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Coke production from the Uniontown district for the week ending October 30 broke all records. It was 443,254 tons.

Edward Kiefer, an employe of the Reading stove works, was instantly killed by being struck by a enemy wheel which made 3,000 revolutions a minute and broke from its bearings.

Wellington Ross, a farmer drove fifty feet over a precipice near Shamokin with a two horse team. The animals were killed and he lay seventeen hours before he was found. He is still living.

Francis Faco has been taken from Pottsville to New York where he will be deported to Italy. He violated the immigration laws in coming here, as he has a prison record. He entered the country in disguise.

Antonio Merrio, a peddler, of Carnegie, was robbed at Cannonburg and beaten so badly that he had to be sent to a hospital. Three ribs were broken, his skull was fractured and he was injured otherwise. Two unknown men were the perpetrators of the deed. He was relieved of his pack and \$100.

Great crowds attended the funeral of the Medico-Chirurgical student Michael Lavelle Burke, who was injured so badly as the result of a football game with the College of Pharmacy team, in Philadelphia, that he died. He was buried at Shenandoah and thirty-six priests were present at the funeral services.

George Loxterman was so badly injured at Pittsburg by being struck by an auto driven by Patrick J. Connelley, that he died in a half hour. He was aged 8 years and was picking up his school books when the accident happened. His sister caught him by the hand and tried to pull him from harm's way and was nearly run over herself. The chauffeur is out under \$2,000 bail.

As the result of playing with fire, two children of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Patterson, of Dinsmore, Washington county, set the house on fire and their little 18-months-old sister was burned to a crisp in her cot. The parents were absent from the house for a short time and when they were returning the children ran to them screaming and told them that the house was burning. They tried several times to save the infant but were driven back by the flames. The children lighted a broom at the grate of the stove.

C. D. Edding of near Butler, held a Robert rifle to his head with the intent of suicide and though his son held his hand and said "Don't do it papa," he pulled the trigger and ended his life.

Fifty thousand dollars' property loss was caused by a freight wreck near Stroudsburg, on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. There were sixteen cars in the wreck, which was the result of a sideswipe in a cut.

Attorney Oliver Evans, of Limerick, a member of the Norristown bar, shot at a rabbit and the bullet passed over its head. The animal was hypnotized, it seemed, by the occurrence, for the man was able to pick it up. He let it go again, and again the bunny acted as if it were in a trance.

Trainmen on the Reading and Harrisburg division of the Reading road made better time during the month of October than they have for two years. All have been steadily employed. About 2,000 cars of coal are mined daily and on one day last week eighty-eight loaded freight trains traversed the division.

Mayor Magee, of Pittsburg, and State Health Commissioner Dixon will discuss a sewage disposal system for the Smoky City tomorrow. The idea is to drain the water regardless of the city lines. It is pretty well settled that the city and the nearby boroughs should not have separate sewers but that there should be one metropolitan system.

Northumberland county was the first to turn in the official returns of the elections. The secretary of the commonwealth addressed a congratulatory letter to Prothonotary Dissinger on account of this.

Charles Innis, aged 14, an employe in a Chester factory, was stabbed in the hip, chest and thigh by a companion during a fight. The weapon used was a penknife. The wounded boy is expected to recover.

Albert Langer, a New York thug, pleaded guilty to seven indictments ranging from burglary to attempted murder at court at Lancaster. He shot Constable Keesey when that officer placed him under arrest for selling liquor illegally. He was sent to the eastern penitentiary for a maximum term of thirty-three years and a minimum of eight years three months.

FILLING UP THE OLD CANAL

The first step Friday night was taken in the actual procedure of abating the canal nuisance.

Chief Burgess Amesbury was present and reported a conference which took place between himself and Division Engineer R. M. White on the occasion of the latter's visit to Danville last week.

The division engineer, he said, seemed very fair. The D. L. & W. Railroad company is willing to contribute financially to the filling up of the canal and about all that is required now, before the first step can be taken to ward getting rid of the nuisance is to make an estimate of the cost of all the work and to provide for surface drainage. He also exhibited a blue print furnished by the D. L. & W. Railroad company showing what sections of the canal the various manufacturing concerns of town have agreed to fill up with cinder. Every part of the canal seems provided for in this way by one industry or another, with the exception of the part lying between Church street and Mill street.

