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"PLEGGED BUT TO TRUTH, TO LIBERTY AND LAW—NO FAVOR SWAYS US AND NO FEAR SHALL AWE."

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LOCAL INSPECTION JANUARY 22

Captain J. Beaver Gearhart yesterday received the following order from regimental headquarters at Sunbury, relative to the annual spring inspection:

Headquarters Twelfth Regiment Infantry, Third Brigade, National Guard of Pa.

Sunbury, Pa., Dec. 26th, 1905.

General Order No. 12.

Pursuant to instructions from Major William P. Clark, Inspector Third Brigade, N. G. P., the several companies of this Regiment will be inspected in their respective armories, commencing in each case at 8 p. m., as follows:

- January 16th, 1906, Company D, Field and Staff and Hospital Corps.
 - January 16th, 1906, Company A.
 - January 17th, 1906, Company K, Field and Staff and Hospital Corps.
 - January 18th, 1906, Company I and Band.
 - January 20th, 1906, Company G.
 - January 22nd, 1906, Company F.
 - January 23rd, 1906, Company E.
 - January 24th, 1906, Company B.
 - January 25th, 1906, Company C.
2. Officers of Field and Staff and Non-commissioned staff, resident in Williamsport, Pa., will be inspected at the armory of Company D, January 15th. Those resident at Sunbury, Pa., January 18th. All others at their several home stations.
3. All arms, state property, books and papers will be ready for inspection at 2 p. m. of the day set for the inspection and so that time can be saved bolts will be removed from the rifles in advance of the inspection. By order of Colonel Clement.
- M. H. TAGGART, Adjutant.

New Year Resolutions.

The year 1906 is but a few days old and may still be classed as a kid. It will be some weeks before it will lay off its pinafore, but it is in this adolescent period that it affords opportunity and occasion for people of concrete minds to "swear off" and turn over a new leaf. It would be impossible to estimate the number of resolutions that have been made by parties who have resolved to be good during the coming year, and longer, if possible. The snap resolutions extend to cover all manner of short-comings. Drinkers resolve to stop drinking; smokers resolve that they will no longer daily with the seductive weed; swearers pledge themselves to total abstinence from "cuss" words; non-churchgoers allow their conscience to prick them for not being seen in the house of the Lord and make a resolution to be in church every Sunday, and, if possible, in a front pew.

These resolutions usually hold good for a brief period and those who make them pride themselves in their reform. But in a majority of such cases the backsliding soon begins. The drinker, at a very dry moment, will conclude that a small saucer will do no harm; the reformed smoker will yield to the alluring odor of pipe or cigar; the swearer who had determined not to indulge in profanity any more will find himself lapsing into his former imprecations; the party who had determined to be at church regularly during the year, eventually has no difficulty in finding an excuse for staying at home and reading the Sunday newspapers.

This unfortunately is too often the outcome of reform resolutions made at New Year. It may be safely said that to so impotent a conclusion fourths of them come. But this need not be so, and would not be if the resolutions were made in the right spirit and with mainly determination to carry them out.

Threatened a Cardinal.

ROME, Jan. 3.—Cardinal Vincent Vanutius, archbishop of the Liberian Basilica, received a note which was posted in Rome December 30, threatening the publication of compromising letters, said to have been written by the Cardinal, if he did not send one thousand lire (\$200) addressed to the initials "C. E." to be left at the post office until called for.

The Cardinal handed the letter to the police who this morning arrested a well-dressed man who asked for a letter with the initials "C. E." The prisoner, whose name is kept secret and who protests his innocence, proved that when the black-mailing letter was posted in Rome he was in Genoa, where he landed on reaching Italy from New York.

To the Captain of Danville B. B. Team.

Being unable to come to terms with your manager, regarding our challenge, we hereby challenge you personally, for a game between our team and yours, under following conditions, viz: We will play you, "winner take all" for the gate receipts or, we will make a benefit game of it, after paying our actual expenses, half printing, etc. Proceeds to be divided between both teams. We authorize W. C. Snyder of your town to make all arrangements with you if you accept either of the above propositions.

