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ITEMS CONDENSED.

The school board of Tamaqua has decided to erect a seven-room annex to the high school at a cost of \$20,000.

Eastmore, a suburb of Harrisburg, has been annexed to the State capital and the result of the election was a big street parade and later a banquet.

The outlook in the coke regions is said to be better. Within the past ten days engagements aggregating 165,000 tons have been made.

D. M. Huthmaker, of Ransom, Luzerne county, claims to be the oldest office holder in the State. For forty-eight years he has been a justice of the peace.

Rev. Charles Schall, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Easton, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Greensburg.

When Thomas Mangan, of Pittston, a driver boy, attempted to throw a stretcher on a mule's back, the animal kicked him above the left ear and he was fatally injured.

While Mrs. Mary Burns, of Shenandoah, was answering a ring at the door bell at her home her little two-year-old daughter fell into a tub filled with hot water and was fatally scalded.

When Mrs. Edward Dougherty, of Harrisburg, arose Wednesday morning she found her husband dead at the bottom of a flight of stairs down which he had fallen. He was 70 years old.

The Rev. John I. Yotter, pastor of the Ebenezer Evangelical church at Reading, on Thursday at the risk of his life, stopped the progress of a runaway team and saved three children from almost certain injury.

By reason of an overheated stove the residence of Joseph Herzog, at Lakeville, Wayne county, was destroyed by fire. Two children, one aged 15 and the other 13, perished in the flames and the mother was badly burned before she escaped with her babe.

The official count of the contest in Rochester for the office of justice of the peace has resulted in the discovery that each of the two candidates has received 444 votes. Governor Stuart will be asked to solve the problem by making an appointment for one year.

Mrs. John T. McGee, of Columbia, was attacked by a highwayman on Wednesday night, while on her way home, and he grabbed her hand bag. She didn't faint, but instead as he grabbed the bag she struck him over the head with her umbrella. The blow staggered him and he ran away.

The body of Walter Sholl, a cigar maker, of Allentown, missing for two months, was found on Saturday in the Lehigh canal, near Rittersville.

The number of deaths in Philadelphia during last week was 649, of which fifty-five were from Bright's disease, fifty-three from tuberculosis and forty two from heart disease.

Peter Gross, a Lehigh county boy, who has become one of the greatest artists of Paris, has just presented to the city of Allentown a handsome landscape painting valued at over \$5,000.

On account of an epidemic of measles in Ridley Park, near Philadelphia, all of the schools are closed and no Sunday school sessions were held in any of the churches.

Fifty-one ministers have made application for the pastorate of the Oak Lane Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, made vacant by the recent resignation of Rev. Robert Hugh Morris, who accepted a call to Chicago.

Meyer Homiller, of Fern Rock, near Philadelphia, who is 93 years old, recently walked from his home to the new Walnut Lane bridge across the Wissahickon, and back, a distance of eleven miles, within five hours, and says he wasn't tired.

John Pollock, a miner of Clear Spring mine, near Wilkes-Barre, kept himself hid in a mine for five days, fearing arrest for a simple charge of assault and battery. On Saturday troopers of the State constabulary saw friends carrying two dinner buckets into the mine, and following found the refugee.

Two little Polish girls, Elizabeth Kuteh, aged 13, and Annie Kuca, aged 14, of Homestead, were arrested on Saturday on charges of larceny made against them by four Homestead jewelers. Many valuable articles have been stolen and the girls have become very expert thieves. One, it is stated, has confessed that they have been stealing for two years.

NEWTON SMITH RE-ELECTED

Newton Smith was re-elected superintendent of the light plant at a regular meeting of council Friday eve for the ensuing year at a salary of \$78 per month.

When the subject of light was brought up Mr. Moyer moved that Mr. Smith, who has been in charge for a couple of years past, be re-elected. At the instance of President Schatz Mr. Smith was called upon to make certain explanations relative to the employment of extra help for 'carbonizing' the lights.

