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COMMISSIONERS PLAN CHANGES

The county commissioners at their regular weekly meeting Saturday, decided on a system of very important improvements at the court house, which together with new paint and several other necessary repairs will give Montour county a building, which will compare in all respects with the best in this section.

It is proposed to fix up the lawn all around the court house to correspond with the northern side, where the ground has been carefully graded and grass seed sown, while the whole is temporarily enclosed by a neat wire fence. The wall will be rebuilt at the rear of the grounds and a gravel driveway provided for bringing coal into the building.

The outbuilding southwest of the court house will be abolished and a lavatory system will be installed in the southeastern part of the cellar. The improvements of course make the present lavatory in the second story of the court house unnecessary and the space there will be devoted to other purposes.

The county commissioners have planned to connect the building with the sewer which extends westward out Market street and at the court house grounds turns southward traversing the alley toward the river. A pipe will be sunk in the lower lawn, extending from the front of the court house diagonally to the southwest corner of the grounds where connection will be established. This will make it possible to sink the drain leading from the court house at such a depth as may be required in order to insure successful operation of the system.

The contract for painting the court house has not as yet been awarded. On Saturday little more was done than to discuss the color of the paint to be used. The commissioners seemed to be unanimous in the view that some other color than red or brick color should be employed in order to afford a change for the eye. The color that will most likely be selected will be a stone color. The work of painting as well as work on the new lavatory, it was stated Saturday, will begin in a short time.

It was reported to the commissioners that loafing at the approach to the river bridge on the Danville side has become a very great nuisance. During the evening crowds of young men and boys assemble there and by their profane and obscene language make it very unpleasant not only for families living near but also for persons passing backwards and forwards over the bridge. On motion it was ordered that the clerk lay the matter before the borough council at its next meeting and that that body be asked to have the police take the matter up.

Boy's Painful Injury.

Luther Tanner, a 13-year-old boy, employed on Edward Beyer's farm, Valley township, met with a very bad injury while at work on Monday afternoon.

The boy was engaged in rolling one of the fields. As is customary he was riding the roller, when the horses took fright and ran away. The boy was in great danger of falling under the heavy roller, in which event he would no doubt have been killed; but he pluckily held onto the lines and maintained his position on top the roller.

The team made a dash for the farm buildings and when it arrived at the barn the boy was clinging to the seat. His foot in some way had caught fast. The toe of his shoe on the right foot was completely pinched off; his big toe was torn off back of the first joint and the end of the next toe was completely severed. The boy was too much frightened to tell how the injury was inflicted, but it is supposed that the double tree while the horses were galloping along flew back and caught his foot.

The injury was of such a sort as to cause the most excruciating pain. Dr. Curry was summoned and he found it necessary to amputate both toes. It will be some time before the boy will regain the full use of his foot.

Invented High Explosive.

Peter A. Kline, a Bloomsburg man, is now in Washington, D. C., on business connected with the patenting of a new kind of explosive powder that he has discovered. Mr. Kline claims that a quantity of his powder will do more actual work than double the quantity of any other powder made. It can be sold at 6 cents a pound.

Coal Digger Being Repaired.

LeDuc's steam dredger "City of Paris" which figured in the sensational accident at the Catawissa river bridge a few weeks ago, when its machinery was pulled overboard by the low hanging telephone wires, is being repaired at Catawissa and will soon be ready to resume operations on the river near Bloom.

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VOL. 52--NO 18 DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY MAY 3, 1906. ESTABLISHED IN 1855

TO KEEP DOWN SPEED

The police officers have just finished measuring off all the principal streets of the borough and establishing courses for the purpose of timing automobilists, drivers of vehicles and others who violate the law or the ordinance as to speed.

