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ITEMS CONDENSED.

Ignorance often puts its victim in absurd situations.

An impudent child is a poor recommendation for his parents.

Constant vigilance is necessary in our peculiar climate.

Attention to one's own business is often the secret of success.

The evil step that is never taken need not be repeated of.

Petulance is a vice which the wise endeavor to crush.

Selfishness is one of the most powerful of human motives.

Neither partisanship nor prejudice should direct one's ballot.

The only things which will never be destroyed are invisible.

The life of the spirit alone endures throughout the ages.

Cotton mills in New England are declaring the largest dividends in their history.

Mrs. Thomas C. Fletcher, widow of Missouri's famous war governor, is dead at her home in St. Louis.

She was prominent for many years in temperance work.

The British board of agriculture has recently published some statistics which show that England's foreign food bill has doubled in amount during the last twenty years.

Railroad earnings for 1907 will be a long way ahead of 1906, and even now show but a slight decrease compared with the corresponding weeks last year.

Health statistics of the German fleet indicates that the percentage of insanity is lowest in the engineering branch.

The most common disease is eye trouble. Heart trouble comes next.

Some of the bad boys who declined to turn over new leaves at the beginning of the year will be in the reformatory before its close.

The Russian soldiers are each to be furnished with a pocket compass having a luminous needle.

The national guard of the State of New York is to be put on a war footing at once, if the recommendation of the commission that investigated its affairs is adopted.

Susan Hartley Sweet, writer of poems and short stories, sister of Sophie M. Sweet, author and editor, is dead at her home at Arlington Heights, near Boston.

The American ambassador to Austria gave the American colony in Vienna an enjoyable reception on New Year's day.

Sir Thomas Lipton announces that he really means to try to lift the America cup during the coming season.

Eleven sellers of bogus mine stock have been convicted in Colorado and fined and imprisoned.

The Mexico volcano Popocatepetl is for sale but there doesn't seem to be any rush of would-be purchasers.

Dr. W. H. Holdre, of Washington, Ind., has lost his sight, following an attack of la grippe.

Report says that a famous living skeleton, formerly with Barnum, has just died of fatty degeneration.

The authorities of Jersey City have entered suit against the street car companies of that city to compel them to provide seats for all passengers from whom they exact fare.

There were 6,388 deaths in Cincinnati last year, a decrease of 807 as compared with 1906.

Lucknow, India, is one of the "dry" towns of the world. During 1907 rain fell in that city on four days only.

Henry Hertzler, of Conestoga, Berks county, lost three steers from eating too freely of green corn.

Israel Wannacott was drowned in Keene's pond, near Waymart, Lackawanna county, on Monday, by stepping on thin ice.

Zero weather prevailed in many parts of Monroe county on Monday morning and at Broadheads ville the mercury was four below zero.

J. R. Smith, an undertaker of Quakertown, Berks county, is seriously ill with scarlet fever, which he contracted at the recent burial of a scarlet fever victim.

Hartstown, Crawford county, on the Bessemer railroad, has been quarantined on account of an outbreak of diphtheria and trains pass the station without stopping.

WILL ERECT BILL BOARD IN CANAL

George D. Edmondson on behalf of the Danville Opera House company appeared before council Friday night to ask for the erection of a bill board in the canal on the west side of the culvert on Mill street, which was brought up before council at its last meeting, Monday night and was voted down.

The ground for the bill board, he said, has been rented of the D. L. & W. Railroad company and paid for at so much a year. He did not wish to antagonize council, however, and stated that he would be willing to compromise matters by erecting the board at some distance from the culvert, say within five feet, of the rear of the Sperring building.

At this juncture the secretary read a communication from Borough Solicitor E. S. Gearhart in reply to an inquiry from William Deutsch, which stated in effect that the attorney was unable to find any definite law governing the erection and maintenance of bill boards in this State.

On motion of Mr. Schatz it was ordered that the Danville Opera House company be given permission to erect a bill board in the canal opposite the point designated—within five feet of the rear of the Sperring building.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs it was ordered that an item of \$92 for stone be stricken out of the bill rendered by council to the soldiers' monument committee for constructing foundation. The vote stood as follows:

Yeas—Swisfort, Jacobs, Finnigan, Moyer, Schatz, Angle.

Nays—Russell, Deutsch, Dietz.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that the D. L. & W. Railroad company be permitted to temporarily repair the pavement on Mill street on the west side of the canal culvert with plank. The D. L. & W. Railroad company averred that it would be inadvisable to use concrete and attempt to make permanent repairs this winter.