Sincerely yours,
Calvary Basket Ball Team.
ROBT. SOOBY, Captain.

The Boston Star Specialty Company, in high class minstrelsy, will perform in the Hall at Washingtonville, this Tuesday evening.

BOROUGH FATHERS CLOSE THEIR BOOKS

The Borough Council held a special meeting Saturday night for the purpose of winding up the business of the year 1905. With one exception every member was present as follows: Gibson, Reifsnnyder, Vachine, Swelstorf, Boyer, Jacobs, Magill and Hughes.

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department Edward Purpur presented his report for the year 1905.

He enclosed an inventory of the equipment of each of the four companies and recommended the purchase of gum coats and four pairs of gum gloves for each company, to be used by the men who work at the nozzle.

Nine alarms of fire were responded to during the year, which is considered a very fortunate showing. In each case the loss was small and was covered by insurance. The total loss sustained by fires during the year is put down at one hundred dollars. In four cases the damage was inconsiderable; in one case the loss was estimated at ten dollars; in one case, that at the P. & R. Railway, the loss was \$60.

On motion it was ordered that the report of the Chief of the Fire Department be accepted and the recommendations as to rubber coats and gloves be referred to the Committee on Fire for investigation.

Chief of Police J. C. Mincomeyer presented his report for the Police Department, which showed that during the year 1905 there were twenty-nine arrests for violations of Borough Ordinances. In twenty-two cases the offenses were drunkenness or drunken and disorderly conduct. In one case the offense was drunkenness and causing the loss of a horse; in one case the offense was drunkenness and causing the loss of a horse; in one case the offense was drunkenness and causing the loss of a horse.

On motion of Mr. Goesser it was ordered that the report of the Chief of Police be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Dietz an order was drawn in favor of the Chief of the Fire Department for his annual salary of fifty-two dollars.

It was ordered that the fourth quarterly appropriation of \$37.50 due the fire department be paid.

On motion of Mr. Magill it was also ordered that the annual salary of twenty-five dollars be paid the Executive Board of the Fire Department.

On motion of Mr. Vastine it was ordered that iron guard rails be erected at the canal culverts both at Ferry and at Church streets as a precaution against accident at those points.

Jacob Shindel appeared before Council and complained that while he yielded to the expense of repairing the sidewalk in front of his property on Mill street, the pavement adjoining his own belonging to the Chalfant and Rodenhoff properties respectively is permitted to remain in a very bad condition. He said he had reported the neglect previously and he read the Borough Fathers quite a little lecture warning them against the fault of discrimination.

On motion of Mr. Goesser it was ordered that Messrs. Chalfant and Rodenhoff be notified to repair their pavement in thirty days, otherwise the Borough will have the work done at the owners' expense.

Mr. Dietz complained that the Borough light is turned off too early these winter mornings, stating that it has become a matter of common complaint among the Second Ward. Borough Electrician Jones was called upon to explain and he stated that the plant at this season is not shut down until 6:30 a. m. After discussion it was agreed that this was a matter that should be left to the discretion of the engineers, who it is believed are men of judgment and quite conscientious in the matter. No one denied that at hour above named daylight is coming on quite rapidly nevertheless Council favored extending the limit of light a little, if need be.

While on the subject of light Mr. Reifsnnyder took occasion to praise the quality of light and the general efficiency of the municipal plant, incidentally paying a nice little compliment to Borough Electrician Jones for faithful and intelligent service.

The prisoners in the lock-up during the year ate sixty-one meals at the Borough's expense. The meals were furnished by the Chief of Police, who as shown by the list of bills paid received \$9.15 for this branch of service.

