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ITEMS CONDENSED.

A fire at Wilkes-Barre on Saturday badly damaged the old First National bank building causing a loss of \$40,000.

J. S. Bush, of near Pottstown, fell in his barn on Saturday and broke his leg—the fifth time that he has had limbs fractured.

Benjamin Ward, of Chester, has crossed the Atlantic ocean 156 times, covering nearly a half million miles on the billowy deep.

John Claypole, aged 38 years, was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff James Matter, of Butler county, during the raid of a large cocking main at Prayville, near Butler, on Friday night.

Isaac Reynolds, of Lancaster, has been sued twenty-one times within a few years for neglecting his wife and three children. He had been directed to pay \$3 per week for their support.

Chester Chandler, of West Chester, bought a turkey from a West Marlborough farmer at twenty-eight cents a pound, but as there were two pounds of corn in its crop, he claims the price was too high.

William Hixson, aged 14 years, while skating on the Lehigh river at Easton, on Saturday, broke through the ice and was drowned.

After a chase of three weeks Constable Terrill, of Pittsburg, arrested on Saturday D. C. McAfee, a former real estate man of that city, on a charge of passing a worthless check on a city barber. McAfee was found by the constable under a bed at his home, although told that he was not at home.

The 960 women graduates of Bryn Mawr college have undertaken to raise an additional endowment fund of \$1,000,000, and \$100,000 is already in sight.

The epidemic of typhoid fever in Reading has abated and Miss Alice M. O'Halloran, chief of the staff of trained nurses, has returned to Philadelphia with all the other nurses from that city. During the epidemic since October there were 670 cases in the city.

The municipal water plant of Franklin shows an annual profit of about \$15,000.

M. H. Toole, of Scranton, a reserve officer of the city police force, has been arrested on a charge of robbing E. K. Keenan, a traveling man, of \$50.

John Likowitz, aged 9 years, who broke through the ice in a deep mine hole, near Emma, Lehigh county, was rescued from drowning by the bravery and skill of Henry Schanzbach, aged 13 years.

While Peter Hulsinger, of Reading, aged 80 years, was on his way early on Sunday morning to fish for suckers, he was struck by an engine on the Pennsylvania railroad bridge and so severely injured that he may die.

Mrs. Agnes Smith, aged 69 years, an inmate of the Old People's home, in Darby, Delaware county, was so badly burned on Saturday by her clothing taking fire from a red-hot stove that she died of her injuries on Sunday morning.

Daniel L. Gerhart, of Palm, Montgomery county, while trying to drive a spike on Saturday, missed it and hit his thumb striking off the nail and inflicting a painful wound. His next door neighbor, Edwin Krause, while laughing over the accident, slipped and fell on a boardwalk, fracturing several ribs.

While Mr. and Mrs. William Newhart, of Jamison City, Columbia county, were on their way home from Ricketts in a sleigh, Saturday night, their horse slipped and fell down an embankment fifty feet high, carrying sleigh and occupants along, but they escaped serious injury.

By an operation upon John Glawinski, of Reading, suffering from cancer of the stomach, surgeons formed a new channel around the involved portions of his stomach, which when healed will give the patient means of taking nourishment and prevent him from starving to death.

Two bronze tablets commemorating the settlement made on the Delaware by the Dutch and Swedes, in 1638 and 1639, respectively, will be presented to the city of Philadelphia on Saturday, February 6, by the Pennsylvania society of Colonial Wars. The presentation ceremonies will take place on the south plaza at city hall, where the memorials are to be erected.

TWO APPLICATIONS HELD OVER

License court was held Friday. All the applications were granted with the exception of the ones relating to the Mooresburg hotel and Farmers' hotel, this city.

His Honor Judge Evans and Associates Blee and Welliver were on the bench. After looking over the papers the court announced that all the applications would be granted with the exception of the two above alluded to, which seemed to involve some irregularity. It was necessary, however, that the court hear some testimony as to character in those cases where new applicants applied for old stands.

