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CONDENSED NEWS.

Dry Christmas. The fifth day before. Clean out the chimney. Christmas stocks are going. Church choirs are busy. Clear the way now for Santa Claus. People are doing their Christmas shopping. A slight snowfall would make good sleighing. You can almost hear the honk of Santa's automobile. The ice man is not pleased with the winter thus far. Don't wait until the last minute to do your shopping. The regular attendant at Sunday school is about to be rewarded. Sleighing snow would be an acceptable gift from the weather man. The generous heart and the liberal hand find plenty to do these days. The rain didn't keep the shoppers off the streets Saturday night. Thieves have been so frequent in the rural sections of Berks, Chester and Montgomery counties that many farmers have joined to raise \$400 for the purchase of bloodhounds for the purpose of tracking the thieves. With a diamond a thief cut a square extending about two feet each way in a plate glass window of a clothing store on Market street, Philadelphia, early on Thursday morning, drove in the cut section, and stole two fine fur-lined overcoats valued at \$325. For the third time within the last fifteen months burglars have entered Philip Cohen's clothing store at Palmyra, Lebanon county, and carried off clothing to the value of \$600. A team was used to take the goods away. Reports from Cuba indicate that prosperity and tranquility prevail throughout Cuba, that everybody is satisfied except a few political aspirants and that the administration of Governor Magoon is a great success. The cashier of the Farmers' and Drivers' National bank, of Waynesburg, which was closed on Wednesday by orders from the comptroller of the currency, says that the bank is sound and its closing was due to spite work on the part of certain persons known to the bank. A number of counterfeit silver dollars were circulated in Harrisburg on Saturday, most of them having been passed upon farmers in the market houses. The dates are 1887 and 1896. The police believe the counterfeiters were caught in the city. While Erwin Schmeyer, a farmer of Lehigh county, was trying to kill a bull, the animal hurled him into a stall where a horse was standing. It frightened the horse and he began kicking, injuring Schmeyer so badly that he may not recover. There's time for much frosty weather before the flowers bloom. Early Saturday morning five masked men robbed the bank at Shortville, near Canaandaga, N. Y. of securities worth about \$90,000, \$4,000 in currency and \$175 in silver and copper coins. The latter weighed eighty pounds. The Sharon "Telegraph" tells its readers that a session of the Legislature must last 100 days. This would be a terrible thing if it were true, but fortunately there is no law requiring anything of the kind. The New York Sun has figured out that in President Roosevelt's last message there are one hundred and twenty-five thousand letters, and that if the new spelling idea had been carried out in its writing, only one hundred and thirty-four characters would have been saved. The many Danville friends of Mrs. G. G. Kulp, of Shamokin, who recently underwent a serious operation in a Philadelphia Hospital, will be gratified to know that she has returned home very much improved. Christmas gifts from shippers must not be accepted by employes of the Pennsylvania road. In the light of past investigations, says the New York American, this may not please the shippers so much as might be expected.

BASKET BALL ON CHRISTMAS

The Favorite Pittston Boys Will Be Danville's Opponents.

The favorite Pittston Basket Ball Team is the attraction offered for Christmas afternoon. The game will be played in the Armory, beginning at 2:30 o'clock sharp. For Danville the following will play: Price, Carter, Johnson and Gil. Forwards: Seidler, Russell and Unger, guards, Pittston will bring her usual fast, strong aggregation to Danville for this game. Admission 25 cents. Dance after game. Remember the time and place: Christmas—Armory—2:30 Sharp. Everybody Come!

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BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES

M. F. Gulick, whose death occurred in Philadelphia on Thursday, was consigned to the grave in Fairview cemetery Sunday afternoon. The funeral, which took place from the family residence, South Danville, at 1:30 o'clock, was very largely attended, among those present being a large number of persons from out of town. The deceased was given a Masonic burial. Among the members of the ancient fraternity, that followed the body to its last resting place, besides those of Mahoning Lodge No. 516, F. & A. M., of which the deceased was a member, were those belonging to Danville lodge, No. 234, F. & A. M., and other lodges of the order situated nearby. At 12:30 o'clock some forty Freemasons assembled in the lodge room, opera house block, where the burial service was performed. At 1:30 o'clock in three hacks the members of the fraternity proceeded to the late residence, whence they joined the cortege to the cemetery. The pallbearers chosen from among the Freemasons were as follows: Lafayette Seidler, M. H. Schram, Dr. N. M. Smith, Jerome Flood, Wallace Hoover and W. R. Clark. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Edward Haughton, rector of Christ Episcopal church. A quartette consisting of Miss Weiss, Mrs. Williams, W. R. Miller and Harry Titler rendered "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Lead Kindly Light."