The authorities are now prepared to enter upon a crusade not only against the fast running of automobiles, but against fast driving also. It is said to be a fact that no one any longer seems to think it worth while to observe police regulations. Not only persons out for pleasure, but drivers of delivery wagons and others, even on Mill street, let their horses go just as they please, and often reach a pace that is suggestive of the race course. Even the wheelmen, who appear in increased numbers this spring, seem to have forgotten wholly what the ordinance provides. According to complaints entered they not only show indifference as to the speed regulations, but are negligent in the matter of alarm bells and lamps and even are known to ride on the sidewalks. For a violation of the ordinance in either of the above respects a fine of five dollars is provided and the officers insist that some one before long is going to get into trouble.

The speed limit for bicycles as fixed by the ordinance is ten miles per hour; for driving, eight miles per hour. Automobiles are limited to ten miles an hour by the State law.

The courses measured off on all the streets are 100 yards in length. In connection with these a schedule has been prepared showing the 100-yards rate per hour. Thus at the rate of 8 miles an hour a vehicle will be 25.56 seconds, or nearly half a minute, in passing over the 100-yard course marked off. The speed, which limits automobiles to one mile in six minutes, is much slower than many automobiles travel. By the aid of printed schedule and their stop watches used in connection with the courses marked off the police officers hope to be able to do effective work and compel obedience of the regulations.

Many Non-Resident Pupils.

The importance of our local high school with the grades leading up to it as a factor in this vicinity will be better understood when it is stated that there are some sixty non-resident pupils attending school in Danville and that the aggregate of tuition paid to [illegible] amounts to about eight hundred dollars.

It is probably superfluous to expatiate upon the general excellence of the Danville schools and the fine opportunities afforded the children of the townships of Montour and Northumberland counties who under the law are permitted to attend our high school. It is well enough, however, that the prospective pupils should know exactly how to proceed in the matter of examinations required to gain admittance to the end that they may make the best possible showing and that valuable time may not be lost.

As in the past next year a number of boys and girls will complete the course in the township schools and will be candidates for admission into the local high school. What Borough Superintendent Gordy would like to impress upon these pupils is that it would be much to their interest to come into town on the week of May 21st and take the regular examination with the borough pupils instead of postponing the matter and requiring a special examination next fall. It should be very evident to them that having recently left school they are much brighter now than they will be some four months later and will be able to do themselves a full measure of justice. Again, the regular examinations are continued during the whole week, say one branch a day, while in the fall the examinations are crowded into one day, which makes them much more wearisome. Heretofore no especial pains have been taken to call attention to these facts. There is only one way to look at the matter and there are probably few young people in the townships who contemplate a course in the borough schools, but will be glad to take Borough Superintendent Gordy's advice and attend the spring examinations.

Funeral of Solomon Cherry.

Solomon Cherry, the well-known engineer on the S. H. & W. division of the Pennsylvania railroad, whose death occurred at Nescopeck Tuesday, will be consigned to the grave in the new cemetery at Sunbury on Friday. The remains will be taken to Sunbury on the train that passes South Danville at 12:15 p. m. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mrs. Haupt, Sunbury, at 2 o'clock

The deceased was a former resident of Danville, his wife before marriage being Miss Emma Clara Albeck of this place. Besides his wife two daughters, Florence and Clara, survive.

Will Be Buried on Friday.

The funeral of the late Sharach Fry, who died on Sunday took place yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. McCormack, pastor of Grove Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member. The pall bearers were Robert Adams, Hugh Curry, W. B. Gearhart, J. B Gearhart, W. L. McClure and Alex. Foster. Interment was made in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

POLICE AGAIN PATROL STREET

Word from Mt. Carmel last night indicates that everything is peaceful and quiet and that no trouble of any nature occurred yesterday.

It was reported that the members of the State constabulary had received orders to arrest a number of men who participated in the riots on Monday and that serious trouble would surely occur if these arrests would be made. If the members of the troop received such orders they must have been countermanded later for no attempt was made to arrest the men whose names it is said have been learned and for whom it was reported warrants had been issued.

