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ITEMS CONDENSED.

For swearing on the street. Burgess Collier, of Pottstown, sent Elmer Miller, of Philadelphia, to the lockup for seventy-two hours.

The Dexter Portland Cement company, of Nazareth, Northampton county, has filed papers increasing its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

A six-foot blacksnake was discovered milking a cow on the Brensinger farm, in District township, Berks county, last Friday.

Reuben Leiby, of West Penn township, Schuylkill county, at the age of 94 years, still pursues surveying and is able to read and write without the use of glasses.

The first fifty "pay within" cars were placed in service Sunday by the Rapid Transit company, in Philadelphia. Passengers must have the ready change or ticket as they enter the car.

Samuel A. Crozer, of Upland, Delaware county, aged 80 years, a widely known manufacturer and philanthropist, has just returned home from a trip to Europe, and in doing so completed his sixtieth trip across the Atlantic ocean.

Clarence S. Barto, of Berks county, is cutting a fine crop of five acres of tobacco which he planted as an experiment. For over thirty years little tobacco has been grown in the Perkiomen valley, although prior to the Civil war it was a leading crop.

M. A. Sullivan, a Wilkes-Barre alderman, and Constables McDonald and Reilly, were on Saturday convicted of extortion and the alderman was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and the constables each one year in the county jail.

Dr. Philip L. Reichard, one of the oldest physicians in Allentown, was seized with vertigo on Saturday morning while in Arbogast & Bastian's abattoir and fell through an elevator hatchway to the floor below. His skull was fractured and he died in a short time.

Pottstown high school is so overcrowded with 370 pupils that the construction of a new building is under consideration.

The Real Estate building in Scranton, occupied by the Fasold Colburn company, the Harbour company and many offices, was partly destroyed by fire on Sunday. Loss \$85,000.

Trinity Lutheran church at Bangor, Northampton county, a fine remodeled edifice, was re-dedicated on Sunday and special services will be continued every night this week.

Professor John W. Losh, for thirty-five years one of the foremost educators of Montgomery county, who at one time conducted Losh's academy, died at his home in Norrisstown on Saturday, aged 70 years.

The mammoth new breaker of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, in the Panther Creek valley, Carbon county, began operations yesterday, giving employment to about 800 men and boys.

A few days ago Dora Deshow, of Philadelphia, aged 2 years, while playing in the yard, fell and struck her head against a chair. Concussion of the brain resulted and on Sunday she died.

Rev. Stephen S. Schweitzer, pastor of Swamp church of the Reformed church, near Ephrata, Lancaster county, on Sunday celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his pastorate there, with special all-day services.

The 160th anniversary of the organization of Longswamp Reformed church in Lehigh county, was celebrated on Sunday with three special services in charge of Rev. William L. Meckstroff, the pastor.

Leon C. Darrab, a graduate of the Reading high school, who has just entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, has a record of not having missed a single school session in thirteen years.

Because of the prevalence of scarlet fever in Red Lion, York county, the schools and churches of the borough have all been closed and at Fawn Grove, in the same county, the schools have also been closed for the same reason.

Two years ago George H. Hardner, of Allentown, bought a farm of sixty-eight acres in Lehigh county, with the view of raising rabbits. Last year he cleared its coast with a crop of potatoes and this year he will have 8,000 bushels.

AN ATTEMPT TO MURDER

A shocking occurrence took place in Valley township Saturday morning, when a desperate attempt was made to murder aged Mrs. Benfield, widow of the late John Benfield, while she was at home alone. She was providentially rescued before the would-be murderer dealt the death blow, although her entire head was lacerated and bruised by the blows of a heavy iron instrument and she was in a state of collapse from pain and loss of blood.

Mrs. Benfield, who is 72 years of age, lives with her son and daughter, Hurley and Miss Emma Benfield, on the well-known homestead farm. On Saturday morning Hurley and Miss Benfield drove into Danville on business, leaving their mother at home alone.

About 8 o'clock J. D. Vognetz, the well-known Strawberry Ridge merchant, came driving along on his way to Danville. As he approached the house he perceived a man, or rather a boy in appearance, leap over the fence that surrounds the house. Casting a hasty and furtive look over his shoulder as soon as he struck the ground he took off his hat and dashed off across the field as fast as he could run.

