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CONDENSED NEWS.

May snow storms are not always greeted with smiles.

Every good citizen should be deeply interested in politics.

Occasional celebrations and jubilees are good for any town.

The cold wave is said to have reduced the strawberry crop in Delaware to one-fifth of the normal yield. It is a very poor cold wave that does not reduce the strawberry crop to the size of the boxes.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the B. P. O. Elks will be held in July in Denver, Col., and arrangements are being made by a number of Elks in this city to attend the sessions.

A few insurance companies are meeting the San Francisco losses without a murmur. Others are taking steps to "recoup."

The United Mine Workers are certainly living up to their intention to enter politics during the coming campaign. It is probable that every district in the coal region will have a member of the anion out for the legislature.

Take your umbrella with you and look happy.

It's the neglected little cold which results in the big doctor's bill.

The warm rain brought vegetation on with a jump.

As a lightning change artist the weather man is certainly a wonder.

This year twenty-nine states are to elect governors, of these ten have Democratic and nineteen have Republican governors. Three of the ten Democratic states are in the north—Minnesota, Nevada and Oregon. The latter holds the first of the state elections on June 4th., and may point the way how the northern states may be carried politically.

Fred Connor and Thomas Goss, who plead guilty of robbing the station agent at Lime Ridge, Columbia county, last September, were sentenced to pay a fine of $500 each and undergo terms of five and three years' imprisonment in the county jail.

Formal inspection of the new river bridge at Catawissa was made by the state board of inspectors Saturday. They were accompanied by the county commissioners. The bridge was accepted.

News of an ocean disaster comes from Germany, where three ships, with seventy-three men, went down in a hurricane in the North Sea. Few days pass that some country is not in mourning for a serious disaster or calamity.

The expert bank forger who was arrested at Mt. Carmel and taken to Lebanon for trial was identified at the former place as Charles Follweiler, of Allentown. He is twenty-two years of age and has a wife and child.

The annual convention of the grand castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Pennsylvania, adjourned at a meeting after one of the most harmonious sessions ever held by that body. Harrisburg was chosen for the session next year over a dozen competitors.

Sam A. McCoy yesterday received for Hon. James Foster a check for $25.00 from the True Blue Accident Insurance company, representing $25 a week for the time Mr. Foster was suffering from the injuries received in the runaway accident.

Want Time Limit Changed.

The voluntary retiring age limit in the relief department of the Pennsylvania railroad may be reduced from 60 years to 50 years.

Many employes of the Pennsylvania railroad have favored the adoption of an earlier age limit for retiring as they felt that they could accumulate enough while in active service to warrant their retirement at the age of 50 to live on the income received from the Pennsylvania railroad relief department after that.

A prominent railroad man says: "I wish the voluntary retiring age would be placed at 50 instead of 60 years. I believe that many of the accidents occurring on the railroad today are due to men who have continued too long in the railroad service."

At present the imperative retiring age on the Pennsylvania railroad is 70 years. Many employes have been known to continue at their work until required to retire.

Young People Entertained.

Master Raymond Foust entertained a number of friends at his home on Front street, Monday evening. Those present were: John Deutsch, Edwin Lewis, Fred Rupp, Wilbur Patton, James Bowyer, James Evans, James Patton, Clarence Lloyd, Roy Foust, Lewis Williams, Frank Swarts, Philip Foust, Arthur Hulliben, Raymond Foust, Lucy Detweiler, Ethel Foust, Mabel Foust, Pauline Waite, Alice Waite, Elsie Bloch, Catherine Mover, Leah Hill, Jessie Wyant, Francis Harrel, Grace Foust, Margaret Foust, Minnie Cohen, Laura Wyant, Mrs. Thomas Welliver, Mrs. J. B. Wyant.

Returned From New Mexico.

Joseph Divel, who has been living at Rosswell, N. M., since last October, returned home last evening. He will remain in Danville assisting his father in his business.

Joseph was associated with his brother-in-law in the mercantile business at Rosswell. He is much pleased with the great West in general and New Mexico in particular and is impressed with the fine business opportunities that occur as the country is being developed. He would probably have cast his lot in that part of the Union had it not been that his father is in poor health and that his assistance is needed at home. He describes the long journey eastward as full of interest at this season of the year.

A TEST OF PAVING BRICK

A test of the paving blocks made in connection with the inspection of the river bridge at Catawissa, Saturday, has revealed that they are inferior to those used on the river bridge at Danville, a fact which has caused much dissatisfaction. The appearance of the blocks, it seems, was not wholly in their favor and to see just to what extent they fell short Hon. William T. Creasy secured several of the blocks used on our bridge, with which the Catawissa blocks were compared. The test was made by John Fisher of Catawissa.

