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FERRY SERVICE UNSATISFACTORY

Owing to the low condition of the river it is impossible to operate the free ferry boats at Nesquepeck and Hartsville. At the latter place the flat, for some time, has been lying high and dry upon the land.

The heavy rains of the past few days seem to have had no effect on the river and each day the conditions are less favorable for the operation of the Danville ferry boat. The ill effect on travel between this city and South Danville is becoming worse all the time and delays of from fifteen minutes to over an hour are daily occurrences.

The ferryman have been doing everything in their power to facilitate matters, but claim that with the low state of the river nothing much can be done. The cable has become quite loose and should be tightened. A number of push poles should be in readiness at times when the flat scrapes along the river bottom as this is about the only way the boat can be started after grounding. The last pole was broken on Monday night.

One of the most difficult things to contend with is the overloading of the boat. At present not more than two or three heavy teams should be carried each time. The heavy loading of the boat causes most of the delay in crossing the river.

The river will have to rise at least four inches before anything like good service can be maintained. It is said that the cable will be tightened today which it is expected will help matters somewhat.

Catawissa's Historic Engine.

The Catawissa, the original engine used on the first trip made over the railroad between Tamaqua and Port Clinton in 1843, is on exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition. Mr. Bensing, formerly of Mahanoy City, who was eleven years old at the time, says that it was the first steam engine in actual service in this country. It was run on the line of twenty miles between Tamaqua and Port Clinton.

The road was fitted up with wooden rails on top of which was scrap iron. The new "iron" rails are of a different character throughout that region, people really fearing it as the forerunner of the end of the world. This twenty miles of roads was not originally intended for passenger traffic, but for the carrying of coal. It pulled what were then called drifty cars, and was able to haul about twenty of them at one time.

Each car carried about one and one-half tons of coal, or 3,000 pounds, while now an ordinary railroad engine hauls a train of twenty or more cars, each one of which carries from twenty to thirty tons of the black diamonds. This improvement and forward step shows that either the mind of seventy years ago was wrong when he said that it was the devil's work, or the old fellow must have been getting in his work pretty lively ever since.

A Surprise Party.

A surprise party was tendered W. P. Roth at his home on Bloom street, Friday evening, in honor of his twenty-fifth birthday. During the evening excellent refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Kocher and son, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Madden and daughter Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Crumb, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hodge and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whapham, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Kerns and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Diehl, Mrs. Hannah Roth, Miss Julia Crumb, Misses Lizzie and Elsie Scott, Miss Goldie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher and son, Mrs. Alice Gray and son, Miss Blanche Manning, Miss Evelyn Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Roth and daughter, Mrs. W. P. Roth, Edna Dyer, Messrs. William Diehl, Fred, Lewis, Ralph Rowe, Sylvester Dougherty, Chas. W. Raver, Jr., G. J. Cunningham, Bert Povey, Frank G. Raver and John Shank.

Distinguished Fishing Party.

Judge Martin Bell, Captain Babcock, W. I. Woodcock, all of Hollidaysburg, and Colonel William J. Maxwell of Altoona, comprised a fishing party that left on main line express this morning for Byde, where they will spend several days at the club house of the Juniata Fishing and Hunting Association. Dr. J. A. Rohrer, Republican candidate for county treasurer, was at the depot to see the boys off, and was sorry that business prevented him from going along. When the train reached Tyrone Captain Clark, of Clearfield, the so-called champion salmon fisherman of this section of the country, found the party. Mr. Clark is a rival of Dr. Rohrer for the honor of champion salmon fisherman but the doctor is still a number of points ahead of him.—Altoona Mirror.

Col. Maxwell formerly resided in Danville. His many friends here will be pleased to learn that he is now one of Altoona's famous fishermen.

Broke His Arm.

Ira, the little son of Peter G. Bayer, of South Danville, is confined to the house with a broken arm. The little fellow with some other boys on Sunday was swinging under a tree near the river, when he sustained a fall, which resulted in a bad fracture of the left arm. Dr. Smith set the broken bone.

WILL USE SPECIAL BALLOT BOXES

The special election at which our citizens are asked to vote upon the question of increasing the Borough's indebtedness for the purpose of paving Mill street and installing municipal light will take place on next Tuesday, August 2nd.

