ITEMS CONDENSED... TWO FIRES ON

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Coaldale will get a National bank with a capitalization of \$25,000.

Over 800 pounds of turkey were required for the Christmas dinner at the Berks county almshouse.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ebers and their son Charles, of Pittsburg, were thrown from a sleigh drawn by a runaway horse that had been frightened at the noise of a mill at Etna. All were ininred seriously.

Pennsylvania for the establishment of

Ten persons were injured, C. H. Myers probably fatally, when a car on the Pittsburg, Harmony, Butler and

When the murdered Mrs. Maria Woods, a Braddock nergess, aged 72, was buried, many of the wealthiest families of Braddock and Hawkins attended the funeral. She had been a servant in many well known families and all whom she had waited on were represented at the services. She was killed during a quarrel and Grant Mc-Cleary, a boarder at her home, is charged with having committed the

Two hundred young men and women were caught in a dance hall at Darby by the recent snow storm and were unable to get home, most of them living in Philadelphia. They danced on not thinking about the drifting snow outside and when they were done with the merrymaking they found the street

One dollar a quurt for milk was offered in Tioga because the milkmen ers during the recent fall and drifting of snow. Many babies suffered. A man approached one of the milk dealers that he warted it for a baby. The man would not take the dollar and the truth he hoped he would suffer for

Mrs. H. Raymond Davidson, of Shato be of the Tri-State league who died

James W. Friend, aged 65, vice president of the Pressed Steel Car company, died at Pittsburg recently, after being in ill health for several months. He was an office holder in many other corporations.

Realizing the great danger of fire in deep snow, the number of horses in e stations has been doubled.

3t. Michael's seminary, in a Read-suburb is being turned into a tubing closis sanitarium for the use of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Nine-year-old Henry Yenzer paid back Henry Schoedler, of near Guths-ville, who had adopted him, by cooly setting the latter's barn afire. structure was destroyed. Yenzer had been adopted to fill the place of a dead boy but has been returned to

is parents.

Joe Ascutio, an employe of the big place last Saturday evening, the foltannery at Ridgway, Elk_county, was shot and killed at Johnsonburg where he went to visit. He had received Black Hand letters but paid no attention to them. [He was approached and asked for his assessment by Joe Ponnetti, it is said, and when he answered that he had not paid it, the nooting began. Ponnetti was injured in the rumpus. One other man is un- Harry Johns; fireman of steamer,

Tipped off by an anonymous letter supposed to have been written by a jealous rival, the police caught Charles Beaver, a bail jumper under in-dictment for a jewelry robbery committed at York two years ago. Beaver had stolen home over Christmas to see his relatives and sweetheart. The officers surrounded his home near Smyser's station, York county, and surprised him. John Engle, his bondsman, had offered \$50 reward for his capture. In a short time the \$1,000 bond would have been forfeited.

Mrs. Mary Herline died at Bethlehem grieving over the recent accident- the

SUNDAY EVENING

one of which imperiled Emerick's five and ten cent store, Mill street, and the other destroyed a dwelling with its contents near the hospital.

store occurred about 7 o'clock. The store, of course, was closed. Mr. and W. J. Emerick, who occupy rooms above the store, returned from an automobile ride about dark. At intervals the occupants of the flat above were passing backwards and forwards through the store room and there was nothing to suggest an outbreak of

About the hour above named, how With the assistance of the operators ever, Mr. and Mrs. Emerick detected the Young Men's Christian association | the odor of smoke, which on investihas begun a wide campaign in eastern gation was found to come up the stairs. Hastily descending to the mining institutes throughout the an- store room they found the contents of in a small apartment partitioned off at the rear end of the store room. The the Pittsburg, Harmony, Butler and New Castle railway ran into another on the desk and blazing upward were was referred at the last meeting refive miles south of Evans City. Six of the passengers' hurts were of a minor orders which hung suspended along the wall.

