miss Kram stepped from the apartment containing the water back and stove into the sitting room closing the door after her.

At that very moment there was an explosion that shook the house, the accompanying report being such as could be compared only to the noise produced by the blasting at the Bessemer furnace being dismantled. Indeed, Mrs. Trumbower at first thought it was a blast over at the furnace and she remarked to herself that it was an unusually loud one. The sound of broken dishes commingled with the report, which came from the kitchen, however, caused her to investigate.

Opening the door a scene met her eyes that staggered her. The stove was in pieces, the fire was scattered over the floor and the carpet and furniture was burning; the room was a general wreck. Russell Foust, the baker, who lives near was one of the first to respond to Mrs. Trumbower's call for help and succeeded in putting out the fire.

Wholesale damage had been wrought. When the explosion occurred fragments of the water back and of the stove itself raked the room bombarding the ceiling and walls and smashing the chairs. One of the large stove doors was found lying on the top of the sideboard. The sideboard itself, which stood on the opposite side of the room from the stove, was ruined, the large glass inserted in the upper part being shattered to fragments. The fine lot of china which the sideboard contained was broken to atoms. One heavy piece of stove plate had struck the wall just beside the door through which Mrs. Trumbower passed the very moment before the explosion, tearing away the plaster and cutting through the lath. Another fragment of the stove struck the ceiling near the same spot, cutting through the paper and making a deep indentation. The breakfast table and all the furniture was covered with soot. The walls and ceiling were bespattered with dirt and will have to be repapered.

A new stove was immediately installed. The former stove and water back lay scattered about the room and they were first removed. The new stove is minus the hot water attachment, as Mrs. Trumbower has concluded that she has had about all the experience with water backs that she wants for the present.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by the sudden freezing up of the pipe which supplied the water back with water.

The explosion proved quite a shock to Mrs. Trumbower. She was dreadfully frightened over her narrow escape, as it is very plain that had she not left the kitchen at the very moment she did she would have been very badly injured, if not killed.

The loss measured in dollars and cents will be considerable, but what Mrs. Trumbower regrets the most is the loss of her chinaware, which had a peculiar value to her, nearly all of it being the gifts of friends and rendered doubly dear to her by reason of its association with her early housekeeping and her married life.

No Tin Plates for Normal Boys.

A lively episode at the Bloomsburg State Normal School came to light on Tuesday when a number of students, passing through this city en route to their homes, stated that they had been dismissed because the faculty had decided to furnish them meals on tin plates.

It appears the students were inclined to be unduly frolicsome at meal time, recklessly juggling the china dishes. The breaking of the china subjected the institution to considerable expense and as a preventative the faculty proposed tin utensils. This suggested prison ways and the students planned to declare a strike the instant the tin-plate order went into effect.

Word of the students' revolt reached the faculty. Saturday the leaders of the strike movement were summoned before Principal Welch and summarily dismissed.

In Maryland they propose to make the smoking of cigarettes an offense punishable by law. What is the use of invoking the law to inflict punishment when the cigarettes can be relied on to attend to it if given time?

WAS REFUSED A NEW TRIAL

Judge C. B. Staples of the 43rd Judicial District, has handed down an opinion refusing a new trial in the case of Commonwealth vs. Francis Woll, which was tried during the November term of court, Judge Staples specially presiding. Woll was found guilty.

The opinion sets forth: "The defendant, was tried upon an indictment charging him with larceny of fifty pairs of splice plate, the property of the Reading Iron Company, and having received the same in his possession well knowing them to have been stolen."

"Upon the trial of the case it was conceded by the Commonwealth that the charge of larceny could not be sustained, although there was considerable question in the mind of the Court whether the evidence would not have warranted a verdict of guilty of that charge."

The testimony was reviewed in detail. "The defendant voluntarily denied," the opinion goes on to say, "that he had any control over the stable wherein the junk was found, and that he had not been in the junk business for two years. In this he was contradicted. Guilty knowledge on the part of the defendant * * * * * will be shown * * * inductively by proving that the defendant bought them very much below their value or denied their being in his possession."

"And now February 3, 1906, for reasons above stated the rule to show cause why a new trial should not be granted is discharged."

C. B. STAPLES, P. J. The defendant is directed to appear in open court on Tuesday, February 27, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of having sentence passed upon him.

Judge Staples also handed down an opinion and decree of court on application to strike off appeal in the case of Kate E. Rank vs. Annie M. Kauffman, involving an appeal of the justice of the peace.

