



ITEMS CONDENSED.

LISTLESS LOCALS LOST TO NANS

Saturday's Scores.
Nanticoke, 12; Danville, 4.
Bloomsburg, 10; Berwick, 4.
Nescopeck, 4; Shickshinny, 1.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Danville	20	6	269	Shickshinny	12	9	274
Nanticoke	17	10	229	Bloomsburg	14	11	260
Berwick	15	9	225	Nescopeck	8	16	334

From the sublime to the ridiculous, from even, heady, steady base ball on Friday to a don't-care-how-many-runs they-get game on Saturday, was the depressing step that the Danville team took over Friday night.

One can scarcely stretch the imagination to realize that it was the same team giving Nanticoke a 13 to 4 score on Saturday that the day before had lambasted Kutz for 10 runs and errorlessly held the Nans to one earned tally.

To none of the ordinary vagaries of base ball can Saturday's farce be attributed. It was not an example of the slump to which all teams are susceptible. It was just a concerted susceptibility to assume the role of door mat for Nanticoke. Honest effort that fails is to be lauded every time, but a refusal to try should be hit on the head whenever it appears.

Of the Danville players who had a chance to get actively into Saturday's game but three stand out as the only ones who played as if they had some interest in winning the contest. They are Captain Nipple, Pitcher Rowe and Catcher Dooley, who worked hard to play their own positions to the best of their ability and encouraged the rest of the team to do their share.

The story of the activities of these men very nearly tells Danville's part of the story. The five Danville hits were divided between them. Nipple scored two of Danville's runs and brought in a third; Rowe scored the other one.

Both sides were retired in order in the first. In Nanticoke's half of the second Shemanski opened with a Texas leaguer into center. Walsh struck out and Smith was hit by a pitched ball, putting men on first and second. Morris drove a grounder to Livengood who threw to second, the ball going high over Umlauf's head. The Nanticoke ground rules stipulate that on a passed ball a runner can go as far as he likes, and Shemanski scored on this misplay. Davis then sent a sizzler across the third bag into left field, which Mackert fielded with such pronounced indifference that both Smith and Morris scored. Captain Nipple promptly benched the apathetic Mackert and sent Ainsworth to do relief duty in left. Jenkins laid a grounder to Veith who made an overthrow to first which allowed Davis to tally.

The innings ended when Jenkins was caught off second and Skelton fanned. After that innings the game went to pot. It is only fair to say that Rowe worked hard, but he was given the shadiest kind of support. No earnest effort was made to stay Nanticoke's mounting score, nor did Danville players strive conscientiously to deposit local tallies at the plate.

A handicap which could not be helped was Ainsworth in left field. The big pitcher is not trained to trot in the far reaches, and through no fault of his many balls got away from him that would have been nailed by an experienced man.

Danville hit in hard luck all during the game. The first innings can be taken as an example, when Umlauf, Livengood and Nipple all drove long flies to the field which were taken in order by left, right and center on hard tries.

Tony Walsh's home run made in the sixth, was one of the longest hits ever made at Edgewater park.

DANVILLE.

Umlauf, ss	5	1	0	2	4	0
Livengood, 2b	5	0	0	6	2	0
Nipple, 1b	3	2	2	4	1	0
Wagner, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Brennan, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Veith, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	1
Mackert, if	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ainsworth, if	3	0	0	0	1	1
Dooley, c	4	0	2	3	1	0
Rowe, p	3	1	1	3	1	0
Totals	33	4	5	24	14	4

NANTICOKE.

Skelton, ss	5	1	2	3	5	1
Buskirk, if	5	0	1	2	0	0
Payton, cf	3	1	0	2	0	0
Shemanski, 3b	4	3	3	1	3	0
Walsh, 1b	4	2	2	11	0	1
Smith, rf	3	2	1	2	0	0
Morris, 2b	4	2	1	1	2	1
Davis, c	3	1	1	6	1	0
Jenkins, p	4	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	35	13	12	27	12	4

Earned runs—Nanticoke 6. Left on base—Danville 5, Nanticoke 2. Stolen bases—Brennan, Nipple 2, Skelton, Davis, Morris, Shemanski. Three base hits—Dooley, Walsh. Home runs—Walsh. Struck out—by Rowe 5, by

SUICIDE IN BLOOMSBURG

John A. Lamberson, son of Harvey C. Lamberson, and who until recently was employed in this city, committed suicide in Bloomsburg Sunday afternoon.