The fire had falready laid hold of the woodwork and was spreading in have attained the proper age, will every direction. A bucket of water thrown on the flames seemed to have when Mr. Emerick happened to think of a blanket wet from exposure to the snow which he had hung up in the any other manner that would prove store on returning from his automobile ride. Seizing this blanket he threw it over the fire and succeeded in smothering it.

The damage sustained to the building was very slight. Mr. Emerick is borough superintendent, reporting at unable to account for the fire. It originated quite near a light bulb, but latter was responsible for the blaze. On the top of the desk, among other the merrymaking they found the street car lines tied up and that the borough had no hotel accommodations. Most of them were cared for by Darby resiphorts after having remained in the donts after having remained in the donts. It is the loss of the merrymaking they found the street articles that a the bills and the copies of the orders West Disinfecting Co..... that Mr. Emerick most deplores, as Geo. G. Groff. were not able to supply their custom- they represent extensive purchases em- A. Flannagan Co.

The second fire occurred about 8:30 o'clock. The blaze was soon located and asked for a quart. The dealer said along East Market street extension. he could not spare it. Then the man An alarm brought out the Friendship offered a dollar. He told the milkman and the Washington Fire companies. that he wavted it for a baby. The The burning building was on the right side of the road near the block of new said that if the fellow was not telling dwellings on the hospital ground. The house, a frame structure, was occupied by Albert Swank as tenant, although the family was absent from the house at the time of the fire.

When discovered the flames had made considerable headway in the anything since last Friday and is in a rear part of the dwelling and by the serious condition. She is worried over time the fire companies arrived there her husband's alleged matrimonial was little hope of saving the building. The hose was connected with the plug on the hospital ground but the abundance of water was of no avail and the dwelling was totally destroyed along with the tenant's furniture.

How the fire originated is a mystery One theory is that the house was broken into by tramps or others, who inadvertently started the blaze. Owing Philadelphia and how hard it would to the high wind the block of dwellbe for the horses to get through the ings belonging to the hospital was in street. considerable danger of being ignited Mrs. Frank Hummer, South

The dwelling burned was originally a farm house, the barn on the tract having been destroyed by fire a couple of years ago. The owner is James Ward of this city, who carried a small insurance. Mr. Swank, the tenant, who lost all his goods, had no insurance.

FRIENDSHIP OFFICERS The annual election of officers of the

lowing being chosen for the year 1910: President, Harry Trumbower: vice president, William V. Oglesby, Esq. secretary, John G. Waite; treasurer John L. Russell; foreman, Edward Aten: first assistant foreman, Warren Heller; engineer of steamer, John L. Russell; assistant engineer of steamer, Harry Saunders; pipemen, Will Brown, Harry Kauffman, Austin Hart man, Harry Mapstone; members of ex ecutive board. Harry T. Rupp, John G. Waite and Edward Aten; plugmen, John L. Russell and Harry Trumbow er; delegate to State convention, Harry Kauffman; alternate, John L. Jones delegate to Six-County convention, Harry Heller; alternate, Geo. Freeze; trustee for three years, George Freeze members of relief association, H. E. Trumbower and William Roat.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Steinbrenner re turned to Troy, New York, last evening after spending several days with former's mother, Mrs. Annie Steinbrenner, Front street.

SCHOOL BOARD

The school board held a regular meeting Monday night with President Sechler in the chair and W. H. Orth as secretary. Among the members pres ent were Messrs. Swarts, Burns, Red-The fire at the five and ten cent ding, Shultz, Pursel, Fischer, Heiss

and Cole.

J. W. Swarts reported that the roof been repaired.

Mr. Fischer reported that the borough council had as yet failed to remedy the defect in drainage at the Welsh hill school house. Conditions at present, he said, are such that an accident might occur there at any time.

Mr. Fischer reported that the furamine the furnaces.

ported in favor of utilizing some idle furniture in the third ward and employing an additional teacher. Borough Superintendent Dieffenbacher reported that at least ten children, who enter Miss Lawrence's room after the helidays swelling the number considno other effect than to scatter the fire, erably. The board did not like the idea of employing an additional teacher, if in its various relations, when on motion it was ordered that the matter be left in the hands of the transfer committee to act in conjunction with the should be needed.

the next meeting of the board. The following bills were approved Geo. W. Hendricks William Quigg 8.00 which there is sickness

Jesse Tannehill arrived in this city from Philadelphia last evening for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Mary Tannehill, East Market street.

