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ITEMS CONDENSED.

Fred Hoffman, of Park Place, Schuylkill county, on Saturday tried to board a Lehigh Valley freight train at Delano, but was thrown upon his head against the rails. His skull was fractured and he died in a short time.

Miss Mary Ryan, a trained nurse residing in Philadelphia, went to Athens, Bradford county, on Saturday to wait on her sick mother, but just as the train approached the station she died suddenly of heart failure.

Michael Brickner, of York, a veteran of the Civil war, who had been an invalid for two years, suffering from diseases contracted during the war, died on Wednesday and on Saturday the news came along that he had been granted a pension of \$20 per month.

William Brown, of Philadelphia, aged 19 years, while changing his clothing on Saturday placed a collar button in his mouth, and while sneezing the button lodged in his windpipe. He died before the arrival of a physician.

Clarence Allen, of Reading, aged 16 years, while at play fell through a hole in a bridge, near Eckert's furnace, landing on a pile of cinders, ninety feet below. His skull was fractured but he may recover.

Among the items of receipts in the last report of the State sinking fund commission is one of \$840.10 as fines for Sabbath breaking, imposed under the act of 1739. They covered various offenses from auto riding to selling goods.

Five hundred quarts of nitro-glycerine exploded early on Friday morning destroying the plant of the Dupont Powder company, at Lewis Run, McKean county. No one was in the plant at the time. Windows were broken in houses four miles away.

Philadelphians propose celebrating the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the city during the week of October 4 to be known as founders' week, and Mayor Keyburn has just appointed a committee of 250 representative men, from various walks in life to make arrangements for the celebration.

The epidemic of measles which started in Pittsburg in December is still in progress and one thousand cases developed during the first fifteen days in February.

The York Merchants' association on Saturday decided that there are too many holidays and will not observe Washington's birthday.

R. R. Caldwell, an aged oil producer of Bradford, was struck by a locomotive on Saturday, while standing on the tracks of the Erie railroad watching the flood, and died several hours afterwards at the Bradford hospital.

Owing to the high water in the Allegheny river at Pittsburg the Second Presbyterian congregation, of which Rev. Dr. S. Edward Young is pastor, was flooded out on Sunday evening, and services were held in the Alvin theatre.

SPORTSMEN INTERESTED

Northumberland county sportsmen are being asked for their signatures to a petition which is to be submitted to the next legislature regulating and codifying the State game laws. The petition has already over 9,700 names, it having been circulated in several counties. In Northumberland there will be 1,000 more names added.

The following legislation is recommended by the petition: To make the open season for killing rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, quail and woodcock from November 1st to December 1st; to prohibit the digging out of rabbits from holes in the ground, stone fences and stone walls; to prohibit the hunting and killing by all persons until they shall have paid an annual tax of one dollar for a license for that purpose to be issued by the county treasurer, this money to be used for restocking game preserves, no man to be prevented from hunting on his own premises without such license during the open season. The petition will be extensively circulated through the county. The Legislature will, in all probability, pass these amendments because the sentiment will be overwhelming among sportsmen from all parts of the State toward the above changes in the game laws.

OVER A 70-FOOT EMBANKMENT

The raging waters that accompany the annual break-up are apt to cause many thrilling experiences among people, even if they do not result in loss of life. It is seldom, however, that they lead to a more daring adventure than took place on Saturday, the hero of which was G. M. Dyer, the well-known dairyman of Valley township.

During the forenoon while Mr. Dyer was serving his patrons in town, Mahoning creek attained a height of some six feet on the wagon road at Maudsle, which made it unsafe to attempt to cross. Many of the farmers who had driven into town during the morning in returning home took the road leading over Bald top.

Mr. Dyer, however, decided to try the cycle path. The latter as its name implies is only a "path" and was never designed to accommodate wagons. At most seasons, however, it is possible to drive along the cycle path, although at a couple of points where the bank is high and precipitous it requires the utmost care.

