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ITEMS CONDENSED.

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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The chief of police in Harrisburg has placed a ban on the Maxim gun silencer so far as that city is concerned.

The borough lockup at Coatesville must be a lively place. One of the policemen the other night caught forty rats in the building.

After many people have died and still more have been ill from typhoid fever, the waters of Cedar and Haas creeks in Lehigh county, are to be analyzed.

A Pottstown octogenarian who has been following up the "goosebone" weather predictions declares that April will be a colder month than March this year.

The snow is so deep on some of the country roads in Chester county that the supervisors have forces of men engaged in shoveling the drifts open so that travel may be resumed.

Sharon borough has a law suit on its hands. It has been sued by T. McGavin for \$5,000 damages, for injuries sustained when dirt caved in on him while he was working in a ditch.

The Punksntawney chamber of commerce is busily engaged in the endeavor to raise \$25,000, an amount which it is said will be the means of bringing to that town a \$150,000 silk mill plant.

The general store of Daniel Weiss at Easton is apparently a mark for the burglar. The other night it was robbed of goods valued at \$150, making the second robbery this winter and the eighth altogether.

Being without funds, the result, it is said, of gambling, Edward Setend, a tobacco agent, slashed his throat with a razor in the stables of the Felton hotel, York, and the chances for his recovery are slight.

Several weeks ago Thomas McWilliams, aged 80 years, slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk in New Castle and was taken to the hospital for treatment. He died in that institution on Thursday as a result of the injuries.

While Ira W. Stratton, of Reading, was critically ill, the newspapers of the metropolis of Berks county published obituary notices of him. He didn't die, however, and has just won the endorsement of the Republican caucus for president of select council. Just how far the notices helped in attaining this object is not stated, but they evidently aided some.

Salem Reformed congregation, at Allentown, is arranging to erect a new church edifice at a cost of \$75,000.

James Riser, of Reading, was fined \$10 on Saturday for having a robin in his possession.

Warden John Bungard, of the Fayette county jail, is on trial this week at Uniontown, charged with furnishing liquor to prisoners and on Sunday.

The congregation of Trinity Lutheran church, Sunbury, burned the last mortgage which stood recorded against their beautiful house of worship last Sunday night.

The school board of Meadville has also gone into the business of making school codes and submits its effort to legislators and others with a great deal of confidence.

Pennsylvanians are invited by the Civic association to take renewed interest in the vital question of forest preservation. Several important measures are before the legislature.

The directors of the poor of Northampton county received last year \$24,737.18 and expended \$22,489.08. They paid for out-door relief \$3,661.60. The population in 1900 was 99,687.

Judge Brumm, of Schuylkill county, recently directed that two young convicts who had been detected in the act of breaking jail should be sent to the eastern penitentiary to serve the rest of the term. But the mothers of the convicts got after the judge and he agreed that they should remain in the county prison.

Yielding in the march of improvement in Jenkintown, Montgomery county, an old tree under the shade of which it is declared General Washington tied his famous white horse, has been cut down and dragged away.

LIQUOR STORE CHANGES HANDS

A session of court was held in the grand jury room on Saturday morning with his Honor Judge Evans and Associates Blee and Welliver on the bench. The session lasted about two hours.

The license for the wholesale liquor store at No. 311 Mill street was transferred from Henry Kegal to David Steiner, of Freeland.

Samuel Myerhoff, of Hazleton, former Burgess George H. Hartman, Harry Rheinsmith and Joseph Steiner, of Freeland, testified before court as to the good character and the temperate habits of the petitioner. Their testimony was supplemented by a certificate in support of the applicant signed by a large number of citizens of Freeland. Mr. Steiner, the new licensee, will assume charge next week.

TAX RECEIVER CONTEST.

