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CONDENSED NEWS.

Now for the resumption of gaiety. Spring will soon be here to stay. Suspicion is the mother of jealousy. Rain spoiled the Easter parade at Atlantic City. Few men escape the commission of an occasional act of folly. There is far more "smart" writing now than in olden times. Mrs. M. H. Schram is convalescent after several weeks of illness. There are times when the most devoted of men feels rather wicked. The legislature needs a patriotic leader who will help it to its duty. One may expect a little rawness in the atmosphere for some weeks. The man who expects nothing is likely to be fairly well contented. Public indignation in the United States is an emotion of slow growth but it is as irresistible as the hurricane once it is aroused. Patriotism of the better sort manifests itself more constantly and more usefully by timely acts than by empty assertions. To all who accept the Christian religion as an authentic deliverance this should be the most solemnly sacred of all anniversaries. Many a man who thinks he knows how a newspaper should be run would be greatly surprised if he undertook the task. It requires an expert in the talking business and one with a long memory to tell a falsehood without being found out. David Morris of Chester, died after suffering four days from an attack of hiccoughs following an attack of the grip. If the legislature shall adjourn finally on May 16th one can readily see the finish of a million or more of those very important bills. There were 466 liquor licenses issued in Berks county and the license fees amounted to over \$150,000. William Moyer of Curo, Berks county, caught a racoon that weighed thirty pounds—the largest ever seen in that section. Calvin B. North cashier of the First National Bank of Sellersgrove, on Thursday celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary. Kentucky is one of the strongest prohibition states in the union in spite of the jokes about the habits of her people. The Russian drama may be mentally weak, as its critics assert, but it is giving autocracy considerable uneasiness. The disciple of pleasure may have a merry youth, but age is likely to be troubled by sorrowful memories. Henry Fulk, of Lehigh tannery, Luzerne county, and six of his children are down with scarlet fever. Many an unhappy wife man has sincerely envied the lot of the happy simpleton whom his comrades stigmatize as a fool. The man who robs a State is just as much of a thief as the common scoundrel who purloins the property of individuals. More than one man who has risen to eminence was counted a fool in his boyhood by unappreciative neighbors. The Sunbury school board and the bondsmen of the defaulting tax collector, W. H. Berry, are clashing and the contention will likely be carried into court. Obedience to law is at once the duty and the safety of citizens and corporations. The chronic grumbler is never pleased with anything that is. In his opinion whatever is wrong. Local politics may be expected to grow somewhat warmer and the farmer is preparing for the visits of the ubiquitous candidate. For Europe generally the population increases yearly by 41 to every 10,000 inhabitants. Publicity frequently makes a summary end of dangerous evils. The man who was born tired never enjoys the blessings of life. The land of the cloudless skies is a dreary and monotonous land after all. The birthday of one of the greatest of Americans—Edward Everett Hale, was celebrated yesterday. Public opinion sometimes encourages great wrongs and helps to prolong their wicked lives. The man who finds himself the victim of misplaced confidence has a right to get a bit angry. Hungarian railway traveling is the cheapest in Europe. On some lines one can travel third-class six miles for 2 cents. Friday will be the first of the spring Arbor days, but it does not look as if there would be many trees planted in this section of the State.

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THREE FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Philadelphia School for Nurses announces that of the 300 free scholarships that will be available this year, three have been assigned to Montour county; so that the opportunity lies open for three young ladies to obtain a course of trained nursing in one of the best institutions in the country entirely free of charge and expense. It is the plan to carry hospital knowledge into the rural communities by educating some of the young women in the science and art of nursing. The work in all of its departments is a pure charity. The Philadelphia School for Nurses has purchased large properties at 2219-25 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and will extend the benefits of the free course in nursing to young women of every rural community and of the smaller towns and cities. The course is two years, but may be shortened to eighteen months by six months' reading and study at home. The school provides room, board, nurse uniforms, gives full instructions, and pays the student's fare home at the end of the course. A special course is provided for those who cannot spend two years in the study but who wish to quickly prepare themselves for self support. The object of those who are providing the funds for this work is to ultimately extend the benefits of skilled nursing to every village and township in the land. A class is forming to begin work on the 30th of this month. Applicants must be over eighteen years of age and adapted to the profession of nursing. The young women readers of this paper who desire to avail themselves of this opening should communicate with the school at once by letter.

