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CONDENSED NEWS.

Election day approaches.
Once more we have visions of an ice crop.
The slippery sidewalk is a great peril.
The cold weather is welcome to the majority.
No progressive community ever goes backward.
Folly and repentance are never very far apart.
The man with the ideas is always in demand.
"Good Roads" is an interesting subject just now.
Free and frank discussion promotes right results.
The primaries are radically important events.
The ruler of nations is often the unhappy of men.
Poverty has saved many a man from becoming a fool.
A song in the heart is better than a piano in the parlor.
A boy who isn't worth more than his wages isn't worth much.
The primaries should be attended by every citizen who can vote.
Albert Greenplate, of York, has been arrested on a charge of attempting to kill his wife and assaulting his 13-year-old daughter. Greenplate claims that his wife and others had bewitched him and that he was trying to kill the witches.
Sara Clemens, of Shamokin, had an arm terribly burned and is under treatment at the Miners' hospital. Skin grafting is necessary and her father is submitting to a removal of a square foot of his skin by small pieces to heal his daughter's terrible wound.
James Burdy, 83 years of age, of Montgomery county, has been arrested and committed for trial for numerous burglaries he is accused of having committed in that county. He is the oldest man ever arrested in that county for burglary.
Ex-Governor Frank Wayland Higgins of New York, is lying in a critical and semi-conscious condition at his home in Olean, and he is expected to die within a few hours. His heart and kidneys are seriously affected.
A telegram from Calumet, Mich., says the United States Steel corporation is preparing to spend \$2,000,000 in draining Trout lake, and reducing a body of water four miles long and a mile wide to a mud hole.
The order directing that all the negro soldiers in the country be sent to the Philippines has been modified in such a way that two troops of negro cavalry will remain here after the three colored regiments have gone across the Pacific.
The volcano of Mauna Loa, on the island of Hawaii, continues in a state of violent eruption. The light from the flames ascending from the crater is so intense that it is possible to read fine print by it a distance of thirteen miles.
The announcement comes from Washington that President Roosevelt has taken the bit between his teeth and intends to carry out his Brownsville policy without regard to consequences, political or otherwise.
The Governor of Rhode Island is reported to have a lame arm, brought on by too much hand-shaking on his inaugural day. Presumably he has recovered from the lame leg with which the candidate generally comes out of the campaign.
An English physician has discovered that high collars produce headaches. The kind produced by the combination of high collars and high balls must be particularly fierce.
One hundred thousand barrels of pretzels were shipped by one baker of Reading within the past four years.
Two sons of James O'Neal, of Midway, Washington county, aged respectively 15 and 12 years, took a lantern to explore an abandoned mine on Saturday. An explosion was the result, and both sustained injuries that may prove fatal.
Masked robbers are rather numerous in various sections of the country. Many reports appearing in the papers of the robbery of men and women in country byways or city streets.
Senator Allee, of Delaware, defeated for re-election, has begun to get even with his foes by filling all the federal offices in Delaware by his friends, thus expecting to pre-empt them for four years, at all events.
Governor Hughes, who is the sort of a Sunday school governor that counts, has promised the people of Brooklyn that he will take part in the next anniversary day parade of Brooklyn's Sunday school army.
B. F. Dorseimer, of Coatesville who recently sold his hotel to N. B. Keely, of East Greenville, for \$155,000, has presented \$500 to each of his four bartenders. Mr. Dorseimer paid about \$50,000 for the hotel about eight years ago.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

