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ITEMS CONDENSED.

George Leshner, aged 20 years, residing near Lancaster, because of a quarrel with his sweetheart on Christmas, committed suicide by taking a dose of Paris green.

The big Central Pennsylvania Lumber company, at Jamison City, Columbia county, which has been idle for some months, will resume operations about a week hence.

Robert and George Aley, Henry Houser and Charles Myser, of York, were arrested on Saturday, charged with systematically stealing butter from the York Cold Storage company.

Samuel Ylavanich, of Clarksville, Greene county, was shot and killed on Saturday by an unknown man, who called upon him at his home. There is no known motive for the shooting.

Four boys escaped from the Morgantown reform school on Christmas night, thinly clad and in their bare feet. After ten hours exposure they were found in a cornfield ten miles from the reformatory, half frozen and in a sad plight.

At the Lytle colliery near Pottsville, Joseph Wazzen, a miner aged 45 years, was caught under a fall of coal last Thursday and after working continuously for thirty-six hours a rescue party reached him on Saturday and found him dead.

Lewis Price, aged 70 years, and his two sons, Reeder, Monroe county, who are the most noted bear hunters of that section of the State, came in on Saturday from a hunt with a bear that weighed 450 pounds. Within a week they killed three, all very large animals.

While George Kellerman and William Nichols, of Kittanning, were in the country last Thursday to cut a Christmas tree, their horse became frightened and in plunging hanged himself from the tree to which he was tied. When the men got to him he was dead.

The Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America, of which Mrs. A. J. Cassatt is president, has just completed the restoration in Lancaster county of all the old milestones along the old turnpike leading to Philadelphia. The lettering was recent, the stones set erect and other work was done to preserve these old landmarks. There were 105 stones and the cost was \$165.

The two daughters of John H. Jones, the millionaire owner of Marianna mine, in which about 160 lives were recently lost, Misses Bertha and Jennetta, aged respectively 16 and 13 years, recently told their father that they would receive no fancy Christmas gifts but that they wanted all in money that he intended to expend on them. Then they went to work and provided a basket filled with turkey, vegetables, fruits and toys for every home in which a father had lost his life, to cheer the bereft ones at Christmas.

The largest presentation of gifts and awards ever made by a Philadelphia business firm to employes was made on Thursday when the 4,600 employes of the John B. Stetson company hat factory were given 1,900 turkeys, one to each married man, 1,500 hats to single men and boys, 1,000 pairs of gloves and 1,000 boxes of candy to the girls, 65 gold watches and 61 gold chains and fobs to old and faithful employes and \$100,000 in cash among all employes more than a year, under a bonus system of awards, which the company conducts.

While playing with a revolver Viabo Strazzo, of New Castle, aged 10 years, accidentally shot and killed his 2-year old sister on Saturday.

Charles McCullough, a colored boy of Carlisle, aged 16 years, was drowned in the Canadoquinet creek while skating on thin ice on Sunday afternoon.

Horace Anuk, residing near Shamokin, pierced a thirty-foot vein of canal coal, believed to be of the highest grade, while drilling a well on Saturday at his home.

John K. Campbell, of Shamokin was 91 years old on Saturday and that night relatives and friends tendered him a banquet at which he was one of the liveliest participants.

While playing soldier with an air rifle which he received for a Christmas present, John Williams, of Hickory township, Mercer county, aged 9 years, on Saturday accidentally shot his 3-year-old sister in the right eye, destroying the sight.

A FINE BARN LAID IN ASHES

The fine barn on the farm of Bryan C. Dennen, near Exchange, was laid in ashes Christmas night by a fire of mysterious origin, a heavy loss being entailed both by the owner and the tenant, Howard Sees.

The barn, ranked among the finest in Montour county and was nearly new. It was 40x80 feet with a large "windbreaker" attached. Along with the barn a fine hog pen, two stories in height, was destroyed by the fire.

The origin of the fire is wholly a mystery. The cattle were attended to and the barn was closed early in the evening. No one carrying a light was anywhere near the barn.

