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## ITEMS CONDENSED.

Margaret Keller, of Maltby, near Wilkes-Barre, aged 4 months, was pecked on the cheek a few days ago. Blood poisoning developed and she is now at the point of death.

The Medico-Chirurgical hospital of Philadelphia and the Presbyterian board of foreign missions are each bequeathed \$5,500 in the will of Miss Anna Van Reed, of Reading.

Andrew and Ella Reid, of Roscoe, Washington county, have entered suit against Roscoe borough for \$700 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by Ella Reid in a fall caused by a defective sidewalk.

John C. Border, residing near Womelsdorf, Berks county, raised a radish of the icicle variety twenty-six inches long, fifteen and one-half inches in circumference and three and one-fourth pounds in weight.

The drought conditions in the anthracite regions are daily becoming more serious and many families in Schuylkill county are compelled to carry their water needed for cooking and drinking purposes, long distances.

A few days ago John A. Emenheiser, of Careyville, York county, was bitten on the hand by a copperhead snake. He quickly wrapped his handkerchief tightly around his wrist to retard circulation, hurried home and drank milk and whiskey freely and is now out of danger.

Last week the new state capitol at Harrisburg was thronged by more visitors than at any time since the opening of the building.

The brewers in Schuylkill county complain that the water restriction in different towns does not give them time to fill their vats and tanks and in consequence, if the dry spell continue, there will be a dry famine as well as a water famine.

Judge Bechtel, of the Schuylkill county court, carried out his threat made a few days ago by ousting all the members of the Pine Grove school board because they were deadlocked over the election of teachers and the adoption of a school curriculum. This action was taken on the petition of fifty-one citizens of the district.

The roll of pupils in the Pittsburg public schools will be about 6,000 more this year than it was last year.

Samuel O'Tool of McKeesport, after being rescued twice, rushed a third time into the Youghiogheny river on Saturday and succeeded in drowning himself.

The Homestead works of the Carnegie Steel company started on Sunday night on the best running schedule they had this year. The sixty open hearth furnaces were all started.

Samuel B. Price, a farm hand of near Mahanoy City, who has been an invalid for two years, on Sunday drank two bottles of horse liniment and a bottle of peppermint but has survived the dose.

The Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron company has decided to erect a plant in the Schuylkill valley, for treating mine timbers and railroad ties with cresote and zinc chloride to preserve the wood.

Mrs. Gertrude Mehler died at Sharon on Saturday night aged 82 years. Deceased had been blind for three months but a few hours before her death she recovered her sight and was able to recognize all her children who were at her bedside.

At Ellwood, Lawrence county, on Saturday night a boy tossed aside the stump of a lighted cigarette which set fire to \$300 worth of fireworks that had been prepared for an Italian celebration. No one was injured.

While Edward Lang was trying to land a twenty three inch bass on Saturday at Springmont, Montgomery county, along the Perkiomen creek, he was pulled into the water and had to use a dip net in order to capture the big fish.

A big suburban trolley car on the new Hanover line in York county on Saturday crashed into a milk wagon knocking it to pieces seriously injuring the driver, John Chronister and inflicting injuries on his 7-year-old son that will prove fatal.

While chopping grain in the barn of George M. Sehler in Richmond township, Berks county, on Saturday sparks from an overheated shaft of the machinery set fire to the barn and it was burned with nearly all its contents causing a loss of \$5,000.

## WILL "COMPLETE" THE MONUMENT

The remotest possibility that complications may arise to hold up or cause delay in the building of the soldiers' monument seems to be now removed. Our readers will be gratified to learn that there has been a general reversal of opinion as to the intent of the act of assembly of April 3, 1903, which provides that "on the petition of at least fifty citizens to the court of quarter sessions for the erection or completion of a monument in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the late war it shall be the duty of said court to lay said petition before the grand jury, and, if approved by two successive grand juries, and said court the county commissioners shall be authorized to erect or complete any monument now partly completed, and maintain at the county seat a suitable monument in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the late war of the rebellion."

It will be recalled that some six weeks ago considerable controversy was set on foot by the appearance of a newspaper article, in which it was set forth that the county commissioners did not believe that they were empowered to pay the money—five thousand dollars—recommended by two successive grand juries over to the soldiers' monument committee, but that it devolved upon them to "erect" the monument themselves out of the money donated by the county augmented by such funds as the soldiers' monument committee already had in its possession. The soldiers' monument committee, it will be recalled, had already gone on with the work and had not only constructed the foundation of the monument, but had awarded the contract for the memorial to the Van Amringe Granite company, of Boston. It was pretty plain that the monument could not be erected without the five thousand dollars due from the county, so that the situation was one in which grave complications were apt to arise.

