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ITEMS CONDENSED.

A clay pigeon sailing from a trap as Walter Smeltzer of Bittersville, York county, was stooping over it, cut the man's ear almost entirely off. The large tobacco warehouse of Herman Stein, cigar manufacturer, of Lancaster, was badly damaged by fire on Thursday afternoon. There were 800 cases of tobacco valued at \$32,000 partly ruined by smoke and water. George Cochrane, aged 65 years, night watchman at the Walton hotel, at Homestead, near Pittsburgh, was found dead in his room on Thursday evening, seated in front of a burning gas stove so close that his feet were burned to a crisp. It is believed he died of heart failure. Enoch A. Swope died at his home in Philadelphia on Thursday in his 93d year. Mr. Swope has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for seventy-two years and was the oldest Odd Fellow in the State, both as to age and years of membership. Theodore Smoyer, a prominent farmer of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, recently fell through an open hatchway in his barn and sustained a compound fracture of the right leg. Blood poisoning set in which was followed by lockjaw and on Thursday he died in great agony. Hayes Williams was tried and acquitted last week in the Chester county criminal court, of the charge of robbing the store of J. W. Parker, in Toughenamon, and on Thursday he went to Mr. Parker, confessed that he had committed the robbery and took him to the place where he had concealed the goods. Justice of the Peace George M. Weaver, of Imperial, Allegheny county, on Thursday sent to the marriage license office an application for a license to Gostano Dorazio, aged 23 years, and Alba Bertuzzi, aged 12. The consent of the girl's father accompanied the applicant but the clerk refused to issue the license. Harry Hedding, alias Samuel Miller, of Schuylkill county, who though only 30 years of age, has served a total of fifteen years in prison for various crimes, was arrested on Thursday, on a charge of robbing the Reading railroad station at New Philadelphia on December 15 and again on January 21, and he has confessed his guilt. A grain of corn lodged in the bronchial tube of a little son of John Starr, of Joanna, Berks county, on Saturday, causing his death. Thieves entered the post office at Enola, Cumberland county, on Friday night, blew open the safe and carried off over \$300 in money and stamps. John Widenhaver, fell into a vat of boiling water at a meat packing plant in Shamokin, on Saturday, and was horribly scalded. He is not expected to recover. There were thirty-three cases of measles in Darby, Delaware county, during January, and the board of health has had hard work stamping out the epidemic. Patrick McIntyre, a prominent resident of Mahanoy township, Schuylkill county, was instantly killed on Saturday by falling coal at Packer colliery. William Laubenstein, the oldest carrier on the force of the Reading post office, has resigned after a service of twenty-six years. For five weeks a revival has been in progress in the First Christian church in Johnstown, resulting in 133 professed conversions. Two negroes seized and gagged Mrs. Peter Polites, near her home at Washington on Saturday evening and then robbed her of \$100. Dr. Abel G. West, a native of Virginia, has the distinction of being the first colored physician in Reading, where he recently opened an office. Frank Cummings and Logan Bedow, of Washington, have been arrested for soaking a French poodle in oil and then setting the dog on fire. An epidemic of scarlet fever at Dupon, near Wilkes-Barre, has become quite alarming and the State board of health has been appealed to for assistance. During the last four weeks there have been twenty-six deaths. While Rev. G. H. Dunlap, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Avalon, a suburb of Pittsburgh, was preaching to his congregation on Sunday evening on the dangers of laying up treasures on earth where thieves break through and steal, his home was ransacked and a quantity of silverware, jewelry and some money taken.

