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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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A Bower bed of daisies has bloomed all winter in the yard of Mrs. John S. Hughes, at Hopewell, a Schuylkill valley town.

The Pittsburg and Allegheny Orphan asylum is suffering from an epidemic of chickenpox, or rather its juvenile inmates are.

The Philadelphia Presbyterian orphanage at Wallingford, Chester county, has been quarantined by the local board of health on account of the presence of scarlet fever among the inmates.

The Huntingdon reformatory will take care of one of Lebanon county's fastest ball players during the coming season. His name is Leo Rothgaber and the trouble was aggravated assault.

Believing that her husband, was peacefully sleeping, after suffering great pain, Mrs. Strickland Harden, of Chester, stood by his bedside for some time, not knowing that he was dead. He died of pneumonia.

While the Women's Foreign Missionary society of Lehigh presbytery was in session at Catasauqua, one of the delegates, wife of the Rev. Mr. Sterling, of East Mauch Chunk, was fatally stricken with paralysis.

Charles Furman, of Wyalusing, Luzerne county, noted for witty and clever sayings, was recently arrested on the charge of drunkenness. Upon his return home he made a noose out of a fishing line, which he doubled and hanged himself to a lamp hook in the middle of the dining room ceiling.

Mercer county has a productive district in the Cool spring township oil field. Since it was opened thirty-eight wells have been completed, of which twenty-eight are good producing oil wells, eight gas wells and two dry holes.

Twelve thousand feet of new road will be built as an experiment this year in Cumberland county. It is called terrolithic asphalt road and is constructed by ploughing and grading the clay surface and mixing it with crude petroleum with an asphalt basis.

There is a hurry up in mining in the anthracite district at present. Last week in the Reading district alone over 400,000 tons were mined.

An organization was recently organized in Lancaster county the purpose of which is to hold county fairs. On Saturday a charter was granted by the court.

Mrs. William Cope, of Tinticum township, Delaware county, has been bequeathed an estate valued at \$20,000 by her uncle, who recently died in New York. Her husband is a bridge tender in the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad.

Last Saturday credentials were issued to the 200 delegates who will represent the Ninth district at the coming tri-state convention of United Mine Workers to be held at Scranton today. This district is composed of Schuylkill, Northumberland, Columbia and Dauphin counties. Half the number elected delegates are said to have been instructed to vote for a tie-up unless the demand for recognition is granted by the operators.

An unusual state of affairs for these days of business depression is reported from Wilkes-Barre. There has been a congestion of freight in the yards of the Delaware and Hudson railroad in that city and in order to break it and get things in good running order again the Pennsylvania Railroad company has agreed to loan twenty-five of its big freight engines. They were sent from Harrisburg and Sunbury.

A notable testimonial dinner was tendered Senator Penrose last Saturday night in Philadelphia by the members of the Postmasters' association of Pennsylvania, which was in recognition of his work as chairman of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads, and as the head of the United States joint postal commission. The dinner was attended by about 350 postmasters, and there were a number of invited guests, among them being Postmaster General Hitchcock.

APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE

Hon. L. W. Welliver representing the People's Ideal Telephone company appeared before the borough council Friday eve asking that a franchise be granted his company permitting it to erect poles on the streets and alleys of Danville. He made a strong plea explaining that the People's line of seven hundred subscribers has already been granted a franchise by the boroughs of Muncy, Picture Rocks, Hughesville, Millville, Washingtonville and Turbotville.

The application was discussed at length, when on motion of Mr. Finningan the matter was referred to committee on law.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver it was ordered that five rubber coats be purchased for the fire department, to be used by the chief and four assistants.

On motion of Mr. Jones the street commissioner was instructed to make repairs on the alley leading from Cooper street to the river.

On motion of Mr. Deutsch it was ordered that 300 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose be purchased to be used in flushing Mill street. The hose is to be equipped with half-inch nozzle.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver it was ordered that bids be invited for painting the outside of city hall.