On Saturday, however, snow and ice had to be reckoned with. Mr. Dyer took every precaution possible and thought he could avoid mishap. He was accompanied by a boy named John Phile, who led the horse, while Mr. Dyer, himself, held on the rear end of the wagon whenever any of the narrow places were passed.

Finally the most dangerous point of all was reached. This is located some where near half way between Danville and Maudsle, where the bank is some seventy feet high and is so steep that it is impossible for a man to climb up or down without clinging to the bushes for support. At the foot of the embankment flows Mahoning creek, which Saturday was in a boiling, raging torrent. The narrow road here was covered with a bed of snow and ice.

While the boy led the horse over the treacherous spot Mr. Dyer following behind endeavored to prevent the wheels from sliding. He was unable to hold the wagon, however, and down it went over the high and precipitous bank. The horse endeavored to keep his foothold, but it was only for a moment; the heavy milk wagon as it rolled down over the embankment dragged the horse along.

The spectacle was a thrilling one, as the horse and wagon rolling over and over went down to the raging torrent. At one time in the seventy foot fall the horse was under the vehicle. Reaching the bottom the wagon, rear end downward, lodged against a large tree, around which the edge of the swollen waters had risen. The momentum, however, swung the horse around and he fell plump into the creek with his head toward Danville. Unable to dislodge the wagon and held fast by the harness the horse was in danger of drowning in the deep water, when Mr. Dyer regardless of his own peril, dashed down the steep mountain side and plunged into the stream for the purpose of cutting the harness. Some idea of the man's peril as well as his pluck may be derived when it is explained that the water was up to his chin and that he not only succeeded in maintaining a foothold but also in actually cutting the harness and in liberating the horse.

The intelligent animal when he realized that he was free, made no attempt to climb the precipitous bank down which he had so unceremoniously descended, but added another chapter to the thrilling occurrence by plunging into the deepest part of the stream and attempting to swim to the opposite shore. There were big cakes of ice to take into account as well as a current that swept the horse down stream, but he held on bravely and at last struck bottom on the opposite side and waded out on shore.

Soon after the horse was caught in the "meadow" and brought back to town, where oddly enough it was found that he had practically escaped all injury. It was decided Saturday to make no attempt to remove the milk wagon until the creek falls to a normal level, when the vehicle will be pulled across into the meadow. The vehicle is but little the worse for the accident. All the glass is broken and one or two other parts are damaged, but that is all. The milk wagon was new.

Funeral of Mrs. Mauger. Mrs. Sarah S. Mauger, whose death occurred Sunday night was consigned to the grave at Oak Grove yesterday. Services were held at the residence of W. H. Mauger, son of the deceased, West Mahoning street, at 10:30 o'clock Rev. M. K. Foster pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, officiating. The funeral proceeded to Oak Grove where further services were held in the church and interment was made. The pall bearers were: Will G. Brown, C. O. Long, John Hunt and F. M. Getwals.

Elected Pastor. At a meeting of the joint consistory of the Paxinos-Augusta charge of the Reformed church, held at Snyderstown Tuesday it was found that Rev. Richard F. Gass, of Tannersville, Pa., had been unanimously elected to the pastorate of the charge. A call has accordingly been extended to the Rev. Mr. Gass. Rev. Gass is known as an able preacher and a tireless church worker. The charge will no doubt prosper under his pastorate.

ICE MOVES OFF THE RIVER

The general break-up which seemed imminent since last Thursday, occurred on Saturday. As a result of heavy rains and high temperature with consequent melting of snow the small streams were transformed into veritable torrents. The ice left the river Saturday on a nine foot flood.

Blizzard's run had not been so high since 1904 and the usual flood conditions prevailed about the D. L. & W. station. The railway track was under three feet of water and there were no trains between the 10:19 a. m. train east and the 4:33 train west. There were fifteen inches of water in the station. The flood in that section of town reached its maximum height about 1 p. m. when the entire D. L. & W. track was submerged between Church street and Wall street. Familiar lines were obliterated. The canal, Blizzard's run and the stream that flows down from the Chamberlin farm were all swollen up and the flood, which like an immense lake lay on each side of the railroad from above the stove works to the D. L. & W. station.