At the conclusion of the church service at the grave the beautiful Masonic rites were performed, Frank Jameson being worshipful master and M. G. Youngman, chaplain. Among the floral tributes was a beautiful emblem from the Freemasons another from the E. P. O. of Elks, of this city, in addition to a large number of other offerings from individual friends. The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: Miss Sallie Thompson, Miss Nina Thompson, Miss Lou Thompson, of Philadelphia; Thomas Ely, Reading; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weingardner, of Muncy; Miss Elizabeth Bucher, Charles Sidler and Silas Thurston, of Sunbury; D. A. Michael and family, of Berwick; D. L. Gruver and wife, Ray Gruver and wife and F. B. Rhone, of Rupert; J. C. Ivy, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Loreman, and Daniel Huber, of Catawissa; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Oberdorfer and George Steinert, of Mt. Pleasant.

P. O. Box Rent Raised. A new schedule relating to post office boxes has been adopted by the post office department, which results in materially raising the box rates per quarter. Box rent rates it appears, have been fixed heretofore upon no established basis with the result that at certain large post offices rates are lower than at many small offices; that the charge for small boxes is in many cases higher than that which should be made for large boxes; that rents are sometimes collected at the same rate for boxes of all sizes; and that at post offices of like class, in the same vicinity, equipped with similar boxes, rents are collected at widely different rates. It was in order to remedy these conditions and to provide a definite and satisfactory rate for the collection of box rents that the new schedule, based upon the kind and capacity of boxes and the gross receipts at post offices has been adopted. The new schedule affects the box rates at the Danville post office as follows: The rent for the smallest boxes has been raised from 50 cents to 60 cents; rent for the medium-sized boxes, from 50 cents to 75 cents, and rent for the drawers from 75 cents to \$1.00 per quarter.

Water System for Cemetery. The Old Fellows are installing a very fine improvement at their cemetery east of the borough, which will be much appreciated by those who own lots there. The improvement is nothing less than an extensive water system, arranged to accommodate every portion of the cemetery. During the autumn a well 125 feet deep was bored, which will yield a never failing supply of water. A building, some fourteen by fifteen feet, is being completed, in which will be installed the engine, pump and tank. This is located on the highest point, which is near the center of the grounds. From the pumping station iron pipe will be sunk below the limit of frost, leading to every part of the cemetery. At convenient points all about the grounds hydrants will be installed. The engine and pump, which are furnished by a Williamsport firm, are already on the ground ready to be installed. The tank will be of iron and of sufficient capacity to meet all requirements. The plant will be put in operation as soon as completed, which will be in a few weeks' time. Hurley Baylor, the sexton, will be in charge.

"NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME." It is too late now to advise anybody to do their Christmas shopping early, for the rush is on in the stores in full force, and growing greater all the time. Still every day that you put it off makes it worse.

VALUE OF DANVILLE INDUSTRIES

A bulletin, entitled "Census of Manufacturers, 1905," issued by the United States department of commerce and labor, contains some very interesting statistics relating to Danville, showing, among other things, that there are 31 industrial establishments in this city with a capital of \$1,571,382. The summary of the statistics includes 544 municipalities in the United States having a population of at least 8000 in 1900. It says that our 31 establishments are conducted by 88 salaried officers and clerks, who receive yearly for their services \$66,087. The number of wage earners employed here is given as 1,633, earning yearly \$416,363. Our wage earners are divided as follows: Men 16 years and over, 1,234; women 16 years and over, 345; children under 16 years of age, 124. The cost of the material used in Danville plants for 1905 was \$1,102,209, and the finished products that our plants turned out was valued at \$2,325,227.

Several of the towns in this section are not mentioned in the bulletin, among them being Bloomsburg and Milton. This omission is somewhat to be regretted, as a comparison of the statistics from these towns with those from Danville would perhaps prove interesting. Among the towns hereabouts that are mentioned in the bulletin, there are 32 industrial establishments in Sunbury, with 56 salaried officers and clerks. The capital invested in Sunbury establishments is \$1,137,811. This, of course, is exclusive of the railroad, from which Sunbury receives a large part of its industrial prestige.