David Rank, Jacob Van Blohm, Henry Moniter, Jno. Wilhelm and Joseph Carpenter, residents of the fourth ward, appeared before council Friday night, to protest against the vacation of Cross street crossing by the P. & R. railway company.
The gentleman, all of whom with one exception, reside on Cross street, appeared on behalf of the residents of the fourth ward, who it is alleged, are much inconvenienced by the closing of the crossing. Men going backwards and forwards to and from work object to going out of their way to use the undergrade crossing, which, it was alleged, is muddy and wholly objectionable. The committee claimed that people living in the vicinity of Cross street are in a manner cut off, and to reach the southern side of the railroad it is necessary to travel the alleys.
The committee was informed that the ordinance vacating the crossing was duly published, when the citizens should have taken advantage of the opportunity and made their objections known to council. The present, it was urged, is too late a day.
On motion of Mr. Russell the awarding of the contract for printing the book of borough ordinances was postponed until next Friday night, when a special meeting will be held to examine samples and award bids. Fred R. Miller, of Williamsport, who is a prospective bidder, was present at the meeting last night and explained to the councilmen the difference between a "sewed" and a "stitched" book, a distinction which was not well understood here. The specifications call for a "sewed" book, which it was learned, would add considerably to the cost. The samples to be submitted next Friday night are to contain both sewed and stitched books and different grades of paper, none of which are to be below the six cents grade.
At 9:30 o'clock council went into executive session for the purpose of considering the report of Burgess Rogers and George B. Jacobs relative to their interview with President Truesdale and handling officials of the D. L. & W. railroad company concerning the matter of piping the abandoned canal, an account of which was printed in these columns last week.
The following bills were approved for payment:
BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.
Regular employes \$115.00
Sammel Mills 11.60
J. G. Lake 23.00
United States Tel. Co. 18.00
Washington Fire Co. 2.90
James Gibson 7.50
Standard Gas Co. 3.50
Rumsey-Elec. Mfg. Co. 93.65
State tax on \$45,300 bonds 181.20
Harry B. Patton (Sec'y) 4.50
Labor and hauling 57.51
Labor on sewer 26.25
Welliver Hdw. Co. 15.54
WATER DEPARTMENT.
Regular employes \$164.30
P. H. Foust, Agt. 101.60
P. & R. Coal & Iron Co. 178.13
Friendship Fire Co. 25.36
Harry Ellenbogen 308.00
Labor at water works 8.25
Standard Gas Co. 3.23
Atlantic Refining Co. 28.38
Boiler insurance 20.00
Oyster Dinner.
There are indirect as well as direct benefits that accrue from rural telephones, as was shown yesterday, when a large number of the subscribers on the Peoples system on line No. 9, gathered at the home of Jackson Balliet in West Hemlock township, and partook of one of the finest oyster dinners that was ever served in that section. The pleasant affair lasted all day, and everybody had a fine time.
The guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Balliet, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Balliet, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Betz, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Embury, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Andie, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wampole, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deighmiller, Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyd Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parke Moore and Mr. B. F. Crossley, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mausteller, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Brobst, Misses Ella Brobst, May Mausteller, Grace Mausteller, Ethel Deighmiller, Bessie, Sarah and Edna Andie, Myrtle Shultz, Myrtle Andie, Ivy and Mary Betz, Hazel Shultz, Mildred Shultz, May Wampole, Harry Heber and Paul Mausteller, Truman Andie, Reginald Shultz, and Earl Wampole.