Under the act of April 3, 1903, which authorizes the commissioners to "erect" or "complete" any monument on the recommendation of two successive grand juries the soldiers' monument committee held that the county commissioners could very consistently pay the five thousand dollars over to the committee. They took the view that the monument was already begun; the foundation was completed and the memorial itself was contracted for; nothing therefore, was left for the county commissioners but to "complete" the monument. This, they held, would, of course, imply a recognition of the contract already awarded to the Van Amringe Granite company, as well as a payment of the money donated by the county over into the hands of the soldiers' monument committee.

This view, it seems, was later adopted by the county commissioners, themselves. The petition of fifty citizens presented to the court asking for the erection or completion of a soldiers' monument, which was successively approved by the grand juries of January and February terms of court, respectively, on Saturday was approved by Judge Evans and returned to the prothonotary with instructions that the proceedings be certified to the county commissioners.

It is now up to the county commissioners. The latter officials made their intention perfectly clear to a representative of this paper Saturday. They have been instructed by the court to pay the five thousand dollars over to the soldiers' monument committee and they will comply without any more controversy. The only question involved at present is whether the money shall be paid over now, while the work is in progress, or later, when the monument is completed. The county commissioners take the latter view of the matter.

## WELL KNOWN COUPLE MARRIED

Dr. Ried Nebinger, of the state hospital medical staff and Miss Ava Grier Gearhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Grier Gearhart, were quietly married in New York City on Wednesday, August 5th. The announcements of the event were sent out Monday and caused a pleasant surprise among their many friends.

Both the bride and groom are well known and highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in this city.

### For Jury Duty.

Among the petit jurors drawn for the next term of the Northumberland county court, which opens at Sunbury on September 28, are: John F. Eckert, and D. H. Shultz, of Rush township; W. G. Wilson, J. E. Hummer and Harvey Dietrick, of Gearhart township; Charles Snyder, of Snyder-town.

The opportunity to do a kindly deed should never be neglected.

## CONSIGNMENT OF ODD FISH

A unique consignment of fish arrived in this city Monday morning and was deposited in the north branch of the Susquehanna.

The fish, which were shipped from the government hatchery at Indianapolis, Ind., are known as the large-mouthed black bass. Their habitat is the Mississippi river and so far as can be ascertained they are the first of their species that have ever been placed in the north branch for breeding purposes.

The consignment consisted of some four hundred fish contained in four large cans. What is especially remarkable about the fish is their size. The fish fry received from the hatcheries are usually much below the average minnow in size, the most of them being infinitesimally small.

When those who received the fish opened the cans yesterday their surprise can easily be imagined. Instead of the usual small fry they beheld fish varying in length from four to eight inches, big well developed fellows, nearly large enough to take with the hook and line. The explanation lies in the fact that the full-grown wide-mouthed black bass is a monster, often weighing twenty pounds or upward. The fish shipped, although seemingly large, are relatively only minnows in size.

The consignment followed applications made by J. B. Cleaver, W. L. McClure, and Robert Y. Gearhart. The fish were shipped to J. B. Cleaver, who received them from the agent on the 10:19 D. L. & W. train Monday morning. The fish Monday were placed in the river. They multiply rapidly and by next year not a few of the larger ones will no doubt be taken with the hook and line.

## ROLLING DEP'TS. RESUME OPERATIONS

The rolling department of the Structural Tubing works started up Monday night after a shut down of several weeks, during which a new bed plate was installed under the engine and other repairs were made. The finishing department of the works continued in operation while the rolling mill was idle. The whole plant started up this morning with prospects of running for some time.

### THE BRAKE BEAM PLANT.

The rolling department of the Pennsylvania Brake Beam plant also started up Monday. Altogether there was an air of increased activity in the upper end of town that suggested the more prosperous times of last year and formerly when a shut-down was the exception. The brake beam company will probably continue rolling during the entire week.

## PATIENTS ASSIST IN KILLING RATS

Workmen employed at the hospital for the insane uncovered a nest of sixty-five rats the other day. A great slaughter followed and not a rat escaped to tell the tale.

Jere Knarr, the plasterer, just now employed on some work at the hospital, tells the story. They were removing a porch from the rear of the building preparatory to laying a concrete walk when they uncovered the nest of rats.