Closes Six Weeks' Campaign. Evangelist W. D. Laumaster after a vigorous campaign covering a period of six weeks has returned to his home in Danville for a rest during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Laumaster is now well established as an evangelist and is receiving calls from all sections. It is seldom that he is not obliged to make a choice between two or more places, each of which want him at the same time. During the six weeks just elapsed Mr. Laumaster has been laboring in Berwick, Kensington, Dallastown, York county and at Elge Hill, Chester county.

At Berwick he labored under the auspices of Christ Lutheran church and the Y. M. C. A. A feature of the latter services were noon meetings held at the plant of the American Car & Foundry company. At Kensington he labored under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. At Dallastown he was with the Lutheran church; at Elge Hill, with the Presbyterian church. A report for the last quarter shows that Mr. Laumaster, has addressed 169 services, including regular evangelistic meetings, Bible readings, shop and open air meetings. He has addressed 15,167 people. One hundred and seventeen conversions were made. Mr. Laumaster will spend the entire month of January in New Jersey in evangelical labors. The time will be very nearly equally divided between the Y. M. C. A. at Elizabeth and the First Methodist church at Long Branch.

Coldest Morning of the Season. Tuesday night and yesterday morning were the coldest of the season. At the Montour house, where the records are generally very conservative, the thermometer's registered two degrees below zero at 5:50 a. m. Elsewhere about town the extreme degree of cold was reported at four and even six degrees below zero. The cold came on very suddenly. At nine o'clock Tuesday night mercury was 30 degrees above zero; at midnight it was eight above. It remained very cold during yesterday, although the sunshine and the absence of high wind tempered the atmosphere very much. Altogether it was not unpleasant out of doors, provided a brisk walk afforded exercise. Soon after midnight Jack Frost got busy and between that hour and the dawn yesterday morning he wrought many marvels, transforming the world, usually so homely in its wintry aspect, into a veritable dreamland, where every roof and wall, street and side walk, board or stone by the wayside was concealed beneath a beautiful coat of snow white down, while every tree and shrub resembled forms of delicate frostwork. Even on the spruce and the pine trees not a particle of green was visible and yet the feathery branches and the long slender needles were clearly defined, all hidden under the universal coat of white. As the morning wore on and the frostwork on the houses, and on the trees and shrubbery sparkled like diamonds in the bright sunshine the scene became one of transcendent beauty and persons hurrying along through the chill atmosphere were glad to brook the discomfort to pause for a moment to gaze in the wonderful scene that spread out around them.

There are 16,900,000 beehives, producing 19,000 tons of honey, in Spain, which is the second greatest producer of honey in the world. Germany, with 2,000,000 beehives, produces 20,000 tons.

CLOSED BARS ON CHRISTMAS

A short session of court was held Tuesday afternoon, at which his Honor Judge Evans, made an order similar to what has gone into effect in Columbia county, prohibiting the sale of liquor in any of the hotels, saloons or restaurants of Montour county on Christmas day. Although no petitions looking to the above end were presented to court it was generally expected, after the action taken in Columbia county, that such an order would be made here. Contrary to what might be supposed liquor sellers are not as a unit opposed to the order. A well-known hotel keeper Tuesday explained that a good many of them rather like the idea of closing, as it gives them an opportunity to enjoy Christmas with their families without feeling that they are closing their doors to legitimate trade, which will be pretty sure to drift elsewhere. He, himself, was one of several who last year signed a petition asking the court to make an order closing the bars on Christmas day. Their action, he said, was so unmercifully ridiculed by other liquor dealers, who took a different view of the matter, that they did not care to repeat the experiment this year, although they are well pleased with Judge Evans' order.

His Honor Judge Evans and Associates Frank G. Blee and Charles A. Wagner occupied the bench. After reading the order Judge Evans explained that Judge Blee did not care to have a part in the order, which accounts for the fact that it is signed only by Judge Evans and Associate Charles A. Wagner. The order is as follows: In the court of quarter sessions of the peace in and for the county of Montour. Now December 18, 1906, it is hereby ordered and directed by the court that the clerk of the said court of quarter sessions of the peace shall have prepared and printed a notice to this effect: "That every licensed place, hotel, restaurant or saloon for the sale of intoxicating liquors, either spirits, vinous or malt within this county shall close the bar parts of their respective places of business on Monday night, December 24, 1906, at twelve o'clock, midnight, and keep the same closed until five o'clock Wednesday morning, December 26, 1906, to the end that no sales of liquor shall be made on Christmas day."