The tragedy which was committed about 4 o'clock, was attended with the most spectacular features and seems to have grown out of a love affair. The deed was witnessed by William Barber, who was standing on his front porch. The youth bent upon taking his own life was observed leisurely walking along Catherine street. When near Eighth street he deliberately produced a revolver and placing the muzzle to his right temple fired the fatal shot. He fell to the sidewalk, death being instantaneous.

The body was carried into Hartman's planing mill. In the suicide's pocket was found a card bearing his name and stating that he was a member in good standing of Mahoning tribe, No. 77, Improved Order of Red Men, of Danville. The card also contained the names of his parents, and asked that they be informed of his death. He gave his age as nineteen years and represented that he had attended the Soldiers' Orphan schools at Chester Springs and at Scotland, leaving the latter institution at the age of sixteen.

Since leaving school, according to the card, he had belonged to a couple of shows. Lately he was employed by the A. C. & P. Co., of Milton, under the name of John Miller.

The rash act was committed three doors from the dwelling on Catherine street where resides Miss Rebecca Evans, a highly respectable young woman, with whom the suicide was in love, but who it seems did not reciprocate his affections.

An investigation brought out the fact that young Lamberson went to Bloomsburg from Milton Friday. On the evening of that day he called upon Miss Evans but was not warmly received. On Saturday noon he reappeared delivering a letter in which were protestations of love. Finding himself again repulsed he threatened to shoot himself and actually produced a .38-calibre revolver, which Miss Evans wrested from him and succeeded in hiding. Saturday evening he reappeared but did not find Miss Evans at home; later, however, he met her on the street and followed her for some distance begging that she return the revolver, which she refused to do. Sunday he hovered about Miss Evans' home for several hours before taking his life.

The Red Men of Danville were notified of the sad affair and they in turn broke the news to the parents, who reside a couple of miles down the river. About seven o'clock Undertaker George W. Root left for Bloomsburg to take charge of the remains. Prior to his arrival there the body had been removed from the planing mill to the undertaking establishment of G. G. Baker on West street.

John A. Lamberson, the suicide, was well known in Danville. Until a comparatively recent date he was employed at the Reading Iron works. He was a generous young fellow and was well liked.

CUSTER REPORTS TODAY

Pitcher "Rube" Custer, with whom Manager Hoffman of the Danville base ball team has had negotiations since his release by Berwick on Monday, last evening agreed to report for practice with the Danville team this afternoon.

Since Custer demanded and obtained his release from Berwick on Monday the base ball backers at Berwick have been importuning him to reconsider his decision and remain in that town. Certain differences which existed between Custer and Berwick could not be adjusted and the outcome will be Custer's appearance with the local team today.

THE LAST RITES

John A. Lamberson was consigned to the grave in Odd Fellows' cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock from the residence of Joseph Erlston, Hemlock street, and was private.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Charles Cameron Snavely, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. At the request of the parents, the order of Red Men, to which the deceased belonged, did not turn out in a body. The pall bearers, however, were chosen from the lodge and were as follows: Roy Fox, Atwood Rhodes, James Rounsley and Charles Post.

Isn't it really true that many a woman is ready to dye when she comes to the turning point?
Jenkins 6. Bases on balls off Rowe 3, off Jenkins 4. Passed balls—Dooley, Wild pitch—Rowe. Time of game—2:15. Umpire—Wilson.

ONE WEEK WITHOUT FOOD

For a normal and healthy man to abstain from food for one week and during this time not only to indulge in his routine of exercise but also to perform the duties of his vocation is a feat that is apt to cause no little wonderment, even in these days when we have become accustomed to marvels. Among other things it illustrates the extent to which the necessity of taking food—daily or less frequently—is overestimated.

In the concrete example before us no less a familiar personage than Post Office Clerk R. B. Diehl is the hero. Patrons of the post office who as late as Saturday night might have observed him at his work would not have dreamed that he had not taken a mouth full of food since early Monday morning. Had they observed closely they might have noticed that his eyes had assumed a peculiar look; also that long tense lines had grown into his face, which together with obvious loss of flesh, imparted to him an appearance that was scarcely natural. Otherwise, however, he was his natural self.