For a few moments there was intense excitement. There were only four men employed and naturally a good many of the rats would have escaped had it not been for the fact that a number of patients were in the yard.

At the first glimpse of the rats the patients entered fully into the spirit of the thing and joined the workmen in an onslaught on the rodents. The later ran for their lives, scattering over the entire yard, but not one of them escaped. For awhile the patients forgot their fancied troubles and had the best kind of a time killing rats.

## SHETLAND PONY IS A MIDGET

E. S. Fornwald, U. S. express agent in this city, yesterday received from the Homestead farm of Randall brothers, at Durand, Illinois, a thoroughly-bred Shetland pony, that is possibly the most diminutive animal of its kind ever seen in this city. The little fellow weighs but 375 pounds and stands 38 inches high. He came all the way from Illinois in a crate by express.

Mr. Fornwald's pony, which he bought for his daughter Ruth, is an aristocrat among his kind. His sire is Black Crow, an imported Shetland pony, and he has a family tree that would make most of our ancestor worshippers envious. His name is "Mon-key." He is perfectly docile, and as bright as he is kind. Before leaving the Homestead farm he had been taught many interesting tricks.

## COMMISSIONERS AT A DEADLOCK

Frank Erdman, P. J. Glennan and Casper Tharp, commissioners of Northumberland county, arrived at South Danville on the 10:17 train Tuesday forenoon to meet the Montour county board in joint session for the purpose of taking action on the extending of the wingwall of the river bridge on the South side.

There was no joint meeting however. A little preliminary conversation revealed that the two boards are widely at variance over the building of the retaining wall on the north side of the river and the whole affair remains at a deadlock, which does not promise to be broken very soon.

The commissioners of Northumberland county were met at the station by Messrs. Leighow and Sechler of the Montour county board accompanied by Edward S. Gearhart, Esq., attorney for the county. The party immediately proceeded to the bridge approach on the south side to see what addition to the wingwalls are needed.

While looking over the ground the Northumberland county board proposed that joint action be taken at once relating to the wing walls on the south side approach, authorizing the erection of the same.

The Montour county board made plain that it would assist on the south side improvement only on condition that the Northumberland county board would jointly assist in building the retaining wall along the plot owned by the two counties just west of the approach to the bridge on the north side. The Northumberland county board unqualifiedly opposed doing anything on the Danville side of the river. The Montour county board was just as resolute and positively refused to assist in building the wingwalls on the south side until the long deferred building of the retaining wall on the Danville side is taken up. So, here the matter rests. Under the circumstances there was no formal session and the Northumberland county commissioners on the 12:10 passenger train returned to Sunbury.

## ONE EFFECT OF THE QUARANTINE

A well known farmer of Cooper township, who was in this city Tuesday states that if conditions in his section are a criterion then rabbits will be unusually plentiful in Montour county this fall. The young rabbits may be seen at almost anytime and place, hobbling up when least expected. Previous years for as long a time back as he can remember there was nothing like as many rabbits seen as at present.

The farmer quoted attributes the relative abundance of rabbits as well as their fearlessness to the quarantine against dogs, which is generally in force in this county. He says few people are aware of the deprivations which, except in times of quarantine, are committed by dogs within a radius of several miles of Danville.

Last year at this time when dogs owned in Danville unmuzzled were permitted to roam about at will, they might have been seen daily tracking game in Cooper township as well as in territory nearer Danville. During the summer the young rabbits in this way were killed off in large numbers and when the season opened there were comparatively few cotton tails to be obtained by the sportsmen.

It is said to be difficult to realize the relief that the farmers experience by reason of the quarantine on dogs, which animals heretofore went prowling over the country, causing annoyance in different ways. The prevalence of rabies has been general during the past summer, so that the quarantine against dogs has been just as effectual in other localities as in Montour county. Therefore, since one of the effects of the quarantine in a general way is to protect the rabbits the latter, over the entire extent of the country, should prove very plentiful next fall.

## FRAUD CHARGES HAVE FAILED

Contrary to expectations the hearing in the campaign expense account of Elisha Ringrose, Republican candidate for Columbia Co. Com'r., was devoid of sensations. The \$30 which he was accused of giving Rev. W. E. Harman for campaign purposes, dwindled to \$5, which Mr. Ringrose donated toward the purchase of a new organ for the church.

The much-talked-of check for \$300 was one drawn to the order of ex-Judge J. U. Kurtz, as a contribution to the Republican county campaign fund, but about which Mr. Ringrose changed his mind and it was never cashed.