In the event of any violation of this order by any licensed place, hotel, restaurant or saloon keeper and the fact being brought to the attention of the court an application for license of the said place where such violation occurs will be refused. This notice to be delivered to the several constables in the several wards, boroughs, towns and townships through out the county and the same to be forthwith served by the said several constables upon the hotel, restaurant and saloon keepers and the wholesale dealers within their respective districts without any cost to the county, it being part of the duty of said officers to serve orders of this nature without compensation. By the court, CHARLES C. EVANS, P. J. C. A. WAGNER, A. J.

Good Skating on the Ponds. Skating was fairly good on the ponds about town yesterday and a number of our young people enjoyed the sport. Ice is accumulating very fast and unless mercury takes a sudden rise it will not be very long before every stream will be securely ice bound. Fishing creek closed Tuesday night and yesterday it was covered with a smooth glassy surface, the ice being one and a half inches thick. In a day or so it will, no doubt, constitute a famous skating ground. Ice is accumulating very fast on the river but there is no probability of its rising very soon owing to the height of the water, which has risen some three feet since last Sunday. The rise is attributed in part to the rains in New York State and in part the slush ice, which is now accumulating all along its course and which has the effect of impeding the flow of the water.

Brought Here for Burial. John Edwards, a former resident of Montour county, died at Edwarsville on Tuesday and will be brought to this city for burial on Friday. The deceased was a brother of the late Daniel Edwards and a good many years ago was a resident of Frosty Valley. Twenty-three years ago his wife died and was buried in the Episcopal cemetery, this city. The deceased was seventy-seven years of age. The body will be brought to this city from Edwarsville, Friday, on the 12:51 p. m. train. The funeral party will leave the train at Wall street, proceeding directly to the Episcopal cemetery, where interment will take place by the side of the wife of the deceased. If ever there was an absurd idea it was that the building of a tunnel under the English Channel might lead to the invasion of England by a hostile force; but that idea has delayed the tunnel for many years and may even now defeat the bill pending in Parliament for its construction.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

George A. Fry and Michael Sander spent Sunday with friends in Plymouth and Wilkes-Barre. Miles Barber, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Barber, Ferry street. William McCoy, of State College, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in this city. William Snyder, of Wilkes-Barre, formerly operator in the broker's office in this city, is spending several days with Danville friends. Miss Myra Lowe, of McKees Heights is the guest of Miss Lizzie Wagner at Exchange. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Milton, spent Sunday with friends in Danville. Miss Desna Weisner, of Catawissa, has returned home after a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heilmann, Strawberry Ridge. Joe Housel and Ed Shollenberger, of Montgomery, spent Sunday with friends in this city. Mrs. Grant Rockefeller, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Gulick, Church street. Edwin Moore arrived home yesterday from Princeton university to spend the Christmas vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore, Ferry street. Carlton McHenry, student at Lafayette college, arrived yesterday for a several weeks' visit with his mother, Mrs. Emma McHenry, Centre street. George Jacobs arrived home yesterday from Susquehanna university at Selingsgrove to spend the Christmas vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Jacobs, Mill street. Miss Estella Lowenstein arrived from Philadelphia yesterday for to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lowenstein, West Market street. Miss Lowenstein is taking a course at the Broad Street Conservatory of Music.