A petition was received from Alonzo Mauser representing that he is a resident and duly qualified elector of Cooper township, Montour county, that at the municipal election held in Cooper township, Tuesday, February 20, 1908, Alfred Blecher and C. D. Garrison, were rival candidates for the office of receiver of taxes and that a tie vote was cast for said candidates; that the court on February 26, 1908, appointed Alfred Blecher to fill said vacancy caused by said tie vote; that the said Alfred Blecher was a candidate for said office of tax receiver at the next ensuing municipal election on February 19, 1907, and received a majority of votes cast for said office; that said Alfred Blecher and the petitioner were rival candidates at the recent municipal election held in said Cooper township on Tuesday, February 16, 1909, for the office of receiver of taxes and the petitioner received a majority of votes cast for said office; that the petitioner holds his certificate of election properly signed by the legally and duly qualified election board for said township, said certificate bearing the date February 16, 1909; that the court on the 27th day of February, 1909, approved the bond of Alfred Blecher as receiver of taxes for said Cooper township for the year 1909.

The petitioner is advised and believes that he is legally entitled to serve as receiver of taxes for said Cooper township for three years next ensuing and that the bond of said Alfred Blecher was inadvertently approved by the honorable court. The petitioner therefore, having secured a bond with two reputable freeholders of Cooper township as sureties, prays the honorable court to grant a rule to show cause why the approval of the bond of said Alfred Blecher should not be set aside and withdrawn and the bond of the petitioner approved.

THE COURT GRANTS THE RULE.

And now March 18, 1909, the within petition having been read and after due consideration the court grants a rule on Alfred Blecher to show cause why the approval of his bond as tax receiver for Cooper township, Montour county, Pa., should not be set aside and withdrawn and the bond of Alonzo Mauser approved. Rule returnable March 20, 1909. By order court,

CHARLES O. EVANS, P. J.
GEORGE M. ALBECK RELEASED.

George M. Albeck, guilty of assault and battery, who on January 22, 1909, was sentenced to jail until costs were paid, was released by the order of court on Saturday. A petition was presented by the county commissioners representing that neither the costs of prosecution nor the fine has been paid by Albeck and that in the opinion of the said county commissioners he is unable to pay or to make restoration. They therefore prayed that he be released. An order to that effect was accordingly made by Judge Evans.

Snyder Buys Hotel Lee.
Irvin F. Snyder, of Bloomsburg, formerly proprietor of the City Hotel, this city, has completed the deal for the purchase of the Hotel Lee from Thomas B. Brittain. Possession will be given as soon as the terms of the lease can be completed, and the transfer of the liquor license secured. Hotel Lee is situated on Main street, Bloomsburg, near the Bloomsburg & Sullivan tracks.

To Pension Guard's Widow.
A bill has been introduced in the house by Mr. Pensinger, Franklin, to pay to Sadie Biggs, widow of Lewis Biggs, a pension of \$8 a month. The man was a member of the Chambersburg company of the Eighth regiment who died from sunstroke at the Mount Gretna encampment some years ago.

Time's Changes.
The captain was receiving the new middy.
"Well, boy, the old story, I suppose—fool of the family sent to sea?"
"Oh, no, sir," piped the boy, "that's all altered since your day."—London News.

MRS. A. F. RUSSELL PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Hannah C. Russell, an aged resident and a representative of the oldest and most distinguished family of this section, died at her home in the Montgomery mansion at 11:15 o'clock Friday night after a protracted illness due to the infirmities of advanced age.

The deceased, in addition to living in the oldest house in Danville, had the distinction of being the granddaughter of General William Montgomery, who came to this section from Chester county about 1774 and purchased of the Penns the present site of Danville. How this tract, first known as "Mahoning settlement" and "Montgomery's landing," in 1792 was laid out in town lots by General Daniel Montgomery, son of William Montgomery, in whose honor the town was named, are all matters of local history.

General William Montgomery was a prominent actor in the Revolutionary war. Later he was a representative in congress and president judge of the courts of Northumberland county. He died in 1816. The deceased was the only surviving grandchild of this noted pioneer of civilization.

Mrs. Russell was the daughter of Alexander Montgomery, the youngest son of General William Montgomery, who was born and died in the stone mansion built by General Montgomery at the corner of Bloom and Mill streets, or rather in a log house, which as a wing in the rear still forms a part of the building. The original log structure was built prior to 1772; the stone portion was added in 1792.