There are several questions connected with the special election which are much discussed, not only by those who have the conduct of it on their hands but by the electors in general and people about the street. The point to determine, it seems, is how far the general election laws apply to a special election of this sort.

Few are found to question whether the regular voting booths may be used. But there is much doubt whether the regular ballot boxes, containing tickets, list of voters, etc., sealed up at the close of the last election and not to be opened until the morning of the next election, can legally be used at the special election next Tuesday; also whether the places at which liquor is sold may remain open.

The Act of 1891 "To Regulate the manner of increasing indebtedness of municipalities" sets forth that such elections shall be held at the place, time and under the same regulations as provided by law for the holding of municipal elections. It provides that tickets properly and legally labeled "shall be deposited in a box provided for that purpose as is provided by law in regard to other tickets received at said elections."

The above removes the last doubt as to whether the regular voting booths may be used at the special election, but it is not quite clear enough on the other point relating to ballot boxes to satisfy our Councilmen and to be on the safe side they have decided to use special ballot boxes and have already ordered the same to be made.

W. Kase West, Attorney for the County Commissioners, yesterday rendered an opinion stating that the regular ballot boxes may not be used at a special election, such as held on next Tuesday. As to the other question involved whether or not the bars must close during the election there seems to be but little difference of opinion, as the law seems very plain. The section relating to liquor reads as follows:

"It shall not be lawful for any person with or without a license to sell to any person any intoxicating drink on any day on which elections are now or hereafter may be required to be held."

Putting on the Finishing Touches.

The Standard Construction Company yesterday began the final cleaning up of the trolley track, which places it in condition for traffic whenever the cars are ready for running.

The earth, which was piled up over the track after the rails were laid, has become beaten down as solid as any other part of the street. This earth is now being carefully dug up down to level with the top of the rails and carted over to Reifsnayder's cinder tip, where it is dumped near the canal.

The special poles are being planted all along Bloom street and the cleaning up of the described follows as the finishing touch of the road. The street as far as the work has progressed presents a very tidy and presentable appearance the only blemish lying in the fact that the trolley track, which conforms with the established grade, lies several inches below the general level of the street, which was macadamized to conform with former surveys. In time it is understood that the street is to be regraded to conform with the established grade but how soon cannot be known. In its present state it may prove difficult to drain the street properly and damage is feared from washing.

New Steps at St. Joseph's Church.

Among the improvements at St. Joseph's Catholic Church is the rebuilding of the stone steps at the three entrances at the front of the church. At each door there is a flight of some four steps built of large dressed stone, which have been there ever since the church was built. Under the action of the elements the stone has begun to disintegrate and are no longer slightly rough.

The steps are being entirely rebuilt, dressed blue stone taking the place of the old. D. J. Rogers is doing the work.

The new steps are an essential improvement and along with the handsome new tower overhead will add very much to the appearance of the church.

Rebuilding The Smoke Stack.

The sixty-foot smoke stack belonging to the Danville Milling Company's plant, North Mill street, is being rebuilt, the work having been under way for a week past. The stack, which is of brick, under the lapse of long years had become very insecure. The cast iron frame on the top was eaten through by the rust, while the brickwork showed a big fissure which extended from the top downward several feet.

It was necessary to scaffold the big stack from bottom to top. The rebuilding of the brickwork was completed yesterday and everything was in readiness for placing the new cast iron frame in position on top. Beyond this nothing more remains to be done than to remove the scaffolding.

SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

A regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday evening, Directors Harpel, Greene, Purnell, Burns, Haring, Workleiser, Orth, Trumbower, Fischer, Adams and Jacobs being present.

At a previous meeting the attention of the Board was called to the poor heating facilities of the Second Ward school house, which last year had to be closed on several occasions on account of insufficient heat. Estimates secured by the Building and Repair Committee showed that the cost of repairs would be so enormous, that the Board was of the opinion that new furnaces would be more economical.

A bid was read from the Danville Stone & Mfg. Co., offering to erect three No. 4 Beaver Furnaces, including brick work and masonry, the furnaces to stand ready for firing, for \$43,000. On motion the bid was accepted and the furnaces ordered. The furnaces in the Second Ward building have been in use 17 years and have outlived their usefulness.

The Secretary was ordered to notify the janitors that hereafter they would be expected to close the shutters on all buildings every evening after the schools have been dismissed. This duty formerly devolved upon the teachers.

