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CONDENSED NEWS

Cupid is getting busy again.

Spring is getting a firmer grip.

The gardener is getting busy.

If money talks it ought always to talk good sense.

A little chilly around the edges in the mornings.

Keep one ear open now for the strains of the hand organ.

The man who pays the bills is not likely to forget Easter in a hurry.

Keep up the fight on the San Jose scale. Half an effort is as bad as no effort at all.

To the garden spades just now are trumps, but for the average local base ball enthusiast there's nothing like the club on the diamond.

Lawrence Connolly has accepted a position in the office of the Hanover brewing company.

Put an unskilled man with a saw in the top of a tree and he can accomplish more damage in an hour than can be repaired by nature in a dozen years.

And there are many innocent persons who falsely imagine that this kind of work is "tree trimming."

It would be a good thing to have an unobstructed view of the capitol, but it would be just as well to refrain from cutting down any of the trees that surround the building.

Michael Gunshaw, living near Hazleton, is in jail awaiting trial for cruelly beating his aged parents because his mother refused to give him meat for supper on Friday.

You couldn't convince the average young woman that "beauty unadorned is adorned the most."

Perfection is seldom found in this frail world, although one has little difficulty in finding its professors.

The bunnies and the chicks may take a place in the rear of the world's stage while other performers come to the front.

Umbrella menders and traveling tinkers of all kinds have been warned by Chester's new chief of police to keep out of the city.

Kentucky has passed a law prohibiting "Uncle Tom's Cabin" shows within the limits of the state.

It has been announced in Chicago that the Commonwealth Trust and Saving bank, an institution promoted by organized labor, will open its doors for business on May 19.

Let your forget: Take a look about your premises and note where a little cleaning up would improve the appearance of things. There is always room for improvement.

There should be a law providing a penalty for the destruction of trailing arbutus vines. No lover of this sweet and fragrant flower will tear the plant up by the roots and others should not be allowed to do so.

Everywhere the tree butcher is being humped and his future is dark. Every ruined tree with its gnarled arms and disfigured trunk is a standing protest against the fellow who calls himself a trimmer.

The Reading police have been ordered to wear their blue suits and brass buttons in the present period of restlessness around the mines, on the presumption that the unruly fellow is more afraid of a man in uniform than he is of a man in plain clothes.

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OL. 52--NO 16 DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY APRIL 19, 1906. ESTABLISHED IN 1855

TRUSTEES AGREE ON SITE

The trustees of the hospital for the insane, who, it seems, held different views as to where the new heat, light and power plant ought to be located, have come to an agreement concerning the site.

There were some things to recommend the site for the heat, light and power plant originally selected, at the coal dump, west of the hospital building, not the least of which was the fact that fuel could be unloaded directly from the cars into the coal bins that feed the boilers, thereby eliminating the expense of re-handling the coal as might be necessary if another site were selected.

Among the disadvantages taken into consideration by the trustees was the fact that the coal dump is about one thousand feet away and that to select that point as a site would be to necessitate the construction of a massive conduit between the plant and the buildings through which to transmit the heat, light and power, that would involve an immense amount of work and would eat up a considerable slice of the appropriation of \$91,000.

The outcome of the matter was that the site at the rear of the hospital was selected for the heat, light and power plant.

The contract for the building will be awarded on Friday when the building committee of the trustees will hold a meeting at the hospital for the insane.

The heat, light and power plant will be of brick, a plain one-story structure, 107 feet long and 59 feet wide. It will be built on a substantial stone foundation.

Work for the Street Sprinkler. Happy springtime is here, the season of budding vegetation, also of dusty streets.

Where is the street sprinkler? Many persons have asked this question during the last few days. Ask the firemen who previously assumed the contract to keep down the dust and they will probably tell you that the water superintendent has not yet caused to be erected the stand pipes that supply the street sprinkler with water.

In the present case, however, there is consolation in the fact that we have about reached the limit. A leading member of the Friendship fire company last evening stated that there is little danger of freezing after this date and judging by what he advanced the street sprinkler is looming up in the distance and in a very few days it will be on its rounds again.

Exodus Still Continues. Five hundred foreigners and a number of English speaking miners left Wilkes-Barre yesterday for about all the cities of importance in the country and others took a trip to their native land.