Men who give their uncompensated time to the city deserve the thanks of the people.

## ONE OF THE "OLD MASTERS"

It would be difficult to drop into the studio of W. B. Rhodes, West Market street, without finding there some rare and interesting object beyond the attractive personality of the busy artist himself.

Just now among the pictures under his brush for restoration is a very old painting, the "Madonna and Child," which is undoubtedly the work of one of the old masters. Very indistinct in one corner of the rare old painting is the date 1679.

The Madonna came to Mr. Rhodes insured for \$5000. It was entrusted to him by a family of prominence living in New York, for whom he has completed his 9th portrait.

The painting is not large in size, but is one that was evidently intended for a chapel. It represents the child Christ seated on the Madonna's lap reverently placing a ring on the hand of a kneeling female figure. The picture is particularly beautiful in its composition and arrangement of drapery. It excels in drawing and color and bears the exquisite tone that only age can impart. It is undoubtedly one of the most interesting paintings that ever came to Mr. Rhodes' studio.

At present the artist is working on a full length, life size portrait for Mrs. Eunice M. Lockwood of Crystal Springs, Miss. The portrait is that of a beautiful boy, son of Mrs. Lockwood, who departed this life recently. The portrait, which is approaching completion, attests to Mr. Rhodes' skill and genius as an artist. Seldom has anyone looked upon a painting more lifelike and real or one whose face held the eye with a more subtle fascination.

Mr. Rhodes is also working on a portrait of the late Lemuel E. Wells, of New York, whose death occurred last April. Mr. Wells was well known in Danville. He was a warm personal friend of Mr. Rhodes.

The artist is also working on two portraits of the colonial period. Mr. Rhodes' talents are recognized wherever he is known and work comes in to his studio from all parts of the United States.

Among his southern subjects is a painting, which Mr. Rhodes considers the best effort of his life. Mere description conveys no adequate idea of its charm and perfection. It represents an old negro mammy seated in contemplation before her hearth. Curled up at her feet is her faithful dog. The painting seems so life-like and over all there is an air of such deep repose that one instinctively forgets that he is looking at an artist's portrait and seems to see before him a picture of real life and emotion.

## COMMITTEE OF FORTY ORGANIZES

The committee of forty, ten of whom were appointed from each of the four fire companies of this city, and which will have charge of the Six-County Firemen's convention in Danville next June, met at the Continental hose house Saturday evening for organization.

William Shultz, chief of the Danville fire department, was elected president of the committee. Alfred Mellin and Thomas G. Vincent were chosen secretaries, and Wesley Hollibaugh, treasurer.

A finance committee was chosen to be composed of the following: Theodore Baker, Thomas G. Vincent, David Evans, George Kocheer, H. E. Trumbrown, Edward Graham, James Gibson, A. C. Amesbury, William Baker, Fred Vincent, James Freeze and William McVey.

## REV. GRIMES' LEAVE EXTENDED

Rev. John Conley Grimes, pastor of St. Peter's M. E. church, (Riverside, is meeting with a great measure of success in his tent work in New York City, and has been granted an extension to his leave of absence so that he may continue in the metropolis until September 1st.

The following telegram, which was received several days ago by an officer of St. Peter's testifies to the esteem in which Rev. Grimes is held in New York:

J. H. Shannon.—In view of the efficient work of Rev. Grimes in tent work we very much desire his services for the remainder of August. He will arrange pulpit supplies for twenty-third and thirtieth. In view of the great need we trust you will give a hearty yes.

Arthur J. Smith.

The officers of the church gave their consent to the request in the telegram.

Eighty per cent of the coal mines along the Monongahela river are shut down and thousands of mines are idle as a result of the low water, as practically all the coal of that district is shipped by water.

## FARMERS' PICNIC AT DEWITT'S

The fourth annual Tri-County Farmers' picnic drew to DeWitt's park yesterday the biggest crowd in the history of the place. Those in charge of the affair estimated the crowd present as numbering between six and seven thousand. Mr. H. L. DeWitt, manager of the park, said that he was certain there had never been more people in his park on any big day in its history.

The gate keepers registered 3500 paid admissions, but many heads of families paid but one or two admissions for a whole wagon load. They thought it was safe to estimate that nearly two people went into the park for every admission paid.

