



## ITEMS CONDENSED.

During the month of April 174 prisoners in the Berks county prison made 2,000 yards of carpet.

A 2 year old daughter of John Baden, of Mahanoy City, fell into a kettle of boiling soap and was fatally burned.

On the farm of Peter Smith at Frederickville, Berks county, a dandelion has been found which measures eighteen inches in circumference.

Harry Carney, of Norristown, fell from an auto while returning from a smoker given at the Norristown Auto club house on Thursday night and was fatally injured.

Charles Natro, aged 31 years, of Oil City, was burned to death in a fire in a two-story building in which he boarded. He was hunting for a wallet which contained \$66 when the roof fell in.

Lancaster county cherries are crowding the season. There is a sour cherry tree on the farm of Martin Garber, near Mount Joy, that has had perfectly formed ripe fruit upon it since last week.

Seven hundred cases of imported eggs have been received from England in Philadelphia. There was no trouble in selling them at remunerative prices after a duty of five cents per dozen had been paid.

Peter Weistenstein and Lewis Gilchrist, while working on a scaffold at Butler, fell twenty-five feet when it broke. Gilchrist was injured about the head and internally while his companion sustained a broken leg.

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## DANVILLE AGAIN WHIPS BENTON

### RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S GAMES

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS

W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.
Danville... 2 0 1000	Bloom... 1 1 500
Shick... 2 0 1000	Nanticoke... 0 2 2000
Berwick... 2 0 1000	Benton... 0 2 2000
Nescopeck... 1 1 500	Alden... 0 2 2000

The Danville team made the thirty-mile trip to Benton in Greenough's big sight seeing automobile. On the car beside the Danville team were a half dozen fans and these together with others who made the trip in other ways made a total of about thirty rooters who lined up to yell the Browns to victory.

Following the loose playing of Danville in the Milton game of last Friday, Manager Hoffman gave the club a shaking up that landed a number of the players in new positions.

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The vestry of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church of Harrisburg has let a contract for the erection of a new chapel and rectory. It will cost \$50,000.

John Leshler, a fireman on the Reading railroad, last Saturday fell off the running board of his engine at Coatesville and sustained fractures of several ribs.

## OWEGO BRIDGE CO WAS THE LOWEST

The Owego Bridge Co., of Owego, N. Y., was awarded the contract for building four county bridges, at a regular meeting of the commissioners held Saturday. There were seven firms bidding, the Owego company being lowest on all of the bridges.

Following are the firms that submitted bids, along with their representatives that were present at the meeting: York Bridge company, Boyd A. Musser; Buchanan & Co., Will Buchanan; Penn Bridge company, Thomas Haines; McIlvaine & Co., John McIlvaine; Nelson Merydith Co., J. B. Long; Owego Bridge Co., J. M. Whitley; United Construction company, F. A. Case.

Of the bridges to be built two will be located in Derry township at Boone's and Watts' farms, respectively, one will be at Kelley's in Liberty township and the other, known as No. 27, will be in Anthony township. The largest will be seventy-five feet long and sixteen feet wide; the remaining three will be, respectively, forty-six, thirty-seven and twenty-one feet in length, the width of each being four feet.

The bids relating to each of the bridges were as follows: Owego Bridge Co.—Kelley's, \$3184; Boone's, \$732; Watts', \$995; No. 27, \$335.

Buchanan & Co.—Kelley's, \$2217; Boone's, \$794; Watts', \$999; No. 27, \$408.

York Bridge Co.—Kelley's, \$2473; Boone's, \$1026; Watts', \$1147; No. 27, \$413.

Nelson-Merydith Co.—Kelley's, \$2625; Boone's, \$980; Watts', \$1277; No. 27, \$410.

McIlvaine & Co.—Kelley's, \$2785; Boone's, \$1068; Watts', \$1300; No. 27, \$395.

United Construction Co.—Kelley's, \$2897; Boone's, \$1056; Watts', \$1309; No. 27, \$432.