The family retired about 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock, Mrs. Sees, wife of the tenant, was aroused by a bright light shining in her bedroom window. She looked out and saw that the barn was in a blaze. To arouse her husband and son was only the work of a second. An instant later all three were at the barn turning out the cattle.

The tenant has a telephone. Before leaving the house Mr. Sees called on Exchange. From the switchboard there a general alarm was sent out over the local line.

It was one of those occasions on which the rural phone well demonstrates its value. Twelve families were simultaneously aroused and they all rushed to the burning barn, which was situated about a quarter of a mile from Exchange.

When the neighbors arrived the tenant and his family had not succeeded in rescuing all the live stock, although the upper portion of the big barn was all a mass of flames and the heat was so intense as to make it almost impossible to approach the building.

The neighbors fell to work and with the assistance thus rendered the tenant was able to save all his live stock.

Discovering that the barn was doomed all present directed their efforts to the saving of the large handsome wagon house, standing only thirty feet from the burning barn. This building is valued at \$1000 and, besides, it contains, in the second story, the season's corn crop.

The wagon house seemed doomed along with the barn. The men fought heroically to save it, piling snow on the roof and dashing water against the sides. Three times the men were driven away by the intense heat, but each time they returned to the fight and finally won out. The wagon house was saved. The barn, however, was burned to the ground along with 500 bushels of wheat and 700 bushels of oats, stored in the granary, 15 tons of baled hay, which was to have been delivered on Saturday, also one new top spring wagon and all the harness.

Mr. Dennen had a small insurance on the barn, and contents. There is, however, a big margin of loss which may reach \$1500. The loss sustained by Mr. Sees, the tenant, will amount to several hundred dollars. It is believed that some one, supposedly a tramp, was in the barn and that the fire originated from the careless handling of matches.

MANY ATTENDED FROM DANVILLE

The Craftsman's dance, given in the ball room of the Masonic temple at Bloomsburg Tuesday eve, was one of the largest affairs of its kind ever held in this section. About one hundred and twenty-five couples were present representing all the towns in this vicinity and many from greater distances. The affair was a great success. Music was furnished by Boyle's orchestra of Berwick.

Among those from Danville who attended the dance were Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Sober, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Amesbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peffer, Mr. and Mrs. William Ellenbogen, Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howe, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Greenleaf, Misses Elsie Gulick, Marion Jones, Bertha Kaw, Clara Smith, Mary Wetzel and Lena Eggert; Messrs. George Eggert, Harry Woods, Harry Philie, J. R. M. Curry and John Kase.

SOME REAL ESTATE CHANGES

The property on Pine street belonging to the estate of the late John A. Robson was sold at public sale yesterday. It was knocked down to Mrs. Gertrude Johns at \$700.

The property in the fourth ward belonging to the estate of Catherine McDonald, sold at public sale Tuesday, was knocked down to Patrick and Mary McKenna. Consideration, \$600. The property on Lower Mulberry street, belonging to the estate of John Heckert deceased, was purchased by Mrs. Abigail Fenstermacher for \$870. 1909 is rapidly approaching.

WILL INSTALL NEW HEATERS

It was decided at the meeting of the school board Monday eve to install two large Beaver heating furnaces in the third ward school building to take the place of the Smead and Wells system, which has been in use there for seventeen years and is so nearly worn out as to be of little service.

The Smead and Wells system during several years past has been repeatedly repaired. During last summer the furnaces were fixed up so that it was thought they would answer the purpose the present year.

Just before closing for the holiday vacation it transpired that the furnaces, figuratively speaking, went to pieces, necessitating an expenditure of at least \$300 for castings to replace the worn out parts. Even with these repairs there seemed to be no assurance that the results would be adequate.

W. C. Bowyer, an expert, who had been requested by the committee to examine the Smead and Wells' system, made his report before the school board. He was emphatic that the heating system is worn out. It might be patched up at an expense of some \$400, but even then it would do its work imperfectly and could not be relied upon to conduct fresh air into the rooms. Besides, it would consume nearly double the quantity of coal that should be used to heat the building.

On motion of Mr. Burns it was ordered that the contract for two No. 44 Beaver heating furnaces be awarded the Danville Stove and Manufacturing company. The new furnaces will be installed during next week.

