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ITEMS CONDENSED.

Just after Mrs. William West, of near Bethlehem, had returned home from the funeral of a friend on Thursday, she fell down stairs, sustaining fatal injuries.

A number of trainmen on the Shamokin branch of the Reading railroad were suspended on Thursday for an indefinite period, owing to the dullness of trade.

After attending to feeding and milking the cows in his barn the other day, near Sandertown, Montgomery county, Harry Alderfer went up into the hay mow and hanged himself.

Auditors investigating the books of St. Michael's Greek Catholic church in Sharon, report shortages that may amount to \$15,000. A former treasurer of the congregation has been arrested and is under bond of \$3000 to appear before court for trial.

Irvin A. Lewis was hanged in West Chester on Thursday for the murder of his five-year-old stepdaughter, and Frank Palmer suffered a similar fate at Reading on the same day for the murder of a woman while in a jealous rage.

Wild geese winging their way north ward have been so numerous in portion of Lehigh and Northampton counties that they are doing much harm to wheat fields as they settle down in large flocks and soon clip off all the small green blades of wheat.

Michael Lesko, aged 32 years, and married, of Duquesne, was buried under tons of iron ore by a cave-in at the Duquesne steel works on Wednesday night. He was not missed until early Thursday morning, when the removal of several carloads of ore from a bin revealed his lifeless body.

There are thirty cases of whooping cough in Brockton and twenty in Kaska, Schuylkill county, and the schools in both towns have been closed. Scarlet fever and diphtheria are also prevalent in that section of the county, and the State health officials have taken action.

Daniel Hartung, of Wehr, in the Schuylkill valley, has a pumpkin in his cellar raised during the summer of 1907 that is still in good condition.

The schools of Colebrookdale township, Berks county, have all been equipped with a library by the school board.

Harleysville, Montgomery county, is installing an electric light plant. It is the smallest town in the state, it is claimed, that has such a plant.

The Liberty knitting mills, at Boyertown, Berks county, which had been closed for nine months, has resumed work with prospects of continuing regularly.

Nearly two miles of linen bandages were rolled by fifty King's Daughters of the Moravian church, at Bethlehem, on Saturday, for the leper hospitals at Jerusalem, in the Holy Land, and Surinam, South Africa.

A rivalry between Pennsburg and East Greenville, Montgomery county, to build the greatest number of houses in a year has started two great building booms. Nearly fifty houses have been contracted for with East Greenville slightly in the lead.

After an agitation begun twenty years ago, Philadelphia is now every where supplied with filtered water instead of the disease breeding sewerage that has been served in the past. Actual work was begun on the big project nine years ago and the expense has been \$26,000,000.

A large butchering took place on the farm of Samuel Rupp, near Bareville, Lancaster county, on Friday, when William Hermis slaughtered for Mr. Rupp a steer which weighed, dressed 1,660 pounds and four hogs whose combined weight was 2,904 pounds, dressed, an average of 726 pounds each.

Mrs. Sarah Jacoby, aged 70 years, twice a widow, and Rev. Jonas H. Price, aged 69 years, of Richland, Bucks county, were quietly married at the bride's home Saturday night. Rev. Mr. Price was formerly a Presbyterian minister but now conducts a tailoring establishment having thirty-five employees.

Ernest Hoey, a farm hand, in Peters township, Washington county, was painfully injured on Saturday by an eagle which had attacked and knocked down a little daughter of his employer. Hoey shot at the bird with a revolver and crippled one of its wings. He undertook to capture it when it fought him desperately, sinking its talons deeply into his leg and body several times before he killed it.

DANGEROUS BLAZE AT BIG MILL

A stubborn fire broke out at the Reading Iron works Saturday night and for half an hour or so the fate of the extensive and well-equipped plant hung in the balance. That it was saved was due to the prompt arrival, hard work and co-operation of the firemen.