The following bills were approved for payment:

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.	
Regular Employees	\$115.00
James Gibson	1.50
Thomas Reifsnnyder	21.92
John Hissou	3.75
J. C. Mincomeyer	9.15
A. C. Amesbury	40.95
Frank Schram	4.00
Sarah McLaughlin	5.00
Standard Gas Co.	.25
Labor and Hauling	54.25
T. L. Evans' Sons	1.00
Reading Iron Co.	4.12
B. B. Brown Co.	82.02
D. C. Shultz	12.95
G. A. Rossman	45.75
REGULAR DEPARTMENT.	
Regular Employees	\$114.58
Robert Arms	1.50
Ellis Rank	12.00
T. L. Evans' Sons	5.35
Fidelity & Casualty Co.	30.00
Atlantic Refining Co.	25.19
Joseph Lechner	2.80
John Hissou	4.28
E. Corman	5.50
H. B. Patton	11.00
Frank Schram	2.00
Standard Gas Co.	0.40
Harry Patton	20.00

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, the Republican State Chairman, on Tuesday night sent out from Washington the call for the State Convention. It will be held at Harrisburg on June 6. Candidates will be nominated for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor General and Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Membership in the convention will be based upon the vote cast for Roosevelt in 1904, so that the body of delegates will be large. Philadelphia will have much to say because of the number of delegates which are entitled to go from that city.

The full text of the call is as follows:

January 2, 1906.

To the Republican Electors of Pennsylvania:

I am directed by the Republican State Committee to announce that the Republicans of Pennsylvania, by their duly chosen representatives, will meet in convention at the Opera House in the City of Harrisburg, on Wednesday, June 6, 1906, at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices, viz:

One person for the office of Governor.

One person for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

One person for the office of Auditor General.

One person for the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs.

and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

In accordance with the rules governing the party, the representation in the State Convention will be based upon the vote polled at the last Presidential election. Under the rules each legislative district is entitled to one delegate for each two thousand votes cast for Republican Presidential electors in 1904, and an additional delegate for every fraction of two thousand votes polled in excess of one thousand.

By order of the State Committee.

W. R. ANDREWS, Chairman.

Herman P. Miller, Secretary.

Roll Call Brings 200 Responses.

The "roll call" at the Pine Street Lutheran church Sunday night brought out a large congregation and the services throughout were of a very interesting nature.

After the usual opening services the 33rd Psalm was read; hymn No. 169 was sung, after which the pastor, Rev. Dr. Shindel, led in prayer. This was followed by the singing of hymn No. 149, after which the choir rendered an anthem.

Next came the "roll call," embracing the names of those who at one time or another were members of the Sunday school during Dr. Shindel's pastorate, but who are no longer connected with it, a large number of whom are living at a distance. A number of letters had been received from those unable to attend. These were read along with the responses that came from those present, when the long roll was called. In this way about two hundred of the old time members were heard from.

There was another anthem by the choir, after which Daniel S. Bloom, who was superintendent of the Sunday school fifty years ago, gave some reminiscences touching in a very interesting way on the teachers and pupils alike in that long departed day.

Nearly four hundred dollars were raised Sunday, \$227 accompanying the responses of the old time scholars. The members of the church contributed the rest, placing \$168 in the box.

The congregation joined in singing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," which was followed with doxology and benediction.

Mrs. Kennedy Laid to Rest.

Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, of Riverside, whose death occurred at 3 o'clock Monday morning, was consigned to the grave in Mt. Vernon cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was 67 years of age. She was a life-long resident of this section and was a well known and highly esteemed woman. She was the widow of Lafayette Kennedy, who departed this life 16 years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Clarke, of Klinesgrove, and three sons: Charles, of Shamokin; Walter, of Buffalo; and Harry, who resided with his mother in Riverside.

The relatives and friends met at the house at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and after a short service at 2 o'clock proceeded to St. Peter's M. E. church. The funeral was quite largely attended, the services being conducted by the pastor of St. Peter's, Rev. E. T. Swartz.

The pall bearers were: W. R. Clark, Joseph L. Shannon, Samuel Gulick, Eli Hoover, John McCloughan and Peter Burger.

The following out of town persons attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher, of Catawissa; Mrs. George Trometer, of Shamokin; John Clark and sisters, Alice and Bertha, of Klinesgrove; Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, of Little-Roaring Creek; and Mrs. Henry Howell, of Danville.

