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ITEMS CONDENSED.

Easton physicians have affiliated with the grocers of that city against persons who will not pay their bills.

Four hundred cases of typhoid fever in Reading is the last report from that stricken city.

Farmers all over Berks county report fruit trees have budded to such an extent that the buds will now freeze and a short fruit crop next year is predicted.

There has been a sater kraut trust in Berks county, or at least it has so been stated. Now there is a movement on foot to cut the price from ten to eight cents per quart and the indications are that the favorite table dish of Reading will be more popular than ever.

Due to a fatal mistake made by a nurse in the home of Edmund Stanton, at Schuylkill Haven, his infant child, but several days old, is dead.

David Perry, aged 16 years, saved the life of eight men at the cost of injuries to himself. Fire broke out in the Wanamie mine near Wilkes-Barre, and Perry rushed in through the smoke and flame to warn eight men in the distant portions of the drift.

Rev. J. B. Markward, pastor of Calvary Lutheran church at Wilkesburg, has announced his acceptance of a call from the Bethany Lutheran church, Harrisburg, where his salary will be \$2,500.

The school taxes for 1908 in Berks county amounted to \$188,705.29 in the rural districts, and \$280,802.11 in the city of Reading, and the tax collected for road construction amounted to \$198,458.92 in the rural districts and \$70,000 in Reading.

Dr. H. D. Hockenberry, of West Sunbury, Butler county, had a hurry call to the residence of R. M. Duff, who had fallen and broken his leg. In responding the doctor slipped and broke one of his own legs. Another physician was called and reduced both fractures.

Philadelphia can no longer be said truthfully to be slow. On December 2 Harry W. Huston, aged 43, was granted a divorce on the grounds of desertion, and on the same day applied for a marriage license in Norristown, to wed May Perry, also of Philadelphia.

In the Washington county courts there is a case on trial which includes a claim for damages by Robert Ashmere against the Southwestern Pipe Line company for the loss of eighty-one hogs which it is alleged, died from drinking oil that leaked from the pipes of the defendant company.

The usual thing has come to light in Berks county. There are now 500 cases of typhoid fever in Reading and the State authorities have turned their attention to the waters of Maiden creek. Despite all efforts a number of the rural residents continue to pollute the stream and give as a reason that they have always allowed their drainage to go into the creek and do not propose to be interrupted in the practice now.

Here is a step in the right direction. The council of Media has begun a crusade against air guns and slingshots in the hands of children, and offers a reward of \$100 for the conviction of the persons who have been ruthlessly breaking a lights.

Fresh laid Berks county eggs are a scarcity in the Reading markets and the farmers have raised them to 45 cents a dozen. Cold storage eggs are selling at 30 cents.

Margaret, a 5-year-old daughter of James Gibbons, of Marshallton, near West Chester, while playing with some corn got one of the grains into her nose. There it began to swell, until removed at the Chester county hospital.

In the fall Pottstown residents became frightened over the fear of potato rot and paid \$1 per bushel for the tubers. Now hundreds of bushels of good potatoes are being shipped in and are being sold at seventy-five cents per bushel.

ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Elks' memorial service Sunday in which lodge No. 754 of this city and lodge No. 436 of Bloomsburg united went on record as one of the most successful occasions of its kind ever held in Danville. The dead indeed were fittingly honored by the beautiful and impressively rendered exercises, while the living were admonished as brother admonishes brother and the beauty of benevolence and protection to the weak and helpless was extolled and magnified.

All the lower floor of the opera house was comfortably filled, no one being admitted except on tickets furnished by members of the order. Large numbers were anxious to attend who were unable to gain admittance. The Elks desired to prevent overcrowding and thus in giving out tickets care was taken to keep the number down to the proper limit.

The services were slightly marred by delay in the arrival of the Bloomsburg lodge, which was caused by an interruption of the trolley service. It was about 2:30 o'clock when the Danville lodge decided to open the exercises and, pending the arrival of the Bloomsburg brethren, to proceed with the rendition of the program. A quarter of an hour later the Bloomsburg lodge arrived.

