

Montour American

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China Awakening?
China is the land of the largest possibilities before any country of Asia, and China is moving with a tremendous weight and at a quickening pace? While Japan has jumped into the advance with occidental civilization in many vital things, in the far view of national and international problems and conditions China is the country to watch. The revenues of the Chinese postal service have doubled in a year. The number of articles handled was nearly twice as great in 1906 as in 1904. The number of offices has been multiplied by two and one-half in the last three years. Think of the significance of Chinese railroad progress. The lines multiply and their business increases still more rapidly than their mileage. Chinese capital is building a fair share of the roads. Chinese engineers are proving themselves able to do excellent construction work. On the military side it is argued that the Chinese arm is far more efficient than ever before. It is being strengthened steadily. Arms of the latest pattern are being accumulated for future needs. All parties and all classes seem to agree that the national defense must be provided for as it never was in times past.

Most important of all changes, there is a new national spirit, a new desire to meet and equal the western powers on much of their own ground. Students and observers of Chinese affairs say that it is no uncommon thing to see idols stowed away in the cellars of temples that room may be made for schools, on modern lines, where the altars stood. China is surely awakening. When that happens to so huge a sleeping giant the world may well take notice.

Black Hand Secrets Revealed.
The most sensational exposure of crime in the blood stained history of Northumberland county's lawlessness occurred Monday night, when Joseph Ravita, an Italian, and a former member of the Black Hand society, revealed the inmost secrets of the dreaded organization at a hearing held at the office of Squire McCormick in Shamokin.

The members of the State constabulary, assisted by the local authorities, have been secretly busy for the past several weeks in the coal region end of Northumberland county, gathering evidence against a number of suspected foreigners. Ten men were arrested Monday night on the information given to the police by Joseph Ravita. Yesterday morning they were all lodged in the Sunbury jail to await trial. Six of the men are from Shamokin, three from Marion Heights and one from Exchange.

At the hearing Joseph Nestico was the first witness called. He stated that he had been warned by Joseph Ravita that the Black Hand intended to kill him. Ravita himself was then called and stated that he had joined the Black Hand two years ago and that they held their meetings at the Shamokin cemetery and at the homes of the different members. He said that there were about forty of the Black Hand members in Marion Heights and fifteen in Shamokin. Fifty dollars had been given a stranger by the name of Lewis Gissonney to kill Nestico and at 20 meetings which he attended the question of killing Nestico was always brought up. He had once informed against a member of the Black Hand and they vowed vengeance. The real name of the Black Hand is Monteverno, which is the name of an Italian family outlawed by the Italian government, who formed the society.

At a christening held last June by Sam Costa all the Black Hand were present. The host, Ralph and Frank Cassani and several others with a stranger went into the back room. Costa told them that one of the guests Anthony Nestico, had two hundred dollars in one of his shoes. The next morning Nestico was found dead near the Luko Fiddler colliery.

Ralph Pussani corroborated the story, stating that he had been present at the christening. When shown a picture of twelve Italians he picked the murderer from the group. Pussani said that he had been sent to Pottsville to kill a marked man in that place, but that his courage had failed and he had been unable to do the job. He said that it was the custom of the society to have men from a distance commit the murders, as there would be less chance of their being recognized.

A Fearful Death Record.
Here is the railroad record of the United States for ninety days: One thousand three hundred and thirty-nine human beings were killed. Twenty-one thousand, seven hundred and twenty-four were maimed. Three million, six hundred and five thousand, nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars worth of property was destroyed. Two hundred and twenty-two passenger trains ran off the track. Three hundred and twenty collisions occurred. Four thousand two hundred and seventy-nine accidents occurred to as many trains. Now do you realize what it means? Once in every two hours somebody was killed. Once every six minutes somebody was maimed. Once every 30 minutes a train was wrecked. Once each minute \$20 worth of property was utterly lost from the nation's wealth. And this goes on, night and day.

If you go to a theatre and stay there two hours and a half it doesn't seem like a long time, does it? Yet while you have been amused one murder has been done, 20 people have been struck down, five trains have been wrecked and over \$3,000 of waste has been committed.

S. S. CONVENTION AT WHITE HALL

The second session of the sixth annual convention of the First district of the Montour County Sunday School association, was held Sunday in two meetings at the White Hall Baptist church. C. E. Boone, president, was in the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
After a song service the scripture was read by Miss Martha E. Robison in the absence of Rev. Munro. A prayer by J. A. Essick followed.