Penn Bridge Co.—Kelley's, \$2955; Boone's, \$1099; Watts', \$1277; No. 27, \$345.

The Owego Bridge company being the lowest on all the bridges it was awarded the contract for the work.

At the meeting the commissioners took action relating to the painting of the river bridge, the contract for which will be awarded next Saturday. In order that the contract may not fall into the hands of persons of slight experience, who have bid without full knowledge of what is involved and therefore may prove incapable of carrying the work through to a finish, it was decided to reject all bids that are not accompanied with references testifying as to the bidders' experience and their ability to tackle a proposition as big as the river bridge.

Aside from the skill and experience required a vast amount of equipment, such as block and tackle and scaffolding of all kinds will be needed. The county commissioners feel that such action as taken Saturday is essential in order to avoid the contingency of having an unfinished job thrown back on their hands.

## VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Edward Harris, a former resident of Danville, met his death in an accident at Youngstown, Ohio, on Tuesday. None of the particulars have as yet been learned.

A telegram from Fred Rebnan, brother-in-law of the deceased, was received by Thomas J. Price yesterday morning, in which the fact of Mr. Harris' death was briefly stated. He was crushed to death while unloading a car.

The deceased was thirty-five years of age and survived by his widow and two children. He is a son of John Harris, foreman of the brazing department of the Structural Tubing works, this city. A brother and two sisters also survive.

Mr. Harris left Danville about twelve years ago and since that time has been employed at one of large steel plants at Youngstown.

The funeral will take place at Youngstown today.

In response to the telegram John Harris left for Youngstown last evening.

### Becker-McCartin.

Miss Bridget McCartin and William G. Becker, both of this city, were married by the Rev. Father McCann at St. Joseph's Catholic church at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

### DANVILLE GUESTS

Royally entertained by Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Sober, of West Main street, on Tuesday evening, a party of Danville folks voted the doctor and his wife an able host and hostess. They returned on a special car, leaving town at midnight.

In the party were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Amesbury and son Penn, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Blecher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Cloud, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Greenleaf, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Purper and Mr. and Mrs. George M. West.—Bloomington Daily Sentinel.

## THE COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

The members of Goodrich post No. 23, G. A. R., have perfected all arrangements for Memorial day, which is now less than two weeks distant.

The memorial sermon will be preached by the Rev. George S. Womer in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church at 10:30 o'clock on Sunday, May 29th.

The memorial address will be delivered by the Rev. A. J. Irey, pastor of the First Baptist church, at the G. A. R. plot in Odd Fellows' cemetery at 2 p. m. on Memorial day. All the clergymen of town are invited to participate in the Memorial day exercises.

The veterans will proceed to the cemetery in a trolley car, which has already been chartered for the occasion. The parade in Odd Fellows' cemetery will be a feature of the day.

The P. O. S. of A. drum corps will furnish the music. An invitation to join the parade is extended to all the societies of town as well as to the pupils of the schools. The latter will be in charge of Frank G. Schoch.

The firing squad will be composed of members of the Sons of Veterans. Committees to decorate the graves on the morning of Memorial day have been appointed as follows:

Odd Fellows', St. Joseph's, St. Hubert's and Reformed cemeteries: William M. Heddens, Harry Kern, S. R. Lunger, John E. Roberts, J. O. Miller, George Gardner and Joseph Ritter.

Fairview, Episcopal, Jewish and Lutheran cemeteries: George Reilly, Henry Kramer, Hiram Weaver, Samuel Mills, J. W. DeShay, Jacob Sloop and Charles Baker.

St. Joseph's cemetery, (on the hill): John Bookmiller, Benton B. Brown. Mayberry Township & Sharp Ridge: Montgomery Bird and Madison Vought.

Mausdale, Mooresburg and Billmeyer's: Henry Wintersteen and Ephraim Bowers.

Grovania: John Baylor.

Hendrickson's, Long's, Swenoda and Straub's: D. R. P. Childs and Thomas Ande.