But one bid was received for the calculating of the eight rooms in the Second and Third Ward buildings. No action was taken in the matter.

The Secretary was ordered to advertise for bids for the cleaning of the various school houses.

The following bills were ordered paid:

U. L. Gordy	\$200.00
P. & R. Coal Co.	105.23
Interest on Bonds	150.00
T. W. Hale	14.97
E. W. Peters	20.00
Calvin Eggert	15.00
Taxes	14.82
J. Dester's Sons	8.00
A. C. Root	2.75
Erwin Hunter	2.00
Robert Miller	5.00
S. Lormer	5.00

All Depends on the Election.

The railing is being placed in position on the coping along side of the new culvert, Mill street. It adds much to the appearance and conveys a good idea of how nicely the whole improvement will show up when the culvert is cleaned up and paved and the sidewalks lowered.

Persons generally have become very weary of the unsightly appearance presented by the old and irregular sidewalks at each end of the culvert and they can not understand why there should be so much delay in having them lowered to conform with the established grade.

It was learned yesterday that delay in the matter is necessary. It adds much to the appearance and conveys a good idea of how nicely the whole improvement will show up when the culvert is cleaned up and paved and the sidewalks lowered.

Not Quite Ready to Begin Work.

A large number of men in quest of employment early yesterday morning repaired to the Borough line to see what the prospects were for getting work on the new road to be built to Mausdale under the Act of April 15, 1903.

The contractors, however, were not on the ground and the men after waiting awhile returned to Danville. W. U. Oakes, representative of the Maryland Construction Company, who is stopping at Hotel Oliver, in an interview last evening stated that some preliminary work remains to be accomplished and he was not certain that the actual work of construction will begin this week. He was certain that nothing will be done today.

Mr. Oakes will remain on the ground and will employ teams and men, putting them to work as fast as they enter the company's service. Few men have been employed.

A Workman's Painful Injury.

Richard Miller, son of Charles Miller, Upper Millers street, is confined to his home with a bad cut on his knee sustained while working on the trolley line Tuesday. He was assisting to plant poles on Bloom street. He was standing in a hole and with an axe was endeavoring to get rid of a large root that interfered with the digging. The root suddenly giving way the axe landed on Richard's knee at the joint, inflicting a long gash nearly half an inch deep.

Dr. S. Y. Thompson rendered surgical aid.

Parish Outing a Fine Success.

The annual parish outing of Christ Episcopal church, which was held at Hunter's Park yesterday, was a most successful and enjoyable event. The attendance, it is said, was larger than at any time in recent years.

It was distinctively a basket picnic and nothing was omitted that would contribute to the pleasure of the outing, both for the children and the grown-up people. Dinner and supper were both partaken of at the Park. Wyle's orchestra furnished the music.

BATHING ACCIDENT NEAR BLUE HILL

William Woolridge, the fourteen-year-old son of Mrs. Francis Woolridge, East Front street, is confined to his home owing to an accident which befell him while bathing near Blue Hill on Saturday afternoon.

William, with several companions, started across the river in a boat about three o'clock. The water near Blue Hill is quite deep and makes the best bathing site along the river. As the boat was being rowed across the river William, anxious to have his bath, removed his clothing. When the party had reached a point about fifty feet from the South shore, he stood erect on the seat and plunged into the water.

The water was not clear on Saturday owing to the recent rains and the boy in diving struck his head with crushing force against a huge rock, the top of which was scarcely two feet from the water's surface. Strange to say he did not lose consciousness and with the blood streaming from a long gash in his head, groped his way to the boat. He was taken home immediately and Dr. Stock called. The cut was 7 1/2 inches in length and required many stitches to close it.

A Very Favorable Report.

Corbin & Goodrich, Philadelphia agents for the Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Company yesterday forwarded the report of Inspector P. H. Repp on the condition of the boilers at the Water Works.

Mr. Repp made the inspection last Friday and found the boilers above the average, expressing himself to that effect after he had completed his work. The inspection was made as a preliminary step to having them insured. The report is as follows:

To the Borough of Danville:

"There is some loose scale and deposit on the bottom of these boilers and at the rear end, which we recommend washed out. Otherwise boilers are clean and the openings to connections are clear.