At the stove works the water entered the warehouse, but by dint of good management and hard work the goods were all gotten out of the way in time. It is fortunate that the water did not enter the foundry, as no amount of precaution there can protect the "floors," which are invariably ruined by high water. Neither was any damage done at the D. L. & W. station, although the office, the waiting rooms, the warehouse and the long concrete platform, when the water subsided, were in a deplorable condition, coated over with mud nearly an eighth of an inch deep, necessitating an immediate and thorough cleaning.

Mahoning creek was far out of its banks. The company houses on Northumberland and West Centre streets were all surrounded by water. The occupants were obliged to remove their household goods and take up their abode on the second story. At 1 p. m. the bar mill at the Reading iron works was obliged to shut down by reason of the high water, which filled the wheel pits.

By Saturday morning the river had risen only a few feet. It went up with a jump, however, during the forenoon and by noon it stood at the 9 foot mark. Shortly after twelve o'clock the ice broke and moved off easily. The ice under the action of the warm wind and the rain had melted considerably and seemed nowhere more than six inches thick.

The crew at the water works sounded the whistle, which at such times is always understood to be a signal that the ice is moving. A crowd of people were soon seen hurrying to the bridge anxious to witness the break-up on the river. The movement of ice, however, did not afford a spectacle that will bear any comparison with some of the sights witnessed on the river in the past when the ice took its departure. Yesterday the river had attained a height of sixteen feet and large quantities of heavy ice were coming down from the northern part of the State.

The merchants on Mill street Saturday morning began to prepare for the worst by removing the goods from their cellars. The water made its appearance at only a couple of places, however, and on the whole the damage caused by high water anywhere in town was light.

THE FUNERAL OF E. P. THOMAS

The funeral of Edward P. Thomas took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The Rev. J. W. Kirk officiated. The obsequies were in charge of the local lodge of Elks, the pall bearers, who were chosen from among the members, being as follows: David Evans, John Curry, Edward Fallon, Thomas G. Vincent, Edward Ellenbogen and Charles G. Cloud.

After a private service at the residence of George W. Hendricks, West Market street, the body was removed to the Mahoning Presbyterian church where the services were open to the public. Some thirty-five members of the lodge of Elks attended the funeral in a body and at the grave the burial rites of the order were observed. During the services in the church the choir rendered two appropriate selections.

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RITTER OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Joseph M. Ritter, Democrat, was elected overseer of the poor of the Danville and Mahoning poor district at the election Tuesday, winning out on a total of 637 votes as against 599 cast for James C. Rishel, Republican candidate.

The poor directorship was the only office for which there was a very spirited contest. Throughout the borough there was a semblance of a fight for the office of council, which created some interest. The successful candidates for council are as follows: First ward, John M. Marshall; second ward, James M. Jones; third ward, J. E. Cleaver; fourth ward, James F. Connely.

Next in order are the school directors, the successful candidates being as follows: First ward, Dr. I. G. Barber; second ward, W. J. Burns; third ward, Jacob Fischer; fourth ward, Augustus Heiss, 3 years, and Albert Lloyd, 1 year.

For borough auditor John L. Jones, Republican, won out, receiving 482 votes as against 398 cast for Walter S. Ditzler, Democrat, and 192 votes for Oliver R. Shilling, Prohibition candidate. A glance at the vote shows that Mr. Shilling ran far ahead of his ticket.

In another column will be found a table giving the full vote cast.

The election passed off very quietly. Indeed as relates to some of the districts it would be difficult to recall a year when such a state of inaction, not to say indifference, seemed to prevail, or such a light vote was polled—even at spring election. This is rendered all the more noteworthy in view of the weather, which was of that delightful sort calculated to tempt people out of doors, rather than to send to keep them at home. In some of the wards for an hour at a time during the afternoon the polls presented a deserted appearance. Voting was probably the most active in the first and third wards. Generally throughout the county little more than half a vote was polled.