Will Run to DeWitt's Park.

The Danville and Sunbury Electric railway company put a force of men at work Monday cleaning up the track and otherwise preparing the road for operation. Charles P. Hancock Monday stated that a closed combination car has been ordered and is now on the way. Unless some unforeseen delay occurs he said the road will be in operation in the course of ten days or two weeks. The track at some places notably on the South side, is entirely covered by ground, while at other places the rails rise several inches above the roadbed. It will require considerable work to get the track in good condition for the cars and for street traffic, which latter is a factor that trolley companies have to reckon with. Mr. Hancock states that the power will be furnished by the Standard Electric Light company as before. The intention is to run the cars between the station at South Danville and the hospital for the insane immediately upon starting up. Meanwhile the line between the present terminus below the station on the South side and DeWitt's park will be pushed to completion and very early in the summer the company expects to have the cars running to the park. With the exception of some seven hundred feet in the vicinity of the railroad the track is now laid all the way to the park. The rails needed for the section not completed have been ordered and will arrive in a short time. The underground crossing, Mr. Hancock says, will be built early in the summer. Pending its completion the passengers will be transferred at the railroad, an arrangement which will make it possible for the trolley to reach the park at a very early date.

Trout Fishing Time at Hand.

For the inveterate angler spring has not really begun until the day when he can cast aside his work and venture out to the brookside for the first day's trout fishing of the season. There is always a peculiar joy in getting out of doors while spring is still in its infancy, when the grass is putting on its tenderest, freshest green, when the willows are budding along the edge of his favorite stream, when the azure harbingers of the vernal season, the bluebird, is announcing with his faint, sweet, flutelike melody the coming of the tribes of feathered songsters from the south. The inspiration of a new life is felt by the man who knows where the trout lie in wait, and his blood begins to stir like the sap in the maples, he takes his rod and reel and book of flies and looks forward to a day's sport beside the bank of some rippling brook or tumbling mountain stream.

The Dust a Nuisance.

It is unfortunate that no sooner does the frost leave the ground and the mud dry up than the dust becomes a nuisance. We are passing through the latter stage at present. There is not a street in town but is covered with dust, which rises in clouds and is blown in every direction. The present is a season of the year when, in towns like ours, there is no escape from the dust nuisance. The only relief lies in the street sprinkler, and it is yet too early for that useful appliance to go into commission. The borough authorities are averse to turning the water into the standpipes used to furnish water to the sprinkler until all danger of freezing is past. That the limit of cold weather has not yet been reached is quite evident from the state of the atmosphere yesterday, when winter overcoats were worn and ice formed at several points.

BADLY BURNED WITH POWDER

Karl DeMott, the 17-year-old son of Howard DeMott, North Mill street, is in a very serious condition as the result of being burned with powder on Saturday. His face from his chin to the top of his head is raw or burned into large blisters. His eyesight, however, was miraculously saved, although his eyebrows along with a portion of his hair were burned off. Karl was seen at his father's house last night, where he told how the accident occurred. He lay like an Egyptian mummy with every inch of his face and head tightly swathed in muslin bandages. The merest peep holes in the cloth enabled him to make use of his eyes. His sufferings during Saturday night and Sunday were most intense, but last evening he was resting quite easily and seemed to enter fully into the humor of the affair, if any humor may be said to exist in connection with anything quite so serious. Saturday forenoon Karl in company with some other boys went down to "the meadow" below town to experiment with a small cannon improvised out of a section of gas pipe. The cannon was discharged several times in quick succession, as the result of which it became very hot, in addition, the boys had been burning dead grass and leaves so that there were embers of fire lying about, the conditions on the whole being such as to make it perilous to handle powder on the spot. In a further attempt to discharge the cannon the powder failed to ignite. At this juncture to aid in communicating fire to the charge Karl produced a bag of powder and was in the act of pouring the later into the vent or touch hole of the cannon, when all of a sudden he found himself enveloped in a mass of flame and smoke. At the same moment he became conscious of a burning sensation all over his face and arm, which the next moment gave place to the most excruciating pain. As the blood began to ooze out of the burned and lacerated flesh the other boys fully realized how badly Karl was injured and they started with him back to town, not stopping until they landed him at the parental home. Dr. Curry was called, under whose treatment the pain was finally allayed. There seems to be no question as to Karl's recovery, although his escape from worse injury is regarded as a remarkable one.