How long the exodus will be continued cannot be determined, but it is safe to say that a great many of the foreign settlements are being depopulated. A car load passed through South Danville attached to the 9 o'clock passenger train.

DEATH OF CAPT. J. H. JOHNSON

Captain Joseph H. Johnson, a man whose name in Danville has come to be synonymous with honor and upright living, a man who numbered among his list of friends almost everybody that he knew, has passed from the midst of those who had learned to love him.

It has been generally known throughout town for the past two weeks that Mr. Johnson was confined to his bed with the complaint that during the past year has been fastening itself upon him—heart trouble. His condition, although serious, did not seem extremely critical until Sunday noon, when acute pneumonia set in.

Captain Johnson was 66 years of age, having been born at Pottsville on the 18th of March, 1840. He came to Danville when but a lad of ten years. Here for a while he was an iron worker and later entered the grocery business. For the past ten years he has operated a dye works.

He was a member of Mahoning lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M. and of Calvary Commandery, No. 37, Knights Templar. He was a prominent and consistent member of Pine Street Lutheran church for many years. He is survived by his wife and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Forred, of Plymouth.

Captain Johnson was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, holding one of the proudest service records in the State. He enlisted at the outbreak of the late Rebellion, his enlistment taking place in a hall on Ferry street at the exact spot where now stands the house in which he died.

The full war history of the deceased, as taken from the official records, is a rhetorical monument that will keep silent, stately watch for ages over the dust of his hero.

Enlisted, private, April 26, 1861, Co. C, 14th Pa. Vols. Assigned to 5th Brigade, 2nd Division, Patterson's Army. Picket duty near Shaversburg, Md., action Falling Waters, occupation of Martinsburg, Va., Advance on Bunker Hill, mustered out, August 7, 1861.

Enlisted, private, October 21, 1861, Company H, 93rd Pa. Vols. Promoted to corporal. Sergeant, October 1, 1862. 1st. Sergeant, January 1, 1863. 2nd. Lieutenant, May 1, 1863. 1st. Lieutenant, August 1, 1864. Captain, November 28, 1864.

Service: Assigned to Peck's Brigade, Coach's Division, 4th Corps, Army of the Potomac, Advance on Manassas, siege of Yorktown, reconnoitre to Chickahominy River and Bottom Bridge, seven days before Richmond, Seven Pines, detailed quarter master's sergeant ambulance corps, August, 1862—January, 1863. Chancellorsville, transferred to 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 6th Corps, on November 9, 1862. Fredericksburg, Burnside's second campaign, Chancellorsville second campaign, Maryes Heights, Salem Heights, Banks Ford, Gettysburg, Funkstown, Mine Run, transferred to 2nd. Division, 6th Corps, March 18, 1864.

In command of company from May 5, 1864. Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Defenses of Washington, Fort Stevens, Berryville, Strasburg, Charlestown, Bunker Hill, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, siege of Petersburg, Haethe's Run, assault of Petersburg, Burkesville, Sailor's Creek, Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865. Surrender of Lee. Marched to Danville, Va. Marched to Washington, D. C. Grand Review, June 8, 1865. Mustered out June 27, 1865.

GROWING A SOD. The county commissioners are now fixing up the court house lawn, after which it will be sown with grass seed. The material procured from the river bridge when the latter was cleaned off a couple of weeks ago, did not prove sufficient for the top course and it was necessary to complete the work it was necessary to look in some other direction for fertile and productive soil such as would grow a good sod.

Yesterday Ellis Rank was put to work with two carts hauling soil up from the meadow along Mahoning creek, which will no doubt fill the bill very nicely. The soil is obtained from the spot where John Keim obtains clay for making brick, and the commissioners in removing it do the brick maker a good turn by laying bare the deposits of clay. In a short time the court house grounds will no doubt be blooming like a rose. The grass on the south side of the building is already growing nicely and boards are very conspicuously displayed warning people to "keep off the sod."

Did Spring Ploughing. Under the leadership of Mr. Oscar Vastine a number of neighbors with teams assembled at the home of Mr. Clarence Phillips, Mahoning township, Monday, and rendered considerable assistance by doing the greater part of his spring ploughing. The social feature was much enjoyed. All were feasted on the good things furnished by the hostess, and her assistant, Mrs. Oscar Vastine. Those present were: Oscar Vastine, Clarence Hendershot, Michael McGraw, John Casey, E. L. White, Arthur Stetler, Jasper Stetler, Alfred Diehl, William Miller, Charles Arter, Jasper Phillips and B. L. Diehl, all of whom hope for the return of health and strength of their friend.