PENSYL GETS 1 YEAR IN PRISON

William E. Pensyl, who with J. H. Ethworth and Samuel Danmeyer, was found guilty, Wednesday, of conspiracy to defraud J. M. Vought of a horse, was on Saturday sentenced to one year in the county prison.
Pursuant to adjournment, court convened at three o'clock, Saturday afternoon, to hear argument on a motion for a new trial in Pensyl's case. His Honor C. C. Evans and Associates Frank G. Bloe and Lloyd W. Welliver were on the bench.
W. E. Pensyl was brought down from jail where he had been confined since his trial. At the court house he was met by his wife, who remained at his side until the case was disposed of.
William Kaso West addressed the court at some length, setting forth various reasons why a new trial should be granted, the principal of which was that in the attorney's opinion Pensyl should have had a separate trial. Hon. H. M. Hinckley, private attorney for the prosecution, followed, sustaining the validity of the verdict, the court's charge and the conduct of the case throughout. Charles V. Amerman, attorney for Pensyl, followed stating his objections.
Judge Evans very promptly gave his decision, discharging the rule and denying the motion for a new trial. District Attorney Gearhart immediately moved that sentence be passed on the defendant. Pensyl was accordingly called before the court.
The sentence of the court was that William E. Pensyl pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$25 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the use of Montour county and that he undergo an imprisonment in the county jail of Montour county for one year to be computed from this date and to stand committed until the sentence of the court is complied with.
Ethworth and Danmeyer with whom Pensyl was convicted, were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary last Wednesday. Pensyl was recommended to the mercy of the court.
A PLEA FOR CLEMENCY.
Ralph Kiser, Esq., addressed the court in behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Krebs and Mrs. Laura Harr, who pleaded guilty to larceny and were sentenced to a year in the county jail.
He presented a petition signed by 143 persons, including the victims of the shop lifters' theft and others, which prayed the honorable court to reconsider the sentence imposed upon the two women and to extend clemency.
Mr. Kiser in a strong light set forth the extenuating circumstances alleged to exist. He repeated the story printed in the News, as the result of an interview with the women, to the effect that they were doped and didn't know what they were doing when they purloined goods from the stores. Mrs. Krebs, the attorney explained, was taken ill on the train coming to Danville, and drank of some liquor proffered by a stranger, which immediately caused odd sensations and finally led to a condition in which all was a blank. It was while in the latter state that the woman's nature changed and she became a shop lifter.
Judge Evans heard the attorney's plea and then asked the latter how he would explain Mrs. Harr's conduct. Mr. Kiser then stated that Mrs. Harr had also partaken of the mysterious beverage on the train.
Later in the afternoon Judge Evans made an order refusing the application for a modification of sentence.

COURT REFUSES PETITION

The petitions of Liberty, Limestone and Derry townships of Montour county, presented to court last week praying that the system of working out the road tax be abolished, were refused by Judge Evans in an opinion handed down Saturday, on the ground that the proviso of the act of assembly of April 12, 1905, is unconstitutional and void. Judge Evans' opinion is clearly in line with those rendered by several other courts in the State.
The question of abolishing the system of working out the road tax was voted on in several of the districts of Montour county, but, with the exception of Mahoning township, it did not carry. How the unconstitutionality of the act may affect the latter township, where the system of taxation for working the public roads has been changed to conform with the new law remains to be seen. It was in considering the petition from Liberty township that Judge Evans handed down his opinion, which of course applies to all.
The opinion is very clear and convincing and makes the court's position plain. Omitting a few paragraphs, where the views of other courts are quoted, Judge Evans' opinion as handed down follows:
The petition in this case sets forth "that the provisions of the act of the said township of Liberty, said county and State and as such desire to avail themselves of the benefits of the act of the general assembly approved April 12, 1905, wherein it is provided, among other things, as follows: 'That any township may by a majority vote of the electors thereof at the February municipal election, after thirty days' prior notice hereof, change the system of taxation for working the public roads; such election shall be authorized by the court of quarter sessions upon petition of at least twenty-five taxpayers of said township.'
The portion of the act of general assembly of April 12th, 1905, P. L. 142, which purports to authorize the court to order and direct an election to determine whether the system of taxation for working the public roads shall be changed is found in the third section of the act, which reads as follows: "Provided, however, that a township, may, by a majority vote of the electors thereof, at the February municipal election, after thirty days' prior notice hereof, change the system of taxation for working the public roads. Such election shall be authorized by the court of quarter sessions, upon petition of at least twenty-five taxpayers of said township."
Under this section of the act have we the power and authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners? We think not.
Under section 33 of the general road law of April 12th, 1905, it is the duty of the supervisors to give parties rated with taxes full opportunity to work them out, before proceeding to collect them. "The act is mandatory and must be substantially obeyed, or a warrant for their collection. The opportunity to work out the road tax is a condition precedent to collection by legal process."
Thus the law stood at the time of the passage of the act of April 12th, 1905, now under consideration. The legislature does not attempt to take this right from the taxpayer by direct enactment but delegates to a majority of the electors of the different townships of the Commonwealth the right to do so.
This, as we view it, is a clear delegation of legislative authority. If this petition were allowed and the order made as prayed for, a majority of the electors of Liberty township, voting at the municipal election held on the third Tuesday of February next, would determine whether or not the taxpayers residing within said township would have the opportunity to work out their road tax for the ensuing year. This would be a clear delegation of legislative authority to the majority of the electors voting at said election and clearly offends against sec. 1, article II of the constitution of this State, which provides: "The legislative power of this Commonwealth shall be vested in a general assembly, which shall consist of a senate and house of representatives."
We are therefore of the opinion that the third proviso of sec. 2 of the act of April 12th, 1905, P. L. 142 is clearly in conflict with sec. 1, art. I and sec. 7, art. III of the constitution.
The tax system under the proviso of the act of April 12th, 1905, is unconstitutional and void, and we have no power to order the election prayed for. And now January 18th, 1907 petition refused. By the Court.
CHARLES C. EVANS, P. J.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