The fire broke out soon after seven o'clock in a building at the rear, between the mill and the canal, so near the former that there is barely room for a cart to pass between. The building contained the clay mixer, a quantity of clay, tools and other supplies belonging to the bricklayers. In the building was an engine also, used to operate the ore crusher, the latter being installed in the mill proper, a long belt connecting the two. In order to keep the clay in good condition for the usual Sunday repairs it is said that a stove in the building that burned was kept fired up Saturday evening.

In the mill Saturday evening were two firemen and a couple of watermen. When the fire in the clay house was discovered it had already spread considerably and was eating into the roof. The men worked heroically endeavoring to extinguish the fire with water carried in buckets.

Meanwhile the fire eating its way through the roof was seen by Clarence Haupt, Orville Switzer and others living on West Swanton street, who, with breathless haste, ran by way of Mill street down to the mill, on the way sending in an alarm to the Friendship engine house. About the same time persons at the corner of Mill and Northumberland streets began to detect a thin cloud of smoke accompanied with the odor of burning wood floating up from the mill over town. To investigate the cause several men went down to the mill and arrived on the ground early enough to be of special service in fighting the fire.

Unfortunately the fire occurred on the last Saturday night of the month and about the hour when the firemen hold their regular meeting. The most of those who heard the bell, therefore, thought it was the usual call for a meeting and were not in the least disturbed. The usual Saturday night crowd was out on Mill street and the first intimation the people had that there was a fire was when the Friendship hose wagon drawn by a horse went dashing down the street. The hose wagon was observed to turn down Northumberland street and a few minutes later the big crowd was transferred from Mill street to the Reading Iron works. When the fire was at its height there were probably two thousand people on the ground.

All four fire companies of the borough, as well as the Rescue Fire company of Sidler hill, were present at the fire. Despite the best efforts of the watchmen and the watermen the building when the firemen arrived was a seething mass of flames, which had communicated to the pump house standing only a few feet east of the building in which the fire originated.

The Continental boys rushed into the mill and attached their hose to one of the plugs on the inside. The Friendship and Goodwill companies connected with a plug just opposite the mill on the north side of Northumberland street. The Washington fire company, which reached the mill after a long and wearisome pull through the muddy streets, connected with a plug at the Mahoning creek bridge and had unreeled its hose when it learned that its aid would not be needed.

The firemen at once addressed themselves to the doubtful task of saving the pump house, which was already burning rapidly, as if this building were destroyed, it would necessitate a general shut down of the plant. While the firemen were working on the pump house the other building in which the fire started was burning rapidly; every inch of the roof was on fire, the flames leaping skyward to the height of twenty feet or more. A brisk south west wind had arisen, which carried the flames over the mill, huge fire brands raining down upon the roof.

As soon as the fire was subdued in the pump house the firemen concentrated their efforts on the clay house and succeeded in extinguishing the fire, but not until the building was practically destroyed.

No estimate of the damage has as yet been made. The company carries an insurance. It is not probable that the damage done will result in much, if any delay, at the mill. An attaché of the company Saturday night said it was not known how the fire originated.

Painting Store Front.

The front of Fallon's store is being improved by several coats of paint. When finished all the woodwork will be white. At the upper end of the store an inclosed booth has been installed, where articles can be purchased from the street. D. O. McCormick is doing the painting.

THREE MONTHS IN COUNTY JAIL

Mrs. Minnie Ashton, whose arrest for keeping a disreputable house was noted Tuesday morning, pleaded guilty before Judge Evans Saturday morning and was sentenced to three months in the county jail.

The case was one of those in which the defendants decided to take advantage of the recent act of assembly, which provides that persons held for court may plead guilty between the regular terms and thereby avoid long imprisonment awaiting trial.

The formality of pleading to the indictment was quickly disposed of when in order to obtain a knowledge of all the circumstances the court ordered the hearing of witnesses.

Officer John Grier Voris being called explained the circumstances of the raid. He said the officers were called about one o'clock Sunday morning, 21st inst. They were informed that a man had been "done up" at the Ashton place. They found the man, who was badly out above the eye and whose face was bruised and assisted him to his home. The injured man said "he had been 'done up' at Minnie Ashton's but he did not know by whom?"