The officers of the two lodges were furnished seats on the stage. The other members occupied a space reserved in the lower part of the parquet. The Bloomsburg contingent comprised over 40 men. Practically the entire membership of the Danville lodge was present.

On the stage, in addition to the officers of Danville lodge, whose names were formerly printed, were the following officers of Bloomsburg lodge, No. 436: Exalted ruler, Edward Schenke; esteemed leading knight, Gerald Gross; esteemed loyal knight, Anthony Menezbach; esteemed lecturing knight, William D. Holmes; secretary, Freeze Quick; treasurer, Frank D. Dentler; tyler, Miles H. Betz; Chaplain, Joseph R. Murphy; inner guard, Joseph Flaherty; organist, Karl P. Wirt; trustees, John G. Harman, J. H. Coleman and John Gross.

The music throughout was a most inspiring feature. The duet, "Love Divine, all Love Encircling," soprano and tenor, Miss Ammerman and Mr. Eggert, was especially fine. The soprano solo and obligato by Miss Ammerman and the baritone solo by Mr. Vannan were likewise features that no one would have cared to miss. The Orpheus Glee club was never in better form and its members won much praise.

The following are the deceased members of the lodges: Danville lodge, No. 754, Ned S. Harris, John L. Evans, Thomas W. Beaver and Edward P. Thomas; Bloomsburg lodge, Clemuel C. Beishline, Anthony Golombinski, William T. Hantsinger, Dr. W. H. Purman, Stewart A. Ash, Alexander E. Cohen, Jeremiah R. Fowler.

As is customary in the Elks' Memorial service the name of each deceased member was called three times. The effect was most impressive. As each name was called for the third time, one of thirteen lights representing the deceased brethren was extinguished.

M. Morris Moskowitz, Esq., of Scranton, delivered the Memorial oration. Most eloquently he dwelt on the subject of the deceased brethren, extolling their virtues and perpetuating their memory by many kind and loving tributes inspired by fraternal love. To the brave the loyal hearts that were left to mourn their loss he tendered full assurance of sympathy and condolence. In its entirety the address was one that appealed to the heart of every true and loyal Elk.

The eulogy was delivered by W. Kase West, Esq., of this city, who explained the object of meeting and the custom of holding Memorial service, in conclusion enlarging on the topics of charity, justice, fidelity and brotherly love.

YOUNG LADY'S PAINFUL INJURY

Miss Mae Books sustained a painful injury of the right leg Monday eve as the result of slipping on the icy pavement in front of the library.

Miss Books had been in the ladies' reading room of the library awaiting the trolley. On hearing it approaching she ran down the steps and had reached the pavement when she slipped and fell, breaking the fibula or shorter bone of the right leg just above the ankle. Miss Wetzel and A. H. Woolley quickly rendered assistance and took the injured girl to the office of Dr. F. E. Harpel, where the bone was set, after which she was taken to her home on West Mahoning street.

The injury while painful is not a serious one and it is likely that Miss Books will be out in a few weeks.

When a man understands his mission in life he is fortunate.

COUNCIL HOLDS SHORT SESSION

The borough council held a short session Friday eve. There was but a bare quorum of members present, as follows: Schatz, Cleaver, Moyer, Russell, Marshall, Angle and Connolly. Borough Secretary Harry B. Patton, who with Mr. Moyer of the sewer committee attended the lecture on sewage disposal at Harrisburg last week, presented a report to council, explaining at length the different methods of sewage disposal enlarged upon by the speaker.

It was the opinion that the system best adapted for Danville is the sprinkling filter. The cost of a plant of this kind, Mr. Patton said, would approximate \$30,000.

Borough Electrician Newton Smith presented his report for November. Eighty-nine tons of coal were consumed. The plant was in operation 356 hours. The total cost of operation for the month was \$405.85.

Mr. Cleaver said there was a great deal of complaint on the score of the dust raised by the street sweeper on Mill street. He asked whether something could not be done to obviate the dust.

