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CONDENSED NEWS.

Every slippery sidewalk invites a suit against the city for damages which may result from a fall on the walk.

Keep the gutters open and avoid sloppy streets.

March is doing double duty this year, carrying January's load of winter and her own fickle weather.

Miss Margaret Fields is able to be about after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

There's a blizzard in Montana. We hope it may stay there—at least that it will not come here.

Among the weddings celebrated recently is that of a man of 101 and a woman of 100. The dispatches say that it was a romantic affair, but perhaps they mean rheumatic.

Admitting that its sewer system is almost a farce, Mr. Carmel directs attention to the fact that there were only three deaths from typhoid fever in that place last year, and claims that the good record is due to the splendid supply of excellent water.

Bishop Andrews says "the literature of today is keeping folks from church." Why not live the authors to write sermons for the parsons?

The townships are having trouble to secure road masters.

An application has been made for a charter for "The Salmon Keepers' Anti-Sunday Selling Association of Shamokin."

Reports from the maple sugar camps of northern Columbia county say the sap is sweeter and runs more freely than for a number of years past. Last year the sugar production of that section was a failure.

The Pennsylvania Bee Keepers' Association will meet on March 29-30 at State college.

Snow gets a warm reception from Mother Earth these days.

There is a growing sentiment in favor of letter roads in Pennsylvania.

The Congressional hunters evidently regard this as the "open season" for railroads.

It is said that the new Lyndhurst Hotel at Shamokin will be ready for occupancy by June first and that when furnished it will be the finest hotel in this section of the State.

The groundhog's reputation as a weather prophet is complete.

A Plymouth Rock hen owned by Calvin J. Kline, Vine street, laid an egg yesterday which measured 6 1/2 inches by 7 1/2 inches and weighed 4 ounces.

President Castro has decided not to invade the United States. Occasional-ly he manifests a gleam of something bearing a striking resemblance to human intelligence.

A western representative says he will introduce a bill to stop the coinage of cents. His measure will have the support of every church in which box, plate or basket is passed around.

The Betty Ross flag horse has been offered to Uncle Sam. As defender of the flag the horse produced, he would appear to be the proper custodian of the horse itself.

Common sense exercised by the operators and miners may save the coal consumers' dollars.

Contractor E. H. Myerly is building an addition to Russell Foust's establishment on East Market street, in which will be installed a new bake oven.

The country appears to be disposed to make the two-cent-a-mile railroad rate unanimous.

Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

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

VOL. 52--NO 14 DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY MARCH 15, 1906. ESTABLISHED IN 1855

RIVER COAL NO LONGER A FACTOR

The water commissioners, who during the last miners' strike relied almost entirely upon river coal, realize that in the event of another strike the river article will prove a poor substitute to depend upon. It is the consensus of opinion among those who are in a position to know what they are talking about that the days of river coal are practically over.

Up to the time of probably the last strike it would seem that methods bordering upon the wasteful were practiced at the mines. On the culm banks along the river and the mouth of the creeks were dumped with the coal dirt not only vast quantities of the very smallest sizes of coal but also a proportion of No. 6 and even larger sizes. With each flood, the culm banks were cut down by the water, the coal dirt and culm alike being carried down the river.

Since the last strike, it seems, the coal companies have practiced methods of greater economy and have been much more careful to extract all sizes of coal, no matter how small before placing the culm on the dumps. The evidence of this lies in the fact that during the last couple of years river coal, especially of the larger sizes, has been becoming scarcer and scarcer.

Last season Mr. LeDuc of our town found the river bottom practically bare for miles above and below the bridge and in order to secure any return for labor and investment was obliged to take his coal digger up stream, in the vicinity of Bloomsburg, where little coal had been extracted and where several extensive beds remained that were deposited there on previous years. It is the general opinion that in that section as well as in the river here in the future will be found only widely scattered deposits and these will be made up almost exclusively of coal dirt.