It was feared that if members of the State police force would leave their barracks and enter the town their presence would cause more rioting. Early yesterday morning, however, a number of troopers rode into the town and patrolled the principal streets and there was not the least semblance of any trouble. When questioned the troopers stated that they were merely exercising their horses and they were not stoned, hissed or molested in any manner. Later they rode in a body through the main streets of Locust Gap and no interference was met with at that place.

The chief burgess and citizens of Mt. Carmel are of the belief that the trouble of Monday will not be repeated unless a strike is declared and attempts are made to work the collieries.

Strike breakers and deputies have been steadily arriving in the Shamokin-Mt. Carmel region. In all there have been 8 car loads of strike breakers to come in during the past several days. Most of these men are from the bituminous region about Clearfield, and they will be held in readiness so that an attempt can be made to operate the mines if the Scranton convention declares a strike.

Captain Groome, of the State constabulary, arrived at Mt. Carmel last night and proceeded to the troops' camp at Sarye shaft.

Exchange is Growing.

Hon. L. W. Welliver was in Danville yesterday, where he announced himself as in the race for associate judge. Mr. Welliver hails from Exchange, the homelike and prosperous town of Anthony township, where so many substantial and representative people reside.

Exchange was formerly unfortunate in lying so far from the county seat, but of late distance has been annihilated by the telephone, and Mr. Welliver states that there are just twenty 'phones in the town. Scarcely a day passes but the citizens call up Danville and thus keep in touch with events at this end of the county.

Exchange is a growing town. Last year four new houses were added, built by Boyd Stead, Augustus Kleeman, William Dildine and L. W. Welliver. Several others will be erected this year. Ground is already broken for three, to be built by Thomas Sharon, John Dennen and John Ritter.

Exchange has three good stores. Thomas Dennen has Hon. L. W. Welliver's old stand. Boyd Stead has a very fine store. The other store, where the telephone exchange is installed, is kept by Lizzie Wagner. William Houghton keeps the hotel, which is described as a very fine hostelry. There are two churches, one of them a Lutheran and the other a Catholic church. At the latter Rev. Father Feeser of the Holy Family convent, Danville, officiates. Exchange has no doctor but it boasts of a woman lawyer, Mrs. B. Frances Wagner. 'Squire Ellis and John Ellis, the latter a director in the Peoples bank, this city, both are residents of Exchange. Former county treasurer James F. Brannen was nearly a life-long resident of Exchange. A couple of years ago along with his wife he went to California for the benefit of his health. Just now the residents of Exchange are happy over the tidings that Mr. and Mrs. Brennen are on their way home—that Mr. Brennen has fully recovered his health and that the couple will again take up their residence at Exchange.

B. E. Club Entertains.

The B. E. club, composed of a number of young ladies of town, entertained at a progressive luncheon and euchre Friday evening. During the evening seven houses were visited. The menu was as follows:

Cream of Corn Soup—Breadsticks.
Miss Clara Detwiler.
Oysters on the half shell—Wafers.
Miss Annie Steinbrenner.
Potato Chips—Veal Loaf.
Miss Lorine Phillips.
Deviled Eggs—Olives.
Miss Sara Beaver.
Chicken Salad—Sandwiches.
Miss Marion Jones.
Fruit Gelatine—Nuts—Mints.
Miss Florence Price.
Ice Cream—Cake.
Miss Grace Shepperson.

At Miss Shepperson's home the guests were given a progressive euchre.

In addition to the young ladies mentioned there were present Miss Lucile Evans, Messrs. Thomas Fultz, Will L. McCoy, George Jacobs, Jay Sechler, Will Jones, Harry Woods, William Hancock and William Books.

There are two items in the San Francisco news of brave and encouraging import: Lovers continue to marry, and about as much is asked for corner lots as before the earthquake.