On motion of Mr. Curry it was ordered that an engineer be employed to make a survey of the canal in the borough making an estimate of the cost of filling it up and also to provide for drainage of surface water.

WILL ASK STATE AID.

Mr. Cleaver of the committee on streets and bridges reported that as a second thought the committee had decided to see whether a brick pavement can not be laid on East Market street extension under the act of May 1, 1905, instead of constructing a macadam as the intention was at first. They also decided to see whether the entire section of East Market street between Cook's court and the hospital macadam can not be reconstructed or paved with State aid. Pending a decision in this matter, he said, the survey as ordered was discontinued.

On motion of Mr. Everhart it was decided that the borough endeavor to secure State aid in paving East Market street from Cook's court to the hospital macadam.

STREET REPAIRS.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver it was ordered that the borough purchase ten car loads of crushed limestone from Pond Hill for the purpose of repairing streets; also that bids be invited for delivering the same on the streets where needed.

On motion an order for \$179.19, representing money received from the State was ordered drawn in favor of the Firemen's Relief Association.

On motion of Mr. Curry it was ordered that Mr. Blizard be notified to repair the pavement on which his property abuts. In case of neglect the street commissioner was instructed to make the repairs according to the ordinance.

It was also ordered that fifty feet of hose be purchased for the Goodwill Hose company.

On motion of Mr. Curry it was ordered that the man employed at Memorial park be withdrawn each autumn on November 1st, the flag not to be raised except on special occasions while a watchman is not employed.

The following members were present: Schatz, Finnigan, Cleaver, Pursel, Iles, Everhart, Marshall, Curry, Connelly and Von Blohn.

The following bills were approved for payment:

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.

Table listing various departments and their costs: Labor and hauling \$396.88, Regular employes \$117.50, Imperial Mfg. Co. 1.80, Standard Gas Co. .50, James Gibson 24.75, Walker and Koper 52.19, Frank H. Stewart Elec. Co. 58.33, L. I. Breakley 3.10, Danville Fdy. & Machine Co. 2.31, Washington Fire Co. 7.80, Sam McCuen 8.00, United Tel. & Tel. Co. .90, Peoples' Coal Yard 26.50, Thomas G. Vincent 6.00, J. H. Cole 153.79, Silver Springs Quarry Co. 16.28, Welliver Hdw. Co. 2.70.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Table listing water department costs: Regular employes \$153.35, Peoples' Coal Yard 94.28, Friendship Fire Co. 10.45, Crandall Packing Co. 26.72, John H. Gosser 3.38, A. M. Peters 2.24, Adams Express Co. 3.20, Atlantic Refining Co. 28.93, Standard Gas Co. 1.93, B. B. Brown 30.25, Jos. Carpenter 15.00.

Rev. Frank Frisher, a former pastor of the Maustale Reformed church, will return to his home in Philadelphia today after a several days' visit at the home of F. W. Hagenbuch, Grovania.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cashner, East Market street, left yesterday for a visit with relatives near Windfield.

CLARENCE CARR ADJUDGED INSANE

A regular session of court for argument was held Saturday. His Honor Judge Evans and Associates Blew and Welliver were on the bench. Two matters of interest were acted upon, one being the case of Clarence Carr, who was adjudged insane and was ordered committed to the hospital for the insane and the other a petition signed by some eighty taxpayers, asking that the dividing line between Derry and Liberty townships be changed at a certain point.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIANS.

In re: Clarence Carr, an alleged lunatic, the commission appointed made the following report: "We the undersigned resident practicing physicians of Pennsylvania, hereby certify that we have within one week prior to the date thereof at Danville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, separately examined Clarence Carr of the same place and believe that the said Clarence Carr is insane, and that the disease is of such a character and degree as in our opinion to require his confinement in a hospital or other establishment where the insane are detained for cause and treatment, etc.

R. S. PATTEN, W. R. PAULES.

ORDER OF COURT.