Mrs. Russell was born August 23, 1814, in a log house just below the present site of the brick residence on Northumberland street owned by the Reading Iron company, and occupied by Superintendent H. T. Hecht. The brick residence was built by Alexander Montgomery. As soon as it was completed he removed his family from the humble dwelling into the new one. In the brick house the deceased was married to Andrew F. Russell, Esq.

After marriage the deceased, with her husband, removed to Davenport, Iowa. The family later returned to Danville. Mr. Russell died in 1886, but Mrs. Russell continuously resided in the old homestead from the year 1856, the date of their return east, until her death.

The deceased was a most remarkable woman, a pleasing and gracious personality. Notwithstanding her very advanced age she retained her faculties to a wonderful degree. She never lost her interest in the every day affairs of life; she was in sympathy with the young and her society was especially sought by children, who along with older people, found delight in her reminiscences and companionable manners. Her illness was of five weeks' duration.

The deceased is survived by two sons, William M. Russell, of this city, and Alexander M. Russell, of St. Louis, Mo.; also three daughters, Jane B., Annie C. and Helen M. Russell.

COUNTY TAX FOUR MILLS

The county commissioners held a regular meeting Saturday with George W. Miles, George R. Sechler and John Coleman present.

On motion the rate of county tax was fixed at 4 mills, the same as last year.

The matter of decorating the court house for the Odd Fellows' anniversary was duly discussed, when on motion it was ordered that the court house be decorated so as to conform with the other public buildings of the town. The contract was given to the W. W. Stoddard company, which has been awarded the contract for decorating by the Odd Fellows' committee.

The assessors will be given their books about March 31st to the end that they may be able to begin their work about April 1st.

SOLEMN EVENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S

One year ago yesterday the Rev. Father O'Reilly, former rector of St. Joseph's Catholic church, this city, was consigned to the grave at St. Joseph's, this State, near his boyhood home. The anniversary of the sad event yesterday morning was observed in the Catholic church at this place by solemn requiem mass celebrated by the rector, the Rev. Father McCann. A large congregation was present.

Bought a Barn.

Harry Evans, of Frosty valley, has purchased the barn on the Straub farm, Bloomsburg, and is moving it to his farm where it will be erected to take the place of his barn which was recently consumed by fire.

TWO INTERESTING ADDRESSES MADE

The Sunday School workers of this city attended the fourth annual institute of the Sunday Schools of Danville held in the Pine Street Lutheran church Monday eve. The session opened with a hymn. The Keystone double male quartette then rendered a selection, following which Rev. C. D. Lerch, county president, read a selection from the 5th chapter of Ephesians.

PROP. OWEN'S ADDRESS.

After a prayer by Rev. L. W. Walter and another selection by the double quartette, President Diefenbacher introduced the first speaker of the evening, Prof. W. G. Owens, of Bucknell university, who gave an interesting talk on the "Importance of Teacher Training." He said that out of every three pupils entering the Sunday school two go out, only one entering the church. Prof. Owens claimed that the key to the situation is the proper training of the teacher; that the time when willingness was the only qualification looked for in a teacher is past. Unless the teacher is properly trained she cannot hope to hold the attention of the pupil and without this no good can come. He advanced the theory that the teacher should study the bible not alone in its spiritual but also in its physical sense. That a knowledge of biblical geography and history is really necessary in order that a connected view of a subject in a lesson may be presented to a pupil in a way to do the most good. Too much attention is given to making the pupils fit the lesson, rather than making the lesson fit the pupils. The teacher should study the pupil, put the question in a manner that will open up the way for the most intelligent answers and have the lesson so well prepared that any question asked may be properly answered. Every school should have a teachers' training class to prepare teachers for future use.

ADDRESS BY MR. LOWE.

