



ITEMS CONDENSED.

The Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is placing watering troughs for dogs at different places on the York streets.

Freakish conditions of some spring vegetables are noticeable about Gettysburg and some superstitious folk are inclined to blame the trouble on the poor old comet.

Eleven-month-old Walter Wells, of Philadelphia, in the absence of his mother, found some cigarettes and ate several. A few minutes later he doubled up in convulsions and died as his mother was entering the house.

The heavy coal movement to the lake region has congested the Pittsburgh railroad yards. Owing to the winter tieups at the lakes the coal shipment is now at its height and the railroads do not seem to have the facilities for handling the large traffic.

While he was returning from the rehearsal for his wedding a few days ago, John S. Hargrave, of Homestead, was attacked by two thugs who relieved him of \$100 and the bride's wedding ring. He was unconscious for three days and his bride-to-be nursed him. After he had recovered sufficiently but was still weak as the result of his injuries, the wedding proceeded.

Alexander Cunningham, aged 90 died at his home in Manorville not long ago of injuries received when he fell over a chair about two weeks before. He was one of the oldest residents of that section and lived in Manorville when it was a small trading post. He died in the same house as that in which he was born. A carpenter by trade he helped build nearly all the houses in the place.

George Schenley, a member of the old Pittsburgh Schenley family, is now in the Smoky City. Some are prone to attach significance to his visit. Several months ago it was rumored that a portion of the family estate was to be donated to a new educational institution; this matter may be connected with Mr. Schenley's presence. Schenley is now a resident of London and came to Pittsburgh from New York.

Saltsburg police are searching for two men, who, after knocking down D. H. Dunlap, bound and gagged him, and took over \$200, leaving him unconscious and making their escape. Dunlap, who lives by the door, went to answer a knock at the house and one of two men standing there asked for a match. Dunlap turned to go after it and was struck over the head with a blackjack. He managed to loosen the gag after the fellows made their escape and a passerby heard his calls and went to his aid.

Crawling around in her bed, Ruth, the 9-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Seacman, of Windsor, fell through the bars and slowly strangled to death. The parents found the dead body.

Andrew Patterson, aged 18, of Turtle Creek, is in a serious condition in the Columbia hospital, Wilkingsburg, with his left arm torn to shreds and his left side lacerated from the shoulder to the hip, as the result of having had the arm drawn between some cog wheels while at work in the Westinghouse Machine company's plant at East Pittsburg. His sleeve caught in the machinery and soon the merciless steel started to crush his hand. He screamed for help but before it could arrive the flesh on his side was being torn.

When Frank Gallas, the former foreign exchange clerk of the First National bank of Ford City, arrived at his home, which he visited while temporarily released from the Allegheny county jail while waiting to be transported to the Fort Leavenworth federal prison, in Kansas, he found his 4-year-old daughter Mabel dead of scarlet fever; his 2-year-old son ill, and his wife prostrated with grief. He was almost overcome. The wife broke down when her husband was sentenced to five years' imprisonment last May and was ill for weeks. The shock of her daughter's death has made her condition serious.

Three men have been arrested at East Liberty by Pennsylvania railroad detectives and twenty more are to be held before the law. A big robbery scheme is said to have been discovered. Ten thousand dollars' worth of articles is said to have been taken from the Adams Express company at that place. George Harris, a railroad electrician; David B. Cox, an express agent, and Charles Parsons, a railroad employe, are under arrest. Robberies have been going on since January 1 and the value of goods stolen may have been more than given out, it is said.

Dr. Edward Charles Parker, professor of English in the northeast manual training school, Philadelphia, and Mrs. George Homans, a widow of a theatrical manager who died four weeks ago, were married in the Little Church Around the Corner at New York recently. They met three months before the husband's death and the professor started a whirlwind wooing directly after the passing away of the woman's spouse.

PATIENTS TAKE FRENCH LEAVE

An epidemic of unrest seems to have seized the patients at the hospital for the insane. On Saturday no less than three escapes were attempted, two of which for the time being, at least, were successful.

The first escape occurred during the morning when an Italian, who was assisting to carry clothes to the wash house took advantage of the confidence reposed in him and finding himself momentarily alone made tracks toward town. He was missed and a party was soon in pursuit. Up to last accounts, however, he was still at large, although the authorities at the hospital inclined to the belief that he was hiding about town, possibly in the rolling mills.

The man is said to be harmless. He has dark curly hair, a mustache of the same color; wears a dark brown suit, with black slouch hat and speaks good English.