L. P. Wagner, of Washingtonville, left yesterday for a business trip to New York and Philadelphia.
Mrs. I. Grier Barber returned yesterday from a several days' visit with her son, Miles, at Wilkes-Barre.
Mrs. Margaret Eyerly, who has been spending several months with her son at Bloomsburg, has returned to reside on East Market street, this city.
Mrs. Walter Fields and Mrs. Harry Fields will spend today with friends at Cameron.
Mrs. Samuel Frazier, of Scranton, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. H. N. Walker, East Market street.
Wm. L. McCoy and R. E. Disque, of Pittsburg, arrived yesterday from State college, for a visit at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. McCoy, West Market street.
W. R. Clark returned Monday evening from a pleasant vacation trip to Philadelphia and New York City. Mr. Clark will this morning once more take up his duties at the South Danville station.
Miss Lea Johnson left yesterday for an extended stay in Philadelphia.
Miss Julia Agrave is visiting friends in Philadelphia and Chester.
Public Urged to Attend.
The school directors' association and especially those who have charge of the arrangement of the program, feel confident that the sessions in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Friday will be among the most interesting ever held in this city. For this, and some other reasons, the News has been asked to urge that as many of the people of Montour county as possible, both from town and country, attend the meetings.
This will be the first time that Dr. X. C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, has ever visited Montour county. He is our foremost educator, a man of forceful ideas and possession of the power to express them clearly and interestingly. He will speak at both the morning and afternoon sessions. D. F. Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, is also an able speaker. He is one of the prominent school directors of Bellefonte, and has on a number of occasions read papers before the State directors' association at Harrisburg. Like Superintendent Schaeffer, he will speak both morning and afternoon.
These two men will discuss subjects pertinent to the practical side of the public schools. They will not deal with theories, but will get right down into the pupil's seat, as it were, and tell of things that they know to be true from years and years of experience.
There is a strong disposition, and rightly so, too, nowadays, to advance the standards of education. New studies are added to the curriculum, higher standing in class is demanded, and rules are being more strictly enforced. It is nearly always the case, however, that the directors are anxious to advance further and faster than their constituents will permit.
The directors, as a rule, have made a more or less close study of the needs of education. They see the demand for increased activity and thoroughness in this age of progress.
Every citizen should become by his own appointment a school director, and make it his business to study for the good of the country possesses. There will be no better opportunity to become conversant with some of the more important phases of public school activity, than on Friday, when Dr. Schaeffer and Mr. Fortney will address the directors of Montour county. The morning session will convene at 10 o'clock sharp, and the afternoon session at 1:30.
Annual Report.
At the last meeting of the trustees of the Thomas Beaver Tree Library a report was presented, which showed that the circulation of books amounted to 26,449 during the year ending with December 31st last. The largest number issued in any month was during January—3,440. During February the library most of the time was closed for repairs and only 196 books were issued. In March 3,283 books were taken out. From this on as spring advanced the number of books taken out each month grew less. In August, when people probably are not inclined to read very much but 1,433 books were issued, which is the smallest number found on the report. As winter approached the number began to climb again. In November the number of books taken out numbered 2,733.
During the year 205 cards were issued, which implies that that number of new patrons were added to the list of library readers. Fines during the year aggregated \$29.47, a sum which paid for more than one-half of the light required.
Had Danville Any?
It is said that civil service men are in this vicinity for the purpose of securing evidence against some persons who have been selling lottery tickets which are said to be fake schemes. Some of these lotteries are nothing more than frauds as no drawings are ever held and no prizes awarded.
Mrs. H. W. Muvett, of Wernersville, Berks county, has a cactus with 146 flowers.

