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CONDENSED NEWS.

Next comes Lent. Make the most of 1907. Broken the resolution yet? 'Let a Little Sunshine In.' Have you turned over a new leaf? Candidates for municipal offices are rather scarce. There's not much excuse for the loafers in Danville just now. People are already talking of the nummers' parade for 1908. Won't be much of an ice crop if this kind of weather keeps up. Don't growl at the weather; remember the fine days of last fall. Costing is a lively sport for the boys and the girls, too, but it is attended with innumerable dangers. Now that the days are lengthening there promises to be a verification of the old proverb about the cold strengthening.

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T. W. CLAYTON VICTIMIZED

William P. Gaumer, of Catawissa township, Columbia county, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace E. W. Young, of Gearhart township, Northumberland county, Saturday afternoon, charged with passing a fraudulent check on T. W. Clayton, the South Danville merchant. He was held for court and in default of \$300 bail was committed to jail at Sunbury. The case was brought out by the evidence is a remarkable one revealing an ingenious attempt on the part of the defendant to escape penalty by fastening the guilt upon an innocent man. On December 17th, Gaumer, who was a stranger to T. W. Clayton, presented himself at the store of the latter and purchased goods to the amount of eleven dollars. In payment he presented a check for \$30.25 signed by J. J. Cherington, drawn on the Catawissa National bank and made payable to a man named Wright. As Gaumer was not known to Mr. Clayton the latter without question accepted the fact that he was the man Wright in whose favor the check was drawn; he let him have the goods and accepted the check, paying him the balance—some nineteen dollars—in cash. In due process Mr. Clayton deposited the check with other assets in the Danville National bank. Later the check in the regular course of business was sent to Catawissa for collection. The check, it appears, turned up at the First National bank of Catawissa; but as it was drawn on the Catawissa National bank it was forwarded to that institution, where the discovery was made that the check was bogus. The Danville National bank was apprised of the fact and Cashier Youngman in turn broke the news to Mr. Clayton that the check was worthless, which of course meant that he had been swindled. Mr. Clayton, in merchandise and cash, was out the whole amount of the check, \$30.25. It was more money than he cared to lose and he at once decided to get after the sly stranger, who had so successfully worked his way into his confidence. Accordingly last week he went up to Catawissa and had on difficulty in locating the man Wright by whom the bogus check purported to be payable. Meeting the man face to face, however, Mr. Clayton was surprised to discover that he was not the person who had bought the goods at his store and presented the worthless check. He saw that he was apparently the victim of a deep-laid scheme and hardly knowing what to do next he returned home. As the matter became noised about the attaches of the Pennsylvania station at South Danville recalled that the man from Catawissa, who on December 17 purchased goods at Mr. Clayton's had shipped them to Catawissa by express and that the name used in marking the box was not Wright but William P. Gaumer. Others about South Danville, who knew Gaumer, recalled his visit to South Danville on that day and also the fact that he transacted business at Mr. Clayton's store. On the strength of this discovery on Friday evening Mr. Clayton swore out a warrant before Justice Young charging William P. Gaumer with "false pretense and intent to cheat and defraud." On Saturday morning Mr. Clayton took the warrant to Catawissa and placed it in the hands of Constable H. A. Harman, of that place, who served it on Gaumer. The arrested man, in charge of Constable Harman and accompanied by Mr. Clayton, arrived in South Danville about the middle of the afternoon and was immediately taken before the justice. He decided not guilty. Among the witnesses were T. W. Clayton, W. R. Clark, Clark Fowler, Harvey Lower, and J. J. Cherington, whose name was used on the fraudulent check. The testimony adduced went to show that the defendant was the man who obtained goods and money on a check, which was bogus. A prima facie case being made out bail was fixed at \$300, which the defendant was unable to procure. There was no other alternative for him but to go to jail. After the hearing Constable Harman delivered the defendant over into the hands of Elias Woodruff, constable for Gearhart township, by whom he was taken to Sunbury on the 4.31 train. Gaumer has a wife and several children and at Catawissa is well known as a resident on the south side.

