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## ITEMS CONDENSED.

While Samuel J. Kistler, aged 5 years, of Kistler Valley, near Bethlehem, was on Thursday playing with his brother and sister, when he fell into a tub of hot water and was scalded to death.

James Howell, of Bethlehem, while under the influence of liquor Thursday stole several bolts of lace in M. H. Kresig's store, but was seen and arrested. On his way to jail he said "that was a dear drink I took today."

Restaurant proprietors of Reading have complained to councils against the permission of lunch wagons to do business on the principal streets and the law and ordinance committee of councils is giving the problem consideration.

While William Youles, of Wilkes-Barre, was recently attempting to place a mule on a cage to lower it to a mine, the animal kicked him on the face. Lockjaw developed five days ago and on Thursday he died in great agony.

By the breaking of parts of the big blooming mill at the South Sharon works of the Carnegie Steel company, on Thursday, work which had been just begun that morning was suddenly stopped and cannot be resumed for about a month.

Mrs. Mary Drake, of Coudersport, who was accused of having tied her ward, Irene Marvin, aged 7 years, and then flogged her with a horse-whip, pleaded guilty on Thursday before court and was sentenced to seven months in the Potter county jail.

Cassius Brockway, an aged and wealthy farmer living four miles from Greenville, Mercer county, was tortured by burglars on Wednesday night and robbed of some money, a gold watch and chain and other valuables. His recovery is doubtful.

Edward Colston, the aged watchman at Kaufman's knitting mills, in Norristown, who was brutally assaulted and struck in the eye with a piece of iron pipe, a few nights ago, by some burglars who had entered the mill, had his injured eye removed on Thursday in the hope of saving his life.

Two Italians were working in a sewer on Germantown avenue, Philadelphia, on Thursday, that had become clogged, and after removing a large amount of the refuse the water suddenly burst upon them and carried them down, drowning both.

John Reber, aged 17 years, of Greimersville, Lehigh county, while assisting to thresh grain on Henry Lehr's Fountain farm, on Thursday, got too near the belt and was caught and whirled around the large flywheel. His left arm was torn out of its socket at the shoulder and the right arm broken making his condition critical.

Mrs. T. Scott Dunn, of Connelleville, had a piece of needle deeply imbedded in one of her fingers which caused her much trouble when, by the approval of her physician, she went to the Sligo iron and steel mills Thursday, where the inflamed part was placed against the giant electro magnet and almost immediately the piece of the needle appeared at the surface.

Jacob McAllister, a prominent farmer of Peque township, Lancaster county, was arrested on Saturday on a charge of having burned his barn which was destroyed on January 15. This is the third arrest of persons of fair reputation in that locality made recently on the charge of arson.

Mrs. Ellamina Graftin, of Catasauqua, Lehigh county, who died a few days ago, in her will decreed her estate to her husband, made this stipulation: "If I should die of heart disease my husband cannot marry again, but if I die of a lingering disease then he may marry."

Residents of Kutztown, Berks county, have filed petitions in the county court for a greater Kutztown by taking in the Kutztown park, fair grounds and several farms, increasing its area from 175 to 742 acres and adding 1,000 persons to its present population of 2,000.

Philip S. Baker, of Stowe, Montgomery county, caught a sucker in Manataway creek, a few days ago, that measured 19½ inches in length, the largest of its kind ever seen there.

The State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa., will open for the Spring term on Monday, March 29th, 1909.

The laboratories, library and gymnasium, the new halls of the literary societies and the Model School are pleasing to all earnest students.

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## NEW FLOOR FOR LODGE ROOM

The new council held its first regular meeting Friday eve. The following members were present: Schatz, Cleaver, Finnigan, Pursel, Iles, Jones, Everhart, Deutsch, Marshall, Curry, Connelley and Von Blohn.

On motion of Mr. Finnigan it was ordered that the permit to extend the sewer system of town granted by the State Commissioner of Health last July be recorded at the court house and that the borough make application for an extension of time in the order relating to the construction of a sewage disposal plant.