Whatever may be said as to the turn out at the polls no one can accuse the voters of any servility or lack of independence in voting. Party lines seemed to have nothing to do in determining the result. The candidates as a rule ran close. With several it seemed to be a neck to neck race and the victory was won on the smallest possible margin. In the second ward James M. Jones won out over Jacob Ditzler, for council by a majority of 1. In the fourth ward James F. Connely, Jr., for the same office defeated Charles Mottern by a majority of 1.

Benton B. Brown, running on the three tickets, was elected high constable for the borough.

First Ward. POOR DIRECTOR.

James C. Rishel, R. 159
Joseph M. Ritter, D. 139
AUDITOR.
John L. Jones, R. 125
Walter S. Ditzler, D. 116
Oliver R. Shilling, P. 62

HIGH CONSTABLE.
Benton B. Brown, R. D. & P. 252
JUDGE OF ELECTION.
William V. Oglesby, R. 206
E. Herbert Myerly, D. 105

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.
Frank A. Brown, R. 103
John G. Vastine, D. 125
COUNCILMAN.
John M. Marshall, R. 170
William J. Linker, D. 144
Richard W. Egbert, P. 6

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.
E. S. Fornwald, R. 128
I. Grier Barber, D. 133
Adoniram J. Still, P. 13
CONSTABLE.
William E. Young, R. & D. 273

Second Ward. POOR DIRECTOR.

James C. Rishel, R. 136
Joseph M. Ritter, D. 139
AUDITOR.
John L. Jones, R. 151
Walter S. Ditzler, D. 64
O. R. Shilling, P. 53

HIGH CONSTABLE.
B. B. Brown, R. D. & P. 228
COUNCILMAN.
James M. Jones, R. 140
Jacob Dietz, D. 139
SCHOOL DIRECTOR.
William J. Burns, R. 230
JUDGE OF ELECTION.
Harry A. Shick, R. 187
Samuel W. Welliver, D. 84
INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.
Benjamin J. Cook, R. 126
Grant Gulick, D. 135

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CAPTAIN WIRZE OF ANDERSONVILLE

Editor American.—According to the southern press it has been decided by the "Daughters of the Confederacy" to erect a monument in memory of Captain Wirze, the keeper of Andersonville prison. An article in last week's "North American" stated that as first planned the inscription contained the information "that the commander of Andersonville had been tried by an illegal court and unjustly put to death."

When the Daughters of the Confederacy condescend to erect a monument to the memory of one of the most cruel and heartless monsters of all history, they not only do injustice to every valiant soldier, north and south, but they do great injustice to their sex and the cause they are supposed to represent.

Captain Wirze was tried by a military commission in 1865 for the murder of Federal prisoners, committed by his charge at Andersonville. The writer heard the trial throughout. The testimony by some of the survivors as to his cruelty, as they related his brutality and his foul murders, seemed almost incredible. One man whom he had deliberately shot down for asking him a question and left apparently dead, was a witness against him. Wirze, himself, looked upon this man as one risen from the grave. The testimony throughout revealed a nature than which there could be none more inhuman or brutal.

He was guarded to and from the prison by members of my regiment. So strong was the sentiment against him that had it not been for his strong military escort the people of Washington would have hanged him on the spot.

When the drop fell in the prison yard which ended his brutal life the hundreds who had climbed and probed themselves on the trees and house tops waved their hats and shouted for joy. It was a scene, the like of which I never want to witness again, but it was the brutality of the man (if he could be called a man) that paralyzed the natural sympathy of the heart and led to the scene I have described. Captain Wirze was hanged on Friday, November 10, 1865.

JAMES FOSTER.

ANOTHER HEAVY SNOWFALL

Yesterday brought another heavy snow storm, which blocked the sidewalks and made travel with vehicles slow and laborious.

The snow began falling about 2 a. m. and continued without intermission until about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At times the flakes fell thick and fast and accumulated on the ground at the rate of over two inches an hour. There was a high temperature and the snow was soft and adhesive, which caused it to pack tight and to cling tenaciously to trees, telegraph and telephone poles, wires and other overhead objects.