TRANSIT CO. MAY USE SALT

Whether or not the Danville & Sunbury Traction company in the operation of its cars should be permitted to use salt on the track of its street railway in this city was a question that occupied considerable time before council Friday night. Permission was granted, although twice previously the street railway company was forbidden by council to use salt in the borough. C. P. Hancock, president of the Danville and Sunbury Traction company, appeared before council and explained that during the winter season the company finds it impossible to operate its cars on curves and at certain other spots without occasionally using salt. He held that council was wrong in its view that salt used on the track is apt to work through the paving and cause the water and other pipe to crystallize. This year as well as last year, he said, his company had received notice to abstain from the use of salt. To comply he said would be to impose punitive liability and loss on his company. In order to be fair the matter he had opened correspondence with a large number of other traction companies, to see whether they met with any opposition in using salt. He submitted the replies to the secretary, who read them to council. William Terwilliger, general manager of the Columbia and Montour electrical railway, said: "We have always used salt on our switches and all bad pieces of track. The councils of Bloomsburg and Berwick have never made any objection to the use of salt." The other replies were of the same tenor, and were from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company and a dozen other leading traction companies of Pennsylvania. On motion of Mr. Angle the action formerly taken by council forbidding the use of salt was rescinded, which gives the Danville and Sunbury Traction company permission to use salt when necessary. Dr. E. A. Grigg appeared before council to ask permission to cut down and grade the alley west of Mill street at his newly purchased property, No. 12 West Mahoning street. On motion the request was granted. On motion it was ordered that the large room occupied by the Odd Fellows on the third floor of city hall be repapered and repainted. On motion of Mr. Finnigan it was ordered that a third wheel be added to the hand cart used by the officers in conveying drunken men to the lock-up. Mr. Brisbin, representative of Bell Telephone company, appeared before council in the interest of a franchise license office an application for a license to Gostano Dorazio, aged 23 years, and Alba Bertuzzi, aged 12. The consent of the girl's father accompanied the applicant but the clerk refused to issue the license. Harry Hedding, alias Samuel Miller, of Schuylkill county, who though only 30 years of age, has served a total of fifteen years in prison for various crimes, was arrested on Thursday, on a charge of robbing the Reading railroad station at New Philadelphia on December 15 and again on January 21, and he has confessed his guilt. A grain of corn lodged in the bronchial tube of a little son of John Starr, of Joanna, Berks county, on Saturday, causing his death. Thieves entered the post office at Enola, Cumberland county, on Friday night, blew open the safe and carried off over \$300 in money and stamps. John Widenhaver, fell into a vat of boiling water at a meat packing plant in Shamokin, on Saturday, and was horribly scalded. He is not expected to recover. There were thirty-three cases of measles in Darby, Delaware county, during January, and the board of health has had hard work stamping out the epidemic. Patrick McIntyre, a prominent resident of Mahanoy township, Schuylkill county, was instantly killed on Saturday by falling coal at Packer colliery. William Laubenstein, the oldest carrier on the force of the Reading post office, has resigned after a service of twenty-six years. For five weeks a revival has been in progress in the First Christian church in Johnstown, resulting in 133 professed conversions. Two negroes seized and gagged Mrs. Peter Polites, near her home at Washington on Saturday evening and then robbed her of \$100. Dr. Abel G. West, a native of Virginia, has the distinction of being the first colored physician in Reading, where he recently opened an office. Frank Cummings and Logan Bedow, of Washington, have been arrested for soaking a French poodle in oil and then setting the dog on fire. An epidemic of scarlet fever at Dupon, near Wilkes-Barre, has become quite alarming and the State board of health has been appealed to for assistance. During the last four weeks there have been twenty-six deaths. While Rev. G. H. Dunlap, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Avalon, a suburb of Pittsburgh, was preaching to his congregation on Sunday evening on the dangers of laying up treasures on earth where thieves break through and steal, his home was ransacked and a quantity of silverware, jewelry and some money taken.

ARRESTED AND FINED

The sweeping quarantine order by the State livestock sanitary board when the foot and mouth disease broke out among cattle is still in force and will in every instance be enforced as well demonstrated Monday, when William Custer, a farmer residing near Grovania, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Oglesby and fined for violating the regulations of the State live stock sanitary board. Mr. Custer, who lives in Columbia county just beyond the line, it was alleged, in violation of the quarantine order a few days ago removed a hog from Cooper township, Montour county, across the line into Columbia county. The information, which was lodged by Veterinarian J. O. Reed, agent and official representative of the State live stock sanitary board, represents in effect that on January 23rd, in the township of Cooper and county of Montour, William Custer knowingly, willfully and unlawfully violated and ignored the provisions of the regulations and quarantine of the State live stock sanitary board by driving, transporting and moving a hog over and upon the public roads and highways in said Cooper township without specific permission in writing from a duly qualified agent of said state live stock sanitary board, and further that he did at the same time and place knowingly, willfully and unlawfully move a hog from the said county of Montour into the county of Columbia contrary to the rules, regulations and quarantine of the State live stock sanitary board and contrary to the act of the general assembly. The warrant was served by Constable W. E. Young, Saturday afternoon, Mr. Custer entering bail for a hearing Monday morning. At the hearing he pleaded guilty to the charge but said that the violation of the quarantine order was thoughtlessly committed, without his taking all the consequences into consideration. The act of May 21st, 1896, which was violated by Mr. Custer, provides that any person willfully violating any of the provisions of this act or any regulation of the State live stock sanitary board shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one month or both at the discretion of the court. Hon. R. S. Ammerman, special attorney for the State live stock sanitary board, was present at the hearing. He concurred with the justice that in the present case a minimum penalty of twenty-five dollars might be imposed. Together with costs in the case the farmer was out of pocket about thirty-two dollars. It is believed that the effect will be to convince all persons that the State live stock sanitary board is positively in earnest and will enforce all the rules and regulations belonging to the quarantine. Should there be other violations Mr. Ammerman said the full penalty will be imposed, namely, one hundred dollars fine, if not imprisonment or both. Veterinarian J. O. Reed, the agent of the State live stock sanitary board, Monday explained that while all the farmers whose places were quarantined have been permitted to repair their barns and purchase cattle to replace those killed, yet the quarantine has by no means been removed in the usual sense of that word any more than the quarantine on the counties or on the public roads. At best the order can be regarded only as a modification of the quarantine order; and to show how completely the State live stock sanitary board has every farm on which the disease existed still under surveillance it need only be explained that each of the farms where repairing is in progress and cattle are being bought are visited regularly by Dr. Reed, as agent, who closely notes conditions. Dr. Reed devotes his time solely to the inspection of the above farms. He is unable to complete his round in one day, but his visits to any one farm are not more than a couple of days apart. Creaky's Ballot Bill. Representative W. T. Creaky has introduced in the House a bill to provide for the "vest-pocket" system of ballots. The bill provides that one-half of the tickets shall be given out Friday preceding election. A voter is entitled to tickets of both parties. At the polls the voter is to be given an official envelope in which to place his ballot. No man is entitled to aid in the booth under any circumstances the voter must destroy the tickets not used by himself. The purpose of the system, Mr. Creaky said, is to prevent any person having knowledge of how a citizen votes.

