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Andrew Carnegie has refused to give the county of Allegheny his Glencairn farm for the boys' industrial school, but, says the Pittsburgh Gazette Times, he is willing to sell it for \$860,000. The price would bring him a profit of \$185,478.43. The farm will not be purchased.

Mrs. Laura Hickman, employed in one of the manufacturing industries at Rockdale, Chester county, was bending over a loom adjusting the mechanism when her hair, which she wore in long braids, became entangled in the cogs, and before the machinery could be stopped her scalp was torn from her head.

Mayor Bruch, of Hazleton, has just imposed a unique sentence. Five boys were before him charged with removing brass letters from a window sign. He fined them \$2 each and gave them an indefinite time in which to pay it. They are to report to him every Monday evening and pay at least one cent until the entire amount is paid.

Stephen Tolliver, of Harrisburg, was held up and beaten on Thursday near Pottsville. Not only was he beaten but robbery was added to his misfortunes. Then his assailants threw him into a creek and there he was later found by some railroad men, who followed the trail of blood which his wounds made on the ground. He is in a critical condition in the Pottsville hospital.

The automobile of Dr. C. W. Yarnell, of California, Washington county, crushed the life out of a little 3 year old child of George Reichard, of that place, Thursday afternoon. He had left the machine standing on the street while he made a professional visit and when he again got in, started the auto but failed to see the little child who was standing directly in its path. He is almost distracted over the accident.

Experts will differ. Here is an example: The Washington county court recently appointed a board to examine into the conditions of the Eclipse mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, which the State mine inspectors pronounced as gaseous and unsafe to operate without safety lamps. One of the court's appointees has filed a dissenting opinion and declares the mine to be safe, in which report he contradicts the findings of his brother members and also the State inspectors.

An unofficial estimate of the population of Philadelphia, under the present census phases it at 1,769,000.

After a trial lasting three days, five men alleged to be what is known as the Hazleton Black Hand gang, were convicted Saturday on the charge of conspiracy.

A large pearl was found in an oyster in a Bethlehem restaurant a few days ago. It is as large as a hazelnut and pear-shaped. A jeweler estimated its value to \$400.

Notice has been posted by the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company announcing a six per cent raise of wages for its 3,000 employees. The increase went into effect Sunday.

Many of the persons who have pleaded nolle contendere in the graft cases at Pottsville, may be sentenced during the next ten days. The matter is to be taken up by District Attorney Bkeley in the near future, so it is reported.

Robert Metukas, a miner, was caught by a fall of coal in a mine near Girardville and after being imprisoned for eighteen hours, was rescued. He was uninjured but died from excess of joy an hour after his being taken from the mine.

The report of Coroner Jamison, of Allegheny county, shows that during April he investigated 250 cases. These included twenty suicides and five murders. Thirteen deaths resulted from railroad accidents and one from a street car.

The boys of the Lancaster high school were given some pointers in practical forestry last week when they volunteered to trim Williamson park, a beautiful resort which was presented to the city several years ago by H. S. Williamson. The boys placed the park in excellent condition, and besides each planted a tree.

Mrs. M. Michaels, whose home is near Sharon, is in a serious condition by reason of burns, which she suffered when a liniment with which she had been bathed caught fire. Her husband was badly burned also in extinguishing the flames. The house was saved by the prompt arrival of neighbors.

Dependent over a prolonged illness, Dr. A. P. Painter, aged 40 years, and one of the best known physicians in Armstrong county, shot himself at his home in Kittanning Sunday morning, inflicting a possibly fatal wound.

PUBLIC HEALTH IS IMPROVING

During the month of April only seventeen deaths occurred in this district as against forty-four in March. The vital statistics report shows also a general falling off in contagious diseases; scarlet fever and diphtheria, two diseases, which lurked in the community for nearly a year and which at one time threatened to become epidemic, as indicated by the report are entirely stamped out.

