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ITEMS CONDENSED.

Very few persons attempted to read the whole of the president's last message. Those who did read it are proof readers.

In France the doctor's claim on the estate of a deceased patient has precedence of all others.

The adventurous small boy begins to furnish thrilling items to the reporters by venturing on the ice about this time of year.

"By leaving \$5,000 to homeless cats," suggests the Detroit Free Press "a Detroit woman at least prevented her money from being thrown to the dogs."

Each person in the United States uses 10 matches a day.

In London there are 747,000 school children, 480,000 of them over 7 years of age, and of these 30,800 are half-time wage-earners.

In nine years the immigration to Canada from Great Britain and Ireland has increased from 26,000 annually to 177,000. The question is, how many of them removed later on to the United States.

The new harbor works at Tokio will cost \$10,000,000. The money is being raised by the Japanese government by a foreign loan.

In round figures the area of India is 1,500,000 square miles; the United States 3,500,000 and Russia, including Siberia, 8,000,000.

An unauthenticated report from Norfolk, Va., says that 500 men have disappeared from the battleship fleet within twenty-four hours.

About 50,000 Italians have returned to their native land during the last ten days, according to a cable message from Naples.

Premier Stolypin has made something of a fizzle in his effort to be the Speaker Cannon of the Russian domain; at least the Omaha Bee thinks so.

Charles Pumphrey, a 19-year old boy, convicted in Omaha of the murder of Ham Pak, proprietor of a Chinese restaurant, has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The art critic of the Topeka Journal declares that "the eagle on the \$20 gold coin looks like a sick turkey."

Miss Jennie Beidelman, of Bethlehem, aged 25 years, died in agony on Monday as a result of taking a dose of carbolic acid given to her by her mother by mistake for epsom salt.

Two men were thrown out of their beds and a small building was almost destroyed by fire in New Haven, Fayette county, on Sunday night, by an explosion of gas. The men were badly burned.

There are 1,454 applications for liquor license in Schuylkill county this year, which is about 200 less than last year, when only about 1,100 were granted. Half the applicants this year have re-entrances against them.

On Sunday evening while Jacob Wesco, a leading member of Bethany United Evangelical church in Easton, was listening to a sermon preached by the Rev. W. J. Tell, of Allentown, he was attacked with heart failure and died in a few minutes.

Fire destroyed a foreign boarding house in South Bethlehem on Sunday night in which Stephen Urassick lost his life and several other boarders were badly burned. The fire, it is stated, was started from a cigarette that Urassick was smoking.

The wholesale liquor dealers, brewers and bottlers of Lancaster decided to give no Christmas presents to their customers this year, but instead donate the money usually so expended to charities. They met on Monday and their joint contributions amounting to \$588 which was divided between St. Joseph's hospital, the General hospital and the city board of charities.

While little 3-year-old Minnie Rosenthal, of Columbia, was writing a letter to Santa Claus on Monday to tell him what she wanted for Christmas, she accidentally got the pen holder inverted, and in lowering her head to write, the point of the pen was thrust into the left eyeball, inflicting a serious wound which may cause the loss of that eye.

Thomas L. and Sarah Hazlett, of alley City, Minn., have given \$10,000 to Wesley college, at Grand Forks, that State, to endow a professorship devoted to the promotion of Christian education.

RELATING TO CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees are beginning to come into town. Some are very beautiful specimens. Others are not so large, but nevertheless they answer the purpose and will no doubt assist to bring a great deal of Christmas cheer into the various households.

There would seem to be another side of the matter relating to the subject of Christmas trees, which is less joyous in its aspect. This is the side affecting the farmers or property owners, from whose lands the trees are cut.

A well-known citizen who owns land within a couple of miles of Danville, states that the cutting of Christmas trees by persons that without "leave or license" invade his premises has become a great nuisance. The gentleman, however, is philanthropically inclined and is very kindly regarded by all classes because of his good works. No one would more willingly or with better spirit contribute to the general Christmas cheer than he.