In the latter category there were two namely, Mrs. Lucretia Beaver, who applied for license at the Strawberry ridge hotel, formerly kept by her husband, the late Charles Beaver, and Harry Cox, formerly landlord of the hotel at Pine Summit, Columbia county, an applicant for license at the hotel at Exchange.

Among those who testified to the "good moral character and temperate habits" of Mrs. Beaver were Hon. Alexander Billmeyer, John Smith, Jonathan Mourer and Charles Mertz.

Those who testified in favor of Mr. Cox were John Lora of this city, and William Ball and James Smith of Pine Summit township.

William Eckert, and Charles Burnell, applicants for license respectively at the Farmers' hotel and the hotel at Mooresburg, were called before court. It appears that the license at Mooresburg is in the name of William Eckert, who last December assumed charge of the Farmers' hotel, this city, the license of which house is in the name of Charles Rausch. In explaining the terms under which he operated the hotel at Mooreburg Charles Burnell stated that after deducting all expenses from the gross receipts he was to turn the balance over to William Eckert, the proprietor. This arrangement was to be temporary, however, only until license court. William Eckert explained that he had purchased the fixtures at the Farmers' hotel, but said that the bill of sale had been made out in his wife's name. He admitted that the profits of the business accrued to himself.

Judge Evans explained that it is a violation of the law for a man to hold two licenses. In the present case, while the license had not been transferred, the evidence, he said, showed that the applicant, William Eckert, was receiving the profits of two licensed houses, which was just what the law was aiming to prevent.

Speaking for himself Judge Evans said in view of the infraction he could not grant the license the present year. Both licenses involved were held over until Saturday, January 30th.

The court explained that the order previously made requiring all licensed houses to close their bars at 12 o'clock midnight and to keep them closed until 5 a. m. still remains in force. The court also stated that there is much complaint in Montour county on the score of Sunday selling. Judge Evans said he was inclined to believe that the liquor law is being violated here in this manner. He took occasion to warn all licensees that any man found guilty of Sunday selling or of violating the liquor law in any other way will be obliged to pay the full penalty. In conclusion he significantly remarked: "In Montour county, hereafter there will be no minimum penalties imposed for violation of the liquor law."

Alexander Foster, who received the Republican nomination for chief burgess of Danville, has withdrawn from the ticket.

In assigning a reason for his action Mr. Foster last evening explained that his ambition does not lie in that direction. He had no thought of being a candidate for any office and was greatly surprised when he learned that his name had been placed on the ticket at the convention, Saturday night.

He informed George R. Sechler, chairman of the convention yesterday, that he would not be a candidate for the office under any circumstances.

The time is very short in which another nominee may be selected.

Party from Northumberland

The following young people of Northumberland, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Butler, Mill street, on Tuesday evening:

Misses Marion, Mamie and Myrtle Phillips, Mildred Gieger, Anna Landback, Geraldine Brennen, Emily Gaskins, Mina Walker, Carrie Butler, Lucy Johnson and Sara Morgan; Messrs Charlie Malley, Charles Atherton, Eugene Cornwell, Daniel Tierney, Paul Sleppy, Jim Baldwin, Rily Zerbe, Hazel Wood and Genevieve Shartzler, of Danville.

ALEX FOSTER FOR BURGESS

The Republicans held their borough and district conventions at the Baldy house on Saturday evening.

George R. Sechler was chosen president of the convention and W. J. Burns and E. V. Stroh secretaries.

Seth Lormor was nominated as candidate for overseer of the poor of the Danville and Mahoning poor district. The same organization answered for both conventions. After nominating a candidate for overseer of the poor, the convention proceeded to select candidates for the borough officers.

Dr. J. J. Kline, who was endorsed by the first ward Republicans Friday night, having declined to run, on motion his name was withdrawn from the convention.

Alexander Foster was nominated for burgess.

For tax receiver George F. Reifsnnyder was nominated.

W. Haydn Woodside was chosen as candidate for auditor.

Delegates were present at the convention as follows: First ward, George R. Sechler and T. W. Bedea; second ward, W. J. Burns and H. F. Deaener; third ward, W. E. Kase and E. V. Stroh; fourth ward, William Jenkins and Alexander Mann; Mahoning township, William B. Hauser.

