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Twenty priests and Bishop Shanahan attended the funeral of Rt. Rev. Monsignor G. L. Benton, at Harrisburg.

Alonzo Hambricht and Eva J. Worth both of Lancaster, have been granted license to wed. Both are 61 years of age and never were married before.

When Anthony Gregus, a Shenandoah school boy, took a hatchet and struck a dynamite cap that he had found, he caused an explosion that left him without his left hand.

"Be a farmer and snap your finger at the monopolies," is the solution that O. C. Sigworth, a progressive Venango county agriculturist, gives to one of the greatest questions of the day.

Martha Greuning was indicted by the grand jury at Philadelphia for riot in connection with the strike of the shirtwaist makers. She is a postgraduate of Bryn Mawr. Her sociological studies led her to sympathize with the strikers.

Two freight trains met in a rear-end collision at Hills station on the Chartiers branch of the Pennsylvania railroad recently and two men Harry McGowan suffered bruises about the back and head and C. P. S. Christian was crushed about the back and legs.

Ten thousand dollars has been given by the American Sheet and Tin Plate company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, to the Young Men's Christian association of Pittsburgh, which is conducting a campaign to raise a \$300,000 building fund in a limited time.

William F. Taylor, aged 74 and blind, of Harboro, is the defendant in a breach of promise suit brought by Josephine Olschki, of Prompton. The girl says that she was employed at the Taylor home at one time and that the old man often paid attention to her and asked her to marry him. Then when she did agree he would not keep his part of the bargain. He denies her tale.

While searching for thieves who last Monday stole \$500 worth of goods from the Dilworth Supply company at Rices Landing, employes of the Dilworth Coal company found several thousand dollar's worth of booty hidden in an abandoned coal mine across the Monongahela river from Fredericktown, Washington county. The mine is heavily guarded but there is no clue to the thieves.

Lewis Snyder, a school teacher at Copley, flogged thirty two pupils who followed the old Pennsylvania German custom of locking the teacher out on "Fastnacht." He had warned them not to follow this custom and they did it in spite of him. When he found what had been done he went for an officer of the law. This so scared the youngsters that they let him in. All but those who were quick in saying that they had opened the door were whipped. The children held an indignation meeting afterwards but older heads ridiculed the idea of having any thing done to the teacher.

All Gettysburg dogs are under a 100 day quarantine, ordered placed by the State. A mad dog ran wild there recently, biting three persons and a number of other canines.

Molten metal from a huge ladle that had been jostled by a shifting engine, ran down the back of Reuben C. Wein at Pottstown. His clothing was set on fire but fellow workmen extinguished the flames.

Citizens of Germantown and the Chestnut hill, Philadelphia, district, having failed to obtain enough funds from the city to build a \$500,000 high school, are going to raise enough money for it by popular subscription.

Rivermen who have kept tab on the number of towboats having Pittsburgh as their port of entry in the last ten years, say that eighteen steamers have replaced twenty-eight which have been lost to the service from one reason or another, in that time.

Another form of graft is alleged to exist in Luzerne county. It is said that in the lower end of the county at the last elections, "poor boxes" were in evidence at the polls. Those who desired were at liberty to drop contributions into these for the use of the board members.

At the mammoth coal shutes of the Philadelphia and Reading company, just below Schuylkill Haven, on Saturday, ten men were buried under about 1,000 tons of coal, following an avalanche in a vast bin. One man was killed, another injured fatally and the other eight men hurt more or less severely. Owing to the recent cold weather, the coal had become frozen to a depth of twenty feet. The men had undermined it in the bin and had directed a stream of hot water to the top, when the whole thing came down on them. A rescue force started at once and worked like madmen.

BASE BALL STOCK HOLDERS MEET

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Danville Athletic association was held Monday eve in the office of the secretary, Ralph Kiser, Esq. The meeting was for the purpose of choosing officers and directors to lead Danville through the Susquehanna league season of 1910.

The stockholders went into session and transacted their first business by unanimously re-electing Thomas J. Price president of the association for the coming year.

In turn W. G. Parsel, Harry Ellenbogen and Ralph Kiser were re-elected vice president, treasurer and secretary respectively.