ALL DEPENDS ON MEETING TODAY

WILKES-BARRE, May 2.—While strike talk in the towns and hamlets of the region is hot because of the shooting and bloodshed at Mt. Carmel, John Mitchell and the union leaders propose preventing any precipitate action on the part of the delegates to the tri-district convention in bringing on a strike because of the Mt. Carmel affair. The delegates, while variously instructed by their locals, will be asked by President Mitchell to give the issues their fullest consideration and best judgment. No strike will be voted unless the delegates feel that their best interests would be served by such action. From present indications the convention will be in session three days and the final vote to strike will not be taken Thursday.

MITCHELL HAD NOTHING TO SAY

John Mitchell left here today for Scranton, where he will meet the members of the sub-scale committee at 2 o'clock this afternoon and prepare the report of the negotiations that were entered into with the operators looking to a settlement of differences. This report will be read to the delegates on Friday and will be made the basis for general discussion by the delegates. Just what attitude President Mitchell will take before the delegates in reference to the propositions advanced by the operators cannot be learned. He had nothing to say on the situation this morning. The majority of delegates, so far as any information is obtainable, are instructed to follow the direction of President Mitchell, which has practically placed the situation upon the shoulders of the miners' leader.

ONE OF THE RUMORS HEARD.

A report was heard this morning that after the report of the scale committee had been heard several delegates would express the opinion that in view of the fact that as the only difference between the operators and miners was a question of arbitration on one demand, that of wages, the scale committee should be directed to return to New York and renew negotiations with the operators to arrive at a settlement on this seemingly simple question. The convention will doubtless do little more than organize on Thursday by electing committees on credentials and resolutions and adjourn until Friday, when the reports will be read and President Mitchell will make an address. It is planned that delegates will be given the widest possible latitude in the discussion of the question and issues which President Mitchell has always given each delegate, who wishes to have his say, it will carry the deliberations of the convention over until Saturday.

SAY MEN WANT WORK.

Meanwhile, the railroad coal companies have resumed their preparations to resume work, believing that the miners' convention will call a strike. Non-union men and strike breakers are being moved quietly into the region and distributed among the collieries. An official of the Lehigh Valley said this morning that scores of old employes in the company's mines in the middle district had applied for work when operations are resumed. The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company is making the first moves in this section to resume work. The Lackawanna and Delaware and Hudson company hope to have a majority of their collieries in complete operation within a week.

Two Killed on Railroad.

Struck by an east-bound freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad, above Nescopeck, yesterday morning, about 5 o'clock, Samuel Cocklin, a watchman at the West End Coal Co. washery at Shickshinny was instantly killed and considerably mangled.

How he came to his death is not known, but it is supposed that he crossed the river and while waiting the coming of a train dozed into a sleep, from which he may have been startled by the train, and bewildered stumbled on the track in front of the engine.

He was seen by the train hands when too late to save him. The cowcatcher caught the unfortunate man and flung him several feet into the ditch alongside the track. When picked up he was dead, and badly cut up.

The remains were at once taken to Shickshinny, where he resided with his wife and child. A brother and sister live at Berwick. He was a man 38 years old.

SUICIDE AT BRANDONVILLE.

Throwing himself in front of a fast P. & R. freight, a man whose identity is not known committed suicide at Brandonville early yesterday morning. His body was terribly mangled.

The train was running at the rate of between fifty and sixty miles an hour, when the engineer discovered a man standing between the cars along the track. As the train approached within a few feet of the person he suddenly threw himself forward on the rails, and the engine and several cars passed over his body. The man was instantly killed and parts of his body were strewn for several yards along the track. The remains were gathered up and taken to Ringtown, where an effort was made to identify the man, but there was nothing about his clothes that would lead to identification. He was a man of about 35 years of age, and by the clothes he wore was thought to be a man of limited means.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. William C. Bowyer and son James spent Sunday with relatives in Sunbury.

Mrs. William F. Pattison, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her brother W. G. Kramer, West Mahoning street.