The most sensational escape, however, occurred during the afternoon, when a patient scaled a high wall and by dint of hard running succeeded in eluding the attendants, a troop of whom were in pursuit.

The patient was the same athletic young fellow, that attempted to escape in Danville on February 24th last, when a number of patients were brought down to the opera house to witness a performance of the Champion Stock company. It will be recalled that at the close of the matinee a patient made a dash, leading an attendant and a half a dozen others a merry chase down Penn street. He demonstrated the very finest sprinting qualities and was caught only because he unwittingly ran into an alley that led to the steep bank of Mahoning creek.

His second attempt to escape Saturday promises to yield better results. As he scaled the high wall he was in full view of several attaches of the hospital and in a few minutes trained attendants were in hot pursuit. He had not much of a start but as a sprinter to begin with he had his pursuers beat a mile. Indeed, at no time were they in it with him and the race could scarcely be called exciting except for the fact that every moment the fleeing man was increasing the distance between himself and his pursuers.

The patient's home is in the vicinity of Hazleton and his flight was natural in that direction. When last seen he was making for the tall timber on the hills west of Catawissa. This patient has nearly recovered and is not at all to be dreaded. He will probably turn up in the vicinity of his home in a few days where he will be apprehended and returned to the hospital, if deemed necessary.

During the afternoon a patient succeeded in getting out of the institution in a very ingenious manner. Some persons were being shown through the building; the door was opened to permit them to retire, when the patient coolly walked out with the visitors. He was soon caught, however.

It is not remarkable that patients should escape. It is perhaps more to be wondered at that "cloupetments," as they are designated at the hospital, do not more frequently occur. Primarily the hospital is not a prison and the patients, while under constant surveillance are not "prisoners" in the sense that escape is impossible. It is gratifying that the number who take French leave is so small and that acts of violence are so seldom attributed to them while at large.

LIBRARY CLOSED EVENINGS

According to action of the board of directors of the Thomas Beaver Free Library taken recently, that institution will follow the custom established in former years by remaining closed evenings during July and August. Saturday evenings excepted.

A Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Daniel Erdman, Snydertown, Friday evening, in honor of the twenty-first birthday of his daughter, Miss Nettie. The evening was spent with music and games and refreshments were served.

Those present were Mrs. E. C. Wagner, Misses Bertha Paul, Lizzie Bailey, Helen Deifer, Messrs. John Savidge, George Loreman, John Beagle, Roy Kimble, Walter Loreman, Warren Deifer, Grant Loreman, Herman Bailey, Roy Loreman and Sam Arnold.

90 At 4 P. M.

Another warm wave has made its appearance. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon mercury registered 90 degrees, which is only six degrees below the warmest record of a week ago.

At six p. m. the thermometer registered 85 degrees and the atmosphere during the evening was very oppressive.

INNOCENTS AGAIN SLAUGHTERED

Results of Saturdays Games.
Danville, 14; Benton, 1.
Nescopek, 6; Bloomsburg, 3.
Shickshinny, 9; Nanticoke, 4.
Berwick, 9; Alden, 1.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

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|-------------|----|---|-----|-----------|---|----|-----|
| Danville | 13 | 3 | 312 | Nanticoke | 7 | 8 | 333 |
| Shickshinny | 9 | 4 | 491 | Nescopek | 4 | 8 | 333 |
| Bloomsburg | 8 | 4 | 456 | Benton | 2 | 11 | 131 |
| Berwick | 8 | 6 | 371 | Alden | 1 | 10 | 391 |

In an easy going game on Saturday the Danville Champs by frequently and timely flogging the ball and assisted by more or less misdirected energy on the part of Benton rolled up a total of 14 tallies, the Fishing Creekers succeeding in pinching one score while nobody was looking.

On the principle that any league game that we win is a good one, Saturday's set-to was seven times a dandy. Outside of that about the only interest that attached was a mild curiosity as to just how many scores Danville would roll up before the end came. Although somewhat larger than at Friday's game the crowd was still below the average for a league game.

Benton tried conscientiously to save themselves from being inundated by the tidal wave of Danville's bounding game, and in their endeavor ran the gamut of their pitching personnel, using three twirlers. Danville dispensately gave each a sound drubbing and scored on all of them.