Furnishing Grade.

Borough Surveyor George F. Keefer came up from Sunbury yesterday to furnish grade for several property owners, who wish to lay new pavements. It is hoped that the example of those persons will be followed by many other property owners and that the borough surveyor may be kept busy furnishing grades, for it is a fact, patent to all that beyond our principal street, Danville is woefully deficient in good pavements. Never did the sidewalks show up in a more discreditable way than during the recent period of muddy streets, while the frost was leaving the ground. There were many thoroughfares where the mud lay as deep on the sidewalk as in the middle of the street and pedestrians had a hard time getting along. Altogether, it was a state of affairs that might be excusable in a country village, but in a town the size of Danville it provoked much criticism. A gentleman in touch with the new council in its aims last evening stated that during the coming year the sidewalks of town would receive special attention; that property owners who had proven negligent in the past would be prodded up a little. A few examples may be made of those who habitually ignore the orders of council and a general policy will be adopted that will bring about a better condition of sidewalks.

Fire at Shamokin.

A most disastrous fire swept over a portion of Shamokin Monday night, doing damage to the amount of \$100,000. The fire started in Sweitzer & Miller's saw mill, but just how is a mystery. In addition to the mill the Shamokin Novelty works, the Shamokin Wagon works and thirteen dwelling houses were completely destroyed. Houses four squares away from the fire caught from sparks, carried by the wind, which was blowing fiercely and which made it very hard to fight the flames. The families living in the district swept by the flames had narrow escapes, many being forced to leave their homes clad only in their night clothes. Mrs. Frank Stahlnecker, who rushed back into her burning home to rescue her four-year old child, was badly burned. A number of firemen were also injured while fighting the flames.

Buried Tuesday.

Bertha Lorena, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mensch, of Riverside, whose death occurred Sunday, was consigned to the grave at Mt. Vernon cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. M. Barnitz. The pall bearers were four girls: Catherine Wildsmith, Mazie Yeager, Irene Farley, and Helen Arnes.

RAISING TRACK ON SOUTH SIDE

The repair gang of the Danville & Sunbury trolley, which for several days past has been engaged in overhauling the track, preparatory to operating the system this summer, was yesterday employed in making an important improvement on the south side. The track from the south end of the river bridge in South Danville to the bend at J. H. Kase's store had been allowed to become several feet below grade. Yesterday the work of jacking up the track was in progress. The track was raised several feet, and blocked up with stone, preparatory to filling in the road bed. This improvement when completed will greatly widen the approach to the river bridge on the south side, besides adding to the appearance of that vicinity. The roadway from the bridge to the railroad is now up to grade. The high way between J. H. Kase's store and the station, however, will be repaired this summer. It will be remembered that the authorities of Gearhart township have accepted the offer of the Pennsylvania railroad to assist in building a fine macadamized road on the wide stretch of highway between Kase's store and the station.

Concrete Bridges Proposed.

The county of Montour the State hospital for the insane and the D. L. & W. Railroad company propose jointly to enter upon a fine improvement near the hospital grounds in the form of a massive concrete bridge to span Toby Run, taking care of all the traffic at that point belonging to the hospital, the public highway and the railroad. Toby Run flows into the canal near the gas house. At that point the wagon road and the railroad lie side by side with an intervening space between them and the hospital grounds. Both the highway and the railroad require new bridges at that place, while the hospital authorities desire to have the stream bridged on the narrow strip of land adjoining for which they are responsible. Should the county, the hospital and the railroad company each build its own bridge we should have three different structures built at different times essentially dissimilar, while, if a proper agreement be entered into with the D. L. & W. company, which has skilled men and all the facilities at hand, a solid and enduring structure can be cheaply and expeditiously built, embracing highway, railroad and the strip of hospital land. The railroad company understands the value of having an artistic piece of work at this point and it is willing to enter into a contract with the county and the hospital authorities to build all the three bridges. The matter came up before court on Saturday. The county commissioners through their attorney presented a petition to the court to direct them to enter into a contract with the D. L. & W. railroad as proposed above for the building of a concrete culvert. The court took the petition.

Many Forgeries Discovered.