EXAMINING DOG'S HEAD

There is a slight mad dog scare in the vicinity of Strawberry Ridge, as the result of which Charles Reeder, a young man of that place, may go to the Pasture institute for treatment.

The young man bitten is the son of George Reeder, a prominent resident. The bite was inflicted quite two weeks ago by Mr. Reeder's own dog. The exact circumstances of the case have not been learned, but it seems that there was something about the dog that aroused suspicion that he might have been afflicted with rabies.

The wound was cauterized but as time wore on all things seemed to cause a feeling of disquietude and in order to allay fears at the suggestion of Dr. Shuman, the family physician, it was decided to send the head of the dog, which had been killed, in to Veterinarian J. O. Reed, the local representative of the State live stock sanitary board. When Dr. Reed received the dog's head he immediately forwarded it to Philadelphia for a bacteriological test by Dr. Leonard Pearson, the State veterinarian.

Dr. Reed yesterday received a letter from State veterinarian Pearson reporting progress. The dog's head, he said, was in such shape as to exclude the practicality of the microscopic or speedy test and made it necessary to resort to the slower test of inoculating rabbits, to ascertain whether or not rabies was present. At almost any time a report based on the rabbit experiment may be received from the live stock sanitary board.

Meanwhile the State veterinarian advised Dr. Reed that if in his opinion the dog showed symptoms of rabies it would be well to have the young man bitten to take a course at the Pasture institute without delay. Just what course would be pursued Dr. Reed yesterday could not state.

Fractured Knee Cap Disclosed. A most remarkable case was brought to notice yesterday when it was discovered that a young man, Charles Foust, of Danville, who was hurt by a fall last autumn, had been existing for the past six months with a fractured knee cap, totally unaware of the serious nature of his injuries.

Last fall Mr. Foust, who resides with his sister, Mrs. Truitt, Guilek's addition, was carrying a pail of water at his home when he fell, injuring his leg. He was confined to the house for two weeks and received medical attention. Later he began to make his way about with the aid of a cane, but his injuries did not seem to improve. Yesterday morning he visited the office of Dr. Harpel, who at once diagnosed the case as a fractured knee cap. Several other physicians were called into consultation upon the case, among them being Dr. I. G. Barber, who was able to make arrangements for the young man to receive treatment at the Mary Facker hospital at Sunbury.

Since his fall the unfortunate young man has been in almost constant agonizing pain. He looks but the shadow of his former robust self, and has the appearance of having undergone a wasting illness. Yesterday as he told his pitiable story to the doctors and received their disheartening verdict, the tears streamed down his cheeks.

Since his fall, nature has been at work upon the fractured knee cap, with the result that the broken edges of bone have become covered with callus, so that before the process of mending can begin it will be necessary to scrape the two edges of the fractured bone. Even then the doctors doubt if a thorough and permanent cure can be effected. Mr. Foust will go to the Sunbury hospital this morning.

Installing a New Boiler. E. J. LeDuc, proprietor of the "City of Paris," which was stripped of its boiler by low-hanging wires while passing under the river bridge at Catawissa, Tuesday, will not permit the serious mishap to interfere with the digging of coal to any extent. Mr. LeDuc left Wilkes-Barre yesterday to purchase a new boiler and what other machinery may be needed to equip the craft and make it perfectly seaworthy.

The "City of Paris" had a thrilling experience and the members of the crew may feel thankful that they did not go into the river along with the boiler. The life boat was also swept overboard and the crew was obliged to stick to the dismantled craft. The anchor was thrown overboard but it could not hold the big coal digger, which became the sport of the swift current. In a short time the rope snapped in two and the anchor clung to the bottom of the river, while the boat bearing the men swung down the stream. The anchor is the second one lost by Mr. LeDuc within a couple of weeks, the other one lying in the river here below the bridge.

Mr. LeDuc expects to find plenty of river coal in the vicinity of Bloomsburg, which will no doubt be very much in demand during the summer, especially if there should be a prolonged miners' strike. By the time the river falls to the proper level he expects to have his coal digger equipped and he will at once begin to dig coal.