Miss Robison then gave a very interesting talk on "The Lesson and How to Teach it." After singing "Never Alone" an offering was taken and the meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.
The evening session was opened by a song service followed by prayer by Rev. H. C. Munro, D. D. After a musical number, "There Shall be Showers of Blessing," Rev. Munro gave a very interesting address on "What Qualifications are Necessary for a Successful Primary Teacher?" Another musical number, "Thou Thinkest Lord of Me," was followed by an address by Miss Martha E. Robison on the subject, "Montour and the Association Standard."

The treasurer reported \$2.99 in the treasury. Mrs. Clinton Hilner was chosen delegate from Anthony township to the State convention to be held at Shamokin. The evening offering amounted to \$2.87. On motion it was ordered that \$5.00 be paid to the county pledge for State work.

After singing "I'll Go Where You Want me to Go" benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. J. Kohler.

EDDIE MOYER'S SAD PREDICAMENT

Eddie Moyer's house boat, tied up along shore on the south side, is frozen fast in the river. Eddie, himself, however, is snug in jail in Sunbury, where he is serving a sentence of sixty days for stealing coal.

Eddie has been arrested on several occasions before, but until the present he has always succeeded in establishing his innocence and after a brief imprisonment while awaiting a hearing has gone scot free. In the present case, however, there were "complications," which stood in the way of such a happy denouement.

Eddie was arrested last Friday by a special officer of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, on the charge of pilfering coal from the dump near the pumping station. Eddie was arraigned before Justice of the Peace E. W. Young. Eddie pleaded guilty to the charge and wanted to pay for the coal. Justice Young had no objection to such a course, but he soon let the resourceful Eddie know that he intended to make him pay the full penalty all the same. Accordingly the defendant withdrew his plea and obliged the complainant to produce witnesses. Finally, however, he admitted his guilt.

Justice Young sentenced Moyer to an imprisonment of sixty days in the county jail. He was immediately removed to Sunbury and began his term of imprisonment.

Before he is free again the robins and blue birds will be singing; the ice will have broken and drifted from the river, in all probability taking Eddie's house and home along with it. Unquestionably, he has plenty to think about as he languishes in durance and counts the weeks and days that must elapse before he obtains his freedom.

BLACK HANDERS IN JAIL BEFORE

Of the twenty-four Black Hand suspects rounded up near Shamokin last summer, practically all of whom were released from prison on bail, three of them are in the gang taken to the Northumberland county jail by the State constabulary on Tuesday. The evidence previously in the hands of the authorities was meager, now, however, it is strong and implicates some of them in the murder of Anthony Nestico.

This roundup of Italians is looked upon as the most important in the history of the region, and if the band now in custody cannot be convicted justice in Northumberland county will indeed be hard to secure.

The arrests have caused a stir among the Italians in Shamokin, and many fitted to and fro on the streets Tuesday. An effort is being made to secure their release but under the circumstances it is difficult to understand how such a thing could be brought about.

At the hearing in Shamokin Monday Joe Ravita said he withdrew as a member of the organization last June. Quite a stir was caused when the witness pointed to one of the prisoners, and said that Monday morning he was informed by Albert Chicatani, the man at whom he pointed that he heard he (Chicatani) was about to be arrested and that if he were, the man who testified against him would be shot dead in his tracks.

Another sensation was caused by the revelation that Constable Tony Miracole, one of Shamokin's most efficient officers, is slated for murder by the society and that his case is still pending.

Seniors' Dance Tonight.
An elaborate society event planned for this evening is the Senior Hop, to be given by the senior class of the Danville high school. The dance is to take place in Elks' hall.

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GRAND AND TRAVERSE JURORS

The following jurors have been chosen for the next court, which convenes on Monday, February 24, 1908:

- GRAND JURORS.**
Anthony township—Charles Carey, W. E. Love.
Cooper township—Charles Fry, Danville, 1st Ward—Thomas W. Bedea, F. M. Gotwalds, Morgan J. Williams.
Danville, 2nd Ward—F. R. Harner, Benjamin Smithers.
Danville, 3rd Ward—Harry A. Sobers, Robert Miller, John F. Tooley, David D. Williams.
Limestone township—John S. Confer, L. D. Shafer.
Liberty township—C. P. Boyer.
Mahoning township—C. H. Diehl, Jonathan Rudy, William Wertman, S. B. Koehler.
Valley township—Joseph P. Snyder, Clarence Bennett.
West Hemlock township—Hiram Sandel, H. E. Cromley.
Washingtonville Borough—George Heddens.