Nevertheless on behalf of a large class of landowners situated like himself he asks this paper to voice a protest against trespassing and the indiscriminate slaughter of thrifty young evergreens. One of his tracts, on which he is trying to cultivate a grove last Christmas, he declares, was very badly mutilated by persons, who surreptitiously cut out the best and most promising trees.

In some instances the gentleman is willing to concede that the trees are cut thoughtlessly and he is constrained to believe that if the matter be properly brought home to such people and they are led to see the injustice they will resist and in procuring Christmas trees hereafter will employ altogether different means.

There is scarcely any doubt but that sufficient Christmas trees can be obtained to supply every household without resorting to any means that provoke resentment. The property owner willing to contribute a tree to the Christmas festivities certainly should have the privilege of deciding which of the evergreens is to be sacrificed even if he is not to realize any thing from it in a pecuniary way.

WORKING MEN ON THE TRAMP

Tuesday Chief-of-Police Mincoy couriered up the number of persons that have applied for lodging in the lockup thus far during the present year, which ends January 1st. The number sheltered is just 208.

During the last couple of weeks a decided change has been noticed in the personnel of those applying for lodging. Those who bear the usual ear marks of the hobo in the form of dissipated countenance and soiled and ragged clothing are slightly in the minority, while the greater number, as indicated by their appearance, are just what they represent themselves to be—wage-earners out of a job, but willing to work.

Retrenchment at industrial establishments has become quite general. At some places large numbers of men have been thrown out of employment and it is in an effort to secure work that they are tramping over the country. Many have families dependent upon them and are already in reduced circumstances. Such are glad of the friendly warmth of the lockup in which to spend the night.

Two men, who represented themselves as carpenters, appealed to Chief Mincoy for shelter last night. They had tramped a long distance, hoping to obtain work on the new buildings at the hospital for the insane, which they had been informed were to be erected this winter.

On Monday night seven men were sheltered; on Sunday night there were eight. On each occasion nearly half the number seemed to be working men.

Mrs. Sarah A. Trevor, of Philadelphia, who died recently at the age of 91 years, has bequeathed nearly all her estate of about \$300,000 to charities connected with the Baptist church, among the beneficiaries being Crozer seminary, the home and foreign mission board and home for incurables. All the love letters written to her by her husband before they were married she directed to be placed in her casket under her head.

While walking on the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad, near Flatland, Montgomery county, on Sunday night, Ida Bell, aged 17 years, and Fannie Brunner, aged 18, of Betzwood, were struck and killed by a passenger locomotive. Miss Brunner's father was killed at the same place two years ago.

Daniel Nevin was fined \$6 and costs by Judge Sadler, of the municipal court of Chicago, just because Nevin went to sleep in the court room and ruffled the dignity of justice by boisterous snoring.

PLENTY OF WORK FOR NEXT COURT

During the last couple of months there have been more prisoners in the county jail than in any period of equal length during many years past. During this time for every prisoner released two or more were generally committed.

On Friday night nine were behind the bars. By Saturday night the number had fallen to eight. Of these six are awaiting trial, the majority of them having charges of larceny hanging over their heads. Two are doing time.

It has frequently occurred at this time of year that the Montour county jail was empty and that the midwinter term of court was practically called off for the want of business. Conditions are altogether different this winter and if the number of men held in jail and outside of it—form a criterion there will be plenty of work for court next month.

SCARLET DRAWS FIRST BLOOD

SCRANTON, Dec. 18.

James Scarlet, of Danville, who procured the evidence that indicted the State capital grafters, and who will try these indictments at Harrisburg, beginning next month, won a notable federal victory in court here yesterday. He resisted and secured the overruling of the Powder trust's demurrer to the government's prosecution.