Forty-five Danville batters batted in the eight innings of the game—eleven in the second innings alone. Brannigan, who started on the slab for Benton was in the box during this session—his last, by the way. The little Brannigan appeared to have it in his mind to do some execution when, in the first, he blanked the locals. In the second, however, he just couldn't make his curves behave, and a three bagger by Hagy, doubles by Mackert and Umlauf and singles by Kelly and Ainsworth hatched up to two errors and a hit by pitcher put seven counts to the Champions' credit.

In the third Thompson made his debut and came out unscathed although Mackert was nervously pawing at third base when the innings closed. Thompson's real turn came in the fourth when he started things by serving Livengood with four wide ones. Nipple sacrificed and Wagner struck out. Then with two out, Hagy, Veith and Mackert, all landed for extra base hits, scoring three.

Thompson came in from that pounding with the distress signal flying and Captain Long wig wagged. Second Baseman Smaltz to scurry up and take his turn on the firing line. Smaltz was the last hope and, therefore, stayed to the finish, although he received no more tender treatment than his predecessors in the box, Danville scoring twice in the sixth and seventh.

Benton never had a look in as far as winning was concerned. Only twice in the game did they get a man beyond first base. Once in the seventh Long got to the third sack after his single was followed by Masters' bingle, but he died there.

In the eighth the Fishing Creekers garnered their single point, Brannigan sending a two bagger into left field and counting on Jones' hit to center.

The score:

| DANVILLE. | | | | | BENTON. | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|---------|---|---|---|---|
| Umlauf, ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Livengood, 2b | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nipple, lb | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wagner, cf | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hagy, rf | 5 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Veith, 3b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackert, cf | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kelly, c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ainsworth, p | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 35 | 14 | 12 | 24 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Earned runs—Danville 8, Benton 1. Left on base—Danville 6, Benton 4. Double play—Veith to Livengood to Nipple. Stolen bases—Nipple, Umlauf, Livengood, Hagy 2, Mackert 3. Sacrifice hits—Nipple, Kelly. Two base hits—Nipple, Umlauf, Hagy, Veith, Mackert 2, Brannigan. Three base hit—Hagy. Struck out—By Ainsworth 7, by Thompson 3, by Smaltz 2. Bases on balls—off Ainsworth 1, off Thompson 2, off Smaltz 3. Hit by pitcher—Livengood, Umlauf. Passed balls—Morris 2, Time 1:44. Umpire—Sweeney.

CONTRACT FOR COAL AWARDED

The contract for furnishing the school district with coal for the ensuing year was awarded to the People's coal yard Monday night.

There were four bids submitted as follows:
People's coal yard—East Boston coal, egg coal, \$4.58; pea coal, \$2.85.
Boyer Bros.—P. & R. coal, egg, \$5.00; pea coal, \$3.20. Smith Leiner & Co., egg, \$4.95; pea, \$3.20.
A. C. Amesbury—egg coal, \$4.54; pea, \$2.94.

Whitney & Kemmerer—F. o. b. cars, egg coal, \$4.35; pea coal, \$2.70. On motion of Dr. Shultz it was ordered that the contract for furnishing 125 tons of egg coal and 100 tons of pea coal be awarded to the People's Coal company as the lowest bidder, the coal to be delivered in the bins.

On motion the contract for removing the Welsh hill school building 25 feet further westward was awarded to Clark Heimbach for \$397, the school district and the borough each to bear half the cost. On motion it was ordered that an additional contract for digging a cesspool by the side of the school house be awarded to Mr. Heimbach for \$25, the school district to bear the entire cost.

Mr. Fischer of the committee on Building and Repairs recommended a large number of repairs and improvements.

In the first ward the most important were the painting of the chemical laboratory, the whitewashing of the cellars, and cementing the north-west basement floors.

In the second ward the painting of Miss Goodall's room was recommended, also the whitewashing of the cellars, the repairing of the plastering and of the stone wall of building on Front street.

In the third ward new outside cellar doors were recommended, also the painting of rooms occupied by Miss Mann, Miss Lawrence, Miss Bennetts, as well as the vacant room on the second story. It was also recommended that the cellars be whitewashed.

In the fourth ward the recommendations embraced repairs on posts at corner of porches, repairs on furnaces, new stove pipe for frame building, brick wall for coal bin, the varnishing of book cases, the painting of window sills, whitewashing of cellars, &c.

On motion of Mr. Pursel it was ordered that the report of the committee be accepted and the repairs ordered.

On motion of Dr. Shultz it was ordered that a special meeting be held on Tuesday, July 5th, for the purpose of electing teachers and janitors.

