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ITEMS CONDENSED.

There is money in cocoa nuts in the federated Malay states. The growers there have plantations worth \$20,000,000. A capacity of 500 barrels a day is expected from the Chinese cement government's cement works now being built at Song Tong Wei. The Kentucky court of appeals has decided that it is unlawful for a lot owner to bury the body of a dog or any other animal in his lot. Jorgen Urlickson, a well digger at Eagle Lake, Minn., was caught by a fall of earth fifty feet below the surface, and buried alive. The German government will spend a billion dollars on its navy during the next ten years if it can secure the consent of the reichstag. Milwaukee is pluming herself upon the fact that no less than sixty-four conventions, large and small, will meet there during the year 1908. A Reading cigar firm last week filled an order for 27,000 cigars for the oil king, John D. Rockefeller. A 6-months-old son of John Reed, of Tower City, Schuylkill county, died on Saturday from injuries sustained by swallowing a safety pin. The pin had caught in the child's throat. Mayors Guhrrie and Kirschler have agreed to postpone the financial union of Pittsburg and Allegheny until the beginning of the new financial year, on February 1, 1908. Edward Chism, aged 64 years, treasurer of Colwyn, Delaware county, who had his spine broken a month ago by falling from the roof of a building, which rendered him entirely helpless, died of his injuries on Saturday. In a fire at the home of Mrs. Margaret Staley, in Norristown, on Friday night, Jennie Staley, aged 11 years, and Margaret Wilson, aged 5, were so badly burned that both died at the Norristown hospital on Saturday. Charles Krause, of Slatington, was tearing his little sister on Saturday, when she threw a hat pin at him, which struck him in the left eye, puncturing the eyeball so badly that it is feared he will lose his sight. Rev. William Boyd Craig, one of the oldest and most prominent ministers of Carlisle presbytery, who died last week at his home near Shippensburg, has bequeathed \$12,000 to the missions boards of the Presbyterian church, the American Bible society and the American Tract society. Edwin E. Hopkins, who lost both legs in an accident on the Northampton Traction line at Easton, when a car ran away from the car barn and rashed down a steep grade into the car of which Hopkins was motorman, has sued the company for \$50,000 damages. Charles Goodburn employed at the Fort Wayne railroad station in Sewickley was walking beside a moving passenger train on Saturday when he collided with a truck and was thrown under the train. Fortunately the train was brought to a stop just as a wheel was cutting into the man's trousers. Early on Saturday morning burglars bound and gagged George Hendrickson, watchman at the union station at Langdenburg, Chester county, as he was seated in the cab of a Baltimore and Ohio locomotive and then entered the station, blow open the safe and took all the money it contained. Mrs. Edith Lukens died at her home on Melon street, Philadelphia, on Saturday, aged 99 years. Her husband died in 1833. Throughout her long life she never suffered any severe illness and until quite recently was remarkably well preserved in body and mind. The American Can company, of Pittsburg, has received an order from the California Fruit Growers' association for 300,000,000 cans to be delivered at the rate of 60,000,000 cans per year for five years. This is the largest order ever placed for these useful articles of commerce. Jacob Ressler, of near Clains, Lancaster county, had a crop of 690 bushels of corn from four acres of land this year. It has been decided to bond Hazleton in the spring to raise \$60,000 to defray the expense of street paving on a large scale. Charles Anderson fell into a pond at Yardley, Bucks county, on Saturday, and was drowned.