Mr. Russell explained that owing to the cold weather, which causes freezing, the street can not be sprinkled before sweeping and the dust seems to be unavoidable. If people would take all the facts into consideration, he said, they would probably find little cause for complaint.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that the barn of the Friendship engine house and the rear part of the Goodwill hose house be given a coat of paint.

On motion of Mr. Moyer it was ordered that some change be made in the arc lamp at the corner of Mill and Little Ash streets to the end that the latter thoroughfare might receive more light. The electrician said he thought that a different adjustment of the arm would accomplish the purpose. The following bills were approved for payment.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Regular employees, P. H. Foust, P. & R. O. & I. Co., Buffalo Meter Co., John Kilgus, Danville Sto. & Mfg. Co., James Gibson, Walker & Kepler, U. S. Express Co., Danville Knitting Mills Co.

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J. F. MOWREY POOR DIRECTOR

The session of court Saturday morning proved a very short one, scarcely an hour being occupied. President Judge C. O. Evans and Associates Blee and Welliver were on the bench.

On petition J. F. Mowrey of Strawberry Ridge was appointed by the court to fill the vacancy on the board of poor directors of Derry township caused by the death of George D. Vognetz.

Harry Billmeyer was appointed guardian of Emma Huier, Marshall Huier, Henry Huier and of Grace Kear.

In resale of real estate of Sadie Irvin, rule was granted upon the Danville and Mahoning Poor district to show cause why order of sale should not be revoked and set aside returnable at next term and that sale be stayed pending said sale.

COUNTY PAYS ITS CONTRIBUTION

The county commissioners of Montour county have paid over to the soldiers' monument committee the sum of five thousand dollars, the amount contributed by the county toward the building of the memorial.

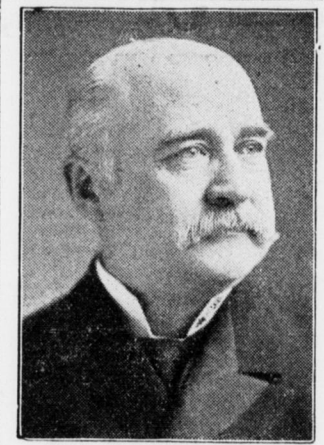
Thus a bit of formality, which at one time threatened to involve some complications has been complied with without a single hitch or the least unpleasantness.

The five thousand dollars contributed by the county were approved by two successive grand juries and the court of quarter sessions and paid over to the committee all in a period of little over a year.

The mouthings of a careless gossip have frequently cost the innocent many a bitter hour.

GOVERNOR STUART AT THE HOSPITAL

His Excellency, Edwin S. Stuart, governor of Pennsylvania, paid a visit to the hospital for the insane at this place Friday. The visit is one of several that Governor Stuart has planned to make in order to familiarize himself with the true conditions at hospitals for the insane where further appropriations are asked.



GOV. EDWIN S. STUART

The governor, accompanied by his private secretary Mr. Lynch, arrived at the hospital on the 10:19 D. L. & W. train. He was received by Dr. Meredith, the superintendent, and the following members of the board of trustees: Hon. James Foster, Robert J. Pegg, I. K. Grier, Esq. of Danville; W. P. Shay, of Watsontown; G. R. Van Allen, of Northumberland; and Dr. L. I. Shoemaker of Wilkes-Barre. Hon. R. S. Ammerman, attorney for the hospital, was also present.

Several members of the board of trustees had met the governor on previous occasions. The latter, however, is the son of affability; no man could be more common and influenced less by the honor attached to his high position. From the first, everyone felt thoroughly at home in his company.

The party first made a tour of the new buildings. No one was more interested than Governor Stuart, who chatted freely and did not hesitate to ask questions when he needed enlightenment on any point. He expressed great admiration for the plans of the new structures and the workmanlike manner in which every part is completed.

Later, the governor was escorted through the wards. As he was brought face to face with the insane and the faithful attendants who are responsible for their care and safety the broad sympathies of the man at once became apparent. By close questioning he satisfied himself as to what comforts, what conveniences the present system of buildings supply for both the insane and the attendants. That he formed definite conclusions in regard to the matter is very evident.