Next spring the entire sidewalk will be reconstructed. On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that the borough treasurer be instructed to sell ten thousand dollars worth of borough bonds.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that a canvass of water takers be made and a new book formed for the convenience of the water department, the canvass to be made by Superintendent of the Water Works P. J. Keefer and Street Commissioner E. S. Miller.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes David J. Rogers (\$198.94), Geo. F. Keefer (72.00), D. L. & W. R. Co. (7.20), etc.

SLEPT IN BARN NEAR DANVILLE

Peter Cook and David Jacobs, two runaway boys from the Carlisle Indian school, were taken through South Danville on Saturday morning from Bloomsburg, where they were captured by Special Officer Freeze.

The boys said that on New Year's day they were taking a walk out beyond the school campus in company with Ranco, Lewis and James Panko, when Ranco induced them to run away from the school. They all started together, but at Harrisburg the other three left them, saying they were going back to the school.

SHERIFF MARTIN'S DYING STATEMENT

Sheriff James Martin, of Lattimer fame, who was charged with giving the order to the deputies under him to fire upon the parading strikers at Lattimer during the strike of 1897, who was tried and acquitted on the charge and who died a week ago Friday, is reported to have again asserted his innocence, just a few minutes before he died.

It is said, just a few minutes before he died, he said to his friends, who were assembled around his bed: "I know that I have but a few minutes to live, that death is waiting to take me hence, and I now want to state at this, the supreme moment of my life, that I never gave the command to shoot those poor fellows who fell at Lattimer." Ten minutes later he had breathed his last.

THE COUNTY STATEMENT

Commissioners' Clerk Horace C. Blue has practically completed the annual statement of the county, which will be published next month. From the classified account of expenses, items are gleaned, which reveal the various channels of expenditure and throw some light on the cost of maintaining the various departments of affairs.

The court's expenses and commonwealth's costs foot up \$4192.28. Under this head the item of traverse jurors alone amounted to \$1401.82; grand jurors, to \$342.60. The court stenographer received \$399.89. The justices' fees, compared with the same in some other counties, are an insignificant item of \$73.95.

William Guilford's case in commissions, &c., cost \$90.35.

The sheriff of the county received a total of \$1278.48. Under the latter head the following items are noted: Boarding prisoners, \$821.00; conveying prisoners to Eastern penitentiary \$131.06; removing William Guilford from county jail to the State hospital for the insane at Warren, \$74.77. The latter item relating to "Wild Bill," along with the commissions in his case quoted above, shows that he cost the county a total of \$165.12.

The election expenses amounted to \$1572.69. Assessors pay was \$984.25. Noxious animals cost \$324. Two foxes at \$2 a pelt were paid for; 303 weasels at \$1.00; and 17 minks at \$1.00.

Bridge and road expenses amounted to \$2054.72.

On the river bridge were expended \$145.60 for cleaning, painting railing, limestone for the approach, etc.

The county teachers' institute cost \$124.66; the school directors association, \$54.00.

Support of convicts in the Eastern penitentiary cost the county \$374.14; in the House of Refuge, \$109.42.

Inmates at the State hospital cost \$351.25. The burial of soldiers and markers for the same represent an item of \$390.00.

The court house expenditures, including gas, coal, telephone service, insurance, repairs, &c., foot up \$1145.97.

Jail expenditures for coal, gas, water, clothing, bedding, medical attendance and the like amount to \$617.61.

OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED

An interesting and largely attended session of Montour castle, No. 186, Knights of the Golden Eagle, was held Monday evening at which the installation of officers took place. The installing officer was Frank M. Herrington, district grand chief, assisted by grand castle officers.

The officers installed were as follows: Past chief, John Foulk; noble chief, Herbert Hendricks; vice chief, Harry Moyer; high priest, Charles Wagner; venerable herald, B. F. Foulk; sir herald, Clark Rishel; clerk of exchequer, John G. Vastine; keeper of records, L. S. Foust; en-sign, Harry M. Yeager; esquire, George W. Robinson; first guard, Roy VanGuilder; second guard, George Gulliver; worthy chamberlain, John Henning; worthy bard, Dallas Hummer; trustee for 18 months, Walter Gaskins; trustee for 12 months, Edward Bell.

Dallas Hummer was chosen representative to the grand castle with F. M. Herrington as alternate. Also during the evening a class was initiated into the Pilgrims degree.

AGED VETERAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

John McWilliams Freeze, an old resident of this city, departed this life at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of about three weeks, death being due to a complication of diseases.

The deceased was seventy-four years of age. He was born in Limestone township, May 6, 1833, when that portion of our county was a part of Northumberland county. He spent nearly his entire life in Danville.