IMPORTANT ACTION ON SEWERAGE

Important action was taken by the borough council Friday night, which might indicate that a well-laid plan is on foot for the disposal of hospital sewage according to a method that will prevent pollution of the river. On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that the following resolutions be adopted: That the borough of Danville cooperate with the trustees of the State hospital for the insane at Danville, Pennsylvania, in procuring a safe and sanitary method of disposing of its sewage. That, if, in the wisdom of the department of health of the State of Pennsylvania, it shall appear that the use of the old canal and connection with the municipal sewer is the most feasible plan, then permission be granted such hospital to make such connection. On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that a committee of three including the burgess and president of council be appointed to act in conjunction with the trustees of the hospital for the insane in providing a better method of disposing of the hospital sewage. President Sweisfort appointed John L. Russell, Jacob Dietz and George B. Jacobs as members of said committee. The president explained that there were several vacancies in the board of health caused by the terms expiring. The matter was discussed at some length when the president made the following appointments on the board of health: Second ward, J. Newton Pursell; third ward, Jesse B. Cleaver; fourth ward, Robert Farley. In the first ward the members are Dr. P. C. Newbaker, president, and James Shultz. On motion of Mr. Hughes it was ordered that repairs be made on the Goodwill engine house; also that the gutter on the roof of city hall be repaired. On motion of Mr. Moyer it was ordered that a building permit be granted to D. R. Eckman, who wishes to make alterations on his property on Mill street including repairs on a stable in the rear. The following members were in their places: Sweisfort, Jacobs, Everhart, Moyer, Dietz, Russell, Angie and Hughes. The following bills were approved for payment: Regular employes \$127.50, People's Coal Yard 4.90, Jno. Hixson 12.20, Expressage .30, Labor and Hauling 67.40, D. L. & W. R. R. Co. 29.65, James Gibson 18.00, Atlantic Refining Co. 9.46, Jacob Reed's Sons 36.00. WATER DEPT. Regular employes 305.50, Labor and Hauling 50.10, P. H. Foust 119.25, Friendship Fire Co. 14.63, Jno. H. Goesser 10.13, Leavitt Machine Co. 137.50, Jno. Hixson .50. GUARD INSPECTION DATES ANNOUNCED Details of the spring inspection of the infantry organizations of the National Guard of Pennsylvania have just been announced in general orders issued by Adjutant General Stewart at Harrisburg. At these inspections the organizations will be paraded by battery, troop and company, in the State uniform, in light marching order, infantry companies without leggins. Ratings will be made for all concerned upon discipline and equipment, clothing, books and papers. Following is a schedule of dates for the several inspections of the Twelfth regiment: Headquarters, February 7; regimental band, February 14; hospital corps, February 7; Company A, February 10; Company B, February 12; Company C, February 8; Company D, February 13; Company E, February 7; Company F, February 6; Company G, February 11; Company H, February 15; Company I, February 14; Company K, February 7. MCHENRY'S NEW PENSION BILL Coal mine disasters of recent occurrence, causing the loss of five hundred lives, prompted the introduction in the house at Washington, Saturday, by Mr. McHenry, of Pennsylvania, of a bill "to supply relief and alleviate suffering incident thereto." The bill provides for the establishment in the department of commerce and labor of a bureau of mines and mining, whose duty it shall be to investigate all coal mine accidents and supply monetary relief to sufferers out of a fund to be created by a tax of one cent a ton on all coal mines in the United States.

COMMUNICATION FROM DR. DIXON

Dr. Cameron Shultz, secretary of the local board of health, has received a stirring communication from State Health Commissioner Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, relating to the outbreak of typhoid fever in this city, which will no doubt have the effect of arousing the people to a true sense of their danger, causing them to institute proper investigation to determine whether the unhealthful conditions are due to neglect and to adopt measures that will compel the observance of all the precautions known to science. In the several articles relating to the subject this paper has only reflected the views of the physicians. In tone these articles, it will be recalled, were various. If one physician was pessimistic in his views another tried to minimize the outbreak and both seemed conscientious in the matter. Previous to the present the local registrar's report showed no more than eighteen cases on the list. Meanwhile the impression got abroad that there was a larger number of typhoid fever cases. The evidence came to the people in a way that seemed to carry conviction with it. They became distrustful and alarmed and in order that a remedy might be applied before the state of affairs had lasted too long some one wrote to Dr. Dixon, asking that he look into the matter. Dr. Dixon, however, had already the subject under consideration. Several weeks ago, it will be recalled, the State health commissioner wrote to the local board of health and wanted to know what it was doing to trace the disease to a source. Meanwhile, the number of cases seemed to increase. During the last ten days, especially, new cases have been reported daily. Two deaths from the disease have occurred and in several cases the patients are now lying very low. It was learned from the local registrar, Saturday, that during November and in December thus far there have been forty cases reported. A leading physician Sunday stated that he had three new cases, which would have to be reported Monday. How many cases may be reported by other physicians is problematical. Dr. Dixon is under the impression that there are nearer seventy-five cases of typhoid fever than forty in Danville and he seems to be pretty well informed on the status of the outbreak. It was at first stated that there is a prevalence of intermittent and malarial fever in Danville as well as of typhoid fever. It now appears, however, that at least in some of the cases it is only a difference of opinion among the doctors. The cases are not all well defined ones and what one physician diagnoses as malarial fever another would call typhoid. The fact remains, however, that typhoid fever is prevalent and the lay mind derives little consolation from the fact that in a few cases of fever some of the characteristic symptoms are lacking. It is evidently a time for some sane action, which can not be too prompt. Dr. Dixon in his communication to the secretary urges the board of health to proceed at once with a searching investigation to determine whether or not any of the doctors fail to report the full number of cases of typhoid fever under their treatment; if any are found guilty of such negligence the board of health is instructed to proceed at once to prosecute them. Dr. Dixon advises that the milk as well as the water used for drinking and culinary purposes be boiled. He also advises against the eating of uncooked vegetables or food stuffs of any sort, as all such are a possible source of infection. He strongly recommends that in all cases the use of milk bottles and containers used by milk dealers be forbidden. It is positively forbidden that these bottles be used in houses where typhoid fever exists. The State health commissioner also directs that all houses wherein typhoid fever exists be placarded. WORK ON BRIDGES MOVES SLOWLY The bridge over Beaver run at Robbins' farm in Liberty township is now completed and is open for traffic. The county commissioners are ready to begin work on the bridge over the same stream at Mrs. Henry's farm, the stonework of which was completed some months ago. The work on the several bridges of the county has progressed much more slowly than was anticipated by the county commissioners. It is likely, however, that all will be completed before next spring. Underwent Operation. Mrs. Josephine Kimerer has returned from Philadelphia where she has been for a month recovering from an operation for appendicitis. The operation was successful and Mrs. Kimerer is in excellent health.