Judge Evans made the following order:

And now, November 6, 1909, the physicians duly appointed by the court of quarter sessions of Montour county to examine Clarence Carr, an alleged lunatic, charged upon oath of Archie Eary with surety of the peace, having returned that it is their belief that the said Clarence Carr is insane and that the disease is of such a character and degree as to require his confinement in a hospital or other establishment where the insane are detained for cause and treatment.

Whereupon the court order and decree that the said Clarence Carr be conveyed by the Sheriff forthwith to the State hospital for the insane at Danville, Pa., there to be kept until duly and lawfully discharged therefrom. By the Court.

CHARLES C. EVANS, P. J.

A PETITION.

A numerous signed petition was presented to the court asking that the line between Derry and Liberty townships be altered.

The line between the said townships as now established, running in a straight northerly direction from a stone in the middle of the public road leading from the borough of Washingtonville to Oak Grove in Liberty township, to a stone in the center of the public road leading from the village of Mexico in Limestone township to the borough of Washingtonville, at or near the residence of James Pollock, is very inconvenient by reason of the great distance the scholars and the children of parents residing within the territory in Derry township embraced within the proposed new dividing and the present line above described are required to travel in attending the public school of said Derry township, in that the school, in Derry township, most contiguous to the respective homes and residences of said scholars, is more than one and one-fourth miles distant, while the public school in Liberty township, at which they would be enabled to attend in case the dividing line is changed, would be less than one-half mile distant.

There were some eighty petitioners almost equally divided between Derry and Liberty townships, who represented that certain property owners would be greatly benefited by the proposed change in the dividing line, as their farms now lying partly in Liberty township would then be wholly embraced in that township, where the major part of their tax is assessed.

It was asked that the line be altered to run as follows: Beginning at a point in the public road leading from Washingtonville to Danville about 150 yards north of the residence of Mr. Golder on said road; thence in a straight line in a northerly direction to a certain stone in the center of the public road leading from the village of Mexico to Washingtonville at or near the residence of James Pollock.

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED.

The court appointed John A. Ellis, A. J. Bitler and B. E. Stead, commissioners to inquire as to the propriety of granting the prayer of the petitioners and to make return of their findings at the next term of court.

At 11:15 o'clock court adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Friday, the 12th inst.

Mrs. J. H. Eyerly, Lower Mulberry street, left yesterday for Dewart to attend the funeral of a friend.

D. A. Howe, of Williamsport, was in this city yesterday touring in a White Steamer.

"MICROBES AND MEN"

Rev. E. O. Taylor, M. A., D. D., of Boston, Mass., director and field secretary of the Scientific Temperance Federation of America, delivered two addresses in this city Sunday, one before a meeting of ladies and gentlemen in the Y. M. C. A. Hall at 3:30 o'clock and the other at the First Baptist church last evening.

Dr. Taylor has achieved distinction as a lecturer and text book author. He has been special lecturer on Scientific Temperance to the University of Chicago and several other colleges. His lectures deal with the scientific phase of the alcohol problem.

AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Taylor took as his subject, "Microbes and Men, or the Chemistry of Alcohol." A synopsis of the discourse follows:

The prophet Hosea once said: "My People Are Destroyed for Lack of Knowledge."

One hundred and eighty thousand people, Dr. Taylor declared are destroyed in our country every year for lack of very little and very simple knowledge touching the nature of alcohol.

We know more about alcohol today he said, than we did twenty-five years or even one year ago. The researches of chemical and physiological science have brought to light new facts and principles, which have displaced old-time theories, notions and guess work.

The first step in educating the people on this subject the speaker stated, is to educate the preachers, teachers, editors and all Christian men and women.

Dr. Taylor said that alcohol is no longer classed as a food by the highest scientific authorities, but as a poison, and that as a poison it has two characteristics—one as a narcotic and the other as an irritant. As a narcotic it has a selective affinity for the nerves and is in the same category with cocaine, chloral, morphine and opium. As an irritant it is in rank with arsenic and other like poisons which attack the delicate membranes of the body.