Protracted Meetings.

Protracted meetings are being held each evening at the United Evangelical church by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Dunn. The meetings will continue during this and next week.

Many a Christmas tree graced the ash tray at the

HOW PRIZES WERE AWARDED

New Year's day dawned bright and clear. The air was crisp and bracing without being uncomfortably cold and all conditions were favorable for the full enjoyment of the day.

The mummies turned out in force. All predictions were fulfilled and the New Year's parade surpassed the display of last and of all previous years. It was a grand procession, one that could not be outdone in grotesque and outlandish conceptions, the majority of which bore the stamp of originality; while in point of numbers the wonder was that in a town the size of Danville so many people could be found willing to join the mummies, considering how much real hard work and exposure was involved. The fantastic procession extended along Mill street from Front street to the First National Bank.

Hundreds of people were present from the neighboring towns of Bloomsburg, Catawissa and Sunbury. Mill street was thronged and presented an appearance that could be compared only to Fourth of July. All present were delighted and carried home with their recollections of the New Year pageant which will suffice to amuse them for many days.

Prizes were awarded to the mummies as follows:

1. Uncle Tom's Cabin Party—five dollars.
2. Betsy Ross—one ton of coal.
3. Man and Monk—one ton of coal.
4. Man and Bear—one box of cigars.
5. Giraffe—one box of cigars.
6. Scare Crow—one toilet set.
7. Satan—one umbrella.
8. House for Rent—one sack of flour.
9. Auto Party—two shirts.
10. Siamese Twins—12 dozen photos.
11. Boy Drum Corps—five pound of candy.
12. Whole Blank Family—one fancy cake.
13. Hod Carrier and Wife—one sack of flour.
14. Barber Shop Party—one sack of flour.
15. Human Frog—pair of gloves.
16. Rip Van Winkle—a hat.
17. Fishing Party—sack of flour.
18. Drum Major—pair of gloves.
19. Father Time—a pipe.
20. A. D. K. Band—five picture.
21. The Parson—one cup and brush.
22. Man and Goat—one whip.
23. Red Riding Hood—mirror and case.
24. Equipman—a watch.
25. Happy Hullahs—one box of candy.
26. Negro Woman—a sack of flour.
27. Japanese—one rug.
28. Old Soldier with big nose—half pound baking powder.
29. Dick Turpin—one jack knife.
30. Negro Dandies—one box of cigars.
31. Boy and Dog—one pocket knife.
32. James Scartlet, Jr., Frank Sidler and Hugh Pursel, one box candy.

Dismantling is Begun.

Work was begun yesterday on the dismantling of the North Branch Blast furnace recently purchased by Frank Samuel, of Philadelphia.

The dismantling will be in charge of George H. Pontlefer, of Philadelphia, who accompanied by Furman Mathers, as assistant, and four expert dismantlers arrived in Danville on Tuesday evening.

No time was lost and yesterday morning the old furnace was attacked, eight men being at work. Some ten men additional will be employed this morning from time to time until thirty men or more are at work, which will probably be the maximum number that can be employed to any advantage.

The office building was cleaned out and a stove installed yesterday so as to make it answer as a comfortable headquarters while the dismantling is in progress. Mr. Pontlefer stated that some three months might be consumed in tearing down the furnace and getting rid of the material. Much depends upon the kind of weather that follows. Deep snows and rough weather would of course prevent the company from carrying out its plans, laid in anticipation of milder weather. Already a number of men have applied for employment.

Among the product of the dismantling will be not only machinery, some of which is still in fairly good condition and may be used, but also railroad iron, lumber, stone and brick in large quantities, fire brick, as well as red or building brick. The material will all be sold on the ground for spot cash.

The furnace being dismantled was built in 1875 and somehow never came up to expectations. It is safe to say that it has been idle during at least one-half the time. It was built as an anthracite furnace and during the greater part of its history it possessed the disadvantage of not being of modern equipment.

House Party at Turbotville.

On Saturday last a jolly party of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Derr, at Turbotville, where a delightful house party was held.