The life boat of the "City of Paris," which was swept overboard in the accident later was caught in the river here and taken into shore.

Appointed Auditor. William C. Johnston, of Bloomsburg, has been appointed auditor by the auditor general as agent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to audit the accounts and dockets of J. C. Rutter, Jr., for the entire time that he served as recorder of Columbia county.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Swentek and daughter Pauline, Mrs. Simon Czechowicz and daughter Paula spent Easter with friends at Nanticoke.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Myerly, of Middletown, N. Y., are guests at the home of Dr. F. E. Harpel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Miller and son spent Sunday with friends in Pottsville.

Oscar Deamer, of Catawissa, spent Sunday at the home of J. H. Woodside, Mowery street.

Thomas Ireland, of Plymouth, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Miss Bertha Kramer, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klase, of Benton, spent Sunday at the home of Jesse Klase, Water street.

Dr. W. P. Angle, of Jersey Shore, spent Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. H. J. Angle, Mill street.

John Kase, Miss Blanch Sechler, Miss Stella Doster, and Miss Estella Lowenstein, students at Bucknell university, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Edward Harting, of Easton, is visiting at the home of Mrs. L. J. Davis, Lower Mulberry street.

Miles Barber, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Easter with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Barber, Ferry street.

Miss Sara Waters, of Burnham, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Arthur Matchett, of Middletown, is a guest at the home of S. A. McCoy, Ferry street.

Lawrence Tooley, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday at the home of his mother, Vine street.

Miss Elizabeth Foster left yesterday for a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Ralph B. Diehl left yesterday for a trip to Philadelphia.

W. L. Myerly returned to Middletown, N. Y., yesterday after a visit at the home of Dr. F. E. Harpel.

Miss Katherine McCormick will leave today for a visit with friends at Lewistown.

Mrs. William Sechler spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

Mrs. W. W. Welliver will leave today for Scranton to attend the Simpson-Noble wedding.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brinton will leave this morning for her trip across the continent. She will sail for the Philippines May 2nd.

Mrs. Wesley Pegg, South Danville, spent yesterday with friends at Boyd's station.

Mrs. Arthur Matchett, of Middletown, who has been visiting at the home of Sam A. McCoy, Ferry street, left yesterday for a visit with Milton friends.

"Jesus of Nazareth." An audience that taxed the capacity of the Grove Presbyterian church heard a most finished rendition of Oswald Allen's cantata, "Jesus of Nazareth," Sunday afternoon.

A great deal of the charm of the occasion lay in the fact that it was an undertaking entirely new in Danville. In many of the large cities the cantata is used on occasions of sacred importance, and the unqualified success of its first usage in Danville makes a reputation most desirable to those who admire this class of music.

The Grove church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Long before 4:30, the time given out for the beginning of the cantata, every seat in the church auditorium was occupied, and people who came later were seated in the Sunday school room.

The choros of twenty voices, had been rehearsed under the direction of Mr. Irvin Yarnan, and the ensemble work was rendered with a finished excellence that was a credit to the capability of the director, and to the individual worth of each member of the choir.

It was thought during the earlier part of the week that Miss Emma Gearhart, who sang the leading soprano role, would be unable to sing on account of a severe cold. She recovered sufficiently, however, to be at the final rehearsal Saturday evening, and yesterday rendered the soprano solos of the cantata with charming effect.

SAN FRANCISCO REAL INFERNO DUE TO EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE

Worst Earthquake in American History Visited Upon San Francisco Yesterday—Indescribable Damage Done—Fires Still Burning and Fire Fighters Are Powerless.

The most horrible and the greatest earthquake in American history occurred yesterday morning at San Francisco and the magnitude of the horror seems to grow with each succeeding bulletin. It destroyed telegraph and railroad facilities.

There were a succession of shocks, many of them of great destructive violence and the messages indicate that a large part of the city's business section has been razed to the ground and the debris is on fire without adequate water protection to fight the flames.

Other bulletins indicate a loss of life that cannot be measured in the confusion attending the cataclysm.

The earthquake shocks ceased at 8:30 eastern time, having commenced at 5:13, and it is probable that the worst is over so far as the movements of the earth are concerned. But the awful fire fiend still remains to be reckoned with.

Panic has reigned in the city since the first shock, none knowing when another upheaval might render them homeless, or hurl about them buildings of the sort that have already fallen.