The shell plates and heads are sound, light corrosion and pitting on the tubes; but so far as it is possible for us to see this, it is not sufficient to be serious. It has probably been caused by the boiler standing out of use with water in it; and if the boilers are to stand idle for any length of time, we would recommend that the water be drawn off, and that they be kept dry as possible.

"Externally there are no evidences of leaking, or any serious corrosion. The settings are also in good repair. "It would be better if the blow-off pipes were taken from the bottoms of the boilers, at the rear end, and, instead of from the rear head, as explained by the Inspector. It would be more desirable if the water connections to the water column were taken from the lower part of the front head, as explained by the Inspector, as at present they are covered by the brickwork and cannot be examined. Otherwise the connections were all in good condition, and the steam gauges are correct."

COBBIN & GOODRICH, Agents, P. H. REPP, Inspector.

Death of a South Danville Resident.

Charles G. Houghawout, a highly respected resident of South Danville, died last evening after a long illness, heart failure complicated with other diseases causing death after much suffering.

The deceased was born in Rush township 71 years ago and removed to South Danville from his Kipp's Run farm in 1896. At the time of his death he was serving his second term as Justice of the Peace in Gearhart township, and had filled at various times the offices of school director and supervisor. Despite his illness he was quite active going to Rechester, N. Y., a month ago for treatment.

Mr. Houghawout is survived by his wife, two daughters, Rhoda (Mrs. William Clark) of South Danville and Jennie (Mrs. Elmer Mowery) of this city and one son, J. O. Houghawout, who resides on the farm at Kipp's Run. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Civil War Veteran Laid to Rest.

Funeral services over the remains of Daniel Brown, whose death occurred on Thursday of last week, were held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from Trinity M. E. church. Rev. N. E. Cleaver, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. S. B. Evans, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, officiating.

The pall-bearers were George Gardner, B. B. Brown, Thomas James, William Heddens, Henry Weaver and Harry Kerns, veteran comrades of the Civil War and members of the Grand Army of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made in the soldiers' plot at the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

These present from a distance were John and James Brown of Fleetwood, Berks county, and George Brown of Kutznaw, brothers of the deceased; Mrs. Ida Gething of Pittsburg, Miss Lizzie Perry of Reading and Mr. and Mrs. John Carl of Milton.

All Day Shoot.

The Danville gun club will hold an all day shoot at Hunter's Park on Labor Day. Blue rock targets will be thrown for a cent a piece. This shoot will be for the local sportsmen only.

DANVILLE TO SUNBURY BY TROLLEY

The Danville and Sunbury Trolley Company, a new corporation to which a charter was granted about ten days ago, started the survey work at South Danville Monday morning. The formation of this company was quietly arranged in order to facilitate the preliminary work and the active operations yesterday came in the nature of a surprise to many residents on both sides of the river.

Trolley service between this city and Sunbury will be a boon to both towns. It means more business for Danville, good service for the farmers and a great convenience for the residents of South Danville and Riverside.

Clyde C. Yester, Esq., of Bloomsburg, is president of the company, Isaac Hagenbuch of Bloomsburg, secretary and W. A. Heller of this city, treasurer. The Directors of the company are C. P. Hancock of Danville, James Coleman of Bloomsburg, Dr. Wolf of Epy, Howard Weiss of Siegfried and Dr. Riegel of Catawissa.

In an interview with Mr. Heller last evening that gentleman stated that the road will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. He is hard at work at present obtaining the right of way and if everything goes smoothly no route has been definitely decided upon and will not be known until the survey has been completed. Matthew Reynolds of Bloomsburg is in charge of this work. He is assisted by F. Allen of Bloomsburg and John Corman of this city.

The building of the line from Danville to Sunbury will serve as another link to the great trolley system that is rapidly advancing over the entire State. With the building of the line between Berwick and Shickshinny, and the Danville and Sunbury road the entire distance between Sunbury and Forest City by way of Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Carbondale will be completed, making a total of 104 miles. A line to Shamokin which it is expected will be built in the near future, will connect every town in Central Pennsylvania.

The Value of a Y. M. C. A. Ticket.