Borough Electrician Newton Smith presented his report for the month, which showed that 80 tons of coal at a cost of \$210 was consumed. The total cost of operation was \$354.63. The plant was in operation 344 hours, 20 minutes.

Dr. P. C. Newbaker, president of the board of health, addressed council on the subject of milk licenses. Most of the dairymen, he said, have paid up, but several are in arrears, while still others dispute the borough's right to tax them for selling milk, as they allege, they produce on their own farms all the milk they sell. On this ground they refuse to pay. On motion it was ordered that the matter of milk license be referred to the committee on law to act in conjunction with the board of health.

On motion of Mr. Pursel, W. J. Williams was elected as permit clerk for the ensuing year at a salary of \$100 per year.

On motion of Mr. Deutsch it was ordered that market be held on Monday, April 26th, instead of on Tuesday, the 27th, the day following, owing to the Odd Fellows' anniversary, which occurs on the latter date.

Mr. Connelley called council's attention to the necessity of painting city hall; he also stated that Fallon Bros. desire a building permit. On motion both matters were referred to the building committee.

On motion of Mr. Marshall it was ordered that a new floor be laid in the Odd Fellows' rooms in city hall.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver it was ordered that the borough furnish electricity on the night of April 27th for the purpose of illuminating the Odd Fellows' arch over Mill street in front of city hall.

The president announced the following committees for the coming councilmatic year:

Finance—Pursel, Marshall and Iles. Streets and Bridges—Cleaver, Marshall, Jones and Von Blohn.

Printing—Everhart, Cleaver and Jones.

Market—Deutsch, Jones, Finnigan and Von Blohn.

Water—Deutsch, Finnigan, Jones and Curry.

Sewerage—Everhart, Connelley, Iles and Deutsch.

Law—Pursel, Marshall, Connelley and Curry.

Fire—Everhart, Curry, Finnigan and Von Blohn.

Light—Connelley, Cleaver, Curry and Iles.

Building—Pursel, Finnigan and Iles. Public Property and Public Improvement—Marshall, Everhart, Cleaver and Von Blohn.

Public Safety—Deutsch, Cleaver, Connelley and Iles.

Public Surveys—Pursel, Finnigan and Curry.

Public Health—Pursel, Everhart, Connelley and Marshall.

Bills and Accounts—Jones, Curry and Iles.

The following bills were approved for payment by council:

BOROUGH DEPT.

Regular employes	\$127.50
E. B. Brown	15.00
People's Coal Yard	4.85
Labor and hauling	63.39
J. H. Cole	17.33
James Gibson	15.00
Walker & Kepler	21.25
P. & R. Coal & Iron Co.	2.50
Washington Fire Co.	2.35
United Tel. & Tel. Co.	.80
Frank Schram	7.02
John Hixson	23.95
Samuel Mills	8.70

WATER DEPT.

Regular employes	\$150.20
Washington Fire Co.	5.60
P. H. Foust	67.60
Adams Express Co.	50
Frank Schram	1.40
J. H. Cole	1.75
P. & R. Coal & Iron Co.	197.78
Friendship Fire Co.	30.75
Samuel Salsbury	.75
Elisha Bell	4.50

Mr. Sechler Returns.

W. A. Sechler, general manager of the Danville Stove and Manufacturing company, accompanied by his wife, last evening returned home from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been sojourning for a month. Mr. Sechler, who had been ill of rheumatism, has been much benefited by the baths.

## ELECTRIC ALARM OUT OF REPAIR

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

Mr. Fischer of the building and repair committee reported that the electric fire alarm installed in the school buildings last fall is out of repair. In the fourth ward the system can not be used at all. He urged that something be done to the end that the bells might be placed in commission.

Mr. Burns reported that the electric alarm system in the second ward school building fails to work also and he ventured the opinion that the batteries are weak.

Dr. Barber reported that J. W. Wallace, who installed the system, some time ago promised that he would examine the system and put it in good working order. Up to the present, however, nothing has been done. Dr. Barber declared that the school board owes it to the patrons of the school that the fire alarm system be kept in good working order.

On motion of Mr. Burns it was ordered that a competent man be employed to overhaul the system and put it in good working order.