UMBRELLA STANDS FOR THE SCHOOLS

In view of the prevalence of sickness about town school board Monday night devoted considerable time to the discussion of sanitary measures to be adopted in relation to the schools. Mr. Burns raised the question whether it might not be advisable to have the school buildings cleaned during the holiday vacation. If a thorough scrubbing would be too expensive he thought the "wiping up" of the floors and a washing off of the woodwork might do as a compromise; anything, he said, to obviate the clouds of dust that envelop the school rooms whenever sweeping is being done. In his opinion the dust in itself is a source of great danger and cleaner floors, he thought, would result in less dust. Dr. Barber expressed similar views on the subject and he took the view that an unnecessary amount of dust was raised by the janitors. He thought a preparation might be procured that would keep down the dust when the school rooms are being swept. On motion of Mr. Sechler it was ordered that the secretary look into the matter ascertaining the cost and the practical value of such preparations, several of which are advertised. On motion of Dr. Barber it was ordered that the cellar of the first ward school building be given a general cleaning out, every article not essential to heating the building to be removed. Mr. Fischer called attention to the necessity of having the woodwork of the cellar of the first ward school building painted during the coming Christmas vacation. On motion of Mr. Sechler it was ordered that the building and repair committee be instructed to have the painting done during vacation as recommended by Mr. Fischer. An umbrella stand, something special in design, to meet the demands of the school room, was adopted by the school board Monday night. A model devised by Mr. Burns of the second ward was produced before the board Monday night. The stand is nearly six feet in length, the base being in the form of a zinclined trough. The members approved of the pattern and on motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that bids be invited for 25 umbrella stands, five feet, three inches, in length, and one eight feet in length, each lined with galvanized iron. The following members were present at the meeting: Pursell, Orth, Swarte, Burns, Redding, Barber, Fish, Fischer, Sechler, Foulk, Heiss, Cole. The following bills were approved for payment: Wm. Quigg \$ 26.50, George Sechler 1.00, Saddle Row & Co. 6.75, Boyer Bros. 3.20, Mayer Rounsey 2.00, Teachers and Janitors 121.75. COPPERHEAD SNAKE KILLED ON SUNDAY Attracted by the warm sunshine a copperhead snake, Sunday, crawled out of its winter retreat on the south side of Montour ridge. The pleasant little sunbath, however, caused his snake ship life, for while he was enjoying his siesta George Mock of town came along. Snakes are a novelty about Christmas time and George for a time was inclined to doubt his senses. Perceiving the venomous nature of the reptile he concluded to keep a safe distance. Calling to Harvey Lamberson, who lives a short distance below, the latter, with his famous dog, which has a record for killing snakes, joined Mock on the ridge and led the attack on the copperhead. The little dog, however, did the work and there will be one copperhead less to infest that locality next summer. The snake was over two feet in length. FLOOR SINKS WITH BIG CROWD Monday it was learned that a terrible catastrophe had been averted at Exchange, this county, by the narrowest kind of a margin on Sunday evening, when the floor of the Episcopal church of that place sank six inches under the strain of a big crowd that had gathered to hear the rendition of a Christmas service. It was not until Monday morning that the defective floor was discovered and it was then sagging six inches in the middle. One of the largest crowds that ever gathered for a like occasion was present Sunday evening, even all the standing room being taken. The service passed off most auspiciously and none of the spectators had the slightest suspicion of the awful danger they were facing. The church was heated by two stoves and had the floor collapsed fire would no doubt have been added to the other horrors.