With the exception of Miss Blanche Pursel and Raymond Pursel, of Frosty Valley, and Miss Mary and Frank Fry of Danville, the party was composed of Millville people. They were: Misses Edith Eves, Nina Eves, Margaret Eves, Mary Sauts, Mame Gardner, Lillian Gardner, Laura Kester, Margaret Heller, Bernice Eves, Jessie Iseler, Irene Iseler, Herbert Eves, Millard Eves, Dr. Curtis Eves, Dr. Carl Eves, Myron Eves, Herbert Henrie, George Henrie, Arthur Henrie, Carl Grimes, Roy Grimes and Harold Iseler.

Committed to Jail.

Thomas Sheppard was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Dalton yesterday afternoon to answer the charge of assault and battery committed on his wife, Mrs. Mary Sheppard.

He was arrested Tuesday night on a warrant sworn out by his wife. He was placed in jail pending a hearing. Justice Dalton yesterday afternoon held him for court in \$300 bail, which he was unable to procure. In default he was committed to jail.

The Firemen at Bloomsburg.

The next convention of the Four County Association of Firemen will be held in Bloomsburg in June. Already the fire companies of that city are making preparations for the event and it promises to be an affair second only to the Columbia county fair.

Another Mercantile Appraiser.

Another ex-county commissioner has gone into the mercantile appraising business as is seen from the following item clipped from the Sunbury Daily Item:

"George Raudenbush, one of the retiring county commissioners, has been appointed mercantile appraiser."

TWO REGISTRA- TION DISTRICTS

The new Act to provide for immediate registration of all births and deaths, which affects every community, at the Hospital for the Insane where deaths and removals are likely to be of daily occurrence causes something akin to a revolution in methods. Under the law formerly in force W. H. Orth, Chief Clerk, held the position of Deputy Inspector under the State Board of Health and was empowered to issue burial and removal permits, which rendered it very convenient. Whether under the new law a registrar can be appointed whose jurisdiction shall begin and end with an institution like the Hospital or whether all business relating to burial or removal permits will have to be transacted with the registrar whose district embraces the Hospital is a matter on which full information has not been obtained.

In the first place let it be stated that the Hospital for the Insane with its population of some 1300 persons is a community in itself—indeed, it might be added an afflicted community, in which the death rate runs high.

Some inquiries were made along this line yesterday when it was learned that a death may occur each day for several days in succession, although it was thought that one death a week at the Hospital might be a pretty fair average for the year around. Convenience, therefore, in such matters as burial and removal permits count for a great deal.

The above suggests some very interesting facts concerning the disposition of the dead at the Hospital in a general way of the half a hundred or so of unfortunates who each year end their dreary and troublous careers at the Hospital for the Insane nearly all are shipped away from the institution to points designated by relatives, who make themselves responsible for the burial.

In very many instances the relatives are found only after a long and vigorous search carried on over a wide territory. Not infrequently those who should be near and dear to the deceased endeavor to keep in the dark and when run down resort to many subterfuges to avoid taking care of the remains. A rather common trick is to permit the remains to lie at the Hospital until, as these people view it, decomposition must have far advanced, when they think the body will have to be buried on the Hospital ground. Such people deceive themselves very much; after a reasonable interval they are very emphatically informed by the Hospital authorities that unless the body is forthwith taken away, under the law it will be shipped to Philadelphia where it will find its way to the dissecting table.

Such information generally has the desired effect. The relatives and friends do their duty in the premises and the body is removed. The Hospital authorities are very persistent and leave no stone unturned to find the relatives. As a result not more than three or four bodies during the year find their way from the Hospital to Philadelphia medical colleges. It is also true that a very inconsiderable number of bodies from the Hospital are interred in the little cemetery on the grounds, the number being limited to those that figure in extreme cases in which decomposition unexpectedly sets in, before they can be shipped either to the relatives or to the medical colleges.