On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that the supply committee be authorized to purchase two dozen chairs for use in school rooms, selecting from samples on hand in the directors' room.

SYSTEM OF PENMANSHIP.

Mr. Burns introduced the subject of writing as now practiced in the public schools of Danville, recommending the introduction of a new, preferably a slant system, in place of the vertical system now taught. It was called to the attention of the board that the vertical system now in use in the lower schools gives place in the high school commercial department to the slant system, which is required in the business world. Both Professor Diefenbacher and Professor McGill expressed themselves in favor of the slant system, claiming that the other system is unnatural and produces very few good penmen.

The matter was placed in the hands of a committee which will report at the next meeting.

The following bills were approved for payment:

P. A. Winters	\$ 60
A. H. Grone	4.05
E. B. Brown	9.10
Hall & McCready	.92
U. S. Express Co.	1.50
W. H. Orth	50.00
Scott Foresman & Co.	27.00
Underwood Type Writer Co.	1.60
W. G. Brown	2.91
Standard Gas Co.	6.62
Teachers and Janitors	1951.50

## DEDICATE MONUMENT ON MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial day, which this year falls on May 31st, was Monday eve chosen as the date for the dedication of the imposing shaft which now stands nearly completed in Memorial park as a fitting tribute to the soldiers and sailors of Montour county who fought to save the Union.

In selecting a date for the dedication the committee was confronted with a difficult task. April 9th, the date of Lee's surrender was a day that would have been appropriate, but that the date this year falls on Good Friday, April 26th, the date of Johnson's surrender, was another day that might have been considered had not the day already been reserved for the meeting in this city of the Odd Fellows' Anniversary association. The only other appropriate occasion between now and the 4th of July was Memorial day.

The committee is now ready to push to completion definite plans for elaborate and fitting dedication ceremonies.

## DIETRICH TO BE SENTENCED MONDAY

Word was received in this city Monday that Judge Lynch, of the Luzerne county court, has fixed next Monday morning at 10 o'clock as the time for sentencing Peter Dietrich, who is now confined in the jail at Wilkes-Barre, having been convicted of voluntary manslaughter there last fall.

There is a possibility that Dietrich may again appeal, but the decision on this point will not be definitely known until after sentence has been pronounced.

Attending S. S. Conference

Rev. C. D. Leach, president of the Montour county Sunday School association attended the sessions of the second annual conference of the presiding and secretaries of the county associations with the board of directors of the Sabbath school association in Bloomsburg on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## LOOKING TO SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The action taken by council Friday night in ordering that the requisition relating to the extension of the sewer system in the borough be recorded at the court house and that an application for an extension of time be made by council constituted the first definite action taken relative to the preparation of the plans for public sewage disposal as required by the State department of health for its approval.

The requisition when received last July was accompanied with instructions to the effect that it should be recorded. The last council at no time seemed in favor of complying with this request, the prevailing sentiment among the members seeming to be that by such action council would be committing itself to construct a sewage disposal plant at a time when the borough is not in circumstances to stand such an expenditure. Toward the close of the councilmatic year Dr. Dixon, State commissioner of health, satisfying himself that the permit or requisition had not been recorded, sent a communication to council asking why his order had not been carried out. Pursuant to instructions from council Dr. Dixon was informed that the requisition had been laid on the table and he was begged that the matter might be permitted to rest a few weeks longer, until the new council came in.

This was the status of the affair when Borough Solicitor Gearhart at the last meeting presented a communication explaining that he had given the matter most serious consideration and was constrained to suggest that definite action be taken at once. He suggested that an effort be made to get an extension of time beyond the first of July next, placing such application on the sole grounds of lack of funds, furnishing Dr. Dixon with some details of the limited taxing power of the borough. To show that council is disposed to comply with all reasonable requests the solicitor urged that the requisition already received should be duly recorded as required by the department.