In case of a strike among the anthracite miners the water commissioners do not expect to find river coal either satisfactory or an abundant substitute for the regular graded article shipped from the mines, now in use. They have, however, taken care to have a large supply of good coal on hand.

One of the water commissioners last evening said that in the event of a strike a little coal could be made to go a great way and a plan would be adopted, if necessary, whereby the water works could be kept in operation practically all summer with the supply of coal now on hand.

Live Stock Brings Good Prices.

The public sale on the farm of our townsman, William Vastine, located half a mile below Cameron, took place yesterday and was very largely attended, upwards of a hundred persons from Danville and immediate vicinity being present. Some fifty persons took the 9:35 D. L. & W. train, which on this occasion was permitted to stop opposite the farm.

Public sales are not nearly so common this season as during years past when there was less profit in farming. Yesterday's sale, therefore, which was a large one, had some of the charms of novelty had a big crowd was the result.

Bidding was quite spirited and as a general thing good prices were secured. Horses sold as high as two hundred dollars, ranging between one hundred and forty dollars and the former figure. Cows sold as high as fifty dollars.

Mr. Vastine, whose home is on West Market street, formerly managed this farm himself. The frequent trips back and forth over a distance of five or six miles or so became very wearisome, however, and Mr. Vastine decided to rent out his farm. He will henceforth live retired.

Game Was Canceled.

The basket ball game that was to have been played here last night between the Danville team and the Old Bucknell Stars was cancelled yesterday morning by J. Beaver Gearhart upon receipt of a message from manager Thompson of the Stars stating that three of the men advertised would not appear in the game. The three men who would not have been able to play were Anderson, Griffith and McCormack. They were compelled to stop playing on account of business.

Rev. Stevens Presiding Elder.

Rev. Emory M. Stevens, of Williamsport, will receive the appointment as presiding elder of the Danville district of the Methodist church if the report announced by the Williamsport "News" is true. This is a question which hangs in suspense for some time, and the outcome is anxiously awaited by all members of that denomination.

The Williamsport paper makes the following statement: "The Evening News" has learned from a reliable authority that at the recent cabinet meeting of Bishop Berry and the presiding elders of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference at Harrisburg, it was decided that the Rev. Emory M. Stevens of Williamsport, should take charge of the Danville district as the presiding elder at the coming conference. While this action has been looked for by Mr. Stevens' friends there was enough uncertainty about it to keep all concerned in suspense.

Indiana Horses.

A sale of 10 head of fine Indiana horses will be held Tuesday, March 29, at the Ninth street stables, Bloomsburg. Sale will commence at 1 o'clock. Don't miss this opportunity to secure some of this good stock.

ROADMASTERS IN DEMAND

The township supervisors, three in number, elected under the Sproul's good road act of April 12, 1905, met on the 6th inst., the first Monday of March, for the purpose of organization, &c., as required by the act. Just as was predicted by many they have no easy time of it in finding suitable persons for road masters.

Associate Judge Frank G. Bree, who was in town Saturday explained some of the difficulties that his own township—Derry—has to contend with and he ventured the opinion that every other township of the county will have the same problem to solve.

The Derry supervisors divided the township roads into four sections, requiring four road masters. Of this number up to Saturday only one road master was obtained and the worst part of it was that no one could see where the other three are to come from. Not only in Derry, but in other townships of the county. Judge Bree stated, there is a scarcity of men suitable for the position so situated, that they can give their time exclusively or even to any considerable extent to work on the roads. Men in the country generally live on land, which requires about all their time, or they have other business, which they could hardly be induced to relinquish for the position of road master with its remuneration of probably \$1.50 per day.

At the same time, Judge Bree states, the people of the county realize that the State is very much in earnest and that to keep up with the general progress of the times improved methods will have to prevail in road building. Every effort is being conscientiously made, he said, to comply with the Sproul's good road act of April 12, 1905, and he has no doubt notwithstanding trouble in finding road masters that the demand will be met eventually and that all the difficulties incidental to the change of the system will be adjusted.