DR. SCHAEFFER EXPLAINS.

In reply to an inquiry a communication was received from Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, State superintendent of public instruction, explaining why the Danville high school is in the second class instead of in the first class. In substance Dr. Schaeffer's reply was as follows:

Only two years of work in English is maintained beyond the common branches, two years in history and three years in science. Our high school, he says, has very large classes, but he finds that, according to the sworn report, many of the pupils can not have had a very considerable amount of training in high school branches and that their time must have been devoted to common school branches.

The following members were present: Pursel, Orth, Swarts, Burns, Redding, Fish, Fischer, Lloyd, Cole and Helms.

The following bills were approved for payment:
George W. Hendricks.....\$ 1.25
Jos. Lechner..... 5.40
West Disinfecting Co..... 126.00
W. H. Orth..... 52.33
Emery Shultz..... 3.30
O. B. Savidge..... 17.36
Standard Gas Co..... 4.94
Charles Mottern..... 1.25

DEATH OF DR. W. G. WEAVER

Dr. W. G. Weaver, a leading practitioner of Wilkes-Barre and a native of this vicinity, died at his home at 4 o'clock Monday morning after a protracted illness.

Dr. Weaver was born in Rush township, Northumberland county, and was the son of Jesse and Eliza Weaver. His father died over fifty years ago. His mother and two sisters, Misses Marietta and Ruth Weaver, resided in Danville for many years. Miss Ruth, the sister, being a teacher in the public schools of our town.

The deceased, when a young man, taught school in Valley township. Thirty years ago, after graduating as a physician, he entered upon the practice of medicine in Wilkes-Barre. As a practitioner he was very successful. He was prominent as a Freemason and an Odd Fellow. For many years he was a member of the school board and ranked as one of the leading citizens of Wilkes-Barre.

The deceased was 58 years of age. He is survived by his widow and a son and daughter, the former, William, being eight years of age, and the latter, Margaret, being five years. He is also survived by the two above named sisters and three brothers: George, of Sunbury; Luther, of Williamsport, and J. P. Weaver of Mahoning township, this county.

Mr. Sechler Convalescent.

W. A. Sechler, general manager of the Stove and Manufacturing company, whose serious illness was noted in these columns, has so far recovered as to be able to sit up a short time each day. His illness—rheumatic fever—has covered the period of one month. His many friends will rejoice to learn of his convalescence.

Farewell to 1908!

JUDGE EVANS WILL ASSIST

A short session of court was held Monday morning. His Honor Judge Evans and associates Blee and Welliver were on the bench.

The object of convening was to take up the matter of a hearing in the habeas corpus proceeding to regain the custody of a child in which Clyde Appleman is petitioner and William Wintersteen is respondent. Owing to illness all the parties were not able to be in court and it was agreed to postpone the hearing opened in the case until Saturday of the regular session of court.

Court made an order directing that the jury commissioners and the president judge proceed to select alternately from the whole qualified electors of Montour county three hundred thirty sober, intelligent and judicious persons to serve as jurors in the several courts of Montour county during the year 1909.

Further that the jury commissioners and President Judge or a majority of them shall in the mode and manner directed by law place the names of persons so selected in the jury wheel for the said county of Montour.

In carrying out this order Judge Evans will comply with the letter of the law and will remain with the jury commissioners while the names are being selected and placed in the jury wheel. Judge Evans was present with the jury commissioners while the wheel was being filled last year, which was the first time that the president judge had been present on this occasion for many years.

The jury commissioners assisted by Judge Evans began work Monday afternoon. The filling of the jury wheel will occupy the greater part of the week.

CEILING DAMAGED IN COURT ROOM

The ceiling in the court room, which for a year or so past has shown the need of repairs, has gone to the bad very rapidly during the last month or so and at one place within the bar the plastering has broken loose and threatens to drop upon the floor.

It has been quite a customary thing for grand juries during the year past to recommend repairs on the ceiling in the court room. While the frescoing was discolored by water that had leaked through from the roof and presented an unsightly appearance at places, it was not known that the ceiling was unsafe until Monday morning.