HIGH WATER MARK OF CIRCULATION

At the last regular meeting of the trustees of the Thomas Beaver Free Library, held Friday night, the librarian presented her annual report, from which some interesting facts are gleaned revealing that in point of patronage the splendidly stocked library has reached the high water mark of popularity.

During the year of 1908 the entire circulation of books amounted to 26,823. The largest circulation occurred in March, when it footed up 3,784. In January and February preceding the circulation is given at 3,457 and 3,677, respectively. In April it dropped to 3,137; in May to 2,638. In July it reached low water mark, only 2,325 volumes circulating. By last November it had again climbed up to 3,487.

Naturally fall and winter are the months when most people turn to books. During the summer they are wooed from reading by the pleasures of out-of-door life. As is shown by the report, in July there were just 1,459 volumes less in circulation than during March preceding.

PERSONALS

Messrs Clyde Heddens, Jack Bateman, Wallace Robinson, William Seidel, E. P. Oyster, Clarence Seidel, W. F. Zeffel and Jacob Mertz, of Washingtonville, attended the poultry show at Sunbury yesterday.

Ambrose Prentiss and W. R. Boyer were among the Danville visitors to the poultry show at Sunbury yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Barnitz, of the south side, spent yesterday in Sunbury.

Mrs. J. C. Campbell, of Rushtown, spent yesterday with her son, Charles Campbell, in Sunbury.

Mrs. Charles Watson, Sr., of Philadelphia and Mrs. Charles Toubek, of New York, arrived yesterday for a visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Jennings, West Market street.

Mrs. J. Montgomery Baldy, of Philadelphia, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mens, Mansfield.

Mrs. W. O. Frick, of Deal Beach, New Jersey, arrived yesterday for a visit at the home of Mrs. E. M. Frick, West Market street.

Jacob Gass spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

Mrs. Charles Watson, Jr., and son Charles, of Philadelphia, arrived in this city yesterday for a visit with friends.

Mrs. H. S. Reich and Mrs. R. M. Cozstick left yesterday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keefer at Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rider and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Feltner, of near Strawberry Ridge, were among the visitors in this city yesterday.

Mrs. C. P. Hancock, Miss Hancock, Mr. Arthur H. Woolley, Mrs. Edward Houghton and Mrs. Edward Norman Scott spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

Arthur Reifsnnyder spent yesterday in Sunbury.

Miss Ida Gulliver, Bloom street, left yesterday for a visit with friends in Philadelphia and Middletown, Delaware.

Miss Daisy Geiger, left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Delaware City, Delaware.

THIS RUNAWAY WAS A THRILLER

Pedestrians on Mill street about the close of market Saturday morning were thrilled by a runaway, in which the horse after threading his way among countless vehicles on the busy thoroughfare wound up his spectacular performance by leaping into another sled, where for a brief interval he lay snugly filling the box.

The runaway horse belonged to Cromwell's grocery and was attached to a light sled. He escaped from the driver somewhere out East Mahoning street. He made the very best of time as he dashed in by the opera house block and swung around the corner toward Cromwell's store. On East Mahoning street near the post office the delivery sled struck one of the runners of a sleigh, in which were seated a man and a woman. A had accident seemed unavoidable. The sleigh was jerked around into the middle of the street, but fortunately did not upset.

After turning the corner the excited animal seemed to make a bee line for the trolley car and another collision seemed imminent, but he escaped by merely a handbreadth. There were many vehicles in the street directly in the path of the runaway, but they all escaped, although by the very narrowest margin.

George Perry, the expressman, with two horses attached to a heavy sled, was in front of Lyons' meat market as the runaway approached. He did not see the horse, however, and was in the act of turning around, his sled standing crossways in the street when the delivery horse at a mad gallop reached the spot.

The runaway animal was in no mood to stop even for the sled, but showed his contempt for the obstacle by attempting to leap over it at a single bound. Handcapped by the load he was dragging he was unable to clear the expressman's sled and he fell into the capacious box.

There was a terrible mixup. Women screamed and men ran from every direction to render assistance. The horse struck the sled first with his front feet. In his struggles he got into the box with all four and the next moment fell over, and for a brief interval lay helpless in the sled. By dint of hard struggling, however, he regained his feet and escaped from the sled box.