The worst feature, after the earthquake shocks had passed, arose from the fires which broke out simultaneously in many parts of the city and seemed to be spreading in every direction.

Late messages indicate that the flames are fast approaching the magnificent docks and wharves for which the harbor of San Francisco is famous and that these may fall victims to the devouring monster which broke water mains and destroyed fire apparatus.

The most alarming part of the dire event is that each succeeding telegram increases rather than diminishes the terrible news.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—San Francisco was partially wrecked by earthquake at 5:10 this morning. Shock lasted three minutes. A thousand buildings damaged and destroyed. Loss of life reported great. No water and fires all over city. All wires except one gone. City hall, costing seven millions in ruins. Modern buildings suffered less than brick and frame.

Terror and excitement indescribable. Most people asleep and rushed into streets un-dressed. Buildings swayed and crashed, burying occupants. Panic in downtown hotels. Lick house badly damaged but no loss of life reported there.

The Palace and St. Francis hotels stood the shock. People flocked to the telegraph offices to send messages to friends and were frantic because there were no wires. The greater damage was done to buildings south of Market street, where mostly they are frame and tenement houses. Fires occurred in every block in that district.

S. A. M.—In the confusion which reigns everywhere it is almost impossible to learn details of the disaster caused by the earthquake this morning. In general it may be said that the district lying between Market and Howard streets from the bay as far west as the City Hall has been badly wrecked.

The hotels in the vicinity of Third and Market streets were badly shaken up but there seemed to be no loss of life. The "Call" and "Examiner" buildings as well as the Western Union building have been badly wrecked.

The large department stores in the neighborhood were also ruined, but the earthquake occurred at an hour when they were empty and no loss of life is reported.

The Valencia hotel, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, on Valencia street, a five story frame building, toppled over into the street, burying seventy-five persons in the debris, only the top story remaining intact.

Further east on Market street toward the ferry slips, is a section occupied by cheap lodging houses and hotels, and here the loss of life is reported to be very great, though the extent of it could not be ascertained at this hour.

Fires are burning in a number of places along Market street and the water mains having burst, the authorities have resorted to dynamite to check the progress of the flames. The residence section of the city while badly shaken, reports no loss of life or serious damage.

LOSS OVER \$100,000,000. As Associated Press dispatch last night said that conservative estimates placed the loss in San Francisco well over \$100,000,000, and growing larger with each report.

LELAND STANFORD DEMOLISHED. Leland Stanford university, the greatest school of the West, and in many particulars the finest in the world, was practically demolished. One student, from Nebraska, was killed.

BETWEEN 500 AND 700 KILLED. Late Associated Press dispatches last night placed the killed between 500 and 700. The figures are constantly changing, however, and it is impossible to tell as yet the extent of the fatalities.

Lent will soon be a memory—just like the umbrella some one borrowed of you.

POOR OUTLOOK IN COAL SITUATION

NEW YORK, April 18.—The strike situation looks darker today than at any time since the operators and miners' representatives have been holding conferences.

The operators have prepared a letter to the miners answering the miners' demands for arbitration in which it is said that there is nothing to arbitrate, claiming that all questions were settled by the previous strike commission. The reply is lengthy. In one place it says:

"You are responsible for the suspension of work. There was no good reason for ordering the men to stop work pending our negotiations, which had been delayed by you, especially in view of the fact that we were willing to continue to pay the wages fixed by the strike commission."

"NOTHING FURTHER TO OFFER." In conclusion the letter states: "We have no other suggestions to make than those contained in our former propositions, and we regret that we have declined both of them. We have nothing further to offer."

MITCHELL WON'T ACCEPT. Indianapolis, Ind., April 18.—It is believed by those close to President Mitchell who is here attending the soft coal miners' convention, that he will refuse to accept as final the anthracite operators' letter rejecting the miners' offer to arbitrate the different questions in dispute and that he will demand that another conference be held to try and reach a settlement.

All that Mitchell would say for publication this morning was, "we have not reached the anthracite matter yet." He was not a little surprised at the action taken by the operators in making their flat refusal.

It is the belief of many that the operators will refuse to hold another conference as they state that their reply is final.