G. W. Hoke, Ferry street, was in Sunbury on business yesterday.

Miss Elise Wilson has returned to days with friends in this city.

L. H. Farrell returned Tuesday even-

Miss Gussie Bruder, Bloom street, has returned after a visit with relatives in Scranton.

Mrs. Joseph Metcalf and daughters Verda and Hannah, returned to Nanticoke last evening after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thomas, Railroad

Mary Heacock, Catawissa.

left yesterday for a visit of several his pastorate in February. days with relatives in Shamokin.

Dr. I. Grier Barber, of Wilkes-Barre was the guest of George Sonneborn, of

the south side, on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gottshall and children returned to Harrisburg vesterday after a visit with Mrs. Gottshall's mother. Mrs. Clara Smith.

James Law, Hemlock street, spent vesterday with friends in Sunbury

Earl Renn returned to Philadelphia day had abated considerably. yesterday after a visit with his parents near Mausdale.

Miss Mildred Emerick, Mill street. returned yesterday after a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gilbert, Milton.

GRANGE OFFICERS

The annual election of Strawberry Ridge grange, No. 34, Patrons of Husbandry, was held Tuesday evening, the following officers being chosen:

Master, E. M. Mourer; overseer, A. Dietrick; lecturer, J. W. Lowrie; stewart, Norman Maust; assistant stewart. stewart, Archie Girton; chaplain, Mrs. C. E. Boone; treasurer, H. C. Rishel; secretary, C. E. Boone; gate keeper, Mollie Mowrer; Ceres, Mrs. E. M. Mowrer; Pomona, Mrs. H. C. Rishel; Flora, Mrs. J. W. Lowrie; lady assist-

ant steward, Eva Mowrer.

The installation will take place next Tuesday evening.

TURKEY DINNER FOR CHILDREN

children at the East End mission is to be regarded in the light of an experithe affair has proven a fine success and has worked out in such a manner as meets the most sanguine expectations of those who conceived of the underof the first ward school building had taking. At least 175 children were fed in the mission.

No more interesting and, indeed, no more touching spectacle could be witnessed anywhere than was revealed in zens, relied upon to pull the affair the cozy mission Tuesday afternoon. The greater part of the floor space was covered with long tables, around which were seated scores of little people, not naces in the second ward are out of order, making it difficult to heat the building. On motion it was ordered and happy and were plainly doing and happy and were plainly doing that an expert be employed to ex- justice to the delicious and well filled plates before them. As one set The subject of overcrowding in Miss finished their dinner they made way Lawrence's room in the third ward for another set and thus the merry was discussed at length. Dr. Shultz of round of feasting went on from 3

The children were not all those of the necessitous poor, although it was strikingly obvious that in the number fed were some of the latter class. Mr. Hinckley explained that it was not the purpose to exclude any class, as one of the objects aimed at was to wipe out distinctions and to bring the boys and irls of the well to do families shoulder to shoulder with the poorer and less

Mr. Hinckley is especially gratified any other manner that would prove practicable. The subject was discussed getting up the dinner. What the people did they did willingly, in some instances even instructing him to call on Northumberland, Milton, Lewisburg, them for additional help in case it

As a result, he said, a considerable quantity of turkey and other eatables provided would be left over. This he setting forth the schedule of trains, explained, would be distributed among \$1.90 the poor and presented to families in towns.

THE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief of Police Mincemoyer's annual report, shows that over 630 tramps have been sheltered in the lockup dur-ing the past year. This is largely in excess of any number that has been taken care of in one year since a record of lodgers has been kept by the chief of police. The above number noboes which has come this way and conveys some idea of the great army of vagrants that unceasingly moves backward and forward over the land.

Nearly every night at this season upwards of a half a dozen roost in the a lockup. The borough very gladly gives them shelter, taking the view that the public is much safer with the hoboes locked up than it would be if they were at large.