Washingtonville and Derry: J. H. Leidy, John Kester and Frank G. Blec.

Mt. Vernon and Rush Presbyterian cemeteries: J. L. Shannon, William H. Treas, Harrison C. Kase, John Keim and B. F. Landau.

The following members of the Sons of Veterans have been appointed as a committee to assist in decorating the graves: Frank M. Herrington, George Mottern, Samuel F. Ricketts, Charles Gardner, Howard Reilly, Arthur Reilly, George E. Roat and J. E. Weaver.

The outlook for flowers this year is not especially encouraging, as owing to the advanced state of vegetation several varieties of flowers that other years were largely depended upon are already blooming and by the time Memorial day arrives will have had their day. Each of the pupils of the public schools as usual is asked to contribute a flower. These as well as flowers donated by other parties can be left at the post rooms during Saturday preceding Memorial day.

## OUT FOR PRESIDENT.

As the time for holding the Six-County Firemen's convention at Shenandoah draws near candidates for the presidency to succeed John G. Waite, of this city, are looming up.

The most likely man who has thus far appeared is William F. Schutz, of Shenandoah, president of the Rescue Hook & Ladder company and president of the Firemen's Relief association, of that place. He is also a member of the Mine Examining board in the Shenandoah district.

Mr. Schutz attended the convention in Danville last June, and announced his candidacy at that time and did some splendid missionary work among the delegates here at that time. He has Schuylkill county solidly at his back and expects to corner enough votes to win on June 14th, the date of the convention.

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### Nine Pearls in Oyster.

Eating oysters at a local hotel, Pierce Hagenbuch, of Bloomburg, found nine pearls in one oyster.

## PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teachers' association held its regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium Tuesday eve. In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. Kase West presided.

The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. A. B. Vastine on the subject of the "Subconscious Mind." The subject is a deep one with which many persons are unfamiliar, yet as handled by Dr. Vastine it was made very clear and brought home to the audience in a way that all could grasp it.

The part of our nervous mechanism that exercises control over our being without our cognizance or knowledge is the subconscious mind. It is connected with the outer world mainly through the medium of the conscious or objective mind; the special senses, as sight, hearing, etc., each being a link in the chain supplementing the other. The subconscious mind is the nearest approach to a physical manifestation of the soul that we have.

The subconscious mind controls all the reflex actions, all the functions, conditions and sensations of the body. Such as the primitive in character—the heart beat, the flow of the saliva and all digestive secretions are examples. The power of perfect memory is an attitude of the subconscious mind. Every act, every thought is indelibly impressed upon the subconscious mind. A not uncommon evidence of this is seen in the individual brought face to face with death: All his past life flashes before him.

"The greater the power of the conscious mind to draw on this infallible store house the greater the individual. The chief aim of education should be to develop this power. An evidence of the memory of the subconscious mind is seen in the individual able to repeat a poem, a selection or even a whole book that he has only heard once and that probably years previously while in a hypnotic state—a condition in which the conscious mind is not in control. Natural sleep is a like condition; marvelous feats of memory are frequently exhibited by those who talk in their sleep.

"The subconscious mind is ever in operation—never ceasing its activity for a moment. We have every reason to believe that it is indestructible. This is a strong foundation for the belief in eternal life.

The subconscious mind is the seat of the emotions—love, hate, joy, sorrow, etc. Thus we shed tears when certain emotions are excited for as we have learned the subconscious mind controls the secretions of the body.

The subconscious mind does not possess the power to reason correctly or rather inductively. It is here the conscious mind comes to our aid. It is the guardian that enables us to differentiate the true from the false."

The speaker then proceeded to explain sleep walking, which is an example of the subconscious state and to consider the practical working of all the laws deduced. He also explained the hypnotic state, in which the appeal is made directly to the subconscious mind.

In the light of the subconscious laws, the speaker said we can readily understand the foundation upon which rests, Christian Science, faith cure, 'as well as powwowing, etc.