The State department of health is making similar requisitions of other Pennsylvania cities and towns located on public streams and the borough solicitor fails to see that any substantial advantage is to be gained by further delay and refusal to record the requisition. He admits that the State itself through the hospital for the insane is polluting the river; also that public sewage disposal is yet in an experimental stage of development, but these facts, he assures council, would not appeal to the State department of health. The solicitor concedes that sewage disposal is the most stupendous and intricate problem that has ever yet been submitted to any council of this borough and as such he declares "it should receive the most thoughtful consideration at once and before the State department of health is led to a further exercise of the arbitrary power with which it is vested by law."

Continuing the solicitor states: "It must be very clear that if this borough is compelled to prepare the required plan and complete the sewage disposal plant without any extension of time we will not have one available cent for street paving or other substantial improvement. The most deplorable fact of all is that the current expenses of operating the best systems yet devised even after their plants are constructed is bound to paralyze the financial resources of every municipality afflicted with such a burden. The mere cost of operation of sewage disposal plants has staggered the wealthy city of Williamsport and has put the sewage disposal plant of the city of Reading out of commission entirely."

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.

President Taft has given final indication that he is going to make a trip to the Pacific coast, and possibly to Alaska, before he starts on the two months' tour of the South which he has promised to make. He told the Senators from Utah that he will attend the G. A. R. encampment at Salt Lake City, some time between August 9 and 14. He will attend also the Transmississippi convention, at Denver, and the Alaska-Yukon exposition, at Seattle. Afterward he will make a trip along the Pacific coast, and, if there is time, will go to some Alaskan port.

## TAFT TO TROT ALL SUMMER

Mr. Taft's southern tour will begin about the middle of September, and may be extended two months. He will visit every southern State. Including the trip to the Lake Champlain Tercentenary in July, Mr. Taft will travel practically all the time between the ending of the extra session and the regular session of congress in December.

Thirty women have been nominated for places on the school board in Philadelphia.

## NO VIOLATIONS ARE REPORTED

Court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock. His Honor Judge Evans and the two associates, Blee and Weliver were on the bench.

The constables of the county presented their returns. Judge Evans scanned each paper carefully and then announced that there seemed to be no violations of the law, all of which, he said, was very gratifying.

At this juncture the court created some surprise by calling the following constables before court: W. E. Young, of the first ward of Danville; William Jones, second ward; B. B. Brown, third ward; Andrew Billmeyer, Liberty township; Pierce Gearhart, Valley township; Charles Hollabaugh, Derry township; Amos Albeck, Valley township. Addressing each constable separately the judge asked him whether he had complied with the act of assembly by visiting each licensed house once every month since the last term of court and noting whether or not there were any violations of the law. A few of the constables were not sure that they had made monthly visits but they all had kept an eye on the drinking places and were quite confident that there were no violations.

Judge Evans mildly rebuked the constables who failed to make monthly visits to the hotels and saloons. He told them that they were failing to obey the requirements of the act of assembly and counseled them to be more careful to live up to the letter of the law in the future.

Proceeding the judge remarked: "It is strange that reports of violations of the liquor law in the several wards and townships represented should continually come to my ears in Berwick and that you constables who are on the ground should know nothing about such violations." Continuing Judge Evans remarked that he was constrained to believe that the liquor law is being violated every Sunday in Danville.

The constables assured the court that if any violations were unreported it was through no collusion or conscious neglect on their part.

Benton B. Brown explained that reports of violations in the third ward had been made to him, but that in each case the persons reporting the matter had refused to back up their statements and he had been unable to get hold of incriminating information from any source.

Judge Evans instructed the constables in such cases to take the name of the person alleging violations of liquor law and directed that, no matter how unwilling he might be, the informant be subpoenaed as a witness and forced to tell what he knows.

The list of constables is as follows: Anthony township, Amos Albeck; Limestone township, Charles Gouger; Valley township, Pierce Gearhart; West Hemlock township, M. A. Gearhart; Liberty township, Andrew Billmeyer; Cooper township, Bruce Ploch; Mayberry township, Walter Vought; Washingtonville, McClellan Diehl; Danville—First ward, W. E. Young; second ward, William Jones; third ward, B. B. Brown; fourth ward, Benjamin Cook.