By this time, however, the horse had been seized by a couple of men.

Mr. Perry was slightly injured on the back, where he was struck by the horse's hoofs. The delivery sled was slightly broken but beyond this the damage was slight.

SUCCESSFUL YOUNG TRAPPERS

Isaiah Gresh and Fred Seidel, of Washingtonville, hold the record as trappers in Montour county.

The picturesque Chillisquaque with its entire system of tributaries by common consent seems to be given over to these two hardy and nature-loving young fellows. Mr. Gresh takes the section below Washingtonville and Mr. Seidel the territory above.

Not only along the creek but far up the small tributaries they have set traps for game and in looking after these they are obliged to walk fifteen to eighteen miles daily. The trapping season begins October 15th and lasts until March 15th.

Mr. Gresh brought a lot of pelts into this city yesterday. While collecting his bounty at the county commissioners' office he took occasion to describe what success he had met with this season. Already he has to his credit 236 muskrat rats, 7 minks, 15 opossums, 11 skunks, 25 weasles and one coon.

Of the above animals of course there is no bounty on any but minks and weasles. The pelts, however, all are valuable from a furrier's point of view. Muskrat pelts command 30 cents a piece. A mink's pelt is worth from \$2.50 to \$7.00 according to its condition. An opossum skin is worth only 25 cents; a coon skin will bring a dollar. The pelt of a skunk is worth \$1.00 to \$1.75.

Mr. Seidel, Mr. Gresh stated, has also been very successful this winter and has probably a corresponding number of pelts to his credit.

Charles Kendig, a prominent and wealthy farmer of East Fallowfield township, Chester county, committed suicide on Tuesday, by hanging himself, having become despondent because of domestic troubles.

Near Bethlehem, in the icy waters of Monocacy creek Rev. J. C. Rote, of Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren church, on Monday baptized eleven converts, while the banks of the creek were crowded with on-lookers.

Mrs. Jesse Shannon, of South Danville, was a Sunbury visitor yesterday.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The school board held a regular meeting Monday night.

Dr. Barber of the high school committee called attention to the fact that Mr. Bickel, principal of the high school, is off duty owing to illness; also that Mrs. Coulter was absent 2 1/2 days last week owing to the death of a relative. Miss Jamison, he said is acting as a substitute teacher in the high school during the principal's illness, while Miss Blue was employed during Mrs. Coulter's absence. Both substitute teachers, he said, rendered very good service. The question of salary for the extra teachers, he said, would now have to be settled. The matter was discussed at length, when, on motion of Dr. Barber, it was ordered that Miss Jamison and Miss Blue each be paid \$3 per day for the time employed.

Borough Superintendent Diellenbacher reported to the board that Mr. Bickel would be able to resume his position as principal on Wednesday.

On motion regular order of business was suspended and board heard the faculty's report on text books. Mrs. Coulter for the faculty recommended two additional books for use in the high school as follows: Elements of English and Composition by Gardner, Kittridge and Arnold, and Newcomer's English Literature. On motion of Mr. Fischer the books were adopted as recommended.

Mr. Fischer of the building and repair committee recommended the use of a chain arrangement on the furnace in the third ward to inform the janitor of the temperature of the different rooms. On motion this was ordered.

The following members were present: Heise, Cole, Burns, Redding, Fischer, Lloyd, Fish, Barber, Orth, Parsel, Swartz.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Wm. Miller.....\$ 1.50

Columbia School Supply Co. 505.15

Roberts & Meek..... 10.97

Water Tax..... 56.00

United Telephone Co., rent..... 6.00

O. B. Savidge..... 17.26

DEATH RATE IS DECREASING

The report of the tuberculosis dispensary for the month just closed shows that one new patient was admitted and that there is a total of twenty-six under treatment.

During the month patients made forty-three visits to the dispensary. Thirteen showed an increase in weight; nine revealed neither gain nor loss. Four patients showed loss. Five were taking medicine.