On motion the bond of Harry Ellenbogen, borough treasurer, for ten thousand dollars was approved by council. The bond of Harry Patton, secretary and receiver of water rent, for two hundred dollars, was also approved, along with the bond of P. J. Keefer, street commissioner and superintendent of water works for five hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver it was ordered that citizens be requested to remove ash heaps and other trash, where such has been permitted to accumulate in the alleys. The street commissioner was ordered to enforce the ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Parsel it was ordered that one thousand second-class paving brick be sold to William Treas at market price.

On motion of Mr. Parsel it was ordered that limestone be purchased for use in street repairs, the clerk to order the material as needed.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Borough Dept. (Regular employees \$117.50, Sarah Muen \$4.00, Jesse Klase \$5.15, Oscar Shultz \$6.00, A. H. Grono \$21.95, The Gem \$60.00, W. S. Hunt \$11.25, Labor and hauling \$47.25, Jesse Woodring & Co. \$16.60, James Gibson \$12.75, L. E. Froup & Co. \$8.42) and Water Dept. (Regular employees \$161.40, P. H. Foust \$33.25, Friendship Fire Co. \$23.69, People's Coal yard \$93.83, Labor on repairs \$18.00).

The following members were present: Schatz, Cleaver, Jones, Everhart, Deutsch, Marshall, Finningan, Orry, Parsel and Iles. Chief Burgess, A. C. Amshury was also present at the meeting.

SWEPPER MAY NOT BE USED

With the advent of spring the subject of keeping the Mill street paving clean has begun to occupy the attention of council.

It seems quite clear that the members are determined that the paving during the coming year shall be kept cleaner than at any time in the past. At the last meeting of council three hundred feet of special hose were ordered purchased to be used exclusively in flushing the street. Flushing in the past was practically impossible owing to the want of suitable hose. This method of cleaning the paving will now be employed whenever the street seems to be in such condition as to require it.

There seems to be some doubt at present whether the street sweeper will be used the coming season. The prevailing sentiment among the business men on the street seems to be that better results were obtained during the summer before last when the street was kept clean by a man and push cart constantly employed on the job than were obtained during last summer when the street sweeper was employed three nights in a week.

In the intervals between sweeping nights it is urged that the paving becomes very dirty and unsightly, while the street sweeper though efficacious enough in one sense becomes a great nuisance by throwing dust up over the sidewalks.

Street sweeping was discussed at the last meeting of council and was referred to the committee on streets and bridges, which will decide as to what method of keeping the paving clean shall be employed during the coming year. A report will be presented at the next meeting of council.

G. M. SHOOP PASSES AWAY

Gideon M. Shoop, a leading citizen and nearly life-long resident of Danville, died at his home, East Market street, at 8:50 o'clock Saturday evening after an illness of nearly two years' duration due to the infirmities of advanced age.

Mr. Shoop's active business career is closely identified with the growth and prosperity of Danville. He was a man of business integrity and of great enterprise. He was always arrayed on the side of civic righteousness and his active aid was never withheld from any movement that had for its object the uplifting of the masses.

He was born in Northumberland county, June 21, 1821, a son of George and Elizabeth Shoop. He was the youngest of a family of seven children and attended the common schools of his native county until he was thirteen years of age. He then went to Franklin county and learned the art of manufacturing French burr mill stones, at which he worked for two years. He continued to carry on his trade until he removed to Danville in 1841.

He came to Danville as collecting agent for several stage lines, but later embarked in the lumber business, owning and operating several saw mills.

In 1846 Mr. Shoop rented the "Brady hotel," repaired and improved it, adding another story and changing the name to that of the "Montour house." As landlord Mr. Shoop conducted the Montour house for eighteen months.

Though a public spirited citizen and influential in affairs the deceased never was an office seeker. He served as postmaster of Danville but with this exception his ambition never led him beyond the pursuits of private citizenship.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. For many years he was president of the board of trustees, a steward and a teacher of the Sabbath school.