In the opinion of Dr. Shultz, the local registrar, the increased death rate in March was due to the large number of aged and weakly people who succumbed to effects of the hard winter. The health of the community at present is very good with an outlook for the summer correspondingly encouraging. During April only one case of pneumonia and three cases of measles were reported. There are two cases of typhoid fever—both children—in a family in which the husband and father died early in April. In March there were four cases of typhoid fever. The reduced number of cases and the fact that they are confined to one family encourage hope that before long this disease also shall be stamped out.

One case of tuberculosis was reported during April.

Of the seventeen deaths reported eight occurred at the hospital for the insane.

The full returns show that during March, when forty-four deaths were reported, there were just eighteen births, which leaves a difference big enough to fill the mind with dismay, if one were looking for evidences of "race suicide." It is known, however, that during the course of a year in our district the equilibrium between the birth and the death rate is pretty well maintained.

A NEW PHASE

The first sensation in the Krickbaum case since the hearing last Thursday was sprung in court at Bloomsburg Monday when Grant Herring, Esq., presented the petition of Mrs. Charlotte Bickel asking that W. E. Elmes, Esq., be appointed special district attorney to prosecute the Krickbaum case and to draw the indictment in the case.

The petition alleges that Columbia County District Attorney Small has been private counsel for Krickbaum and his close political friend and legal adviser. The petition sets forth that the interests of the commonwealth would be endangered by having him conduct the case and be given the information.

The argument on the petition was held before Judge Evans Tuesday morning, District Attorney Small, being represented by Hon. H. M. Hinckley, of this city. Judge Evans decided that Mr. Small should act as the district attorney for the prosecution.

FILING PETITIONS

HARRISBURG, May 4. Nominating petitions at the rate of over 100 a day are being received at the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth and a force of clerks is employed day and night receiving, verifying and acknowledging them. It is expected that close to 1,600 will be filed before midnight of Saturday, May 7, when the time for entering petitions for congressional, senatorial and representative nominations expires. No person can be a candidate for a nomination for such honors unless a petition is filed.

Among the hundred or more petitions filed yesterday were the following: Congress, John G. McHenry, of Benton; senator, A. L. Fritz, Bloomsburg; representative, R. Scott Ammerman, Danville.

TROUBLESOME MARRIAGE

The closing chapter in the matrimonial troubles of Charles W. Faux, of Bloomsburg, was written yesterday when his wife instituted divorce proceedings on the charge of desertion and non-support, this ending a romance that had its inception when Faux decided to wed his rival storekeeper across the way, thereby removing opposition.

No sooner was he married, with the competition eliminated, than his housekeeper brought suit for breach of promise. To make matters worse his newly wedded wife sued him for non-support. With both women after him Faux fled to Canada, but later returned and was arrested in Berwick. He declared he would "rot in jail before he would settle," but he changed his mind and agreed to pay his wife \$225 in lieu of all claims, which he did. Now comes the divorce action.

For the first time in many years there are no cases for the grand jury of Monroe county to consider.

FINAL CHANGE AT LOCAL PLANT

After some experiments Saturday afternoon at eight o'clock Sunday morning the Harwood high tension current went permanently into commission at the Standard electric light plant, this city, carrying the entire burden of two street railways and all the other business belonging to the plant. As implied, steam ceases to furnish any part of the motive power and the engines have wholly gone out of commission.

The system of machinery including the three-hundred horse power engine, formerly in use and which gave the plant a busy and congested appearance, is no longer needed. To afford room much of the machinery has been moved aside, while in a short time the entire plant as relates to former equipment will be dismantled.

The high tension current is unsuitable for practical purposes until it is reduced to lower voltage. Immediately after entering the plant (at 23,000 volts) it passes through two large "transformers," in which from this given electrical current is produced another current of 2,300 volts. It is the latter current of reduced voltage that does the work.

From the transformers the current passes directly out into town to supply the patrons of the company with light and power or is conducted to the large motor, which operates the generator supplying current to the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric railway and the Danville & Sunbury Transit company.