A membership ticket in the Young Men's Christian Association is of more value than most young men imagine, and it would be a wise thing for some of the men of Danville to consider the matter of membership, especially if they expect to visit other towns or cities. The plan, adopted by the Associations throughout the country, to acknowledge unexpired membership tickets of other organizations of same kind, is of the greatest benefit to young men when away from home. A practical illustration of this comes to the local Association through Mr. Sidney Cannard, who recently visited the World's Fair, at St. Louis. He states that his ticket was accepted for full privileges at Buffalo, Chicago and St. Louis, and that every courtesy was shown him, not only in the use of privileges at the various Association Buildings, such as swimming pool, baths, reading room, etc., but also in the matter of finding comfortable boarding places, restaurants and places of interest.

One of the Danville Y. M. C. A. members, who was in good standing at home, could not use the privileges during a visit to St. Louis, because he did not take his Y. M. C. A. ticket with him. It is a wise thing for members to keep these tickets in their pocket as they are of value to the possessors in many ways, especially when away from home.

In Honor of a Son.

B. F. Cohen entertained a number of friends at his home on Mill street yesterday morning in honor of the recent arrival of a baby boy at the Columbus hospital. Those present were Simon Dreifuss, Herbert Dreifuss, Philip Benbach, Benjamin Benbach, R. L. Marks, H. L. Gross, Dr. E. A. Curry, Abraham Rosenstein, J. E. Newman, Benjamin Miller, Jacob Engle, Harry Goldman, I. Stein, Benjamin Rosenstein and Rev. S. Rabinowitz of Mt. Carmel.

Wet Weather Hurt Business.

Despite the wet weather on Saturday evening a large number of people were to be seen on Mill street and through the business district. The streets suffered a great deal, a number of stores were fairly busy early in the evening.

A number of festivals were interfered with and the dance at Hunter's Park had to be called off. The rain kept up until yesterday at noon when the sun along with a cool air made the weather conditions all that could be desired.

Circus at Sunbury.

The Big Forepaugh and Sells Brothers circus will exhibit at Sunbury during a month of August. This is one of the largest circuses now touring the country.

SAD DEATH OF MISS GEARHART

Miss Mabel Gearhart, a highly esteemed and popular young lady of this city died at the Williamsport hospital, Thursday morning, after an illness of but four days.

The news of Miss Gearhart's death came as a great shock to her many friends here. She left Danville just one week ago for a vacation, going to Sunbury for a visit. On Tuesday she joined an excursion from that place to Eaglesmere and while there was taken seriously ill. As soon as possible she was brought back to Sunbury where it was found that the case was one of appendicitis and it was decided to remove her to the Williamsport hospital where an operation was performed, Thursday morning. Soon after the operation she rallied and her recovery was looked for.

On Saturday she grew worse, the dread disease, peritonitis, developing and she sank rapidly, death following after much suffering. Her mother, Mrs. Samuel Detweiler, and several friends from this city were with her when she died.

Universal regret was heard on all sides Sunday over the sad news. Miss Gearhart had hosts of friends. She was but 20 years of age, of possessing appearance and possessed of a charming personality. Her engagement to Weitzell Down, a well known young man of Sunbury, was announced but a short time ago, the wedding to take place early in September.

The funeral of Miss Mabel Gearhart took place from the Gearhart home, corner of Ferry and Front streets, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. John Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating.

The funeral was an unusually large one but a small number of friends were enabled to get into the home. Both Front and Ferry streets in the vicinity of the Gearhart home were completely blocked with people. A great many of these were strangers, from nearby towns.

The floral offerings were magnificent and included a large emblem of roses, presented by the T. B. F. club of which Miss Gearhart was a member. Bloch and Benzbach's employees sent a very fine design "Gates Ajar." Out flowers from friends in Danville, Hazleton and Sunbury were banked about the casket.

Rev. Mr. Sherman spoke most feelingly using as his text "Give place, for the maid is not dead but asleep." He said in part—

"All creation seems to have its enemies. Vegetation has its enemies in insects, birds, etc. These again have their enemies in other birds, insects, animals. Mankind has its enemy and suffers more keenly than vegetation or animals. There is a constant force that tends to keep man from enjoying the fullness of pleasure. This force has the form of poverty, wealth, sickness, accident, shame, death.

"Death is usually regarded as man's greatest, most dreaded enemy. It seems to cause more sorrow and tears than anything else. In the home of Jaires there was sorrow because of the death of the daughter.

In their sorrow they sent for the Master. He brought a message of comfort and joy: "Weep not the maid is not dead but asleep!"

He had authority to make this statement, because of what he had accomplished.

