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Edwin O. Lewis, William Penn party candidate for recorder of wills in Philadelphia, has pledged that he will not accept or retain State fees to a value of more than \$5,000 a year in addition to his regular salary if he be elected.

John E. Hammond, who started from New York on a motor cycle trip around the world on a wager of \$5,000, is now in Pennsylvania. He and his brother Fred will meet in Dublin, Ireland, and are required to make the trip in five months.

One man was killed and four others seriously injured when a train on a mountain tramroad belonging to the Tri-State Lumber company ran away and went over an embankment at Dunbar. The men were employes of the lumber concern.

Rev. Father R. A. McAndrew, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church at Wilkes-Barre, was made a Monsignor during impressive ceremonies. Bishop Hoban, of the Scranton diocese, conferred the purple robe on him in the presence of 100 priests.

Elvin Gibbs, of near Warren, has disappeared and it is thought that he has met with foul play as he had some difficulties with Italians recently. He went on a hunting expedition and has not been heard from since. His wife is almost frantic. He is 22 years of age.

Efforts are being made by the chamber of commerce of Connellsville to boom the town. It is hoped to get the place in the Pittsburgh freight district and the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce will be asked to aid in this respect. It is hoped to raise \$3,500 annually to help boom the town and attract industries.

Announcement has been made that the Carnegie Steel company has bought the old Star mills of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company at Pittsburgh, and will raze the buildings to the ground to get space to build a warehouse from which small lots of goods that are manufactured in the works will be distributed to contractors. This will take the job selling out of the hands of small dealers.

Three-year-old Ralph Leach was trampled by a horse at his home near Harrisburg and so badly injured that he died. His skull was crushed.

Charged with violation of the State pure food laws twelve Washington county merchants were arrested. All gave bail for the November term of court.

Smithton's business men have united to boom the place. They will attempt to get new industries and will join the fight to have the Youghiogheny river improved.

William J. Mack, of Chester, was attacked by a cat while he was on his way home at night. The animal jumped on his shoulder from a fence and inflicted deep scratches on his face.

Five Swyersville councilmen were indicted of bribery at Wilkes-Barre. They are accused of accepting bribes in the letting of sewer contracts. The county claims to have witnesses who saw the deeds performed.

Stephen Horan was held up by a gang of thugs at Dunport and so badly beaten that he will die. Robbery was the motive. The State constabulary is scouring the woods for the culprits. Horan's skull was fractured.

Hundreds of skunks were released by some unknown person on the skunk farm of Frank Strauser, near Reading. This is the second time that the animals have been put at liberty and the loss is considerable.

Running in front of the automobile of Harry Silman, a business man of St. Marys, the 6-year-old son of Geo. Baeer, of Dagnis Mines, Elk county, was instantly killed. Silman immediately gave himself up to the police.

John Rockford was instantly killed and his granddaughter, Kate Rockwell, was seriously injured in a crash between a trolley car and buggy near Bradford. Both the unfortunates were in the buggy. The horse was killed.

William Burns, of Chester, felt something alight on his hat and reached up to find what it was. It proved to be an owl and when he grabbed it the bird started to fight. It put up a fierce struggle and bit him on the hand. He held on however and took it home.

Two men were killed on Saturday and another seriously scalded in the derailment of a Pennsylvania freight train at Hannastown, eighty-five miles west of Altoona. The dead are A. J. Pershing, conductor, and A. F. Flynn, engine man, both of Derry. E. E. Craven, the fireman, of the same place was badly scalded. All the tracks were blocked for several hours. The cause of the derailment is not known.

SITUATION IN SECOND WARD

The situation in the second ward relating to diphtheria and scarlet fever remains practically unchanged.

There are now twelve cases under quarantine. In addition it is worthy of note, that, taking in the two diseases, during the last 57 days thirty cases have been reported, which, of course, amounts to more than one case for every other day. It also means one case for less than every 800 of the town's population within a period of ten days. In the same ratio, it is pointed out, in a city like Philadelphia it would mean not less than 2000 cases, in the same time, a situation which would no doubt call forth drastic action on the part of the authorities. In view of these facts the board of health feels justified in closing the schools for twenty-one days.