A Mysterious Grave. A mysterious grave, evidently dug in the night, has been discovered on a small island at a most isolated point in the Fishing Creek, and whether it points to a crime or not, diligent watching has as yet failed to reveal. A half a mile above Benton where the creek turns through the farm of Boyd McHenry, is a small island. This is half a mile away from the public road running from Benton to Cambria, and the road can only be reached by climbing a very steep hill. The spot is a very secluded one, no house is within half a mile of the place and it is seldom visited by any person. Sunday morning, however, Clark Shanon and Edward Vandine were going through the woods when they came upon a blazed trail leading from the road to the creek. Following this they noticed a hole on the island and on going out and investigating found it to be five feet, seven inches long, and thirty inches wide, and about the depth of an ordinary grave. The earth was piled at the side, and it bore every indication of having been dug for the burial of a grown person. In the sand was the imprint of a large hand, showing that a man was concerned in the digging, but on clues could be found. James Connor, who lives on the Dag road to which the blazed trail led, was informed of the discovery. Thinking that the grave was intended for the burial of a body to hide a murder, a few friends were let into the secret and the spot has been watched night and day since that time. Nothing was seen by the watchers, however, and deep mystery surrounds the entire affair. No one seems to know anything about the grave, and as far as known, no one is dead or missing in that vicinity. It is thought that the grave must have been dug Saturday night or early Sunday morning judging by the freshness of the ground, and by the fact that no one was seen going about the road or through the woods with a shovel at any time during the day. News of the affair is becoming generally known throughout that section and has occasioned great excitement among the people of that vicinity.

Have Probably Passed On. The visit of expert burglars, a full account of which was printed in News columns yesterday, has caused a good deal of uneasiness among house keepers lest the thieves should decide to make a second attack. It is safe to assume that during the last night or so in most households no uncertainty has existed as to whether or not the doors were securely fastened, while in scores of places the ordinary lock and key has been reinforced by a stout bolt, which is considered the safest of all locks, as it leaves no opportunity for thieves to operate with false key. It is altogether likely that the expert thieves have passed on and that no further robberies will be reported in Danville for a while. At the same time precautions are always in order.

There is a large deficiency in the raisin crop this season, the shipments to London only amounting to 4,500 tons, while the requirements of the market amount to 6,500 tons, and prices are very high.

THIEVES BUSY ON MONDAY NIGHT

Burglars were abroad in Danville Monday night. Such visits of nocturnal marauders are not of frequent occurrence in our town. The visitation Monday night, however, was characterized with such boldness and possessed so many mystifying features that it stands as a first class sensation and shows that Danville, like neighboring towns, is likely at any time to fall a prey to expert robbers. Four houses, three of them adjoining properties, were burglarized. At neither place is it known to a certainty just how the thieves effected entrance; neither did they cause alarm at any of the houses entered. They left unmistakable evidence of their presence, however, and at two places carried off considerable booty. That they were experts is pretty evident. The fact that robbers had been about was first discovered by Mrs. E. W. Howe, East Market street. She arose shortly after six o'clock Tuesday morning and was walking through the hallway leading from her bed chamber, when she stumbled over some object on the floor, which she found to be her husband's trousers. These had been left hanging on a clothes' tree at the head of the bed. By the side of the trousers lay Mr. Howe's pocketbook—empty. A moment's thought convinced Mrs. Howe that the house had been robbed and she lost no time in arousing her husband. Downstairs everything was turned topsy turvy. The drawers of the sideboard were open and while the silverware and other articles revealed signs of having been handled, yet so far as could be discovered yesterday nothing was missing. About eighteen dollars in cash were taken from the purse contained in the pocket of Mr. Howe's trousers, which seems to be all that was stolen from the premises. That the thieves were expert and bold is proven by the circumstance that in order to reach Mr. Howe's apartments they were obliged to enter his bed room at one side of the bed, pass around the foot to the other side of the bed, at the head of which hung his clothes. That they ran a desperate risk in this is apparent when it is explained that Mr. Howe is a very light sleeper, that twice during the night—once about one o'clock and again about three o'clock—he was awake for long intervals. On the bureau only a couple of feet from where Mr. Howe's clothing hung lay two diamond rings and a valuable breast pin containing eight diamonds belonging to Mrs. Howe, neither of which were disturbed by the burglars. Tuesday morning all the doors and windows were found securely locked with the exception of the front door, which was merely unlocked; it was closed and there was nothing to show that any force had been applied. The family is willing to concede that the front door might have been left unlocked by mistake on Monday night. When the family of T. J. Price, whose fine residence adjoins Mr. Howe's on the east, awoke Tuesday morning the discovery was made that the house had been visited by thieves. Down stairs every thing was turned upside down, but fortunately nothing was stolen. While remarking the lower-story the thieves had taken great precaution not to disturb the family sleeping on the upper floor. That their footsteps might not be heard one of Mr. Price's overcoats was laid on the floor to cover the margin left bare by the large rug in one of the rooms and over this the thieves walked backwards and forwards. One of the rear doors at Mr. Price's, although closed, was found unlocked Tuesday morning. The key had been removed and was found lying on the table in the dining room. How the robbers managed to get the door open is a mystery. The lock was perfectly intact. The fact that the key had been removed might be taken to indicate that a false key of some sort was used by which the true key was pasted out of the lock. All the windows were fastened. Whether the robbers were frightened away before they made any selection or did not discover anything that constituted the kind of booty they were after, of course is not known. The house occupied by Henry Trotter, adjoining Mr. Howe's premises on the west was also invaded by the thieves, although nothing was stolen. The burglars here gained entrance in the same mysterious way, leaving no marks whatever upon the door which was found unlocked, although closed, yesterday morning. The residence of W. R. Miller, general manager of the Danville and Bloomsburg trolley company, on Pine street, was also robbed on Monday night, the booty consisting of a new overcoat and a pair of gloves. Here the same mystery exists as to the family was effected, as the family is perfectly sure that every door and window was locked on retiring. Yet on arising yesterday morning the side door was found unlocked, although closed. None of the windows had been disturbed. There was nothing to indicate that the key had been removed, nor was there any sign about the door to show that force had been applied. The lower story was pretty well ransacked but all that the robbers seemed to want was the overcoat and gloves, which belonged to Mr. Miller's son, Robert, a fourteen-year-old boy.

