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## THE CROMLEY CASE IS STARTED

Associate Judges Blee and Thompson Monday morning convened the special term of court called for hearing the case of Mrs. Cromley, widow of Joseph C. Cromley, of Limestone township, against the Pennsylvania railroad to recover damages for the killing of Mr. Cromley and the son of the plaintiff and also a team of horses, by a Pennsylvania train on a crossing at Watsonstown on the afternoon of January 9, 1902. In the absence of a presiding judge adjournment was taken to 2 p. m.

At about 2:30 p. m. Judge White, of Indiana county, reconvened court and the preparation for hearing the case was started by selecting a jury. The twelve men chosen to serve as jurors are as follows: Charles Gibbons, J. C. Mincomeyer, Simon Ellenbogen, Samuel Langer, A. O. Shultz, J. H. Weaver, John Campbell, Lewis Little, William Black, William Bell, J. W. Andy and Frank Olmstead.

Attorneys Seaver, Baily and Gearhart appeared as counsel for Mrs. Cromley and Lawyers Hinkleley and Orler for the railroad company. The court room was well filled and considerable interest was being manifested in the proceedings when the case was opened at 3:30 o'clock by Lawyer Gearhart. During his remarks to the jury Mrs. Cromley was in tears. He outlined the tragic deaths of the man and boy and promised to show that when on his way home from Watsonstown in the afternoon of January 9, 1902 Mr. Cromley, who was in his usual health while the boy was likewise, stopped before going on the track to see if a train was approaching and then started his team on a walk. Also he stated that it would be shown that because of the excessive speed of the Buffalo Flyer, the train that killed the man and boy and team, a notice was sent by the borough of Watsonstown to Superintendent E. B. Westfall, now deceased, requiring that no trains run through the town at a speed of more than six miles an hour and that to this Mr. Westfall replied that it would be impossible to reduce the speed of the Flyer, but all possible precautions would be taken.

The first witness called was Mrs. Cromley, who was on the stand only a short time and whose answers related mainly to her marriage to Joseph C. Cromley, their having a son and the leaving home of Mr. Cromley and the boy on January 9, 1902, to take a load of wheat to Watsonstown, and their failure to return alive. The afternoon was that of Jerry Donovan, of Williamsport, who at the time of the accident worked at the table works at Watsonstown and from a window of the factory saw what looked like a bundle of rags whirl into the air as the train passed, a cloud of dust and snow following it. He went at once to the crossing, finding the man's lifeless body 50 or 75 feet away, the boy just breathing his last still 15 or 20 feet farther down the track and the out-arms of the horses about 300 feet away. He testified that he worked for ten years at the factory, seeing about ten trains a day pass and the Flyer was the fastest of all of them. Describing its speed at the time it ran down and killed the Cromleys, he said it took only a couple of seconds for the train to pass from the crossing to the mill works, a distance of from 300 to 500 feet.

The case was well under way at the time of the afternoon's adjournment, but it will stretch out over several days in all probability.

### TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Cromley case was resumed by Judge White yesterday morning at 9 o'clock and before the noon adjournment was taken the plaintiff rested the case. The testimony yesterday morning was to establish the income of Joseph C. Cromley, the man killed by the Pennsylvania train at Watsonstown, to show that a notice was served on Superintendent Westfall, of the Pennsylvania railroad limiting the speed of trains in passing through Watsonstown and also to prove that Mr. Cromley, his boy and team met death after the man had exercised due care before venturing on the crossing. The morning witnesses were A. Muffley, Charles Waltman, T. H. Kiser, who was twice recalled, E. L. Housel, F. H. Knight, who was recalled, Mrs. Sarah Cromley, who was on the stand Monday afternoon, Daniel Gouger, Samuel Schure, Miles Derr, Charles Gibbons, Alexander Billmeyer, Daniel Foust, William Sidler and T. K. Smith.

At the afternoon session the witnesses for the defense were called, as follows: W. F. Wrenck, Samuel Hight, Fred McNeely, E. D. Eyer, E. S. Bird, G. W. Bowen, P. J. Phillips, John McKee, Mrs. Lei-er, Hattie Hinebach, Oliver Hinebach, Minnie Hinebach and Allen Hinebach. The testimony of Mrs. Minnie Hinebach was exemplary of the general run of the testimony. She said that from the window of her home she saw Mr. Cromley go toward the crossing with his team on a trot and start to pass over without stopping. On cross examination she said the train was near the bridge when Mr. Cromley started over the crossing. She did not hear the engine whistle blow.

### WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

All retrenchment orders on the Pennsylvania Railroad are to be rescinded at once. General prosperity is in command once more.

## A WEEK FOR EACH SPAN

In an interview with Galen Morgan, construction superintendent of the iron work on the river bridge an AMERICAN representative gleaned some facts that nearly every one is anxious to know. The most important question was as to when the bridge can be used by pedestrians and whether or not the cold weather would interfere with the work.

Mr. Morgan stated yesterday that after the false work was erected from the south side abutment to the first pier the iron work could be put up at the rate of a span a week. As there are seven spans and as some time must be allowed for delays it will probably be the middle of January before the heavy work is in position.

This estimate is given on the strength of favorable conditions. Cold weather will be no drawback as Mr. Morgan stated that they worked on a bridge all during last winter. The thing feared most is that floating ice would knock out the false work without which they cannot proceed. Should the river freeze, however, the work can continue as the "bents" could be set up through the ice.

As soon as the spans are up, Mr. Morgan stated that a temporary walk could be placed on the bridge for pedestrians though if this is done it must be built by the counties of Montour and Northumberland. The Construction company do not build these walks for the reason that they do not assume responsibility in case of accident. There would probably be little danger in using this walk but the privilege is often abused. Many people take unnecessary risks and venture away from the walk to watch the workmen. Oftentimes intoxicated people who would attempt to cross at night would be in grave danger and for these reasons the construction companies do not build walks until the work is completed.

The time when the roadway would be open to travel is uncertain. The putting down of concrete in cold weather is unsatisfactory and should very cold weather prevail it is doubtful if the driveway could be used before May 1st.

### Hoping for an Advancement.

The public generally in this community is hoping that the disposition of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad's appeal from the opinion of Judge Little dissolving the injunction against the Danville and Bloomsburg Street Railway Company may not be held over by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania until the regular time of taking up Montour county cases, which will be in February, 1905. The case is one of such vital public interest that a final decision as early a date as possible is hoped for.

Last week it was talked of in some quarters that the case is to be advanced. Anything of this kind is merely speculation, however. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is not in session until January. At that time a request for the advancement of the case would have to be made and favorably acted upon before the case would be taken up. The difference in time would be only about a month, but even that would mean something.

### Commissioners in Conference.

The County Commissioners of Montour and Northumberland counties on Saturday held a meeting at the Court House here. They discussed matters of interest to both counties and their joint session was one of considerable importance. The Northumberland Commissioners, Messrs. Beck, Cooper and Radenbush, came up from Senary in the morning.

Following the meeting of the Commissioners the Northumberland men and the Montour Commissioners, Messrs. Cook, Cooper and Leighow, with William Kase West, Esq., Clerk Horace C. Blue, Martin Soham, William Sidler, W. F. Pascoe and Mr. Davis went by trolley over the new Danville and Bloomsburg line to the home of Commissioner Leighow in Cooper township. There they were served an elaborate dinner and shown a general good time as guests of Mr. Leighow.

### The Location of the Market.

The curbstone market question is one that soon will claim the attention of Council, it is expected. And the decision as to just where the market will be held will probably not be reached without considerable debate as it is understood that some councilmen believe the market should be on the paved street while others do not favor having it again on the main business thoroughfare of the city.

The completion of the Mill street paving job and the outlook for the street being opened soon have given rise to general discussion of the situation. It is argued that with the market on Mahoning street cold, wet or snowy weather will be hard for the farmers who sell their produce here. It is also pointed out that as a rule where there are paved streets in a place the market is held on them since the cleaning up where the vans or stands stood can be accomplished much more easily on a paved than on an unpaved street. How Council will treat this matter is the subject of considerable speculation.

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## THE COUNTY INSTITUTE

The sessions of the Montour County Institute promise to be of great interest and a glance at the program shows many instructive and entertaining lectures. The first session will be held on Monday, November 28th at 2 p. m.