The special watchman employed has been on the job since last Friday and the general impression seems to be that the rules of quarantine now are being pretty well obeyed.

PUPILS GIVEN A CHANCE

Owing to the change in the marking system employed in the schools, the pupils, if in the least industrious, will not necessarily lose much time while the schools are closed. The revised rules provide that pupils absent from good cause, which includes "quarantine" may make up their work and take an examination. The examination mark will be used as the pupil's mark for the time that he or she is absent, which, in the present case, implies the time that the schools are closed.

In a short time the pupils will be permitted to return to school and obtain their books, which by that time will have been thoroughly fumigated. Practically the entire time Friday was spent in outlining the work for the period during which the schools will be closed. The teacher's assigned two weeks' work, which, it is believed, the pupils can very easily get through with in three weeks.

Appropos of the loss of time it is a question whether the teachers of the schools closed will fare as well as the pupils. The agreement signed by them at the beginning of the term provides that in case it be necessary to shut up the schools owing to contagion the salary of the teachers shall discontinue while the schools are closed.

BRIDGE COMPLETED

The Owego Bridge company has completed the new bridge near County Commissioner John Coleman's, the concrete floor as well as other parts of the bridge being finished. The next bridge that will be built by the Owego Bridge company will be in Anthony township to replace the structure that broke down beneath Mr. Mordan's traction engine, a couple of months ago.

The Nelson Merydith company who have several bridges to build in this county notwithstanding the approach of winter have not yet arrived on the ground. Neither has any of the material arrived. Instead of replanking several other bridges, the flooring of which has been given away the county commissioners are constructing a driveway of concrete. On four bridges concrete floors have been placed—the one at Sidler's, the one at Mowrey's, at Sandel's and at Bagdad.

ASSOCIATES HOLD COURT

A session of court was held Monday afternoon with Associate Judges L. W. Welliver and F. G. Blee on the bench. The object of meeting was to appoint two constables for vacancies existing respectively, in Valley township and the fourth ward of the borough of Danville.

The vacancy in Valley township was caused by the resignation of Pierce Gearhart which was tendered at the last session of court. In the fourth ward of Danville the vacancy was caused by the removal of the Constable-elect, Benjamin F. Cook, from the ward.

At the session of court yesterday afternoon in Valley township Henry M. Yeager was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Gearhart. In the fourth ward of Danville John Dimmen was appointed vice Benjamin F. Cook.

JURY COMMISSIONERS

Charles E. Shires, Sr., Democrat, of Strawberry Ridge and Curtis Cook, Republican, of this city having received respectively the highest and next highest vote for jury commissioner are elected to that office for the ensuing term.

They are both representative citizens of sound judgment and of wide acquaintance throughout the county and will no doubt discharge the duties of their important office to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Cook previously served two terms as jury commissioner.

Wm. B. Startzel Elected Sheriff

Has Majority Over John B. Mourer of 564--Charles E. Shires, Democrat, Jury Commissioner--Munson Leads the Ticket in Montour.

William B. Startzel, Democrat, was elected sheriff of Montour county at the election held Tuesday, receiving 1103 votes as against 539 for John B. Mourer, the Republican candidate.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable forecast, which predicted rain, the morning, although threatening in the weather, in the main proved pleasant enough. It would be difficult, however, to recall an election that passed off more quietly. The general apathy commented upon elsewhere was especially noticeable in Montour county and was reflected in the light vote cast, which in none of the districts amounted to much more than fifty per cent. of the full vote.

What interest existed seemed to be centered in the contest for sheriff.

There was also a strong rivalry between Charles E. Shires and Curtis Cook, respectively Democratic and Republican candidates for jury commissioner. Mr. Shires won out, receiving 877 votes as against 596 for Mr. Cook.

W. L. Sidler for register and recorder was a candidate on the Democratic, Republican and Prohibition tickets and consequently was without opposition.

Mr. Startzel for Sheriff carried every district in the county and ran slightly ahead of his ticket. A table is presented herewith which shows the full vote received by each candidate.

It will be noted that Cyrus Larue Munson, Democratic candidate for

Judge of the Supreme Court, received an especially flattering vote, his majority being the largest in the county.