The court having heard argument on the matter makes the following order or decree: "And now February 2, 1906, upon hearing and argument and for the reason stated the rule in the above case is discharged. If the plaintiff desires to file a statement it is her privilege to do so."

C. B. STAPLES, P. J.

Delegates Left Last Evening.

The State School Directors' Association will meet at Harrisburg this morning to hold its annual convention, which will continue during today and tomorrow. The Montour County School Directors' Association will be fully represented. W. H. Orth and Jacob Fischer, delegates from the Borough of Danville, and James Shultz, Cooper township; James Pollock, Derry township, and Joseph Winterstein of West Hemlock, representing the school boards of the rural districts, left Danville last evening to attend the convention.

The County Superintendents' convention will be in session at the same time. At the latter meeting Montour county will be ably represented by County Superintendent C. W. Derr, of Washingtonville.

The State convention of school directors has proven very beneficial in the past and both Danville and the rural districts of the county have felt themselves well repaid for the time and money spent by the delegates. The present convention will be no exception. Matters of vital interest to the schools and the cause of education will be discussed by those that have thought deeply on the subject and have had much experience in public affairs.

Among the speakers will be Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, who in early life was a school teacher, and who subsequently has kept closely in touch with educational matters. State Superintendent N. W. Schaeffer will also address the convention and will be one of the principal speakers. M. G. Brumbaugh, one of the shining lights of the State on pedagogy, is on the list of instructors and last but not least Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., State Commissioner of Health, who will give his views on vaccination as it relates to the schools as well as other mooted subjects pertaining to the public health.

State Shoot at Milton.

The sixteenth annual shoot of the Pennsylvania Sportsman's Association will be held at Milton on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of May, and will be in many respects the greatest event of the kind that ever took place in Central Pennsylvania. There will be from two hundred and fifty to three hundred of the best type of American sportsmen present and valuable prizes will be competed for. The first three day shooting will be at targets and the last day's live bird shooting. The contests will take place on the fair ground and will be free. It will require a car load of targets and one hundred thousand rounds of ammunition. Milton is the smallest town that ever has had the distinction of entertaining the State Sportsman's Association.

Berwick had a shooting scrape the other night and the victim is in the hospital and the Italian is at large. The word Italian will soon be a substitute for murderer in this part of the country.

Vote for the best men among those nominated for borough offices.

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A TALK ON FIRE ESCAPES

John K. Robison, of Milliflinton, Deputy Factory Inspector, was in this city yesterday on official business. Mr. Robison in his present capacity has been coming to Danville for a good many years past. In conversation yesterday he stated that in the matter of fire escapes and in equipment generally Danville provides for the safety and welfare of its citizens better than a good many other towns. Buildings three stories high and over, such as under the law require fire escapes, in Danville, he remarked, are not very numerous, but such as they are, whether hotels, schools, manufactories or other buildings they are satisfactorily equipped with life saving devices.

While on the subject of fire escapes Mr. Robison made an explanation that throws light on a very important point which often puzzled people and led to the suspicion that the law was not in all cases enforced. It is not every hotel or other building, he says, three stories high or higher, that requires a fire escape. A factory inspector, he said, is expected to exercise his judgment and primarily to look after the safety of the inmates. A building, therefore, does not always need fire escapes, no matter how high if built against other structures of less height, provided the roofs of the adjoining buildings afford a safe and easy means of reaching the ground from any part of the tall building.

Mr. Robison's duties do not consist alone of inspecting buildings in relation to danger in case of fire, but he must also see that machinery, where any exists, is properly protected by guard rails and the like; he must also see that all the rules are observed as to boiler inspection.

Mr. Robison yesterday had a kind word to say concerning the proprietor and the management of the silk mill here, which employs children so extensively. Not only is there no evidence of neglect, he said, along any of the lines that provide for safety, but he was much pleased with the oversight maintained and by the generosity of the proprietor. The boys and girls employed, he said, seemed to him like a happy and contented lot, who thoroughly appreciate the various ways in which they have been assisted and befriended by their employer.

Tarring G. Rank is No More.

Tarring Grant Rank, son of Isaac Rank, departed this life yesterday afternoon after a brief illness of typhoid fever.

The deceased was a most highly esteemed young man. He belonged to the United Evangelical church, this city. He was also a member of Camp No. 264, P. O. S. of A. Along with his father he was employed at the Structural Tubing Works.