He was a veteran of the civil war and served through two enlistments. He was sergeant in Company C, 14th regiment, P. V., under Captain Oscar Ephlin. He was enrolled April 27, 1861, and was discharged, August 6th, of the same year. He re-enlisted and served three years in Company D, 7th regiment, cavalry.

The deceased is survived by his wife, six sons and one daughter: James, John, Arthur, Seth, George and Horace Freeze and Miss Sara J. Freeze, the latter of Philadelphia. The surviving sons are all residents of Danville with the exception of Horace, who lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

DIETRICH CASE AGAIN APPEALED

Notwithstanding that he has begun his long term of fifteen years' imprisonment for causing the death of "Corky" Jones, Peter Dietrich has not abandoned hope of final acquittal. His attorneys, Hon. Grant Herring and William Kase West, are preparing to take the case to the supreme court for the second time.

The history of this hard fought case is well known to our readers. Jones was killed by a pistol shot fired by Peter Dietrich in the hotel of the latter on the night of February 13th, 1906. The plea of the defense is that the shooting was wholly accidental.

Dietrich has already had three trials. At the first trial, June, 1906, the jury disagreed. With the consent of the defendant a juror was withdrawn and the case continued. At the second trial he was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Errors were alleged in the charge to the jury and the case was carried to the supreme court, which body reversed the lower court and ordered a new trial.

The next, or third trial, took place last June and resulted in a verdict of second degree murder. The defense at once took such steps as were necessary in order to carry the case to the supreme court, alleging errors. Judge Evans sentenced Dietrich to fifteen years' imprisonment and in a few days' time he was removed to the Eastern penitentiary.

A FIRE COMPANY ON SIDLER HILL

The residents of Sidler hill are now to have adequate fire protection furnished by a body of men living right in that vicinity. The residents of that part of town met on Friday evening in the old red school house and formed a company that numbered thirty-four members and selected as the name, "The Rescue Fire Company."

A fire company on the hill has long been a necessity as there are there about forty houses without adequate fire protection. For the present the company will use buckets and ladders but in the near future the members hope to procure a chemical engine.

Water can not be depended on to fight any fires that may occur on Sidler hill, as the borough supply does not extend there and in the summer many of the wells and cisterns are dry.

At the meeting Friday evening the following officers were elected: President, Fred Becker; secretary, Fred Smidley; treasurer, Edward Welliver; foreman, Charles Lake; first assistant foreman, Daniel Pangh; second assistant, Gardner Rose. The members of the company are William Becker, Frank Becker, A. G. Mellon, John Brady, James Brady, William and Arthur Owens, Charles Mong, Edward Karns, O. D. Ackley, Nelson Ackley, Jacob, William and Richard Kessler, John Shoop, Charles Wolf, Sr., Charles Wolf, Jr., Herman Wolf, John Kilfoil, Harry and Edward Tovey, Lewis Walker, Chester Hopewell, Richard Butler, Edward Mellin, Charles Hurley, William, James and John Lake, Daniel Adams, John and John Burns.

RAISING STANDARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The executive committee of the Montour County Sunday School association is planning to inaugurate at once a vigorous campaign to increase the efficiency of the Sunday schools in this vicinity.

With this end in view a meeting of the committee has been called for Thursday, January 16th, the place to be announced later, which will be followed by a Rally in the evening, at which time practical plans for the work of the Sunday schools will be suggested.

The State Sunday School association has adopted a standard of excellence for the counties consisting of ten points. Seven of these are largely in the hands of the county committee, which will see that they are attained. The remaining three require: first, that fifty per cent. of the schools in the county shall have cradle rolls; thirty per cent. home departments and twenty per cent. teachers' training classes. Counties attaining five points in the standard are counted banner counties, those reaching eight points, star counties and those attaining the entire ten points are front line counties.

This county has but five cradle rolls reported and four home departments. Only two or three teachers' training classes are reported. It is the hope of the committee that in a short time Montour county will be lifted out of the banner class into one of the higher classes.

Miss Martha E. Robinson, of Bloomsburg, field worker in this district, will assist the local committee in the work of infusing new life into the Sunday school work in Montour county.

APPROVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

The entire proposition relating to the filling up of the bed of the abandoned Pennsylvania canal in and through the grounds of the hospital for the insane has been approved by the attorney general. Plans furnished by the D. L. & W. railroad company have been received by the hospital authorities and early next spring the work of filling up the old water way will begin.