The committees are made up as follows: Executive—Charles W. Derr, U. E. Gordy and J. C. Carey. Resolutions—C. C. Schaeffer, H. E. Eves and Miss M. O. Madden. Auditors—John Long, Elmer Soharu and Miss Mary Welsh. Enrolling clerks, Clyde Hedden and Miles J. Derr. Enrollment can be made at the Court House on November 28th from 10 to 12 a. m. Following is the program:

MONDAY, 2 P. M.  
Invocation.....Rev. J. E. Hutchison  
Music Announcements.....C. W. Derr  
Music.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
"The Claims of the Children".....Gertrude Edmund

TUESDAY, 9 A. M.  
Chapel.....Rev. G. E. Limbert  
"The Art Idea in Education".....Gertrude Edmund  
Address.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
Music.....Supt. Jas. Coughlin  
Music Institute Penmanship.....Gertrude Edmund

MUSIC INSTRUCTION, D. N. Dieffenbacher  
Address.....Supt. Jas. Coughlin  
Music.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
Children's Literature.....Gertrude Edmund

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.  
Chapel.....Rev. Edward Haughton  
Address.....Supt. James Coughlin  
Music.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
How to Teach Reading.....Gertrude Edmund

WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P. M.  
Music.....Institute  
Address.....Supt. Jas. Coughlin  
Music.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
The Training of Teachers.....Gertrude Edmund

MUSIC.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
Address.....Supt. Jas. Coughlin  
THURSDAY, 9 A. M.  
Chapel.....Rev. S. B. Evans  
History in Elementary Schools.....Gertrude Edmund

MUSIC.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
Address.....Prof. G. E. Wilbur  
THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.  
Music.....Institute

"Are We Making the Most of Our Opportunities?".....Gertrude Edmund  
Music.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
Address.....Prof. G. E. Wilbur

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.  
Chapel.....Rev. John Sherman  
Address.....Prof. G. E. Wilbur  
Music.....D. N. Dieffenbacher  
Report.....of the Committee  
A Study from Browning.....Gertrude Edmund

The Directors' session will be held in the Mathematics and Science Department of the High School building on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. James Coughlin, Superintendent of the Wilkesbarre schools will make an address on "Co-operation of Educational Factors."

### Fell From Passenger Train.

Wahl Burkholder, aged 32 years of Harrisburg, died in the baggage room at the Pennsylvania Railroad station, Sunbury, early Saturday morning. Due to injuries received from falling from a passenger train while riding from Harrisburg to Sunbury.

Burkholder's body was found by the trackwalker near Millerburg and was brought to Sunbury on the Buffalo Flyer. When found the injured man was unconscious but life still existed. Word was sent to Dr. Graham, the company physician, who was waiting at the station upon the arrival of the train. When carried to the baggage room Dr. Graham made an examination and found that Burkholder's skull had been badly fractured and there was no hope for the unfortunate man. Hardly had Dr. Graham completed his examination when the man breathed his last and instead of the hospital he was taken to E. S. Weimer's undertaking parlors.

Saturday morning it was learned that Burkholder resided on Cumberland street, Harrisburg, and was employed as a clerk at the Harrisburg roundhouse. Just how the accident occurred is not known.

### Birthday Party.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Emma Smith entertained a number of little folks at the home of Frank Boyer, Jr., in honor of his son, Irvin Boyer's seventh birthday. Those present were: Misses Ruth Boyer, Anna Edmondson, Ethel Haring, Mae Brent, Viola Rishel, Cecil Deen, Helen Seidel, Mary Walker, Emily and Mabel Thompson, Marion Camp, Lucretia Burger, Thora and Zella Baynham, Nellie Burns, Lena Snyder, Wanda and Catherine Whapham, Geraldine Rhodes, Isabel Boyer, Margaret Fields, Gertrude Thompson, Catherine and Ethel Snyder, Beatrice Parsel, Lizzie Hartley, Elsie Parsel, Masters Robert Boyer, Pierce Thompson, Hugh Parsel, Earl Mitchell, Theodore and Paul Walker and Thomas Hass.

### Burning Over Old Cemetery.

In spite of efforts to secure the removal of the old cemetery at Bloom street and the Philadelphia & Reading railroad the unkept burying ground remains and there is no near outlook for its transformation into a beauty spot, but yesterday work was started that will in a degree improve the appearance of the place. The brush and weeds are being cut down, gathered up and burned. Even this small improvement will be appreciated by persons residing near the cemetery.