For a number of years he was a director of the Danville National bank. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the hospital for the insane. For a long time he was a director in the bridge company. He was also a director in the Danville Nail and Manufacturing company.

On December 2, 1846, the deceased married Amelia D., daughter of William Gearhart, who departed this life several years ago. One son, William G. Shoop, survives.

FOX RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

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

William O. Fox and William Kelley both of whom have been in prison for some months following arrest for desertion and non-support, were brought before court. Each of the men had been sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, allowance of four dollars per week for the support of his family and to give bond in \$200 for the faithful performance of his duty. Neither of the men had been able to find a bondsman and under the terms of the sentence were obliged to remain in jail.

In Fox's case a petition was presented from the county commissioners requesting that he be released from custody and that he be unable to procure the necessary bond. The petition represented further that Fox had promised to support his wife and that the couple had agreed to live together. The commissioners therefore prayed that Fox be discharged as provided by the Act of June 13, 1883.

Fox's wife, who was present, was called before the court and explained with indiscretions on the part of her husband had led to their separation. Fox on being called upon made certain promises, on the strength of which the court made an order releasing him from custody.

Fox had been in jail since January 2nd.

WILLIAM KELLY'S CASE.

Thomas C. Welsh, Esq., appeared for William Kelly. The latter was before court last October. After being sentenced to pay his wife four dollars per week, he was committed to jail until the terms of his sentence was complied with. He was released in November, but in January was brought up again and recommitted to jail. The attorney presented a petition representing that the prisoner is unable to pay the costs and fine as he has no estate and that he is unable to procure a bondsman.

The court declined to order Kelly's release Saturday but granted a rule to show cause why he should not be released from custody. Meanwhile Kelly is to remain in jail.

Fox's release still leaves ten men in the county jail.

VERTICAL SYSTEM DISPLACED

At a regular meeting of the school board Monday eve it was decided to abandon the vertical system of penmanship in use in the borough schools and to substitute a modified slant system as the best one suited to present conditions.

A committee consisting of Borough Superintendent Dieffenbacher, and Messrs. Bickel, Kase and Magill of the high school faculty, was appointed at the previous meeting to examine the different systems of penmanship with a view of displacing the vertical system at present in use. This committee presented its report for the first thing Monday eve, explaining that it had examined both the budget system plan and the copy book plan and that its preference lies with the latter. The committee approved of a modified slant as the best suited for our schools at present, as it is calculated to overcome the tendency toward backhand and vertical writing.

The committee recommended for the grades "Practical Writing" by Platt R. Spencer's sons and the Palmer Method of Business writing for supplementary work, a copy to be placed in the hands of each teacher.

On motion of Mr. Burns it was ordered that the recommendations of the special committee be adopted.

No change in the system of penmanship employed can be made the present school year. The new system will go into use next fall.

Mr. Burns reported that the electric fire alarm in the first, third and fourth wards has been put in working order. In the second ward, he said, several wires have been cut. Mr. Wallace, who installed the system, has the repairs in hand, and will see to it that the broken wires in the second ward are mended.

On motion of Mr. Heiss it was ordered that a barrel of sweeping compound be purchased for use in the schools of the first ward.

The following members were present: Parsel, Orth, Burns, Swartz, Redding, Lloyd, Fish, Heiss, Cole and Barber.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Erza Haas \$1.50, O. B. Savage \$17.26, Boyer Bros \$2.60, J. P. Bare \$25.00, W. E. Kester \$7.35, Charles Mottorn \$1.75, Isaac Pittman & Sons \$3.69, Remington Typewriter Co. \$60, Danville Ste. & Mfg. Co. \$307.01

PAINTED WITH VENETIAN RED

The councilmanic committee of public property is determined that the painting of City hall, authorized last Friday night, shall be completed before the date of the Odd Fellows' anniversary. The invitation for bids stipulates that the painting must be done before April 26, 1909.