Last evening the snow lay about a foot thick on the ground, while the trees, with their branches clothed with snow, presented a beautiful sight. Unless colder weather ensue it is feared the snow will speedily vanish.

A few sleighs and sleds were in evidence yesterday. Only those who had urgent business, however, ventured out on the country roads and those who undertook to make a trip of any distance in carriages had a trying experience of it. Slow progress was made, while the horses were literally overcome with fatigue.

The Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway company had its snow plow out early in the day and was able to keep its cars running on schedule practically all day.

The car on the Danville and Sunbury Transit company's line was out of commission for a couple of hours during the afternoon. The snow plow improvised for the road, drawn by two horses, was run over the line. Thus the track was put in fairly good condition and last evening the car was running on schedule.

DEATH RESULTS FROM INJURIES

William R. Lewis, of Mahoning township, departed this life on Tuesday night as the result of injuries sustained in being kicked by a horse. The deceased was 62 years of age and is survived by his wife and several children; also by his mother, Mrs. Christiana Lewis, who resides with the family of the deceased. The funeral will take place at 1 p. m., Friday. Interment at Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Over 200,000 tons of ice, fifteen inches in thickness, were housed this winter along the Ontonagon, in Berks county.

LOCAL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Notwithstanding the inclement weather the local teachers' institute in the Riverside school building Saturday proved quite a success. A few teachers who were expected to participate in the program were unable to attend, but their absence was more than counterbalanced by the enthusiasm of those who were present.

The institute took in Riverside borough and Rush and Gearhart townships. In addition to the teachers of these districts there were present: W. W. Fetzer, superintendent of the schools of Northumberland county; Ira D. Shipman, superintendent of the schools of Sunbury, and Professor L. H. Dennis, supervising principal of Northumberland borough. A number of patrons were present, along with a sprinkling of pupils, who took part in the exercises. The large room occupied by the primary department on the first floor was crowded.

The committee that had the affair in hand was composed of Miss Bertha Surver, Miss Blanche Campbell and Miss Nettie Gulick. Each of the papers read was followed with discussion, while the exercises were interspersed with singing and recitations by the pupils. The male quartette was present and rendered two selections. Misses Ethel Shannon and Helen Armes sang a duet.

The morning session was brief. A discussion on "The Best Method of Teaching Children How to Use Good English" was opened by Miss Blanche Sechler, teacher of the Kipp's run school. The discussion, which was generally participated in, was lengthy and brought out very many practical points.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. John Conley Grimes, pastor of St. Peter's M. E. church, Riverside, after which the assemblage joined in singing "America." A "Flag Salute" by the pupils of the primary department of the Riverside school, taught by Mrs. E. W. Young, was a pleasant feature.

Miss Elizabeth Reeder, a Rush township teacher, opened the discussion on "Is the Vertical System of Writing Superior to the Spencerian System? If so, in What Way?"

Miss Lyons, also of the Rush township corps, read a paper on "How May Teachers Best Secure the Co-operation of Parents?"

Miss Becker, teacher of the primary school, South Danville, opened the discussion on "What are the First Grade Teachers to Do for Busy Work that will not Weary the Eye?"

Miss Blanche Campbell, teacher of the grammar grade of the South Danville school, read a paper on "How Can History be Made Attractive to the Child?"

Superintendent Shipman followed with a talk on "Geography," dwelling on correlation of history and geography and advancing some good points on the teaching of direction and of latitude and longitude.

Professor L. H. Dennis spoke on "Co-operation of Parents With Teachers."

Among the minor features was a "Doll drill" by the pupils of Mrs. Young's room and "Billy's Blacksmith," a recitation by several little boys, both of which were very much enjoyed by those present.

MANY APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE

The Montour American is informed by the president of the Woman's Benevolent society of Danville that there is an almost unprecedented demand upon the society for assistance. The appeals from the very poor for help have become so numerous and so pathetic that it has been decided to present the matter to the public.

As is well known the Benevolent society, with the limited resources at its command, can do comparatively little to meet the general demand. Not only are coal and provisions needed, but in a large number of cases the people are nearly destitute of clothing.