Mr. Owens was followed by Mr. Myron I. Lowe, vice president of the State Sunday School association, who took as his subject, "Sunday School Tactics." A thorough belief in the efficiency of the Sunday School is necessary, said Mr. Lowe, for its success. Pennsylvania is in the lead in the Sunday School work, largely because of the quality of the men who are at the head of the movement. Mr. Lowe took occasion to pay a tribute to John Wansmaker who is foremost in the Sunday School work of the State. No one can appreciate the beauties of the work unless they are in it and have all their energies directed to its advancement. And the field for the Sunday School worker is large. At present there are about eighteen million young people under the age of twenty outside of the Sunday School. Mr. Lowe placed the blame for this great number on the lack of teacher training and the non-attendance at Sunday School by church members. The adult bible class is doing a great deal toward heightening the interest in Sunday School work and starting into action the latent energy that now exists in the Sunday School and Church.

Miss Martha Robinson, a Sunday School worker of Bloomsburg, made a few remarks urging that the Montour county association exert itself to secure a position in the front line of the counties where Sunday School work is being advanced.

After the addresses a short business session was held.

PERSONALS

Mrs. George W. Roat and Mrs. T. J. Swank spent yesterday with Mrs. Lewis Chestnut, Lewisburg.

Mrs. Harry Fields, of this city, and Mrs. P. J. Berger, of South Danville visited friends in Sunbury yesterday.

Edward Edmondson transacted business in Williamsport yesterday.

Mrs. M. Morave, Walnut street, has returned after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Anna Bastian, Sunbury.

Miss Mary Crimm, of Strawberry Ridge, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

Walter Vaanan, of South Danville, left yesterday for a visit with friends in Harrisburg.

Nescopeck Signs Fifteen.

Manager Patterson of the Nescopeck Susquehanna league team has signed up 15 men and states the team will be found in the running when the season opens. The players signed up include Fowler, R. Shipe, Remley, G. Splain, H. Shipe, Hile, Smith, Gilbert, Lawrence, Derr, Busch, Ed Splain, Henrie, Moyer and Patterson. Work will be started Thursday on getting the diamond in shape for this season.

Useless Luxury.

A sick peasant motions feebly to his wife to approach his bedside and whisper painfully, "I think, my dear, I could fancy a little broth."
"My dear, what do you want of broth? Hasn't the doctor just given you up?"

ONE YEAR IN COUNTY PRISON

Peter Dietrich, charged with shooting James A. Jones, who was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in Wilkes-Barre last September, was sentenced by Judge Lynch Monday morning to undergo imprisonment for one year in the Luzerne county jail.

This sentence following the fourth trial of Dietrich for the killing of James A. Jones in this city, it is generally believed, will bring this noted case to a close. The sentence is not regarded as severe enough to bring out an appeal.

Embracing the time spent awaiting trial along with the time served in the penitentiary Dietrich has already spent over three years in prison.

The shooting took place February 13, 1906. The first trial, which was a mistrial, occurred on May 28th following. In the interim Dietrich was confined in the county prison.

The second trial took place in September, 1906. The verdict was murder in the second degree with a recommendation for mercy. The sentence of the court was that Dietrich undergo an imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary for fifteen years. The case was appealed, the appeal being allowed as a supersedeas.

The supreme court reversed the lower court and remanded the case for trial.

The third trial began June 8, 1907. The verdict as in the preceding trial was murder in the second degree. Dietrich was sentenced to 14 years in the Eastern penitentiary.

The defense again appealed the case, but the appeal was not made a supersedeas and Dietrich was removed to the penitentiary.

Meanwhile the supreme court again reversed the lower court and remanded the case for trial. Accordingly last spring Dietrich was brought back to Danville and placed in the county jail.

The court was petitioned for a change of venue, which was granted. The case was taken to the Luzerne county court and tried at Wilkes-Barre last September. A verdict of voluntary manslaughter was returned. A new trial was applied for and refused.

During January, 1907, Dietrich was out on bail for a couple of weeks. With the exception of this brief period he has been in prison ever since the shooting. The year's sentence just imposed extends the total time spent in duration to over four years.

FOR RESISTING HEALTH OFFICER

One of the first arrests made in this section under the act of April 27, 1905, took place on Monday, when Jacob DeGreen of Derry township was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Oglesby to answer the charge of resisting and interfering with an officer of the State board of health while in the performance of his duty.