Continuing, Officer Voris said they heard the most boisterous proceedings inside the house, the language being shockingly vulgar and profane. They then decided to raid the house, the witness going to the front door and Chief Mincemoyer to the back door. Without much difficulty they secured admission, when they found three women and five men in the house. The evidence was of a very unsavory nature.

Chief of Police Mincemoyer on being called to the stand corroborated the testimony of the assistant police.

In conclusion Mrs. Ashton was called upon to testify in her own behalf. She is 33 years of age, she said, a widow, whose husband has been dead about three years. She had pleaded guilty, but explained that she had been "drawn into the affair" by the two women whom she admitted to her house as boarders "at two dollars per week." Up to four weeks ago she declared her house had a good reputation. She was in ill health she explained, as the result of a surgical operation and altogether was a helpless victim of circumstances.

Attorney Ralph Kiser made an eloquent and effective plea for clemency. In passing sentence Judge Evans explained that the maximum penalty for keeping a house of the sort attributed to the defendant was a fine of \$1000 and two years in the county prison. A less penalty, merely for a "disorderly" house, is \$500 fine and a year's imprisonment. In Columbia county, Judge Evans explained that he had imposed a sentence of \$500 fine and three months' imprisonment on a woman, who was keeping a disreputable house. In Mrs. Ashton's case, he said, as it was not shown that she had profited much in a financial way he would not be quite so severe.

The sentence of the court was that Minnie Ashton pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of six cents to the Commonwealth for the use of Montour county and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a period of three months.

KATE B. JONES INSTITUTES SUIT

Mrs. Kate B. Jones, proprietor of a dairy farm in Valley township, has instituted a suit against the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company to recover damages for fences and crops destroyed by fire caused by sparks from locomotives on the above named railroad, which intersects Mrs. Jones' farm. The case was instituted Monday by Hon. R. S. Ammerman.

The courts of this State, it would seem, are disposed to hold the rail-ways responsible for fires started by locomotives.

Two damage suits against the Delaware, Lackawanna, & Western Railroad were tried together at Sunbury last week and were won by the plaintiffs.

Rosanna Reed recovered \$270 for damages done timber land set on fire by sparks from an engine in Point township, Northumberland county. Hiram Klapp, with a similar case, was awarded \$220. Both cases relate to damage done between Danville and Cameron.

Killed Large Beef.

A very large steer, weighing 2015 pounds, was killed at Divil's slaughter house on Tuesday evening and was dressed by Samuel Detwiler and Lewis Dietz. Larger beefs have been slaughtered in Danville from time to time, but the one in question exceeds by some six hundred pounds the largest killed in this city for some years.

The eyes of the country are turned toward Washington.

NEW COUNCIL ORGANIZES

The new council organized Monday night. All the former officers were re-elected with the exception of E. S. Miller, street commissioner and market master. This position was abolished and the duties divided between the superintendent of the water works and the two policemen. The meeting was harmonious and the business was rushed through in little over an hour.

ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

The twelve councilmen who served during the year 1908-9 went into session at 7:30 o'clock. The following members were in their places: Schatz, Cleverhart, Parsel, Finnigan, Jones, Everhart, Moyer, Russell, Deutsch, Marshall and Connolly.

Charles P. Hancock, president of the Danville and Sunbury Transit company, presented the bond of that company, which on motion was laid over until next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Jones it was ordered that necessary repairs be made on the Friendship hose carriage.

On motion of Mr. Russell it was ordered that an order be drawn in favor of the People's coal yard in payment for four car loads of coal.

On motion of Mr. Everhart a vote of thanks was extended to the retiring chief burgess, William J. Rogers, for the efficient service rendered the borough.

In the same manner, on motion of Mr. Everhart, it was ordered that a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring councilmen.

Andrew Schatz, the president, in a graceful address extended thanks to council for the support he received and the courtesies uniformly extended him by the members during the year past.