Mr. Smith explained that he is living up to his contract, which places the operation and management of the light plant in his hands and does not oblige him to carbon the lamps, as he has quite enough to do without it.

The explanation seemed satisfactory and the motion being seconded was carried, Mr. Smith being elected unanimously at the former salary.

On motion of Mr. Pursel it was ordered that the sweepings on Mill street be sold to Mr. LeDuc at 75 cents per load during the coming year.

On motion of Mr. Pursel it was ordered that G. Fred Smith be granted permission to install a fish box in front of his oyster house on Mill street.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that the Danville and Sunbury Transit company be notified to replace the rail used on East Market street with a six-inch rail as provided in the ordinance within a period of sixty days.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that the Danville and Sunbury Transit company be requested to discontinue leaving its car standing on Mill street in front of the opera house during nights.

A petition was received from the People's Ideal Telephone company of Montour county asking on behalf of the members and patrons that an ordinance be adopted granting the above company the privilege of establishing in Danville a telephone exchange and such poles, wires, cables and other fixtures and apparatus as may be necessary to successfully carry out telephone communication between the subscribers of said company and the residents and business houses of Danville.

The petition was signed by Lloyd Bomboy, president, and D. A. Cox, secretary.

On motion of Mr. Angle it was ordered that the petition be laid on the table.

The following bills were approved for payment: BOROUGH DEPT. Regular employes \$127.50

J. H. Cole 8.23 D. L. Guest .50 A. C. Amesbury 43.19

People's Coal Yard 13.40 James Gibson 11.25 Dean Bros 10.80

U. S. Ex. Co. 40 Labor and hauling 19.63 Foster Bros .35

WATER DEPT. Regular employes \$166.00 Friendship Fire Co 33.73

Danville Fdy. & Mach. Co 15.90 P. H. Foust 74.85

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

MONTHLY MEETING OF MINISTERIUM

Rev. L. Dow Ott, pastor of Trinity M. E. church, read a very interesting paper before the Danville ministerium Monday morning, entitled 'The Making and the Destroying of Man.'

The paper was philosophic in tone and reflected a great deal of profound thought on the part of the author. The theme was a suggestive one and the paper opened up a wide field for discussion.

Rather more than the usual time was devoted to the interchange of opinion on the subject presented.

The Danville ministerium, of which the Rev. Dr. McCormack is president, and the Rev. L. W. Walter, secretary, meets the third Monday of each month in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Present Monday were: Revs. McCormack and Walter, president and secretary, Rev. L. Dow Ott, Rev. James Wellston Kirk, Rev. William Brill, Rev. John Conley Grimes and Rev. W. N. Wallis.

HARRY K. SCHOCH TAKES A PRIZE

Before a large audience at Susquehanna university, Selingsgrove, Pa. Grace A. Geiselman, of Hanover, Miss., Monday night contested in Seibert Hall for the annual prize offered by the local Conrad Wieser Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for the best essay written by a member of the senior class of Susquehanna University.

The essayists were privileged to choose for their subject any phase of the Revolutionary War. Harry K. Schoch, of Danville, also won the preliminary competition.

CONFIRMATION AT CHRIST CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. James Henry Darlington, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the diocese of Harrisburg, was present at Christ Episcopal church Sunday morning.

He preached a sermon, in addition to which the sacraments of the holy eucharist and confirmation were administered, six persons being admitted to the full privileges of the church and strengthened for the fulfillment of Christian duties.

Bishop Darlington's sermon on the occasion was an able and characteristic effort, founded on the last verse of the eighteenth chapter of St. Luke: 'And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people when they saw it gave praise unto God.'

The theme of the discourse was 'The Need of God in Our Lives.' The sermon in argument was most convincing and abounded in beautiful conceptions.

The speaker alluded to the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday of the present week. He expressed a hope that it would be devoutly kept—more so probably than in the past.

In this connection he dwelt upon the numerous blessings that we have to be thankful for. It is a good thing to think over these, he said.

Persons troubled with insomnia have been advised to count a hundred or more with the hope of inducing sleep.