It should be explained that Mr. Diehl entered upon his voluntary abstinence from food for very good reasons. This article has alluded to him as a "normal and healthy" man, all of which is true to the letter barring an occasional attack of indigestion. It was Mr. Diehl's very good health that made him impatient of indigestion. After trying a few familiar remedies he decided to adopt heroic measures. It was food, he reasoned, that had caused his stomach to go wrong; therefore, he would abstain from food and give his stomach a prolonged rest. How long he could hold out he did not know; it was to be an experiment.

During Monday and Tuesday, the first two days of his fast, Mr. Diehl states, he experienced usual symptoms of hunger—a "gnawing" at the stomach—which was at times exceedingly unpleasant. By Wednesday this passed away and he had no desire to eat since. He began by drinking all the water that he could get away with, but oddly enough after the second or third day water palled, seeming highly objectionable to his stomach.

The fact must not be lost sight of that Mr. Diehl is slightly inclined to corpulency, although by dint of moderate eating and systematic exercise he had reduced his weight very much when he entered upon his fast. Up to Saturday night he had lost seven pounds, a trifle over a pound per day. Notwithstanding his long fast he retains his strength in a surprising degree. He plays tennis and rows on the river, a little less strenuously probably but with quite as much zest as when he enjoyed three meals a day. He is conscious of diminution of strength when it comes to hustling mail bags, but in the performance of lighter duties he feels no fatigue. He seems to "feel" the peculiar stare in his eyes—visible to others—and at times his vision is slightly distorted. Whatever there may be of discomfort in these symptoms, however, is more than compensated for in the keen intellect and acuteness of feeling that follow as the result of the fast.

Mr. Diehl is a gentleman of integrity quite as much interested in the scientific as the curative phase of his experiment. That all the facts relating to the fast can be implicitly relied upon no one acquainted with the circumstances for a moment doubts.

CHARLTON SAFE

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Italy cannot now legally demand the extradition of Porter Charlton. The legal time limit expired at midnight last night and no demand from the Italian government had been received by the United States District Attorney from the State of New Jersey.

No steps will be taken for the prisoner's release, however, until September 20, when any one of three courses may be pursued. His lawyers may demand his release on the ground that there is no charge against him; they may obtain a writ of habeas corpus or they may institute proceedings to ascertain his sanity.

Charlton is confined in the Hudson county (N. J.) jail, where he has been since his arrest and confession of murdering his wife, Mary Scott Castle Charlton, at Lake Como, Italy.

Meritorious Painting. Jacob C. Miller of the Peoples' Bank, who possesses much ability as an artist and has produced a number of meritorious pictures in his time, has just completed a painting that is being very much admired. The picture represents a charming bit of landscape with a flock of sheep in the foreground. The pose of the animals is most life-like, while the sky effect and all the details of the picture seem absolutely true to nature.

HEALTH REPORT FOR LAST MONTH

The local registrar's report to the bureau of vital statistics for the month of July is unique in that, along with a phenomenally low death rate, but one case of communicable disease is reported.

The number of deaths that occurred in the district during the month was eighteen. Of this number six took place at the hospital for the insane. With the exception of the month of May, when fifteen deaths occurred and June when the report showed seventeen deaths, the mortality during last month was lower than at any time this year.

The single case of communicable disease reported was typhoid fever. One death from typhoid was also reported, but it related to a case that figured in last month's report. It is very rare, indeed, during the course of a year that a month occurs in which typhoid fever does not figure in the report. The gratifying feature of the present report is that the disease is limited to one case.

The showing relating to the public health could not be more reassuring. It is a season of the year when physicians can enjoy a well-earned rest.

Up to the present not a single case of infantile paralysis, which at many places is alarmingly prevalent, has been reported in this district. The latter disease along with pellagra and hook worm now must be reported to the local registrar. Dr. Shultz last evening stated that while cases of infantile paralysis have occurred in this district neither pellagra nor hook worm have been known to develop here.

During June eleven births were reported, which is just one-half the number returned for May. In April there were twenty-four births. The average of births for the year is generally above the death rate.

IN NEW HOME

Myrtle Lodge No. 858, I. O. O. F., is now snugly quartered in its new home formerly known as the Conkling building, which it purchased a few months ago. The first regular charter meeting was held in the new quarters Saturday night.