The present would be an excellent time for pushing a project to replace the cemetery with a public park or a soldiers' and sailors' monument. If the matter were properly worked up during the winter in the spring the necessary work could be quickly placed under way. Of course it is a generally recognized fact that the removal of the run-down cemetery from a prominent point in the city is desirable.

### Lively Contest Promised.

A game for the North and West Branch championship will be the foot ball contest at Bloomsburg on Saturday, when the Normal team will meet the Wyoming eleven. Probably 300 or 400 students will accompany the Wyoming team to Bloomsburg and the game promises to be a big event. Two bands will make music to enliven the affair, one from each school.

## MAN FOLLOWED FALLING STONE

John Carmody's escape from death at the river bridge, where he was working, was a narrow one Saturday morning, but he lived to see the tide after a fall of possibly twenty-five or thirty feet and except for numerous painful bruises is not seriously hurt.

The accident occurred soon after work began in the morning at the second pier, the top of which is being taken off preparatory to rebuilding the pier. Carmody was riding a stone being carried by the derrick, when the hooks slipped and allowed the stone to drop. The man had hold of the chain, but the stone had borne part of his weight and he was unable to get his feet firm. He clung for a moment, then lost his hold and fell, plunging after the big stone and in fact landing on it.

Saturday night the injuries of Carmody, who boards at the home of Oliver Hoover, South Danville, did not prevent his being around as usual. To escape so lightly from such a thrilling and dangerous experience is uncommonly good fortune.

### Surprise Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Conway were tendered a surprise party by a large number of friends at their home near Mansdale on Saturday afternoon. A delicious supper was served and an enjoyable time spent. Those present were: LeRoy Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shultz, and daughter Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Merrill and son Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. B. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pauebaker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hilbert and children, Florence and Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Altona Delio and sons Perry and Percy, Mr. and Mrs. William Murray and son Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fenstermacher, Mr. and Mrs. Woltz and children Mary, Thora, A. Charles and Joseph, Mrs. William Davis and son Beaver, Mrs. Jane Johnson, Mrs. F. Appleman, Mrs. Emma Marr and daughter Marion, Mrs. Frank Diehl, Mrs. Alfred Bogart, Rev. C. D. Lerch, Misses Mary Conway, Jennie Hanes, Mazie, Rachel, Alice and Emma Fenstermacher, Ada Conway, Ada Aude, Mary Boyer, Mary and Lettie Metell, Annie Kapp, Rebecca Twigg, Katharine West, Mrs. William Pauebaker, Alice Appelman, Marjorie Shade, Emily Lewis, Edna Crossley, Hannah Fry, Minnie Roberts, Eva Boyer, Pearl Crossley, Messrs. Albert Fenstermacher, Frank Hort, Samuel Shade, Clyde Diehl, George Hort, John Hendricks, Lloyd Wallace, Dennis Twigg, Samuel Umstead, Frank Appleman, William Roberts, Frank Cromley, Herbert Hendricks, Reese Merrill, Ray Shultz, William Appleman, James Shain, James Bowers, Delmar Foster, Peter Sande, Edna Hendricks, Harry Marr, Oliver Cope, Charles Snyder, Horace Appleman, Raymond Winterstein, Charles Murray, Frank Kase, Charles Flyck, Francis Bow, Charles West, Clyde Roberts and daughter Julia.

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### Wedding a Joyous Occasion.

Miss Mary Fedor and Joseph Sudol, kiltman at the P. L. Brewery, were married at eight o'clock yesterday morning. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jules Foin at St. Hubert's Catholic church. Dr. Edward Daily officiated as groomsmen and Miss Lizzie Zielenbach was bridesmaid.

After the wedding the bridal party went to the Washington Hotel, North Mill street, where a large number of invited guests tendered their congratulations. The wedding festivities continued all during the day and until late in the evening.

Mrs. Susie Wurga, landlady of the hotel prepared an elaborate dinner and did her best to make the event an enjoyable one. In the evening a dance was held, Smidley's orchestra furnishing the music. About fifty guests were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Sadol will take up their residence on Mill street.