George W. Kipp, Democratic candidate for State treasurer and James Woodward Clark, Democratic candidate for auditor general, each ran far ahead of the Republican candidate.

The big ballot, with its proposed amendments to the constitution, ten in number, proved a weighty proposition to the average voter. He readily expressed his choice in voting for the candidates, but when it came to the amendments his mind was not so readily made up. The result varies considerably in the different districts.

Notwithstanding the big ballot the most of the districts finished counting at a reasonably early hour.

VOTE IN MONTOUR COUNTY

Table with columns for CANDIDATES, First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, Fourth Ward, Anthony, Cooper, Derry, Liberty, Mahoning, Mayberry, Valley, Washingtonville, West Hemlock, and TOTAL. Rows include STATE TREASURER, AUDITOR GENERAL, SUPREME COURT, SHERIFF, JURY COMMISSIONER, REGISTER AND RECORDER.

FIXING BOROUGH BOUNDARY

Borough Surveyor G. F. Keefer yesterday noon entered upon a survey to determine the borough's exact boundaries. He was assisted by E. S. Miller and J. W. Wallize.

It is a fact that the borough's exact boundary at several points is involved in some uncertainty. East of the borough in the vicinity of Bloom street, especially, the disputed line has been the cause of much controversy between the borough council and the supervisors of Mahoning township. The disagreement has been instrumental in holding up important improvement relating to drainage and for awhile threatened to result in litigation.

The engineer with his corps began the survey below town at a point near the "dog road." In following the borough line the surveying party will be obliged to make a wide circuit, climbing over Montour Ridge on the way. The work will occupy nearly a week.

A survey to fix the borough boundary beyond dispute has been under contemplation for some time. The result, as relates to a few points especially, will be awaited with much interest.

A SERIOUS CHARGE

William P. Jones, of Milton, was committed to jail last evening to await trial on a serious charge.

He was arrested by Officer Voris about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Sarah S. Lewis, who along with her husband, G. H. Lewis, occupies rooms in the Gross building, Mill street. Jones, it was alleged, entered the Lewis home during the husband's absence. The charge brought against the defendant was assault and battery with intent to commit a felony.

Jones denied the charge before justice Oglesby, but he was held for court. In default of two hundred dollars bail he was committed to jail. While Harry Stewart was examining a revolver at Pittsburgh Raymond Hall of near that town, was struck by a bullet from the weapon, which exploded, and will lose an eye as the result.

OFFICIAL COUNT AT HIGH NOON

The official returns of each of the election precincts of the county arrived at the commissioners' office by noon yesterday. Aaron Mauser was the first to arrive yesterday morning with the returns from Cooper township. West Hemlock township was the last one heard from.

The official count will be made at high noon today and will be conducted by the associate judges, the clerk of the court and sworn assistants. The count will be made in the court room and will be open to the public.

AS TO AMENDMENTS.

The unofficial returns reveal an odd fact in connection with the proposed changes to the constitution voted on at the election. In the rural sections of our county they were evidently regarded with suspicion and failed to carry in a single precinct. In the borough the vote on the proposed amendments stood as follows: First ward, "yes" 75; "no" 57. Second ward, "yes" 27; "no" 31. Third ward, "yes" 50; "no" 35. Fourth ward, "yes" 23; "no" 35. The voters were especially chary in disposing of amendment No. 7, which ran behind all the others.

PROHIBITION VOTE.

The Prohibition vote throughout the county was as follows: Cyrus F. Styer for sheriff, 36; Thomas W. Mills, for jury commissioner, 135; W. L. Sidler, register and recorder, 62.

HUNGRY ELECTION BOARD

The entire election board at Locust Gap was placed under arrest on Tuesday afternoon for forsaking their duties for refreshments.

Voters cast their ballots throughout the morning until noon, when the board, deciding that they were hungry, shut up temporarily and procured something to eat.

Samuel Hollister, a political leader, tried to vote at noon and found the polls closed whereupon he preferred information against the board before a justice.