The blocks used in the Catawissa bridge floated when placed in water; those used in the Danville bridge sunk like lead. Two of the best Catawissa blocks weighed 3 pounds and 15½ ounces and the two used on the Danville bridge, 6 pounds and 7 ounces. After being immersed an hour the Catawissa blocks weiged 4 pounds and 4½ ounces, a gain of 5 ounces, and the Danville blocks, 6 pounds and 8 ounces, a gain of an ounce. At the end of 12 hours the Catawissa blocks weighed 4 pounds and 6 ounces, a gain of 11.1 per cent., while the Danville blocks weighed 6 pounds and 8½ ounces, a gain of 2 per cent. At the end of 24 hours the Catawissa blocks weighed 4 pounds and 7 ounces and the Danville blocks, 6 pounds and 9 ounces and at the end of 36 hours the Catawissa blocks weighed 4 pounds and 8 ounces and the Danville blocks 6 pounds and 9 ounces. The tests go to show the Catawissa blocks to be greatly inferior. All of which confirms the belief that Danville has not only one of the most imposing, but also one of the best constructed and most durable bridges along the North branch.

The Big Show Coming.

The announcement that Ringling Brothers' World's Greatest Shows will exhibit at Sunbury will be received with more than usual interest by the people in this neighborhood. The Ringling Brothers have a name that stands for all that is new, novel and entertaining in the circus line, and the management announces that this season the show has been enlarged to such an extent that a whole extra train is used in addition to the four trains of last season. The show is now transported from place to place in eighty-five seventy-foot cars, constructed especially for the Ringling Brothers. In connection with the circus proper, in which the arenic performance is unexcelled, the Ringling Brothers are this season presenting the beautiful and sublime spectacular production of The Field of the Cloth of Gold. The pantomimic play necessitates the use of 1,200 actors and actresses and of almost five hundred horses. It is presented on the largest stage ever used for exhibitional purposes. Special excursion rates have been arranged for on all lines of travel by Ringling Brothers, and those who desire to go to Sunbury where this great circus exhibits on Friday, June 1st., can do so at a comparatively small cost. This will be the only point in this vicinity where the circus will exhibit this season and no one should miss this opportunity to see it. Watch this paper for additional announcements.

The Biggest Bass.

The largest bass ever reported caught in this section of the state was caught the other day at the Irondale dam, Fishing creek, by Isaac Shaffer, who at the time was fishing for suckers. The fish measured 27 inches.

Shaffer was fishing with red worms for suckers when he hooked the bass. After a hard struggle he managed to land it, thinking at first it was a carp. Others nearby, however, informed him he had a black bass and Shaffer likewise realizing it finally threw it back in the water. Before throwing it in the water the bass was measured, and it was found it was exactly 27 inches in length. The bass was unquestionably the largest caught in many years in this section of the state.

Coal Prices Drop.

The wholesale price of anthracite coal was reduced forty cents a ton by the Reading, the Lehigh Valley, the Lackawanna and other companies composing the hard coal combination. Circulars making this announcement were sent out while the agents of the several companies were notified by telegraph. The reduction in price was made effective as of May 1st last and all coal sold since that time will be billed at the lower price.

Plays Tunes on Engine Whistle.

The engineer of an extra freight train running on the East Penn branch of the Reading Railway is an adept in handling the whistle cord. Strains of "Home, Sweet Home," are frequently rendered passing through the valley, in almost perfect similarity to a calliope, much to the delight and amusement of the people who gather at the stations to hear him play the whistle. —Tamaqua Recorder.

Will Pave.

The borough council of Lock Haven has determined to have up-to-date streets in that town and has appropriated $10,000 for street paving. The borough will do the work, but bids for the required material will be received. It is expected that the cost will not exceed $1.60 a yard.

The wise householder keeps the fires at work until the weather becomes settled.

BIG SHIPMENT OF FISH ARRIVES

The largest number of fish that ever came to Danville for the purpose of replenishing the streams hereabout, arrived Friday evening and Saturday morning. In addition to the shipment of wall-eyed pike, pike perch or Susquehanna salmon, the name under which they are more commonly known, which shipment was alluded to in these columns Wednesday, there was a shipment of pickerel fry from the Mt. Pleasant hatchery due at about the same time.