On motion of Mr. Angle council adjourned sine die.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

At 8 o'clock the councilmen to serve during the councilmanic year 1909-10 went into session, with Chief Burgess Amesbury in the chair. Three new faces, taking the places of the retiring members, appeared in the circle of councilmen: John R. M. Curry, first ward; William Iles, second ward; Jacob Von Blohn, fourth ward.

Andrew Schatz was re-elected president of council and Harry Patton, secretary, and receiver of water rent. With the exception of E. S. Miller all the old officers were re-elected without opposition, as follows: Borough treasurer, Harry Ellenbogen; chief of police, J. C. Mincemoyer; assistant policeman, J. G. Voris; borough engineer, G. F. Keefer.

E. S. Miller, as street commissioner and market master was defeated by the following vote:

Years—Jones, Parsel and Cleverhart. Nays—Deutsch, Marshall, Curry, Everhart, Iles, Finnigan, Connolly and Von Blohn, Mr. Schatz not voting.

On motion of Mr. Connolly it was ordered that P. J. Keefer, as superintendent of the water works assume charge of the work on the street; also that the chief of police and assistant policeman assume the duties of market master.

At this point in the proceedings Chief Burgess Amesbury retired and Mr. Schatz, the president-elect, took the chair.

The rules governing council were then read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Parsel it was ordered that the salaries remain the same as last year.

On motion of Mr. Finnigan it was ordered that the bonds required be the same as formerly.

On motion of Mr. Deutsch it was ordered that the time for holding meetings be the same as last year, the first and third Friday nights of the month.

CONFERRED ON APPOINTMENTS

A very important meeting was held Tuesday in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church in Harrisburg. Bishop Hamilton and the district superintendents of the conference met in a preliminary gathering of the cabinet of the conference, to confer on the adjustments of the different appointments to be made when the conference convenes on March 24. The men in attendance were Bishop Hamilton; Dr. Thomas S. Wilcox, of Williamsport district; Rev. E. C. Connor, of Altoona, of the Altoona district; Dr. R. H. Gilbert, of Berwick, of the Danville district; Rev. Emory S. Stevens, of Carlisle, of the Harrisburg district; Dr. W. W. Evans, of Huntingdon, of the Juniata district.

B. B. BROWN HEALTH OFFICER

The board of health held a meeting Tuesday for the purpose of effecting an organization for the ensuing year. The following were present: Dr. P. C. Newbaker, first ward; J. Newton Parsel, second ward; J. H. Fry, third ward; Robert Farley, fourth ward. The term of James Shultz, first ward, has expired, and will be filled by council at its next meeting.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. P. C. Newbaker; secretary, Dr. Cameron Shultz; health officer, B. B. Brown.

The salary of the secretary and of the health officer was made the same as last year, the former at \$50 per year and the latter at 25 cents per hour.

Secretary Dr. Shultz read the minutes of the previous meeting, held nearly a year ago, after which he presented a report showing that among other things he had received and turned over to the borough treasurer the sum of \$72.32 in the form of milk licenses. Several dairymen have not yet paid.

MARCAVITCH CLOSELY WATCHED

Sheriff Taby has not as yet received the warrant from Governor Stuart for the execution of Stany Marcavitch. However the authorities at the Northumberland county prison are taking extraordinary precautions in their care of the prisoner.

Turnkey Deveraux who has charge of the prisoner, has made a thorough search of his cell for any implements by which the prisoner could effect his escape or self destruction. He has also screened the windows in such a way that nothing could be passed in to the prisoner from the outside.

On account of these precautions Stany has begun to suspect that his end is near but knows nothing.

When he is notified by the sheriff, he will be guarded closely and carefully both night and day.

A CHANGE OF PRACTICE

A new rule relating to appointment of carriers went into effect in the post office department Monday. Heretofore it has been the practice in filling a vacancy in the position of rural carrier to request preference for the substitute assigned to the route on which the vacancy exists, if he is and has been a bonded substitute for six months or more and his name appears on the eligible register.

This practice is changed and hereafter certification will be requested in favor of the substitute at the office where the vacancy exists who has the highest rating on the list of eligibles submitted and who is and has been a regularly bonded substitute for six months or more.