A QUESTION OF MORE POLES

The visit of Superintendent Brisbin before council Friday night brought out the fact that the Bell Telephone company, which has been doing business in Danville for many years, has no franchise, a circumstance which was as great a surprise to the company's representative as it was to the majority of the councilmen. Mr. Brisbin had prepared a large and elaborate blue print showing where the poles are located at present and where the company desires to plant new ones preparatory to installing a larger switch board. Under the circumstances all it could do was to submit the blue print and proceed to have an ordinance enacted. The latter was submitted to council and, on the advice of the borough solicitor, referred to the committee on law. As a matter of fact few of the corporations maintaining poles in the borough of Danville have been granted a special franchise; they have come in under the general ordinance regulating the construction, maintenance and annual licensing of poles, which permits telegraph, telephone and other companies to erect poles within the borough limits after making application of and securing permission of council. Mr. Brisbin desires a franchise conferring certain privileges, without which it will be inexpedient for the Bell company to go on with the improvements it has in view. As far as practicable he proposes that the additional poles shall be planted in the alleys. Some of the councilmen are averse to increasing the number of poles in the borough. Under the general ordinance poles can only be planted with the permission of council and whether the borough will confer special privileges on the company in question by granting the franchise asked for remains to be seen. It is quite evident that council does not intend to act hastily in the matter and that the proposed ordinance will be given due consideration by the committee on law. It is a subject that demands cool deliberate thought. Whatever the outcome may be it is hoped that it will be for the good of the borough and in line with civic enterprise.

SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

The school board held a regular meeting Monday night. The following members were present: Pursel, Orth, Barber, Swartz, Redding, Fish, Heiss, Lloyd and Cole. On motion of Dr. Barber it was decided to pay Prof. Magill \$7.50 extra compensation for taking charge of high school during the illness of Prof. Bickel. On motion of Mr. Lloyd the regular order of business was suspended and the report of the tax receiver on taxes yet unpaid was heard. This part of the proceedings occupied over an hour. Under the head of new business J. Newton Pursel, one of the delegates from Danville to the State educational convention at Harrisburg presented an interesting report of the proceedings, entering considerably into detail in describing several of the addresses. Many of the points advanced at the convention were discussed by the school board Monday, all seeming to take kindly to the advanced ideas. Following Mr. Pursel, Borough Superintendent Dieffenbacher, who attended the convention of the city and borough superintendents held in connection with the State educational convention, presented his report which was quite voluminous and well written. The following bills were approved for payment: A. G. Harris, \$4.65; Henry Holt & Co., 15.00; Ginn & Co., 78.56; D. M. Dieffenbacher, 10.12; Adams Ex. Co., .50; Standard Gas Co., 8.61; Freight and Drayage, 1.35; J. N. Pursel, 6.47; J. H. Cole, 6.47. WERE WEDDED NEAR RUSHTOWN A pretty wedding took place near Rushtown yesterday morning when Miss Mary Gertrude Eckman, the eldest daughter of Samuel A. Eckman, was united to Wellington Vastine Campbell. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride at 7 a. m. in the presence of the immediate friends and relatives of the couple. Rev. W. K. Preston, of the Rush Presbyterian church officiated, and Miss Reta Eckman rendered the wedding march. After the wedding breakfast, the newly wedded couple left on a bridal tour to Washington, Baltimore and other eastern cities. Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known throughout this section, and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