Charles Ruckel, who had made the application for the pickerel, was informed by telegram that the fish fry were on their way and would arrive here on Friday morning. On meeting the morning train, however, Mr. Ruckel was informed that the fish had not arrived and the supposition was that there had been some misunderstanding and that they would arrive Saturday morning. On Friday night, however, the pickerel fry, filling five cans, most unexpectedly arrived at the station and the fact developed that they had gone astray and had been carried far out of their way. As a result the fish had suffered much for the want of care; some were dead while those living were very much enfeebled. The pickerel were designed for the Chillisquaque creek, but all idea of carting them so far had to be abandoned and it was perfectly plain that if even those that survived were to be preserved they would have to be placed in their native element at once. As the best way out of the difficulty, therefore, the pickerel fry were placed in the Mahoning creek near its mouth. Application will be made immediately for another shipment of pickerel for the Chillisquaque to take the place of the one that went astray.

The Susquehanna salmon arrived from the Erie hatchery, Saturday morning, in a flourishing and healthy state. There were ten cans of them, representing many thousand fish. They were met at the station by John McCall and John Fisher, by whom they were deposited in the North branch at Harvey Lamberson's and at Red Point.

The Susquehanna salmon may attain a fair size in two years and will add much to the sum total of sport for fishermen. Fish fry placed in the river, develop rapidly. Last season several large-mouthed black bass measuring between 11 and 12 inches were caught, which had been placed in the river the year before.

If fishermen elsewhere along the North branch would take as much interest in replenishing the streams as Danville people it probably would not be long before fish would be as plentiful as at any time in the past. W. E. Meehan, commissioner of fisheries, deserves great credit for what he is doing to replenish the streams and to protect the fish; the least that the general public can do to promote the good is to co-operate along all lines, which means not only to apply for fish, placing them properly in the streams, but also to aid in enforcing the fish laws.

Petition Circulating.

There is circulating among the Spanish-American War survivors in Danville a petition applying for a charter for the "United Spanish War Veterans," an entirely new organization national in its character, which is the outcome of the amalgamation of four societies: the Spanish war veterans, the Spanish-American war veterans, the society of the service men of the Spanish war, and the Society of the Hespano-American war. Formerly there was in Danville a camp of the Spanish-American war veterans now embraced in the above amalgamation. What success may attend the effort to organize a camp of the amalgamated organization remains to be seen. There are no less than seventy-five survivors of the Spanish-American war in Danville and vicinity and if the movement fails it obviously will not be for the want of material.

The amalgamation was completed in 1904. One hundred and fifteen camps scattered all over the United States surrendered their old charters and received new ones from the amalgamated organization. A camp may be organized and a charter granted on the application of ten or more persons who have served in the army, navy or marine corps, in the Spanish-American war, Chinese expedition or Philippine insurrection, prior to July 4, 1902. A beautiful ritual or ceremony has been provided, known as the secret work, with which all members are mustered and the work of the camp conducted. A grip and pass words are communicated by which one member may recognize another. The organization is non-partisan and non sectarian.

Broke His Leg.

Jesse Umstead, who lives on Mrs. Greenough's farm, Liberty township, sustained a broken limb yesterday forenoon. He was leading a colt out to water when the animal playfully began to kick and plunge. Mr. Umstead in attempting to hold the horse stumbled and fell, after which the horse in some way struck the man, fracturing his right leg above the ankle. Dr. Snyder set the broken bone.

State Shoot at Milton.

The dull weather is having a rather depressing effect on the State shoot now in progress at Milton. Nevertheless the events are being run according to schedule. Many sportsmen are present and it is believed that records will be broken for tournaments in Pennsylvania. Luther J. Squier, of the Dupont Powder company and Senator Fred A. Godcharles are managing the tournament. Bernard Elsessler, of York, is in charge of the offices and Charles North, of Cleveland, the traps.

BURGLAR CAUGHT RED HANDED

The oddest of all burglaries was committed in one of our department stores Sunday afternoon. It was a daylight affair, in which nothing was absent needed to make a well rounded and exciting robbery. The burglar was caught red handed, there was a detailed confession, after which the culprit was hustled off to jail. What makes the episode distinctively odd was the fact that the well planned robbery was committed by a boy 11 years of age.

About six o'clock Sunday evening a small boy named Ad Candy appeared at the residence of S. Lowenstein, West Market street, with the startling information that somebody had broken into their department store. Joseph and Marvin Lowenstein immediately ran up to the store, one passing around to the front of the building and the other going to the rear. At the rear of the store one of the basement windows had been forced open. The two sons of Mr. Lowenstein, accompanied by James Freeze entered the store simultaneously from the front and the rear. Inside was found William Renner, who said he was the son of George Renner. Seeing no chance to escape, himself, he began to implicate the Candy boy, who had given the alarm, and Joseph Seaman, another boy, who lives near Grove's court, leaving the parties under the impression that Joseph was secreted about the store.