The information, which was lodged before the justice by A. A. Switzer, health officer of Derry township, alleged that a case of whooping cough broke out in the family of the defendant, Jacob DeGreen, and that on February 6th, when the health officer proceeded to placard the house, as required by law, the defendant refused to permit him to do so and as a result the house was not placarded.

The health officer reported the matter to the State board of health, which body proceeded at once to enforce the act of assembly. On Monday Louis Jaquette Palmer, Esq., of Philadelphia, at the instance of the State board of health, came to Danville to confer with Hon. R. S. Ammerman with reference to the case. DeGreen's arrest followed as a sequence.

The warrant was served by Constable William E. Young Monday afternoon. DeGreen put in an appearance Monday evening but waived a hearing, entering bail in two hundred dollars for his appearance at court.

Section 16th of the act of April 27, 1905, provides that every person who violates any order or regulation of the State department of health or who resists or interferes with any officer or agent thereof in the performance of his duties shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one month or both at the discretion of the court.

As indicated by the arrest just made the State department of health is determined to enforce the act in all cases.

George Deemish, a citizen of Lackawanna county, is in trouble because he is charged with having sworn falsely to the ages of two children employed in a Scranton silk mill.

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MRS. JAMESON DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Samantha Jameson, an old resident and a representative of a prominent pioneer family, died suddenly at her home, West Mahoning street, at an early hour Tuesday morning.

Had Mrs. Jameson survived until next Sunday she would have been eighty-seven years of age. All arrangements had been made to celebrate her birthday anniversary with a supper on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Jameson was a most remarkable woman. She combined with a strong mentality a vigorous and robust constitution, which seemed to defy the debilitating effect of advancing years. Until the very last she was in the full possession of her faculties and retained her interest in the affairs of life.

Her health was remarkably good for a person of her years. When she retired Monday evening she seemed as well as usual and was in remarkably good spirits. About 1:30 a. m. she was taken ill and at 4 a. m. she quietly passed away, death being due solely to advanced age.

The deceased was the granddaughter of Captain Jacob Gearhart, one of the pioneers of the south side, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war, who was one of the two officers detailed to take charge of the transports when the American army under Washington was rowed across the Delaware on that memorable night in the winter of 1777.

In 1780, with his wife and ten children, Captain Jacob Gearhart removed from New Jersey to Northumberland county, purchasing 1500 acres of land on the south side of the river, embracing the present Gearhart homestead on the Sunbury road.

Charles Gearhart, the father of Mrs. Jameson, the deceased, was the youngest son of Captain Jacob Gearhart. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Arthur Gearhart, a brother of the deceased, served as a soldier all through the Mexican war and also through the civil war, enlisting first when he was but fifteen years of age. In this connection it is proper to note that Thomas Jameson, grandson of the deceased, served in the Spanish-American war.

Mrs. Jameson was born in Northumberland county, but lived in Danville for over sixty years. She was the widow of Thomas Jameson, who died about forty-five years ago.

The deceased is survived by two sons, C. A. Jameson and Frank Jameson of Danville, and one daughter, Miss Helen Jameson, of Berwick, who at the time of her mother's death was in Florida.

The funeral will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from the late residence. Interment will take place in Mt. Vernon cemetery.

ODD FELLOWS' LODGE ROYMS

The improvements in the Odd Fellows' rooms, city hall, are completed and nothing now remains but to lay the new carpet, when the rooms will show up in a manner that will make them hardly recognizable and in point of elegance will surpass nearly every other lodge room of the order in this section.

Among the improvements installed is a new floor in the lodge room. In all the rooms the woodwork was repainted. The lodge room alone was wallpapered. The painting and papering was done by Emerson Adams.

The stairs, the hallway and ante rooms were papered quite recently and all they needed was repainting to cause them to show up in excellent style. It is in the lodge room, however, that the changed appearance bursts upon one like a revelation. Never has the paper hanger's art been employed to better advantage. Beautiful designs adapted to the size and use of the room, rich harmonious colors with excellent workmanship all combine to produce a matchless effect.