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## SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

The School Board disposed of considerable business at the regular meeting Monday, at which the following members were present: Dr. Harpel, President; Messrs. Adams, Burns, Fischer, Haring, Greene, Parsel, Jacobs, Trumbower, Workheiser and Orth, Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read by Secretary Orth.

The Secretary gave a detailed statement of insurance policies that will soon expire, the amount on all the buildings aggregating over \$30,000. On motion of Mr. Burns the Finance Committee in conjunction with the Secretary was constituted a committee to reexamine the insurance and report at an adjourned meeting of the Board to be held next Monday night.

Mr. Adams reported for the Finance Committee that there is a balance of \$4,316.15 in the treasury. The report was accepted.

Superintendent Gordy reported that Superintendent Derr is arranging for an excellent Teachers' Institute, which the directors are invited to attend. The Board on motion of Mr. Parsel accepted the invitation to attend the Institute.

Mr. Orth moved that the schools close on the evening of November 23rd and open again on December 5th, this period covering Thanksgiving Day and the time of Institute. The motion was passed.

The report of the Truant Officer was accepted.

Superintendent Gordy's report was accepted, stating among other facts of interest that the per cent. of attendance for the month was 94 and for the year to date is 95; also that 560 pupils have not been absent and 917 have not been tardy during the term.

A motion of Mr. Adams prevailed to have orders drawn for teachers' and janitors' salaries.

On motion of Mr. Orth the following bills were ordered paid:

Photographic Directory Co. \$ 2.48  
L. X. Grier..... 2.00  
J. H. Fry..... 1.50  
Standard Gas Co..... 1.85  
U. S. Express Co..... 1.80  
O. M. Leniger..... 12.95  
Eureka Blotter Bath Co..... 4.75  
Remington Typewrit R Co..... 6.30  
Secretary's Salary..... 50.00

### Mildred Holland.

"The Triumph of an Empire," one of the season's big successes, will be the attraction at the Opera House on Wednesday evening next. The powerful emotional acting of Mildred Holland, as well as the magnificent mounting of the play and the excellence of the supporting company, have attracted instant and favorable attention.

The Crown Jewels worn by Miss Holland will be displayed in the window of George H. Smith's jewelry store on Wednesday, November 23. They are fac-similes to those worn by Catherine the Great during her reign in Russia and were reproduced by A. Brandt, the famous Parisian jeweler. They are said to be very beautiful and well worth seeing.

It is an acknowledged fact that Miss Holland possesses the largest and most valuable collection of stage jewels of any actress on the American stage.

### Anxious for Street to Open.

The time at which the entire paved portion of Mill street will be opened for travel is a matter that is arousing great interest especially on the part of business men whose stores can not now be reached by wagons. The merchants all are very anxious to have the street in use again as soon as possible. Of course they are not the only ones who are inconvenienced, for country people attending market and all local teamsters have to follow round-about ways in reaching desired places.

It is understood that Contractor Rogers does not wish to open the street until the Streets and Bridges Committee of Council takes it off his hands. The committee probably will act soon, since the paving has all been done for some days, the grading at Bloom street has been accomplished and the D. L. & W. crossing now is ready to pass over.

### Dr. Reber Critically Ill.

Dr. W. M. Reber, of Bloomsburg, secretary of the Columbia County Medical Society and a man of large business interests, is critically ill of strangulation of the bowels. Last night he was taken to the Wilkesbarre Hospital for an operation.

## CLEAR TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

The manufacturing of candy clear toys has begun in Danville on a large scale and from now on until Christmas many tons of this popular sweetmeat will be turned out. The candy toys made in Danville meet with a ready sale and the various manufacturers have already sold all they can possibly make before the holidays.

John Jacobs' Sons manufacture an enormous amount of clear toys every year and notwithstanding that they are well equipped for the work are unable to meet the heavy demand for this confection.

At the rear of the Martin grocery a two story building is used for the manufacture of Christmas candies and the clear toys form a large part of this factory's output. A large number of new models and improved machinery have been installed at this plant.

The Heddens Candy Company, a fast growing concern of this city will manufacture a large amount of clear toys for Christmas. A room in the rear of the Mill street waterrooms has been temporarily fitted up for the purpose.

Mr. Heddens stated on Saturday that the Company would build a factory for the manufacture of all grades of candy in the near future.