The above change of practice will materially affect the chances of appointment of several men in line at the local post office.

AN ACTION IN TRESPASS

The borough of Danville has another damage suit on its hands instituted by Mr. Blizzard, who was plaintiff in a number of damage suits against the borough a few years ago.

Summons were served on Chief Burgess W. J. Rogers, by Sheriff Williams a few hours before the former went out of office on Monday afternoon.

The plaintiff as in former cases seeks to recover for alleged unsanitary conditions along the run on the Blizzard property.

The general impression was that the laying of the sewer along Blizzard's run removed all cause for complaint and the news of fresh litigation comes as a surprise to most people.

MODEL PIGGERY IS COMPLETED

The luxuriant piggery with steam heat, electric light, etc., at the hospital for the insane, which has been so much commented upon during the year past, is now finished and is occupied by porkers.

The new piggery provides for warm and specially prepared swill, which is no doubt relished by the hospital swine. Whether the latter have any appreciation for the finely appointed \$5000 piggery, however, with its big yards, artistic verandas, etc., is another matter.

JURORS NOTIFIED NOT TO APPEAR

March court, which was to have convened next Monday, has been declared off. Judge Evans came down to Danville yesterday and after examining into conditions made an order to the above effect.

January court, it will be recalled was declared off in the same manner. This action was not unprecedented, as it had occurred on two previous occasions that the jurors had been notified not to appear. The present, however, is the first instance in the history of Montour county that court twice in succession has been declared off.

The last regular session of court was held last September. The next session will occur in the first week of June. With January and March court omitted the period during which there has been no regular session of court is nine months.

The above described conditions are no sign that the millennium is approaching. A nearly full jail reminds us that the law is still violated in Montour county. The cause of the changed conditions relating to court lies rather in the practice of pleading guilty between terms now generally followed by persons indicted.

The order made by Judge Evans is as follows:

And now, March 3, 1909, it appearing to the court that there will be no bills of indictment or other matters to be laid before the grand jury or causes to be tried in the quarter sessions or common pleas at the next term of court to be held the week beginning March 8th, 1909, it is therefore ordered and directed that the sheriff of Montour county notify the grand jurors and the petit and traverse jurors summoned to appear March 8, 1909, that their attendance will not be required at said term of court beginning March 8, 1909.

CHARLES C. EVANS, P. J. JUST SIXTY YEARS AGO

Our townsman C. P. Hancock, president of the Danville and Sunbury Transit company, while looking over some old papers the other day came across a hand bill in an excellent state of preservation, put out by D. C. Hartman, agent for Hancock and Foley, of this city. The bill bears the date of June 6, 1840.

Among the product of Hancock and Foley's mill are enumerated: "Light 'T' rails, flat and round top, weighing from 27 to 35 pounds per yard, for mines, turn-outs, landings, &c.; flat R. R. bars all sizes, bar iron, &c., made of the best charcoal pig."

The lack of facilities for transportation, which existed at that day, is revealed in the following sentence: "Bills of iron for Hazleton and Beaver Meadows will be delivered at Berwick."

The concluding paragraph reads as follows: "Expecting a permanent market in the coal regions the proprietors of the Kough and Ready Mill will always be in readiness to furnish at a reasonable price such descriptions of iron as the wants of coal operators and others may demand and ask for such a share of patronage as their fair dealing, industry and enterprise shall be found to merit at the hands of those whose interest it is to encourage home manufactures."

SUDDEN DEATH OF SO. SIDE FARMER

William W. Mutchler, a well-known farmer, residing near Union Corner, in East Rush township, Northumberland county, died yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock of an attack of heart trouble.

The deceased was aged 68 years. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Pency and Mrs. Charles Klein, of Bear Gap, and a son Charles, who lives at home.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning, meeting at the home at 10 o'clock. Services will be conducted in Vought's Lutheran church, Mayberry township, by Rev. J. W. Shannon.

Too Poor to Pay Heart Balm.