He approves the further appropriation that will be asked of the next legislature, being especially impressed with the necessity of additional buildings for employees. The governor also recognizes the need of additional real estate, and, if his influence avails, the already large domain at the hospital will be increased by the addition of one or more farms during the next year or so.

The governor, along with the trustees, took dinner at the hospital. During the afternoon the tour of the buildings and grounds was completed. Accompanied by his secretary Governor Stuart took the 4:31 D. L. & W. train for Harrisburg.

WEDDED IN THE FAR WEST

Miss Minnie Roberts of Kaseville, and William F. Sidler, a former resident of Valley township, were united in matrimony at Boveaman, Montana, on November 24th.

Mr. Sidler is the owner of a fine farm in Valley township, but for some years past he has been in the west. At present he holds a position at Butte, Montana. About six months ago he paid a visit to his old home.

The bride was elected teacher at Blue's school, Valley township. On November 21st she secured a leave of absence for the purpose of visiting friends in Montana.

The attachment of the young couple was no secret. Nevertheless the news of the marriage came as a great surprise. The bride is a very popular young lady and is a highly successful teacher. The groom is an enterprising and worthy young man, a representative of one of the oldest families of this county. The newly wedded couple will reside at Butte, Montana.

George Sampsell, aged 45 years, of Chester, has been ill with erysipelas and a violent attack of hiccoughs for ten days. He is unable to take any nourishment and is rapidly wasting away and starving to death.

DESCRIPTION OF SPRINKLING FILTER

As is well known Dr. Dixon, State commissioner of health, has placed himself squarely on record as opposed to the principle of draining sewage into rivers; also that the borough of Danville has been notified by the State department of health to prepare and submit plans for a sewage disposal plant by July 1st. In view of the above, in order to obtain some practical information in regard to the relative value of different kinds of modern sewage disposal plants the borough council a couple of weeks ago sent a committee to Harrisburg to attend an illustrated lecture on the subject given by George W. Fuller, a recognized authority, who during the last ten years has been identified with the biggest sewer propositions in America. The committee after examining into the various methods of sewage disposal reported in favor of the sprinkling system, the cost of installing which according to estimate, will be about \$30,000.

Sprinkling filters consist of beds of broken stone, usually from five to eight feet in thickness, the stone ranging from 1 to 3 inches in diameter. They differ from contact filter in that the sewage is thrown as a spray from nozzles spaced over the beds at intervals of about 15 feet in each direction. This type of filter is regarded as the most efficient and economical one for ordinary conditions. It will treat the sewage of some 30,000 people per acre and produce a non-putrescible effluent from which about 90 per cent. of the bacteria has been removed. More than this it possesses the unusual property of being self-cleansing, so that for maintenance practically all that is required is to have an attendant examine the nozzles once or twice a day to see whether they are free from obstructions.

In this country the first municipal sprinkling filter went into service at Reading on the 23rd of January last. Last month a large disposal plant of this type was put in service at Columbus, O.

It is true there is some odor noticeable in the vicinity of sprinkling filters, as is naturally to be expected where the sewage is thrown as a spray over the surface. This odor, however, is rarely noticeable at a distance of 200 yards. With the very smallest plants it is believed that a distance of one-eighth of a mile will be sufficient to secure exemption from odor. With the sprinkling filters it is necessary to build some form of settling basins in which to retain those suspended matters which are detached from the stone in the sprinkling filter.

COPPER CASKET SEALED MONDAY

A very happy conception is being carried out in connection with the building of the soldiers' monument, which is nothing less than the depositing in the memorial of a lot of appropriate data relating to the present, as is done when a corner stone is laid.

It is true the work has progressed beyond the corner stone stage, but Mr. Amedon, the constructing engineer, has volunteered to provide a way out by having an aperture chiseled in one of the stones at the base large enough to hold the box provided.

The whole affair has been in the hands of Goodrich Post No. 22, G. A. R. A copper box, 8 inches long, four inches wide and three inches high, was made to hold the articles.