A stylish new carpet, procured through J. B. Cleaver, to be laid in a day or so, will enhance the general effect.

Among other improvements installed in the rooms are gas and electric light fixtures of ornamental design.

At a meeting of the borough council Friday night the committee will report on the painting of city hall on the outside. It is hoped that the report will be favorable and that council will decide to authorize the painting of the brickwork; otherwise the big building on the exterior will not conform with the interior.

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APPLYING FIRST COAT OF PAINT

The decorators at the court house are making excellent progress. The preliminary work is well under way and today the first coat of paint will be applied. Four decorators are employed. Two more will be added in a few days.

The scaffolding of the court room was completed Monday. The first work undertaken was the repairing of the ceiling, which was given over into the hands of Boyer Brothers, the well-known plasterers. Fortunately the ceiling was found to be in better condition than was expected. Only at a few spots the plastering was found defective and had to be removed. The places were all replastered and the ceiling in its entirety is now as good as new.

Up to the present, the decorators have been busy going over the plastered surface looking for the least crack or blemish in the last or outer coat of paint forming the former decoration. Whenever it has been found necessary to close these long hairlike fissures plaster of paris has been applied and the resultant long irregular lines of white that zigzag over the surface, crossing and recrossing each other bear witness to the enormous amount of work involved in fixing up the ceiling and the upper portion of the walls.

Four coats in all will be applied. Work on the first coat will begin today. On the first coat the decorations will be laid out. It will require over a month to complete the work.

ALASKA AND THE ALASKANS

Friday evening Rev. J. W. Kirk will give in the Y. M. C. A. hall a lecture on Alaska and the Alaskans, illustrated with the stereopticon.

The slides to be used, over seventy in number, are many of them beautifully colored and comprise views of scenery about Cape Nome, and the Yukon, the famous Chilcotin pass, the Muir glacier and other places of interest. The life of the Eskimau, their homes, dress, occupations and modes of travel, are all graphically portrayed. The homes of the Cliff Dwellers, the only remnant of this primitive people, are also shown.

Mr. Kirk's intimate knowledge of this interesting country and people gained by a residence of over seven years places him in a position to give a most entertaining and instructive lecture.

No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be taken to pay the expense of slides, etc. A cordial invitation is extended to all except children under 15, for whom a special lecture with the same slides will be given later. The lecture will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

OLIVER FORMALLY ELECTED SENATOR

HARRISBURG, March 17. The two houses of the Pennsylvania legislature voted separately for United States senator yesterday afternoon. George T. Oliver, Republican, of Pittsburgh, receiving a majority in each house to fill the unexpired term of Philander C. Knox, who resigned March 4, to become secretary of state in President Taft's cabinet.

State Senator Webster Grim, of Doylestown, received the Democratic vote.

In the senate the vote was: Oliver, 37; Grim, 8; Nathaniel Ewing, 1. Absent or not voting, 4. Mr. Weisartner, of Lawrence, voted for ex-Judge Ewing. In the house, Oliver got 164 and Grim 31, with 12 absentees.

The two houses met in joint session today, and after comparing journals Mr. Oliver was formally declared elected. Mr. Oliver will serve until March 4, 1911.

CHALLENGES PASTOR TO FIST FIGHT

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 17. H. Sine Rice, editor of the Siegfried Independent, has challenged the Rev. J. G. Rupp, pastor of a Reformed church in the same borough, to a fist fight.

Some days ago Mr. Rice stated that of 231 signatures on license petitions, thirty seven were those of members of Mr. Rupp's congregation, and remarked the suppression of evils should begin in church. Then Rice alleges he was told that the preacher said he would give \$10 to the man who would thrash the editor.

Rice's reply was this challenge: "I suggest that you and I engage in a fist encounter to a finish, Marquis of Queensbury rules, in the basement of your edifice, and charge admission. The \$10 you might be able to earn yourself and put into the church treasury."

The townspeople are urging the pastor to accept.