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ITEMS CONDENSED

John R. Guldin, of Amity, Berks county, who had a heavy loss a few days ago by the burning of his barn, is being befriended by his neighbors with gifts of wagons and farm implements.

A Chester boy named Leach, who found a check for \$42 on the sidewalk, promptly returned it to the owner and was rewarded for his honesty with the munificent sum of five cents.

During the last year trolley car traffic on the Brooklyn bridge has been increased 12 per cent, and on the Williamsburg bridge 28 per cent.

New York City's foreign population is led by the Germans, with about 325,000; Ireland comes next, with about 278,000, and Russia third, with about 15,000.

Arthur Geiger, of Geigertown, Berks county, made a record of cutting 203 sheaves of corn in one day and 1,300 in seven days.

Mike Sousa, a foreigner, was arrested at Houston, Washington county, and lodged in jail on a charge of having attempted to set fire to a carload of dynamite on a Pennsylvania railroad siding. Sousa is said to have had a grudge against the railroad.

G. B. F. Diely and C. Frank Hunsicker, of Catasauqua, have just returned from a 2,400-mile trolley trip through western states.

Marco Lambardi, aged 5 years, while crossing the street in front of his home at 518 Christian street, Philadelphia, on Friday, was run down by a trolley car and had both legs cut off. A crowd of angry Italians surrounded the car and rushed furiously at the motorman, threatening to take his life, but he succeeded in escaping.

Dr. George W. Holstein, of Norristown, aged 88 years, dropped dead while at dinner on Friday. Deceased was a prominent Odd Fellow for sixty years.

Olivier Soanders, of Bethlehem, while out gathering chestnuts near Bingen, Northampton county, on Saturday, fell down from a high tree and had his neck broken, causing instant death.

Registration figures from the University of Pennsylvania show a marked increase in many of the departments and last year's enrollment of 4,279 students will be surpassed.

The auditor general's department at Harrisburg, on Friday received a check for \$70,000 from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, in payment of the State tax on gross receipts.

Philadelphia had its last day for registration of voters yesterday and the enrollment is 285,000, or about 10,000 more than in 1907, but it is about 72,000 short of the full list of assessed voters, which numbers 356,912.

The young women of the sophomore class of Swarthmore college, have decreed that the girls of the freshmen class dare not wear puffs, commonly known as "rats", to elevate their locks. The freshmen are having a strenuous time in consequence.

Harry T. Rector, aged 18 years, who was lost on the mountains near Shenandoah, last Saturday, was discovered by hunters on the Green mountains fifteen miles away, on Wednesday, at the foot of a chestnut tree from which he had fallen and injured himself so severely that he could not get away. He had suffered greatly from hunger and exposure.

County Superintendent of Schools Charles W. Saine, of York county, realizing that there has been a decline of proficiency in spelling has begun preparations for a revival of the old-fashioned spelling bees, in all parts of the county.

Grace Lutheran church, York, just completed at a cost of \$16,000, was dedicated on Sunday, Rev. G. A. Livingston, the pastor having charge of the services. This congregation was organized in March, 1907, and has now a membership of 150 and a Sunday school of 275.

Whether the high school pupils shall be permitted to wear silk, satin or other stylish dresses hereafter, or be restricted to simpler and more inexpensive garments is a problem puzzling the school board of Mahanoy City at present. It is claimed that the extra modish dresses of the rich tend to debar the poor from attending school.

A clever pickpocket stole a valuable gold watch from Albert Schlegel, of Fleetwood, Berks county, the Democratic candidate for recorder-of-deeds, on Saturday night in Reading.

TEN CASES OF SCARLET FEVER

The report of the local registrar to the bureau of vital statistics for the month of September reveals a fairly good state of public health in Danville.

During the month there were 23 deaths, four of these occurring at the hospital for the insane. The death rate, which was very low during the summer is gradually increasing. The number of deaths dropped from 25—in June—to 15, in July. In August the death rate rose to 17. Meanwhile the birth rate was uniformly higher than the death rate.