Mr. Scarlet argued that every paragraph in the bill showed that there was a conspiracy; that there was a combination to restrain trade that the combination had been doing so for a number of years; that these were facts, which the government intended to prove, and would prove. He said that the Powder trust had a capital of \$30,000,000 and that it controlled or manufactured eighty-five per cent. of the powder and explosives manufactured in the United States. Lawyers for the trust had argued that the bill lacked specific complaint, and that the Dupont company, the alleged parent company, only held a minority of their stock. They further held that the court had no jurisdiction in the case, and that the arguments brought forward by the government attorneys were founded on conclusions, not on facts revealed. Judge Archibald, in overruling the demurrer, said the allegations were such as presented themselves to his judgment as sufficient to sustain the bill. The defendants would be given an opportunity at the trial to controvert them, if they were not facts.

The block on Mill street belonging to the estate of the late Saul Lyon has been purchased by Hon. James Foster for \$8,000. It is regarded as a very valuable property, containing, on the first floor, two commodious store rooms, occupied respectively by Emerick's ten-cent store and the Nickeloid. On the second floor are the dental rooms of Dr. C. H. Reynolds. The rest of the building is cut up into living apartments.

THE GRONE BUILDING.

The Elks' hall association at its last meeting decided to purchase the Grone building, corner of Mill and East Mahoning streets at \$13,500. The Elks, it appears, had a thirty days' option on the building at the above figure and their action is equivalent to the transfer of the property.

The Grone building, in which the Post Office is installed in addition to the lodge of Elks, is likewise regarded as a very valuable property. Aside from its choice location the building is practically new.

FUNERAL OF J. M. GETHING

The funeral of Jesse Maneely Gething, whose death occurred Thursday night, took place at 9 o'clock from St. Hubert's German Catholic church, Rev. Father Form conducting the services. Interment was made in St. Hubert's cemetery.

The deceased was a member of I. O. R. M. No. 77 and of the A. A. of I. S. & T. W. and a large number of the members of both orders were present at the funeral. The pall bearers were James Connelley, Albert Gill, Theodore Baker, Harry Winneger, Frank McCaffrey, and John Winneger. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful and were presented by the lodges and friends of the deceased.

Miss Alice Lovett left yesterday for a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

ELECTRIC LOCK AND BLOCK TOWER

The Pennsylvania railroad company at Riverside Tuesday broke ground for an "electric lock and block tower," the installation of which means that an entirely new system will be employed there for the handling of trains.

The tower is being built at the lower end of the siding, at DeMeyer's farm, about a mile and a half below the station. The rails are already bonded and much of the other work incidental to the installation of the new system is completed. The immense storage batteries that are to furnish electricity for operating the signals are already on the ground. The tower itself is at Catawissa and will be shipped to Riverside in sections as soon as the foundation is ready. The work is in such shape that by the time the tower is erected the entire system will be practically in working order.

The block system has been employed on the south side with some modifications for a good while past; that is, the trains have been run over the sections or blocks with just as much assurance of safety as is possible where a human being with his liability to err forms a part of the system.

As is implied by the electric lock and block tower the train itself on entering the block will automatically throw the electric signal in the tower. That this is an improvement and a positive guarantee of safety must be apparent to every one. An operator will be installed in the tower, but whether this implies that the instrument at present maintained in the depot will be removed no one seems to know. The general impression is that the installation of the electric lock and block tower means complete revolution in the arrangement of things about the station.

The electric lock and block tower at South Danville is the first one to be installed on that division of the Pennsylvania system. It is said that another tower will be installed at Nescopeck.

KRICKBAUM OUSTER WAS ARGUED

The ouster proceedings against William Krickbaum, associate judge of Columbia county came up before Judge Evans at Bloomsburg yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. A large number of witnesses were examined and a big crowd was in the court room during the proceedings. The court reserved its decision.

Republican County Chairman Clyde Charles Yetter appeared for the petitioners and Fred Keler, Esq., was counsel for the respondent. The petitioners who wish to oust Krickbaum claim that the election in Millin township was illegal, owing to the fact that the judge of election, Whitney Hess, had no right to serve and that E. A. Johnson was the legally elected judge.