BATTLING WITH BACTERIA

Peter J. Keefer, superintendent of the water works, is just now battling with the microbes and from present indications it does not seem that he is going to get worsted.
As is natural during high water the river is dirty and objectionable in the extreme. What makes people more than usually dubious of its immunity from germs is the fact that it is the first flood of typhoid fever at Scranton, Berwick and other towns, the sewage of which finds its way into the North branch. The cleansing out of the channel, which has brought down an immense quantity of coal dust and dirt of other sorts from the coal region tows, is not above suspicion of depositing on our shores with the above waste matter the microbes that breed typhoid fever.
Believing that the state of affairs forces an exigency that demands prompt and careful action, Mr. Keefer has addressed himself to the task of bringing the filter plant up to its highest degree of efficiency. Notwithstanding that the crews at the water works are careful and reliable the superintendent is giving everything his personal supervision. He was busy as a nailor about the plant yesterday.
It was with a dubious shake of the head that he watched the inflow of dirty water that fell into the settling tank; this, however, gave place to a smile of gratification as he viewed the stream of crystal and apparently pure water that poured out of the filter tubs into the reservoir, ready to be pumped into the mains. Contrasting a glass of the later with the dirty water pumped directly from the river he suggested the question whether it would be possible for the process of filtration to eliminate so much dirt without taking with it a fair proportion, if not all, of the bacteria.
It is true that the maximum of alum is being used in the process of filtration but no one will object to the greater use of alum if it carries with it additional assurance that the bacteria are eliminated.
The filter tub that is being re-equipped with shaft and gearing of larger pattern will probably go into commission today. While it was out of service the plant has been laboring under considerable handicap, two tubs being obliged to do the work that was formerly accomplished by three. That good results have been achieved speaks all the better for the efficiency of the system.
Net Death Under the Cars.
William Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, Spring street, was killed under the cars at Shuylkill Haven at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning.
The sad news reached this city a short time after the accident and was in the form of a telegram addressed to P. H. Foust, P. & R. station agent. Details were lacking. All that could be gathered being that William had met his death under the cars and that he was instantly killed.
The deceased had been in the employ of the P. & R. railway for several years as brakeman. For a while he was flagman, but recently he was employed as brakeman in the yard at Shuylkill Haven.
He was one of a large family of sons and daughters of this place, his surviving brothers being John, Thomas and Frank; his sisters, Winifred (Mrs. James Dailey), Alice (Mrs. Harry Weniger), Ella (Mrs. Robert Paugh) and Misses Mary and Maggie.
The deceased was in his twenty-second year and was a single man. He was popular and was much beloved not only by the members of his own household, but by the wide circle of young people with whom he was acquainted.
A visit to the Martin homestead yesterday found the family stricken with grief; the aged mother especially could hardly bring herself to realize the dreadful import of the telegram, which had been received only a short time before. William, it was explained, was a kind brother and a dutiful son. He paid a visit to his parents the day following Christmas and that was the last time he was home. The family persuaded him to abandon railroading but he didn't seem to view the matter in a serious light and continued on as brakeman.
Frank and Thomas Martin, father and brother of the deceased, left yesterday afternoon for Shuylkill Haven and will return this afternoon accompanied by the remains. Due notice of the funeral will be given.

