

# DANVILLE INTELLIGENCER.

DANVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA., FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1905

## SUPT. GORDY HAS THE BLANKS

Borough Superintendent Gordy has received from the Department of Factory Inspector the blanks for the Children's Employment Certificate, which under the act of May 3, 1905, he will be required to fill out in all cases where a minor between fourteen and sixteen years desires to enter employment.

The blanks reveal at a glance the immense amount of work that is entailed upon the superintendent under the new law, which not only raises the age below which a child may not be employed from 13 to 14 years, but changes the whole mode of procedure. Considerable has already been printed concerning the new act but it might prove instructive to review a few of the points.

Under the old law a minor between the ages of 13 and 16 years might be employed upon the presentation of a certificate issued by a justice of the peace covering the age, date and place of birth and showing also that the said minor was able to read and write simple sentences correctly.

The matter now is taken out of the Justice's hands and Factory Inspector, the Borough superintendent or principal teacher, if in the country, becomes the responsible party. The employment certificate to be filled out requires the Factory Inspector, superintendent or teacher to cover not only the name, age, date and place of birth, but to state the color of the minor's eyes, hair and complexion; to give the residence of the child and of the child's parents and to set forth whether he thinks the minor will be physically able to perform the work required and must give the name of the employer and the kind of the business, the number and street and location of the plant.

The certificate must also set forth that the minor is able to read and write and that he has complied with the educational laws of the Commonwealth.

Every request for certificate must be accompanied with an affidavit covering age, date and place of birth, which must be signed by the person making it and must be dated and officially signed by one authorized by law to administer oaths. Each objection must in turn be corroborated by one of the following things:

An official transcript from the public record of births.

## TAX RATE FIXED AT EIGHT MILLS

Sewer extensions promise to be the order of the day from now on. Two additional petitions were presented to the Borough Council Friday. One was signed by a dozen property owners on the West side of Mill street, Third Ward, respectfully asking that the Borough build a sewer for the use of the abutting properties through the alley west of Mill street to connect with the large sewer passing down Sechler's run. The signers were as follows: J. B. Cleaver, John H. Goepper, P. C. Murray & Son, S. Y. Thompson, M. D. Lewis Titel, S. J. Welliver, George F. Smith, P. P. Swentek, C. S. Lyon, Elias Maier, S. Dreifuss and Frank Jameson.

On motion the petition was referred to the Committee on Sewers. A petition was also received from Samuel Wertheiser, J. Doster's Sons and George S. Tillson asking that the sewer being constructed be extended from Lower Malberry street to Bloom street through the alley joining property of Mrs. Samuel Goldsmith, Samuel Wertheiser, Charles Hanover and others and that the signers be permitted to connect with the same.

The latter petition was also referred to the Committee on Sewers. A communication was received from Borough Solicitor Gaerhart stating that he has finally succeeded in effecting a settlement in the case of Densberger vs. the Borough of Danville and enclosing a release and a deed for right of way, which the Solicitor suggested be recorded in the Recorder's office. The Solicitor's report showed that \$120.45 has been disbursed for damages and costs in the case.

On motion the Solicitor's action in the premises was approved by Council and his suggestions as to recording deed, &c., were ordered carried out. On motion it was decided that the Borough tax rate be fixed at 8 mills, the same as last year.

On motion it was ordered that the Street Commissioner exercise a close watch over the streets where turn up for the construction of the trolley tracks and see to it that they are put in as good a condition as they were before work began. Much objection was urged against the use of cinder and ashes in repairing the streets by the trolley companies. Limestone was recommended.

Mr. Reifensnyder brought up the subject of garbage and ash cans, which he thought ought to be installed along Mill street to assist in enforcing the garbage law. He quoted prices, which showed that cans could be bought at \$1.80 apiece or at \$21.60 per dozen. On motion of Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Reifensnyder, it was ordered that one dozen garbage cans be purchased, and installed at intervals along Mill street.

On motion the Market Master was instructed to enforce the ordinance, which permits the vendors to occupy space on the sidewalks, only a space eight feet by three feet along the curb. It was the sense of Council that those attending the curb stone market occupy more space than is allotted to them. On motion it was ordered that market be held on Monday, July 3rd, in view of the fact that Tuesday following, the regular market day, is July 4th, when the streets will be too much crowded to permit the holding of market.

## OVERHEAD CROSSING VOTED DOWN

The residents of Gearhart township Saturday put the stamp of deep disapproval on the overhead crossing at the Pennsylvania tracks, on Mill street South of the river bridge. Pursuant to the special notices sent out a meeting took place at which only four votes were cast in favor of the overhead crossing while seventy one votes were recorded against it.