The banking business of Central Pennsylvania bids fair to become demoralized unless the swindle who is flooding the country with bogus checks is soon brought to earth. Two forged checks totalling \$924 were presented for payment at the First National Bank of Sunbury yesterday. The first was for \$350 from the bank of Wyoming near Wilkes-Barre, bearing the forged signature of A. J. Mosselin, and the second was for \$574 from Scranton, bearing the forged signature of Blank & Gottshall. The spurious checks which have been accepted by outside banks and presented in Sunbury yesterday for payment in the last week amount to \$2634. The same man working in Williamsport passed a bogus check for \$210. Before all his dealings are unearthed the total will doubtless reach into many thousands of dollars. So far as is known the actual cash losses have been slight. But the readiness with which the duped firms accepted the bogus checks has led to grave fears that before long more serious losses will be discovered. Meanwhile no bank knows whether or not the checks of its customers are good. Perhaps even now there may be many checks charged to various accounts and now filed away which are absolute forgeries and for whose payment somebody must foot the bill when they are discovered. Bankers from Williamsport to Scranton are thoroughly alarmed and a general overhauling of all accounts is the only thing which will allay their uneasiness and restore their confidence.

Heavy Demand for Seed.

The hardware stores just now are selling seeds in enormous quantities, which speaks well for the enterprise of our farmers in endeavoring to improve varieties. The demand this year seems unprecedented. The latter fact is no doubt due in part to the early spring, which will make it possible for truckmen and others to enter upon the work of planting during the first half of April. By the present time many of the farmers have a considerable portion of their spring ploughing done.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. E. H. Miles and daughter Mary returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in New York City. Miss Malissa Bloom spent Easter with friends in Wilkes-Barre. J. C. Koons, of Berwick, spent Easter with relatives in this city. Miss Dora Jenkins, of Philadelphia, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jenkins, Market street. Hugh Bennett of Sunbury, spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bennett, Church street. Miss Anna Fry, of Berwick, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fry, Mill street. Samuel Miller, of Burnham, spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Ferry street. William Farrel, of Shamokin, spent Easter with William Lovett, Mill street. Miss Emily Voris, of Pottsgrove, spent Easter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, West Market street. Miss Marian McCoy, of Watsonstown, was the guest over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. McCoy. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klase, of Benton, spent Sunday with relatives in Danville. Mrs. R. Scott Ammerman returned yesterday afternoon from a visit with her sister in New York City. Mrs. George Billman and daughter Barbara returned to Reading yesterday after a visit at the home of the former's father, Henry Divil, Church street. Miss Rachel Mettler has returned to Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, after spending the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mettler. Miss Amelia McClure, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McClure, Ash street. Carlton McHenry will return to Easton today after spending the Easter vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma McHenry, Centre street. Mrs. B. F. Wagner and children returned last evening to their home in Exchange after spending the winter at Pottsville. Iron Worker's Narrow Escape. Henry Helwig figured in a thrilling escape at the Reading Iron works Saturday morning. He was working at the rolls in the sixteen inch mill. The accident that occurred is a very common one, requiring quick decision and presence of mind. Mr. Helwig failed to rise equal to the emergency in these respects and nearly paid the penalty with the loss of his life. While a bar was being rolled the tongs were caught between the rolls and pulled through. The proper thing to do at the instant the rolls catch the tongs is for the man wielding them to let go. Mr. Helwig, it seems, forgot to do this but seemingly with a hope of recovering the tongs instinctively tightened his grip. The result was that he was dragged or thrown head-first toward the set of revolving rolls. The fellow workmen averted their eyes, as they could not see how he could escape falling into the rolls. At the last moment, however, he saved himself by grasping the plate with one hand and the housing with the other. Several employes in discussing the matter Saturday declared it was one of the closest calls they had ever witnessed in the Reading Iron works. Lost a Valuable Horse. Horace N. Baker, of Cooper township, had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse in this city on Saturday as a result of an accident, in which the animal broke his leg. Mr. Baker last week moved on the farm of Prothonotary Thomas G. Vine-out as tenant. At the public sale on the Kase farm below Chalmers, he purchased a mowing machine and Saturday afternoon with two horses he started on a trip down the river to bring up the mowing machine. He rode the younger and more spirited horse and was leading the other. In passing down Northumberland street when just below the Mauboning creek bridge the horse was riding too tight at a switch engine and, although Mr. Baker held onto the rein, the animal plunged ahead. He was restrained, however, by the other horse, to which he was fastened by a strap, and as he dashed ahead he was suddenly pulled on in front of the other animal and fell over a truck belonging to one of the small cars used at the Reading Iron works, which, along with several other trucks of the same kind occupied the side of the street in front of the carpenter shop. The truck proved to be a treacherous obstacle and the horse broke one of his front legs. After falling he was unable to arise. It was decided that the horse's usefulness was at an end and that nothing remained but to kill him. He was accordingly shot on the spot and delivered over into the hands of Charles Hunter.