To sleepless persons he would give the advice that they count their friends and this will lead them at last to God, the one real and true friend, who surpasses all others.

He dwelt most interestingly upon the peculiar significance of the number 'seven' not only as revealed in the scripture but also in the prayer book of the church.

In the bible the number seven recurs unceasingly. There were seven days during creation; the Hebrews' laws were outlawed after seven years, or seven times seven; seven blasts of the ram's horn; our Lord stood in the midst of seven candlesticks and the command was to forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven.

In the prayer book the predominance of 'seven' is not always noticed, but it is none the less significant. As an illustration he cited Ash Wednesday and the six Sundays following.

Epiphany was also significantly woven into the sermon and the visit of the Magi of the East to Bethlehem to see and worship the child Jesus was employed with effect.

Great painters, he said, in conceiving of heaven always painted the faces of babes as the best idea of life beyond. Very beautifully he enlarged under this head, explaining how many a person is brought back to the path of righteousness or held there by a baby hand—a star of life eternal.

Marriage, the speaker remarked, is a sacrament, but he regretted that married life is too often a sacrifice rather than a sacrament.

He alluded to the presence of Christ at the wedding feast and the fact of his miracle. The savior made wine, but the speaker regretted, that the fact is seized upon at the present day as an excuse for indulging in beer and whiskey.

We have none of Christ's wine—made from water—with us at the present day. Let Christ be invited to every wedding feast and there will be no question as to the kind of enjoyments that will be selected.

Let wedded couples live near to Christ and life in the married state may be made divine.

In succession the speaker took up each of the Sundays following Epiphany, drawing from it some lesson to aid in living aright.

Among those in the congregation, he said, were some who came because they desired to; there were others who were there because some one had prayed for them.

Prayers offered up long before, which were unheeded then, and which were thought to be lost, now in later years are coming back.

The wise man who came to the cradle of Christ were able to see the guiding star only in the night. In the same way we may first see our Epiphany star, when most needed, in times of trouble and sorrow.

Many a person who has wandered far astray is brought back to the paths of rectitude by the Epiphany star, which was first seen by them on bed of sickness.

The speaker urged the exercise of charity. When it is demonstrated that through methods other than those of our own church a man has found the Epiphany star, then, he said, it is our duty to recognize it and say that God is with him.

In conclusion he urged his congregation not to be led astray by false Christs. Some men, he said, show new methods of healing, but we are warned in the bible, he said, against false Christs who would show signs and wonders.

He urged his congregation not to be misled by 'shooting stars.' The coming of Christ will not be secret. When he comes we will all see and know him.

During the sermon Bishop Darlington very happily adverted to the fact that yesterday was the fifth anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. Edward Haughton at Christ Church. He was pleased to say that the congregation, under the rector's lead, had followed the star of Epiphany and thus prospered and in harmony had been led to the fifth anniversary.

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NO DECREASE IN PERCENTAGE

The school board held a regular meeting Monday night. The following members were present: Pursel, Orth, Barber, Swarts, Burns, Redding, Fish, Fischer, Lloyd, Heiss and Cole.

Mr. Fischer adverted to the rumor current to the effect that under the new form of monthly review adopted there is a falling off in percentage attained by high school pupils, the result being that probably one-half of them will not pass the final test.

Borough Superintendent Dieffenbacher being called upon explained that the rumor was wholly at variance with the facts as reported to him by High School Principal O. E. Bickel, which showed that there is no falling off in percentages, but that on the contrary, under the new order of things, there is a decided improvement along all lines.

Mr. Burns rubber tubing and chemicals were ordered purchased for the laboratory.

Mr. Burns called attention to the fact that there is a deficiency of chairs in the schools of the borough, so that visitors find very poor accommodation.

He said that each room ought to be furnished with additional chairs.

On motion of Mr. Swarts it was ordered that two or more chairs be purchased for each room, if needed.

The borough superintendent presented his report for the month ending February 8th. During the month 1167 pupils were registered.