Instead of repairing the highways as has been customary in the past, by filling up the middle with ground thrown in from the sides of the road, repeating the same process year after year, from now on probably a section of township road each year will be entirely rebuilt employing approved methods of construction. Those who favor this plan believe that the long stretch of bad roads in Derry township extending from the foot of "Danville Hill" around through Washington to Strawberry Ridge in this way in a few years time could be much improved and that the additional outlay would be scarcely perceptible.

Valuable Dogs Poisoned.

A dog poisoner is plying his nefarious vocation in Danville. One of the last victims was Bounce, the fine brindle bull dog belonging to George W. Hoke, the liveryman, which gave up his life on Mill street yesterday morning.

Bounce was a most intelligent canine and was a general favorite along the street. He had formed quite an attachment to the policeman, newspaper reporters and others seen daily on the street and it was his delight to trot along with these men as they made short trips about town in the performance of their duty.

Yesterday about 11 o'clock the dog made his appearance on Mill street but he was sick. In a short time he was seized with a spasm. He recovered apparently and trotted up the street as far as the Baldy house where he was again seized with convulsions. He later made his way to the Montour House where he died.

Up to the present we have not heard of any one unkind enough to say that Bounce was mad, nor that in his case there was the least symptom of rabies. All who examined the dog seem convinced that he was poisoned.

On Tuesday a valuable bull dog belonging to George Gross, West Market street, died under circumstances that could be explained only on the theory of poison. Other dogs about the first ward also died mysteriously and on the whole Chief of Police Minocmeyer feels convinced that a dog poisoner is abroad.

Pushing Trolley Extension.

Work on the extension of the Shamokin & Edgewood trolley line is again in progress and will be pushed rapidly to the objective points—Trevorton and Sunbury.

The present contemplated terminus is the Weight Scales to reach which will mean the building of about one and one-half miles of track from the present terminus at Uniontown. A gang of forty men are engaged grading the route much of which must be made through deep cuts of heavy shell rock. On account of these conditions the road will not be completed before the first of May. Then the construction of the Trevorton branch will be commenced which will take several months to finish.

DANVILLE LOSES TO WILKES-BARRE

A big audience was present at the armory Saturday evening and saw the Wilkes-Barre team defeat Danville by a score of 35 to 29. With the exception of parts of the first half the contest was listless and uninteresting.

The Wilkes-Barre team came to Danville with but four men. Warren Johnson, of the locals, played forward for the visitors, and with the exception of Good, center, put up the best game of the field. It was an off night for the Daville tossers, and it would have been difficult for any one not acquainted with the members of the team to have recognized in them Saturday the same men who did such fine work recently against the Indians and U. of P.

"The line-up"—"The five cent rush"—were a factor in Saturday night's game that can not be overlooked. This gang has always been more or less obstreperous and annoying at the games, but Saturday night they ran things with a high hand. Seated on the balcony at one end of the floor they would strike or kick the ball whenever it came within reaching distance. When Charlie Langer, the armory janitor, went among them to maintain order, they attacked him and nearly threw him over the edge of the balcony onto the floor below.

But the crowning bit of nerve they displayed when they grabbed the ball during the second half, ran onto the floor and started a rough house contest of their own to the elimination of the regular players.

The line-up: Danville: Powell, forward; Welliver Johnson, forward; Bedea Good, center; Seeliger Hoyer, guard; Peters, Russell Goals from the field—Good 12, Johnson 10, Hoyer 2, Barber 1, Powell 1, Russell 5, Bedea 4, Welliver 2, Peters 2. Goals from fouls—Bedea 3, Barber 3.

Happy Ending of Pretty Romance

The Cherryvale, Kansas, "Journal," of March 9th, contains the following interesting article about the marriage of two young people well known in this section: "A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ellsworth, on East Fifth street at seven o'clock last night, when Mr. F. Eugene Hagenbuch, of Cherryvale, was united in the bonds of holy wedlock to Miss L. Gertrude Robbins, of Danville, Pa.