The nurse made fifteen visits. Three hundred and seventy-eight quarts of milk and one hundred and twenty-nine and a half dozen of eggs were supplied.

In Danville last year there were in all eight cases of tuberculosis. Of these two were from the Holy family convent and one was reported from New York City. Excluding the three above cases, which may be regarded as imported cases, we find that the deaths due to tuberculosis form only four per cent. of the town's mortality. Nevertheless, the whole number of cases are to be considered when it comes to combating the disease, as each case while it exists is a centre of contagion.

During 1907 out of 143 deaths 11 were due to tuberculosis or consumption. We have for that year, with the convent eliminated, a death rate due to tuberculosis of 7.6 per cent.

In 1906 exclusive of the convent the death rate due to tuberculosis was 11.7 per cent.

It is quite apparent from the above that owing to the crusade against tuberculosis the death rate due to tuberculosis is gradually decreasing.

If we include the Holy Family convent in our statistics we discover the same gradual reduction in mortality due to tuberculosis. In 1906 the death rate would then have been, 14 per cent.; in 1907, 9 per cent. and in 1908, 6.3 per cent.

Visiting Relatives.

Mrs. Fred Kirkendall and daughters Eleanor and Cordelia, of Wilkes-Barre, and Mrs. Charles Gearhart and daughters Louise and Georgiana, of Kingston, arrived yesterday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Gearhart, East Market street.

365 Applicants.

Northumberland county license court set on Monday with Judges Savidge and Auton on the bench. There were no remonstrances against 365 applicants, and they were all granted license at once, among them being six new ones. Three applicants were refused.

The boy who does the very best he can will succeed as a man.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The fourth annual convention of the Montour county school directors' association was held in the court house yesterday. Of the seventy-five directors of the county but ten were absent during the opening session.

The convention was called to order by Dr. I. G. Barber, president of the school directors' association, at ten o'clock. B. L. Diehl was elected secretary pro. tem. W. H. Orth, the regular secretary, arrived later and took charge.

Professor Lose, superintendent of the schools of Williamsport, was introduced as the first speaker. He is a man of many years' experience in school work. He has practical ideas relating both to methods of teaching and the conduct of schools by directors; he is a ready and a forceful speaker and his addresses on such occasions as yesterday are always looked forward to with real interest and pleasure by the friends of education.

Professor Lose's subject yesterday morning was, "Business Principles in the Management of Schools."

The school board, he said, must act as a "board" and not as individuals. No question, whether of teachers, books or apparatus, should be considered or discussed by the directors as individuals, but only as a school board. It is when acting as individuals, in the selection of teachers, especially, that the school directors are apt to make a grave mistake. It is a bad practice to permit certain members of the board through courtesy to control certain schools of the district. These are all matters of sufficient importance to require the consideration and sanction of the school board as a whole. It is such boards, where the members act as individuals, that are the most easily victimized by agents that seek to introduce costly and well-nigh useless school apparatus.

It is the business of the school board to know the law governing the schools. No business concern would think of doing business without a full knowledge of the law relating to it. It is unfortunate, the speaker said, that there are some directors who are antagonistic to the law in some relations and throw obstacles in the way of its enforcement. There should be no place for such a man in the school board.

Directors must not dictate to superintendents and teachers on matters on which the latter know the most. Teaching and consequently the teacher existed long before the office of school director was created. There are some privileges that belong to the teacher that the director can not take away. The wise school board, therefore, will not dictate to teachers as to school books, methods of work apparatus, etc., declaring that they must teach this way or that way, but it will rather yield to the preference of the teachers in these respects, explaining, however, that it will hold them responsible for good results.

The business of the school board must be done with promptness. Buildings should be repaired and all books and supplies purchased in good time to the end that there may be no delay in opening the schools.

A school district should always live within its income. It frequently happens that where one generation of children receive more than the district can afford the next generation is apt to receive less. At the same time a school district should always live up to its income. It is not required of a district that it save money. In this connection Superintendent Lose advocated that in building bonds be issued to raise the money.