The average total attendance for the month was 1079. The percentage of attendance was 95. Number of pupils who have not attended 75 per cent of the time belonged was given as 37.

On motion of Mr. Fischer a vote of thanks was extended to Thomas J. Price for chemicals and supplies presented to the laboratory of the high school. A vote of thanks was also extended to J. H. Cole, who furnished horse and wagon used in hauling the chemicals and supplies.

The following bills were approved for payment: O. M. Leniger \$ 3.05

P. A. Winters .60 Ginn & Co. 7.92

F. S. Webster Co. 7.50 Danville Sto. Mfg. Co. 18.43

Erza Haas 1.50 H. R. Edmondson 15.00

United Telegraph & Tel. Co. .35 Joseph Lechner 30.59

O. B. Savidge 17.26

TROUBLE LIVELY FOR BOTH SIDES

It is just five weeks from the first of April and the situation is that the coal operators and the mine workers are no nearer together today than they were five months ago—in fact they appear to be more widely separated—and the indications are becoming more apparent of either a bitter struggle between the contending forces or for a most humiliating back down by one or the other of the contending sides.

Many of those in close touch with the situation believe that the whole thing is a corporation bluff and that the leading mine workers and the leading coal magnates thoroughly understand their plans, but the whole thing may get away from them and there may be a great clash, in fact the greatest clash between capital and labor that this region has ever seen.

GRIP KEEPS PHYSICIANS BUSY

There is a general prevalence of grip throughout the community, which is keeping the doctors more or less busy. None of the cases, although they bring much discomfort and are apt to lay the patient up for a few days, prove very serious in themselves.

The trouble is that they may open the way for other diseases, notably pneumonia, and thus result seriously.

With the exception of grip there seems to be comparatively little sickness at present and the death rate is abnormally low, considering the season of the year.

There are more doctors per capita in New York City than in any other part of the country.

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WILL ORGANIZE NEXT MONDAY

The borough council for the year 1909-10 will be organized on next Monday night. The present council will go into session at 7:30 o'clock, transacting what business may be on hand, after which it will adjourn sine die.

The new council will convene at 8 o'clock. The four members whose terms have expired are as follows: First ward, John L. Russell; second ward, William Moyer; third ward, James Finnigan; fourth ward, Abram Angle.

James Finnigan, in the third ward, was re-elected. In the other wards the new members will be as follows: First ward, John R. M. Curry; second ward, William Heis; fourth ward, Jacob Von Blohm.

A member of council Tuesday stated that he did not think it likely that there will be a change in the police force or any other change of now in the positions filled by council.

The new council will find plenty of work ahead of it the coming year. Incidentally, it will have a few perplexing problems to solve. Not the least among the latter is the paving of East Market street.

This matter was brought up in council at the last meeting and it was the consensus of opinion that something will have to be done with this street the coming season, as the roadway has gone from bad to worse and the limit has now been reached.

Nevertheless it was not explained what remedy should be applied. It was made quite clear that practically the first step remains to be taken toward paving; that there is not the least assurance that the State will assist in the improvement of the street; also that all the obstacles that stood in the way of paving during the last three years still remain.

Borough Solicitor E. S. Gearhart has not abandoned hope that East Market street may be paved under the Act of May 1, 1905, which provides that where a portion of an important main highway passes through one or more townships, for the improvement of which application to the State highway department has been made, and where the failure of the borough to improve said highway would leave a break or unimproved section in the continuous improved highway, the State highway department may bear a portion of the expense of improvement of such highway, within the borough limits, to an amount not exceeding three-fourths of the total expense.

Mr. Gearhart takes the view that the Act of May 1, 1905, applies to East Market street, as the State has already improved the highway from Mandate, in Mahoning township, to Centre street, in the borough of Danville, and has also improved the same highway from the main entrance to the hospital grounds, in the same township, to a point in said borough, 610 feet west of its eastern boundary.