The proposition involves an interchange of concessions between the hospital trustees and the D. L. & W. railroad company. The D. L. & W. company agrees to convey a title in fee simple in the land occupied by the canal bed to the trustees and the trustees, in turn concede to the railroad company the right of removing its tracks some fifteen feet further southward for the purpose of avoiding the grade crossings at the hospital entrance and at the gas house should it at any time desire to do so.

Thus not only does the hospital acquire additional ground and get rid of an eyesore and a menace to the public health, but the railroad company also at such time as it is ready to make the change will find no obstacle in the way of carrying out its well-defined policy of reducing the number of grade crossings. The removal of the track to avoid the crossings, of course, implies a re-location of the public highway for a short distance.

The proposition relating to the interchange of concessions has been under consideration for some time. The appropriation made by the last legislature contained an item of twenty-five thousand dollars, for filling in the bed of the old canal, which having been approved by the governor and attorney general is now available. The work will be done by the hospital.

SUMMONS IN TRESPASS

Horace M. Baker, who lost a valuable horse last spring through the latter breaking its leg on Northumberland street, has brought suit against the borough of Danville for damages. Summons in trespass were issued on Monday returnable on January 17th.

The accident occurred on the afternoon of March 30th, 1907. Mr. Baker, a tenant on the farm of Thomas G. Vincent, Cooper township, was taking two horses down Northumberland street, riding one and leading the other. A switch engine frightened the horses and while they were prancing about one of them, it is alleged, fell over a truck belonging to one of the small cars used at the Reading iron works, which, along with several others of the same kind, occupied the side of the street in front of the carpenter shop. The horse in falling broke one of his legs and had to be killed.

C. C. DYER VS MAHONING TWP.

Summons in trespass have also been issued in the case of C. C. Dyer vs. Mahoning township. On Tuesday morning, December 12, 1906, Mr. Dyer's loaded milk wagon went down over the embankment on the State highway just north of the borough. The driver was imprisoned in the wagon, which went down over an eight-foot embankment and landed upside down on the railroad. The wagon was badly wrecked and the milk bottles were broken. It is alleged that the township was negligent in not having the embankment at that particular spot securely protected by a guard rail.

On Monday summons in trespass were issued also in the case of Ada M. Hileman and Charles S. Hileman, her husband, in right of said Ada M. Hileman vs. George D. Vognetz and William Latimere Whipple.

ODD FELLOWS' ANNUAL MEET

An event that local Odd Fellows are beginning to look forward to, although it is yet a few months' distant, is the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Anniversary association. The officers are all Williamsport men—William H. Kiees, president, H. B. Eberly, secretary, A. A. Myers, treasurer. Shamokin is the place chosen for the next gathering, the date of which probably will be Monday, April 27. The date on which the gathering usually is held, April 26, this year falls on Sunday. General arrangements for the affair will shortly be gotten under way and it is understood that Shamokin Odd Fellows will do their utmost to make the celebration to be held in their town a record breaker.

On Monday morning when Mrs. G. A. Fissel, of Dillsburg, York county, awoke she attempted to awaken her husband, who lay beside her, when she was shocked to find him dead of apoplexy.

STUBBORN BLAZE AT DRUG STORE

Through the accidental breaking of a vessel containing collodion at Gosh's drug store about half past seven o'clock last evening a fire was started, which for a few minutes seemed to threaten bad results.

The collodion, with other articles, was kept on the porch at the rear of the store. In order to procure a quantity of the solution Mr. Gosh stepped out on the porch. It being quite dark he held a lighted match in his hand. While looking for the collodion another vessel, accidentally dislodged, fell breaking the receptacle that contained the solution.

Collodion is composed of soluble gun cotton, ether and alcohol and is highly inflammable. Coming in contact with the lighted match in an instant there was a fire. Mr. Gosh was burned on the hand and the flames spread rapidly over the porch.

The drug clerk flew to Mr. Gosh's assistance. There was no water very handy but there was plenty of snow and the latter the excited men scooped up by the handful and sprinkled on the fire. The snow had but little effect and the fire seemed to spread under the melted snow. After a desperate fight, however, during which not a moment was lost, the flames were smothered. The blaze caused a great deal of excitement, but it was only momentary, as the fire was extinguished almost as soon as people on the street learned what had occurred.

STORM THE CAUSE OF FIRE ALARM

An alarm of fire was sounded in the still night at Exchange that aroused the village and the country side for a half mile around and caused no end of excitement.

The customary signal for a fire in the village of Exchange is a blast from the whistle on Dildine's mill, and great was the consternation on Tuesday night when the whistle started to blow. In a few minutes people began pouring into the street looking for the blaze they expected to see. No blaze, but still the whistle continued to blow.