It is in the latter respect that the society believes that the general public could render valuable aid. The president of the society asks all those who have clothing, especially underclothing, to spare to kindly deliver it over to the society, promising that the members will see to it that the articles are distributed where they will do the most good. Thus, many poor people might be comfortably clothed with garments that are not being worn and are put to no use. The clothing contributed may be left at the residence of Dr. C. Shultz, Bloom street.

Barney Curran, a resident of Bristol, Bucks county, was struck by an express train at the Mill street crossing on Sunday night and killed. He is the third man killed at crossings in the town this year.

DR. G. A. STOCK MEDICAL EXAMINER

Dr. G. A. Stock has received a communication from Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State health commissioner, offering him the appointment of medical inspector of Montour county and asking him also to take charge of the tuberculosis dispensary, which the department will open in Danville.

Dr. E. A. Carry was previously medical inspector of Danville and he was also appointed to take charge of the tuberculosis dispensary. He soon discovered, however, that he lacked the time necessary to give to the vast amount of detail involved in the conduct of the tuberculosis dispensary prompt and satisfactory attention. He, therefore, decided to resign both as medical inspector and as head of the tuberculosis dispensary. His resignation was reluctantly accepted by Dr. Dixon, who proceeded at once to make a new appointment.

Dr. Stock informed a representative of this paper yesterday that he will accept the appointment and that by next week he expects to have the tuberculosis dispensary in operation.

The relationship of the county medical inspector to the department of health is that of a consultant, to be called upon to diagnose doubtful cases, to investigate epidemics, to vaccinate school children when requested by the commissioner, to visit in person or appoint a deputy to visit cases of eruptive diseases or suspicious throat conditions when there is no physician in attendance and to order such an enforcement of any regulations of the department of health as may be necessary to protect the public. When necessary he shall appoint quarantine guards, whose pay shall not be over \$2.00 per day.

It shall be the duty of the county medical inspector to report any negligence on the part of health officers, failure on the part of the physicians to report cases of communicable diseases or neglect on the part of ministers, nurses, school teachers and undertakers to comply with the rules and regulations prescribed by the department of health. The medical inspector has a variety of additional duties, but those enumerated above are probably the most important.

The tuberculosis dispensary has been previously described in these columns. Besides free treatment, the necessaries poor that may be suffering with tuberculosis are furnished with milk and eggs free at the dispensary. The fact must be well established, however, that the patient is actually without means and resources and is dependent upon outside help. In order that there may be no deception before the applicant for aid is admitted blanks containing questions of the most searching nature have to be filled out and it would only be by the grossest misrepresentation with risk of detection that an unworthy person or a patient not actually indigent could get on the list for free treatment and free supplies.

PREPARING FOR TRI-COUNTY CONVENTION

The members of Washington camp No. 567, P. O. S. of A., of Riverside, are busy this week preparing for the tri-county convention, which will be held in their hall on Saturday, Washington's birthday.

The territory that will be represented by the convention is Montour and Columbia counties with the small section of Northumberland county embraced by the membership of Riverside lodge.

In addition to the routine business of the convention there will be addresses by the officers and delegates. Hon. W. T. Cressy is expected to be present and deliver an address. The convention will get into session at 10 a. m. and will last during the day.

On Sunday morning a sermon will be preached to the P. O. S. of A. at St. Peter's M. E. church, Riverside, by the pastor, the Rev. John Conley Grimes. The members of Camp No. 264, along with the ladies of Camp No. 135, P. O. of A., both of Danville, are expected to attend the services along with Camp No. 567 of Riverside.

THREE FRIENDLY LITTLE SPARROWS

Three sparrows, which have discovered that the water works afford a pleasant retreat during winter, have apparently overcome their dread of human beings and have taken up their domicile in the spacious building. The birds fly in and out at pleasure and they sing and chirp merrily as they dance about the wires and steam pipes overhead. Heretofore the crew centered all their affections on "Shovel" the corpulent and phlegmatic dog that poses as mascot at the water works; they now show great interest in the birds and evidently derive a little pleasure from their presence. They allude to them as their "caries."