WHAT GRADUATES ARE DOING

The present enrollment in the commercial department of the high school is seventy-three. The graduating class, this year is composed of ten members. As to the value of this department of the high school, the efficiency and earning capacity of the graduates some facts were learned yesterday that reflect unbounded credit upon the teacher, Mr. F. W. Magill. The showing is as follows:

The number of students that have graduated from the commercial department to date is forty-eight, divided as follows: Class of 1906, 15; class of 1907, 14; class of 1908, 6; class of 1909, 13.

The total number of graduates following up commercial work is thirty-nine, distributed as follows: In Philadelphia, 19; Danville, 13; Washington, D. C., 3; Williamsport, 1; Wilkes-Barre, 1; Altoona, 1; Syracuse, N. Y., 1.

Of the remaining nine four have entered schools, &c., for preparation in other lines of work; two are unemployed and the remaining three are employed in Danville at other than commercial work.

Upon inquiry it is learned that the average earning power of the several classes is found to be as follows:

Class of 1906, seven males \$80.00 to \$90.00 per month; six females, \$56 per month.

Class of 1907, six males \$65.00; seven females, \$55.00 per month.

Class of 1908, one male and three females \$35 per month.

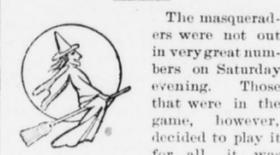
Class of 1909, five males, \$40.00; four females, \$30.00.

Four of the male graduates have attained to salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,300 per year.

A record of the graduates and their places of employment is kept at the school building and can be seen at any time.

Joseph Sokel, of Mahanoy Plane, is dying in a Mahanoy City hospital as the result of having his skull split by an ax, it is alleged, by John Sacker, at a christening in the Sokel home.

SERENADERS UNDER ARREST



The masqueraders were not out in very great numbers on Saturday evening. Those that were in the game, however, decided to play it for all it was worth and as a result there were arrests galore.

The celebration of Halloween in its characteristic features each year is apt to become an unmitigated nuisance—a fact that almost every person is willing to bear witness to. That the observance in its characteristic and objectionable features has fallen off in late years is also quite apparent and is no doubt owing to the ban that has been placed upon disorderly conduct, use of chalk, charcoal, soot, flour and the like.

Some very clever disguises were seen among the masqueraders on Saturday night. The fun began about 7 o'clock. The tooting of horns was heard in the different centres of town along with the clang of cowbells as the latter were dragged over the paving.

It was not until about half past eight o'clock that the mode of celebrating prohibited by the proclamation of the chief Burgess became in evidence on Mill street. Four girls and two young men, one of the latter, at least, being from the country, appeared, and began to use chalk of different colors indiscriminately. The revelers were enjoying themselves to the utmost when the police happened along and caught one of the young fellows in the act. He was unceremoniously "waltzed" out to the office of Justice Dalton. He gave his residence as Roaring creek and threw the blame wholly on the girls, who, he said, attacked him first marking his clothing. He declared that in self-protection he had taken the chalk from the girls. He did not deny that he then entered into the game himself, but protested that he did not know that the use of chalk was forbidden, as he had no opportunity of perusing the paper Saturday morning. Another young fellow, a member of the party, accompanied him to the office of Justice Dalton and corroborated his testimony.

GIRLS BROUGHT UP

At this juncture it became known that two of the girls concerned in the affair, anxious to know the fate of the young fellows, had followed the crowd to the "squire's" office and were standing outside. An officer went out and brought them in. They made no effort to shift the blame, but declared the young men were "chalking" as much as anyone. The truth of their testimony was well borne out by appearances. The tall young man from the country was striped like a barber pole, while not only the clothing but also the cheeks of the girls were "chilled" red, white and blue.

It was decided to discharge the young man and to hold the girls. The latter were half hysterical when they learned that they were under arrest. They readily gave their own names and the names of two other girls who, they declared, were using chalk. By this time the young fellows had vanished and the girls were left to face the music. There was considerable sympathy for them in their predicament and as it was about ten o'clock at night it was decided that they might depart to their homes until Monday, when they were required to report at the office of Justice Dalton.

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF

A band of serenaders composed of five boys overstepped all bounds and broke in the front door of Simon Brown's dwelling on Ferry street about 8 o'clock Saturday night. They bombarded the door with stones using several that were as large as a man's fist. A couple of the panels were broken in and the door was so badly used up that a new one will have to be supplied.