MANY NEW BOOKS ORDERED

The trustees of the Thomas Beaver free library at a recent meeting authorized the purchase of a number of new books. The books have already been ordered and will arrive at the library and be ready for circulation in a few weeks. The new books cover a wide range in literature and include the latest and best of the works of the world's well known writers. Following is a list of the books ordered: The Shuttle, Burnett. A Knight of the Cumberland, Fox. Sophy of Krovania, Hope. Ann Boyd, Harben. Heroes every child should know, Mable Witch's Gold, Garland. The Treasure of Heaven, Corelli. God's Good Man, Corelli. Prisoners, Chalmers. The Swarm, Maeterlinck. Romance of the Italian Villa, Chalmers. The Crimson Sweater, Barbour. Fairy Stories retold from St. Nicholas. Lovey Marcy, Hogan. Mrs. Wiggs, Hegau. Red Bridged Neighborhood, Poole. Each Life unfulfilled, Ray. Her Mountain Lover, Garland. Whispering Smith, Sparman. A Borrowed Sister, White. Iole, Chambers. Cardigan, Chambers. Real Soldiers of Fortune, Davis. Running Water, Mason. Her Letter, Harte. The Friendly Year, Van Dyke. The Happy Go Lucky, Wyler. Melody, Richards. The Moral Pirates, Alden. The Cruise of the "Ghost," Alden. In Hands of Cave-dwellers, Henty. Cadet Days, King. Nan, Lillie. Home Fairy Tales, Mace. Wakulla, Munroe. Snow Shoes and Sludges, Munroe. The Painted Desert, Munroe. The Captain of the Kansas, Clade. Elinor's College Career, Schwartz. Janet, Rey. The Eternal Spring, Campbell. Half a Rogue, McGrath. The Mayor of the Casterbridge, Thomas Hardy. The Port of the Missing Men, Nicholson. By the Light of the Soul, Freeman. Bettina, Brainerd. Birds Every Child should Know, Blanchard. Jerry Junior, Webster. The Scarlet Car, Davis. The Morning Glory Club, Kyle. The Lady of the Blue Motor, Paterson. The Chronicle of Rebecca, Wiggin. The Price of Silence, Davis. Marcia, Kirk. The Flyers, McCutcheon. Hilma, Eldridge. The Princess Virginia, Williamson. Great American Pie Company, Butler. The Trimmed Lamp, Henry. The Siamese Cat, Ridout. The Croxy Master, Doyle. His Convent, Martin. The Silent Dorr, Wilkinson. The Windfall, Craddock. The Spirit of Labor, Haggood. Frost and Friendship, Turner. Three Comrades, Frensen. Ten Ghost Stories, Richards. Minute Boys of S. Carolina, Otis. The Lost Dragon, Ellis. At Gregory's House, Richards. The Spinster Book, Reed. The Shadow of Victory, Reed. Dave Porter's Return to School, Strettemeyer. The Stolen Throne, Kaufman. The Turn of Balance, Whitlock. The White Cat, Burgess. Dimble and I, Grundy. Five Little Peppers Abroad, Sidney. Five Little Peppers at School, Sidney. Five Little Peppers and their friends, Sidney. The Eternal City, Caine. At the Councilors, Wister. Gold Elsie, Wister. Erlich Court, Wister. Countess Gisela, Wister. The Alpine Fay, Wernier. Mary St. John, Carey. Nellie's Memories, Carey. Barbara Heathcote's Trial, Careu. The Little Citizen, Waller. By Way of Wilderness, Mrs. Alden. Young Savage, Yecheon. The White Plume, Crockett. Subjection of Isabel Carnaby, Fowler. Patty's Summer Days, Wells. A Little Girl of Quebec, Douglas. Baron Muehausen, Raspe. Grimm's Tales, Crowell. Little Lame Prince, Mulock. A Lady of Rome, Crawford. White Fang, London. Open Shutters, Burnham. A Maid in Arcady, Barbour. No Friend Like a Sister, Carey. Dora, Baldwin. Sir Nigel, Doyle. Rosemary in search of Father, Williamson. Pigs is Pigs, Butler. A Tract of Lost Persons' Chambers, Annual Literary Index for 1902 and 1903. The Children's Book, Seudder. Symphony Winters, Weingarten. Felicity, Loughlin. Patsy. The Atomement, Pullan. An Old Fashioned Girl.