The rooms have been renovated and handsomely furnished. The spacious lodge room, 51x23 feet, presents a most attractive and cozy appearance, the floor being covered with a new Wilton velvet Brussels carpet of Perisan design. The rooms are lighted with Tungsten burners of 60 watts. The switchboard is conveniently placed and the lights can be regulated to suit the various requirements of the lodge room. The system embraces a modern "dimmer" by merely pressing the button a few or all the lights can be thrown into commission and they can be made to burn at any degree of brilliancy desired.

NINETY IN THE SHADE

That we are having our full share of humid, sultry and oppressive days this season no one who is exposed to outdoor temperatures will be disposed to question. The weather yesterday did its very worst, mercury climbing up to ninety in the shade, while the humidity prevailing added very much to the oppressiveness. Since the middle of June we have had rather more than the usual proportion of such kind of weather. From now on we should have cool nights, which ought to afford some relief. "The wind is blowing over the oats stubble," a condition which is popularly believed to cause cool breezes after nightfall.

Owing to the oppressive weather conditions something less than full time has been made in our iron industries during the last six weeks. It is especially hard on the puddlers and heaters and often several furnaces are off at one time.

CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Levi Richard of Point township, died at her home, a short distance below Chulasky about 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of ten days of peritonitis.

The deceased was forty years of age and is survived by her husband and four daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, Sara Belle and Bertha, all residing at home; she is also survived by her father, Sylvester Feaster of Muncy.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at 10 a. m. from the family residence. Interment at Swenoda.

Property Sold.

The three story brick building, No. 269 Mill street, occupied by Foster Bros., was sold at public sale yesterday morning. It was knocked down to Harry Moyer of York for \$4200. Bidding was fairly brisk. The property started at \$3000, rapidly climbing to the figure at which it was sold. Ellis Reese was auctioneer.

WILL CONTEST IS PROBABLE

It does not seem unlikely that the last will and testament of the late Edward D. Kramer of the second ward, Danville, may be made the subject of litigation. By the provisions of the will the Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged and Infirm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Germantown is made the principal beneficiary.

The will was made March 16, 1909, and was witnessed by Dr. Ira C. Dietrich and William E. Elmes, Esq., of Berwick. The trustees of the Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged and Infirm are named as the executors.

The initial step in the matter was taken Tuesday when a hearing was held before Register W. L. Sidler in the grand jury room for the purpose of examining the subscribing witnesses as to the testamentary capacity of the testator.

William Kase West, Esq., represented the executors and Hon. H. M. Hinkley some of the heirs, who object to the probating of the will. Each of the subscribing witnesses testified that to the best of his knowledge and judgment the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time the will was made. During cross-examination it developed that some of the heirs sought to contest the probating of the will on the ground that the testator was not of sound and disposing mind.

The hearing will be continued on another date to be selected, when other witnesses will testify for the contestants.

The will provides that the widow of the testator shall have the use of house No. 749, East Market street, during her life.

The widow also receives a dowry to be drawn from the residue of property of the sum of \$18 per month as long as she lives.

Each of the grandchildren as well as the surviving daughter is remembered with a certain sum. To the Trinity Lutheran Church of Danville is bequeathed \$100 to be used for the poor of the church.

To Orphan's Home and Asylum for Aged and Infirm at Germantown is bequeathed all the residue of property, both real and personal, which institution is to pay a dowry to the widow as long as she lives. At her decease it is to inherit the residue of the house and property, real and personal.

PERSONALS.

Miss Mary G. Shoner, Lower Mulberry street, will leave today for a several days' visit with Mrs. Caroline McMahon at Watsontown.

Fred Woodside left yesterday for a ten days' trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mrs. Clara Brandon, Mrs. R. B. Diehl, Mrs. L. A. Yeiser and Miss Mary Holloway were among the excursionists to Eagles Mere yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sayre, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hart, Church street.

H. W. Schoffstall, of Sunbury, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Emma Morton and son Arthur, and Mrs. Anna Morton, of Sunbury, spent yesterday with friends in South Danville.

Misses Sara and Nina Thompson returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit with their sister, Mrs. M. F. Gulick of the south side.