The building as viewed from Mill street will present a very bright and attractive appearance. The specifications call for the painting of the south side and of the brick portion exposed on the northern side with two coats of venetian red, the joints to be pointed with cement where putty will not answer. The front of the building is to be painted two coats, the colors to be selected by the committee on public buildings.

It is to be regretted that the committee can not see its way clear to have the rear of the building painted to correspond with the sides and front. The decision at present is that the rear of the building shall receive no paint.

The bids will be opened at a special meeting of council to be held on next Monday night.

QUARANTINE IS LIFTED BY STATE

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 24. The state Livestock Sanitary board has issued an order releasing from quarantine for foot and mouth disease the whole state except a few districts in Lancaster and Delaware counties, the order to take effect on March 26. The quarantine against shipments by rail and moving cattle on highways is also raised.

The districts remaining in quarantine are the townships of East Donegal, Rapho, Penn, Warwick, West Earl, Upper Leacock, Leacock, East Lampeter, Manheim, East Hempfield, West Hempfield, Manor, Lancaster, Pequea, West Lampeter, Strasburg, Providence, Conestoga, Martio and Dramore and the boroughs and the city of Lancaster included therein, in Lancaster county, and the borough of Glendolen in Delaware county.

West Chester reports the presence of an albino sparrow in one of its parks.

MR. CROMWELL BRINGS SUIT

Grocer Harry T. Cromwell has instituted a suit against the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad company to recover damages for a horse which had to be killed as the result of being struck by a passenger train while passing through this city on September 28, 1908.

The accident occurred as the 5:44 east-bound train was approaching the station. Mr. Cromwell's delivery wagon was struck on the Church street crossing and thrown over into the gutter. The horse's leg was broken and the animal had to be killed.

The plaintiff alleges that the train was running at a "high, improper and negligent rate of speed," when the accident occurred; also that the engineer failed to give the proper signals, notice or warning to persons using the street and crossing.

The plaintiff asks damages in the sum of five hundred dollars. Summons were issued on Monday and were served on the company Tuesday. Ralph Klesner, Esq., represents the plaintiff.

CANTON WAS ORGANIZED

If local Odd Fellows ever had occasion for pride and self-gratulation it was last night when as the result of their labors and devotion to the principles of the order a canton, the highest rank of Odd Fellowship, was instituted in Danville.

Department Commander General J. E. Andrews and staff of Altoona along with many distinguished Odd Fellows of this section were present and participated in the ceremonies. A large contingent arrived via the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric railway comprising Odd Fellows from Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Berwick and other towns.

The new canton was organized with thirty members. The officers are as follows: Captain Dr. Jno. Sweistort; Treasurer, R. Richardson; ensign, R. A. Hicks; clerk, A. H. Grono; accountant, O. E. Shultz.

After the ceremony of constituting the canton was over a smoker was held.

It is doubtful whether Odd Fellows anywhere in this section have handsomer quarters than the Danville brethren. The rooms have been decorated, painted and refurnished at a heavy expense. The fine quarters were much admired by the visitors last night.

MR. AMEDON OUT ON CRUTCHES

Mr. Amedon, construction engineer of the Van Amringe Granite company, who had charge of the erection of the soldiers' monument at this place, is convalescent after a very serious attack of illness.

When he left Danville about the holidays Mr. Amedon was suffering from a very sore foot caused by a heavy weight falling upon it. Later his condition became very serious and he was confined to his home all winter. At present he is able to walk on crutches.

The Van Amringe Granite company is desirous that the finishing touches be put upon the memorial under Mr. Amedon's direction and to that end the completion of the work will be postponed as long as possible. It was stated yesterday that it is not likely that anything will be done until the middle of April at least. It will require only a week or ten days to complete the memorial.

CLAIM ADJUSTER OPENED THE SAFE

C. D. Learned, of New York city, claim adjuster for the Fidelity & Casualty company, with which the Farmers bank at Exchange was insured, arrived at Exchange yesterday, and with the aid of a locksmith soon had the vault door open. Inside was the safe, untouched, with the bank's funds intact.