The address throughout was intensely practical and we regret that we have space to give only a brief synopsis of it.

The committee consisting of the Rev. A. J. Irey, Irvin Vannan and Borough Superintendent D. N. Diefenbacher, appointed at the previous meeting to prepare an address to the public calling attention of parents and guardians to the evil of permitting children unattended to roam the streets at night, last evening was submitted to the association, by which it was heartily endorsed.

The address is a most thorough and exhaustive treatment of the subject and can not fail to appeal to every thoughtful person. Under the head of "Home and Childhood" it not only dwells upon the needs of the child and the temptations to which it is exposed but also reminds parents what devolves upon them if the would make the home what it ought to be to the children—a place of happiness and cheer—a shield and a refuge from temptation. The address, which is lengthy in its entirety will appear before the public in a few days. The report concluded with the following resolutions.

Whereas, many boys and girls of our community of tender years and susceptible to evil influences are found unattended on our streets away from the vicinity of their homes at late hours in the evening, and

Whereas, we believe that such habit endangers both the moral and physical well being of these children, and

Whereas, we consider that such children can best be controlled and guided by their parents, therefore,

Resolved, that we, the members of the Parent-Teachers' association of Danville, Pennsylvania, most respectfully and earnestly petition the parents to restrain their children from this exposure to loss of physical, mental and moral health, also

Resolved, that we, the members of this association, pledge ourselves to support in any way we can all efforts to secure this most worthy need.

The report of the committee was accepted. The address as decided upon at the previous meeting will be printed in the form of a folder and a copy placed in every home in the borough.

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## NO NOTICEABLE PHENOMENA

The earth last night cleaved its way through the tail of the great Halley's comet—assuming that the latter was long enough to sweep the earth's orbit—and so far as observations here extended there was no meteoric or auroral display, no phenomena in the least unusual.

Thus were verified the theories of scientists; for among these the consensus of opinion seemed to be that not only would the earth sustain no injury but also that there would be no phenomena to mark its passage through the comet's tail—with the possible exception of the aurora borealis or a meteoric display.

Seldom has an event in nature aroused such interest and inflamed the imagination of people as has the much-discussed Halley's comet and especially the passage of our planet through its tail, which was scheduled to take place last night. That many persons, who were looking forward to a new experience in their lives, were disappointed at the absence of noticeable phenomena goes without saying.

The authorities seemed to differ as to the exact hour when the earth might plunge into the comet's tail. The time set varied from 7:52 to 11:30 p. m. During this long interval the heavens were scanned by hundreds of people occupying every available vantage point. The sky was clear with the moon—in its first quarter—shining brightly. There were no meteors, however, no electrical effects visible.

Up to nearly the hour of midnight a number of people were out on the streets anxious to witness any phenomena that might occur. The river bridge, which afforded an unobstructed view of the heavens, was a favorite promenade.

The comet is now no longer visible in the eastern sky. According to some authorities it may be faintly visible tonight in the western sky between 7 and 9 p. m. Others are of the opinion that it can not be seen until tomorrow night when it will be visible for one hour after sunset.

## HOLLOBAUGH RECOVERED

Earl Hollobaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hollobaugh, North Mill street, who was critically injured while alighting from a freight train near West Milton on Monday, April 26th, was yesterday discharged from the Mary Packer hospital at Sunbury and returned to his home here last evening.

The case of young Hollobaugh is remarkable. When his mangled body was taken to Sunbury after the accident the most optimistic would not admit that his recovery was possible. Yet day after day he continued to keep his hold on life until finally he gathered sufficient strength to stand an operation and the clot was removed that had been pressing on his brain. The opening made in the skull exposed the brain in such a dangerous place that a plate could not be used. The skin has already knitted over the opening, however, and the young man is almost fully recovered. His left foot, which was mangled by the wheels, was amputated three inches above the ankle.