"So today we bring the authoritative words of the Master: "She is not dead, but asleep."

If asleep then there is an awakening. Since having made her peace with her God her awakening is a glorious one; no more pain, no sorrow. Her loss to family and friends is severe but we would not call her back. She is beyond our help. We can do no more. Let us be prepared to meet her there."

The pall bearers were: Harry Tittle, Joseph Lowenstein, Frank Fry, Frank Montgomery and Frank Aton of this city and William Brown of Sunbury. Interment was made in Mt. Vernon cemetery, Riverside.

Among those present from a distance were: Mrs. Downs, Miss Lizzie Distas, Weitzell Downs, Miss Maud Gregg and Nathan Kauffman of Sunbury. Mrs. John Meyer of Hazleton, Mrs. William Reed of Philadelphia, Miss Pauline Myers, Miss Leah Mincemeyer and William Mincemeyer of Montgomery and Miss Virginia Jones of Northumberland and Miss Izora Heddens and Clyde Heddens of Washingtonville.

Tightening Up Ferry Cable.

County Commissioner C. W. Cook yesterday succeeded in tightening up the ferry cable and as a result the flat boat last evening made better time than during several days past.

The slack cable, which seemed to sag nearly ten feet in the middle of the river, and the shallow current which now has reached nearly low water mark, both conspired to impair the service of the ferry, and the flat boat during yesterday forenoon made very poor progress, indeed.

The County Commissioner and his men by dint of very hard work succeeded in raising the cable at least eight feet at the lowest point and it now is stretched across the river higher than at any time since the ferry was established.

ROOSEVELT NOTIFIED

OSTER BAY, L. I., July 27.—President Roosevelt was notified formally today of his nomination for the presidency by the national Republican convention. The ceremony took place at his country home at Sagamore Hill, three miles from this village. In accordance with the wish of the President, the ceremony was made as simple as possible. The formal notification of the action of the convention was made on behalf of a committee representing every state and territory in the United States, by Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the House of Representatives.

The day opened with ideal weather and arrangements for the ceremony were completed at an early hour. The wide veranda of the house at Sagamore Hill, extending almost entirely around the house, was decorated with American flags hung from pillar to pillar.

In addition many houses in the neighborhood of the Roosevelt home and in Oyster Bay were draped with the national colors. Across the main street of the village there hung a large Roosevelt and Fairbanks banner.

The special train bearing the members of the notification committee and the invited guests left Long Island City at 10:30 a. m., and arrived here at 11:35 o'clock. Only three of the members of the committee were absent.

They were: Sen. C. O. Davis, of Florida; Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, who is in Europe and Senator Clarence D. Clark, of Wyoming. Included among the invited guests were men prominent in all walks of life. Among them were personal and political friends of the President in New York State, life-long friends and neighbors on Long Island, including the pastors of the Oyster Bay churches and the officials of the National and the New York State Republican organizations. Those present numbered about 125. It was necessary to limit the number on account of the isolation of Sagamore Hill and the lack of facilities for the accommodation of a larger assemblage.

On arrival at Sagamore Hill, the committee men were received by President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and National Chairman Cortelyou. All of the house guests of the President were scattered about the veranda and the occupants of each carriage alighted they were welcomed by the President and each was presented to Mr. Roosevelt.

At the conclusion of the formal reception, the ceremony of notification began. While the members of the family, the house guests and some of the distinguished visitors were assembled on the veranda, a majority of those in attendance gathered on the lawn facing the veranda. When Speaker Cannon rose to deliver his speech of notification, he was greeted with applause.

His remarks were of a crisp, enigmatic character.

At the close of Mr. Cannon's address the President advanced to the veranda under a great festoon of American flags, delivered his address in response to the notification. As he faced the assemblage he was warmly applauded. He said in part—

I am deeply sensible of the high honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the Republican party assembled in convention, and I accept the nomination for the Presidency with solemn realization of the obligations I assume. I heartily approve the declaration of principles which the Republican National convention has adopted, and at some future day I shall communicate to you, Mr. Chairman, more at length and in detail a formal written acceptance of the nomination.

Three years ago I became President predecessor. I then stated that it was my purpose to carry out his principles and policies for the honor and interest of the country. To the best of my ability I have kept the promise thus made. If next November my countrymen confirm at the polls the action of the convention you represent I shall, under Providence, continue to work with an eye single to the welfare of all our people.