Lloyd W. Welliver, of Exchange, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

E. J. Coxey, of Sunbury, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

B. P. Harris returned to Plymouth yesterday after spending several days with friends in this city.

W. E. Gosh, Charles and Frank Watson, of Philadelphia, left this city yesterday for a fishing trip to Pocono.

J. T. Findley was a business visitor at Jerseytown yesterday.

Griffith Billmeyer, of Mexico, transacted business in Danville yesterday.

Myron Eves, of Millville, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Vastine and daughter, Mrs. John Ryan, of Sunbury, attended the funeral of Shadrach Fry in this city yesterday.

Mrs. M. A. Davis, of Sunbury, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Mrs. Peter Diehl, of Berwick, spent yesterday in this city as a guest at the home of Howard Reppert, Church street.

Miss Agnes McCloughan left Tuesday for a trip to Washington, D. C. and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Fanny Heddens, of Washingtonville, called on friends in Danville yesterday.

Mrs. W. L. Myerly returned to Middletown, N. Y., yesterday after a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Harpel, Ferry street.

Mrs. Edward Haughton returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Baltimore.

Howard Lunger has returned to this city from Montreal, Canada, where he has been employed during the past winter. Mr. Lunger has accepted a position with the A. C. & F. company at Bloomsburg.

George W. Albeck, of Wilkes-Barre, spent last night at his old home in this city.

Lawrence Cotter in Larger Field.

Lawrence Cotter, the well known florist, who for the past three years has been in charge of the greenhouses at Castle Grove for a year or so past, has accepted a position with Eugene Foss, of Boston, and is now in charge of one of the largest and best known establishments in the country.

Mr. Cotter left Danville on Sunday evening and on May 1st entered upon his new position. The lease held by Mr. Cotter on the Castle Grove greenhouses does not expire until June 15. Meanwhile the business here will be in the hands of Mr. Cotter's son, William Cotter, a young man of studious habits and of intelligence, who already has mastered the details of floriculture and who in time promises to attain the distinction won by his father. Frank Bannigan is foreman under William Cotter at Castle Grove. Mr. Cotter's family will reside at Castle Grove until the lease expires, on June 15th., when it will remove to Boston.

The future of the green houses at Castle Grove is not known. William Cotter, yesterday stated, that if things prove at all favorable he might lease the establishment himself the next year.

Lawrence Cotter stands very high as a florist and will be sure to succeed in the larger field that he has entered. He is very widely known over the Union, but nowhere better than among the progressive people of Boston, a fact which insures him a felicitious and prosperous career. Mr. Cotter made many friends in Danville and whenever for the sake of old associations he feels like drifting this way he may rest assured that he will receive a royal welcome.

Pleasant Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Dallas Hummer, on Ash street, Friday evening. Ice cream and cake were served for refreshments. Those present were: Mrs. Dallas Hummer, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Raver, Mrs. Jacob Hummer, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Rebecca Lovett, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Randall Scott, Mrs. Henry Haukey, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. James Magill, Misses Katie Haukey, Emma Garrow, Mrs. Frank Hummer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, Miss Stella Cook, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. Jacob Miller, Mr. Edward Hummer and Miss May Gay.

Large Hail Stones.

The towns of the west branch were deluged in the biggest storm of the year last evening. The storm center seemed to be at Muncy and Williamsport, where the downpour lasted for several hours, and the hail stones at times being of the size of walnuts. The rain and hail was accompanied by terrific lightning and high winds.

The storm passed to the north of Danville and for a while it looked as if this city was on the map for a storm of unusual severity. It turned out, however, that not a drop fell here.

New Paint and Paper.

The interior of J. W. Lore's jewelry store, Mill street, is being repainted and repapered. The room now shows up very attractively.

THE QUESTION OF A PARK

Notwithstanding that summer is coming on apace there is no especial stir at any of the parks and the people of Danville are beginning to wonder where they are going to enjoy their outings the coming summer. The trolley lines by influencing travel generally revolutionize things relating to sport. The local lines as yet have given no intimation of what they propose to do in the way of selecting and building up resorts.