This was the second time during Krickbaum's long political career that an attempt has been made to oust the "old war horse" from office. The first attempt to put him out of office was in 1900, when he was holding the office of county commissioner. Krickbaum was ousted by Judge Halsey, of Luzerne county, but on May 13, 1901, the Supreme court decided in favor of Krickbaum, and he was re-installed.

TO INQUIRE INTO BRIDGE DISASTER

That an official inquiry will be made into the cause of the deaths of the seven victims of the awful accident at Millinville, was evidenced on Monday afternoon, when acting Coroner John R. Sutton, of Berwick, visited the scene of the accident and impelled a jury. After viewing the body of A. W. Fahs, the only victim found, the jury was dismissed and the inquest postponed indefinitely.

Following are the jurors selected by Mr. Sutton: R. W. Smith, of Millinville; Clarence Stephens, of Bloomsburg; Frank Ohl, of Bloomsburg; J. W. Mather, of Berwick; O. E. Letter, of Berwick.

Acting Coroner Sutton stated that an investigation would be made, following which witnesses would be subpoenaed, and the exact cause of the accident, if possible, learned.

As soon as the necessary information as to witnesses can be secured, the men will be subpoenaed and the inquest held.

A Milk Depot.

A milk depot to be operated in connection with Vincent's dairy has been opened at No. 347 Mill street. It is the first experiment of its kind in Danville. Along with milk and cream will be sold butter, eggs, cheese and the like. The place is in charge of Victor Vincent, who with his family occupies rooms in the building.

ANOTHER DEER RUNS THE GANTLET

The venturesome deer which some two weeks ago ran the gantlet among the farmers of Rush township, Northumberland county, had the temerity to reappear on Tuesday, very nearly retracing its steps over the cultivated fields. Yesterday morning it was still reconnoitering in the vicinity, near the head of Pine Swamp Hollow.

The deer this trip became especially conspicuous on the farm of J. C. Carr, just below Kippis Run, where scarcely a hundred yards from the farm house it paused and, with head erect, gazed into the window of the dining room, where the family was seated around the dinner table.

There is no question whatever as to the truth of the story Mr. Carr, who was in this city yesterday afternoon, himself related the facts to a representative of this paper. The deer, he said, was a "spike" buck weighing about 150 pounds and corresponds precisely to the description of the other deer that appeared a couple of weeks ago. The deer on that occasion passed through Mr. Carr's farm, but the fact was learned only by the tracks, as the animal crossed the river in the night.

It was a matter of great regret to Mr. Carr's family that the deer passed during the night, causing them to miss the interesting spectacle. Imagine the mingled emotions of surprise and delight, therefore, that filled the mind of Mrs. Carr on Tuesday when she happened to look up and beheld the deer, the very soul of grace and action, standing outside the window as if posing for her especial benefit.

Mr. Carr himself was not at home. The family decided not to disturb the deer, content to watch its movements. A moment later, however, the animal bounded away and with a single leap cleared the top of a high fence.

Yesterday morning the same deer was seen on the McCloghnan farm at the head of Pine Swamp Hollow. The deer was not seen during the day, although the snow was full of tracks on Mr. Carr's farm the tracks in the snow showed that the deer had partially circled the house before it decided to pause and observe the movements of the family at the midday meal. The deer was traced from the farm house back to the river where it had crossed from the Point township side. The tracks showed where the animal had emerged from the river, climbed up over the bank, made its way through J. C. Richard's field and leaped over the fence into Mr. Carr's farm.

DANVILLE H. S. 20 MILTON H. S. 36

The Danville high school basketball team was defeated by the Milton high school seniors on Tuesday evening at the latter place, by a score of 20 to 36. This was the first game played by the Danville high school team, and the local students made a good showing. The Milton boys are all old and tried players, while several of the locals were playing their first exhibition game. The Danville team held their opponents to a tie score until just a few minutes before the end of the second half.