After an effort had been made in vain to find the fire, it was decided to interview the man who was blowing the whistle. And then it was discovered that no fire at all was threatening the homes of the people in the county seat of Anthony township.

The sleet and snow had gathered on the whistle rope in such quantities as to render it heavy enough to open the valve and sound the whistle. There were about eight pounds of steam in the boiler, and the whistle had its own way for about half an hour.

ATTORNEY GOES OVER SUNBURY DIV.

The higher officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad company have been in this section quite frequently recently, and on Tuesday morning another trip was made over the local division by General Manager W. W. Atterbury and party of Philadelphia.

Upon the arrival of the train in Sunbury the general manager was met by General Superintendent W. Heyward Myers, of Williamsport, and accompanied by the officers of the Sunbury division the entire party started on a tour of inspection over the division.

In council the terms of members will expire as follows: First ward, Dr. Jno. Swisfort; second ward, Jacob Dietz; third ward, George B. Jacobs; fourth ward, John R. Hughes.

In the school board terms will expire as follows: First ward, Dr. Barber; second ward, W. J. Burns; third ward, Jacob Fischer; fourth ward, Augustus Heiss and Leonard Foulk, the former serving a three years' term and the latter, who succeeded J. Aust Lutz, completing one year.

Of the overseers of the poor of the Danville and Mahoning district Henry Wireman's term of office expires this year.

HOW IT WORKED IN ONE CASE

Joe Lesh, of the Selingsgrove Times, tells of an old Snyder county farmer who moved to town to give the boys a chance. He said he wanted them to go to school and not be compelled to work as hard as he had done. We asked him how the experiment had succeeded and he said the boys had already learned to smoke cigars, swear, shake dice and make fun of their father and refer to other retired farmers as old hayseeds, "Renbous," etc., and from recent indication he had no idea that they would ever hurt themselves at work.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Lester William, the six weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Miner, of Sunbury, died Tuesday. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of J. M. Ritter, Bloom road.

CANDIDATES ARE LOOMING UP

Candidates for congress and the several county offices to be filled at the general election next fall who will be voted for at the spring primary to be held on April 11th are materializing very rapidly. Petitions, in circulation signed by qualified electors, asking that the names of various candidates for nomination be placed on the official ballot of the respective parties, are growing in size daily. A great deal of interest is manifested and from appearances there may be a warm contest for nomination as relate to some of the offices.

The petitions in the case of candidates for congress or for State offices must be filed at least four weeks prior to the primary with the secretary of the commonwealth and in all other cases shall be filed at least three weeks prior to the primary with the county commissioners. It will thus be seen that candidates have entered the contest early. The number of signers required on the petition relating to congress are two hundred; on the petitions relating to offices to be voted for by the entire county, fifty.

At the spring primary candidates will be nominated for each of the following offices: congress, member of the State house of representatives, county commissioners (full board) and county auditors.

For congress the petition asking that the name of John G. McHenry be placed on the official ballot of the Democratic party has grown to voluminous proportions and Montour county alone will give Mr. McHenry the two hundred signers required in the district.

Charles W. Cook, at present a member of the board of county commissioners, is Republican candidate for the nomination for member of the State house of representatives. His petition is growing rapidly.

As candidate for the nomination for District Attorney the county commissioners will be petitioned to have the name of Charles P. Gearhart, present incumbent of the office, placed upon the official ballot of the Democratic party. The petition relating to Mr. Gearhart has made its appearance within the last day or so.

Among the petitions is one asking that the name of Michael Breckbill of Mahoning township be placed upon the official ballot of the Democratic party as a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner.

George B. Sechler as county commissioner and J. Harry Woodside as county auditor will both be candidates again. Each is represented by a numerous signed petition relating to the office sought.

OFFICIALS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE

Spring election will be held on February 18th. It will not be long, therefore, until the party leaders will give some thought to nominations for ward and borough offices. In this connection it might be interesting to note what vacancies will occur in council, school board, etc.

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SPORTSMEN WANT LAW CHANGED

The meeting held by the sportsmen of Berks county, who desire the game laws changed, was largely attended. Dr. Kalbfus, of Harrisburg, secretary of the Pennsylvania State game commission, and Emerson Deeter, the recently appointed deputy game commissioner, addressed the session. They urged a permanent organization and that the sportsmen press their claims through their representatives in the legislature. The petition now circulated for a change of the laws is signed by 3,000 persons and is in the hands of Martin Larkin, secretary of the Independent Gun Club.

While Samuel Craley, of Red Lion, York county, was showing some friends a finely decorated Christmas tree on Saturday evening the tree caught fire and Craley was horribly burned, making his recovery doubtful.