Young Hollobaugh was accompanied last evening by his mother and both spoke very highly of the care and skillful treatment received by the patient at the Packer hospital.

## FAIR DATES

The Pennsylvania Agricultural department at Harrisburg has announced dates and places of fairs for this year. The fairs in this section will be held as follows: Columbia county fair at Bloomburg, October 4-8; Muncy Valley fair at Hughesville, October 11-14; Allentown fair, September 20-23.

### Ripe Cherries.

Perhaps the first ripe cherries of the season in this section are to be found on two trees on the adjoining farms of E. W. Keller and James Stiner, near Klinesgrove. Both trees are loaded with the fruit which for the most part is fully ripened.

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## COMMUNICATION FROM R. M. WHITE

A communication was received from an official of the D. L. & W. Railroad company yesterday, which would indicate that the filling up and obliteration of the old canal is practically as far off as ever.

Councilmen are authority for the statement that a representative of the D. L. & W. Railroad company while in this city a few weeks ago went on record as favoring the construction of a six foot brick sewer in the bottom of the canal to take care of the surface drainage, the scheme, of course, implying that the canal was to be filled up. The representative further explained that at the next meeting of council—to be held May 5th—the D. L. & W. Railroad company would submit its proposition.

No such communication, however, was received by the borough and the matter was so reported at the last meeting. Pursuant to instructions Borough Secretary Harry B. Patton addressed a communication to the D. L. & W. company protesting against the delay and calling attention to the intolerable conditions relating to the old canal.

A reply was received yesterday, the letter which was signed by the Division Engineer, being as follows:

"Dear Sir:—In regard to the canal matter will state that we find this to be a very complex situation in that it would be impossible to fill up this canal without the town taking care of flood waters and sewage which goes into it.

"The mere filling up of the canal will not take care of conditions until the outside drainage which runs into it is disposed of. This question of drainage and sewage is distinctly up to the town and is not one in which we are in any way interested except that we would probably be willing to go along to a certain extent in case the situation were treated as a whole.

Yours truly,  
R. M. WHITE,  
Division Engineer."

## MUSICALE TOMORROW

The musicale, the first one of the closing exercises of the public schools, will take place at 1:45 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

In former years the musicale was held in the high school auditorium. The number participating comprised only a small proportion of the number enrolled, six to eight only being selected from each room. This year all the pupils of all the schools will participate.

It has been arranged to hold the musicale in each of the wards, as follows: First ward, Miss Gallagher's room; second ward, Miss Goddard's room; third ward, Miss Musselman's room; fourth ward, Miss Bloom's room.

In each of these rooms the seating capacity will be reserved for visitors, none of the pupils being in the room except to render the exercises. The pupils of the primary grade will sing first. They will retire and the pupils of the second grade will take their places. These in turn will be followed by the third grade and so on until the eight grades have been heard. Thus the visitors will have an opportunity of judging not only as to the proficiency of the pupils, but will see the work as it is adapted to the different grades. Patrons of the schools are earnestly requested to attend.

The grammar school commencement will take place next Thursday. There will be no admission except by cards, which will be distributed only among adults.

## HID FROM COMET

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 18.

Superstitious fear seized many foreigners and farmers throughout Schuylkill county and many of them are nearly crazed over the probability that Halley's comet will strike the earth tonight and dire results will follow.

In the agricultural or southern section of Schuylkill farmers and their families have arranged to hide themselves in caves and dugouts, while large numbers of foreigners in the coal section of the county will take to the depths of the mines. Some have wilder away their effects, feeling certain that doomsday is at hand.

## MUNSON THE FAVORITE

HARRISBURG, May 18.

C. LaRue Munson will be the nominee of the Democratic State convention at Allentown for governor according to gossip heard at Democratic State headquarters today. The sentiment from reports received is tending strongly toward the Locomotive county candidate in spite of the activity of William H. Berry and the efforts of Senator Webster Grim, of Bucks.

Many of the fair sex are deeply interested in the national game.