However, although the matter was taken up nearly a year ago, the State has not as yet been heard from favorably. Some doubt is expressed among the councilmen whether the presence of the street railway on East Market street may not cause complications fatal to the proposition of paving the thoroughfare with State aid and whether, if the street is paved at all, it will not have to be done as Mill street was paved, jointly by the borough, the property owners and the street railway company.

In either event, as above explained, all the work including preliminaries, remains to be done. To improve the street in some way will be one of the very first tasks that the new council will have to address itself to.

East Front street, especially the sidewalk, is in very nearly as bad a condition as East Market street. The paving of this street, which meets with very little opposition from property owners, was very seriously considered by council last summer. The improvement of the street will no doubt come up again this season and will be one of the first problems that council will have to wrestle with.

The widening and other improvements on West Mahoning street, in which council showed no disposition to temporize last year, will probably be made the subject of strong petition again next summer. What view of the demands the new council may take remains to be seen.

Last but not least we have the problem of providing for the disposal of sewage, as the borough has already received notice from the State department of health to discontinue discharging its sewage into the river. In what manner the bill pending, which provides that the State pay one-half of the cost of sewage disposal, if it becomes a law, may assist in complying with the act remains to be seen. At best under the circumstances it is feared that council will have a weighty proposition on its hands.

One's old friends are the best, after all, though new ones are not to be despised.

CHICKEN THIEVES AT DEWITT'S PARK

Dr. DeWitt on visiting his park at Riverside made a discovery, which throws additional light on the stealing of chickens, which up to a week past was carried on so extensively in this locality.

On the night that Philip Pollock's chickens were stolen Oliver Hoover, of the south side had a valuable horse blanket carried off. The theft was at once associated with the chicken thieves, who, it was believed, found Mr. Hoover's fowls to difficult to get at, and who rather than go away empty handed stole the horse blanket.

Several places were searched for the blanket, as it was believed that it would prove a clue to the chicken thieves.

Dr. DeWitt yesterday went to the park to see whether any damage had been done by the heavy rain. At the merry-go-round he found the rubber blanket, used to cover the organ, missing.

On approaching the kitchen at another part of the park he found the door broken open. Inside he beheld a curious sight.

Spread on the floor was his rubber blanket along with a horse blanket, while nearby was a pile of chicken feathers and eight chicken heads.

It did not take Dr. DeWitt long to decide that the park kitchen had been used by chicken thieves and that the fowls killed were evidently those stolen from Mr. Pollock, who lives near the park, as the number of chicken heads found—eight—corresponded with the number of chickens stolen at that place.

Dr. DeWitt visited Mr. Pollock and told him of the discovery. Mr. Pollock accompanied Dr. DeWitt back to the park and identified the chicken heads and the feathers as belonging to his chickens.

Later Mr. Hoover identified the horse blanket as the one stolen from his place.

In the park kitchen the thief had built a fire and heated water for the purpose of scalding the chickens so that they could be picked more easily.

The blankets were used to lie upon after the work was finished while waiting for morning.

MUDDY ROADS PREVAILING

The nearly continuous rains have produced mud by the wholesale not only on the country roads but also in the streets of town.

At such times the residents of the south side, where the sidewalks are unpaved, have a hard time of it. There is no opportunity to escape from the mud. All about the station and on the street leading to the bridge the mud lies deep and is a sample of what may be seen nearly everywhere on the south side.

On the bridge approach yesterday morning a large portion of the sidewalk on the east side gave way sliding over the side of the steep embankment, leaving a yawning chasm. The place was filled up during the day.

The only difference between the present and other seasons is that the mud has made its appearance several weeks earlier than usual. The frost being all out of the ground, unless freezing follows, it is not impossible that the roads may soon begin to dry off.

It is to be feared, however, that springlike conditions have arrived too early to continue and that during March the roads will be uniformly bad.

LETTERS ANNOY POULTRY FANCIER

Charles M. Farnitz, the south side poultry fancier, who has charge of the poultry department of the American Press Association, is beginning to pay the penalty for being famous.

Among his correspondence nearly every day or so is a letter from some distant point inspired by something which has appeared in his poultry columns.