Still, a few of the wayfarers manage Miss Elise Wilson has returned to Wilkes-Barre after a visit of several day night afforded a case in point when a tramp created alarm by appearing at the back door of the Kmieing after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Farrell, Dushore.

pearing at the uncircle triangle of the constitution begging for something to eat.

PASTOR CALLED

The council of Trinity Lutherar church, this city, has extended a call church at Grovania and at Ridgeville. ville, left last evening for a visit of The Rev. Mr. Geiger was elected pastseveral days with her mother, Mrs. or of the Trinity Lutheran charge a couple of weeks ago. He has decided directed to place it don't care to re-Mrs. Margaret Girton, Walnut street, to accept the call and will enter upon

11 SCHOONERS LOST

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 29. Eleven New Foundland schooners and their crews of 60 men are believed N. G. P., has been relieved from duty to have been lost in the Christmas in connection with the coming spring blizzard while great destruction to inspection of the National Guard. Upproperty throughout this island colony

The storm, which reached its height on Sunday, raged for six days, but to-

The town of Placentia was flooded for three days.

This December has been the stormiest month the New Foundland coast time, for the change in brigade com-has experienced in half a century, and manders soon to be made, will unit is estimated that its cost to fisheries and general trade is more than \$750,000

Entertained Sunday School Class.

Miss Jessie Kimerer very pleasantly Market street, on Tuesday evening. Those present were Mary West, Corine er, Helen Savidge, Gussie Lunger and pitchfork, his only wheapon. Genevieve Shartzer.

Notice of Raising Valuations. Sunbury, Dec. 29.—Northumberland notice that if landlords shall increase rents, as proposed, after the first of

THE ROUTE OF PARADE SELECTED

ed and all arragements are completed for the Mummers' parade, which will ment then it is gratifying to note that take place on Saturday. But three days remain and from what can be observed in the line of active preparation the demonstration will prove to be all that was predicted for it in the first glow of enthusiasm when the affair was projected months ago. There has been complete co-operation together, have freely given their time and labor and have worked to excellent purpose; the citizens of town have responded generously to the appeal for funds, without which succes would be impossible, while othersthe mummers—equally enthusiastic and self-sacrificing, are contributing through their labor and talents to the sport and real entertainment of the

The route of parade decided upon is

Forming on North Mill street, the pageant will march to Mahoning street -to Chestnut-to Market-to Railroad to Pine-to Center-to Mill streetthence to the steam mill-to court house where the parade will disband.

The reception committee will consist of four men from each fire com pany of town, who are being selected by members of the Mummers' association that are firemen and members of the respective companies.

The Mummers' parade has been bill-

Watsontown, Pottsgrove, Mooresburg, Catawissa, Berwick and Bloomsburg. On last Thursday large bills wer &c., were distributed in the above

DREAM CAME TRUE

WILKES-BARRE, Dec. 29. A dream of death came substantially true yesterday when Mrs. Belinda Ellston died suddenly. About two weeks ago she had a vivid dream in which her husband, who died many years ago, appeared before her, and, chief of police. The above number after gazing at her for some time with represents only a small detatchment of a sad look on his face, made the strange

'You will live until you are sixtytwo years, five months and seventeen

Mrs. Ellston remained in good healtl and was in good spirits Monday night when she retired. Soon after midnight she was stricken with apoplexy and died in a few minutes.

Her death came just five days short of the dream prophecy.

\$2800 PAID BLACK HAND

Over \$2800 has already been traced. Black Hand cases as having been paid over to the secret society by victims in the vicinity of Hazleton and the upper part of Schuylkill county as the result of threats that their homes would be dynamited if they did not produce the necessary cash. Every Black Hand letter that went out conto the Rev. W. M. Geiger, pastor of the Lutheran charge, embracing St. John's church, this city, and the

Some of those who are alleged to have put the money where they were veal to the authorities that they were

MAJ. CLARK RELIEVED

Clarke, inspector of the Third brigade on the recommendation of Colonel Clement Captain M. H. Taggart, regimental adjutant of the Twelfth in fantry, has been designated by Colonel Frank G. Sweeney to conduct the inspections in the Third brigade. It is altogether probable that Captain Taggart will be Major Taggart by that the doubtedly mean promotion for him.