The court announced the appointment of J. W. Jackson as constable of West Hemlock township, the regular incumbent being unable to serve longer.

A short session was held in the afternoon, after which court adjourned until next Saturday.

## LAST SAD RITES PERFORMED

George B., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Musselman, whose death occurred last Saturday, was consigned to the grave in Odd Fellows' cemetery Tuesday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, on Church street, at 2 o'clock.

The services were conducted by Rev. L. Dow Ott, pastor of Trinity M. E. church, assisted by the Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church. The pall bearers were: J. B. Cleaver, Harris Reninger, Raymond Pierce and Clarence Herman.

The flowers were very beautiful and comprised a most touching tribute. Among the flowers were offerings from the school attended by little George and the school in the next grade above.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mrs. H. H. Yorgy and Mrs. Hartman, of Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. William Thomas, of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, of Shamokin; and Mrs. Newhart, of Sunbury.

Mrs. Mary Russell.

After an illness of a week Mrs. Mary Russell died at the home of her nephew Seymour Stauffer, in Hemlock township, Columbia county, Tuesday morning Mrs. Russell was 75 years of age. The funeral will be held at her late residence this morning at 9 o'clock and the interment will be made at the cemetery at Dutch Hill.

## STATE TESTING OUR WATER SUPPLY

Our readers will be gratified to learn that a thorough and systematic test of the purity of our water supply, along with that of the hospital for the insane, is being made by the State department of health. The test will embrace a succession of days and will establish beyond the shadow of a doubt whether or not our water is pure and fit to be used for drinking and culinary purposes.

Messrs. F. Fletcher and R. E. Irvin of Harrisburg, who are working under Chief Engineer Snow, were in this city yesterday and made all arrangements for putting the test into operation. At noon Mr. Irvin left for Harrisburg, but Mr. Fletcher remained to conduct the tests. At the Montour house he was interviewed by a News representative and he explained how searching and decisive the trial will be.

It is true our river water has been analyzed on different occasions in the past, but the samples taken generally consisted of a single pial of water taken from the reservoir after it was filtered. To this on one or more occasions were added a sample of raw water and of water taken from a tap in the city.

It is the purpose of the State department of health in the present instance to obtain water from all three sources and to continue the process day after day until twenty-four samples are obtained, meanwhile closely observing the mechanical operation of the plant to determine what degree of efficiency is attained.

The State department of health is especially interested in the analysis of raw water, as the test being made in this relation will reveal to what extent the river is polluted with sewage and will no doubt influence the State in its action relating to sewage disposal.

At the same time that he is conducting the tests in this city Mr. Fletcher will be taking samples at the filter plant at the hospital for the insane. The number of samples taken there will be the same as in this city—twenty-four. Water will be taken not only from the river and taps in town or at the hospital building, but also at the outlet of each of the filter tubs employed. The samples from both places as soon as taken each day will be carefully sealed and sent by express to the State laboratory for analysis.

The final result will be awaited with great interest.

## MARATHON RACES NEXT SUMMER

Marathon races will be a feature of athletics in Danville the coming season. Several leading spirits, among whom is Dr. J. Beaver Gearhart, are talking the matter up and plans are already being discussed. A vast amount of enthusiasm has been created among the young athletes of Danville, who comprise in their number many good runners.

The Marathon or long distance races are becoming very popular throughout the length and breadth of the country. The proposed races here will be kept down to the ten-mile limit and will take in the entire distance between Danville and Bloomsburg, or the distance from Danville to Grovania and return.

If the former course is selected the runners will start at the public fountain at Bloomsburg and finish at the court house at Danville. In that event there will be a "control" between Bloomsburg and Grovania and another between Grovania and Danville. Should it be decided to make the start and finish at Danville, there will be a "control" at Grovania and another between Grovania and Danville. An automobile will follow the contestants.

Which course shall be selected will be decided in a very short time. The first race will probably be run on Saturday, May 1st, at 1:30 p. m.

The contestants, who should not exceed twenty in number, must be over sixteen years of age and stand a suitable physical examination. They must be residents of Danville. A small entrance fee will be required.