The switchboard installed is one of the most modern and improved of its kind and is an interesting object of study. One large panel is for motor purposes. Another panel is divided into two circuits, one for lighting residences and business places and the other a transformer panel controlling all the current coming into the plant. Another panel controls the operation of the motor generator set, while still another controls the current for the trolley generator. One panel is in two circuits, which control the feed wire of each trolley line.

The generator which furnishes current for the two trolley lines is operated by a synchronous motor, of 225 horse power output and having 620 revolutions per minute. The generator is the one formerly in use in the power house at Grovania and is a Crocker Wheeler generator of 350 k. w., with 600 revolutions per minute.

While the plant was being operated by the high tension current Saturday afternoon an interruption occurred, which demonstrated that a very trivial accident out on the transmission line may suffice to impair the service. About the middle of the afternoon the power became very materially reduced, the trolley cars being unable to maintain their schedule.

It was at once inferred that an accident had occurred somewhere on the transmission line. Repairmen were sent out from Danville, Bloomsburg and Grovania. The leak occurred at the Frosty Valley road, and under the plan adopted, was discovered in a minimum of time.

Somebody had made a target of the high tension porcelain insulator, the bullet slightly cracking it. The damage wrought, however, was sufficient to make it useless, the greater part of the high tension current escaping down the pole into the ground. 'George M. West, who is in charge of the local plant, states that until things get in good working order interruptions may occur now and then but that in a very short time everything will run like clockwork. He does not think that people will interfere with the line to an extent. All persons, he says, should realize that the high tension current is very dangerous. Notices will at once be posted along the line, which it is believed will have the effect of preventing further tampering with the line.

CAREY WON FIRST HEAT

Jesse Carey, of Wilkes-Barre, formerly of Danville and Camille DeVandray, a Frenchman, met at the roller rink last evening in the first of three races which they will skate in this city. Carey won last evening, lapping the rink 40 times in 5 minutes and 33 seconds, and finishing a nose ahead of DeVandray.

Both racers are fine skaters, and the race was quite thrilling. They took the entire distance at breakneck speed, and seemed to defy the laws of gravitation. The two skaters will race again tonight and tomorrow night.

At Temple B'nai Zion. The Rev. A. J. Irey, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver a lecture at the temple B'nai Zion, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "The Aspirations of Piety." The public cordially invited.

The busier one is the happier he is likely to be.

NEW OWNERS ARE IN CHARGE

The Montour house, this city, which was recently purchased by Harry W. Guyer and O. P. Rockefeller of Sunbury, Monday passed into the hands of the new owners. During a session of court Monday afternoon the license was transferred from Ernest N. Smith to Harry W. Guyer, who will be in actual charge of the hotel.

Herman C. Johnson, who has been in charge of the hotel since it was purchased by Ernest N. Smith, some four months ago, Monday relinquished charge of the hotel, and after attending to some business details will leave for his home in Chicago. Mr. Johnson has proved one of the best of landlords. By his gentlemanly demeanor and uniform courtesy he has made friends on every side. It is much to be regretted that in the pursuit of his calling he is obliged to bid Danville adieu.

Mr. Guyer Monday eve stated that extensive improvements are contemplated at the Montour house. Just what form these may ultimately assume he could not say. The matter will be placed in the hands of an architect at once, who will determine what changes are practicable. Remodeling will go forward as speedily as possible.

Mr. Guyer is one of the proprietors of the Central hotel at Sunbury, and his interests there will occupy him the part of the time. He will, however, maintain his residence at the Montour house.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grove, Spruce street, spent yesterday with their sons, William and Frank, at Berwick.

Miss Martha Schoch has returned to Selingsgrove after spending a week in this city as the guest of Miss Mamie Hoffman, Mill street.

Morris Ellenbogen, window dresser for Joseph Coons & Co., Wilkes-Barre, came down to this city yesterday morning for the purpose of dressing the windows in the new store of his brothers, Harry and Simon Ellenbogen.

Mrs. Robert Y. Gearhart and daughter, Harriet, left yesterday for a visit with the former's parents in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Alice Davis, Maudsley, left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Columbia.

Miss Emily Voris, of Pottsgrove, is a guest at the Jacobs home, West Market street.