Mr. Vognetz had only time to marvel at the strange occurrence when he was startled by the cry of "murder." Looking in the direction of the sound he beheld a spectacle that chilled the blood in his veins. Standing near her door and clinging to the fence for support stood Mrs. Benfield. Her hair was hanging down while her head was covered with blood, which was also streaming down over her clothing.

In a moment's time Mr. Vognetz was at her side. She was barely able to tell her story. Arthur Welliver, she said, had attempted to murder her.

Mr. Vognetz's first thought was to summon help. Mrs. Benfield was unable to walk unassisted. Mr. Vognetz helped her into the house, where she pointed out the telephone. The exchange of the rural line is in Mr. Vognetz's residence. Calling up his wife he apprised her of what had occurred and directed her to call up the several farm houses near Benfield's and explain the situation, urging the women folks to hurry to the Benfield home to render assistance. It being Saturday morning, unfortunately several of the nearest families were absent in Danville, attending market.

Finally Miss Appleman and another lady whose name has not been ascertained, reached the Benfield home. In the meantime Matthew Sheep had come driving along and was stopped by Mr. Vognetz, who explained the dreadful plight that Mrs. Benfield was in. Mr. Sheep instantly joined Mr. Vognetz and the two men did all they could to relieve the poor woman that was the victim of the merciless assault.

At her direction they telephoned to D. R. Eckman's store in Danville, where the Benfields are in the habit of dealing. Neither Hurley Benfield nor his sister were in the store, but Mr. Eckman, as soon as he learned what had occurred, went out on the street and found them. Shocked at the dreadful news and filled with direful apprehension of what the result might be the son and daughter drove home as fast as the horses could carry them.

Mr. Vognetz had also telephoned in for doctors and in response Dr. Newbaker and Dr. Paulus drove out to the Benfield farm. By the time Hurley Benfield and his sister reached home they found plenty of assistance, as the attempted murder had been pretty generally noticed about the neighborhood.

By this time Mrs. Benfield was able to tell all that had occurred. It appears that the boy, Arthur Welliver, who is about seventeen years of age, is an object of especial dread to the Benfield family. While she was entirely alone to her dismay Mrs. Benfield saw the fellow walk by the house. He went as far as the wagon shed, where the absence of the family driving carriage clearly showed that the son and daughter, as is quite customary on Saturdays, had driven into town. At the wagon shed he turned and went back to the house.

Owing to an alleged offense, of a very serious nature committed in the past the boy had orders never to place his foot on the Benfield farm. As he approached the door of the house Mrs. Benfield asked him what he wanted and told him to leave.

The boy told her that he would show her what he wanted and springing upon her he seized her by the throat and threw her upon the floor. At this juncture his eyes fell upon a steel tube as thick as a man's wrist and about two feet long, belonging to a cream separator, which lay in the kitchen sink. Seizing this as a weapon he began to deliver blow after blow upon the defenseless woman's head.

There was no one to hear her cries of "murder" as she struggled with

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NEW COATS HAVE ARRIVED

Company F, 12th regiment, N. G. P., which will in all probability leave for Philadelphia on Saturday night next to be present in that city during Founders' week, will be arrayed in the new dress uniforms complete, which will give the members a very dashing and nobby appearance.

The new uniforms are of the same kind recently adopted in the regular army and are a wholly new feature in the national guard. One half of the coats have arrived at Danville and the remainder are expected here in a day or so.

The new coat is of the blouse order and differs from the old worn by the guard by possessing a stand-up collar with collar ornaments consisting of brass keystone and crossed rifles and company and regiment marked upon it. It also possesses shoulder straps fastened with brass buttons. The collar, the shoulder straps and the cuff of the sleeve have a piping of light blue cord.

Last but not least is a "dress cord" of light blue, the same in color as the uniform, which is to be worn on dress occasions. This cord in a general way is fastened several times over the breast and is supported by the buttons on the shoulder straps. Without the cord the suits are known simply as the "dress uniforms"; with the cord they become "full dress" uniforms. On leaving Danville the boys will wear the new coats, carrying with them the dress cords, which will not be worn until the company joins the demonstration in Philadelphia. The collar ornaments on the new dress uniforms are the same as those previously worn by the officers of the guard.