Mr. D. O. McCormick is another manufacturer of the Christmas clear toys whose product finds a ready sale. The great demand for the goods made in Danville is the cleanliness observed in their making and the absolute purity of the ingredients used. The wholesale grocers are the selling agents. Clear toys will retail at 12 cents a pound this year.

### Leaving Off Stamps.

The new postal law, which makes it lawful to accept for transmission in the mails quantities of not less than 3,000 individual pieces of third or fourth class matter without postage stamps affixed, provided that the rate for each piece be prepaid, may go into effect this month.

The Post-Office Department at Washington is now preparing the circulars of information to be sent throughout the country, and when the law goes into effect it will do away with a great number of clerks.

Heretofore all third and fourth class mail matter when sent out had to have the proper postage on each article. By the new law the postmaster can accept any amount over 3,000 pieces, average them by the number of pieces to the pound, accept the amount required to post the whole invoice and then forward them to their proper destination.

This means a great saving in clerk hire to the shipper, a reduction in the amount of stamps now being engraved for the department and also a reduction of clerks in the Post-Office Department.

The opinion of the largest advertising matter distributors in this country was first asked for by the Post-Office Department, and it met with most instant approval, and the law will go into effect as soon as possible.

### Music for Memorial Service.

The committees in charge of the memorial services to be held by Danville Lodge, B. O. E. O., on Sunday, December 4th, are perfecting arrangements so that the occasion will be a most memorable and impressive one.

The musical part of the program will be most interesting. Miss Mary Derr, the well known soprano of Lewisburg will contribute several numbers. Miss Derr is a charming singer and her work has always been satisfactory. Miss Margaret Ammerman of this city will also be heard. There will probably be several other well known singers on the program.

Wyle's full orchestra will render several selections, a trombone solo by Mr. E. H. Miles being a feature.

The Bloomsburg lodge will attend the services in a body. Last December the services were held in the lodge room but this year it was decided to use the theatre.

Admission will be by ticket only.

### Wants New Ballot Law.

Representative Thomas V. Cooper, of Media, has come out against the form of ballot voted on Tuesday, November 8th. Judging from his talk he will advocate another form of ballot at the next session of the Legislature. He said recently:

"The result in this county was that the county ticket fell behind the Presidential Electors over 1,000, the Republicans alone losing an average of 800, far too much for comfort in a close district. Through ignorance of the method of voting over 1000 men were disfranchised on all but the offices at the top. It is a most faulty ballot and so was the circle. The next Legislature should correct it and return to the old vest pocket ballot, or find something less complicated."

### Prospects Good.

The Structural Tinting Works are running full handed and on double turn and their pay roll with that of the Reading Iron Works is bound to be large. One of the officers of the Structural company states that there were plenty of orders and that there need be no fear of a shut down from now until Christmas and that the prospects for the plant's future were very encouraging.

Not since the winter of 1900 has the iron business in Danville looked as bright.

## SAVED YOUNG LADY'S LIFE

The following from the Shamokin News will be of great interest to Danville people. Edward Treas, who proved himself a hero, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Treas, Northumberland street. He but recently went to Shamokin where he is employed by Grocer John Tooley.

"One of the most thrilling rescues ever attempted in Shamokin took place Saturday evening, when Edward Treas, the efficient young clerk in the store of J. F. Tooley & Company, proved himself a hero by saving the life of a young lady who was about to walk to her death beneath the wheels of an approaching train.

After closing up the store about 10:15 on Saturday evening, Mr. Treas, Edward Griffin and William J. Whalen, were walking down Shamokin street. Treas had a bundle of groceries under his arm which he was going to deliver to a family on Franklin street. Just as the trio reached the Shamokin street Philadelphia and Reading Railroad crossing, the freight train No. 58, which goes through here to Philadelphia every night about 10:20, came rushing along. The three gentlemen stood in front of Hensly's store and waited for the train to pass and they noticed that the train had broken near the caboose, which was following about thirty feet from the rear car. After the train had passed, a young lady whose name we are unable to learn, but who is supposed to reside at Edgewood Park, started to cross the tracks to take a street car for her home.