The prizes will consist of suitable medals, which will be the permanent possession of the winners.

The arrangements are by no means final and may be changed. Entrance blanks will be furnished in time for the event.

Supper from Church Supper.

A supper was given Saturday night in North Wales, Montgomery county, for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal church, and by Sunday morning a large number of the five hundred in attendance were very sick and doctors were hurriedly called by scores of sufferers. There were symptoms of prostrating poisoning, believed to have been caused by chicken patties and canned green peas. Not many cases were very serious.

## COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED

Pursuant to action taken by the borough council at its last meeting some seventy-five citizens assembled in the court house last night to consider some matters relating to sewage disposal.

The meeting was called to order by President of Council Andrew Schatz, who explained the object of meeting and introduced Borough Solicitor Edward S. Gearhart.

Mr. Gearhart spoke at considerable length. He reviewed what the borough of Danville has done to secure pure water as well as what has been done by the State with the same object in view. The State at one time sunk pipe in the river bottom for the purpose of conducting the sewage from the hospital to a point below the water works, which pipe Mr. Gearhart facetiously called Danville's "first sewage disposal plant." The pipe in the river, like three other methods of sewage disposal experimented with at the hospital, he pronounced a "monumental failure." The pipe was finally dug up and sold for junk. In face of these failures and the extent to which our water supply has been polluted in consequence by the State, Mr. Gearhart declared it is both unjust and inconsistent on the part of the State department of health to require our borough to construct a sewage disposal plant at this time.

He demonstrated that Danville has not and never will have the financial means or taxing power to build a sewage disposal plant. The only remedy at present would seem to lie in the creation of a joint plant for the hospital and the town as has been proposed at Norristown.

Former Burgess Rogers spoke briefly advocating that a committee be sent to Harrisburg to try to obtain an extension of time and see if anything can be done toward bringing about a joint sewage disposal plant.

Dr. P. C. Newbaker said that he does not think that a single case of sickness ever occurred in Danville that could be attributed to the water supply. He does not favor expending any money for experimenting with sewage disposal.

Frank G. Schoch spoke at length. As long as the State continues to pollute the river he denied its right to compel our borough to remove its sewer from the river. At conclusion he was loudly applauded.

Rev. A. B. Still spoke substantially to the same effect.

George Reifsnider went on record as opposed to spending any money on sewage disposal as long as the hospital continues to pollute the river. Neither is he in favor of a joint plant.

J. H. Cole under the circumstances does not see the justice of compelling Danville to go to the expense of installing a sewage disposal plant.

On motion a committee was appointed to go to Harrisburg and wait upon Dr. Dixon. The following were chosen: I. X. Grier, Esq., E. S. Gearhart, Esq., Dr. P. C. Newbaker and George F. Reifsnider. Chief Burgess A. C. Amesbury and President of Council Andrew Schatz will accompany the committee.

The committee chosen will meet in council chamber at 8 o'clock tonight to make arrangements for the trip to Harrisburg.

Before adjourning President Schatz announced that a meeting will be held subsequently to organize a board of trade.

## COMPLAINTS ARE LOUD AND BITTER

The necessity of street improvement throughout the borough was never more keenly felt than at present.

The melting snow and the rain, which followed, have produced a deep mud, which at a good many places not only makes driving difficult but also renders walking unpleasant. The streets are cut up into deep ruts, while the crossing stones are buried under the mud.

Conditions are nowhere worse than in the eastern part of the borough, on East Market, East Front and Grand streets. Here while walking over the crossings pedestrians are apt to get into the mud half over shoe tops.

Wholesale repairs taking in not only roadways with crossings but also the sidewalks have been contemplated by council for a couple of years past, but have been held up with the hope that the borough by and by could see its way clear to enter upon street paving in that part of town.

Citizens declare that the limit has been reached and complaints are loud and bitter.

Died of Grief at 75.

At Sharon Mercer county, Mrs. Sarah Crossman died Saturday night, aged 75 years, and grief over her death caused the death of her husband, R. C. Crossman, on Sunday night, at the age of 78 years.