During some weeks past the management of the Reading Iron works here, has been up against an unusual difficulty. In short, fire broke out in the big soft coal dump west of the mill containing thousands of tons of fuel and the problem has been how to get the fire extinguished. Although it is by no means unusual for heavy deposits of soft coal to ignite in this way, yet up to the present no adequate means have been discovered that will thoroughly extinguish the fire and thus prevent an annoyance and loss. The fire at the Reading Iron works is no exception. Early in the autumn the discovery was made that the soft coal was on fire. This formed an enormous deposit, built up around the high trestling that carries the cars and from which it was dumped. To get at the seat of the fire was impossible and the best that could be done was to drench the coal with water. Although water was regularly and systematically applied but little was accomplished in this way, the water merely running off the coal without sinking in to any depth. Meanwhile the deposit of soft coal lay there like a miniature volcano, day and night emitting clouds of smoke, and revealing evidence that not only was the coal slowly but surely burning, but that the entire system of heavy trestling, nearly new, was likewise being consumed by the hidden fire. When the works started up last month and the coal was needed for the furnaces an effort was made to get at the seat of the fire or at least to cut off its progress toward the scutes, which form a part of the trestling system and which were in imminent danger. By applying water regularly, as the coal is removed, the progress of the fire in that direction has been arrested, although the burning elsewhere is still in progress and the deposit of coal even on the surface is hot. As the coal is hauled away the full damage done to the trestling becomes apparent. The lower timbers are wholly or in part consumed and at least two of the large beams are robbed of their support and as the coal is removed are held upright by being chained to the top stringer. The effect of the fire is not to wholly consume the soft coal but to burn it into something like coke, and in this form it is still available in the mill and is used without much inconvenience. The Pennsylvania, therefore, wherever practicable carries the telegraph wires through under the track in the form of a cable. The railroad long ago planned to remove the poles to the south side of the track in South Danville and Riverside, implying of course, that the poles should be on the same side of the railroad all the way to Sunbury. To do this, however, the railroad people at certain points were obliged to occupy land that came in under the jurisdiction of Gearhart township. At present, however, the township and the railroad company seem to have arrived at an agreement. The latter is contributing liberally of its road ballast to be used in highway construction from the bridge to the station, while Gearhart township in turn seems to have withdrawn its objection to the planting of telegraph poles on south side of the track. As a result the work is well under way, the poles being erected and the wires strung on the south side of the track. In order to reach the station it is practicable to employ the modern method of forming the wires into a cable and carrying them underground. This cable, which runs into the telegraph office, contains some twenty-five wires, only ten of which, however, will be brought into play at present.

A PAPER FROM BERWICK. The 28-page special industrial edition of the Berwick Enterprise that has come to the Morning News office, shows that the Enterprise is living up to its name. C. A. Raseley, proprietor and manager of the Berwick Enterprise, started several years ago with a small weekly edition. His latest effort is from his new Hoe press recently installed, and is a remarkable example of energy and skill. The Enterprise is now publishing eight pages regularly, and it is full of good news matter and bright advertising.