The following nominations were then made for directors: James Ryan, A. C. Amesbury, Edward Corman, V. V. Vincent, Thomas G. Vincent, John R. M. Curry, M. J. Reilly, Robert Parsel and W. J. Rogers.

The president appointed Thomas G. Vincent and W. G. Parsel as tellers to conduct the election. Thirty-six votes were cast and the following five directors were elected: A. C. Amesbury, Thomas G. Vincent, James Ryan, Robert Parsel and W. J. Rogers. These named directors with the four officers will constitute the governing body of the association during the coming season.

The five retiring directors who served during last season are: Thomas G. Vincent, Edward Corman, M. J. Reilly, John R. M. Curry and V. V. Vincent.

Stockholders present at the meeting were: T. J. Price, W. G. Parsel, Ralph Kiser, V. V. Vincent, Harry Ellenbogen, Thomas G. Vincent, Simon Hoffman, Edward Corman, J. N. Pursel, Edward Fallon, Arthur Lawrence, Clarence Haupt, Frank C. Angle and Thomas Evans.

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SCHOOL BOARD IN REGULAR SESSION

The school board met in regular session Monday night. In the absence of President Sechler, Jacob Fischer was elected president pro tem.

The report of the treasurer for the month ending January 31, showed a balance of \$10,768.11 on hand.

A communication was read by Secretary Orth asking for a certain citizen exonerated from 2 years' taxes on the plea that the writer was unable to pay same. It was the sense of a number of the board that the tax collector is the proper person to present a list of persons deserving exoneration. No action was taken by the board.

Mr. Fischer, of the committee on High School, reported that he had been approached by one of the Athletic association of the High School with a request that they be given permission to use Mr. Moyer's room for the purpose of holding a festival for the purpose of procuring uniforms for such teams as they may put in the field. It was the opinion of the different members of the board that it was not the proper thing to establish a precedent of the kind. On motion the request was refused.

On motion it was decided to grant permission to Saul McCoy to make a change in his studies in high school that is necessary for an object Mr. McCoy has in view.

A request that but one session of school be held in High School on Friday, April 8th, in order to allow students and teachers who may desire, to witness productions of Shakespearean plays by the Ben Greet company at the Normal on that date, was laid on the table for consideration at next meeting in order to allow the superintendent opportunity to ascertain how many desired to attend.

Mr. Sidler, one of the committee, that attended the directors' convention at Harrisburg, reported that the convention was very elevating in character. He cited in particular the address of Lieut. Governor Murphy, on "What the State Expects of Directors," and the address of State Supt. of Education, N. C. Schaeffer on "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Directors," which tended to show that the directors have a duty to perform both to the State and their constituents.

Dr. Shultz expressed himself as very well pleased with the addresses. They were for the most part very practical and reached the very bottom of school questions. Among the questions considered were "The Pensioning of Teachers," "The Overcrowding of Schools" and "The Treatment of the Dull Pupil."

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SAMUEL MILLS POOR DIRECTOR

Samuel Mills, Republican, Tuesday was elected overseer of the poor of the Danville and Mahoning poor district, receiving a majority of seventy-seven votes over P. M. Kerns, the Democratic candidate. Frank V. Linker, Democrat, was elected borough auditor over George Youngman, Republican candidate, by a majority of eight.

Beyond the office of overseer of the poor there was scarcely any contest. Comparatively little interest was shown in the election and hardly half a vote was polled in any of the districts. For long intervals even during the afternoon the voting places presented a deserted appearance. The weather, although cloudy, was not unpleasant and was not a factor in keeping down the vote. There is nothing unusual, however, in the diminished interest shown in the February election, as the vote polled last winter was correspondingly small.

POOR DIRECTOR SAMUEL MILLS, R.

First Ward 154
Second Ward 102
Third Ward 141
Fourth Ward 120
Mahoning Township 80

Total 597

PATRICK M. KERNS, D.

First Ward 85
Second Ward 142
Third Ward 159
Fourth Ward 88
Mahoning Township 46

Total 520

BOROUGH AUDITOR GEORGE YOUNGMAN, R.

First Ward 124
Second Ward 121
Third Ward 126
Fourth Ward 103

Total 474

FRANK V. LINKER, D.

First Ward 113
Second Ward 109
Third Ward 160
Fourth Ward 100

Total 482

FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN.