Among the infectious diseases scarlet fever seems to be in the ascending and is on the increase. During the month ten cases of scarlet fever were reported. The disease appears in various forms, some cases being so light as almost to baffle detection. Under the circumstances it is the belief of the doctors that many cases are not treated by physicians and consequently are not reported to the local registrar. Unfortunately the mild cases prove a more dangerous factor in the spreading of the disease than the more serious ones, as in the mild cases the more common precautions are apt to be omitted. Scarlet fever made its appearance in June. In August eight cases of the disease were reported.

Only one case of typhoid fever was reported during September, which is a gratifying showing considering the condition of the river, from which we obtain our water supply. One case of pulmonary tuberculosis was reported during September.

A LITTLE BOY AND A BIG FISH

A very large salmon and a very small boy came within an ace of figuring in a dire calamity in "deep water" down the river the other day.

The small boy was Master Frank Cummings, four years old, who went fishing with his grandfather, Frank Ross, last Saturday, while he big salmon—well more of it anon.

The popular method of fishing for well-eyed pike or Susquehanna salmon is by trolling, by which it is understood that the boat is kept moving and the baited hook is drawn along through the water at the rear.

Mr. Ross was manipulating the oars and Master Cummings was seated in the stern with the line clutched tightly in his hand. All went well until a 20-pound salmon spied the baited hook and decided to make a meal of it. When the monster fish seized the bait with a quick and sudden jerk and pulled in the opposite direction what happened to the little boy in the stern of the boat can easily be imagined.

His heels flew up and he was on the point of being pulled out into the river backwards, when Mr. Ross flew to his rescue and succeeded not only in saving the boy but also in pulling in the fish.

The big salmon was brought to town and exhibited as a trophy. Master Cummings is very proud of his catch, although it must be admitted that but for timely assistance in wrestling with the fish the contest would have been an unequal one with odds in favor of the fish.

QUINCE TREE'S HEAVY YIELD

The long drought was not sufficient to keep down the yield of fruit and vegetables in some of the well-kept and prolific gardens of the borough of Danville.

In the matter of quinces Thomas Gill on A street carries off the palm. One of the trees hung bending full of quinces and was much admired during the latter days of summer. The other day the fruit was gathered and two dozen quinces.

PROLIFIC PUMPKIN VINE. When it comes to pumpkins Charles Shultz, Cherry street, can evidently discount anything in that line. A single vine on his lot produced ten pumpkins ranging in weight from eight pounds to 22 pounds. In addition the vine contained a pumpkin weighing eight pounds, which relatively was too small to be classed with the others. The ten largest pumpkins weighed respectively 80.64, 56.50, 48.45, 36.28, 26 and 22 pounds.

The total weight, including the small eight pound pumpkin, was 463 pounds. The dimensions of the eighty pound pumpkin were 62 inches long circumference and 60 inches short circumference.

To Erect Fire Escape. Workmen employed by Merritt & Co. are expected to arrive in this city today for the purpose of erecting the fire escape on city hall, material for which arrived a couple of days ago. It will require several days to complete the work.

DOG QUARANTINE IS NOW RAISED

Residents of Danville Saturday morning were at liberty to turn their dogs loose without being muzzled. The borough council Friday night took action in the matter, deciding to remove the quarantine.

A communication was received from Louis A. Klein, deputy State veterinarian, which explained that the quarantine established by the State livestock sanitary board against dogs in Danville expired on September 27th. The State veterinarian asked for some facts and figures relating to the quarantine, which on motion were ordered to be supplied by the secretary.

Mr. Pursel moved that in view of the approach of the hunting season the quarantine on dogs be removed at once. The motion was seconded by Mr. Finnigan and carried without a dissenting voice.

On motion it was ordered that the borough purchase a new broom for the street sweeper, the one at present in use being about worn out. The price is \$25 at the factory.

ELECTRICIAN'S REPORT

Borough Electrician Newton Smith presented his report for the month of September. Seventy-two tons of coal were consumed at a total cost of \$198. The total cost of operating the plant during the month was \$366.47. The plant was in operation 309 hours and 10 1/2 minutes.

On motion of Mr. Pursel the street commissioner was instructed to make repairs on Penn street.