Pursuant to orders the officers of the company have provided themselves with a full dress uniform of new pattern, which includes a frock coat. Altogether, Company F, in point of appearance, will no doubt be quite up to the best in the national guard as seen at Philadelphia.

DIETRICH TRIAL WAS EXPENSIVE

The cost of trying the case of Commonwealth vs. Peter Dietrich at Wilkes-Barre last week, under a change of venue, proved very heavy. Added to the cost of the three previous trials, held in this county, the total amount of money paid out by the county in prosecuting Dietrich foots up to little if any, less than \$5,000.

One of the heaviest items of the last trial was the cost of the witnesses. Of these the Commonwealth had subpoenaed thirty. The cost of each one including time and mileage was \$7.68 giving a total cost of over \$300.

The cost of the jurors was another heavy item. The twelve men were on the case 5 days, at \$2.50 per day. There is no way now of getting at the mileage, which is a factor entering into the expense account, but it is safe to assume that the total cost of the jurors will exceed \$175.00.

The District Attorney received \$50. The court stenographer also received \$50. It cost \$19.00 to remove Dietrich to the Wilkes-Barre jail.

In addition there are innumerable other expenses, such as paying clerk of court, court criers, &c. Dietrich's preceding trials were still more expensive than the last one and each cost little less than one thousand dollars. The cost of jurors was exceedingly heavy, as more than double the usual number had to be drawn in order to allow for the numerous challenges incidental to homicide cases. This alone augmented the cost considerably.

In the interim, from the day that the tragedy occurred, Dietrich's maintenance has had to be provided for by the county. Those who are in a position to know something about the bills paid declare that the total cost of the four trials is, as above stated, little if any less than \$5,000.

CHARGED WITH DRAWING KNIFE

Gordon E. Rainier was arrested by Officer Mincey yesterday afternoon on a warrant sworn out by S. G. Mortimer charging the accused with drawing a knife and making threats. Rainier was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Oglesby, who held him for court. In default of \$500 bail he was committed to jail.

Harry Knowles, of Philadelphia, aged 9 years, was thrown from an ice wagon on Callowhill street, on Monday and was run over by a heavy truck of the American Metre company, crushing him so badly that he died on the way to the hospital.

An independent telephone company to operate in Juniata, Perry and Snyder counties, was chartered at Harrisburg on Monday.

STRUCK BY PASSENGER TRAIN

Persons near the Church street crossing at the 3:44 D. L. & W. train pulled into the station Monday eve beheld a thrilling spectacle. The delivery wagon of H. P. Cromwell was struck while crossing the track and, along with the horse attached to it, was tossed into the gutter, while the driver and two other boys were precipitated out of the front of the wagon falling along side the locomotive.

Among the boys who had such a close call was Clyde Patton, son of John P. Patton, who was driving. The other boys were smaller and belonged to a family named Reese.

The boys in the wagon, which was coming down from Lower Mulberry street, seemed to be unaware of the train's approach as they drove up to the crossing. A couple of men on the opposite side of the track, seeing their peril, waved their hands and shouted frantically but all to no avail. The boys looked up toward the station and seeing no danger drove right onto the track.

At the same instant the locomotive struck the horse lifting him completely off his feet and hurling him along with the wagon over into the deep gutter outside the fence enclosing Dr. Hinshilwood's grounds. As the collision took place the rear wheels of the wagon were raised aloft until the vehicle was nearly perpendicular. As this occurred the three boys were precipitated out in front, rolling into the gutter, which was half full of water. Had the wagon as it tumbled over assumed any other position the boys might have fallen under the wheels of the train. As it was they escaped unhurt.

The horse was badly injured, the right front leg of the animal being broken near the pastern joint. It had to be killed. The wagon was badly wrecked.

MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

The school board held a regular meeting Monday with the following members in their places: Pursel, Orth, Swartz, Barber, Redding, Sechler, Fischer, Fish and Cole. There was only a small amount of business on hand.