TOUCHING TRIBUTE TO DR. PARRY

The Mountain Ash male chorus of Wales last night rendered a concert in the opera house, which proved to be one of the rarest treats that the music loving people of Danville ever had the pleasure of listening to. Incidentally, the visit of the famous singers was marked by a beautiful and most touching tribute to the memory of our former townsman and composer of worldwide fame, Dr. Joseph Parry. A concert was planned for 11:30 at the Structural Tubing works, where Dr. Parry worked when a young man. All this, of course, was through the courtesy of the Structural Tubing company, which planned to close down the entire plant while the concert was in progress and also to throw open the doors of the works to all persons who might feel sufficient interest in the singers to care to hear the music. The singers arrived at Danville on the 10:30 Danville and Bloomsburg trolley car and were transferred to the Danville and Sunbury car, by which they were carried to the Structural Tubing works. By the time they arrived at the latter plant an enormous concourse of people had crowded into the mill, which barely left room for the singers. The signal had been given for closing down every department of the works and not a wheel anywhere was in motion. Near the western end of the mill where the most clear space is found a stage had been improvised, decorated with a large American flag. The singers were conducted to this stage by Mr. Thomas J. Price. By this time, including the employees of the works, there were about a thousand people in the mill. The singers were welcomed by James Scarlett, Esq. in a brief address, which abounded in beautiful sentiment. In behalf of the friends and fellow employees of Dr. Parry he welcomed them to the mill, where in the days before he was known to fame Dr. Parry toiled and where amid the hot iron first came the inspiration which quickened and stimulated him in those efforts at composition which finally opened before him such a useful and distinguished career. Mr. Scarlett told the singers that he hoped this greeting by the workmen of Danville would prove one of the most pleasant memories that they would carry with them to their home beyond the seas. In the name of the friends and fellow employees of Dr. Parry he thanked the singers for the beautiful tribute that they were bestowing on the memory of the great composer. Professor Glyndwr Richards, director, responded briefly—first speaking in Welsh; then in English. He said that Dr. Parry was known as well in Europe as in Danville—that there is not a mountain or dell in Wales but rings and echoes with his music and his name. Professor Richards announced that they would be singing as their opening number, "Arabella," one of Dr. Parry's earlier productions, which was composed while he was working in the very mill in which the singers then stood. The opening selection, he said, would be rendered in Welsh. Twenty-seven trained vocalists then formed a line and, without any accompaniment, began to sing. The effect was marvelous. To begin with, it is doubtful whether so many really superb voices were ever heard in this city before. The members of the chorus each an artist in himself, have sung together in constant regular practice for many years. The effect can easily be imagined. There was tone and blend and all the other qualities to go to make up a magnificent performance. The second selection—a hymn—was sung in English. In conclusion the employees of the works extended a vote of thanks and gave three rousing cheers. The singers responded with cheers, after which they were conducted by Mr. Price to a spot near by where Dr. Parry worked when an employe in the plant. LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT. The Mountain Ash choir was greeted by a large and select audience in the opera house last night. A lengthy program was rendered made up of choice selections, in connection with one of which appeared the name of Dr. Parry as composer. The music was rendered with superb effect. The audience was charmed and delighted and expressed appreciation by unstinted applause. Death of a Child William T., the little son of Mrs. Rhoda Mitchell, North Mill street, departed this life Tuesday night at the age of 6 years, 5 months and 14 days. Death was due to an attack of bronchial pneumonia. The funeral will be held at 3:45 o'clock Friday afternoon. Interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery. He is the happiest of men who finds his work and stays with it.