The writers as a rule are quite cranky and ask absurd questions concerning poultry breeding. Some of the missives are unsigned. The letters on the whole might be very amusing if they were not so numerous.

Among the letters are several from the Pacific coast or the middle west written by persons who knew Mr. Farnitz in early life, but who had lost all trace of him until they saw his name as editor in the poultry columns of one or the other of the innumerable publications of the United States that patronize the American Press Association.

Wife's Champion Stabbed.

While walking along the street in West Butler, on Monday evening, Ernest Genung resented what he regarded as insults to his wife, when he was attacked by a gang of ten street loiterers, who beat him and several stabbed him, and Mr. Genung was knocked down. Mr. Genung's condition is quite critical.

WORK FOR A BOARD OF TRADE

There is a general sentiment prevailing that Danville should have a board of trade holding regular meetings. Such an organization existed in the past and accomplished much good. Danville has had no board of trade, or at least no meetings have been held by that body, for some five years past.

There is always plenty for a board of trade to do in the way of the protection and advancement of a town's business interest. If the general conditions are unfavorable for the building up of new industries as at present, there are always industries already in existence to be looked after and safeguarded. It might be worth while to know how much can be done by a local board of trade to modify conditions in a town that prove adverse to one or more of its industries, thereby enabling the concerns to continue in operation and to prosper, whereas without such assistance the same industries might be obliged to close down or to seek new locations.

Mr. J. H. Goesser, formerly president of the board of trade, yesterday expressed regret that nothing is done by the town to indicate its attitude concerning the proposition to annex South Danville and Riverside so confidently advanced by leading residents on the south side a couple of weeks ago. He adverted to the fact that the present tendency everywhere is toward consolidation and that, as we are situated a "greater Danville" above all things is desirable. Not a moment should be lost, he said, in meeting the residents of the south side half way and agreeing upon all the preliminaries.

Had we a board of trade such action as necessary in the premises would no doubt be taken without delay, and, under proper guidance, annexation, instead of being permitted to die in the bud, would become a reality.

It is a well known fact that an armory for the national guard, a proud imposing building erected by the State, is within reach of the town, if proper action be taken by its citizens. Yet so far as known no decided action—if any at all—has been taken, and an armory for Danville, which was possible a couple of years ago, is still remotely in the future. It affords another instance in which a board of trade could be of service to the town by doing what the citizens at large have neglected to do and doing it promptly and at the right time.

FLOOD WARNING WAS SENT OUT

A flood warning foreshadowing alarming conditions, sent out from Harrisburg by Forecaster E. B. DeMain, Tuesday night, was posted up in the post office window yesterday morning. It created considerable alarm for awhile, especially among those people who occupy portions of the town subject to overflow. As the day wore away, however, it became apparent that Danville was in no immediate danger.

The forecast—issued on Tuesday evening—stated that the rainfall would likely be heavy over the Susquehanna valley during the following 36 hours; that there were decided rises in all streams of the Susquehanna system and that flood stages might be expected on some. The north branch, on which there was already quite a flood, as the effect of additional rains, it was expected would become very high.

As predicted the downpour of rain was quite general over this section. The frost having disappeared, the ground drank up the water in enormous quantities and neither Blizzard's run nor Mahoning creek rose high enough to do any damage as is usual with floods at this time of year.

By yesterday afternoon it was quite evident that Danville had nothing to fear from either of the above streams.

As related to the river, however, things were not so certain. The water yesterday morning stood at 12½ feet, which was 2 feet lower than the river was on Washington's birthday. During yesterday, however, it rose steadily and last night was approaching the fourteen foot mark. If the rain proved as general over the north branch valley as predicted we may have very high water on the river during the next twenty-four hours.

Skull Fractured With Ax.

While stooping to peer into a ground hog hole, near Greenville, Mercer county, on Monday, Perry Plough, aged 12 years, was struck on the head with an ax in the hands of Noel Dixon, a companion. His skull was fractured and he may not recover.

Exhibition Postponed.