The following members were present: Seehler, Orth, Swartz, Burns, Gibson, Marks, Shultz, Pursel, Sidler, Fischer, Heiss and Cole. The following bills were approved for payment:
Montour Democrat..... \$ 9.00
Seth Lorner..... 15.75
Penn'a School Journal..... 14.85

ENJOYABLE AUTO TRIP

An auto party, composed of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Price and Mrs. James Scarle returned yesterday afternoon from a trip to Massachusetts. The journey, a most enjoyable one, was made in the Thomas car belonging to Mr. Price, in charge of Will G. Brown. Altogether over 1500 miles were covered without a single accident.

The most distant point reached was Pigeon Cove, in the upper part of Massachusetts.

The party started on June 19 and made the run by way of Bethlehem, New York and Boston. At Wellesley college Miss Florence Price joined the party and made the return trip.

The party was in New York during the Roosevelt wedding. The return run was made by way of Springfield, Mass., Albany, Rome and Binghamton, New York, Sayre and Wilkes-Barre, on the way passing through Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, the home of President Taft.

ITALIAN CAPTURED

The Italian patient who escaped from the hospital for the insane Saturday morning and who was seen on the tow path above Northumberland, Monday, yesterday was located at Renovo.

William J. Burns and Michael Werle, two attaches of the hospital left on the 4:29 Pennsylvania train for Renovo last evening. According to all accounts the escaped patient is in custody there, and all the attendants will have to do will be to take him in charge, bringing him back to the hospital. They are expected to arrive at South Danville today.

Within the twenty-four hours ending at noon Monday there had been fifteen deaths in Butler and vicinity, half of which were attributed to the heat.

TWO LIVES WERE IMPERILLED

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Davis, Mill street, narrowly escaped asphyxiation Monday morning due to a freakish caper of the gas fixture, which caused the flame to become extinguished and permitted the gas to escape.

During the night the gas in the jewelry store is permitted to burn, turned down low. Night Watchman W. E. Young is confident that the light was burning about one o'clock Monday morning. Later in passing he observed that the store room was in darkness. This circumstance was so unusual that he lost no time in calling Mr. Davis.

He proposed upon the door, but seemed to be unable to arouse the inmates. This seemed to add to the mystery of the affair, and the watchman renewed his efforts, knocking as loudly as he could.

Finally the front window on the second story was opened and then it was learned that the house was full of gas and that Mr. and Mrs. Davis were nearly overcome. The light in the store had gone out and the gas had poured into the room, from which through an open door it found its way into the second story, where Mr. and Mrs. Davis slept.

Mrs. Davis heard the night watchman knocking, but she seemed helpless and it was some ten minutes before she could leave her bed or attempt to rouse her husband. She finally managed to get to the front window, which she opened with difficulty. Mr. Davis was more nearly overcome than his wife.

Had it not been for the night watchman's timely discovery it is not difficult to foresee what the fate of Mr. and Mrs. Davis might have been.

George M. West, superintendent of the Standard Gas plant, is of the opinion that air got into the gas pipe and there formed a pocket on reaching the burner for a moment it cut off the supply of gas and caused the light to go out.

ERADICATE THE WEEDS

As an effect of the copious showers and the warm sunshine weeds everywhere are springing up as if by magic. They are seen in the gutters, along the fences and on the vacant lots. They are growing luxuriantly and, if not cut down, or eradicated in a short time, they will mature and scatter their seed abroad with the result that next year's crop will be still more abundant.

Conspicuous among the weeds is the rank burdock, which by reason of its tenacious burrs it bears is especially objectionable.

The season for a general onslaught on the weeds has arrived. Of course in fighting weeds there is work for the borough employes, but no individual is without responsibility, and in a work of so much importance lines should not be closely drawn. No property owner or tenant should permit noxious weeds to grow up in the gutter at his residence even though it be a mooted question whether the removal of them strictly devolves on him. Indeed, the same applies to weeds that grow along fences or anywhere within reach. The man who eradicates them is doing a good work and philanthropic. If every person would get busy in this way, eradicating the first weed he comes across, the unsightly burdock and other noxious plants would soon disappear from the streets of town.

MUST ANSWER IN COURT

Nathaniel D. Wolf, J. R. Derr and Peter Mengel, supervisors of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, must go before court at Sunbury on Monday, July 11, to explain certain matters with relation to a road in the township which they were ordered to open and which they failed to do.