Brick Yards in Operation. John Keim has already begun the work of making brick for the season, all four of his brick yards having started up. Some brick were made on Friday, but these later were damaged by the rain. Yesterday the season opened in earnest and taking in all four of the yards Mr. Keim has some twenty-five men employed. From now on except when the weather is rainy each of the yards will be in operation every day. A little later on two additional moulders may be put on, which will increase the combined product of the kilns very much.

Pending the adjustment of difficulties between the coal operators and the miners Mr. Keim is uncertain as to what measure of success may attend the season's work. Should there be a shortage of anthracite coal it will be impossible for him to burn brick, as his kilns are not adapted to bituminous coal and wood suitable for the purpose here has become a commodity so scarce as to be practically out of the question.

Mr. Keim is now engaged in shipping brick in large quantities, 500,000 going to Bloomsburg and 100,000 to Sunbury.

SEVERAL MORE AUTOMOBILES. It is altogether likely that during the coming summer several automobiles will be added to those now in commission in Danville and immediate vicinity. The fact is known that there are several prospective purchasers and it will probably be only a short time until the new machines are in evidence.

It is also rumored that at least one automobile will be for hire and will be run in any direction out over the country roads at so much per hour. A popular route, it is believed, will be found to lie in the direction of Washingtonville and Strawberry Ridge, which have always proved favorite objective points for hack parties and others when out for pleasure. A long ride of course, will be between Danville and Milton and Danville and Bloomsburg. An automobile run over the river bridge through Riverside and out over the State highway proves immensely enjoyable. Indeed, it would be difficult to turn in any direction in the midst of our delightful scenery and not find a route that would possess an especial charm in the pleasant summer weather.

FINE RIDING HORSE. James Scarlet, Esq., has purchased a thoroughbred saddle horse, which is undoubtedly one of the finest little animals that ever came to town. The horse is seal brown in color with flowing mane and tail and was purchased of Mr. Scarlet's friend, J. M. McClintock of Wilkes-Barre. James Scarlet, Jr., is very much devoted to horse back riding, but the little thoroughbred, it is understood, will be used by both father and son in taking exercise.

Little Girl Bled to Death. Sylvia Porborto, a child, bled to death at Shamokin last night as the result of severing an artery in her neck. The child had stepped upon a chair to get a drink from the sink when she slipped, and falling, broke the glass she held in her hand. A piece of the tumbler pierced her neck, and she bled to death before assistance could arrive.

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DEALERS UNABLE TO BUY COAL

With the cessation of mining over the anthracite region—with the consequent refusal of the operators to consign a pound of coal from the mines and with a miners' strike of greater or less duration—one of the probabilities of the immediate future, Danville, like many other towns of the State as far as the question of hard coal is concerned faces anything but a cheerful outlook.

Simultaneously with the shut down the shipment of coal at the mines ceased. Upon inquiry yesterday it was learned that not one of our local dealers is able to procure a pound of coal. The orders placed by the local dealers are acknowledged but there is no assurance when they will be filled. The coal employed by the D. L. & W. company in acknowledging the receipt of orders has the following stamped upon it in red ink: "All orders subject to ability to ship and to prices when shipment is made." No one doubts that affairs in the coal region are drifting on toward a prolonged miners' strike and naturally under the circumstances there is curiosity to know just what surplus coal the dealers have on hand.

In all the yards here it is practically the same. The dealers are busily engaged in filling the big orders placed during February and March by local consumers who had means for purchasing a big stock of coal, the room for storing it and were astute enough to foresee that a clash between the miners and operators was unavoidable. It may take some weeks yet to deliver all the coal previously ordered and until this is done it will be difficult to tell just what margin may remain to meet the general demand. The dealers, however, feel morally sure that by the time they have their orders all filled the quantity of coal on hand in their respective yards will not be worth taking into account. All of which implies that unless some unforeseen circumstance occurs to prevent a miners' strike, before the summer is half over Danville will be without coal in the dealers' yards. It is true by exercise of wise forethought probably hundreds of families have their cellars filled but there are hundreds of others—those who purchase coal in smaller quantities, as they consume it—who will need coal and will be unable to procure it; therefore, while a miners' strike might not bring about exactly the same conditions here that prevailed three years ago, yet there would be much inconvenience and privation.

The heavy snow, which fell during March was indirectly responsible for the fact that the local dealers have not a larger supply of coal on hand. It was during this time that the dealers planned to rush