On motion it was ordered that A. J. Still be granted permission to relay the sidewalk in front of his property on East Market street extending the curb to correspond with the same in front of G. M. Shoop's residence.

On motion it was ordered that the street commissioner be instructed to procure young trees and plant the same on the lower section of the new park. He was also ordered to sow timothy seed on the tract.

In the past it has been the custom to charge property owners on Mill street \$2 1/2 per square yard in making repairs in the paving where the latter has been torn up in order to stop a leak in the water pipe. A proposition was introduced in council to reduce the rate, but after discussion it was decided that the same rate, \$2.17, should prevail.

The following members were present: Schatz, Cleaver, Pursel, Finnigan, Jones, Moyer, Everhart, Russell, Deutsch, Marshall, Angle, Connolly.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Borough Department, Regular employees, Will G. Brown, Standard Elec. Light Co., Joseph Lechner, Frank Sohrman, Labor and hauling, D. L. & W. R. B. Co., Friendship Fire Co., Welliver Hardware Co., Thomas Trainor, George B. Wintersteen, S. J. Welliver Son's Co., B. B. Brown (Health Officer).

WATER DEPARTMENT

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Freight on coal, Regular employees, Labor at water works, Harrison Bros. & Co., American Car & Fdy. Co., E. Keeler Company, Rensselaer Mfg. Co., D. L. & W. R. B. Co., Friendship Fire Co., Joseph Lechner, Standard Gas Co., A. M. Peters, S. J. Welliver Son's Co.

DEATH OF AGED ELYSBURG RESIDENT

David Huff, an aged and widely known resident of Elysburg, died yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock, after an attack of heart trouble. Mr. Huff had been ailing for several days, but his condition had not been considered serious. His death came as a great shock to the community.

The deceased is survived by a son, Walter, of Elysburg and one brother, Patterson Huff, also of Elysburg.

HEATING AND VENTILATING

The Warren Webster heating and ventilating system being installed at the hospital for the insane since the drop in temperature has gone into operation in connection with four wards of the main building and the nurses' home. As far as can be judged at present the system is a perfect success. It embodies several features that make it desirable over the system displaced.

Bought the Scott Farm. Through the Ostrander real estate agency, I. E. Kling yesterday purchased the Jennings farm at Chulasky, commonly known as the Scott farm.

STATE MAKES FAVORABLE REPORT

Our river water has been subjected to a bacteriological test in the laboratories of the State department of health at Philadelphia, and notwithstanding the presence of sewage in the river, is found to possess a reasonable degree of purity. Physicians who have examined the report of the laboratory agree that the filtered water is quite up to the average city supply in purity. This is especially reassuring as the test was made at a time when the river was at the lowest point known and sewage from the hospital was consequently a factor to be dreaded.

In his communication to the trustees of the hospital for the insane dated August 24, Dr. Dixon stated that it was the intention of the department of health to collect samples of the raw water and the filtered water of municipalities and to watch the operation of the system; that, in the opinion of the commissioner of health, the plant or any part of the water works system is prejudicial to public health, then such remedial measures would be taken as the commissioner of health might suggest or approve.

In view of the above Mr. Grier, as one of the trustees of the State hospital for the insane, addressed Dr. Dixon in behalf of the citizens of the borough of Danville, explaining that we receive our water supply direct from the river, at a point 4500 feet below where the sewage of the hospital is emptied into it. In addition, it was explained, at that time the river was low beyond precedent, which seemed to add to the danger and made a great many people afraid to use the water.

Mr. Grier asked the department of health to authorize our water commissioners to forward to it samples of our borough water taken in the raw state, before entering the filter bed, and after passing through the same. If such examination should show an absence of any substances in the filtered water deleterious to the public health, it was urged, our citizens would be reassured.

Mr. Grier received a favorable reply from Dr. Dixon, who had referred Mr. Grier's letter to F. Herbert Snow, chief engineer.

Chief Engineer Snow on September 22 sent six 4-ounce bottles to Mr. Grier to be used in making the collection of water for bacteriological tests, together with minute instructions how to proceed to prevent the water from becoming contaminated and rendered unfit for examination. The fingers of the persons handling the samples, under no circumstances, were to be permitted to touch the inside of the neck of the bottle or the cone of the stopper. In sampling surface water it was recommended that the bottle be plunged beneath the surface a foot or so before removing the stopper and allowing the bottle to fill.