By this time Chief Mincemoyer and officer Voris were on the spot and assisted in searching for the confederate alleged to be hidden. For at least an hour the search went on merrily, every hole and corner about the big establishment being ransacked, while a crowd of a hundred curious people hung about the front of the store observing the movements within through the big windows.

At length Chief Mincemoyer went out to the Seaman home and there found Joseph, whom he brought back to the store. Joseph cried and stoutly protested his innocence. Charles Lunger and little son soon after appeared at the store and proved that Joseph was with them during the afternoon.

At this juncture William Renner, the real culprit, declared that he had been "lying" and that he had planned and executed the job himself. He also exonerated the Candy boy.

The officers were sorely vexed when they reflected how much time they had spent in the vain search for a boy who was only a phantom and they began to upbraid young Renner for his falsehood and deception. The youngster was full of bravado. He laughed heartily at their chagrin and remarked, as if it were an accomplishment to boast of:

"Yes, I know I am an awful liar"

By this time the officers began to take an account of the booty found with Renner, which consisted of $1.50 in cash, a lot of cuff buttons, two match safes, a tablet and two decks of playing cards. As indicated by the booty he had been pretty much over the whole store.

Entrance was effected through a rear window, the shutter of which was fastened with an iron bar that swung on a pivot fastened to one of the shutters. Mr Lowenstein is of the opinio that the boy by rattling the shutter caused the bar, which probably had not been secured by the pin, to tilt, one end rising and the other falling until it passed out of the staples. If the youthful burglar may be believed the "shutter opened easily."

Bursting Foliage and Blossoms.

The landscape at present has assumed a charming aspect and altogether it is the most pleasant season of the year to take a stroll or to drive into the country. The roads are in excellent condition and the summer heat has not yet became a factor. Scores of vehicles bearing their quota of happy people might have been seen Sunday starting out for the country. The same was true of Saturday. Montour county is fortunate in its scenery. The most charming views, it is true, may not lie along the beaten route of travel, but persons driving to Washingtonville or Strawberry Ridge, who will take the trouble to drive a little out of their way, can not fail to strike a vantage point here and there that at this season will give them a glimpse of something akin to fairy land. The fields of wheat and tender grass have given the earth an emerald carpet. The farm buildings repose amid clusters of trees laden with white and pink blossoms, while the air is fragrant with sweet odors. Everywhere the leaves are appearing. The groves in the valley and the trees on the mountain side are clothed in a delicate foliage of light green, which is all the more beautiful by contrast with the richer and the deeper hues of the pine and other evergreens that stand in the midst of them. Many of these vistas, overlooking deep valleys, carry the eye between wooded heights on and on until the far distant landscape spreads out in a panorama of matchless beauty, reaching from the east to the west and melting away at last in the hazy mountains that in turn mingle and dissolve in the blue of the horizon.

How many people know of these vantage points? how many know that Montour county is really famous for the beauty of its scenery and that far away may be found those who have casually trodden over its hills and who never tire of dwelling upon the romantic beauty of its scenery. Our town dwellers who are weary of the grind and the monotony of business do well, therefore, to make an excursion into the country at this season of the year. They are sure to find much to refresh them there—to divert—to elevate them.

INDIAN BOYS CAPTURED

Two Indian boys, who escaped from the training school at Carlisle, were captured by officers Mincemoyer and Voris yesterday and are now detained in the county jail. The capture was effected by the officers after several hours' hard work, which included a tramp some four miles down the river.

Yesterday morning Chief Mincemoyer was called up by Chief of Police Waltz, of Sunbury, and informed that two Indian students had escaped from Carlisle; also that they had been traced as far as Northumberland—that they had left that point yesterday morning on the D. L. & W. track, headed for Danville. The officers were requested to be on the lookout for the runaways and to take them into custody. The description that Chief of Police Waltz was able to give was necessarily very imperfect and was to the effect that the boys, being full blooded Indians, were of very dark complexion and that they wore blue suits and slouch hats.

Officers Mincemoyer and Voris started down the river. When below Red Point they met Liveryman Frank Fry, who informed the police that near the church a mile or so below Cameron he saw two young men who reminded him of Chinamen reclining on the grass in the shade. The description of the clothing corresponded to that of the two Indian students for whom the officers were searching.