PITCHFORK STOPPED STEER

YORK, Dec. 29 When a runaway steer from a slaughentertained the members of her Sun-day school class at her home, West away, rushed into his barnyard and charged upon his 8-year-old son, Frank Hutton, a farmer from near Felton, his father last about six years ago, on Gramm, Lillian Treas, Lucy Detweil- fought the beast to a standstill with a

Death of Mrs. Barnhart

Mrs. Charles Barnhart, Sycamore street, departed this life about six County Commissioners yesterday gave o'clock last evening following a protracted illness. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Due notice of the funeral will be next year valuations on houses containing tenants will be raised.

MANY WITNESSES TESTIFY IN THE ROUP WILL CASE

Judge Evans and Associates Blee and souri, about a month. Father and son

Welliver on the bench. The habeas corpus proceedings inand wrongfully detained at the institu-tion, which was scheduled to come up ville and once at the Roup homestead. at 10 o'clock, were not taken up by the court. The applicant had been brought said his father could not admit him down from the hospital, and his attorney, L. A. Watres of Scranton, was present. The wife of the applicant was up.

also on hand as a witness. hospital at Danville by Lackawanna county. The wife of the petitioner, Agnes L. Wymbs, is his guardian. Michael F. Wymbs was first committed to the hospital for the insane at Norristown, from which institution his wife had him transferred to the hospital at Danville. From the nature of the order committing the patient to Danville Judge Evans took the view that the petitioner should have applied to the Lackawanna county court and therefore refused the application.

WILL CONTEST.

The will contest relating to the estate of Lafayette Roup was taken up by the court. The son of Lafayette his son—that the latter always treated Roup, it will be recalled, was willed him very kindly. It was finally ag-Roup, it will be recalled, was willed one dollar and the bulk of the estate was bequeathed to Gessie P. Savidge,

son of the testator's second wife.

The proceedings were in the form of an appeal from the probate of the register and recorder, the issue being made up to embody testamentary in-H. M. Hinckley and W. Kase West Grant Herring the proponent. A large easily persuaded. sides were present.

WRITING THE WILL.

The first witness called was Justice of the Peace James Reed of Rush township, before whom the will was Five hundred dollars, the witness aid, were set aside for use of the execuand the balance was disposed of as moods above stated. In signing the will Justice of the Peace Reed said the testathe will read and said it was precisely wards of ten years ago. was executed and signed as a witness. would occur. The justice swore that Lafayette Roup so far as he could determine that Lafayette Roup had told him that showed no signs of mental incapacity. He seemed perfectly sane and declared son, but that he guessed it was too that there was nothing secret about late. He remarked that if he had it to the will and was perfectly willing do over again he would have done that his wife should remain in the different. Explaining, he said, "I have room while it was being written and married her now and I guess I'll have

signed. Mrs. Jennie N. Beagle, daughter of Justice Reed, who was called in to witness the signing of the will, was called to the stand and the did not think that the called to the stand and the called t called to the stand and identified the will as the paper executed in her presence. So far as she could observe Lafayette Roup was perfectly sane when he signed the will. Mrs. Roup, wife of the testator, was present when her husband "touched the pen.

WITNESSES FOR APPEAL.

Justice Reed was called to the stand as the first witness for the ap-He stated that the wife of Lafayette Roup and himself are second

Dr. W. R. Paules was the second witness. He prescribed for Lafayette Roup about three months prior to the latter's death. The physician found the patient's mind much clouded and he was unable to answer questions clearly. The latter invariably referred to his wife, requesting her to describe Henry colliery of the Lehigh Valley positive that the testator was not in that it would have the same effect on by his wife. Lafayette Roup called at He had "an organically diseased heart port themselves after a hard day's and showed dropsical symptoms.'