In filling the bottles every precaution recommended was carried out. Bottles Nos. 1 and 2, as marked on tags were samples of water taken from the exits from the two filter tanks or beds.

No. 3 was taken from water in the filter room just before it passes into the filtering tank.

No. 4 was taken from the river immediately over the intake wells and supply pipes.

Nos. 5 and 6 were taken from faucets in Mr. Grier's residence, one of them being on a "dead end" pipe in the carriage house.

Pursuant to instructions the samples of water were sent to the laboratories of the department of health at Philadelphia, where the bacteriological tests were made. The bottles used were of the four ounce size with glass stoppers. Before being used each was boiled fifteen minutes to destroy all spores or germs that they might contain. After being filled the stoppers were securely tied in and they were packed in ice and shipped to the laboratory by express.

On Friday afternoon the report was received from the laboratories. It was as follows: Mr. I. X. Grier, Danville, Pa.

My Dear Sir:—The samples of water received for the laboratories on the 24th inst., have been examined, the result being as follows:

No. 1. Exit from filter bed, total number of bacteria in 1 cubic centimeter, 95. No bacilli coli found in 1 cubic centimeter.

No. 2. Exit from filter bed, bacteria in 1 cubic centimeter, 40. No bacilli coli found in 1 cubic centimeter.

No. 3. Bacteria in 1 cubic centimeter, 100. Bacilli coli found in 1 cubic centimeter, 5.

No. 4. Bacteria in one cubic centimeter, 100. No bacilli found in one cubic centimeter.

No. 5. Bacteria in 1 cubic centimeter 12. No bacilli coli found in 1 cubic centimeter.

No. 6. Bacteria in 1 cubic centimeter, 10. No bacilli coli found in 1 cubic centimeter.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOLS CLOSED ON THURSDAY

The school board held a special meeting Monday to take action on a numerously signed petition presented by pupils of the high school, asking that the public schools of the borough be closed on next Thursday in order to enable teachers and pupils to attend the Bloomsburg fair on that day. It was decided to grant the request.

The following members of the board were present: Pursel, Orth, Barber, Swarts, Redding, Fish, Fischer, Sechler, Lloyd, Heiss. President Pursel announced the object of meeting.

The petition addressed to the board was signed by 155 pupils. To bring the matter before the board Mr. Sechler moved that the schools of the borough be closed on Thursday. The motion was duly seconded.

The matter was discussed at length, the board at first appearing nearly evenly divided on the question.

Dr. Barber said with him it was a grave question whether or not it was right to close the schools for such a purpose. He ventured the prediction that not more than 200 pupils would get to the fair, which would leave a thousand children loose on the streets. Besides, if it were desirable to give the pupils a day for attending the fair, he favored Friday, as that day would be less likely to demoralize the week's work. He said in this matter he was merely voicing the sentiments that had been expressed by patrons of the schools with whom he had conversed.

Mr. Swarts explained that the day would not be lost to the pupils, as in case the schools were closed the time would be made up at the end of the term. It was desirable, he said, that Thursday be selected for attending the fair, as on that day school children will be admitted free. A vote was taken when the motion carried unanimously and the president declared that the schools would be closed on Thursday to enable teachers and pupils to attend the fair.

MANUFACTURING THEIR OWN LIGHT

John Jacobs' Sons have installed an electric light plant in their confectionery on Mill street, and henceforth will produce all their own light.

The generator is a thirty-light dynamo, which seems to meet all requirements. The motive power is gas used in a five horse power engine, which has displaced a water motor that for a long time in the past was used in the confectionery to make ice cream, operate the dough mixer, etc. The gas engine now serves all purposes operating the machinery and producing the light. Every part of the establishment was nicely illuminated last night.