- TRAVERSE JURORS**
Anthony township—Jacob Biddle.
Danville, 1st Ward—Dr. I. H. Jennings, George W. Hoffman, Dr. J. J. Kline, Rev. L. D. Ulrich, James B. Murray, Alfred M. Robinson.
Danville, 2nd Ward—David Guest, W. A. Shepperson.
Danville, 3rd Ward—Patrick Hickey, William Confer, John Doster, J. H. Cole, Joseph Smith, Josiah Jobborn, W. T. Lovett.
Danville, 4th Ward—Dallas Hammer, George Bachinger, Charles Miller, John Deneen, Bernard Shovelin.
Derry township—James W. Lovrie, Clarence Rishel, John W. Ready.
Limestone township—Samuel Schunrger.
Liberty township—William E. Murray, Alexander Erb, Oscar Richard.
Mahoning township—W. H. Maust, B. F. Diehl, Alfred Baylor.
Mayberry township—Norman Broffee.
Valley township—A. H. Weitzel, Hiram Wertman, F. W. Diehl.
West Hemlock township—Lloyd Bomboy.

Hatching It.
"Mr. Gibbons," said the teacher of the class in rhetoric, "point out the absurdity in this figure of speech: 'At this time the Emperor Frederick hatched out a scheme.'"
"It seems all right," replied the young man after some reflection.
"It does? Explain, please, how he could have 'hatched out' a scheme."
"Well, he might have had his mind set on it."—Christian Register.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD BULLETIN

THE EASE OF TRAVEL TO-DAY

It has just turned a century since the first boat was propelled by steam. There was not a complete locomotive in existence then nor a mile of railroad track. But the pendulum of time has swung rapidly forward within the last two generations. The railroad, the telegraph, and the telephone have revolutionized the commerce and the industry of the world and have made neighbors of remote people.

First of all in this work of upbuilding, expansion, and development comes the railroad. It is the medium of exchange, the agency of transfer, and wherever it has gone prosperity has followed.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has built thousands of miles of track and equipped it with the best rolling stock. It has constructed or absorbed branch lines and consolidated them with its main stem, thus bringing industrial and manufacturing interests in direct touch with all the centres of trade and affording the people the facilities of travel in all directions. Travel is no longer a dread, it is a pleasure. Comfortable cars by day or night drawn by the best type of locomotives over a roadbed maintained at the highest degree of excellence, eliminate as far as possible the annoyances of travel and make it recreative rather than burdensome. Tickets are sold at the lowest rates consistent with good management and under conditions most accommodating to the passenger. The schedules of the trains are designed to meet the wishes and requirements of the greatest number of travelers, and the equipment, both as to vehicles and employes, is kept at the highest state of efficiency.

It is the object of the management to encourage travel by making it easy. Interchange is the life of the social system. Travel is a tonic to the tired—the lens of observation to all.

The Pennsylvania Railroad sells tickets good for a mile as well as for a trip around the world. It will plan a trip for you or provide the tickets for one of your own selection.

It is a fine thing to have a great transportation agency like the Pennsylvania Railroad at your command.

NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS

On March 1st the new rules and regulations of the State board of health governing the sale of milk and cream go into effect. After that date in every milk wagon and in every store from which milk and cream is sold a license must be displayed, issued by the local board of health, on an application from the dealer certifying that the rules and regulations of the State board of health have been fully complied with.

Heretofore, under section 4 of borough ordinance relating to milkmen, peddlers, &c. dairymen were required to take out an annual license, the price of which was ten dollars, the same to be issued by the secretary of the borough and signed by the chief bargess. Under the new rules and regulations the license must be issued by the secretary of the board of health. The necessary blanks have already been received by Dr. Cameron Shultz, who is prepared to issue the new form of license.

The license in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board of health and the several acts of assembly hereafter will be issued only on formal application, made by filling out a blank furnished by the department, in which the applicant certifies to a set of facts as follows:

Where the dairy is located and by whom owned.
The number of cows and the number of quarts of milk and cream sold daily.