Judge Evans in person notified the county commissioners of the true conditions and thinks the matter should receive attention immediately. He expressed the opinion that should anyone be injured by the plastering falling the county would be liable.

The county commissioners evidently have a problem on their hands. If they begin to make repairs they will undoubtedly discover that the whole ceiling will have to be removed, while the short interval between the present and the next term of court would not justify them in entering upon such wholesale repairs.

WHERE COASTING IS DANGEROUS

In addition to skating on the river and ponds several of the hills about town prior to last evening afforded the very best of coasting so that the boys and girls by no means have been without enjoyment during the holiday vacation.

One of the very best coasting grounds in the borough is found on Spruce street. The sleds start on the lower side of the P. & R. railroad and run all the way down to Mahoning creek, crossing Mill street.

It is true there is an element of danger in this and the police are given much concern lest some of the coasters collide with teams passing on Mill street.

The occupants of the sleds, absorbed in their sport, forget to keep a lookout to see whether the coast is clear, but, often head foremost, dash down upon Mill street, escaping passing vehicles by the narrowest margin. The appearance of the coasters as they dart down from Spruce street is so sudden that it is impossible for a driver on Mill street to stop his horse in time for them to pass except when driving very slowly.

The police after witnessing several narrow escapes yesterday came to the conclusion that coasting should be stopped on Spruce street. They had a talk with a number of the residents thereabout, the most of whom had children among the coasters, but the latter minimized the danger and begged of the officers that they would not interfere, depriving the children of their sport.

The days are getting longer, although nobody is yet noticing the fact.

MAJOR GEARHART CHIEF MARSHAL

For many years past the mummers have made things merry in Danville. Our people, however, have only begun to realize the picturesque possibilities of this queer bit of merry making and unless all signs fall greater than ever before will be Friday's parade of New Year's mummers. This is made possible by the spirit of our citizens, not only those who, to help along the entertainment, join the masquerade, but also the rank and file, who have contributed liberally of their means to make the affair a success.

At the meeting Monday night Major C. P. Gearhart was chosen chief marshal of the mummers' parade. Thomas G. Vincent was chosen chief of staff. Assistant marshals are as follows: A. C. Amesbury, Ralph Kinner, Esq., William T. Euter, Simon Hoffman, Arthur Lawrence and John E. Roberts.

The following were chosen judges: H. C. Chester, Sunbury; Charles Ent, Bloomsburg; George Hancock, Northumberland; Charles Randall, Catawissa; Hon. L. W. Welliver, Exchange; Dr. Edward L. Davis, Berwick; Clarence Seidel, Washingtonville; George W. Sonneborn, Riverview; Thomas J. Price, Dr. C. Shultz and Thomas Murray of Danville.

The Catawissa, the Northumberland and the Millville bands have accepted the invitation and have given notice that they will be in the parade.

Three thousand small hand bills containing the full list of prizes, the judges, &c., were printed yesterday and today will be distributed throughout the county. The handbills will no doubt aid materially in stimulating interest, although it is quite evident that the country people are fully aware of what is going on in town on New Year's day and will be on hand in large numbers.

From the farmers in market yesterday it was learned that several sections of the county will be represented in the parade. It is rumored that Mahoning township will supply one of the principal attractions. It is not unlikely that one of the ways in which the New Year's parade this year will exceed all former demonstrations will be in new features, in purely original conceptions. If rumor is to be relied on the parade from beginning to end will be a succession of surprises.

UNITED IN MATRIMONY

Joseph F. Patton, of this city and Miss Lulu Kahler, of Williamsport, were united in marriage on Monday evening.

The wedding, which was a very quiet and unostentatious affair, was solemnized at 6:30 o'clock at the manse, by the Rev. Mr. Ure, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Williamsport.

Following the ceremony the newly wedded couple left on an extended trip. Returning they will take up their residence in Danville.

The groom is one of our rising young business men. He grew to manhood in Danville and has the confidence and esteem of all who know him. He is the proprietor of the livery stable at the Montour house and holds a responsible position as traveling salesman under Bloch & Benzobch. The bride is a native of Danville and resided here until several years ago, when she removed to Williamsport. She is an accomplished and highly esteemed young lady.