It is a well-known fact that as early as last fall the Danville and Bloomsburg line and Dr. W. R. Paules, the owner of the fine grove between this place and Grovania, came to a full understanding and that the trolley company held an option on the resort. Up to the present, it seems, nothing has been done and the matter rests precisely where it was last fall. The scheme embraced the erection of a fine pavilion and several other buildings, the whole necessitating the expenditure of some four thousand dollars. It is pretty evident that if any such improvements are to be completed before the season opens the first step will have to be taken in a pretty short time.

Neither has anything tangible been accomplished with reference to establishing a base ball ground at Grovania, on which clubs from this city and Bloomsburg were to cross bats. In view of the travel that the Danville-Bloomsburg games would attract it was thought that some concessions might be obtained from the trolley company.

During an interview last evening General Manager W. R. Miller stated that the trolley company had not been approached on the subject as yet. Neither have owners of land at Grovania, so far as Mr. Miller can learn, been seen with reference to the matter. Mr. Miller did not commit himself as to what the trolley company might do in the premises, but he seemed to think that the first step should be to secure the land.

A Promising Young Artist.

The "Portland (Oregon) Express" of last Saturday contains a large portrait of Abraham Lincoln—a free hand drawing—by Chester Eggert, aged 17 years, who is regarded as a marvel taking his youth and the excellence of his work into account. The gifted lad is the son of our former townsman Hiram [illegible]

The "Evening Express" prints the portrait as a sample of what the youthful artist is capable of doing in black and white.

"Chester," the newspaper states, "is the youngest of a family of eight children. With his folks he resides at Ligonia, but with so many mouths to feed Chester had to be content with a grammar school education. James Otis Kaler, superintendent of the schools for South Portland, early discovered the talent of young Eggert for drawing and was largely instrumental in his taking a course at the Fox studio, where he studied from casts. His drawing has attracted wide attention and many orders for his work are received. His tastes run to broad caricature work and he displays an individuality and an originality that reminds one strongly of the great Thomas Nast. Besides his talent for drawing Chester and indeed the whole Eggert family are musicians and the Eggert Mandolin and Guitar club is not unknown to entertainment committees in this city."

Half a Billion Fish this Season.

In order to give all the impetus possible to the unprecedented plans of the State Fisheries Department, Commissioner Meehan is at Mt. Pleasant for a stay of three weeks. No State in the Union ever proposed the propagation and distribution of fish on such an extensive scale as Mr. Meehan has just engaged in. His plan to hatch 500,000,000 perch and pickerel fry, and stock the streams of Pennsylvania with them in the next three months, has challenged the attention of fish culturists all over the United States. The immensity of the task can be imagined when it is remembered that last year the entire output of the Pennsylvania fisheries was 144,000,000. The force at all the hatcheries of Pennsylvania, including the plants at Pleasant Mount, Bellefonte, Corry, Erie, Torresdale and Union City, will be required to help in the work. The spawn of both the pickerel and the perch will be collected in Wayne county. The pickerel spawn, which is collected about two weeks ahead of perch spawn, appeared within the last three days. A force is now busy collecting it under the personal direction of Mr. Meehan. It is put into receptacles and will be sent to the various hatcheries, in proportion to their capacity, for hatching in jars. The same will be done with perch spawn. As nearly as possible 250,000,000 fry of each variety will be produced to be distributed in every clean water stream of the state. The fry hatch in about seventeen days and grow to be four inches long in as many months. Mr. Meehan figures that within a few years this policy will result in making Pennsylvania an angler's paradise.

Sunbury 8—Danville A. A. 3.

The Sunbury amateurs defeated the Danville A. A. in a base ball game played at Sunbury Saturday for the benefit of the San Francisco sufferers. Score 8—3.

LETTER FROM MRS. BAUSCH

Mrs. William C. Williams, of Hotel Baldy, was the first person in Danville to receive a letter from stricken San Francisco. It arrived Saturday and was from Mrs. Caroline Bausch, a former Danville lady concerning whose welfare since the earthquake there was so much doubt and suspense.