That each cow and herd has been examined by a competent veterinary within the prescribed number of months and certified by him to be free from all injuries or diseases.

That there are no cases of typhoid fever, consumption, diphtheria, scarlet fever, small pox or other communicable diseases of any kind in the house or family of the dairyman, nor among any of his employes; neither that there are any of the above communicable diseases in the house or family or among the employes of the owner of dairy or dairies from which milk is obtained. Should any communicable disease make its appearance in any of the said families the dairyman obligates himself to immediately make report thereof to the secretary of the board of health.

The dairyman further certifies that he has carefully read the rules and regulations governing the production of milk and cream and has fully complied with the same. He agrees that the board of health may revoke his license for any failure on his part to fully comply with the requirements of said rules and regulations. The application certifying to the above facts is sworn to and the license issued contains a clause explaining that it may be revoked at anytime for failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the board of health.

Heretofore those dairymen who affirmed that they peddled milk of their production only and during the course of the year never purchased milk of other parties, under section 3 of the ordinance relating to peddling, were exempt from taking out a license. Under the new rules and regulations every milkman, whether he purchases a quart of milk of other dairies or not, the secretary of the board of health asserts, will be obliged to procure a license, as above described and display it in his wagon.

Getting Even.
At the savings bank it is requisite to obtain the signature of new depositors to an identification form. Recently a lady with more independence of spirit than experience exhibited unwillingness to comply with the regulation.

"What is your husband's name?" asked the clerk.
"My husband's name is Peter Jones. What is your wife's name?" snapped the fair depositor.—London Seraps

The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple of the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had laid one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing home to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the prime ring as well as in it. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach is utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect your health against the most vulnerable spot—your stomach. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad, thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" has a specific curative effect upon all mucous surfaces and hence cures catarrh, no matter where located or what stage it may have reached. In Nasal Catarrh it is well to cleanse the passages with Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy fluid while using the "Discovery" as a constitutional remedy. Why the "Golden Medical Discovery" cures catarrhal diseases, as of the stomach, bowels, bladder and other pelvic organs will be plain to you if you will read a booklet of extracts from the writings of eminent medical authorities, endorsing its ingredients and explaining their curative properties. It is mailed free on request. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. This booklet gives all the ingredients entering into Dr. Pierce's medicines from which it will be seen that they contain not a drop of alcohol, pure, triple-refined glycerine being used instead. Dr. Pierce's great thousand-page Illustrated Common Sense Medical Adviser will be sent free, paper-bound, for 21 one-cent stamps, or cloth-bound for 31 stamps. Address Dr. Pierce as above.

FIRST DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION

The sixth annual convention of the first district of the Montour County Sunday School association, composed of the Sunday schools of Anthony and Derry townships and Washingtonville borough, convened in the Presbyterian church at Washingtonville Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the county president, Rev. C. D. Lerch. After a song service by the choir, the scripture was read and a prayer offered by Rev. Lerch. In the absence of Rev. S. V. Bedickian—Mr. C. E. Boone, district president, then took charge of the meeting and the minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Pauline Runyan, provisional secretary.

OFFICERS.
The election of officers, which then took place, resulted in choosing the following: President, C. E. Boone; vice president, Charles T. Keiser; secretary, Mrs. T. B. Yerg; treasurer, Mrs. Martha Lowe; executive committee, Mrs. H. C. Munro and Mrs. W. O. Krum.

The subject, "How to Make the Home Department a Success" was handled very efficiently by Rev. C. D. Lerch. He gave the following six reasons why this department should be taken up by the Sunday schools:

1. It increases church attendance.
2. It impels many to join the Sunday schools.
3. It secures home co-operation in the lesson study.
4. It wins many back to the church.
5. It secures systematic bible study.
6. It means the conversion of thousands.

After singing by the choir, Miss Martha E. Robison, of Espy, county field worker, gave a "Heart to Heart Talk on Sunday School Work." She is especially interested in the establishment of a separate department in the Sunday schools for primary scholars. She explained different ways by which each Sunday school represented could have such a room. She also urged the establishment of a cradle roll and a home department in every school. An offering was lifted amounting to \$1.19. After music by the choir and a prayer by Rev. J. W. Phillips, adjournment was taken.

EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the president, C. E. Boone. After singing by the choir prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Phillips.