The meeting took place at the usual voting place between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock. The special notices stated that the overhead crossing would be discussed and a vote would be taken to reveal the sentiment of the citizens of the township. The sequence, however, showed that the electors had attended to the detail of discussion before the election and when they arrived at the meeting it was with their minds already made up. Few made much of a stay. They came by twos and threes and in groups of half a dozen, quietly deposited their votes and retired.

A special election board was sworn in consisting of the two supervisors, P. G. Bayler and G. M. Richards, A. D. Myerly, Edward Hummer and H. J. Bird. The plans for the overhead crossing were on exhibition at the election booth and were examined by nearly all who voted. The plans, which were prepared by the railroad company, were procured from the Danville and Sunbury Trolley Company, to which, along with estimates of cost, they had been submitted by the Pennsylvania people asking that they be adopted.

The people of Gearhart township, therefore, had means of knowing what they were voting for. The great length of the overhead work and the height at which it will have to be carried seems to constitute the principal objection. The estimated cost is about \$27,000. Of this the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is willing to assume \$15,000. The plans for inspection were procured from the trolley company by the township with the consent of the railroad company.

The voting continued from 6 to 8 o'clock. Promptly at the latter hour the polls were declared closed and the vote was carefully counted, the result being as above stated—four for and seventy-one against an overhead crossing.

**House Struck by Lightning.** During the thunder storm last evening about six o'clock the residence of Harry Redding, No. 216 Front street, was struck by lightning and the family severely shocked.

Mr. Redding was sitting on his back porch. His son Harry, aged 17, was about to leave the yard with a wheelbarrow and was approaching the south side of the house when his father suggested that he go around the north side in which direction he had just started, when the lightning stroke occurred passing around the house from the porch roof, splitting one of the posts, ripping up part of the floor, and scattering planks in all directions. Harry was acting on his father's advice and taking the opposite side of the house the young man undoubtedly saved his life. Mrs. Redding who was in the rear room was shocked, her first impression being that she had been shot. The lightning affected Mr. Redding more than any other member of the family, as he was only eight feet from where the bolt entered the house. One leg was nearly deprived of sensation and for two hours afterward was numb.

## LOCAL TEAM'S FINE GAME

In a close, well played game of base ball, the Danville team defeated the Cuban Giants at DeWitt's Park Tuesday afternoon. The contest from start to finish was intensely interesting and exciting.

Danville went into the game determined, if possible, to redeem Monday's defeat. The Giants had evidently made up their minds to win, and had, therefore, put Bess, one of their best pitchers into the box. They put up a fast, clean ball in a way that was hard to beat, but the locals were in no wise behind in their determination or their execution as was shown by the glittered ball they put on exhibition throughout the nine innings.

The game was opened brilliantly for the Giants by Williams the big first baseman who drove a clean hit to the outfield on the first ball delivered. This speedy opening was not followed by any other hits or runs until the fifth inning when four pretty singles netted two tallies for the local team. In the second half of the fifth the Cuban Giants made their only score. In the seventh Danville made one more tally from two hits. No scoring was one in the two last innings.

DANVILLE A. A.

Gosh, If.	R. H. O. A. E.
Clayberger, G.	0 2 1 0 0
Yerriek, Jb.	0 0 3 3 1
Rogan, Jb.	0 0 1 3 0
Hummer, Jb.	0 1 12 4 0
Logan, Jb.	1 1 1 4 0
Reilly, Jb.	0 0 1 0 1
Edgar, C.	2 0 6 0 0
Coatts, P.	0 1 0 2 0
	3 6 27 12 2

CUBAN GIANTS.

Williams, Jb.	R. H. O. A. E.
Gordon, Jb.	0 2 2 1 0
Satterfield, S.	0 0 0 1 0
Galloway, Jb.	0 0 1 0 0
Kelley, Jb.	0 0 2 0 0
Barnes, Jb.	0 1 4 3 1
Bradley, C.	0 1 6 1 0
Loyne, Jb.	0 1 0 0 0
Bess, P.	0 1 0 2 0
	1 5 27 10 1

Danville.....000020100-3  
Cuban Giants.....000010000-1

Three base hits Barnes. Struck out by Bess 5; by Coatts, 5. First base on called balls, off Bess 2; off Coatts 2. Time 1 hour and 28 minutes. Umpire Jones.

## ADJOURNED MEETING OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Hospital for the Insane held an adjourned meeting at the institution Tuesday, the following members of the board being present: Messrs. H. M. Schoob, W. L. Gogger of Danville, Hon. Alexander Ellmeyer of Washingtonville, Hon. M. E. Kulp of Shamokin, W. F. Shay of Watonsdown, and Dr. Shoemaker of Wilkesbarre. Philip H. Johnson of Philadelphia, architect for the temporary buildings to be erected at the Hospital here and who accompanied the appropriations committee of the State Legislature on its visit to the Danville institution last winter, was also present at the meeting of Trustees yesterday. Truman Rietmeyer of Williamsport, architect for the four new buildings erected at the institution here, was also at the Hospital yesterday looking up the prospects for future work.