Certain it was that the farmers were there in large numbers. Many town people, too, attended, hundreds of people going to the big outing from Danville and nearby towns, but the farmers predominated. It was their day and they took advantage of the glorious weather to turn out in force. From Paxinos to Exchange, from Klinsgrove to Grovania, they came from every hillside and valley, in bugles, spring wagons and big farm wagons, on horse back and on foot, the patriarchs, the middle aged, the boys and their sweethearts and the kiddies—and everybody, old and young, had a great big, free and easy, frolicsome good time.

LIKE A COUNTY FAIR.

In the park from after noon it was a jam; and with all the amusements going in full swing it resembled nothing more closely than a big day at a county fair. In addition to the merry-go-round, there were the Mechanicsville and the Paxinos bands, and numerous booths, where souvenirs, etc., were on sale. Dancing in the pavilion attracted many.

In the afternoon the races were pulled off according to schedule. Purdy Arter was first in the potato race for boys under 16. John Thomas won the potato race for boys over 16. Sam Quinn won the bag race for boys under 12, and Wm. Deeter took first in the bag race for boys over 12. The lantern race was won by Geo. A. Steffen.

HAD POCKET PICKED.

Jacob Shultz, one of the picnic committee men is a loser to the amount of \$30.00. In the afternoon he had occasion to pay out some money and when he reached for his pocket book, that useful accessory had disappeared. He says that he does not believe he could have lost it and that his pocket must have been picked. Mr. Shultz's experience was the only one of that kind that was heard of during the day.

As was natural there were a number of near accidents to add to the general excitement, but nothing of a serious nature happened to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

DISPENSARY WILL BE REMOVED

As if to show that there will be no retreat in the war against tuberculosis in Montour county the work will be established on a secure and permanent basis by removing the dispensary now in the office of Dr. Stock, the county medical inspector, to a separate and well appointed building leased by the State department of health for that purpose.

Thomas H. A. Stites, chief medical inspector of the Pennsylvania tuberculosis dispensaries, was in this city on Monday looking over the ground to see how he could improve the facilities for fighting consumption. It was brought home to him that Dr. Stock as chief of the local dispensary, labors under considerable disadvantage owing to cramped quarters incidental to crowding the dispensary in his office devoted to general practice.

As an outcome of Dr. Stites, visit the western side of J. B. Gearhart's building, corner of Bloom and Walnut streets, formerly occupied by a store, has been leased by the State department of health and will be used for a tuberculosis dispensary.

The interior will be entirely remodeled and will be made to contain two apartments instead of one. As soon as the lease has been executed carpenters will be put to work fitting up the building. In a very short time it will be occupied by Dr. Stock as a tuberculosis dispensary.

While here Dr. Stites quoted some statistics relating to tuberculosis in Montour county, which makes it clear that the crusade against the dreaded and insidious disease has not been taken up any too soon. The returns for the year before last, he said, show that of 115 deaths that occurred in the borough of Danville 16 were caused by tuberculosis. This is over 13 per cent—the highest rate found of any town in Pennsylvania with a population of 8000 or over. Pittsburg has the lowest rate—two per cent. In the state the average per cent, relating to tuberculosis is 10.

WHEAT OVER-RUNS IN WEIGHT

The many favorable reports concerning the wheat crop that were received about harvest time just now are being most conclusively verified on the south side where new wheat is being brought up and shipped by the wholesale.

It is true the wheat crop is not more than one fourth threshed. Yet Thomas Elmes and H. E. Bohner, dealers, yesterday, on the south side finished loading their third car of new wheat, all of which was purchased in that immediate vicinity. A short time ago they shipped three car loads of new wheat from Paxinos and a corresponding quantity from Roaring Creek.

Mr. Elmes states that the wheat crop is exceptionally good. The grains are plump and well developed, the sequence being that wheat this year over-runs in weight considerably.

The latter was illustrated in an experience at the south side yesterday. Spencer Vastine delivered 100 bushels of wheat to the dealers, which had been carefully measured, each half bushel being stroked. On being weighed, however, before it was loaded on the car the wheat was found to contain 106 bushels. Had the wheat merely held out in weight it might still have been considered a fairly good yield.

Up to the present Elmes and Bohner have been paying ninety cents per bushel for new wheat, which, they say is equivalent to one dollar per bushel next spring, as allowance has to be made for shrinkage of wheat, which may result in a falling off of 5 to 7 bushels in a hundred.

Mr. Elmes stated yesterday that in view of present conditions, he does not think dollar wheat is likely to be a reality even next spring. An enormous crop is reported in the west to say nothing of the big crop produced at home.