The logic of this classification it was averred is that we are compelled to deal with and dispose of alcohol the same as we deal with and dispose of other drugs with which it is properly classed. We deal with cocaine morphine and the like as DRUGS, not as foods, stimulants or tonics.

We place both the social and the legislative ban on the drugs mentioned. Good chemistry and good logic, Dr. Taylor declared, compel us to put alcohol under the same ban.

He said there is no more use in science for the beverage use of alcohol in solutions called beer, wine and whiskey than there is for the same use of cocaine, morphine or opium and that there is no more justification in the legalization of places where alcoholic liquors may be sold than there is in legalizing opium or cocaine joints.

The argument that prohibitory legislation interferes with a man's right to eat and drink what he pleases the speaker held, is as absurd as it would be to affirm the same concerning morphine or cocaine. The same was said of the argument—"They will have it anyway, therefore, we might as well legalize it, tax it and make it pay for the harm it does." The speaker averred that no thoughtful man would say that of morphine. The argument that if you prohibit the sale of liquor it will drive business to some other town was also disposed of as absurd. Would men use such a plea in behalf of any other narcotic drug with which alcohol is classed? Dr. Taylor declared that if any man professing intelligence would undertake to build up his business by advocating a law legalizing the sale of cocaine for luxury purposes he would be warned to leave town between two days.

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

At the First Baptist church last evening Dr. Taylor took as his subject: "What is Temperance? A Scientific Answer." He began his address by giving and illustrating his own definition of temperance, viz: "Temperance is the moderate use of such things as are good in their essential property. Alcohol as the essential property of alcoholic liquors, being a narcotic-irritant poison, it logically follows he said, that total abstinence is the only temperance, and that Prohibition is the only scientific policy of government."

After enumerating the several characteristics of alcohol as a poison, among which was the universal killing of all forms of life from microbes to men, Dr. Taylor closed his address as follows: "Alcohol kills men. During the war with Spain we lost 2500 soldier boys. During the same time outside the army we lost 60,000 men from drink. And yet every one of the 60,000 was as specifically and physiologically killed by alcohol as any soldier

A PRISONER'S BOLD ESCAPE

Abram Jones, colored, was in the lime light Tuesday forenoon. As the result of alleged blood-curdling threats directed at his wife he was placed under arrest. Upon being brought up before the justice he made a dash for liberty. He wearied out the officers who pursued him and as the town clock struck twelve disappeared over the brow of Montour ridge north of the town.

Information was lodged against Abram by his wife, the charge being one of surety of the peace. The warrant was placed in the hands of Officer Voris, who, after some difficulty, succeeded in locating Jones at the home of the latter's parents and took him into custody.

THE ESCAPE.

After swearing out the warrant Mrs. Jones waited at the office of Justice Dalton in order to be present at the hearing. Considerable time was consumed in making the arrest and the woman becoming weary left for another part of town.

Soon after she left, however, Officer Voris put in an appearance with Jones. Leaving the prisoner in the justice's office the policeman started out in search of the wife, whose testimony was needed.

A few minutes afterward, about the time he thought the policeman was at a safe distance, Jones, who sat at the end of the table between Squire Dalton and the door, without the least warning, arose and made a dash for liberty.

The prisoner was in quiet conversation with the justice and the latter was taken wholly off his guard. Before he could realize what had occurred Jones had gained the door and was legging it out toward Center street.

THE PURSUIT.

As the justice flew out of the door in pursuit he saw Officers Minceymer and Voris in the distance and he hastily beckoned them to follow. By the time the pursuit was rightly organized Jones had gotten as far as the "flat" school house. From this point at a rather leisurely gait he moved over to Northumberland street. In this direction he was headed off by Chief Minceymer and he retraced his steps in a northerly direction. To elude Officer Voris and Justice Dalton who came down West Centre street, he was obliged to employ all the tactics that he could command and to do some lively sprinting.

"AFTER HIS DOG."

The people in that section were unaware of what had occurred and as the fleet-footed Abram cut across lots they wondered at his hurry. George Perry asked him what he was running for, whereupon the resourceful Abram explained that his dog had escaped and that he was trying to catch him.