But two or three friends of the groom and the members of the Ellsworth family witnessed the ceremony. Promptly at the hour the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Metcalf. Rev. Vanorden, pastor of the Presbyterian church, then spoke the words that made them man and wife. After the congratulations a fine wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Hagenbuch will reside on East Third street, where the groom has recently furnished a cosy cottage for the reception of his bride.

Mr. Hagenbuch and Miss Robbins were betrothed in Pennsylvania, previous to Mr. Hagenbuch's coming west six months ago and the wedding last night was the culmination of a happy romance.

Mr. Hagenbuch is the manager of the undertaking department of D. C. Ellsworth & Son. Miss Robbins is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins, of Danville R. F. D. No. 1, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Hagenbuch is a native of Milton.

"The young couple have the best wishes of a host of eastern friends."

D. L. & W. May Go to Ashland.

According to the Mt. Carmel "Item" it would seem that the D. L. & W. Railroad may possibly have in contemplation the building of a line through the Schuylkill region to Ashland. On this subject the "Item" speaks as follows: "The corps of surveyors that are at work between Ashland, Mahanoy City and Tamaqua, and is now proceeding through West Penn township is unquestionably surveying a route for a railroad. In fact the engineers no longer deny this but they will not say by whom they are employed. It is estimated that the survey that has already been made has cost \$10,000.

"The officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad will neither deny or affirm the published report that it has established a tonnage in the Schuylkill region and is planning to extend its line from Stroudsburg to Ashland."

For Uniform Fish Law.

The legislative commission to cooperate with fish commissioners of other states will hold a conference with a similar commission of the State of Maryland at Annapolis today. This Pennsylvania commission exists under a joint resolution of March 1, 1905, and was created in order that uniform legislation might be arranged with New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Canada, Ohio, etc., in order that fish in boundary waters might be given equal treatment by the several States and the Dominion of Canada.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miles Barber, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with his parents in this city.

Bruce Bennett, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Isadore Rosenthal, of Johnstown, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Jesse Longenberger, of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of James Brosius, Walnut street.

George Yocum and David Rowe, of Milton, visited relatives in this city on Sunday.

Miss Margaret Hall, of Milton, is the guest of Miss Margaret McCormick, West Market street.

Mrs. S. A. Yorks, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson, of Philadelphia, arrived Saturday for a week's stay in Danville.

Walter Arms, of Sunbury spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Arms, Ferry street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spade spent Sunday with friends at Plymouth.

Miss Laura Essick, a student at Bloomsburg State Normal School, spent Sunday at the home of Dr. R. S. Patten, East Market street.

Mrs. F. P. Colburn, of West Chester, is a guest at the home of G. Shoop Hunt, West Mahoning street.

W. A. Shepperson left yesterday morning for a trip to Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mettler, of Rushtown, were visitors in this city yesterday.

Harvey Dietrich left yesterday for a trip to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Clifton Mallien, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting at the home of her father, William M. Lloyd.

Bryan C. Dennin, of Anthony township, was a visitor at the court house yesterday.

Miss Bertha Kase returned last evening from a visit with Miss Emily Voris at Pottsgrove.

Rev. C. W. Raver returned yesterday from the North Branch Lutheran conference held at Bloomsburg this week.

W. Kase West, Esq., was a Sunbury visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones, of Sunbury, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

C. S. Books has returned from New York for a few days' visit with his family on West Mahoning street.

Do You Want \$20?

Failure of the courts to obey the mandate of an old law relating to horse stealing has been revealed through the city of Philadelphia being called upon for the first time in more than a quarter of a century to pay a reward for the arrest and conviction of a horse thief.

Through the application of Frank Moles, of Norristown, the county commissioners have been directed to pay a reward of \$25 to him under the law referred to, which was enacted by the Legislature in 1821, and which applies to every county in Pennsylvania.