A party is of worth only in so far as it promotes the national interest and every official, high or low, can serve his party best by rendering to the people the best service of which he is capable. Effective government comes only as the result of the loyal cooperation of many different persons. The members of a legislative majority, the officers in the various departments of the administration, and legislative and executive branches as towards each other, must work together with subordination of self to the common end of successful government. We who have been entrusted with power as public servants during the past seven years of administration and legislation now come before the people content to be judged by our record of achievement. In the years that have gone by we have made the deed square with the word; and if we are continued in power, we shall unwaveringly follow out the great lines of public policy which the Republican party has already laid down; a public policy to which we are giving and shall give, a united, and therefore an efficient, support.

The river has reached the lowest point in years.

ENGINEER HAS HEAD CRUSHED

Shindel G. Randles, of Sunbury, aged 41 years, a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer, met with a fatal accident about half a mile below Loyalsock, on the Eastern division, at 12:30 o'clock, yesterday.

He was coming east on stock train, and while leaning out of the window, was struck on the head by some unknown object, and his skull crushed. He was brought to Montgomery, a distance of about six miles, and taken to a hotel at that place. A doctor was summoned, who found him in a dying condition.

His brother, Conductor Frank Randles, of Sunbury, was notified of the accident, and was taken to Montgomery on a special train.

He was an extra passenger engineer and a faithful, trustworthy employee. He went into the service of the company in 1888. He was promoted to an engineer about twelve years ago. His father, the late William Randles, was an engineer on the N. O. R. W., was blown up with his engine at Herndon in 1863.

Randles died about two hours after the accident.

Farms for Railroads.

The Pennsylvania railroad has under consideration a plan by which all of the thousands of its employees may, if they so desire, become proprietors of little farms. The plan contemplates the parceling out of desirable land belonging to the railroad company, along the various lines of track, and permitting the free use of this land to every employee who wishes to put the land under cultivation.

In cases where the employee himself might not have the time to conduct a little truck farm, the offer would hold good, if the members of the employees family are willing to look after the land. In thousands of cases such farms could be provided within a short distance of the homes of the men, and in every case the farms would be in a place that would make easy the marketing of such produce as was not consumed by the families of the employees.

Dr. W. H. Tolman, director of the American Institute of Social Science, in New York, brought the plan to the attention of President Cassatt in a letter, which, besides advocating the advantages of the plan, showed how successfully the same idea is being carried out at present along the various railroads in France. It was shown that the Northern railroad in France has provided farms for 8,000 of its employees, and that the Eastern road has provided farms for 2,800, the Southern road for 2,600, and the Orleans road for more than 6,000 employees, and that the farms, besides adding the prosperity of the railroad men, also increase the prosperity of the road and add materially to the wealth of the entire nation.

President Cassatt replied to the letter in a cordial note, saying that he had considered the matter carefully, and was impressed with the figures from France, and concluded by stating that he had turned the letter over to the superintendent of the railroad with instructions to report upon the feasibility of the scheme. Along some lines the road has not enough land along the right of way, but along other lines it is believed the plan could be easily carried out.

To Engage in Frog Culture.

More than one hundred Pennsylvanians have become suddenly interested in frog culture.

That number of applications for frogs have been received at the Department of Fisheries, at Harrisburg, since Friday morning in response to the announcement of Commissioner Meehan that the Department was ready and willing to furnish the nucleus for what Mr. Owen Wister's Virginia called a "herd" of frogs.

Major Evans, of the Department of Fisheries, before leaving for Atlantic City to attend the meeting of the National Fish Association Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, said that he believed that most of the applicants are going into the frog raising industry. Nearly all of them are farmers and they have probably heard of the nice prices frog legs bring in the urban markets and they are willing to profit by a by-product of the farm that will be very little trouble.

"All you need," said Major Evans, "is a piece of marshy ground and the frogs will take care of themselves. The marsh ought to be fenced in, however, as frogs are migratory beasts. They are as good eating as chickens, some people think much better, and they are not nearly so hard to prepare for cooking."

The frogs furnished by the Department to applicants are shipped from the Erie and Corry hatcheries, where they are bred in the ponds outside the hatchery walls.

Want Foot Bridge Over River.

At Nesquepeck a petition is being circulated for a foot bridge across the river. Thus far \$