Captain C. W. Forrester left yesterday for Philadelphia, where he will spend several days.

Edwin C. Foust left yesterday for a visit of several weeks with relatives in Pittsburg.

Miss Ethel Johnson, of Logan Run, Rush township, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Long, Sycamore street, Tuesday, in honor of the birthday of their son Edward. Refreshments were served. Those present were Bertha Wray, Ida Long, Anna Ford, Viola Kear, Mary Kear, Beatrice Keefe, Emma Morris, Mae Mottern, Viola Mottern, Anna Cook, Ella Myers, Anna Hawkey, Dorothy Green, Isabel Young, Helen Long, Charles Long, Worney Long, William Long, Eddie Myers, Roy Earp, John Earp, William Ward, Charles Fisher, Walter Diehl, Beaver Kramer, William Sweitzer, Frank Paugh, Charles Pehovic, Lewis Bivan, Harry Anderson, John Greely, William Shaffer, William Keefer, Edward Hollobaugh, Joe Pehovic, Mrs. Horace Snyder and children Mabel and Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCormick and children Howard and Michael.

Birthday Party.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Diehl, Sunbury, R. F. D. No. 1, on Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. Diehl's birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Savige, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ponnal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsett, Mrs. F. B. Hoy, Mrs. E. C. Wagner, Misses Mary Hoy, Edna Campbell, Annetta Yeager, Mabel Boyer, Helen Hoy, Clara Yoder, Marion Moyer, Sarah Hoy, Verma Yoder, Addamae Yeager, Katie Hockenbrock, Emma Hoy, Messrs. Charles Boyer, Elmer Boyer, Harry Boyer, Eddie Yoder, Merrel Boyer, Peter Yoder.

Funeral Friday Morning.

The funeral of Miss Myrtle Dean will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the home of her parents at Washingtonville. Interment at Turbotville.

DEMAND IS INCREASING

The Danville Stove and Manufacturing company this week has sent another car load of stoves to the "Canal zone," Panama, the shipment being on a contract for approximately one thousand stoves, held by the local stove manufacturing company.

Danville stoves find their way to many remote points. At the plant this week they are busy shipping stoves to Charlestown, S. C., Pittsburg, Chicago and San Francisco. The stoves in demand at Panama are "cooks" exclusively, the kind included in the last shipment being the King Beaver, with twenty-inch oven. Several shipments have been made since the contract was awarded.

At the stove works they are engaged in redressing the "Beaver Oak" double heater, which has become a popular stove in the East as well as in the West, where it first attained popularity. The new dress is semi-plain or colonial finish.

The manufacture of gas ranges each year is becoming more of a departure at the stove works. The Beaver gas ranges are made for both natural and manufactured gas; they contain oven shelf and are most handsomely designed. The "Star Beaver" is all cast iron and may be used for either cooking or heating. The demand for these stoves attests to what extent gas is superseding coal as fuel.

Ninety-three moulders are employed in the factory of the Danville Stove and Manufacturing plant. The establishment runs all its departments five days in the week, which, among stove manufacturing concerns, is considered practically full time.

NEW WAREHOUSE

The Danville Milling company is erecting a large warehouse on the eastern side of its plant, which will be used exclusively in the handling of feed. Up to the present the company has been short of storage space for feed and the new building as arranged will not only add much to convenience but it will also enable the firm to do a much larger business.

The warehouse is eighty feet long by twenty feet wide. It is built of frame. The roof will be covered by tin and the sides and ends of the building by a metal sheeting, which will afford ample protection from the sparks that fly that way from locomotives passing on the P. & R. track. The building is supported on foundation walls of concrete and the floor will be of the same material.

The warehouse will have a capacity of two hundred tons of feed. A switch from the P. & R. track runs in alongside the warehouse. From the cars the feed will be unloaded into the warehouse by means of a chute. Another chute equipped with a drag connects the warehouse and the mill.