She had just gotten between the rails of the south bound track when the detached portion of the freight came tearing along. The young lady realized her danger and becoming confused, stood perfectly still in the path of the oncoming train. Treas saw her predicament and quickly shoving the parcels he was carrying into the hands of Griffin, he rushed to the unfortunate young woman's assistance. He succeeded in pulling her out of harm's way just in the nick of time.

The young lady was almost prostrated as a result of her experience and it was some time before she fully realized the danger through which she had passed. She was most profuse in her thanks to Treas who modestly claimed that he only did what any other gentleman would do under similar circumstances."

### Same Old Story.

We are told with great frankness and with positiveness that turkeys are scarce and will be too high priced Thursday a week for the average pocketbook, and that the noble American bird will be missing from the bill of fare in many homes, where it used to figure prominently. We were told about the same story last year at the corresponding time as to the cause of scarcity, but at the last moment turkeys were cheap and plentiful. The keen producer had overreached himself. He had to dump his stock at last. Perhaps it will be so this year. One would suppose that good prices and scarcity one year would produce a good supply the next year. But it is alleged that the prices a year ago, just before Thanksgiving, were so good that the farmers sacrificed their turkeys, young and old, and consequently had such small flocks in the spring that they were unable to raise many young. However, as an exchange says, the turkey is a bird that manages to meet what is required of him. Scarcity and high prices are often threatened, but he always comes smoking to the board, proud and beautiful, supreme among all the birds of the air, unparagoned, ineffable, on Thanksgiving day.

### Honey Seems Plenty Now.

The general advancement of business that follows an election is being evidenced quite strongly in Danville, even in this short time after the ending of the suspense that always attends a campaign until the result is determined. Trade is improving considerably although there was no marked depression this year like there has been at some other times.

The receipt of money by the city for water furnished by the municipal plant increased the very day after election. The water rents have been due for awhile and were coming in steadily, but the receiver states that the latter part of last week showed a decided advance in the number of persons making settlements and not a few of them remarked when they paid their money that they had been waiting until after election to come in.

The industrial outlook of Danville is very good. The leading plants are in operation and have bright prospects of continuous activity during the winter.

### Should Run on Schedule.

Passengers who have had occasion to use the ferry from midnight on until morning have suffered keenly during the past few nights. The fact that no regular schedule is maintained compels many people to stand on either shore waiting for the boat and in cold and wet weather is very unpleasant to say the least.

A regular schedule should be maintained after midnight so that people would know at just what time to expect the boat. Frequent trip would not be set to be made but a time should be set for each trip.

As it now stands those in waiting are unable to tell just when to expect the boat and as it is without a light the passengers must go down to the shore in order to be sure of knowing that the flat has arrived.

### Will Serve Fine Supper.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. always furnish a splendid supper. The one to be served this evening will be up to the standard. Tickets are 25 cents. Come to the Y. M. C. A. building between 5 and 7 o'clock and enjoy the meal with others who will be there. There will also be an exhibit and a handkerchief and candy sale.

### Funeral of Mrs. Sherwood.

The funeral of Mrs. James Sherwood will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, on Center street. Interment will be made in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

## D. L. & W. WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

Division Roadmaster Scofield of the D. L. & W. Railroad Company was in this city yesterday making preliminary arrangements for the many improvements to be made in the vicinity of the Danville depot.

The improvements will be made this Fall and will be greater than was at first thought for and instead of a dreary neglected appearance such as now strikes the eye in the vicinity of the depot, the driveways and grounds about the place will present a pleasing scene.

The switch or siding south of the depot will be raised about four inches and the grade will be lessened much thereby. The entire section from about twenty feet east of the platform to Church street will be macadamized, including the open space between the depot and D. J. Rogers' stone yard. Crushed stone will be placed between the ties on the main track which will do away with much dust and dirt. The depot proper is to be overhauled to some extent and when the job is completed Mr. Scofield stated it would compare more favorably with any station on the D. L. & W. line.

The work would have been done long ago but for the fact that the company were making an effort to locate their depot at Mill street. It was impossible to secure the land and a depot at the present Mill street crossing has been abandoned.

Mr. Scofield said yesterday that in the early Spring the company intend to fill in the section of the canal bed that runs through Danville. This work is being completed at Berwick and Bloomsburg at the present time. The object is to fill in the canal bed over its entire length.