Chief Mincemoyer requested the liveryman after reaching home to hitch up in a double seated carriage and to return to Chulaskey for the purpose of bringing the officers and the Indians, if captured, back to town. Meanwhile the officers would keep a close lookout and intercept the runaways, if they came along.

In due time Mr. Fry returned with the carriage. Up to that time nothing had been seen of the Indians. On the assumption that they were still loitering along the railroad the officers got into the carriage and were driven down as far as Cameron.

Arriving near the old hotel the officers caught a glimpse of two figures near the railroad, which they took to be the young Indians. They immediately started after them and before they came up to them were convinced they were not mistaken. They were full blooded Indians and their costume was as described. As they approached the younger of the boys turned and was in the act of running away; he hesitated, however, for a moment and then turned, retracing his steps. The next moment both he and his companion were taken into custody. They neither offered resistance, nor attempted to deny their identity.

The officers and their prisoners entered the carriage and were driven toward Danville True to their nature the young Indians were sullen and uncommunicative. They, however, did not refuse to answer questions. In this way considerable information relating to their escape was elicited. Although in broken English their replies were very direct and intelligible.

The older of the two boys gave his name as Antonio Yellobo, nineteen years of age, a Sioux Indian. The younger was Nathan Lott, seventeen years of age, a member of the Nez Perces tribe of Indians, which mostly inhabit Idaho. Lott is a member of the third grade in the Indian school.

Yellobo has been at Carlisle for three years and the present is his fourth attempt to escape. When he last ran away he was captured in Ohio. The boys yesterday confessed to the officers that in the present attempt to escape they were headed for New York State where they intended to apply for work. Yellobo is learning harness making and Lott the blacksmith trade at Carlisle. On Lott's person a pair of fine barber shears was found and it developed that he could cut hair.

The boys stated that they escaped on Sunday afternoon, when as one of them put it "nothin was goin' on." Lott stated that he would be content to remain at Carlisle, but he confided to the officers "that Yellobo would run away again in June after he gets his pay."

The authorities of the Indian school were communicated with yesterday and informed of the capture. In all probability some one will arrive at Danville to day for the purpose of taking the boys back to school.

Dropped Dead at the Plow.

Suddenly stricken down by the hand of death while plowing in his field was the fate that overtook Louis Girton, of Hemlock township, Columbia county, Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock.

Mr Girton, though of advanced years, was a man of good physique and health, going about work as vigorous as men of younger years. He had always been a farmer, and yesterday morning went out to plow the field preparatory to planting potatoes. He had a young son of Wells Crossley working with him. The boy left the field temporarily, and when he returned was startled to find Girton lying dead on the ground, though the handles of the plow were still firmly grasped in his hands. The horse was an old one, and must have stopped when the man dropped, as there was no indication of the body having been dragged. The boy ran and notified the family, and the dead man was carried into the house. Death was evidently due to apoplexy.

The deceased was aged 73 years, 2 months and 1 day. He is survived by a wife, a son, C. G. Girton, of Hemlock township; and a daughter, Mrs. George Mausteller, of Hellers. Mrs. Levina Stecker and Mrs. C. B. Hartman, of Buckhorn, are sisters of the deceased.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning at 9 o'clock, services at the house by Rev. Strail, of the Buckhorn Lutheran church. Burial at Hellers.

Attempted Murder at Berwick.

L. E. Morrsion is now in the Columbia county jail at Bloomsburg, held for the attempted murder of two women at Berwick yesterday afternoon.

Morrison, who boards with his brother arrived home drunk, and, getting into an argument with Mrs. Morrison, he tried to grab a butcher knife from her hands. She eluded him and threw the knife into a corner, where he got the ugly weapon. Mrs. Morrison ran out of the house, and the man in his frenzy made for Rosa McBride, Mrs. Morrison's sister, cutting her severely in the arm.

The police were summoned, who handcuffed the man and took him to Justice Beishline's office. There Morrison acknowledged that if he could have caught Mrs. Morrison he would have killed her.

In default of $500 bail the man was committed to jail, and was brought to Bloomsburg on the 4:30 car.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Mary Dougal, of Milton, is visiting Miss Emma Gearhart, Bloom street.

Mr. and Mrs. David Evans spent Sunday with relatives at Berwick.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hornberger, of Pottsville, are visiting Mrs. Hornberger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Edmondson, East Market street.

Henry and John Aten, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting their father, William Aten, East Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Robinson and daughter Ava spent Sunday with friends at Mooresburg.