The Danville Milling company is composed of George A. Fry, Charles J. Lawrence and John H. Dietz. A few years ago the plant was remodelled and made thoroughly up-to-date. Since then at intervals new machinery has been installed; at present it has a thoroughly modern equipment for grinding both spring and winter wheat. The addition of the warehouse places the plant in the front ranks of modern flouring mills.

MILTON HERE TODAY

The Danville Susquehanna league team will play its second engagement of the season this afternoon with the Milton team.

The fans will be given an opportunity of seeing James Brannen do his first work in the box for Danville. Otherwise the line-up will be about the same as in last Saturday's game. The management has decided to make this a ladies' day affair and the fair ones will be admitted to the grounds free. The usual admission to the grand stand will be charged to all.

Woman Forgot to Sign Will.

It became known yesterday that the late Olivia Yost, who left a fortune of more than \$40,000, neglected to sign the will she had ordered drawn in favor of her cousin, Mrs. H. B. Scheller, who was also the adopted daughter of the decedent's deceased parents. The estate will, therefore, be equally divided among nearly fifty heirs.

Farmers Picnic Association.

At a recent meeting of the Farmers' Picnic association held in this city the following officers were elected: President, George W. Leighow; first vice president, Samuel Eckman; second vice president, Elmer Sidler; treasurer, Jacob Shultz; secretary, Benjamin L. Diehl; assistant secretary Horace M. Baker. The following committee on grounds was appointed: Samuel Eckman, John Eckert and John Deeter.

Many a man's reputation isn't on speaking terms with his character.

TO ILLUMINATE MILL STREET

Among other matters that may come up before the borough council at its next regular meeting, Friday night, is the question of removing the arches of vari-colored lights, which have been an attraction on Mill street for a year past.

Borough Electrician Newton Smith yesterday explained that the lights were put up for temporary use only and are so insecurely fastened that it would be unsafe to permit them to remain on the arches much longer.

The arches have proven a great attraction on Saturday nights during the year in which they have been in existence. Especially, have they been admired by visitors, who because of them, discovered an especial charm in our town. It is to be regretted that it has become necessary to take down the lights.

Our borough electrician, however, has a project, which, if carried out, would furnish something more than a substitute for the arches of vari-colored lights and would illuminate the long business street so brightly that one could read a newspaper at any point.

He advocates a system for Mill street alone on a separate circuit, similar to a plan adopted in many of the cities. The system would be supported on arches one hundred feet apart, the lamp employed to be the series Mazda incandescent light of sixty candle power. The system would comprise 125 to 150 lamps.

Danville having its own plant is admirably situated to support such a system of lighting. The cost of installing the street system, of course, would be considerable, but Mr. Smith says it is customary in such enterprises for the merchants and others to assist the municipality to meet the cost, paying in proportion to the frontage of their business places. Once installed in Danville, the system could be run without cost. The portion of the street to be covered would extend no further than the business section, beginning at the bridge and ending, say, at Center street.

POSTPONED TRIP

E. M. Applebaugh, Samuel Rebnan and some others who had planned to start up the Fishingcreek valley on a trout fishing excursion yesterday morning, owing to the cold wave, decided to postpone the trip.

Trout fishermen from this city thus far have met with poor success. At the opening of the season the streams were too low, while the continuous rains later made the streams too high for successful fishing. However, a long interval intervenes between the present and the close of the trout season and there may still be some pretty big catches.

SIGNS DELAYED

The signs that were ordered erected by council to keep automobiles down to the twelve-mile limit while passing through town have not as yet materialized. It is explained that they were ordered painted and that they will be forthcoming in due time.

Nearly a month has elapsed since council took action in the matter. Meanwhile the autoists are enjoying a fine run on the paved streets at any rate of speed that suits their fancy.

CENSUS FIGURES

WASHINGTON, May 4. The census office today unofficially estimated the increase of population in the United States since 1900 at 15,121,036.

The unofficial estimate for Greater New York is 4,563,603, an increase since 1900 of 1,126,401. The population of Chicago is estimated at 2,382,926. The estimated total population of the United States is 91,424,423. Other estimated totals are: Philadelphia, 1,540,429; New Orleans, 332,132; St. Louis, 698,716; Baltimore, 583,374; Washington, 350,145.