RABB-REIFSNYDER.

An earlier wedding, regarded with a good deal of interest, occurred at Binghamton, New York, on Monday evening, when Miss Annie Reifsnnyder, of this city, became the bride of Mr. William Rabb, formerly of Bloomsburg. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Mr. Phillips, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Binghamton. The newly wedded couple will reside in Danville.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Reifsnnyder, East Mahoning street. She is a member of the senior class of the Danville high school and is a most highly esteemed and popular young lady. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Rabb, of Bloomsburg. He is a pharmacist and for a couple of years past has held a position in Paules' drug store, this city. He is a capable and highly respected young man.

Left for New Charge.

Rev. and Mrs. John Sherman left yesterday morning for Washington county to assume the duties at the former's new charge.

Entertainment for Old People.

The Epworth League of Trinity M. E. church will give an entertainment for the old people New Year's afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4.

TRANSLATION OF INSCRIPTION

Tuesday morning the large granite block to support the statue on the east side of the monument was placed in position. This is the stone to which the tablet is riveted that contains the latin inscription relating to the fallen heroes in whose honor the memorial is raised.

The latin inscription has aroused a great deal of interest ever since the bronze panel containing it arrived at the monument. A number of our townspeople, who believe they know latin, have tried their hand at its translation, but no two thus far have succeeded in rendering it into English alike.

In this connection it might be noted that several college professors have tried their hands at the translation. These all agree upon the meaning, although, as is natural, the English words they employ are not exactly the same.

The latin inscription reads as follows: "O Fortunata Mors Quae Naturae Debita Pro Patria Est Potissimum Reddita."

The best authorities agree upon the following translation: "Oh happy death, which, though due to nature, is most nobly given for our country."

WHERE THE PUBLIC OFFEND.

Mr. Amedon, the constructing engineer, is much disgusted with the lack of respect shown the noble memorial by Sunday visitors. On Saturday evening the workmen, in a painstaking way, using a mop and water, removed every trace of discoloration from the handsome stone steps at the base where they had become inadvertently soiled while in building.

When Mr. Amedon appeared at the monument Monday morning he found the steps covered with muddy footprints, caused by people who had been climbing about the monument on Sunday. It is quite evident that the proper respect was not shown the memorial. The statues and, indeed, every part of the monument can be seen to the best advantage from the walk around the base, and, indeed, this is the nearest that the public are expected to approach.

Many who offended probably did so thoughtlessly and to such the committee will not have to appeal the second time in order to keep things in trim and in good order about the monument.

TELEGRAM FROM THE RED CROSS

The loss of life in the great earthquake in Italy hourly becomes more appalling. The latest estimates place the number of dead about 100,000, which makes the tragedy one of the greatest that has ever befallen the Christian world.

Already relief movements have been started in this country. In Pennsylvania subscriptions are being received by the Red Cross society at Philadelphia.

Chief Burgess W. J. Rogers yesterday received a telegram from the Pennsylvania Red Cross in relation to the matter. It reads as follows: "Express sympathy through local newspapers to citizens of Italian affiliation and start local fund for the Red Cross relief for Sicily earthquake and tidal wave sufferers."

Joseph A. Steinmetz, Sec'y." Upon receipt of the telegram Burgess Rogers at once proceeded to comply with the requests. Each of our three banks, the Danville National bank, the First National bank and People's bank, at once agreed to receive contributions for the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

Thus all charitably disposed persons will have an opportunity of doing what they can to relieve suffering and of doing it quickly. The money contributed to the relief fund will be regularly forwarded to the State Red Cross at Philadelphia, by which in turn it will be handed over to the National Red Cross, when it will speedily find its way to the Red Cross in Italy. The money will be wisely disbursed.

When the San Francisco earthquake occurred Danville's contribution to the relief fund was over \$1200.

Danville has very few citizens of "Italian affiliation" but those who reside hereabout, some of whom have relatives in the devastated sections of Italy, may rest assured that they have the sympathy of a warm hearted and generous American public.