Miss Anna M. Keeler spent Sunday with relatives at Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dietrich and son Arthur, of Burnham, are visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Barry, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dreifuss spent Sunday with their nephews, Samuel and Wolfe Dreifuss at Milton.

Miss Ida Yorks spent Sunday with friends at Mooresburg.

William Mincemoyer spent Sunday with friends at Milton.

Nicholas Hayden, of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting his mother, Bloom street.

Mrs. G. Shoop Hunt left yesterday for a visit with friends at Milton.

Rev. R. H. Wilson returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a few days' visit in this city.

Fred Owen attended the State shoot at Milton yesterday.

Mrs. Robert Y. Gearhart and daughter returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Clarence Rogers and son George returned to Muncy yesterday after a visit at the home of Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Welliver, Mill street.

The Misses Helen and Effie Womeldorf of Williamsport, spent yesterday in this city as the guests of Miss Martha Harpel.

Miss Clara Hackett will return today from a visit with friends at Forty Fort.

Charles Wertman, of Sharon, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with old friends. Mr. Wertman has charge of the rolls in the North works, Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jones, Cross street, left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Lebanon.

Mrs. Charles Watson, Sr., of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. P. E. Maus, at Mausdale.

G. Edward Stillwell, of Sharon, arrived yesterday for a several week's visit with friends in Danville.

James C. Wetliver, of West Hemlock township, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Birthday Surprise Party.

Charles Nuss, was tendered a surprise party at his home in Riverside Saturday evening in honor of his 31st. birthday. The evening was very pleasantly spent listening to a graphophone, after which all partook of a sumptuous supper. Mr. Nuss was the recipient of a number of presents.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Nuss and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. David Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Jerry Knorr, Mrs. Dennis Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson and family, Mrs. Rose Snyder, Mrs. Frank Arms, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hummer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hummer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shultz and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Baylor, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Weaser, Mrs. John Ball, Mrs. Frank Mench and family, Mrs. James Murphy and family, Miss Nervie Riffel, Miss Fannie Snyder, Miss Jennie Weaser, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gross and daughter, Miss Blanch Riffel, Miss Alice Gross, Miss Bertha Snyder, Joseph Murphy, Frank Snyder, James Fisher, Miss Ethel Snyder, Miss Helen Arms, Jerry Hottenstein.

Sunday School Convention.

The first district Sunday school association auxiliary to the Montour county association, will hold its fourth annual convention in the Methodist Episcopal church, Washingtonville, on Thursday, May 31st.

Two interesting sessions will be held for which the following programs have been arranged:

Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.
Song Service, Bible Reading and Prayer, Rev. Bedickian.
Election of Officers.
"The Sunday School—Its Relation to the Church," Rev. Dr. Munro.
Recitation.
Music.
"The Teacher's Responsibility Not Transferable," Rev. C. D. Lerch.
Music.
Recitation.
Offering.
Prayer.
Adjournment

Evening Session, 7:30 o'clock.
Song Service, Prayer, Rev. Philips.
"The Teacher's Teacher," Rev. Kohler.
Music.
Recitation.
"Do Sunday Schools Pay," General Discussion opened by Rev. Philips.
Collection.
Doxology.
Benediction.

Talking of Trolley Combine.

The newspapers in this section are just now talking about a big trolley combine to take in many of the electric roads in this section. On the subject the Shamokin Daily News remarks: In this consolidation scheme it is stated, by those in position to know, is seen a move to combine all trolley lines in central Pennsylvania into one giant organization, and that it will only be a short time until other lines in this region will become an integral part of the system, which will mean that the Schuylkill Traction company and the Danville and Bloomsburg lines and those controlled by the Sunbury Traction company will be a part of the general system, with the lines to be run by the Shamokin Extension company forming the connecting link.

Cheer up. All days cannot be full of sunshine.

WILL IMPROVE EQUIPMENT

As a result of the tour of inspection made by the fire committee of council the equipment of the fire department will be very much improved.

Pursuant to the action of council at its last meeting rubber coats and rubber gloves have been ordered for the firemen and will probably be on hand for inspection by the time of its next meeting, tomorrow night. Each fire company is given four rubber coats and four pair of rubber gloves. A few of the coats, as well as several pair of gloves, are in good condition so that it was found necessary to purchase only twelve coats and thirteen pair of gloves.