A moment later the officers came along and the true cause of Abram's rapid movements was learned. When the fugitive crossed the borough line and took to the mountain the pursuit was abandoned.

MRS. HARRIET N. RUSSELL

Mrs. Harriet Newell Russell, a life-long and esteemed resident of Danville, died at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening following a stroke of paralysis. She was aged seventy-seven years.

She was the widow of the late Andrew C. Russell, and was a native of Danville, her maiden name being Harriet Newell Lundy. She was nearly a life-long member of the Mahoning Presbyterian church and was a consistent Christian.

Six sons and one daughter survive: John L. Robert, Andrew B., and Walter Russell, of Danville, Harry N., of New York; Albert L. Russell, of Waynesboro, Virginia, and Miss Elizabeth Russell, of Danville.

Although a stroke of paralysis, sustained over a week ago, was the immediate cause of death, yet the deceased had been in feeble health for a considerable time prior to her death.

Mrs. F. E. Harpel and Mrs. Theo. R. Angle spent yesterday with friend in Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Olive Miller, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Miller, Ferry street.

boy was ever killed by a bullet shot through his brain or heart. Scientific men are not discussing exclusively the overdose as killing men but the nature of alcohol. It is as much the nature of alcohol to kill a man as it is the nature of arsenic to kill a dog." Dr. Taylor will deliver the third lecture of the series in Y. M. C. A. hall tonight. At the close of his address he announces he will burn alcohol out of beer, illuminating the room with the amount of alcohol found in a pint of beer. The lights of the hall will be switched off.

EPIDEMIC ON THE WANE

It was reported at the meeting of the school board Monday night that the outbreak of diphtheria and scarlet fever in the second ward is steadily on the decline. A sentiment was expressed in favor of taking action looking to obtaining a modification of the health board's order to the end that the schools, now closed, may be opened at the expiration of fourteen instead of twenty-one days.

The quarantine in its various relations became the subject of prolonged discussion. The fumigation of the books as conducted was considered as of doubtful efficacy. Especially was it deplored that the pupils were permitted to take their books home after fumigation, retaining them during the period of quarantine. At all events it was the consensus of opinion that the books should be fumigated again on the re-opening of the schools. Dr. Shultz, who is secretary of the board of health, was appealed to for advice, but he could give no assurance that the board of health would favorably consider the proposition to modify or reduce the quarantine period. Consequently no action was taken.

The question of paying the teachers of the second ward for the time that the schools were closed by action of board of health was discussed at length. On motion of Mr. Pursel it was ordered that the teachers be paid for one-fourth of a month, the time taught, and in case they bring their school up to the standard, for the entire period of quarantine.

On motion of Mr. Pursel it was ordered that the schools be closed on November 24th to remain closed until December 6th, covering Thanksgiving and institute week.

COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Mr. Fischer reported that County Superintendent C. W. Derr desired the use of the high school auditorium for holding the sessions of the county institute.

In the discussion that followed it developed that there was considerable objection to granting the county superintendent the use of the high school room for holding the county institute. The room last year, it was explained, was defaced during institute and left in a very dirty condition. Besides, the institute being a county affair the board could not see the justice of obliging the Danville school district to shoulder the expense of furnishing fuel and suffering the annoyances above complained of.

The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the sessions of the county institute should be held in the court house. No action was taken in the matter. The county superintendent, however, will be apprised of the attitude of the school board.

Mr. Fischer reported that maliciously-inclined boys on Welsh hill are in the habit of annoying the school of that place, making it almost impossible for the teacher to proceed with her work. During discussion it developed that the notice has not as yet been posted at the Welsh hill school offering five dollars reward for the arrest and conviction of persons trespassing and defacing the building, which was authorized to be erected by the school board a couple of months ago. The notice will be posted forthwith and every effort will be made to secure the arrest and conviction of persons disturbing the school.

The following members were present: Sechler, Orth, Swarts, Burns, Redding, Schultz, Pursel, Fischer, Cole and Sidler.