The letter was written on April 24th last Tuesday, and like all letters sent out from San Francisco, since the dreadful calamity, it bore no postage stamp. The epistle contains only a few hastily written lines, as follows:

"We are all safe. We had to run to the hills and we just got back. Our house is badly damaged but we can live in it. Please tell all our friends."

The brevity and the tone of the letter plainly indicate the tension and the excitement under which the people are laboring. The letter, written last Tuesday, states that they had 'just got back' from the hills, where they ran when the earthquake occurred, nearly a week before. It would seem likely, therefore, that they experienced many of the discomforts and privations that fell to the lot of the great army of refugees. Mrs. Bausch's residence is on Sutter street, which extends through the burned district. The number she occupies, 2241, while outside the area of fire was dangerously near the line.

The Morning News is in receipt of a few lines from our former townsman, George H. Smith, the jeweler who with his family is at Los Angeles, California. Mr. Simth and family, therefore, wholly escaped loss. The letter was accompanied by a copy of the Los Angeles Times of Saturday, April 21st and contains the first views of San Francisco, and a graphic write-up by the first newspaper man to get within the troop patrolled limits of San Francisco. The incidents described and the illustrations which possessed such a deep interest in Los Angeles on the date of their first appearance by this time have become the common property of newspapers and are no longer new to the general reader. None of the views printed in the East, however, are quite as striking as those in the Los Angeles Times.

Shadrach Fry Dead.

Shadrach Fry, an old and a well-known resident of Danville departed recently at his home on Mill street. Death was due to general debility. He had been confined to his bed for some two weeks.

The deceased was born in Sodbury, Gloucestershire, England, in 1832. He came to America in 1853, settling in Danville. He resided in this city ever since with the exception of some ten years which he spent with his family in Columbia. He was a roll turner by occupation and was considered a very skillful workman. For many years he was employed at the big mill.

He was a man of strict integrity and morality. He was a member of the Grove Presbyterian church and was esteemed as a zealous and consistent Christian. He was well liked by his fellow workmen and was regarded as a solid and representative citizen of our town.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters: Edward H. Fry of Harrisburg; and John F. Fry, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. William Lynch, of New York City, and Mrs. Luther J. Schroder, of Columbia. Two brothers also survive: John Fry, of Wigton, Center county, and William Fry, of Eddyville, Iowa.

Will Build State Road.

That the State road, which will extend from the borough limits to Paxinos and for which the Coal township road commissioners have worked so hard is now an assured fact.

State Road Commissioners Joseph W. Hunter and H. F. Randall arrived here yesterday afternoon and made arrangements to get the plans, specifications, etc., for the road in order to advertise for bids at the earliest possible date. When seen last evening they stated that the contract would be let as soon as possible and that the work would then be pushed with all possible speed. When completed the road will be one of the best in the State.—Shamokin Leader.

The proposed road is between 3 and 4 miles long and is on one of the routes between here and Shamokin. Danville people who drive from here to Shamokin will be pleased to hear of the improvement.

Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Frank Hendricks, Mausdale, on Tuesday in honor of the eleventh birthday of his daughter, Lillian. Refreshments were served during the afternoon. The young lady was the recipient of a number of gifts. Those present were: Mary Weitzel, Trease Weitzel, Jennie Dyer, Elsie Deihl, Mary Shult, Martha Shult, Ruth Farnwalt, Anna Farnwalt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marr and children Marion and Harry, Gertrude Hendricks, Elizabeth Reeser, Iona Hendricks, Charles Weitzel, Earle Dyer, Clyde Deihl, Eugene Deihl, Robert Deihl, Charles Herr, Leslie Bennett, Reece Hendricks, Robert Hendricks and Herbert Hendricks.

Now rises up the pessimist to declare that the nation is sending too much money to San Francisco. But his name is not on the list of contributors.