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AIDS APPOINTED—ROUTE OF PARADE

The meeting of the Mummers' Parade association for the purpose of hearing the reports of the committees, was held at the Baldy house last evening. The reports showed that the arrangements for the parade are in excellent shape, and the affair promises to be the finest demonstration of its kind that has ever been held in Danville. The chief marshal was chosen last evening in the person of Arthur C. Amesbury. Assistant marshals were named as follows: Edward Purper, William Sater, E. D. Peutz, Ralph Kiseuer, Arthur Stohler, Jasper Perry, Theodore Baker and Harry Rupp. The route of the parade was mapped out as follows: Form at the Washington hose house, up Market to Honey-moon, from Honey-moon to Market, to Ferry, to Front, to Mill, to Chambers, counter-march to Market, to Market square and disband. The prize committee reported that while its work is not as yet finished, it could be said that the prizes to be offered this year would be finer than ever before, including cash prizes and the usual contributions of Danville merchants. The finance committee also reported that its work of soliciting was not finished, but that the members were meeting with good success. A meeting of the committees will be held at the Baldy house on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Typhoid at Scranton. SCRANTON, Pa. Dec. 18. The neighborhood of 100 new cases of typhoid developed here today, making a total of about 335. There had been up to noon 239 cases reported since the first of December, fifty-four being reported up to noon for the preceding twenty four hours. Dr. Arold, the city bacteriologist, gave out a statement this evening in which he gave it as his positive opinion that the typhoid was traceable to the water from the reserve distributing dam at Elmhurst, which had been used for distributing during the eight weeks prior to last Saturday, when the No. 7 dam, the regular distribution dam, was being cleaned out. There have only been four deaths as yet from the epidemic, but one of the physicians employed in the battle against the spread of the disease stated today that there will likely be many deaths before the disease is stamped out. He would not be surprised if the number reached 100.

Water from the Lake Scranton storage reservoir is now exclusively used and all public places, mills and the like, are furnished only boiled water under a penalty of \$100. Soda water fountains and bars are advertising "boiled water only used here."

Mayor Dimmick and the city health authorities are cooperating with Dr. Moulton and Engineer Wetherill, of the State department of health, are working night and day in a systematic and thorough manner to stamp out the disease. W. W. Scranton, president of the Scranton Gas and Water company, has notified the mayor to do anything the doctors and engineers direct in the way of eradication of the alleged contamination of the water and change the expense to the company. Milkmen, at the request of the health bureau, are refusing to deliver milk in bottles to any house. The householders must provide a container into which the milk can be poured by the milkman.

In Honor of Birthday. A very pleasant party was given at the home of Elmer D. Phillips, in Derry township, on Tuesday evening, the occasion being in honor of the 26th, birthday of Mrs. Wm. Hollibaugh, of Valleytownship. The evening was spent with dancing and a fine time enjoyed. Refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spotts, Mr. and Mrs. William Hollibaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rouser, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Phillips, Mrs. Norman Leech, of Washington, D. C.; Misses Anna Carroll, Fannie Hollibaugh, Blanche Fry, of Milton; Eva Mouser, Maude Yeager, Ella Andy, Mabel Dietrich, Lulu Yeager, Eva Phillips, Messrs. Charles Hollibaugh, William Fortner, George Andy, Chris Springer, John Heller, Harry Arter, of Wilkes-Barre; Charles Dyer, William Davis, Philip Conter, John Hileman, Howard Vognetz, Peter Sander, Archie Hileman, Harry Yeager, William Martz, Charles Morrer, Ralph Diehl, Harry Rudy, Edward Delsite, Harvey Fost, Samuel Lobach, Francis Delsite, Charles Dietrich, Harvey Whipple, Morris Moser, Adam Phillips, Charles Chappell, of New York; William Brittain, David Tamer, Ray Winterstein, Roy Shultz, Albert Tanager, Charles Snyder, Alonzo Phillips and Jay Thomas.

Engine Brake Down.

The south bound Pennsylvania passenger train, due at South Danville at 4:31, was over an hour late last evening owing to a break down at East Bloomsburg. The train was pulling out of the East Bloomsburg station when the tire came off of one of the wheels of the locomotive. Another engine was called from Nesquehony, and hauled the delayed train to Sunbury. The train is due to leave East Bloomsburg at 4:06 but did not get under way until 5:33. The up train due at South Danville at 6:35 was also quite late.