On the 10th inst. when the first meeting was held, none of the plans for the new work were completed. At the adjourned meeting yesterday Architect Johnson submitted the plans for the temporary buildings and these were approved by the Trustees. The location and number of these temporary structures, which are to be one-story high, 200 feet long and 36 feet wide, were not fully agreed upon by the Trustees at yesterday's meeting.

The plans for the light and power plant are not yet completed, which was something of a disappointment to the Trustees, who realize the necessity of an early beginning in order to insure the completion of the plant in time for use next winter. Mr. Johnson assured the Board of Trustees that he would have the plans ready to submit at an early day, in plenty of time to admit of the completion of the plant before winter.

The architect is a brother-in-law of Israel W. Durham of the Durham-McNickol contract firm of Philadelphia. The Trustees yesterday were quite favorably impressed with Mr. Johnson's ability as an architect and expressed themselves as confident that the new work designed by him would conform with the best standards.

Messrs. C. P. Hancock, W. A. Heller and C. O. Yetter, Esq. of the Danville and Sunbury Street Railway Company met the Trustees while at the Hospital yesterday on business relating to the injunction against the trolley company, which was argued before Judge Staples at Danville last week. The Trustees made no reference to the bringing of the trolley track from the Borough line up to the Hospital entrance, which the trolley company is holding under brief consideration.

**Robbed on Train.** A bold hold-up of a Reading brakeman is reported from Allenwood. The brakeman, whose name is not given out, was made to give up all the change he had, about \$4, and then compelled to jump from his train.

The hold-up occurred near Allenwood, about twenty miles south of Williamsport, late Saturday night. The brakeman was on a north-bound freight train, and was out on top of the cars. Suddenly he was approached by two men who commanded him to throw up his hands, and he had no alternative. Then he was compelled to give up all the money he had with him. Fortunately he had only about four dollars in his pockets at the time. This done, the men stepped back and commanded: "Now you get off the train as quick as you can."

## TO HOSPITAL ENTRANCE

The proposition made by the Trustees of the Hospital to the Danville and Sunbury Street Railway Company relative to location of track has been accepted by the latter and work will now proceed along new lines.

Under the agreement the trolley company withdraws its exceptions to the location of the road between a couple of hundred feet this side of the Borough line and the center over the canal at the Hospital entrance. At the same time the Hospital trustees withdraw the injunction granted by the Montour County Court against the Danville and Sunbury Street Railway Company. The latter company consents to remove a couple hundred feet of track laid between where the new road branches off and the eastern line of the Borough and is given permission to lay its track immediately along the road relocated, which follows close along the canal on the south side.

It was learned from the trolley company yesterday that work on the extension will begin at once and the track carried from the Borough up to the Hospital entrance. It will not be necessary to wait until the new wagon road is built before constructing the trolley line, as permission is given the company to lay its tracks at once and of raising or lowering it according to grade later on.

Owing to the additional work involved in carrying the track to the Hospital entrance the company will have to abandon the idea of running cars on any part of its line by Saturday. It was stated yesterday that the company will make a strong effort to have cars running between the Hospital and the Southern end of the river bridge by July 4th.

**Mr. Truesdale's Prompt Reply.** Our Borough Councilmen are entitled to credit for the vigor with which they are fighting the canal nuisance. The D. L. & W. Canal Company has shown that it appreciates how great a nuisance the old canal is and indicates that it is willing to co-operate with the Borough in wiping the old waterway out of existence. There is, however, the usual amount of official formality and things move slowly. Conditions, bad enough, now threaten before the season is over to become well nigh intolerable and Council wants no delay. Pursuant to the action of Council Secretary Patton wrote a straight forward letter to the D. L. & W. Company, which brought a prompt reply from President Truesdale yesterday.

Mr. Patton's letter was as follows: W. H. Truesdale, President of D. L. & W. R. Co., New York City.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 17th inst. addressed to Mr. John H. Goepper, President of the Board of Trade, has been handed to me to make a reply to the same. I beg to advise you that the Sewer Committee of Council and a committee from the Board of Trade are ready to meet the proper representatives of your company regarding the abating of the nuisance now existing in your old canal property running through the center of our town. Will you kindly set a time and place for this meeting. If you are in a position to make this meeting at an early date the same will be greatly appreciated, as this old canal is certainly in a very bad condition and at no part of it is it worse than about a square east and west of our main business street. This is very bad and as we are trying to improve our town in almost every other way. It is very discouraging to face anything like this right in the center of our town.