George E. Orndorf, R. 106
Julius Heim, D. 123

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

William A. Sechler, 3 yrs, R. 85
William L. Sidler, 1 yr, R. 142
William A. Sechler, 3 yrs., D. 117

ASSESSOR.

Joseph L. Frame, R. 138
Joseph L. Frame, D. 50

JUDGE OF ELECTION.

William V. Oglesby, R. 143
Harry T. Rupp, D. 90

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.

Frank A. Brown, R. 117
John G. Vastine, D. 99

SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN.

Joseph A. Weidman, R. 87
Ira C. Everhart, D. 150

GENERAL RESULT

In a couple of the wards during the last two weeks there has been a semblance of a contest for the office of councilman, but the campaign in the main was marked by general lethargy and a lack of interest. Even on the day of election no activity was shown by the candidates.

Councilmen were elected as follows: First ward, Julius Heim; second ward, Ira C. Everhart; third ward, Clarence Price; fourth ward, Lewis Dietz.

Following are the school directors elected: First ward, W. A. Sechler and W. L. Sidler; second ward, Samuel Marks; third ward, Jacob H. Cole; fourth ward, W. H. Orth.

Following are the assessors: First ward, Joseph L. Frame; second ward, Harry E. Seidel; third ward, Frank Grimes; fourth ward, John Jenkins.

The constables elected are as follows: Second ward, William L. Jones; fourth ward, George Nied.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

W. Haydn Woodside, R. 103
Samuel Marks, D. 133

ASSESSOR.

Harry E. Seidel, R. 174

CONSTABLE.

William L. Jones, R. 209

JUDGE OF ELECTION.

Harry A. Sechler, R. 109
Alex. Ashton, Sr., D. 125

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.

Benneville V. Johnson, R. 137
Joseph J. Reed, D. 88

TRIRD WARD COUNCILMAN.

Clarence Price, R. 153
Edward W. Peters, D. 145

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

John L. Jones, R. 139
Jacob H. Cole, D. 160

ASSESSOR.

John Wallez, R. 103
Frank Grimes, D. 183

JUDGE OF ELECTION.

George Stickle, R. 101
G. Leslie McLain, D. 190

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.

Edwin V. Stroh, R. 125
Edward Leamy, D. 165

FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN.

David Roderick, R. 77
Lewis Dietz, D. 132

SCHOOL DIRECTOR.

William H. Orth, R. 105
C. L. Fouk, D. 97

ASSESSOR.

John Jenkins, R. 169
Fred Ploch, D. 37

CONSTABLE.

George Neid, R. 114
George Neid, D. 66

JUDGE OF ELECTION.

H. T. Mann, R. 139
Edward Faux, D. 61

INSPECTOR OF ELECTION.

John Mitchell, R. 124
Henry Klarsch, D. 74

THE TREND IN SCHOOL WORK

Borough Superintendent D. N. Diefenbacher has presented to the school board a most comprehensive report of the proceedings of the convention of city and borough superintendents held at Harrisburg last week. The report is most illuminating, showing the general trend in high school work toward greater efficiency and elimination of out-of-date subjects with waste of time and energy that goes with them. Superintendent Diefenbacher has added to the interest of his report by introducing figures to show how the local schools compare with others of the State in certain important relations.

Superintendent Grant Norris, of Braddock, in a paper on "Educational Trends," read at the opening session, Tuesday morning, made his position very clear. He declared that Latin and Greek have no place in the practical work-a-day education for the average child, who has to earn his own living and that the man who quotes either of these languages does so for effect. Science, he declared, is much more important, for it is the graduates of the scientific courses that are building our bridges, our subways, our tunnels, our steamships, etc. He recommended science in all its branches as it applies to medicine, law, agriculture, and other professions as a substitute for the mass of waste educational matters. The cry today is for higher standards, closer supervision and better organization. The people are becoming weary of trusting their children to teachers who have had no training and who work by the clock.

In discussing the above paper Superintendent Scott of Uniontown further carried out the view of Superintendent Norris by observing that "the meat question and its boycott are more interesting than the rations of Napoleon's army." Rather train the pupils on present vital affairs than on husks of the past.