B. P. O. E. HAD A REAL ELKFEST

Danville lodge, No. 756, B. P. O. Elks had a real Elkfest at their rooms Tuesday eve, when a large number of the members partook of a savory roast from Hon. Alex. Billmeyer's famous job, which was killed several weeks ago. The festivities began with an hour at cards from 8:30 to 9:30. The evening was most enjoyable.

FULL COMPLIMENT OF HANDS EMPLOYED

The Montour Knitting Mills, under the management of Thomas A. Delaney, have now been in operation about one month and are doing very well, indeed. The full complement of hands—about fifty—are now employed and several shipments have been made. Sufficient orders are on hand to keep the mill in steady operation all winter.

HERBERT FOX, Chief of Laboratories

In explanation of the above it should be stated that the bacteria which are found in varying quantities are microscopic vegetable organisms widely diffused and are found in air and water alike. As revealed by the report the presence of the bacteria in our river water is not to be regarded as injurious. Frequently such tests reveal thousands of bacteria in a cubic centimeter.

The bacilli coli are more to be dreaded, as they are regarded as the cause of typhoid fever, dysentery and other intestinal troubles. As will be noticed by the report bacilli coli are found in only one sample, that taken in the filter room just before the water passes through the filter beds. The number of bacilli coli discovered—five—is so small as to be hardly noticeable, when they really become a menace they are found by the hundred in a single cubic centimeter of water. The effect of the report is to show that our water supply after being filtered possesses nothing especially deleterious.

BALL AND CHAIN FOR TRAMPS

The insolent tramp that was caught in the act of begging Monday evening and was waltzed off to the lock-up by Chief Mincemoyer was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Oglesby Tuesday morning.

The hobo gave his name as James Doran and made no attempt to conceal the fact that he was a tramp true to all the traditions of his tribe. That he would rather lie in a dark cell and subsist on bread and water than work for even a few days became quite evident before the hearing was over.

The tramps have become a dreadful nuisance about town. They have learned the trick of donning overalls and otherwise dressing to resemble working men, so that they are not likely to be detected as bums until caught in the act of begging. A large number, it is true, adopt no disguise but bear all the earmarks of the vagrant and these probably form the most insolent class.

In order to cope with the bums the police decided to drag out the ball and chain and put the vagrants to work. Accordingly at the hearing yesterday, when it was established that the hobo could not pay his fine and costs, which amounted to five dollars, he was given the alternative of going to the lock-up for five days, subsisting during imprisonment on bread and water, or of working upon the streets for five days. Should the fellow choose work, it was understood, he would be entitled to good substantial food. Nevertheless, it took the hobo only the fraction of a second to decide that he would go to the lock-up. Evidently "bread and water" had no terrors for him that could compare with the dread in which he held five days' work.

The hobo was remanded to the borough bastle where he will remain until the church bells ring next Sunday morning. Meanwhile Chief Mincemoyer insists that he will adhere to the bread and water diet.

Let other tramps take warning from the fate of James Doran.

WELL KNOWN COUPLE WEDDED

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Heller, Front and Church streets, was the scene of a pretty wedding at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon, when their daughter, Miss Mary E. Heller, became the bride of Eugene M. Pegg, of Pittsburg.

The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, the beautiful ring ceremony being employed.

The newly wedded couple left on the 12:30 Pennsylvania train for Pittsburg, where the groom holds a position and where they will take up their residence.

The bride is a highly esteemed and a very popular young lady. The groom, who is the son of the late N. W. Pegg, grew to manhood at South Danville, and is likewise well known and popular.

Those present at the ceremony were Mrs. Wesley Pegg, daughters Mary and Violet and son Walter, Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Ulrich and daughter Naomi, Mrs. P. A. Foust, Mrs. P. A. Foust, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Allan Young, and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edmondson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kear, Mrs. Martha Tannehill, Martha Clarke, Beulah Mills, Elizabeth and Elsie Bloom, Hattie Heller, Julia Arns, Ella Camp, Louis Schultz, Charles Wilson and Clarence Heller, Jr.

WORKING ON BRIDGE APPROACH

The supervisors of Gearhart township are putting the finishing touches on the upper side of the bridge approach on the south side. Ground hauled from a distance is being dumped down over the edge of the embankment, the purpose being to extend the side of the approach far enough eastward to bring the graded surface or top in line with the wing wall of the bridge.