ARRESTED FOR HORSE STEALING

G. H. Lewis who stated that he lives on "The Willow Vastine's farm, near Boyd's station," drove into town with a horse and buggy yesterday afternoon, bent on a trade. He got into a horse deal at the White Horse hotel, North Mill street. There were many conflicting stories concerning the terms of the trade but the outcome of it all was that Mr. Lewis got arrested on the charge of horse stealing, and was put to any amount of trouble.
The hearing took place before Justice of the Peace W. V. Oglesby at 8 o'clock last night and attracted an enormous crowd. The information was made by Charles Beyers, charging the accused with stealing a horse, which he described as a "sorrel, with white face and three white feet."
The testimony of the complainant was to the following effect: Lewis came to the White Horse hotel and soon left the fact he known that he was open for a deal. In no time Mr. Beyers, the landlord, and Lewis had effected a trade of buggies. Mr. Lewis then indicated that he wanted to get rid of his horse and set the price at fifteen dollars. Mr. Beyers was willing to give only ten dollars. Later it was decided to split the difference and a price of \$12.50 was agreed upon, the money being paid over in the presence of a witness.
The question then arose as to how the man from Boyd's station was to get to his home. At the suggestion of the landlord it was arranged that Mr. Lewis was to be permitted to use the horse and the road buggy obtained from Mr. Beyers on the homeward drive; he was to be accompanied by a second party who was to ride the horse, back to Danville.
Before the time arrived for starting, however, it was alleged that Mr. Lewis broke open the stable, abstracted the horse and the top buggy, both now the property of Mr. Beyers, and by a rapid drive by way of Ferry street, soon struck the river bridge. Mr. Beyers alleged that he detected Lewis just as he was starting on the circuitous route homeward and saw him thrash the horse to get a good start.
Mr. Beyers ran up Mill street and caught the horse on the river bridge. The horse and buggy were handed over to the chief of police, while Mr. Lewis fell into the hands of Officer Voris.
The hearing was very amusing. The man from Boyd's station denied that there was anything like horse stealing about it; it was only a trade, he said. He denied everything that had been testified to, and was disposed to dominate the situation. The chief of police was endeavoring to throw a little light on a disputed point when Mr. Lewis told him to keep still, that he had nothing to say in the matter.
Justice Oglesby dismissed the case. The man from Boyd's paid the costs. Mr. Beyers and Mr. Lewis settled all differences, the former taking the horse and the top buggy and gave the latter the road buggy, as his share.
It was nearly nine o'clock by the time Lewis emerged from the square's office and began to devise some means of getting home with his horseless carriage.
A Social Dance.
One of the largest and most pleasant dances of the season was held on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Augusta J. Maus, Valley township, in honor of Charles Maus, J. Blaine Hartman and Jacob S. Tanner. During the evening elaborate refreshments were served. Delightful brothers furnished the music.
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kitcher, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Maus, Mrs. John Tanner, Misses Florence Wilson, Blanche Pursel, Mary Fry, Carrie Plick, Bessie Andie, Mary Crim, Lillie Pursel, Flora Fruit, Annie Turner, Bessie Wilson, Nancy Fruit, Blanche Wilson, Lillian Clemons, Edna Andie and Margaret Gable, Messrs. Walter Wilson, Peter Sanderl, Wellington Pursel, Roy Shultz, John Fruit, Spencer Arter, Shuylkill, John Freeman Johnson, William Davis, Charles Johnson, Harry Bensinger, Parly Arter, Frank Fry, Elwood Crossley, Raymond Pursel, Charles Crim, Roy Vought, Harry Hawkins, William Gable, Frank Tanner, Samuel Lanbach, David Tanner, Lloyd Unstead, Albert Tanner, George Betz and Thomas Andie.
Funeral of Mrs. Newham.
The remains of Mrs. Mary Newham, who died at Denver, Colorado, on Friday, arrived in this city last evening on the Pennsylvania's 5:55 train. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. William Shepperson Sr., East Front street. Interment will be made in the Episcopal cemetery.
Friendship's Annual Inspection.
The annual company inspection of the Friendship fire company will take place at the regular meeting on Saturday evening. All the company property, including uniforms, etc., will be inspected by the foreman and his assistants.
Underwent an Operation.
Mrs. John Krieger, of Snydertown, underwent a serious operation at Shamokin on Monday, when a large tumor was removed from her abdomen. The operation was successful and unless complications set in she will recover.