The last principle laid down by the speaker was that in each school district there should be a complete and accurate system of bookkeeping. Every district should be able to determine at a glance the exact cost of fuel, light, books and all supplies used at any particular school building. It too frequently happens because of improper bookkeeping that the reports of school districts are incomplete and inaccurate and, consequently worthless. Owing to this lack of proper bookkeeping school boards are often defrauded by unscrupulous dealers. It is an unusual thing for school boards to pay bills twice.

HON. REED B. TIETRICK.

Reed B. Tietrick, deputy superintendent of public instruction, followed Superintendent Lose. He delivered a very fine address. He had been a farmer boy, and for some years, a county superintendent, he explained. He told a couple of good stories and by the time he was ready to begin rightly he was on the best of terms with the audience.

Mr. Tietrick deplored that in too many cases on such occasions directors, while willing enough to listen are very slow to put the new ideas into practice. They are entertained and enlightened but they go right

WANTS BIGGER APPROPRIATION

The following from the special Har risburg correspondence in last evening's Williamsport Sun:

"Representative R. Scott Ammerman, of Montour county, is earnestly in favor of an appropriation of at least \$200,000 for the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville but the state board of charities has recommended that there be appropriated a sum very much less; in fact it recommends fifty per cent. less than the sum asked for. In conversation yesterday Mr. Ammerman made very clear the urgent necessity for an appropriation of at least \$200,000 for this hospital, not only for maintenance and improvement, but also that the commonwealth may be purged of the offense of itself doing that which it prohibits others from doing and punishes others for doing. That offense is the pollution of streams."

A PECULIAR SITUATION.

"Danville, like other towns in Pennsylvania, is required by the state department of health to provide itself with a sewage plant, and to prepare plans therefor and for a proper sewer system within a specified time. No body has any fault to find with this proposed improvement, but it creates a peculiar condition at Danville. The town turns its sewage into the Susquehanna below its corporate limits, but sewage from the hospital is turned into the stream above the town. The permanent population of the hospital, including patients and employes, is about 1,700, and the contamination of the water supply by sewage from such a source can be readily reckoned. As Mr. Ammerman points out, the commonwealth is a violator of its own laws of sanitation, and infractor of the enactments which are enforced firmly upon individuals or corporations are the culprits. Danville wants relief from the condition here outlined, and asks that the legislature make provision for the disposal of the sewage of the hospital, in addition to appropriation for maintenance and ordinary improvements, in order that further pollution of the Susquehanna may be prevented."

4 CHILDREN DIE IN BLAZE

DUNBAR, Pa., Jan. 27.

Four children were cremated today in a fire which destroyed the home of A. M. Kendall. The dead:

Earl Kendall, eleven years old, Pearl Kendall, seven years, Anna Kendall, four years, a baby, two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall leaped from a second-story window and were dangerously hurt. It is believed the fire started from a small gas stove which was left burning when the family retired last night.

The parents made repeated efforts to reach the room occupied by their four children when the fire was discovered, but were finally compelled to jump from the window to save themselves.

The Northumberland County Bar association on Monday voted that at the annual banquet in Sunbury, this year, each attorney purchase his own drinks if he wants any. This was done to meet the objections against serving intoxicants at the feast.

home and "do the same thing over again." "The law gives the school director almost unlimited power. It is his duty that can change conditions in a school district, when they are not conducive to good schools. He can do this, but it requires backbone.

The school director's first thought should be to do the very best thing possible for the children of the district. The school director is a sort of home missionary; he serves without pay and labors for the common good.

School directors have kept pace with business methods. Secretaries of school boards should receive sufficient pay to justify them in keeping a set of books that would make available all the information desirable.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy State Superintendent Reed B. Tietrick delivered an excellent address on "Some Observations on School Administration." He was followed by Superintendent Lose, who took as his subject, "The Modern School."

During the afternoon officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: President, Dr. I. G. Barber; vice presidents, William Burns and J. M. Vought; secretary, B. L. Diehl; treasurer, Jacob Shultz.

The following directors were chosen as delegates to the State convention of school directors: J. H. Cole, J. N. Pursel, William Fry, J. Madison Vought and John J. Cotner. Michael Breckbill, Alfred Diehl and George Van Ordstrand were chosen as alternates.