Table listing names and amounts: W. H. Rishel \$1.50, H. S. Reppert 2.50, B. B. Brown 4.00, Chas. D. Bryan .85, Scott Foresman 10.00, West Disinfecting Co. 23.13, Danville Sto. & Mfg. Co. 24.84, Standard Gas Co. 5.01, E. O. Savage 26.75.

MRS. F. H. OWEN.

Mary Ellen, the wife of F. H. Owen, died at the family residence, Mill street, at 2:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon, following a long siege of illness.

Mrs. Owen was a native of Jersey Shore. A portion of her married life was spent at Wycox. About eighteen years ago, along with her husband, son and daughter, she removed to Danville and has since resided here. She was a most estimable woman and had a large circle of friends.

She was a consistent member of the Mahoning Presbyterian church, of this city.

Mrs. Owen was 71 years of age and in addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Fred M. Owen and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth A. Owen, both of this city; also by one sister, Mrs. Henrietta Angle, of Danville and a brother, Benjamin Pursel, of Kansas City.

RAISES PUDDLING TO \$4.50 A TON

Telegrams sent out from Reading to the New York and Philadelphia newspapers state that the Reading Iron company has posted notices in its mills to the effect that a new schedule of wages affecting nearly two thousand men will go into effect on November 22nd. Puddlers are to be increased from \$4 to \$4.50 per ton. There will be an increase in all departments especially among the laborers.

Another dispatch states that the wages of several thousand employes of the Bethlehem Steel company will be restored to the scale in vogue before the 1907 depression. In general the increase will amount to ten per cent, and will affect all departments. An announcement to the above effect is made by Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel company.

MONTOUR ROLLING MILLS.

The good news coming as it does when we stand on the threshold of winter is especially cheerful. Best of all the Reading Iron company, which owns and operates the Montour Rolling Mills of this city is among the heavy iron firms that have granted an advance. With plenty of work in town and with wages restored to the former scale the long winter should have few terrors. It is especially gratifying that the advance granted by the Reading Iron company improves the condition of laborers along with other classes of employes.

COUNTY INSTITUTE.

County Superintendent C. W. Derr, of Washingtonville, was in this city Tuesday attending to some matters pertaining to the county institute, which will be held on the week of November 29th.

During an interview Mr. Derr stated that owing to opposition in the school board of the Danville district he would hold the sessions of the county institute in the court house this year, assuming, of course, that the room there can be secured. In probably the majority of the counties the teachers' institute is held in the court house and Mr. Derr does not anticipate meeting with any opposition from the county commissioners.

In the high school the desks serve as an aid to the teachers when the latter are obliged to take notes. The cloak rooms, too, available at the high school, will be missed at the court house; but Mr. Derr thinks that the latter building in the main will answer the purpose very well. On certain days when special features bring out increased attendance the court room may prove preferable, preventing the overcrowding that now and then made things unpleasant in the high school auditorium.

Still, the county institute has been held in the high school auditorium for so many years—practically during the history of the institute—that any change at his late day seems like an innovation. The high school room, with its atmosphere of learning and culture, seems logically the place for holding the sessions of the county institute. In Montour county the high school room is commodious enough to meet practically all requirements, and, for this reason, there seems to be a few persons who question the utility and the wisdom of making the change proposed.

BOROUGH ENGINEER

Engineer G. F. Koefler yesterday returned to Danville and resumed work on the survey locating the borough boundary line.

Yesterday he was working on the dividing line between the borough and Mahoning township where it intersects Brown street and at points northward. This is one of the places where the borough and township authorities do not seem to agree as to the exact location of the line.

Unless delayed by bad weather the engineer will finish the survey as it relates to the borough line by Saturday.

The next municipal work that Mr. Koefler will be called upon to perform in Danville will be to make a survey of the old canal for the purpose of solving the problem of surface drainage and making an estimate of the cost of filling up the disused waterway. The survey will be finished as early as practicable, pursuant to action of council taken at the last meeting and in order that the D. L. & W. Railroad company may be enabled to carry out its plans relating to the abatement of the canal nuisance at as early a date as possible.

Mrs. W. P. Startzel, Mill street, left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Harrisburg.

Mrs. Charles Jameson, West Mahoning street, was a Bloomsburg visitor yesterday.