A test of the hose, conducted by the fire committee, revealed that, of the 4000 feet of hose in use by the four fire companies of the borough, at least, 800 feet is defective and should be replaced with new. A "section" of hose consists of 50 feet; a "line," of 500 feet, the allotment of each company being 1000 feet. The inspection showed that the hose of the Continental company is all right. The 800 feet condemned is divided equally among the other three companies.

Some idea as to the life of hose may be formed when it is explained that the hose of the Friendship company, now condemned, was purchased in 1887; that of the Goodwill and Washington companies, in 1889. Five hundred feet of Fire King hose was purchased for the Friendship fire company in 1901. One thousand feet of Eureka hose—500 feet each for the Washington and Continental companies—was purchased by the borough since 1901.

A point which will be decided at the meeting of council tomorrow night will be whether to purchase only the 800 feet actually needed, or to buy 1500 feet, so as to give each company a line of new hose. Many do not approve of mixing the new hose with the old as would have to be done if only what is actually needed were purchased.

Dark Places Lighted Up.

Borough Electrician Jones has been very busy for a week or so past and three dark places in the borough, which heretofore have not known the luxury of electric light, last night and the night preceding were lighted up for the first time.

On Tuesday an arc light was swung from the pole planted near G. L. McLain's grocery, Walnut street, about midway between the light at Hon. James Foster's residence and the undergrade crossing at A street. The residents along this section of Walnut street have put in repeated appeals for light during the years that electric light has been employed for street lighting. It was not until municipal light was adopted and given satisfactory trial, however, that the borough could see its way clear to light up this section as it should be done. The residents, who for so many years felt themselves slighted, are delighted with the effect.

During yesterday two additional arc lights were installed, one at Front and Cedar streets and the other at the lower end of Railroad street near the borough line. Both of these places have always been in need of light. From the lower end of Railroad street, especially, there have been frequent appeals for an arc light, but it was not until the present that council felt itself in a position to comply. Both points are now well lighted up and the residents are both pleased and grateful.

The Case is Appealed.

Prothonotary Thomas G. Vincent Tuesday received a telegram from Lewis C. Green, deputy prothonotary of the State supreme court at Philadelphia, apprising him of the fact that an appeal had been taken in the case of the Danville and Sunbury street railway company and that the certiorari would be forwarded by mail.

An appeal in this case was not altogether unexpected. The petition was presented to the court on February 20th last and on the same day a rule was granted to show cause why a receiver for the Danville and Sunbury street railway company should not be appointed. On April 25th Judge Evans handed down an opinion refusing to appoint a receiver and discharging the rule.

On motion of William Kase West exceptions were noted for the petitioners and the bill was sealed by the court. The limit of twenty days, during which the case could be appealed, expired yesterday.

The supreme court does not convene until next January and with the case appealed the natural inference would be that the road is hopelessly tied up until that time, which indeed, will be discouraging news to those who have been so fondly hoping to see the line in operation in the near future.

Freight Wreck Causes Delay.

The work of Buchanan & company, contractors for the heat, light and power plant at the hospital for the insane, has been most unexpectedly held up by a freight wreck which occurred on the P. & R. railway last Friday.

The work of wiring the building was progressing nicely, some twenty men being employed. The material on hand being about all used up yesterday morning Mr. Stutterheim who is in charge of the work went to the P. & R. station to make inquiries concerning a shipment of boxes expected, when he was informed that the freight train had been wrecked and the cars containing the goods had been burned up. The contents of the cars were ruined and considered as lost, no attempt being made to recover them.

The news was quite a surprise to Mr. Stutterheim and the non arrival of material embarrasses him in his work considerably, as it will be necessary for him to shift his men to another part even if it is possible to keep them employed.

Grange Will Meet June 6th.

The quarterly meeting of Pomona grange, of Montour and Northumberland counties, will be held at St. John's Reformed church, near Mausdale, Wednesday June 6th., opening at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Hon. W. T. Creasy, of Catawissa, will be present. A. L. Martin, deputy State superintendent of agriculture, is a member of this pomona and is expected to be at this meeting. The ladies of the church will furnish the dinner to the members of the grange.

There are to be two sessions. The morning session will be open only to members of the grange. The afternoon session will be public, and at this time the addresses and literary exercises in charge of the pomona grange lecturer, J. W. Lowrie, of Strawberry Ridge, will take place.

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CHARLES HUNTER CAUSES FURORE

The Sunbury "Daily" yesterday contained the following concerning a well-known young man of this city:

Residents of the Third ward, Sunbury, residing in the neighborhood of Third and Walnut streets, were roused to a state of excitement late Tuesday afternoon by the queer antics of Charles Hunter, of Danville, who was finally locked up in the county jail by Chief of Police Waltz pending an investigation concerning the man's mental condition.