The line-up: DANVILLE H. S. MILTON H. S. Kase.....forward..... Falls Peters.....forward..... Dagget Sechler.....center..... Fleckenstein McDermott.....guard..... Paul Dailley.....guard..... Raup Goals from field: Peters 6, Sechler 1, McDermott 3, Falls 10, Dagget 3, Fleckenstein 2, Paul 2. Goals from fouls: Dagget 2.

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN BURNS

Mrs. John Burns, Sider hill, departed this life at 7 o'clock yesterday morning after a brief illness. Besides her husband the deceased is survived by five children. She was forty-two years of age. The deceased was a well known and esteemed woman.

The funeral will be held at 9 a. m., Saturday, from St. Joseph's Catholic church. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Austin Mellor, of York, a Civil war veteran 72 years of age, was found dead in his bed on Monday morning with the bed soaked with blood and a gash in his wrist. Suicide was suspected until Charles Carroll, another veteran who had slept with him, said Mellor had been seized with a fit and had cut his wrist by thrusting it through a window pane.

Board of Stewards.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of stewards, of St. Peter's M. E. church, will be held at the home of W. R. Clark, South Danville, Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The oldest mayor in Ohio presides over the civic destinies of Barnhill, in the person of Alexander F. Oliver, who is 85 years old.

DIGGING DITCH-- KILLED BY SLIDE

Harry Wands, of Sunbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wands, Pine Swamp hollow, Rush township, was killed at Sunbury Tuesday afternoon by a slide of earth, while he was employed digging a ditch.

Mr. Wands is well known in Danville having been born and raised in this city, leaving here a few years ago. His father until several years ago owned the farm opposite the State hospital and which is now the property of that institution. Later the deceased was employed at the Reading Iron works. He moved to Sunbury about a year ago from Klinesgrove, where he lived on the farm of his father-in-law.

When the accident happened Wands was digging a sewer ditch between the two houses on South Fourth street in Sunbury. The ditch was less than five feet deep and one and one-half feet wide. A wide board was propped against the side on which the dirt was thrown to prevent it from coming into the ditch. Wands had laid a section of pipe and stepped back to shovel a covering of dirt over it, when the wall caved in covering him to the waist. He turned and faced the slide as it came upon him. Mr. Neidig, who was overseeing the work, saw the accident from above and leaped into the ditch, warding off with his hands a second slide which covered the helpless man to his neck and threatened to entomb him entirely. As he pulled away the dirt Wands was still breathing, though he was unconscious when the ground was removed from his chest. He was pulled out just after a physician arrived. By that time he was dead.

Wands was aged about 28 years. He is survived by a wife and two children, one a boy about 4 years old, and the other a baby girl of 7 months.

John W. Gerringer, a well-known young man of the third ward, departed this life at his home, North Mill street, at 11:15 o'clock yesterday forenoon following an attack of typhoid fever. The deceased had been ill for several weeks. He had just recovered from an attack of pneumonia when typhoid fever developed. He was in a very low condition for a week or more prior to his death.

He is survived by his wife and three small children; also by his mother, Mrs. William Gerringer, three brothers, Joseph, Samuel and Theodore Gerringer, of this city, and two sisters, Elizabeth (Mrs. F. B. Passmore), Pittsburg, and Anna (Mrs. H. Hyman), of Williamsport. He was born in Mahoning township near Danville. He was an iron worker and was employed at the Reading Iron works, where he ran a "buggy."

He was twenty-six years of age, and was an industrious and esteemed young man. He was a member of Montour Castle, No. 186, K. G. E., and of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, both of which organizations are expected to turn out at the funeral in a body.

The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. on Friday from St. Joseph's Catholic church. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery.

SIX-YEAR OLD VICTIM OF TYPHOID

Mary Margaret Reilly, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reilly, West Mahoning street, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon as the result of an attack of typhoid fever. The child had been ill ten days.

The child's father is also ill of typhoid fever, but yesterday was reported as doing quite well.

The funeral of the child will take place at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Interment, which will be private, will be made in Fairview cemetery.

Pleasant Party.