In the box Monday was placed a record of all the soldiers, living or dead, that ever belonged to Goodrich Post, 395 in number; also all the names of those belonging to the Woman's Relief Corps, living or dead; a copy of the charter of Goodrich Post, all the present officers of the post, the members of the monument committee, by-laws of the State G. A. R., two flags, some brass buttons and cannon primers. The whole collection was carefully wrapped in two copies of the Morning News, the one containing the first article written on the soldiers' monument, the other the last article written on the subject.

The package nicely filled the copper casket, which was carefully soldered shut and rendered air tight. It may be some days before the box will be deposited in the monument.

SPEISER RETAINS CHALLENGE CUP

The match between Dr. R. Rishell, of Ottawa, this county, and William T. Speiser, of Danville, at the grounds of the Rupert Hunting and Fishing club Saturday afternoon resulted in a victory for Mr. Speiser.

The match was for the State live bird championship, which Mr. Speiser holds and for the possession of the Pennsylvania State challenge trophy which Mr. Speiser won last April. The match was for 25 birds. Speiser killed 28 and Rishell 31. There were about 400 people present at the match.

NEXT STEP IN DIETRICH'S CASE

Numerous inquiries are being made concerning the status of Peter Dietrich's case, which was tried before Judge Lynch at Wilkes-Barre in September and which resulted in a verdict of voluntary manslaughter.

A motion for a new trial and in arrest of judgment was made, but since that time nothing has been given to the public either as to when the argument would take place or what plans are remotely in view by the defense.

It is now stated that the Dietrich case is on the list for argument court beginning on the first Monday in January. It is also understood that should a new trial be refused the case will be appealed.

Peter Dietrich went on trial for the fourth time at Wilkes-Barre on September 21 last. Four days later, September 25th, he was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. A period of three months will have elapsed between the trial and the term of argument court, which will introduce a new chapter in the records of this remarkable case.

Should the Luzerne county court refuse a new trial and the case be appealed it can not come up before the supreme court until late next spring. Montour county's week before the supreme court occurs in March, but the Dietrich case is now in the hands of Luzerne county, which has two periods before the supreme court, one in the fall of the year and the other in the spring. Thus it will be seen that whether granted a new, and fifth, trial or not Peter Dietrich has still an indefinite term of imprisonment before him in the Luzerne county jail, while there is no certainty what the outcome of the next step in the procedure may be.

Meanwhile, it is said, Dietrich is fairly comfortable in the Luzerne county jail. He is well treated and except that his cell is rather small he has about all that he could desire.

BERRY WILL BE IN DANVILLE

General Secretary Manley, of the local Y. M. C. A., has announced that he has secured William H. Berry, of Chester, ex-State treasurer, to make an address at the men's meeting next Sunday afternoon.

In anticipation of the large number of people who will want to hear Mr. Berry the meeting will be held in the court house. The time has been set at 3:30 o'clock, after the Sunday schools have been dismissed.

Mr. Berry's appearance in this city will be an occasion of more than ordinary importance. Since his sensational exposure of the graft in connection with the building of the new State capitol building, his reputation has been national. He is one of the most gifted speakers in the State, and always brings an important message to his audiences in a most interesting manner.

DIXON WARNS AGAINST TYPHOID

HARRISBURG, Dec. 9.

State Health Commissioner Dixon issued an urgent warning yesterday against increased danger of typhoid fever, that he declared most certainly follow a period of heavy rain. He said:

"Heavy rains following the long drought that we have had will wash into the streams any accumulated filth along the watersheds. This must necessarily increase the danger from polluted drinking water, especially where the water is not effectively filtered. Therefore, the people should be on the closest guard against typhoid fever and boil the water used for drinking and other domestic purposes."

A WORKMAN BREAKS HIS ARM

John Hickey, son of Patrick Hickey, Montour row, broke his left arm while working at the Reading Iron works yesterday.