BIRTHDAY FALLS ON CHRISTMAS

Yesterday—Christmas, 1907—was the birthday of a very venerable woman of Danville, Mrs. Mary A. Miller, who resides with her son, William Miller, Cherry street. Mrs. Miller was born in the year 1819 and is accordingly 88 years of age. The venerable woman although only twelve years short of the century mark is in the full possession of her faculties. Her eyesight is somewhat dimmed, but her mind is clear, her memory especially, being a marvel. Like all aged people, Mrs. Miller loves to dwell on the past and she talks most entertainingly of her early life. She was born in New York State, but has lived in Danville for seventy years. When a girl she came down the north branch on a raft, settling with others of the family in Salem township, Luzerne county. She lived for awhile in Shickshinny and Berwick. At the latter place she was married and when 18 years of age removed to Danville. Mrs. Miller has been married twice, the children of the first marriage being Richard W., Calvin L. and Hiram Eggert, Elmira (Mrs. Whittenbaugh) of Williamsport, and Virginia (Mrs. Joseph Mottern) of Mechanicsville. Hiram Eggert lives at Portland, Me. Mrs. Miller's second husband was Thomas Miller, who died many years ago. The children of this marriage are Thomas, William and Charles Miller, all well-known residents of this city. Today should be a "Merry Christmas" at the home of Mrs. Miller. That a birthday anniversary and the great church festival should fall on the same date is in itself a pleasing coincidence, but when the birthday marks the 88th milestone of life's journey the tenderness of emotions are aroused and the occasion assumes an added significance. BREAKING GROUND FOR FOUNDATION Ground was broken at the light plant Monday for the new engine and dynamo. The proposition in the present case is a much more serious one than is usually implied when ground is broken for a foundation, as before a beginning could be made it was necessary to cut through nearly a foot of solid concrete that formed the floor of that portion of the water works. The foundation, which will have to be sunk some twenty-five feet, presents a difficult problem throughout and itself may prove a pretty heavy item of cost. The force of men employed Monday barely succeeded in removing the concrete, which had to be chipped out with sledge and drill. Next will follow the work of excavating. As the earth is removed the stoutest kind of cribbing will have to be installed in order to resist the heavy jar caused by operating the high speed engine and dynamo, which stand distant a matter of only ten feet. The excavation will have to be sunk down as far as the bottom of the subcellar under the pit of the water plant, where the pumps are installed, the depth below the floor of the light plant where the new engine and dynamo are to be installed being, at least, twenty-five feet. No less than 200 cubic feet of earth will have to be removed. The work on the foundation is in charge of Superintendent of Construction P. J. Keefer and will not be finished in much less than two weeks' time. PROMINENT WOMAN'S DEMISE Mrs. Margaret A. Bird, East Market street, departed this life very unexpectedly Monday morning. Mrs. Bird was in her usual health up to Friday night, when she was seized with an attack of acute indigestion. She was very ill for awhile but seemingly improved. During Saturday and Sunday she was considerably indisposed, although her full recovery was confidently expected by the family. Her death, therefore, which occurred at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, was wholly unexpected and came as a great shock. The deceased was the widow of Charles A. Bird, who departed this life six years ago. She was seventy-two years of age and is survived by two sons, Wellington H. Bird, of Philadelphia, and John C. Bird, of Pittsburg, three daughters, the Misses Alice and Janet Bird, and Emma (Mrs. John R. Jacobs) of Danville; also by one brother, Jacob Martz, of Washingtonville, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Frazier of Washingtonville, and Mrs. Jacob St. Clair, of West Point, Neb. The deceased was a native and a life-long resident of Montour county. She was a woman widely known and most highly esteemed. AS CONSTRUED BY DR. 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While the above section of the law seems explicit enough it does seem to leave some misunderstanding in the minds of a few people relative to the case that the school authorities are at present dealing with—in other words, whether a child removed from the parental home on the outbreak of communicable disease and kept aloof from the infected household may not be permitted to attend school. That no mistake might be made in interpreting the law in this relation last year the question involved was submitted to State Health Commissioner Dr. Dixon, who in reply settled the disputed point for all time. Dr. Dixon made it clear to the local school board that a child exposed to contagion by living in a family in which a case of diphtheria or other disease develops, even though removed to another household free from infection, under the law cannot be permitted to attend school until at the expiration of thirty days after the child has been removed. 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Ludecslager, of Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, while walking to his home on the trolley track early Sunday morning, was run down and out in two by one of the Lehigh Traction company's big cars, only a few yards from his residence. Positive orders issued on Saturday evening by many coal companies in the Schuylkill region, that the mines should work all this week, except on Christmas day, have been met with positive declarations that the men would not work Wednesday or Thursday. Shoemaker—Kreamer. William Shoemaker and Miss Margaret Kreamer were married on December 18th at the home of Rev. H. C. Munro, White Hall. The average length of life of a tradesman is two-thirds of that of a farmer.