Early in January a horse belonging to Charles K. Smith, of Chestnut Hill, was stolen by Joseph Hasson. Moles captured Hasson, whom he handed over to the authorities of Philadelphia county. On January 23 he was convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Moles in some manner learned of the existence of the law, and made application for payment of the \$20 reward by law, together with the additional amount of 6 cents for every mile necessarily traveled. When the matter was brought to the attention of the commissioners, they were amazed, but after an investigation by Commissioner Anderson, who is a lawyer, the fact that the law made such provision was discovered.

It is expected that as a result of Moles' action, the commissioners may be flooded with applications for rewards. According to the police records, the crime of horse stealing is not rare, and the thief is usually captured.

The act of 1821 reads: "Whosoever, after the passage of this act, shall pursue and apprehend any person who shall have stolen any mare, horse or gelding within any county of this Commonwealth, on the conviction of the person so apprehended, shall be entitled to a reward of \$20 and 6 cents for every mile necessarily traveled."

Surface Will Demonstrate.

State Economic Zoologist H. A. Surface will be present at two San Jose scale demonstrations to be given in Northumberland county next Monday. Monday morning a demonstration will be given by Prof. Surface at C. E. Witmer's place, in East Sunbury, and Monday afternoon he will demonstrate at William L. Nesbit's at East Lewisburg. It is thought that a number of people from this county will attend the demonstrations. Dr. Graft, Prof. Surface's professional antagonist, will be present at the East Lewisburg demonstration.

30th Wedding Anniversary.

The thirtieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowe, was celebrated yesterday at their home on East Market street. A number of their friends called during the day and extended their congratulations.

COMMENCEMENT IN COURT HOUSE

The high school commencement this year will be held in the court house on Thursday, May 31st.

Mr. Pursel reported that the high school committee had held a meeting in conjunction with the graduating class for the purpose of selecting a date and a place for holding commencement. Nothing definite, however, was determined upon, although the class was very anxious that a date for commencement at least be fixed, as the class is anxious to arrange details as to getting out invitations, &c. The date favored by the class was the first Thursday of June.

Since the meeting with the class the high school committee met with the county commissioners and determined that the class could have the use of the court house for commencement at no expense beyond what might be required to remunerate the janitor.

Borough Superintendent Gordy explained that the school term this year will terminate on Friday May 25th, which is much earlier than for many years past. He suggested that Thursday following, May 31st, be selected as the date for holding commencement, as June 7th, the first Thursday, would be too long after the closing of the schools.

On motion of Mr. Pursel, therefore it was ordered that commencement be held in the court house on Thursday, May 31st.

Mr. Pursel reported that the tin gutters at two places on the roof of the second ward school building are out of repair and need painting. On motion the matter was referred to the building committee.

Mr. Fischer reported that the janitor of the first ward reports a shortage of No. 2 coal in that building; also that the second ward building has a large surplus of No. 2 coal. On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that a quantity of No. 2 coal be hauled from the second ward to the first ward school building.

Prof. Gordy reported that Prof. Shaw, principal of the third ward schools, had failed to appear Monday morning and that yesterday he received a telegram from Professor Shaw dated at Pittston which stated that he would not be back until Wednesday. Meanwhile the borough superintendent is filling Professor Shaw's place. Professor Gordy was unable to state whether the professor is detained on account of illness or some other cause.

Treasurer Schram presented a statement of finances to date which showed a cash balance on hand of \$213.88.

Borough Superintendent Gordy presented a report for the last month as follows: Boys registered during month, 568; girls, 696; total, 1174.

Average attendance of boys during month, 514; girls, 548; total, 1062.

Percentage of attendance by boys during the month, 92; girls, 92; total, 92.

Number of pupils absent during month, 670; number of pupils tardy during month, 287; cases of tardiness by pupils, 401; cases of tardiness by teachers, 1.

Number of pupils who have not attended 75 per cent. of time belonged, 84; number of pupils reported to the truant officer, 54; cases of corporal punishment, 12.