Attendance officer Young reported that upon investigation he found that the assessors' books were imperfect, especially in the third ward, where a number of names were omitted.

On motion it was decided that the matter be brought to the attention of the county commissioners with a view of having the omission corrected. On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that the principals of the different school buildings test the fire alarm bells daily, at the opening of school, any irregularity to be reported to the superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Sechler it was decided to purchase four barrels of sweeping compound for use in the different buildings. On motion of Mr. Barber it was ordered that Mr. Savage be given the contract for supplying the ward buildings with Crystal Spring water.

The following bills were approved for payment:

O. M. Leiniger	\$ 37.95
Ellis H. Rank	10.00
P. A. Winter	.60
T. L. Evans & Sons	191.00
Frank Detweiler	4.25
Calvin Eggert	.75
Geo. W. Hendricks	1.93
Danville Stove Mfg. Co.	2.35
Smith-Premier Type Co.	19.00
Emery Shultz	5.30
Washington Fire Co.	4.00
D. N. Dieffenbacher	3.34
Queen & Co.	1.60
W. J. Emerick	.65
Hinds, Nochel & Ellridge	60.60
American Seating Co.	116.00
Elementary Text Book Co.	5.00
C. H. Smith	11.67
Philadelphia Bookbinding Co.	280.10
Teachers and Janitors	1951.50

Auto Party.

An auto party from Hazleton took dinner at Heddens' restaurant yesterday. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Pardee, Miss Helen Pardee and Miss Alicon.

Struck Funeral Cab.

A trolley car struck a funeral cab on Monday afternoon near Chester, at the entrance to the Chester Rural cemetery, overturning it and injuring three of the occupants severely.

A high school pupil in Pottstown was dismissed from school by a member of the faculty, for excessive coughing, and now the school board and community are agitated over the question whether the "offense" was a violation of school discipline.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncy Hollister, North Mill street, left yesterday for a visit with friends in Lewistown.

CROWDS HEAR GOOD MUSIC

The Catawissa band, which honored our city with a visit last evening, met with a royal reception. Our population turned out en masse and there was not a single point from the extreme end of North Mill street to the river bridge where the band when it stopped to play did not find itself in the center of a concourse of people numbering many hundreds.

The plan of playing at different points was adopted for the purpose of preventing a congestion on the street, such as occurred when the Bloomsburg band gave a concert in this city recently. Nevertheless as soon as the Catawissa band entered town last night the crowd was there to greet it. As the band emerged from the river bridge and marched northward it found the sidewalks packed with people along practically the entire length of the street. Between the bridge and the post office there were at least 1000 people.

The band marched out to the northern end of Mill street rendering on the way most inspiring music. As the band returned it made frequent stops, at each place rendering popular selections, which elicited hearty applause.

Music lovers agree that no better band music has been heard in Danville on any occasion for many years past. Director Charles Smith and his band of able musicians met with such a hearty welcome that they may rely upon a hearty welcome.

WELLIVER WAVED A HEARING

Arthur Welliver was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Oglesby Monday evening. He waived a hearing. Justice Oglesby fixed bail at \$2,000. Welliver was unable to procure a bondsman and was remanded to jail to await the next term of court, beginning October 18th.

Mrs. Benfield, the victim, although in great pain at times from her terrible injuries, seems to hold her own very well. The prospects for her recovery are fair.

That there was something providential in the rescue of Mrs. Benfield Saturday morning no one will doubt. In the first place help came in the very nick of time. If Mr. Vognetz had arrived a few seconds later the fatal blow might have been struck.

What is especially odd about the matter is that Mr. Vognetz usually leaves for town at an earlier hour, also that he usually takes another road.

On Saturday, to use Mr. Vognetz's own words, "it seemed that he could not get started." One trifling incident after another seemed to occur to delay him. When he was ready to start he was oddly impressed with the idea that he had forgotten something that he would need when he got to town, which caused a little more delay. At the last moment he decided to drive around by Benfield's, where he could incidentally transact some business with a gentleman residing on that road, which business by the way was not at all pressing.

Is it not strange that this chain of circumstances, all out of the ordinary, should have resulted in leading Mr. Vognetz around to the Benfield home at the very moment when his presence was needed there to save a human life?