LINCOLN DAY OBSERVANCE

February 12th, the centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, will not pass in Danville without a fitting observance. Exercises appropriate to the day will be held in every school of the borough. In addition, a Lincoln birthday celebration will be held in the Grove church under the auspices of the Presbyterian Brotherhood. Never before was an event of the kind celebrated in the schools with such elaborate programs. For sake of convenience, in many instances two of the schools will unite in holding the exercises, and all the pupils of the borough will take part. The programs will consist of recitations, declamations, readings and music with a few addresses by veterans of the civil war. The exercises will be held between the hours of 1:30 and 2:30 p. m. At the conclusion of the exercises the visitors will be conducted through the various rooms of the school building where the written work embraced in the regular recitations will be on exhibition. The patrons of the schools along with the general public are invited to be present at the exercises. In the high school the program will be of especial interest, a representative of each literary society, of the faculty and the alumni association will participate. In the grades exercises will be held in the rooms as follows: First ward—Miss Gallagher, senior secondary; Miss Evans, 4th grade; Miss Tooley, 3rd grade; Miss Lovett and Miss Keim, 1st and 2nd grades. Second ward—Miss Goodall, grammar school; Miss Welsh and Miss Guest, senior secondary and 4th grade; Miss Shannon and Miss Reed, 2nd and 3rd grades; Miss Young and Miss Smith, 1st primary. Third ward—Miss Musselman and Miss Bennett, grammar school and senior secondary; Miss Blizard, 4th grade; Miss Mann and Miss Bondman, 2nd and 3rd grades; Miss Lawrence, 1st grade. Fourth ward—Miss Bloom, grammar school; Miss James, senior secondary; Miss Bird, 4th grade; Miss Rogers, 3rd grade; Miss Wilson and Miss Fry, two first grades. Miss Frick, Welsh hill. Hon. James Foster and Samuel Mills, veterans of the civil war, will each deliver addresses, the former in the schools of the third ward and the latter in the second ward. Several other veterans have been invited to speak and may respond favorably. AT GROVE CHURCH. At the Lincoln day celebration at the Grove Presbyterian church the Rev. John Conley Grimes, pastor of St. Peter's M. E. church, will deliver an oration on Abraham Lincoln. Music will be rendered by the Masonic Cathedral choir of Bloomsburg. Only those having cards will be admitted to the meeting. THEY WITNESSED SICKENING HORROR YORK, Pa., Feb. 10. In a blinding snow storm last night a trolley car on the Hanover line of the York Railway company, struck a buggy on the grade crossing at Braxbill's station, about four miles south of York, instantly killing two occupants. They were Mrs. Henry Young, 75 years old, and Daniel Gladfelter, her nephew, about 50 years old, on their way to their home to New Salem after a visit to a sick relative. The curtains of the buggy had been drawn to keep out the snow, and a curve and a hill shut the approaching car from view until it was close upon the team. To add to this, the motorman's view was obstructed by a sheet of snow caked upon the window before him. The car hit the buggy fairly, cutting the horse free, but grinding the vehicle to splinters and terribly mangleing its occupants. The car was derailed and the sickened passengers were marooned upon it while the crew recovered the bodies from beneath the wheels. Will Lecture Tonight. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, who is widely known as a reform worker, will deliver his lecture on "That Boy and Girl of Yours" at the Y. M. C. A. this evening. The lecture will be free and a cordial invitation is extended to all. An offering will be taken for the International Reform bureau which Dr. Crafts represents. Dr. Crafts has just returned from a 14 months' tour of four continents during which he spoke 288 times in many countries. Charles Williamson, of Chester, had a very narrow escape from death on Monday. While passing along Market street a heavy pinnacle from a cornice of a building fell, striking the rim of his hat in its descent.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Angle left yesterday for a several days' trip to Philadelphia. Robert Good, of Berwick, visited relatives in this city yesterday. Mrs. Harry Grove, of Sunbury, spent yesterday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hendrickson, Bloom road. Benjamin Bloom, of Trenton, N. J., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Bloom, Riverside. Miss Bessie Hess attended the Campbell-Eckman wedding at Rushtown yesterday. Miss Atta Gearhart, of Asbland, spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Scott Ammerman, East Market street. Pleasant Surprise Party. A pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huntington, Bloomsburg, R. F. D. No. 2, on Monday night, in honor of their daughter Laura's 22nd birthday. The evening was spent with music and games. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Meta Paul, Anna Krum, Harvey Crossley, Helen Mary-crum, Clark Blecher, Edna Shultz, Joseph Cramer, Charlie Ohl, Dora Wertman, Aida Shultz, Grier Sees, Lydia Hartman, Jasper Stettler, Olivia Fern, Geo. Heinbach, Emma Krum, Florence Blecher, Charles Thomas, Raymond Kasher, Laura Fry, Celia Beaver, Dora Mowrey, Wm. Blecher, Savannah Walter, Odessa Walter, Roy Fern, Grace Thomas, Ruth Thomas, Ruth Mowrey, Calvin Krum, Clarence Hartman, Jessie Ohl, Mary M. Ohl, Cleveland Boyer, Ursula Mowrey, James Beaver, Maud Fry, Norman Krum, Lottie Huntington, Ray Huntington, Lottie Huntington, Laura Huntington, Ethel Ohl, Clara Ivey, Guy Mowrey, Clara Moser. Roosevelt is pretty much of a president, seemingly eclipsing all his predecessors in strenuousness.