During the past several months young Hunter frequently came to Sunbury in connection with the pursuit of his business, but at no time showed any signs of a weakened mental condition until Tuesday.

Along about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon Hunter entered the barn on the premises of J. G. Chesnutt on Walnut street and took a long handled shovel and started a tour of the neighborhood. Going to the home of Mrs. Washington Embeck on Third street he said that he had come to dig garden as he had promised. At first Mrs. Embeck thought that the man had made a mistake and tried to set matters right. This seemed to rouse his ire and he threatened to hit her in the head with a pick. He otherwise acted strangely there but left without doing any harm. The same actions were continued at a number of other places in the neighborhood and Hunter became so violent in his demonstrations that the community was thrown into a wild state of excitement and Chief Waltz was telephoned for. Hunter tamed down when the officer arrived and went with him peacefully until the jail was reached when he again became violent and had to be locked up in a cell by force. Unquestionably the man was seized by a temporary spell of insanity.

Vaccination Law Fully Sustained

The State department of health is greatly pleased over the opinion of the supreme court by Chief Justice Mitchell in disposing of the famous Waynesboro vaccination case.

It will be remembered that agitators had gotten the people of Waynesboro so inflamed over the vaccination controversy that the whole town was almost in a state of insurrection.

Everything possible was done to induce the people to defy State authorities and to prevent enforcement of the law.

When the litigation that followed was finally brought to the attention of the supreme court that tribunal not only sustained the right of the State health board to exercise police powers, but the opinion of Justice Mitchell takes a much wider sweep concerning the value of the statute which requires that school children must be vaccinated before they shall be admitted to public schools.

In regard to the contention of some of the people and a number of the officials of Waynesboro that there had been no smallpox in the town for forty years, Justice Mitchell points out that presence or absence of the disease has nothing to do with the case

"The substantial question in this case," the Justice says, "is whether the act of June 18, 1895, P. L. 203, requiring the exclusion from the public schools of children who have not been vaccinated, is a valid exercise of the police power of the State. It has been twice so decided by this court.

"After these two decisions the questions ought to have been considered as closed. But we have it raised again with small variations of facts and considerations, none of which are at all material."

Replying to the contention of the Wanyesboro appellants that to require the vaccination of a child is "a trespass upon the reserved rights of the individual which are beyond the reach of even the police power," Justice Mitchell says:

At present the vast preponderance of opinion among intelligent and educated people, under the guidance of the best medical authority, is that vaccination is a highly useful ameliorative if not always a preventive of one of the greatest scourges that have in the past times afflicted humanity, and the regulation of it by statute is not only justifiable, but a wise and beneficent exertion of the police power over the public health.

Birthday Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hartman, Frosty Valley, Saturday night, in honor of Mr. Hartman's seventy-third birthday. Among those present were the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Hartman.

The guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Baltis Hartman, of Forks; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hummer, of Rushtown; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zeigler, of Bloomsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gulliver, of Espy; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Slusser, of Grovania; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Walter, of Jerseytown; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Earnest, of Grovania; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walter, of Bloomsburg; Miss Jessie Walter, Miss Jennie Hummer, Mr. William Walter, Miss Trenton Hummer, Miss Mabel and Barbara Walter, Joseph Hummer, Bertella Gulliver, Helen Gulliver, Eva Gulliver, Sue Hummer, Hazel Zeigler, Raymond Gulliver, Carl Slusser, Mildred Slusser, Ray Slusser, Manard Walter, Marjory Walter, Roy Earnest, Pearl Walter, and Harry Reedy, of Bloomsburg. The event was ended by taking a family picture.

Graciously Remembered.

Charles Chalfant, Esq., past grand master of Odd Fellows of this place, was very graciously remembered Tuesday at the annual meeting of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania in session at Pittsburg. The following telegram was received by the secretary of Montour lodge, No. 109, with instruction that it be read in open lodge at the next meeting:

Pittsburg, May 15, 1906.

Charles Chalfant, P. G. M. and Grand Rep:

Your absence from the eighty-third annual session of the grand lodge of I. O. O. F., has been noted with the deepest feeling of regret on the part of those who appreciate your worth, and I am directed by unanimous vote of the body in session here this morning to convey to you their sincere sympathy and to extend their hope that you will be restored to your customary vigor and health.

Fraternally yours,
Melville E. Chubbach,
Grand Master.

All saloon licenses in San Francisco have been revoked. After its scorching the city has resolved to remain dry.