DEATH OF JOHN TYLER OBERDORF

John Tyler Oberdorf, a widely known citizen of Danville, departed this life at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning after a protracted illness due to a complication of diseases. The deceased was sixty-six years of age. He was born near Kipp's run, in Northumberland county, and resided in South Danville and this city during the greater part of his life. For many years he was engineer at the Reading Iron works; he also had charge of an engine at the works of Curry & Vannan. He was especially skillful as an engineer and was an authority on matters pertaining to that occupation. The deceased, however, was best known as musician and band director. For a number of years he was connected with Stoes' band. He later was director in the Citizens' and in Danville and Mechanicsville bands. He also played in various orchestras. As he advanced in years he became incapacitated for hard work and he accepted an agency under the Prudential Life Insurance company, a position which he filled for eight years. For two years prior to his death he lived retired. The deceased is survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Jane, and seven sons: William, Haydn, Frank, Charles, George, Gearhart and Walter. The sons all are residents of Danville with the exception of Charles, who lives at Lewisburg. The funeral will be held on Friday at 2 p. m. RED CROSS STAMPS IN DANVILLE During the last couple of days Red Cross stamps have made their appearance in Danville and have been used along with postage stamps, on packages sent through the mails. They were procured from the "North American" office in Philadelphia by Will G. Brown, who so far as known is the only person in Danville who possessed any of these stamps. Mr. Brown was a yuletide greeting presented the stamps to his friends about town and thus they became pretty well circulated. Mr. Brown intends to send for an installment of the Red Cross stamps containing the New Year greeting. If there are any in Danville who would like to assist in the war against the "white plague" by purchasing these stamps all they have to do is to call on Mr. Brown, making known their desires, when he will procure any quantity they desire when he sends in an order for his own stamps. IT MAY BE A DULL VACATION A good snow fall or at least colder weather that would produce skating would be very timely at present. Without either sleighing or skating it is feared that the ten days' Christmas vacation will be void of charm for the thousand or so of boys and girls that have been let loose from school. We shall watch the weather indications during the next few days with a great deal of interest. Moser—Carr. John Alvin Moser and Mrs. Carrie E. Carr, both of Derry township, were united in marriage Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. C. D. Lerch at his home on North Mill street. Attendants Warren Fenstermacher and Bertha Moser of Valley township. Miss Alcinda Thompson, aged 75 years, was found dead in bed on Saturday night at her home in Uniontown. She lived alone and it is believed she had been dead about twenty-four hours. For nearly forty years she had been a teacher in a private school. While Miss Elizabeth Hatfield, of Washington, aged 17 years, was kneeling at her bedside in prayer on Sunday morning, her night dress ignited at a gas stove and she was burned so badly that she died at the hospital in the evening. On Saturday as Mrs. Oliver Breneiser, of Oakbrook, near Reading, was on her way home from a grocery store, she was accosted by a man who, after asking some information, grabbed her pocket book, containing \$20, and escaped. A farmer's organization for the purpose of raising Pennsylvania grass fed cattle on a large scale was formed at Pottsville on Saturday. Large tracts of land on which the timber has been cut will be utilized as pasture ground. Rt. Rev. John E. Fitzmaurice, D. D., bishop of Erie, dedicated St. Stephen's new Catholic church at Meadville, on Sunday, assisted by a large number of priests. The church cost \$100,000.

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