When this is done a substantial side walk will be constructed on the upper side of the approach, which, up to the present has afforded very bad walking.

STATE FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS

The business sessions of the twenty-eighth annual convention of the State Firemen's association closed at Shamokin yesterday. Thomas E. Jones, of Pittsburg, was elected president. Oil City was chosen as the place for the next convention. The great parade of the firemen will be held today. There are about 1500 delegates in attendance and many thousands of visitors are expected in the coal metropolis today to witness the parade.

ARBOR DAY AND PLANTING TREES

Borough Superintendent Dieffenbacher has received a communication from State Superintendent N. C. Schaeffer directing his attention to the fact that Friday, October 23rd, is arbor day and urging that the day be observed by the planting of trees and other suitable exercises. Dr. Schaeffer's letter is as follows:

"The conservation of our natural resources has become a problem of universal interest to the American people. Our soil, our forests, our mineral wealth and our water supply cannot be wasted without impairing the country's greatness and prosperity. The sources of our wealth should be preserved, and, as far as possible, restored for the benefit of posterity.

"Whatever is put into the schools will appear later in the life of the nation. Studies which tend to improve our industrial conditions should be fostered and encouraged. The planting of trees for shade and for fruit, the process of budding and grafting, the methods of destroying noxious insects and the prevention of forest fires should be studied by the pupils in both public and private schools. The dissemination of this kind of knowledge has been greatly stimulated by the observance of Arbor Day.

"The perpetuation of the laudable custom of celebrating Arbor Day when all the schools are in session, Friday, Oct. 23, 1908, is hereby designated as autumn Arbor Day, and all connected with the schools are urged to observe the day by planting of trees and by other suitable exercises.

"NATHAN C. SCHAEFFER, Superintendent of Public Instruction Harrisburg, Sept. 12, 1908."

Of late years arbor day has not been observed in Danville by the planting of trees. It has been customary for the teachers to read to the pupils Dr. Schaeffer's announcement, which usually, like the letter above, embodies a sentiment relating to arbor day. In lieu of reading Dr. Schaeffer's letter the teacher may make remarks of her own. The pupils play a small part in the exercises, merely reciting some appropriate selections each year thoughtfully inserted in the current number of the Pennsylvania school journal for the purpose of helping along the observance of the day.

The present autumn in Danville will be marked with tree-planting on rather an extensive scale. At the last meeting of the borough council it was ordered that a number of shade trees to be procured down the river be planted in the public park. It was learned yesterday that no date had as yet been selected for planting the trees.

One can not help but feel that here is an opportunity to impress a fine lesson on the minds of the rising generation, provided those who have the park in charge can see their way clear to postpone the work until October 23 and to permit the planting of the trees to be interwoven in some way with the arbor day exercises in the public schools if not those of the whole borough, at least those of the fourth ward, which are located conveniently near. This would bring arbor day back to what it was in Danville a few years ago, when the program for the day's observance in the schools invariably contained the actual planting of trees.

The above is merely a suggestion, which may be acted upon or ignored, as the borough and the school authorities fall in with the view expressed or consider it ill-advised and impracticable. Should they take kindly to the suggestion there are still some three weeks remaining in which to complete the necessary arrangements.

EXCHANGE HUNTERS CAUGHT A BEAR

Highly elated indeed were Messrs. W. H. Dildine and F. A. Kleeman, the mighty hunters of Exchange, Anthony township, when they brought back with them to their homes last evening a two hundred pound black bear from the wilds of Lycoming county.

Messrs. Dildine and Kleeman were out hunting last week and returned Saturday empty handed, but they left a number of traps. Tuesday morning they went back to their traps and a fine bruin was the result.

WELL MERITED RECOGNITION

The new time table of the Lackawanna railroad, in its industrial department, contains a fine full page cut of the plant of the Danville Stove and Manufacturing company, which shows up most admirably, conveying an adequate idea of its magnitude and its importance as a factor in adding to the town's wealth. On the whole the printing of the cut is a well merited recognition, which ought to stir up the pride of every citizen.