DR KALBFUS WILL BE NOTIFIED

The mysterious death of the two-prong buck found lying in the canal near Chulaseky is causing a good deal of controversy and the general opinion seems to be that the fine animal was wantonly shot by some person while out gunning.

The theory that the deer was struck by the cars, which was entertained in some quarters, from the first found no favor with the residents of Chulaseky, who claim to know that the deer was shot. It is said that all the facts of the case will be laid before Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the game commission, with a view of securing the arrest of the man who killed the deer.

The open season for deer is from the fifteenth day of November to the first day of December of the same year. The penalty for violation of the law is one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail for a period of one day for each dollar of penalty imposed.

A cave-in at Welsh Hill, near Wilkes Barre, on Monday, over old workings of a colliery, damaged beyond repair seven houses, which were twisted into various shapes. The inmates all escaped without injury.

The Yellow House, a noted old Berks county hostelry which has always been in the possession of the Guldin family running through several generations, has been sold to John Scherer.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF AGE

Seated in his comfortable home, No. 112 East Center street, Michael Powers Tuesday in a quiet unostentatious manner celebrated his one hundredth birthday.

Mr. Powers affords a most remarkable instance of longevity. To say that time has dealt kindly with him hardly expresses it; if appearances were relied on no one would place him in the centenarian class. At eighty-five the average man is more feeble, has more ills and infirmities than Michael Powers has at one hundred. The preservation of the man is phenomenal. His mind is perfectly clear and his memory good, not only as relates to the events of early life but also to the events of middle life and all that has occurred between that period and the present. His eyesight and his hearing are good.

In conversing with him one is not obliged to raise his voice; one forgets that he is talking to an old man, so ready, so clear and so thoroughly to the point are all the replies.

Under the burden of one hundred years Mr. Powers' robust and hardy frame is only slightly bent and when it comes to bodily ailments, he simply has none to complain of. As he himself explains it he "eats well" and he "sleeps well."

This summer the aged man spaded and attended to his garden, raising plenty of truck for his own use. It is quite evident that life is by no means a burden to the centenarian. Indeed, nearly every sentence he utters is tinged with humor and his venerable face is almost constantly wreathed in smiles. There are no doubt many more birthdays in store for him.

Michael Powers was born in County Armagh, Ireland, on St. Michael's day, September 29, 1808. He came to America 68 years ago, sailing from Glasgow, Scotland, in the ship Mary Morris, which was a sailing vessel of the type common at that day. He embarked on his birthday. The voyage was a memorable one. Outside of the harbor of Greenock the ship struck a rock. The keel was damaged and the vessel had to be lightened and repairs made.

Out on the ocean there were long periods of calm weather and the ship made slow progress. Ten weeks and three days were occupied by the voyage.

Mr. Powers landed at New York. He went first to Geneva, N. Y., thence to Corning and finally crossed the mountains into Pennsylvania. He spent some time at Williamsport, later coming to Danville, where he has since resided.

Mr. Power's father died when the former was a boy. After his father's death Michael went to Scotland, where he remained 18 years. While in the latter country he worked at a blast furnace. Arriving at Danville he adopted the same employment. That of furnace filling. For five or six years he worked at Grove's furnace under Michael Grimes as boss. He then went into the rolling mill, where for many years he ran the buggy. Twenty and odd years ago he retired from active pursuits. His last employment was in the "Co-operative mill," in which ill-starred concern he invested one thousand dollars.

As soon as he became established in this country Mr. Powers sent for his mother, his brother, James Powers and his sister, who became Mrs. Rosa Gallivan. He took good care of his mother until her death, some 30 years ago. He has lived in his present home, to use his expression "since Lincoln took his seat." He possesses a competency and all his comforts seem supplied.

Some twenty years ago he revisited his old home in Ireland. On that occasion he verified the record of his birth, concerning which previously he was in some doubt.

Mr. Powers yesterday seemed to enjoy the newsmen's visit and he indulged in many reminiscences.