WILL RENDER DECISION SATURDAY

The hearing on the petition of James Ryan for a transfer of hotel license from his present stand, No. 526 Mill street, to the northeast corner of Mill and Centre streets, which took place at the court house yesterday involved what in all probability was the hardest contest that was ever fought out here over the mere matter of a license transfer. The issue is not yet known, for Judge Evans has reserved his decision. Hon. Grant Herring, of Bloomsburg, represented Mr. Ryan. He seemed to anticipate fierce opposition and was ready for the fray. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that he never gave a better account of himself in a contest. Opposed to Mr. Herring was Hon. H. M. Hinckley, a giant of the local bar, who was backed by some sixty citizens residing in the vicinity of Centre street, who had signed a strong remonstrance, which was presented to the court. All day long it was a battle between giants. When court adjourned if one might judge from the merits of the case and the points scored in combat, the issue seemed much in doubt. Court convened at 10 a. m. with his Honor Judge Evans and Associates Blee and Welliver on the bench. The hearing of testimony immediately began. James Ryan, the applicant, was the first witness. He has resided in the third ward for forty years. He has been in the hotel business at the present stand on Mill street for thirteen years. The new location, for which he asks a transfer of license is situated at the northeast corner of Mill and Centre streets, about a square and a half further south, in the built up portion of town. He described his present stand as totally lacking in accommodations. His business is conducted in a mere basement which is mouldy, damp and dimly lighted, while the stable room amounts to practically nothing. The new location on the other hand, in addition to large and pleasantly lighted rooms on the first floor, has eight bed rooms and a bath room, while the stable "is one of the grandest in Danville." His patrons are mill men and farmers. The trade as it relates to the latter class is increasing and hence there is a pressing need for more stable room. He has purchased the property for which the transfer is asked and has received the deed. His intention is to abandon the old stand. Mr. Hinckley conducted a vigorous cross-examination. Mr. Ryan testified that he entertained no strangers or travellers over night during the past month. He couldn't tell how many he has entertained during the past year, as he keeps no register. He has had no boarders during the past year, as his place "was not fit." During last year he did not accommodate any horses, owing to the fact that the stable was not in fit condition. W. Dosh Holloway was the next witness called. Since license had been granted to old stand, which is poorly adapted as a hotel, he did not see why the license should not be transferred to the new building, where the public could be much better accommodated. Harry Millard on being sworn, very emphatically set forth his reasons for believing the new stand a necessity. In the first place he considered North Mill street deficient, with the exception of Peifer's hotel, in decent public houses, especially when it comes to putting up horses. In the second place, he said, James Ryan is a man that everybody likes and wants to patronize; it therefore follows that he ought to have a roomy, cheerful establishment in which to entertain his friends. Chief-of-Police Mincemoyer swore that while on North Mill street at different times farmers and others have come to him and asked to be directed to a place where they might put up their horses, as Peifer's stable was full, and a stable connected with one of the other hotels was not used by the landlord, but had been rented out to another party. Fred Vincent and Joseph Smith followed, each confirming preceding witnesses. It was nearly eleven o'clock when Mr. Hinckley called Rev. L. Dow Ott, pastor of Trinity M. E. church, to the stand. Mr. Ott expressed himself in very decided terms, to the effect that there is no real necessity for a licensed house at the corner of Mill and Centre streets; that such a place as prayed for would lead to a depreciation of property on East Centre street, which is a pleasant residential thoroughfare, and would prove a great discomfort and annoyance. The building on the corner to which it was desired that the license be transferred, he stated, is only some 250 or 300 feet from Trinity M. E. church and St. Joseph's Catholic church and this circumstance, the witness felt sure, was one that ought to weigh against the transfer of license as proposed. By licensing the house on the corner, not only would the church work be interfered with, but in a short time all the objectionable conditions would be found to exist on Centre street and in the alleys intersecting that now belong to the saloon section. It would prove a nuisance and the morals of the community would suffer. J. C. Miller was the next witness. He protested against the policy which

would sacrifice valuable property on a residential street merely to build up a licensed house.