There is an odd case at the Hospital at present, in which a poor unfortunate who is in possession of enough means to bury him decently, will probably have to go to the dissecting table. The man died a few days ago. An effort to find relatives or at least any capable of bearing the expense of burying him proved fruitless. The overseers of the poor in the district to which he belongs refuse to use the money in his possession to provide a decent burial, but want to apply it to reimburse the poor district on which the patient is a charge. They even put in a claim for a gold watch, which belonged to the unfortunate man. This is the status of the case at present. Whether the Poor Board can be induced to relent and pursue a more humane course remains to be seen.

Masonic Temple at Bloomsburg.

The deal has been practically consummated whereby Caldwell Sever, ex-consistory No. 3, P. R. S. will secure the present building and lot of the Young Men's Christian Association located at the northwest corner of Market Square, Bloomsburg, which means the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building in a more central location, and a building which will be much more pretentious than the present building, being built of at least several stories, permitting store rooms on the first floor, to be used as a means of revenue for the association. It means the erection of two buildings that will be beautiful Bloomsburg to an extent that cannot at first be appreciated.

For the Consistory it will be an ideal location for a temple, the best possible location in the town, while the Young Men's Christian Association will also gain greatly by the sale inasmuch as the purchase price determined upon is \$12,000, which means a clear profit to the association of \$6,000 above the purchase price from the New estate several years ago. With the money realized from the sale the Y. M. C. A. will have the nucleus of a fund to which will be added the contributions of the citizens of the town that will result in the securing of a building that will be a credit not only to the association but to the town as well. The sale means the addition of two of the finest buildings in the town.—Bloomsburg Press.

Ex-Member is Dead.

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., Jan. 3.—Captain William E. Jones, a former member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, died suddenly today at his home in this city, aged 44 years. Captain Jones was a prominent member of the National Guard and served on the staff of General Sigfried.

Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral of Aaron Williams will take place at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the residence of Thomas Williams, Toby Run. Interment in Episcopal cemetery.

Gymnasium Classes.

The Y. M. C. A. men's gymnasium classes will start on full schedule at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon and at 8:15 o'clock this evening. It is desired that all former members, in addition to the new men, present themselves for exercises and recreation at the gymnasium on Monday and Thursday at the above stated time.

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A CHAT WITH MR. LAUMASTER

In an interview with William D. Laumaster, former General Secretary of Danville Y. M. C. A., relative to evangelistic work, to which he is now devoting his entire time we are pleased to learn that his efforts have been fruitful of good results. His first engagement was in Philadelphia, under auspices of the Presbyterian Evangelistic Association, where he spent a month in tent and shop meetings, working at various points in the city under a tent, also at noonday shop meetings in the Baldwin Locomotive Works. His next appointment was at Pen Argyl, Pa., where he spent two weeks. From this point he went to Sunbury, Bloomsburg, Milton, Shamokin, Berwick, Selins Grove and Central Pa., spending from two days to two weeks in each place. His appointments at this time extend to April 1st.

When asked how he liked his new field, he replied: "I am well pleased with it in every way. Of course, it means close application, hard work and absence from home, but these things are necessary in this field of religious work, especially if one expects to be of lasting benefit to his fellowmen."

Mr. Laumaster admitted that evangelistic work, like all other forms of religious effort, has its peculiar difficulties; but this is to be expected, particularly in places where interest in spiritual matters is at low ebb.

"Personally," Mr. Laumaster said, "I do not believe in or practice sensational, sentimental or extravagant methods to win men to Christ. The times demand the same old gospel message for all men, and it must be proclaimed so as to reach the head and heart and not simply the emotional nature. Men must be saved through an intelligent conception and a deliberate acceptance of the truth of God's Word."

"I have no sympathy with that form of evangelist," Mr. Laumaster explained, "that seeks to amuse the people, or that would work up an 'amusement' for the sake of securing a crowd or that would unkindly criticize the churches or ministers; or that would introduce unscriptural or unmanly methods of any kind. These practices only serve to bring the work of evangelists, as a whole, into disfavor with thoughtful Christians and, in some places, closes the door for special work of any sort."