COUNCIL HOLDS FINAL SESSION

Our borough fathers held the final session of the year Monday the object being to pay bills due, receive reports from the chief of police and chief of the fire department and to wind up borough business generally for the last twelve months. The chief of police presented his report for the year just closed, which on motion was ordered, accepted and filed. The report showed that there were twenty-nine cases of plain drunkenness before Justices Oglesby and Dalton, the aggregate amount of fines collected for this offense being fifty-eight dollars. Six arrests were for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, the aggregate amount of fines paid for this offense being forty-two dollars. There were four arrests for breaking speed limit with auto, amounting to forty dollars. Five dollars were paid as a penalty for fast driving and five dollars for profanity. The number of tramps in the lockup during the year was one hundred and sixty. Chief Engineer Kocher of the fire department was present with the annual report. Some facts, however, relating to equipment, which council desired, was not on hand and as a result, on motion, it was decided to postpone the presentation of the report until the next meeting on Friday night. On motion the salary of the chief of the fire department, \$52, was ordered paid, also \$25, appropriation for the executive board of the fire department. On motion the fourth quarterly appropriation of \$37.50, due each of the fire companies, was ordered paid. The following members were present: Gibson, Jacobs, Woadside, Dietz, Boyer, Vastine, Sweisfort, Russell, Angle and Hughes. WATER DEPARTMENT. Regular employes \$120.50 Friendship fire Co 6.15 John P. Patton 1.20 Trumbower & Werkheiser 13.30 J. H. Cole 2.56 John Hixson 6.92 Joseph Lechner 8.70 BOROUGH DEPARTMENT. Friendship fire Co \$ 70 Labor on Church St. Drain 26.25 Postage and box rent 5.00 Sarah McCuen 4.00 S. J. Welliver Son's Co. 7.38 James Boyd & Bro. 450.00 Labor and hauling on streets 31.50 Danville P'dy & Machine Co 96.33 Joseph Lechner 3.00 James Gibson 1.50 J. H. Cole 4.46 Water Dept for coal 193.86 John P. Patton 15 Interest on bonds 122.50 Peter Winters 1.30

SCHOOL JANITORS RECEIVE ADVANCE

Whatever good resolutions the gentlemen of the school board may make this New Year's day one thing is certain, the action taken at the final meeting of the old year Monday was characterized by generosity toward the janitors, and this will meet the approval of most people. These faithful and important functionaries at each of the school buildings having asked for higher wages were granted an advance all around of five dollars per month. The matter was brought before the school board by a petition signed by Calvin Eggert, of the Fourth ward; Seth Lormer, of the Third ward; and D. K. Pensyl, of the Second ward, setting forth that \$30 per month for nine months in the year, as up to the present paid the janitors was altogether inadequate under the cost of living. Mr. Fischer espoused the cause of the janitors and said that in his opinion they were entitled to an advance. During many years past he said they had received only one advance and that was to raise their wages from \$25 per month to \$30 per month. Robert G. Miller of the first ward, whose salary was \$40 per month by reason of the extra work entailed by the high school, was not a signer of the petition, but in considering the question of an advance the board was generous enough to take up his case along with the others. The outcome was that Mr. Heiss offered a resolution moving that each of the janitors be granted a monthly advance of five dollars, with the exception of Mrs. Anderson of Welsh hill, who is to receive \$1.50 per month. The motion was carried without a dissenting voice. On motion of Mr. Fish it was ordered that in view of the advance henceforth all incidentals be cut off; that each janitor be obliged to do fumigating and that henceforth no bills for extra labor will be paid by the board. On motion of Mr. Pursell it was ordered that two additional formaldehyde generators be purchased, one for the second ward and one for the fourth ward. The following members were present: Burns, Orth, Swartz, Lutz, Fischer, Fish, Trumbower, Heiss, Gross, and Pursell. The following bills were approved for payment: Danville Stove & Mfg Co \$77.92 Seth Lormer 3.25 Joseph Lechner 1.75 William Miller 2.50 U. S. Express Co 7.00 Interest on bonds 122.50 Peter Winters 1.30