William Meisberger, the Coal township school director, who was ordered last week by a Northumberland county jury to pay Miss Rebecca Metz \$3000 because he grew tired of his affinity and married another girl, asked for a new trial Tuesday. Among other reasons, he alleged he was too poor to have had such a big award to liquidate.

Mrs. E. Fletcher, Mrs. Silas Kitchen and Mrs. Mary Hower, of Bloomsburg, spent yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ricketts, Little Ash street.

Genius is generally considered a troublesome guest.

MR. ROCKWELL RESUMES WORK

George W. Rockwell of Sunbury, who has the contract for filling up the canal at the hospital for the insane, after a long suspension, yesterday resumed work on the proposition.

When obliged to shut down by cold weather, Mr. Rockwell had completed the actual work of filling up the old waterway, which constituted a prodigious job in itself. Before abandoning the work he removed the big dredging machine back to the hospital ground, where it will be used in replacing the fertile soil scooped out of the bed of the canal before filling up began and which, like a long window of earth, lies along side the canal the entire length of the hospital ground.

The first work tackled yesterday morning was the removal from the canal of the narrow gauge railroad used by the dingy and cars in hauling cinder. In a day or so the dredging machine will be under steam again and the last stage of the long and tedious job will soon be completed.

HORSE IMPERILED.

Henry Jones of this city yesterday came within an ace of losing a valuable horse while employed by Mr. Rockwell at the hospital. It appears that the canal, although filled up, serves as a drain for the great basin lying between the railroad and the river. The fine cinder mixed with water, is as treacherous as a bed of quicksand.

Mr. Jones, who was the only man near the spot, was engaged in dragging the rails from the bed of the filled up canal. He was working just above the culvert which leads to the main entrance of the hospital ground, where before filling up, the old waterway was dredged out to the depth of over ten feet.

Without suspecting danger, the led the horse—a heavy black—out over the canal, when all of a sudden the animal sank in up to his sides and every moment seemed sinking deeper. In an instant Mr. Jones realized that he was about to lose a valuable horse, but he was almost powerless to render assistance. The sagacious animal, however, by struggling desperately managed to keep his head and the upper part of his body above the deep mass of loose and moving cinder. Probably a horse never struggled harder, yet several times it seemed that he would sink to the bottom. Mr. Jones, who himself had difficulty to keep from sinking, held on to the horse's bridle and thus leading and encouraging him succeeded in getting him near the canal bank where in his struggles the animal succeeded in striking solid ground with his feet. Newly exhausted finally he dragged himself from the canal.

BURGLARS' HAUL AT CATAWISSA

The burglars who for some time have been working along the West Branch, notably at the Millinburg post office and at the Groover store in Lewisburg, have struck the North Branch, two places, one at Mainville and the other at Catawissa, having been robbed Monday night. At Kester's mill, at Mainville, little or nothing was secured, but at Catawissa they made a rich haul where goods to the value of about \$200 were taken from the store of Alfonso Baker. An entrance into the store had been effected by breaking the window pane. The goods taken consisted of a large quantity of cigars, expensive candy, meerschaum pipes and other notions.

By raising a window in the grist mill of J. B. Kester at Mainville some time during Monday night burglars effected an entrance into the building, but secured nothing for their trouble. Going to the mill Tuesday morning, Ray Miller, an employe at the mill, discovered the back door of the mill open, and upon going to the barn he discovered several sacks of flour on the ground. It is thought that they were after flour and had been frightened as one of the sacks had evidently been thrown upon a pile of wood, and was burst.

JUMBO SHEDS HIS ANTLERS

Hon. Alexander Billmeyer paid this city a visit yesterday, circulating very pleasantly for several hours among old friends.

Mr. Billmeyer states that the various tribes of animals in his game preserve have begun to show great activity under the influence of the mild weather of several days past.

Animals, Mr. Billmeyer says, dislike cold weather. That they enjoy the early spring, he said, no one will doubt who observes their antics about this time.

On Monday Jumbo, the big elk shed his antlers, which occurs annually and is an event of considerable interest at the game preserve.