SHORT NIGHTS

The nights are growing shorter rapidly. The electric light is not truned on the street circuit until 7:30 p. m., while the plant shuts down at 4:30 a. m. As the result of the shorter hours there is quite a saving in fuel at the light plant.

Fry-Montague Nuptials.

William C. Fry, of Jerseytown, and Miss Grace Montague, of Millville, both young people well known in their home towns, were married Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. G. C. Zeigler, pastor of the Christian church.

William Dill, of Lebanon, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment the other day, having been found guilty of the charge of robbing a patient in a hospital of \$50.

COMMISSIONERS HEAR APPEALS

The full board of county commissioners is sitting at the court house to hear appeals. Yesterday was appeal day for Washingtonville borough and the townships of the county; today appeals will be heard from the property owners of Danville.

The commissioners' office was a busy place yesterday and at times the board was besieged with farmers and others who felt that they were the victims of discrimination and that too high a valuation had been put upon their properties. In all such cases the board finds itself in a delicate position, as the members are not expected to be familiar with all the conditions affecting the property on which its valuation is based. In safeguarding the interests of the county the commissioners can not afford to take anything for granted and consequently there is generally a long argument between the parties. In practically all the cases something is yielded by the commissioners and all parties generally are satisfied.

A member of the board yesterday explained that the mistakes made by the assessors are not always on the side of overvaluation. The commissioners, he said, find instances occasionally where the valuation is obviously much too low. In all such instances the board exercises its prerogative and restores the proper figure.

The functionary who is familiar with all the facts and is best qualified to decide questions as to valuation is the assessor and he is absent when the appeals are heard.

Every township as well as Washingtonville borough was represented at the appeal yesterday. From Washingtonville, however, only one person turned up who was dissatisfied with the valuation.

The commissioners anticipate a very busy session today, when the residents of Danville who desire to appeal will present themselves.

A TRUE BILL

William Krickbaum, Associate Judge of Columbia county, lost his last chance of avoiding trial on serious charges preferred by Mrs. Charlotte C. Bickle, of East street, in court at Bloomsburg yesterday morning, when the grand jury brought in a true bill on the indictment. It is said that he hoped against hope that this body would ignore the bill. The case was passed upon by the jury shortly before the noon hour and the form was returned to the court.

This, unless something unforeseen happens, such as a settlement, will mean that the defendant will have to be tried. It will lay bare all of the facts of the case, and it is expected that much dirty linen will be washed.

Krickbaum made no remarks when he learned of the findings of the jury. He did not look at the return when it came into the court, although he sat on the bench at the time.

An application has already been made for a continuance over the term, and it is likely that this will be allowed.

TAFT VISITS ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, May 4. President Taft on his arrival here today was met by the reception committee of the Business Men's League, Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson and Governor H. S. Hadley. The Presidential party was taken to the St. Louis club as the guests of the Commercial Club at breakfast.

The address to the farmers' convention was delivered at 11 o'clock. After a drive through the business section of the city the President was the guest at a luncheon given by the Business Men's League at the Southern hotel. After the luncheon President Taft was driven to the National league baseball park, where he witnessed the opening innings of the Cincinnati and St. Louis clubs game. From there he was driven to the American League park, where the Cleveland and St. Louis clubs played.

After the ball games President Taft will motor through the residence section and will be taken to a dinner of the Traffic club. When he finishes speaking at the Traffic club's dinner he will be taken to his train, which is scheduled to start for Washington at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Ashland Brewer Guilty.

A case that has been watched with great interest by the brewery men and saloonkeepers of Northumberland county was ended at Sunbury on Tuesday, when the Fountain Springs Brewing company, of Ashland, Schuylkill county, was found guilty of illegal selling.

For several months the company was selling its beer in Northumberland county, especially at Kulpmont, Marion Heights and other mining villages, at a very low price.

A true friend is one of life's most precious possessions.