He is a bachelor. His niece, Miss Mary Powers, lives with him. He uses tobacco and he wished the fact known that he is no total abstainer from liquor. He has used the latter all through life, he says, but it is quite evident that he never carried the indulgence to excess.

Struck by Locomotive.

While Mrs. Patrick Kane, of No. 6, a hamlet near Tamaqua, was crossing the tracks of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, on Monday, carrying water from a spring, she was struck by a locomotive and injured so severely that she died soon afterwards.

Lamp Exploded.

Mrs. J. F. Walters, of Mechanicsville, Venango county, fell down stairs on Sunday evening and a lamp which she was carrying exploded and set fire to the house. Mrs. Walters was severely bruised and seriously burned. Loss on house \$1,000.

Beauty of spirit will endure when physical beauty is only dust and ashes.

WILL RAISE ONE WING

The trustees of the hospital for the insane held a special meeting at the institution yesterday. The contract was awarded for the raising and completion of one wing of the male infirmary. The bids for installing the sewage disposal plant were opened but the contract was not awarded yesterday.

At the previous meeting of the trustees, the date set for opening the bids for raising and extending the male infirmary, but one proposal was received, that of \$40,000, which was fifteen thousand dollars higher than the sum appropriated by the State for the work.

In view of the fact that the estimate seemed to exceed the appropriation by such a wide margin the trustees decided to complete the work as far as the appropriation reaches. They re-advertised for bids and as the result several proposals were on hand yesterday. The contract for raising and completing one wing of the male infirmary was awarded to Mosier & Summers, who bid at the last meeting and have the contract for other new work at the hospital.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT.

For some time past it has been pretty evident that all estimates for "the providing of additional means for the disposal of sewage" at the hospital, would exceed the appropriation of \$18,000 by a considerable margin. Accordingly, as in the case of the male infirmary, it was decided to go on with the work as far as the appropriation warrants, relying upon the next legislature to complete the system.

In conformity with this plan the bids received were for a portion of the work at a figure within the appropriation or for the whole job at a figure considerably in advance of the money appropriated.

The trustees declined to act in the matter without the authority of Dr. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, who approved the plans of the sewage disposal plant. A committee was accordingly appointed, which will wait upon Dr. Dixon, laying before him the bids and other data relating to the matter.

Whether Dr. Dixon will advise the board to award the contract to one of the bidders, proceeding with the work within the limits of the appropriation will not be known for some days to come.

THEIR WEDDING KEPT SECRET

The many friends of Harry J. Achenbach, of Bloomsburg, will be interested in the following from the Bloomsburg Morning Press:

"Another well known Bloomsburg couple sprung a genuine surprise on their friends when the knowledge leaked out yesterday that Miss Hortense Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hicks of West Eighth street, had become the bride of Harry J. Achenbach of town in New York City on September 10.

The details of the wedding were carefully planned and no one had the slightest intimation that the wedding was in contemplation in the near future.

Miss Hicks left Bloomsburg ostensibly to visit Scranton and Plymouth friends but was met at Scranton by Mr. Achenbach on the 10th. Together they went to New York where they were married by Rev. Lincoln B. Ferris, a Methodist minister of that city. The groom returned to Bloomsburg on the 12th and the bride visited out of town friends for a few days. They managed to keep their secret for more than two weeks and then the news leaked out as it always does."

Mr. Achenbach is a member of the firm of Achenbach and Moore, who are interested in a number of amusement enterprises in this section, and were the proprietors of the bowling alleys formerly operated in this city.

Cross-Eyed, Wants \$25,000.

Suit has been started in the Northampton county court by J. F. Rushmore, of Scranton, against the State Belt Electric Railway company to recover \$25,000 for injuries sustained by his jumping from a runaway car on a steep grade between Pen Argyll and Bangor in June of 1907. Rushmore remained on the car until the conductor and motorman had jumped. After the accident he became cross-eyed.

Another One.

Joseph Yeager recently shot a black snake measuring 26 feet and 3 inches near his residence in Catawissa township. While engaged in cutting buckwheat he killed two large copperhead snakes, and a few days later, while engaged in cleaning out a fence row killed nine copperhead snakes and a rattlesnake with eleven rattles.

It is pretty safe to judge a man by his conduct rather than his words.