R. J. Pegg being called to the stand urged an additional objection in the fact that diagonally across the street from the stand that Mr. Ryan desires to occupy is a manufacturing establishment employing young people, mostly girls. The spectacle usually presented by a drinking place, he thought, would have a demoralizing effect on the employees. During Mr. Pegg's testimony it was brought out that there are nine hotels, four restaurants and two whole sale liquor establishments between the canal and the northern end of Mill street, which the witness thought ought to be sufficient to meet the demands of the public. Mr. Herring on cross examination tried to get Mr. Pegg to admit that the accommodations at the hotels on North Mill street are notoriously bad. The witness convinced the court that he has only a vague idea of what the interior of these establishments is like. The attorney, however, explained that he himself had some knowledge of the places and described the interior. He then tried to get the witness to acknowledge that it would be much more pleasant for a man to indulge in a glass in a cheerful well lighted room than in a damp basement where there is hardly any light. A ripple of laughter ran through the court room as the witness retorted: "I don't know how others regard it, but it seems to me that if I were to enter a place of that sort for a glass I would want it to be just as dark as possible." David Shellhart, whose residence is situated only some 150 feet from the northeast corner of Mill and Centre streets was called to the stand. He felt sure that if the license was transferred there would be a depreciation of property on Centre street. I. A. Persing, whose property is separated from the rear of the place to which Mr. Ryan desires to move only by an alley was the next witness. The alley, he felt sure, would become an intolerable nuisance if the license were transferred. There was no question, he said, as to the depreciation of property, which would even extend to its rental value. He had already been notified by the tenant occupying the side of the dwelling abutting on the alley that he would move if the license were transferred. By noon the witnesses were all heard. At this point Mr. Hinckley explained that an additional remonstrance had been filed, charging the applicant for transfer with violation of liquor law by selling on Sunday. He offered to call witnesses to support the remonstrance. Mr. Herring made a most vigorous protest against such procedure, declaring it was wholly in violation of the rules of court, which provide that any specific objections to transfer must be included in the general remonstrance filed seven days before the hearing. The additional remonstrance in question was filed only one day before. Mr. Hinckley explained that the facts alleged in the additional remonstrance only came to his attention on Tuesday. Judge Evans was at first disposed to continue the hearing until after the expiration of seven days, but later took the view that under the rules this would not be legal and on reconvening in the afternoon he informed Judge Hinckley that the second remonstrance had come in too late. Accordingly the attorneys proceeded with argument. Mr. Herring addressed the court first. He was followed by Mr. Hinckley, who replied to some of the points with a good deal of warmth. Mr. Herring had the closing address. By this time it was after 3 o'clock. The court was not ready to decide. Adjournment took place, Judge Evans announcing that a decision will be rendered at 10 a. m. Saturday. Sentenced by the Justice. Edward Davis and William Knapp fell victims to the cup that inebriates on Monday and as a consequence both are in "duration vile." Davis has thirty days in jail and Knapp is doing time in the lock-up. It is true, the punishment is a little harder than usually falls to the lot of the man who "overindulges," a fine and costs sufficing, but in neither of the two cases it seems, the circumstances were such as to call for clemency and the way of the transgressor proved hard. Davis, who lives on Spruce street, was arrested Monday night by officers Mincemoyer and Voris on a warrant sworn out by the wife of the accused, charging him with disorderly conduct and abuse of family. Davis was placed in jail. Yesterday morning he was a rained before Justice of the Peace Dalton, who committed him to jail for thirty days under the act of June 5, 1895. William Knapp was found sleeping off the effect of booze in Library avenue, Monday afternoon. He was rudely awakened from his nap by Officer Mincemoyer and escorted to the lock-up. After sleeping off the effects yesterday morning he was arraigned before Justice-of-the-Peace Oglesby and was committed to the borough lock-up for five days in default of payment of fine and costs. To Save Young People. The chief of police of Williamsport has addressed a communication to the mayor in which he declares that a curfew law is necessary to save the young people of the city.