It is now the general opinion that the attempted robbery at Exchange last Saturday night was not the work of expert burglars, and that the robbers found the vault door too tough a proposition to crack, or that they were frightened away before they had gone the limit with their desperate act.

The coal and coke shipments originating on the Pennsylvania railroad east of Pittsburg and Erie for the week ending March 13 showed a gain over the preceding week of 119,816 short tons. The total shipments amounted to 1,001,661 short tons.

Harry Nose, of Berwick, has a sharp piece of steel in an arm, which he has felt working up and down for seven years.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES CLOSE

Trinity Lutheran church was the scene of a most impressive service last night when the remodeled and beautified edifice was re-consecrated free of all indebtedness. The service was the last of the series marking the 50th anniversary of the church, yesterday, March 24th, being the real birthday of the congregation. Rev. E. F. Ritter, pastor of Holy Trinity church, of Scranton, and president of the Wilkes-Barre conference occupied the pulpit for the occasion.

Preceding the service, Miss Josephine Cousart rendered an organ recital of fifteen minutes. The church choir also rendered two anthems. The soloist of the evening was Miss Sowers, of Shamokin, who sang with pleasing effect, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

Rev. Mr. Ritter, prefacing his sermon with some remarks appropriate to the 50th anniversary of the congregation and the service of rededication, took for his text, 2nd Kings, 22nd chapter, 8th to 10th verses, telling the well known story of the finding of the copy of the laws of God by Hilkiah, the high priest when the house of the Lord was repaired in the days of Josiah, king of Israel. The thought brought out from this text was the uniting of the old and the new in the rededication and anniversary services.

Rev. Ritter had three main thoughts in his sermon: 1st—How the old became new; 2nd—How in the new the old remains; 3rd—How old and new are to remain together in the work of the church. Under the first head was pointed out how all has become new in the interior of Trinity Lutheran church, the furniture and furnishings, which beautify the house of God, and yet not without sacrifice and labor; but in the new the old remains, the old building, the old foundations and walls, the old pulpit and altar, so also the old Bible, the ever abiding word of God. From the old Bible the old truths; in the church, the old sacraments, the old commandments, the old faith. The old congregation also remains, ever dying and yet ever living in the life of new ones added to the flock.

So there is to be in this new yet old house of God, an old and yet ever new life. The old word is to be heard with new love, the old gospel is to be preached with new zeal, the old faith is to be received with new blessings. With the old faithfulness and new zeal, pastor and people are to pray and labor together for new blessings. After the sermon, the pastor, Rev. L. D. Ulrich, led in the reconsecration service.

WHITE RUBBER COATS EXPENSIVE

At the last meeting of council it was decided that the chief of the fire department and his four assistants should be furnished with new rubber coats. The question that still remains to be settled is whether the coats shall be white or black.

The question of color was discussed by council, all agreeing that white was preferable for the chief and his assistants, as thus arrayed they could be distinguished from the rank and file of the firemen wearing black coats.

Pursuant to instructions from council Borough Secretary H. E. Patton wrote for prices, receiving in reply quotations showing that white rubber coats cost seven dollars and those of black rubber four dollars.

The marked difference in price was not figured on and the committee on fire declines to assume the responsibility of deciding which color shall be adopted. The whole matter will be put up to council at its next meeting.

FUNERAL OF G. M. SHOOP

The funeral of Gideon M. Shoop took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. H. Youm, of Lewisburg, former pastor of the deceased.

The pall bearers were: Dr. J. E. Robbins, John Keim, G. Shoop Hunt, Thomas W. Bartholomew, James O. Warner and Wesley Berdine. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery. The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: George Shoop and son, Edwin Shoop, of Harrisburg, W. G. Yetter, Mrs. George Gearhart of Catawissa; Miss Derr of Lewisburg and Mrs. Zimmerman of Steelton.