He was in the act of rendering assistance to the man running the buggy. He was helping to get it started just after it had been loaded at the furnace. He was pushing with all his strength when the buggy started suddenly, which caused him to fall forward. He threw out his arm to save himself but fell upon it in such a way as to cause a bad fracture between the elbow and wrist.

He was taken to the home of his father, where the broken bone was set by Dr. W. R. Paules.

The injured boy is fifteen years old.

Over 100 Reading railway locomotives that had been stored away in the company's yards at Reading during the period of business depression are now back in service.

AXE INFLECTS TERRIBLE GASH

Fred Davis, porter at Riverview hotel, met with a most shocking accident yesterday afternoon, which will incapacitate him for employment for many weeks to come even if it does not permanently disable his left hand.

Fred was engaged in cutting wood at the rear of the hotel. The wood had been delivered, cut up in stove lengths, and all that remained to be done was to split it up suitable for use in the stoves.

Before tackling the pile of wood Fred had purchased a new axe, which was very sharp. He had been working only a few minutes when the accident occurred. He was holding the block of wood with his left hand while with his right hand he was using the axe.

In one of the blocks he encountered a hard knot. In order to cut through it he raised the axe high aloft and brought it down with great force. Instead of splitting the knot, however, the axe glanced off and struck the man's left hand sinking deep into the flesh near the ball of the thumb, cutting through the bone, opening four arteries and almost severing that part of the hand.

The loss of blood was something appalling. Mr. Davis was assisted to his room and Dr. P. C. Newbaker and Dr. G. A. Stock were speedily summoned. The two physicians worked over the injured man for more than an hour. It was with much difficulty that the severed arteries were caught up and ligated, after which the terrible gash, which nearly cut the hand in two, was stitched.

AGED WOMAN'S REMINISCENCES

With the disappearance of the Petriken vault in the old cemetery on Bloom street there probably passed away the last earthly reminder of Dr. David Petriken, congressman and physician, in his day, one of Danville's most famous men.

In view of this fact it is interesting to note that there is living in Danville at the present time one person—and probably the only one—who knew Dr. Petriken intimately.

This person is Mrs. Mary Miller, now approaching the 90th milestone of life's journey, who at the home of her son, Calvin Eggert, Ash street, was Tuesday visited by a representative of this paper. Mrs. Miller, who will be 89 years of age on Christmas day, is remarkable for her good memory and the extent to which all her faculties are preserved.

Seated by the warm fireside she dwelt upon the scenes of the past, seventy years ago, recalling the images as vividly as though they were of yesterday.

The subject that she took the most interest in, however, was Dr. Petriken, who now sleeps in an obliterated grave in the upper plot of the two that constitute the new park.

Dr. Petriken, Mrs. Miller says, was an odd character, who wore his hair in a queue, or tail-like appendage, at a day long after men had ceased to wear their hair in that style. Although married Mrs. Miller was still in her teens, and with her husband boarded at the hotel at the northwest corner of Mill and Front streets, which at that time was the leading hostelry in Danville.

There was scarcely a day but Dr. Petriken, then an elderly man, appeared at the hotel. If Dr. Petriken was odd, he was by no means sedate and glum. Mrs. Miller knew him intimately and recalls that he was a great "tease" and full of fun on all occasions.

Mrs. Miller's maiden name was Smith. She is a native of New York State and with her parents, removed to Pennsylvania when she was ten years of age. The family moved down the river on a raft, coming all the way down from the headwaters of the Susquehanna. The trip occupied over a week. The river was high and at places rapids were encountered so that the journey was full of excitement.

WINDOWS DRESSED FOR CHRISTMAS

A large number of store windows are already dressed for the holidays, which shows that the merchants who advertise extensively will be able "to deliver the goods" when the purchaser calls around.

The windows without exception are very pretty and are filled with a great variety of articles, so that no matter how hard to satisfy persons may be they will have no difficulty in finding gifts that will please.

Brandywine grange, Patrons of Husbandry, is experimenting in the use of denatured alcohol for illuminating purposes in the grange hall at Soanelltown, near West Chester, and with good results.