The borough superintendent called attention to a remarkable feature of the report as it related to the third ward grammar school. In this room each of the boys and each of the girls was present every day of the month, earning the remarkable showing of one hundred in percentage all around.

The truant officer presented a report which revealed that 195 pupils were on the sick list. There were nine cases of truancy. Six pupils were detained at home for want of shoes. Ten notices were sent out.

The following bills were ordered paid: Adams, Orth, Parsel, Haring, Werkheiser, Trumbower, Heiss, Fischer, VonBlom, Harpel and Groner.

Standard Gas Co. \$ 2.47
William Miller 2.00
U. L. Gordy 24.86
G. A. Rossman 26.10
Roberts & Meek 7.45
E. W. Peters 25.00

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PETITION TO LEGISLATURE

A petition from Danville to the State legislature forwarded over one hundred years ago and containing among the signatures many well known names has just come to light in a very curious way in the great Newberry Library, of Chicago, a building famous as the repository of more old and valuable records than are to be found in any institution of its kind in the country.

The petition bears the date of 1802 and is of interest as revealing how inadequate the facilities were for transportation at that early day. It was before the days of the canal or railroad, when the country was undeveloped, and there was no other way of getting the products of the prosperous settlement here into the market than by shipping by arc down the Susquehanna or by hauling long distances over primitive roads, which meant mountain climbing and the fording of streams.

As will be seen by the petition, the river even presented obstacles to transportation and the citizens of Danville were content to pray for improvements many miles down the stream satisfied with the advantage that would indirectly accrue to them if this great common highway were made navigable at all seasons.

The petition was discovered among other old records by Mr. Philip H. Miller, of Chicago, who was looking over a lot of old papers for altogether another purpose. Now it happens that Mr. Miller was a native of Danville; he was at once attracted by the old petition and he saw of what interest it would be to the present residents of our town. He at once made a transcript of the petition, which he sent to a relative, Mrs. W. H. Andy, this city, together with a full explanation of all the circumstances relating to its discovery. The petition is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

The petition of the subscribers hereby sheweth:

That at a time when the happy return of peace has by its immediate operation greatly diminished the net value of our produce we believe it will well become a wise and virtuous legislature to turn its attention to the improvement of the roads and rivers so that transportation may be facilitated; which the late liberal policy by promoting industry to a more extensive cultivation of new lands in the interior of the country has very much discovered the necessity of all of which leads your petitioners to beg leave to recall your attention to the reports of the commissioners—Reading Howell, William Dean and Frederick Antes in the year 1790 and that of Timothy Matlack, Samuel McClay and John Altum of the same year, 1790, particularly as they respect that part of the Susquehanna river and near McKee's Falls and that part of north-east branch of said river designated as Crook's riffles and riffles near Ten Mile run; not because these are the only places worth notice, but because we are assured from full experience that if these places were improved there will scarcely be a boat can carry half a load from Mahoning or Danville to Columbia and so great is the quantity in produce, in wheat and flour exported from Danville that all the boats on that part of the river were employed last season from the opening of the winter till harvest and were insufficient to transport it; and by having these places improved we presume a considerable quantity of produce might be transported through the whole season. We, therefore, pray your honors will be pleased to appropriate the sums mentioned in the above reports to these particular objects, not doubting but as soon as the Governor can command the money persons will be found who will undertake and execute the above improvements much to the advantage of the public as well as to your petitioners. And as duty bound they will ever pray.

(Signed) William Montgomery, John Gray William Whitaker, Henry Best, John Montgomery, Benjamin Honek, James Gilste, Robert Gehr, John Donaldson, James Low, James Casterline, Samuel M. Farnon, Thomas Woodside, Robert Fairman, J. Brady, John Russell, William Cott, William Sheriff, Alex. Cott, Daniel Montgomery, William Montgomery, George McCall, John Boyd, William Cornelison, W. P. Maclay and Daniel Montgomery, of Northumberland.