Miss Dora Schatz, Cherry street, left yesterday for a visit with her uncle, Edward Schatz, Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Heimbach, Spruce street, is visiting relatives at Wolvorton.

Miss Jennie Steinbach, of Pottsgrove, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bennett, Church street.

Miss Ethel Gulick, Rushton, left yesterday for a visit with friends in Sunbury.

Miss Ethel Van Fleet, of Jersey City, is visiting at the Shepard home, Vine street.

Misses Gussie Lunger and Ethel Reppert have returned after a short visit in Bloomsburg.

Miss Margaret Shepard, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Shepard, Vine street.

Big White Sucker.

While fishing down the river Tuesday Arthur Peters, Jr., caught a large white sucker, measuring nearly twenty inches in length and weighing 2 1/2 pounds. The fish was quite a curiosity, as no one can recall having seen a white sucker of more than half the above dimensions.

Of a woman who makes a call you can seldom say that she goes without saying.

DOGS OVERRUN FARMERS' FIELDS

Rabbits, which last year were very plentiful, this season are found to be still more numerous and rare sport is anticipated during the hunting season.

The restraining force of the rigid game law seems sufficient to keep hunters out of the field until the season opens, November 1st. The dogs, however, which are no respecters of statutes, are already on the job and are causing much annoyance among the farmers.

Just here it might be expedient to warn owners of dogs habitually roaming at large that they are in danger of losing their animals, valuable or otherwise, for the framers are up in arms and declare that they will shoot the dogs.

The AMERICAN has been asked to advert to the matter, not alone by those who have an interest in the protection of game only but also by the farmers, who state that the dogs are a positive pest, trailing through the fields, several frequently being in one pack. They declare their intention of seeking relief with the shot gun, shooting a few of the dogs, if the later are not kept away.

Several dogs were shot last fall and considerable ill-feeling was engendered; landowners declare that they do not desire to adopt such drastic measures unless all others fail. Among the owners of dogs there may be some unaware of the fact that their dogs have the hunting habit and who from now on will make an effort to keep their dogs from pursuing game illegally.

A farmer yesterday stated that the 'town dog' is not the only offender in this line, but that a surprising number of the four-legged violators of the game law are dogs that belong to the country and that the latter are probably the worst of the lot. In the aggregate the slaughter of cottontails at this season is said to be considerable, many a wily and industrious cur in one day running down more than his master is permitted to bag in the same time during the hunting season.

COAL EXHAUSTED

Owing to low water the coal dredges are unable to get into shore at present but are anchored out in the stream. The natural inference would be that the river is too low for the dredges to operate. This, however, is not the case, as they were designed with special reference to drought conditions and draw but a foot or so of water.

They could navigate in midstream very easily but it is explained that the deposit of river coal at this place is nearly exhausted for the present. The dredges have done a very large business this season. The only coal that remains is mixed with sand and gravel to such an extent that it cannot be extracted with much profit. About the only thing that remains to be done is to await another fresh with the hope that more coal will be carried down from the mines.

STREAMS ARE LOW

The protracted drought is having an appreciable effect on the river, which is falling at the rate of a couple of inches per day. The rocks above the bridge, a familiar sight only when the river is very low, are now visible above the surface of the water.

Mahoning creek is almost dry, while the springs and small streams throughout the country are beginning to fail. Except in such localities as have been visited by heavy showers, corn, buckwheat and late potatoes will yield poorly.

Conditions on the whole are but little better than they were last season at this time. The dust lies deep upon the roads and is hardly to be endured. Along with the failing of crops comes the scarcity of water, which is apt to entail great inconvenience upon the farmer.

YOUNGEST GRADUATE

Yesterday's issue of the Bloomsburg Daily Sentinel has the following to say of Gomer Metherel, formerly of this city:

"Gomer Metherel, son of Mrs. A. D. Shuamm, of this city, returned to Chicago Tuesday, where he will complete his course at the Bennett Medical College. When he graduates next spring young Metherel will have been the youngest student ever graduated from that school. He is not yet 20 years of age, and has already arranged to take a year's course as resident surgeon in a Chicago hospital. He spent his vacation with his mother."

Seriously Ill.

City Clerk Harry B. Patton was taken very seriously ill on Tuesday night, being seized with an attack of acute indigestion, to which he is subject. His condition was much improved yesterday.