Leonard P. Aryes speaking on the subject of child hygiene claimed that medical inspection in the schools is saving the State a considerable amount of money, which otherwise would be wasted on efforts to educate pupils who by reason of removable physical defects are unable to profit by their instruction. He declared that about sixty per cent. of school children have decayed teeth and that these pupils require \$4 years to complete a course of study that a child without defects would complete in 8 years. About one school child in every seven has defective breathing. Such a child requires 8-10 years to complete the 8 year course. Other physical defects that cause backwardness in school children are enlarged tonsils and adenoids. About one-fourth of all the children are afflicted with enlarged tonsils and about one child out of eight has adenoids. Nearly one-half of all the pupils suffer from enlarged glands. The speaker urged that systems of medical inspection be placed in operation wherever possible. Medical inspection costs about 25 cents per pupil per year and about \$5 for every one treated, whereas the retardation caused by physical defects costs the district about \$20 per year.

In a subsequent address on "Retardation, Its Significance and Cure," Mr. Aryes pointed out that only about one-half of the children of Pennsylvania who enter school complete the eighth grade. In Philadelphia only one child out of every five in the elementary schools reach the eighth grade and only three out of one hundred complete their high school course.

In this connection Superintendent Diefenbacher showed that in Danville last year 152 pupils entered school for the first time. Fifty graduated from the grammar school and thirty-three from the high school; thus one out of three complete the grammar school course, and eliminating non-sentient pupils, one out of seven the high school course.

The reason for the "dropping out" is attributed by Mr. Aryes to the compulsory education law, which permits pupils to leave school at the age of fourteen and to congestion of grades caused by retardation. The speaker remarked: "What must we think of a system in which there is a leak of one-half every year? Only a small percentage receive diplomas from the high school. They are landed at commencement, but nothing is said of the other half, who have 'leaked out'—gone out the back door and are lost."

The above summary embraces only a few of the addresses, features of which are calculated to appeal to the general reader. The report throughout is most excellent and is most highly appreciated by the school board.

Mistaking a jug of concentrated lye for one of cider, Henry Heberling, a Portersville merchant, took a drink before he discovered the blunder and died from the effects. A widow and seven children survive.

FISHER GUILTY IN SECOND DEGREE

The jury in the Fisher murder case reached an agreement last night and reported about nine o'clock after having been out since 11:50 a. m. Tuesday. The jury found Fisher guilty of murder in the second degree. The prisoner was immediately sentenced by the court to undergo twenty years imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary. Only a few people heard the sentence pronounced.

Henry Fisher was charged with the murder of Mrs. Sarah Klinger of Shamokin late in November, 1906. Fisher managed to secure three trials. The last trial, which culminated in the second degree verdict, began on Tuesday of last week, James Carr of Kipp's run being one of the jurors empanelled.

The defense opened at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. A strong effort was made to throw doubt on the circumstantial evidence. The lawyers for the defense also made a point of pleading that the defendant was intoxicated on the day when Mrs. Klinger was killed.

HARD ON LIVERYMEN

Notwithstanding the abundance of snow this winter it appears that sleigh riding has not been indulged in to excess. On the contrary it would seem, according to a statement made by a leading liveryman yesterday, that there has been less sleigh-riding than during last winter and previously when comparatively little snow fell.

Citing last winter, he said, there wasn't a night when sleighing was good that his teams were not busy taking out sledding parties. Remarkable as it may seem thus far during the present winter he has been called upon only twice to take out parties. Other liverymen seem to have pretty much the same experience. The demand for single sleighs, when the weather is fair, is moderate. But no one seems able to explain what has occurred to cause such a sudden change in custom and make the time-honored sledding party unpopular.

A gentleman from Limestone township yesterday stated that the same state of affairs is noticeable in the rural districts. The young people of the farms as a rule are finding amusement in other sources than in sledding parties.

SCHOOLS ARE BUSY

The public schools of the borough are busy preparing for the celebration of Washington-Lincoln Day and Parents' Day, which will be observed tomorrow afternoon. The exhibit of school work, especially, which every room will contain, involves a good deal of work. It is hoped that parents and others interested will visit the schools on the occasion, as the exercises will be of a very pleasing character and an excellent opportunity will be afforded to see just what kind of work is being done.