The police succeeded in discovering the names of the guilty parties, and on Saturday night the father of each one of the boys was notified to be on hand with his boy at the office of Justice Dalton between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, when a hearing was held.

CLERGYMAN'S LONG DRIVE

The Rev. C. D. Lerch and wife of Winchester, Va., arrived in Danville Monday eve for a visit with relatives in this vicinity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lerch are well pleased with their new location.

On Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. Lerch will start on a long drive between the home of Mr. Lerch's parents near Turbotville and Winchester, Va., a distance of 260 miles. Mr. Lerch will drive his favorite horse which since the clergyman left Danville has been stabled on his father's farm. Probably a week will be consumed on the journey.

PERSONAL LETTER FROM DR. DIXON

Dr. Stock, medical inspector, in reply to an inquiry yesterday received a personal letter from State Health Commissioner Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, which will settle a mooted question, one that has been the subject of unremitting discussion in the school board for years past.

A hypothetical question was propounded by Dr. Stock, as follows:

"A child is taken sick and in view of the prevalence of scarlet fever the parents send a school child from home pending a diagnosis. The next day the case is positively diagnosed scarlet fever. May this school child return to school (if not infected) after the period of incubation; provided that he or she does not again visit the infected home until both the periods of quarantine and school exclusion have passed?"

DR. DIXON'S REPLY.

The reply to the above letter is as follows: "Dr. George A. Stock, Danville, Pa.

Dear Doctor:—Your letter of October 27th received. The case as cited is a rather peculiar one and is worthy of some consideration.

"While it would appear on first thought that it would be entirely proper to allow the child in question to return to school after the incubation period, yet as a matter of principle to establish a precedent of this kind would encourage parents to rush out children of the household indiscriminately whenever a case of contagious disease broke out in the family, and as act No. 658 provides the means, and the only means, by which this may be done and confines it to immunes we think it best to obey the letter of the law and treat this child as having resided in a household where it was in contact with a scarlet fever case and excluded from school under the act for the same time that it would have been excluded had it remained in the household and been properly isolated from the patient; that is, the child cannot return to school until the quarantine is lifted from the house where the case occurred and where the child lived prior to its hasty removal.

Yours very respectfully, SAMUEL G. DIXON."

It will be noted that the hypothetical case relates to "scarlet fever." The same reasoning applies to diphtheria. The case is decided under the act of May 14, 1909.

In the case of scarlet fever the above act provides that any child or person who is immune from scarlet fever by virtue of a former attack—this fact being attested by the attending physician—may on the outbreak of the said disease in the premises in which he or she resides, be allowed after taking a disinfecting bath and putting on disinfected clothing to remove therefrom and take up his or her residence in other premises occupied exclusively by adults, and may, from and after ten days from such removal, be admitted into any of the schools.

THE HARWOOD PLANT

To assert that the big power plant now being erected at Harwood by the Harwood Electric Light & Power company will be the equal of the great plant at Niagara Falls is a big, broad assertion, but anyone who visited the latter or read a description of it and will then acquaint himself of what is going on in the mining hamlet, will freely concede that the assertion is founded on facts. The steel structural work on the power house has now reached its given height and is practically enclosed with brick on the west side. While this work is going on there are scores, aye, hundreds of other men engaged in placing the traveling electric cranes, powerful turbines, automatic pumps, fuel conveyors, large and powerful boilers, etc. The building will be as near fire proof as human agency can accomplish that end, being constructed of steel and cement. It will be equipped in a thoroughly sanitary manner, having baths, toilets, lockers, etc., for the comfort and convenience of the employes. In addition to the building force there is another at work on the large reservoir adjoining the plant. Here steam shovels, small locomotives and steam rollers are at work, and when their task is completed the company will have a reservoir with a capacity for storing fifty million gallons of water.

Running Water Train.

The drought became so acute at Shamokin yesterday that the Reading company started running water trains, while the water company cut off the boiler supply to the Mineral Railroad and Mining company.

A number of collieries will have to be shut down unless the drought is soon relieved. Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria in the Terre Hill, Lancaster county, schools, the authorities have decided to close up the institutions for two weeks.