Mrs. Esther Hottenstein, widow of J. W. Hottenstein, of South Bethlehem, whose death was reported to have resulted from a blow struck by Charles F. Miller, proprietor of the Pacific hotel there, has sued Miller to recover \$10,000 damages. The coroner's jury had previously exonerated Miller.

BISHOP PRAYS FOR LEGISLATURE

HARRISBURG, March 24. Bishop John W. Hamilton, presiding officer, in his opening prayer at the annual Central Pennsylvania Conference of Methodists this morning, prayed for a better legislature in Pennsylvania. A fervent chorus of "Amen" ran through the Fifth Street church as the kneeling delegates, clerical and lay, and the women visitors, voiced their approval.

"O God, give us a better legislature," was the bishop's prayer. "Let us have statesmen that can serve God as well as man. In your divine judgment, let us have a legislative body unafraid to do the right thing."

Putting into motion the machinery, whose sound will echo in the homes of thousands, and whose vibrations will be the center of interest for its six days of revolutions, the annual conference was launched this morning at Fifth Street church for the forty-first occasion.

HEART TO HEART TALK.

The Bishop, at 10:15 o'clock, formally opened the morning session with a heart to heart talk. "I am here as one of you," he declared. "I am going to sit here with you and the superintendents so you may make your impressions of me."

Setting a precedent that met with approval the prelate told the delegates to fall in line as he was desirous of shaking each by the hand.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Officers were elected as follows: Secretary, J. F. Anderson; recorder, E. R. Heckman; assistants, Marshall Piper and J. S. Souser; statistician, H. O. Hinkle; assistants, W. E. Kearns, J. C. Collins, G. A. Duvall, J. V. Royer, J. W. Shearer, G. W. McInay, H. E. Crow, W. W. Banks, J. W. Long, J. W. Skillington, W. A. Graham; treasurer, John Horning; assistants, N. B. Smith, J. McK. Reilly, J. K. Kneisey, B. A. Salter, J. E. A. Bucke, S. S. Carmill, J. R. Ebner, J. T. Bell, W. E. Watkins, E. F. Spoeler, S. T. Rounsey.

REV. BRILL'S SUSPENSION.

The suspension of Rev. William Brill, pastor of St. Paul's, Danville, was the subject to which a good deal of time was devoted. The minister was suspended during the middle of the conference year charged with non-payment of debts.

A court of fifteen members was appointed to try the case. A long discussion ensued before the manner of selecting the court was determined. A rising vote was taken and there were 97 for, 42 against laying the substitute on the table.

Dr. M. K. Foster, Rev. J. K. Lloyd, Rev. John Horning were authorized as counsel for the conference in the case. As the defendant's counsel were appointed Revs. John E. Mann, Edgar R. Heckman and John H. Morgan. Sentiment among the delegates was that the two counsel bodies confer with the committee of fifteen and make amicable adjustment. Funds are needed.

PLANS ARE COMPLETED

Plans and specifications for the grandstand and the fence of the base ball ground of the Danville Athletic Association were completed Monday and bids have been advertised for. The contract for the carpenter work will be awarded in a few days.

Ground for the grand stand has already been staked off at the southern corner of the tract next to Beaver street. The grand stand will be one hundred feet long and will contain six tiers of seats. It will hold five hundred people.

The fence will be eight feet high. Along with the grand stand it will require a great deal of good lumber and will constitute the biggest item of cost incurred in getting the grounds in shape. The carpenter work can not be completed in much less than a month.

The work of grading is being pushed along as rapidly as possible. Ten men and two carts were employed yesterday. A fine diamond is being constructed, the clay used being carted from the meadow west of the grounds.

The association feels confident that the new grounds will be ready for a game on April 27th, the date of the Odd Fellows' anniversary.

Choosing death by his own hand in preference to the humiliation of living to see his business confiscated and sold to satisfy his creditors, David Lark, a prominent granite and marble merchant of Frankford, Philadelphia, fatally shot himself half an hour before the sale was to begin.

A York man who sent in a false fire alarm is now serving a ninety-day sentence.