An order of court was procured to make them show cause why they should not be adjudged in contempt of court for not opening the road.

The outcome of the case will be watched with interest, as it will show to what extent township supervisors are responsible to the court for the performance of the duties of their office.

RATTLER BITES BULL

Several days ago a bull owned by W. H. Miller, of Cammal, near Slate Run, and valued at \$150, was bitten by a large rattlesnake in the field and now, although still alive, it is in a very bad condition, and it is doubtful whether the animal will recover from the effect of the bite. The body is swollen to a size considerably larger than the usual.

The world gets a little better with each passing day.

A CLASS FOR TEACHER TRAINING

A meeting of the Sunday school superintendents and teachers and the pastors of the various churches of the city was held at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday eve to consider the feasibility of establishing a union training class for Sunday school teachers.

The idea as advanced by Rev. J. H. Musselman was that a union class would have all the advantages of the separate training classes without many of its disadvantages. Benefit would be obtained both from the enthusiasm as a result of the increased number interested and the variety of ideas that will be advanced.

It is proposed to use a standard book treating on the fundamental principles of teaching, the class to be led by one teacher throughout the year or term. It was thought best not to begin until September. The class will qualify at the State meeting held in October.

The requirements of the State association will be met, it was explained by County Superintendent Rev. A. J. Irely, if but two members of each school are enrolled. A regular course will be followed and the union class will not interfere in the least with any classes that may be already organized in the different schools for the studying of the lesson for the coming Sunday. The lesson will not be considered, the object of the union meeting being to fit scholars and teachers for teaching properly by instilling into their minds the correct principles of teaching and a knowledge of biblical truths.

The Y. M. C. A. was selected as the proper place for the class to meet. Within the next week or two the various Sunday schools will be canvassed to ascertain how many will be interested, the results to be reported at a meeting to be called by the district president.

In the meantime a competent teacher preferably a layman will be selected.

BRIDGE COMPLETED

Workmen under R. A. Simmons completed the painting of the river bridge yesterday morning and the work is now ready to be inspected by the county commissioners.

The bridge was completed in about half the time that was figured on and this in spite of the frequent recurrence of rainy weather, which held up the work.

The Montour county commissioners had planned to have the Northumberland county board present when inspection was made. When it was learned yesterday that the painting was completed and that R. A. Simmons, the contractor, was on his way to Danville for the purpose of making a settlement, the Northumberland county commissioners were called up and invited to come to Danville today for the purpose of participating in the inspection. In reply the local board was informed that the Northumberland county board would be unable to attend a joint meeting this week. All plans relating to an inspection, therefore, seem temporarily up in the air.

ELECTRIC SIGNS

Fred Howe yesterday placed in position in front of his place of business on Mill street one of the most attractive and up-to-date signs in this section. The sign is made by the Century Sign company, of Lancaster, and is of the electric lens variety. It differs from the old style sign in that it is of the upright order overhanging the curb. It is nine feet long, four feet wide and the top stands twenty feet above the pavement. It will be connected up today and will be lit for the first time this evening.

Other electric signs that have been placed on Mill street recently are those at Ellenbogens', at David Haney's tobacco store and at the drug store of G. Shoop Hunt.

Yesterday Scores.

SUSQUEHANNA LEAGUE.
Bloomsburg, 6; Shickshinny, 8.
Berwick, 4; Nescopek, 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Boston, 6; Athletics, 4, 15 innings.
Chicago, 6; Detroit, 5.
New York, 2; Washington, 1.
St. Louis, 4; Cleveland, 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Phila., 2; New York, 3.
Chicago, 1; St. Louis, 2.
Cincinnati, 6; Pittsburg, 2.
Brooklyn, 7; Boston, 5.

Court Today.

A session of court will be held today for the purpose of holding argument on the Raup will contest, testimony concerning which was heard before Judge Evans early last spring. Hon. H. M. Hinckley and William Kase West represent the contestants, the opposing attorneys being Hon. Grant Horring and George Reimensnyder of Sunbury.

The ink on two Butler county divorce decrees was scarcely dry before the women in the cases had been married again. Edna C. Schoff, aged 21, cast off John Schoff, of Prospect, after three years of wedded life, and within an hour married Clifford A. Van Burne, aged 31, of Linesville, Elizabeth A. Hays, shortly after obtaining her freedom from Everett Hays, of Prospect, married Walter J. Steiner, whom she jilted for the husband that did not suit.

Even the truism is unfamiliar to some people.