JOB PRINTING

The office of the AMERICAN being furnished with a large assortment of job letter and fancy type and job material generally, the Publisher announces to the public that he is prepared at all times to execute in the neatest manner.

JOB PRINTING
Of all Kinds and Description

MT. CARMEL HAS STARTLING FIRE

The residents of Mt. Carmel were aroused from their slumbers shortly before four o'clock Saturday morning by the ringing of bells and blowing of whistles sounding a general alarm of fire and learned that the large union station of the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley railroad companies was on fire.

The fire department responded very quickly but so fiercely did the fire burn that the building was soon a seething mass of flames and beyond all hope of control. The building was an old frame structure and burned so fast that the fire fighters were able to save only some of the records and a number of tickets. The rest of the contents along with the building were entirely destroyed. The fire was caused by defective insulation.

Three freight cars and one passenger coach which were standing on the railroad track near the building caught fire and were badly damaged. The firemen by hard work prevented the flames from spreading to other nearby buildings.

The business men of Mt. Carmel will now make an effort to have the railroad companies erect a new station in a more central part of the town, the recent location being near the borough limits.

The Pennsy officials in Sunbury state that plans will be made at once for the building of a new station.

Only One Case of Typhoid.

The report of the local registrar sent in to the bureau of vital statistics for the month of April is a very good showing, especially as relates to contagious diseases. It has been a long while since such a few cases of typhoid fever were reported in a single month. This is especially gratifying in view of the report of State Health Commissioner Dixon a month or so ago, which showed that Montour led nearly every other county in the number of typhoid cases. It is also worthy of note that at the present time there is not a dwelling under quarantine in the district, the last placard being removed on Friday.

The report just sent in shows that there was only one case of typhoid fever in April. There were three cases of pneumonia and five of diphtheria. Since the last report and of this disease were no deaths during the month from contagious diseases. The number of deaths due to all causes was twenty-four, which is one less than during March. It is the first month since the law providing for immediate registration of births and deaths went into effect that the contagious diseases have not been attended with mortality. There were six cases of diphtheria in March and seven in February.

THE SPRING CLEANING.

It is quite unnecessary to remind the women that spring cleaning is an imperative inconvenience just at this season. They are alive to this fact; so much so that their husbands are inclined to growl because of the promptness with which the women turn the house upside down and commence spring cleaning season as the first robins and blue birds arrive. Very few homes escape this seasonable and sensible rejuvenation, thanks to the women who occupy them. But with the men it is different. They rarely want to do today what can be put off till tomorrow. They'd let spring cleaning go till midsummer and then adjourn the work till next fall, if they could. The proof of this is found in the conditions of the back yards, of the numerous nooks and corners where trash accumulates and of vacant lots which have been piled high with stuff of every description during the winter. Now is the time to clean out all these places and make them neat and wholesome; but though the women are in the depths of spring cleaning many of the men have hardly begun to think about cleaning up the deserted and neglected spots out of doors.

Residents Affected.

While traffic on the Catawissa division of the P. & R. has been reduced to small proportions by the anthracite coal troubles, enormous quantities of bituminous coal is being handled by this road on some of its divisions further down the line.

The very unusual order has therefore been received at Catawissa ordering a large number of trainmen from that place to report at once to Harrisburg for work. Three full train crews have received such orders. The following men, all from Catawissa, have gone to Harrisburg: John Simon Lynn, engineer; Frank Krebs, fireman; George Albert Eckroat, engineer; Lewis McCarty, fireman; Wilbur Teufel, fireman; Edward Robinson, fireman; Ira Carrell, brakeman; Elmer Troy, conductor; Charles Krebs, flagman. These transfers are only of a temporary nature.

Sizes up the Situation.

The Wellsboro Advocate, which is opposed to the old style of road building and sees no sense in following precedent if precedent has been found to be wrong, sizes up the situation in the following terse and truthful manner: "That annual spasm of dragging the mud out of the ditches into the middle of the road to be washed back again, popularly misnamed 'roadmaking,' has commenced."