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

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THE MEETING OF SUPERVISORS

The meeting booked for this city on February 7 for the purpose of organizing the township supervisors, at which State Highway Commissioner Hunter will be present, is being looked forward to with a good deal of interest not only by the supervisors, but also by all those interested in road roads and the methods to be employed to obtain them.
There never was a time when more enlightenment was needed. The alleged unconstitutionality of the proviso of the act of assembly of April 12, 1905, will form a subject of discussion and the townships whose petitions to change the system of taxation have been turned down by the court will be glad to hear the views of such an eminent authority as the State highway commissioner.
The State highway commissioner will also be asked to throw a little light on the status of affairs relating to the two sections of State highway constructed in this county, which are still incomplete after the lapse of a year or more. The whole matter is inexplicable both to the county and the two townships in which the roads were reconstructed. The first and most important stretch of highway lies in Mahoning township, between the borough line and Valley township. This was partially constructed in 1904. The contractors did some additional work on the highway during the fall of 1905—but left it in a condition that did not meet the approval of either the county or the township. The county paid \$600 and Mahoning township made a small payment, but both refused to pay their full allotment until the road was made to conform to the specifications. To inquire into the state of affairs, State Highway Commissioner Hunter visited our county and after inspecting the road is alleged to have agreed that the highway is not finished according to specifications.
It was thought that the result of all this would be that the road would be speedily finished in a way to meet approval, but, although some work was done in 1905, during last summer the contractors did not appear on the ground.
The section of highway between the valley township line and Wise's hotel at Mansdale constructed during the summer of 1905, is also alleged to fall short of specifications. It was thought the contractors would reappear last summer and complete the work, but like the contractors on the other proposition, they seemed utterly unconcerned in the matter.
Neither Montour county nor Valley township has paid one cent for the second section of the highway. Meanwhile, it is true, the townships have a fairly good road, where a very poor road existed before, at the cost of only a nominal sum in one case and the expenditure of no money at all in the other.
What puzzles the most is to understand the secret of the contractor's indifference, have they been paid for their work? This is one of the points that the local road makers will seek to be enlightened on. All will be glad to learn why the State submits to such dilapidating and whether or not it intends to bring the contractors to time. Meanwhile the county as well as the townships are firm in their resolution not to make any payment on the highway until the work is completed according to specifications.
Zero Weather.
The second spell of zero weather that we have experienced this season came along yesterday morning. At 5:45 o'clock, according to the Montour house record, mercury stood at 2 degrees above, but the coldest hour had not been reached; at 7 a. m. the mercury stood at the zero point. During the forenoon, although the sky was clear and the sun shone with brilliancy, it remained very cold. The best that mercury could do by 11 o'clock was to climb to 6 degrees above zero.
It was on December 19th that we had our other and first taste of zero weather, mercury on that date going down two degrees below. That night was a trifle colder, but the weather warmed up somewhat during the day following. Outside of these two dates the only approach to really cold weather was on Monday, December 24, when mercury was six degrees above zero. The most of the time this winter mercury has been considerably above 30 degrees. On Tuesday, January 8th, the thermometer stood at 52 degrees above.

The ice men are again taking heart. The ponds are already covered with ice, but whether there will be a harvest worth gathering will depend upon whether or not the cold wave will continue a week or more, or as in the past this season it will be speedily followed with a thaw.
Will Stop Smoking.
The Bloomsburg school board is determined to break up the practice which has been prevalent for some time of the students smoking on the school grounds and on the way to and from school. This fact was emphasized at a meeting of the board last week when they approved the action of Superintendent Sterner in suspending two boys who had been caught smoking. The boys were present at the meeting and when promising that they would refrain from smoking they were allowed to return to school.