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Voris spent Sunday with relatives in Berwick. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hornet are visiting relatives in Berwick. Calvin Keefe, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in this city. Miss Florence Hearte, Bloom street, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hearte, Berwick. Miss Ella Mottern, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mottern, East Danville. Miss Maude Kear is visiting friends in Milton. Dr. J. Beaver Gearhart spent Saturday afternoon in Sunbury. Miss Anna Beyers and brother, John Beyers and Henry Leisinger of Sunbury, are spending a few days with Miss Emma Leisinger, Maloning street. Baldy Smith, formerly of Williamsport, but now stenographer in the office of the asst. engineer of the P. R. R. at Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fred Smith, Mill street. Harry Krauser, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with relatives in this city. Mrs. Jacob Berger and daughter Lucretia, have returned from a visit with relatives in Shamokin. Miss Lena Sears, of Milton, is visiting Miss Elsie Lloyd. Miss Mary Gearhart, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Grier Gearhart, Ash street. Philip Sharpless, of Catawissa, spent Sunday with friends in this city. Miss Amanda Youngman, student at Wellesly, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Angus Wright, Upper Mulberry street. Wilbur Summons, of Reading, is visiting Frank A. Brown. Mrs. Newton Smith and children Thelora and Chelrea are visiting relatives in Turbotville. Miss Sara Knerr returned to Allentown yesterday after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. McCoy, West Market street. Miss Jessie Kinner is visiting relatives in Shamokin. Miss Emily Voris will return to Pottsville today after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Jacobs, Mill street. Harry Bedea returned to Shenandoah yesterday after a visit with his father, T. W. Bedea, Front street. William McCoy returned to State college yesterday after a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, West Market street. Carlton McHenry returned to East on yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma McHenry, Centre street. Edwin Moore returned to Princeton yesterday after a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore, Ferry street. William W. Watkin returned to the university of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia yesterday after spending several weeks at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Watkin, West Market street. Dr. and Mrs. Hinchellwood and daughter Jessie returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Philadelphia. C. Raymond Herrington returned yesterday to Philadelphia where he will continue his studies at the university of Pennsylvania, after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Herrington, Market square. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schott returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city. John Kase returned to Bucknell university, at Lewisburg yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kase, Bloom street. Isadore and Joe Rosenthal have returned to Lewistown after spending New Year's in Danville. Miss Florence Reich, of Berwick, spent New Year's with her sister, Miss Bessie Reich, this city. Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Russell and daughter Josephine returned Tuesday evening from a visit with relatives in Scranton. Harry Lawrence has returned to Lehigh university at South Bethlehem after a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lawrence at Mauch Chunk. Mrs. William L. Sidler left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Reading. Mrs. Margaret Eyerly, of Bloomsburg, is visiting friends in this city. Mrs. Clinton Moorehead, of Berwick, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wetzel, Front street. Miss Etta Crossman is visiting friends in Philadelphia. Among the New Year's visitors in Danville were the following who spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Grove, Hemlock street: Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, of Berwick; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kauffman, Mrs. James Long and daughter Myrtle, Mrs. James Scott and daughter Sara, of Northumberland.

THE DEATHS IN DISTRICT, 251

The law providing for immediate registration of births and deaths and requiring prompt returns to the bureau of vital statistics has now been in force one year and has proven an undoubted benefit. With the close of each month the report of the local registrar, Dr. Cameron Shultz, has been printed in these columns and has proven of much interest as keeping the public informed concerning the prevalence of contagious diseases and whether or not extraordinary precautions were needed to prevent epidemics. In the present article interest centers in the local registrar's report for the past year, which is now prepared and is ready to be sent into Harrisburg. During the year the deaths were 251 in the district composed of Danville borough and the townships of Mahoning, Cooper, Mayberry, Valley, West Hemlock and Liberty. For the borough of Danville alone the number of deaths were 124. Following are some of the diseases that resulted in the above deaths, each accompanied by the number of victims it claimed: Apoplexy, 2; Abdominal tumor, 1; appendicitis, 1; aemia (pernicious), 1; diphtheria, 6; diabetes, 3; heart disease, 30; typhoid fever, 4; pulmonary tuberculosis, 17; pneumonia, 9; tuberculosis of lungs, 4; accident, 3; still birth, 17; meningitis, 2; nephritis, 5; cancer of breast 2; cancer of stomach, 1; acute indigestion, 1; jaundice with complications, 3; gall stones, 1; uterine hemorrhage, 1; exhaustion of senile dementia, 3; convulsions, 1; peritonitis, 1; phlebitis, 1; multiple neuritis, 1; paralysis, 1; melancholia, 1; renal dropsy, 1; pericostitis, 1; convulsions, 1; erysipelas, 1; enteritis, 1. The number of contagious diseases in Danville for the year past were 167 divided as follows: Diphtheria, seventy-five cases, with six deaths; typhoid fever, thirty-eight cases, with four deaths; chicken pox, ten cases, no deaths; erysipelas, four cases, one death; pneumonia, twenty-one cases, six deaths. For December, the month just closed, the report is complete except as it relates to the births, all of which are not as yet returned. The situation was not serious as relates to contagious diseases, there being only five cases of diphtheria with no deaths; seven cases of typhoid fever, with no deaths, and one case of pneumonia, which was fatal. The physicians, however, report a great deal of grip, due, it is believed, to the open winter thus far prevailing. Offsetting the 251 deaths in the district during the year are some 275 births, which show that little Montour during the year has made a well sustained effort to prevent "race suicide." Up to the first of December the total number of births returned was just 251, which exactly balances the number of deaths for the year. Some twenty more births remain to be returned as the quota for December. Among the deaths during the year were two persons over a hundred years old, one being Mrs. Sechler and the other an inmate of the hospital for the insane. Included among the deaths were two colored people. The records show that two colored children were born during the year.