SON TESTIFIES.

Isaiah Roup, son of Layfayette Roup, was called to the stand. The ss is fifty-four years of age and lives in Missouri. He has lived there thirty-one years. His father, Lafay ette Roup, was eighty-two years of age when he died. The witness saw the occasion of the former's visit east. This was about December 1, 1903. It was during his visit of six weeks at Danville and vicinity that the contested will was made. Prior to that visit the last time the witness saw his father was fifteen or sixteen years ago, when his mother died. The death of the latter occurred at the home of the son in Missouri, during a visit.

A special session of court convened | After the death of his wife Lafayette resterday morning with his honor, Roup remained with his son in Miswere on the best of terms on parting. When the witness paid hs last visit to volving the case of Michael F. Wymbs, Danville, six years ago the same cora patient at the hospital for the in-dial relations existed between himself sane, who alleges that he is illegally and father. He saw his father three

A NEIGHBOR'S TESTIMONY.

Charles Diehl, who lives three stead, knew Lafayette Roup for nearly fifty years and the son Isaiah Roup from his boyhood. When the son camin from the west six years ago, ness told Lafayette Roup that Isaiah with his wife was in the neighborhood and were going to visit him. Mrs. Roup, wife of the testator, the witness declared, spoke up and said: "Don't let them come," expressing a fear of bodily harm. The witness said he tried to shame them out of unreasonable fears and asked them what they had against Isaiah. The father said he thad nothing whatever against reed that the son and his wife might come to see them. The witness and his wife accompanied Isaiah Roup and wife when they visited the Roup home-

stead and found the house locked.

The witness described an acciden sustained by Lafayette Roup. Followcapacity and undue influence. Hon, ing the injury Lafayette, he said, seemed to be a different man in many rerepresented the appeal and Hon. spects. He was very changeable and number of witnesses representing both witness did not think he was in a fit stances to show that the testator labored under delusions.

THE SECOND MARRIAGE.

Anthony Diehl, a neighbor of Lafexecuted. The witness testified that on December 7, 1903, Lafayette Roup as well as the son, Isaiah, called at his home near Reed's station and requested him to write his and and requested him to write his will. ness' kind offices that Lafayette Roup secured his second wife. His testimony corroborated preceding witnesses tor in paying funeral expenses, &c., to Lafayette Roup's changeable

Dr. P. C. Newbaker was called. Acconmpanied by attorney W. K. West or "made his mark." He first heard he went out to see Lafayette Roup up-the will read and said it was precisely wards of ten years ago. The man, he what he wanted. Roup's wife came said, seemed to be suffering from dewith him to the justice's office, but withdrew while the will was being opinion was to ward mental degenerawritten and signed. Justice Reed's tion and it was rather improbable daughter was present when the will than otherwise that any improvement

Adam Beyer was called. He testified to give her the biggest part. man acted like a person with a well

Chas. West, a neighbor, corroborating what had been said as to Lafayette Roup's mental condition. Mr. West's testimony was followed by that of his wife.

The proceedings vesterday were only preliminary, instituted to familiarize the court with all the facts in the case. It depends upon how Judge Evans views the matter whether or not he will order a jury trial.

The hearing of testimony will be resumed this morning.

BATHTUB IN MINE

WILKES-BARRE, Dec. 29. If the daily bath prolongs human life, A. J. O'Malley, foreman at the Coal company, came to the conclusion the lower aniamls; so he installed an immense bathtub in the mine work. ings, where the mine mules could diswork.

The scheme has just been tried and

voted a success. The mules, which never see the light of day, take readily to the water, and after the bath are as frisky as were on the day they entered the dark underground workings.

Millionaire Postmaster Resigns

Lebanon, Dec. 29.—Edward C. Freeman, the millionaire postmaster at Cornwall, has resigned and the Post office department has ordered the holding of a special examination of applicants for the place on January 22 in this city. Mr. Freeman has been postmaster at Cornwall for a number of years, during which time he has lifted the service there to a high standard. The office is rated in the fourth class, and the salary last year was \$481.