A very pleasant party of young people from Buckhorn spent Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gulliver, r. f. d. No. 4. The evening was spent with games and music. Refreshments were served. The following were present: Misses Anna McBride, Myrtle Gulliver, Lula Irvin, Lillian Mausteller, Helen Hartman, Maud Wampole, Grace Hartman, Frank Harris, Messrs. North Leidy, Frank Harris, Cal Irvin, Kimber Hartman, Ray Mausteller, Roy Doer, Clarence Doer, Maurice Girton, Clifton Pursel, Merlin Gulliver, Clyde Gulliver, Willie Gulliver, Harry Gulliver, Clarence Gulliver.

Fourth Quarterly Conference.

The presiding elder of the Danville district, Rev. R. H. Gilbert, D. D., will hold the fourth quarterly conference at the Washingtonville M. E. church, Friday afternoon at 2:30.

TO SWELL THE CHRISTMAS FUND

Paul Jones of Reading, a well-known Salvationist, was in this city yesterday collecting money for the general Christmas fund, which the Salvation Army raises annually for the purpose of bringing sunshine and happiness into the lives of the very poor of the cities and towns at a season when every one should be merry and of good cheer.

Unfortunately for the cause Danville people have been victimized several times by impostors who sailed under Salvation Army colors and the result is that even those among the most benevolently inclined are a little chary in contributing.

The Salvationist realizes that this is a disadvantage that he has to contend with but states that he is meeting with fair success. Some years ago he came to Danville and sang in the opera house on the occasion of a children's entertainment given under the auspices of Ensign and Mrs. Heift, who then had charge of the Salvation Army in Danville.

To those of our citizens who do not remember Mr. Jones, in the way of credentials he can show a salvation army uniform and a clerical half-rate railway ticket, to say nothing of a frank, kindly and benevolent countenance that no one would associate with insincerity or any trick to deceive or defraud.

Mr. Jones says that the Salvation Army workers over the entire country are now busy raising money for Christmas and preparing to spend it to the best advantage. What is raised in this section will in great part be expended in the various towns of the coal region.

HUSBAND AND WIFE COMMITTED TO JAIL

John Barrett and wife of Center street were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Dalton last night charged with drunkenness, disorderly conduct and with disturbing the neighborhood. In default of the usual fine and payment of costs they were committed to the county prison for ten days.

This case as described by the police is a tough one. The man and wife have been intoxicated for a couple of weeks and during that time have sacrificed one after another various articles embracing not only household furniture, but even bedding and clothing. At present the house is practically bare and the family is sleeping on the floor. A pair of blankets, new, which cost \$14 were sold for \$1.50. A side board which cost \$28 was sacrificed for \$4.

In the family are several small children, who are obliged to endure the deprivation and hardship thus shamelessly forced upon them. During the imprisonment of the parents the children will be in the care of an elder brother, who lives at home.

PERSONALS.

Dr. and Mrs. Hinshilwood and daughter Jessie left yesterday for a two weeks' visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss E. C. VanHorn, of Limestoneville, and Mrs. James Tanner, of Oak Grove, were visitors in Danville yesterday.

Harry Schoch arrived last evening from Selingsgrove to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Schoch, East Market street. Mr. Schoch is a student at Susquehanna university.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Pencyl and son Mettler have returned from a visit with relatives in Alexandria, Virginia.

Charles H. Howe, of Columbia, South Carolina, accompanied by his partner, Captain Robertson, arrived yesterday for a few days' visit at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Howe, East Market street. Mr. Howe and Captain Robertson conduct the leading merchant tailoring establishment at Columbia.

Miss Ida Kaufman is spending several days with friends in Berwick.

Mrs. Jane Caston returned to Shenandoah yesterday morning after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. John G. Voris, Ferry street.

Mrs. John Landan, of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays at the home of Joseph L. Shannon, Riverside.

Fred Roberts arrived Tuesday evening from Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Roberts, East Danville. Mr. Roberts is employed in the department of commerce and labor at Washington.