## ERWIN HUNTER BADLY BITTEN

Dewey, a large Newfoundland dog, with an unsavory reputation for ferocity, committed a terrible assault upon his owner, Erwin Hunter, last night and as the result paid the penalty with his life.

Dewey was not a pure Newfoundland, and to his mongrel nature was attributed his vicious qualities. He was a good watch dog, but was unsafe to be at large even on his master's premises. He was therefore kept chained most of the time. When he happened to get loose those who understood the situation generally climbed into safe positions. The dog had a long list of track laid between where the new road branches off and the eastern line of the Borough and is given permission to lay its track immediately along the road relocated, which follows close along the canal on the south side.

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## RURAL 'PHONES ARE INSTALLED

Some thirty 'phones are already installed on the rural system between Strawberry Ridge, Jerseytown, White Hall and Exchange, and although connection is not yet established with the United system the subscribers are enabled to talk with each other over the wide territory embraced by the above named towns.

In a present the subscribers are familiarizing themselves with the use of their 'phones. They have a good bit to learn, as they are all at present on the same pair of wires and their calls, a combination of shorts and longs, as may be imagined, are a little confusing. It will come all right in a short time, however, and the occupants of any particular house will distinguish their own call readily enough from the number of others that pass over the same pair of wires.

In a very short time all the arrangements will be perfected whereby the rural 'phone can connect with the United system and residents of the county as far off as Exchange can talk to Danville, Bloomsburg and other points. This will be a luxury, indeed, appreciated alike by the residents of Danville and those of the northern end of the county, who have always been without the advantages of telegraph or telephone communication.

The full advantages when connection is made were well illustrated by an incident which occurred on the rural system the other night. A valuable horse belonging to J. A. Essick, was taken very sick and the services of a skillful veterinarian were wanted immediately. Mr. Essick's first impulse was to send some one post haste to Danville or Bloomsburg for a veterinarian, but he happened to think of his new telephone and he quickly devised a means for reaching Bloomsburg. Among the subscribers of the rural 'phone at Jerseytown is Dr. Shuman, who also has a United 'phone in the house. He called up the physician in his compliance with Mr. Essick's request went to the other 'phone and called up the Bloomsburg veterinarian. The latter left instantly for Mr. Essick's and notwithstanding the long distance arrived there before daylight and administered to the sick horse, which recovered. As an object lesson the above incident appeals very strongly to the farmers and none are inclined to regret that they have installed a 'phone.

**Another Awning is Removed.** The property owners certainly merit praise for the manner in which they take hold of sidewalk improvement on Mill street. Over considerably more than one-half of the street the pavements are finished. The repairs in every instance are in skillful and well aligned and the broad twelve foot sidewalks artistically finished give our paved street an appearance that compares favorably with our larger cities.

Yesterday the wooden awning was taken down from in front of the Goldsmith building occupied by R. L. Marks' clothing store. W. L. Sidler's fine flag stone pavement is completed at Mill and East Market street. Work yesterday was begun on the new flagstone pavement adjoining belonging to the David Clark estate, in front of the building occupied by Dr. I. H. Jennings. A pavement to match will be laid in front of J. D. Gosh's drug store, stone for which have already been unloaded on the spot. Among other pavements that have been extended outward to conform with the relocation of the curbing brought about by street paving is the handsome concrete sidewalk in front of the Scarlet residence, which was completed a few days ago.

**Cloud Burst at Troy, Pa.** South-bound trains on the Pennsylvania road were several hours late yesterday morning owing to a stretch of track, west of Lock Haven, being washed away by high water. Dispatches from up the road indicate that much damage was done. A cloudburst at Troy, Pa., Tuesday night flooded the village and did great damage. The town is on two branches of Sugar Creek. Both branches overflowed their banks and two bridges spanning them were swept away. A tannery and extensive lumber sheds, a furniture store, livery stable and a carriage storehouse were washed from their foundations and wrecked. Evergreen, five miles from Pittsburg was the scene of another cloudburst Tuesday evening. Girty's Run rose twenty feet in twenty minutes. The torrent poured through Millvale and Sharpshooter, carrying off stables and workshops, weakening the foundations of bridges and covering street car tracks several feet deep. The flood poured into a number of basement kitchens where families were eating supper, forcing them to leave the meal to save their lives. Hundreds fled to higher ground but the flood quickly subsided.

O. B. Switzer has now completed the concrete work at the new wing wall at the bridge approach. The next step will be to erect a gin pole for the purpose of lifting the two top courses of stone over from the wing wall first built to the concrete wall. The curbing is also reset from the end of the concrete wall to the building line on Front street. The change altogether carries with it a big improvement, which even at this stage of the work is perceptible. It will be some days until the work is completed.