The subject, "The Adult Bible Class" was treated in an excellent manner by Rev. W. J. Kohler. He said: "This class should be made an organized class. It should elect officers. It should be definitely connected with some Sunday school and should be permanent. The members who should be over 16 years of age, should be given a place in the Sunday school that they may call their own. The class should have meetings at stated intervals and should consist of devotional, business and social programs and each should feel it his or her duty to take some part." A musical number by the choir followed.

A committee having been appointed to make nominations for superintendents of the departments, reported at this time, as follows:

Primary Dep't., [Mrs. W. O. Krum, Home Dep't., Mrs. Margaret Dean, Teachers' Training, Mrs. H. C. Munro.

Organized Class, Rev. W. H. Kohler. The above were elected.

Miss Martha E. Robison then gave an interesting talk on "Montour and the Association Standard." A standard has been set up by the State association, said the speaker, comprising ten points, which each county is striving to attain. Five of the points Montour has already reached, thus making this a banner county, along with 57 other counties out of the 67 in the State. Miss Robison urged the adoption of the Cradle Roll, Teachers' Training and Home Departments by all the schools.

A. A. Sweitzer was elected delegate and C. T. Keiser alternate to the State convention from Washingtonville. Rev. W. H. Kohler was chosen from Derry township.

After music by the choir, an offering, amounting to \$1.38 was lifted. A vote of thanks was tendered to the members of the Presbyterian Sunday school and the community for the use of the church and for the hospitality. A vote of thanks was also tendered to the speakers.

After singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds" benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. H. Kohler.

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DANVILLE AND MILTON TROLLEY

The citizens of Maudsall, like those of Washingtonville, are anxious to see a trolley line built from Danville to Milton. During a conversation with a representative citizen or that place Monday it was learned that the sentiment in favor of a trolley is so strong that the farmers there may take some initiative in the matter before long.

The gentleman quoted was inclined to think that the trolley promoters do not figure on the proposition rightly; that they do not understand the resources of the country and the spirit of the farmers between Danville and Milton, or they would hasten to secure the right of way, with the view of speedily building the road.

The farmers between the two towns could be relied upon to patronize the road, especially since trolleys have the right to carry freight. It may not be known, the gentleman explained, that nearly every farmer nowadays is obliged to keep an extra horse for the purpose of making the customary trips to town, which horse, should the trolley become a fact, could be dispensed with. Not only would a saving be effected in this manner, but the trip to town, which now occupies from a half to a whole day, could be made in a couple of hours.

Few people have any adequate idea of what an important factor the farming country to the west of us is in Danville trade. The gentleman quoted says that by actual count the average number of teams that drive through Maudsall bound for Danville on a single day is no less than one hundred. As many as five hundred teams and carriages have been counted passing through Maudsall in a single day and to quote the words employed, "it was not circus day, neither."

REGISTER'S NOTICES.

TO ALL CREDITORS, LEGATEES AND OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED—Notice is hereby given that the following named persons did on the date annexed to their names, file the accounts of their administration to the estate of these persons, deceased, and Guardian Accounts, whose names are hereinafter mentioned, in the office of the Register for the Probate of Wills and granting of Letters of Administration, in and for the County of Montour, and that the same will be presented to the Orphan's Court of said county, for confirmation and allowance, on Monday, the 24th day of Feb. A. D. 1908, at the meeting of the Court in the afternoon.

1908.
Jan'y. 11—First and Final account of Lizzie Wagner, Administratrix cum testamento annexo of the estate of Mary Craig, late of Anthony Township, Montour County, deceased.
Jan'y. 22—First and Final account of Martha E. Elwell, Administratrix of the estate of George Elwell, late of the Borough of Danville, Montour County, deceased.
Jan'y. 25—First and Final account of John T. Blue, Administrator of the estate of Isaiah Blue, late of Valley Township Montour County, deceased.
Jan'y. 25—First and Final account of Jonathan P. Bare, Administrator of the estate of Mary Crossley, late of the Borough of Danville, Montour County, deceased.
Jan'y. 25—First and Final account of Elisha S. Fornwald and John Morrill, Administrators d. b. n. c. t. a. of Sarah Morrill, late of the Borough of Danville, Montour County, deceased.
WM. L. SIDLER, Register, Register's Office, Danville, Pa., Jan'y. 25, 1908.

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