Visiting Posts.

William M. Heddens, junior department commander of the Pennsylvania G. A. R. left yesterday morning for Reading to join Department Commander Patrick DeLacey, of Scranton, on a series of official visits to the G. A. R. posts in Reading and Philadelphia.

NEW PARK OFFICIALLY NAMED

The borough council held a meeting last night for the purpose of transacting all the business on hand up to date as well as business that might come up on Friday night, the regular date of meeting. The semi-monthly meeting, which occurs on New Year's night, will be dispensed with.

Chief-of-Police Mincemeyer presented his report, which showed that during the year there were fifty-five arrests for violation of borough ordinances. Of these thirty-three of the defendants were arraigned before Justice Oglesby and twenty-two before Justice Dalton.

Twenty-four of the arrests were made for drunkenness, the fine for this offense being two dollars. Three of the arrests were made for drunkenness and disorderly conduct combined, the total fine being \$700. Three of the arrests were for fast driving; the penalty is \$5.00. In two instances the "speed-limit" was broken, the fine being \$10.00. Twenty of the arrests were for disorderly conduct, the penalty for this offense being \$5.00.

During the year 384 tramps were in the borough lock-up. The report of the police department was on motion accepted and placed on file.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPT.

The retiring chief of the fire department, William A. Shultz, presented his report. During the year there were thirteen fires. The heaviest loss sustained was \$400; the smallest, \$20.00. The total loss is \$2090; the total insurance carried amounted to \$1054. The actual loss was \$1036.00.

The report states that all the hose houses are supplied with what is considered proper apparatus with the exception of Continental, No. 3, which is in need of 30 feet of sprinkling hose.

The report of the fire department was on motion accepted and ordered filed.

PARK NAMED.

The new park was formally given a name by council last night. Several names were suggested but "Memorial Park" seemed to have the preference and on motion this name was unanimously adopted.

Hon. James Foster and Simon Dreifuss appeared before council asking that the Thomas Beaver Free Library be lighted up by borough light as is being done at the Y. M. C. A. building. The matter was referred to the committee on light, it to report at next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that the quarterly appropriation due the fire department be paid, as well as \$25 due the executive board.

The following members were present: Schatz, Cleaver, Pursel, Finigan, Jones, Everhart, Meyer, Russell, Deutsch, Marshall, Angle and Connolly.

The following bills were approved for payment at Council last night.

BOROUGH DEPT.	
Regular employes.....	\$127.50
J. H. Cole.....	96.29
S. J. Welliver.....	2.20
Trumbower & Werkheiser.....	18.11
Samuel Mills.....	8.70
Geo. W. Hendricks.....	9.73
James Gibson.....	13.50
T. L. Evans' Sons.....	1.25
Dean Brothers.....	4.00
Sarah McCuen.....	9.00
S. J. Welliver.....	.88
Trumbower & Werkheiser.....	7.10
H. B. Patton.....	11.25
Labor and hauling.....	31.13
Joseph W. Keely.....	6.40
George F. Keefe.....	78.00
Dr. C. Shultz.....	25.00

WATER DEPT.	
Regular employes.....	\$150.20
S. J. Welliver.....	.15
Trumbower & Werkheiser.....	.25
Joseph W. Keely.....	24.95
H. E. Patton.....	20.00

COLLEGE MEN HELD MEETING

A number of the men of this city who have attended college met in the directors' room in the high school building last evening and arrangements were made for holding a reception and dance on New Year's night.

There were about a score at the meeting. Dr. J. Beaver Gearhart was made chairman and a committee to make arrangements for the dance was chosen to be composed of the following: Carlton McHenry, Wm. K. Hancock, Theo. R. Angle, Harry Lattimer and William L. McCoy.

A motion was passed at the meeting that the requirements for attending the dance include the stipulation that a man must have attended an incorporated college or university.

Any college men, especially the older alumni, who desire to attend the dance and who may have been overlooked, are asked to communicate with a member of the committee.

The great army of workmen who have work to do are the happiest men in the nation after their little vacation.