McCrea Elected President.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2. At a meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad, held in Philadelphia at one o'clock this afternoon, James McCrea, the first vice president of the road was elected to the presidency to fill the place vacated by the death of A. J. Cassatt last Friday. Mr. McCrea was the natural choice for the office and as his competency is unquestioned, there was no opposition to his election. James McCrea was born in Philadelphia May 1, 1818, entering the railway service in 1835 as rodman and assistant engineer on the Connettsville and Southern Pennsylvania railroad. In 1867 and '68 he assisted in the construction of the Wilmington and Reading railroad. In 1874 he became principal assistant engineer in the construction department of the Pennsylvania company; in 1875 assistant engineer of maintenance of way on the Philadelphia division; in 1882, superintendent of New York division; in 1885 manager of Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis railroad; in 1887 general manager of Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh; in 1890 fourth vice president and general manager of Pennsylvania company; in 1891 second vice president, and the same year elected first vice president, he having practically gone from the bottom to the top of the greatest railroad service in the United States if not in the world.

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HOW PRIZES WERE AWARDED

The nummers' parade on New Year's day deserves to be termed an all-around success. If any point could be cited wherein it suffered by comparison with the parades of former years, abundant excuse was to be found in the condition of the streets and in the weather, which up to the very dawn of New Year's day was rainy. During the morning there was no real assurance that rain would not fall during the day, while, with the exception of Mill street, the route of parade lay through thoroughfares in which the mud was nearly ankle deep. That such conditions tended to dampen the enthusiasm of the nummers and actually kept many out of the parade goes without saying. And yet the parade was a highly creditable affair and afforded unbounded enjoyment for one of the largest throngs of humanity that ever crowded Mill street. The big contingent from Exchange, including the band of that place, as well as delegations from other parts of the rural district, was deterred from coming to town by the bad weather. Otherwise the parade came nearly up to the expectations. A good idea of the different features, the costumes and their relative prizes, can be obtained from the list of prizes as awarded, a full account of which appears below. A large number of people came into town from Bloomsburg, Sunbury and other places. During nearly the whole afternoon the town was thronged. At the hour of the parade it was estimated that nearly five thousand people were on Mill street. PRIZES. Prizes were awarded as follows: Ralph Cope and party, smith shop, ten dollars in gold. Arthur Winters and party of Sunbury, banjo club, five dollars in gold. Alfred S. Patton, boy with monkey in arms, ton of coal. C. M. Johnson, deer hunter, ton of coal. Frank Smith, lady flirt, 100 cigars. Tarring Seidel, three headed Jap, dozen photographs. James Fox, girl dressed in red, dozen photographs. Cowboy, girl framed picture. Indian chief, lamp. Margaret Sweitzer, boy hunter, lamp. Myron Little, Mother Goose, 50 pounds of flour. Gentleman com, pair of shoes. Shamokin Hill gaug, box of cigars. Clyde Snyder, Jew peddler, hot water bottle. Jacob Byerly, trotting horse, umbrella. Albert Swank, man with dog, picture. Edward Kinn, drummer boy, hook and ladder. Joseph Weidman, Satua, teapot. Price contractors, box of cigars. Barber shop on wheels, box of cigars. Boy with big nose, picture. Frank Palmisano, bear head, comb, brush and mirror. Francis Murray, boy with flag, plaster cast. S. T. Reilly and party, everybody works but our old man, ten pounds of mince meat. Juvenile drum corps, 5 pounds of candy. Edward Love, dude coat, one shirt. Rye thresher, a shirt. Hog Hollow rough riders, box of cigars. Howard Froeze and party, everybody works but fatter, asbestos irons. Edward Myers and William Hickey, "Earl and Ralph", dozen cases of corn. Mooresburg Indians, box of cigars. Stone quarry, box of cigars. Elwood Garrett, Uncle Sam, five pound roast of beef. William Wertman, the juggler, an umbrella. Dolcamp's ice plant, pair of slippers. Junk dealer, box suspenders. Henry Reich and party, cotton pickers, sack of flour. Charles Kauffman, old year going out, sack of flour. Frank Lewis, two-tailed horse, sack of flour. Charles Jobborn, Indian boy, pair of skates. Walter Deibert and William Prentiss, clowns in buggy, mirror and easel. Farmer boy in buggy, pocket knife. Driver of pony, pipe. Paul and Andrew Murray, girls in baby coat, bushel of potatoes. Esterbrook exhibit, pair of gloves. Wellington D. Young, Amnberly's driver, a shirt. Ira Martz, Sunbury, clown, a necktie. Samuel P. Conrad, Sunbury, negro rag picker, necktie. Frank Sidler, little dude, necktie. Harold Pusey, Indian boy, book. Clyde Patton, Indian boy in white, harmonica. Edith Kinn and Sallie Moody, little nurse girls, fancy cake. Old woman, pound of best tea. Taken to Danville Hospital. Harry Miller, of Bloomsburg, has been committed to the State hospital for the insane. He suddenly became violent last Monday and only for the timely interference of Health Officer Webb might have seriously injured his mother. Miller is about twenty-five years old and had been acting strange for some time.