"There is a right way to the hearts and consciences of men, and it is found through the Word of God. If rightly presented and properly applied, it will accomplish the end in view."

Mr. Laumaster has been very strongly endorsed as an evangelist. A very kind testimonial which came to our notice lately reads as follows:

"Mr. Laumaster has enjoyed a wide experience both in Y. M. C. A. and evangelistic work. He knows the scripture and he knows men. His addresses are straightforward and right to the point. He does not dodge an issue. He knows human frailty, but he also knows Divine power, and with the loving sympathy that is ever a part of those who live in close fellowship with their Elder Brother, he is able to lead men to where they can see the light."

Another reads:

"Evangelist Laumaster presents God's Word in an attractive manner. He is earnest, manly and fearless, but withal his messages are full of the spirit of God. His Bible readings are gems. The people of B— would do well to hear him at his afternoon and evening meetings. He talks to shop men at noon every day."

The news joins with others of Mr. Laumaster's friends in wishing him continued success during this new year in his new field of labor.

Handsome Memorial Gift.

Mrs. J. C. Biddle, of Fountain Springs has presented Christ church, at that place, with a beautiful silver communion service and baptismal font as a memorial to her brother, the late Robert Buckingham, Esq., of Bloomsburg. The gift is a beautiful one and is much admired.

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COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN IN

The new county officers have entered upon their duties. District Attorney-elect Major C. P. Gearhart, was inducted into office at high noon, Monday. Prothonotary Thomas G. Vincent administering the oath. The County Commissioners-elect—Charles W. Cook, George M. Leiglow and George R. Secler—were sworn in at the same time, Register and Recorder W. L. Sidler administering the oath of office. The County Commissioners at once proceeded to organize, C. W. Cook being chosen President and George M. Leiglow, Secretary.

There was a red hot contest for the position of Commissioners' Clerk and there was a good deal of curiosity to see whether Horace C. Blue, incumbent under the old board, would win out or one of several other applicants who considered their claims for the position good. The question was settled by re-electing Horace C. Blue, who has proven a very efficient Clerk in the past.

Edward Sayre Gearhart was chosen Solicitor by the Board of County Commissioners. Dr. Shultz, Dr. Curry and Dr. Wintersteen were chosen physicians, each to serve a year in the order above named.

John Reppert was chosen as janitor for the Court House.

The last official act of the retiring Board of Commissioners on Saturday last was the appointment of James Ryan as Mercantile Appraiser.

The County Auditors—Thomas Van Sant, of Liberty township; Amos Shultz, of Derry township and J. H. Woodside, of Danville—were sworn in to office at high noon Tuesday.

Farmers Conduct Fire Insurance.

The Montour Mutual Fire Insurance Company held its annual election on January 1st. The following directors were elected: James Shultz, Emanuel Sidler, Charles V. Amerman, J. A. Merrill, Henry Cooper, William Curry, J. W. Lowrie, L. C. Shultz, C. M. Lesher, P. S. Brugler, M. L. Sheep, N. E. Sidler, Harrison C. Kase.

A. D. Crossley, William C. Runyan and J. M. Shultz were elected as auditors.

John P. Mauser, Melvin Shultz and Samuel Scott were chosen election officers.

The Montour Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was organized during the summer of 1904, and has just issued its second annual statement. The showing is quite an encouraging one. There are no liabilities, while the total assets are \$24,869.92. The amount of insurance in force January 1, 1906, was \$496,808. Amount of premium notes in force January 1, 1906, \$24,436.84.

The above insurance company is made up of farmers and takes none but rural risks.

Diphtheria Claims a Victim.

Nellie May Reed, daughter of Mrs. Oscar Reilly, No. 6 Pine street, died of diphtheria at one o'clock yesterday morning, aged 12 years and 11 months. The child was not supposed to be critically ill by her mother, but during Tuesday she took a change for the worse and the case ran speedily to a termination.

It was the first death from contagious disease that came up before local physicians and undertakers since the new law went into effect, Monday. It was a good object lesson to reveal just how much official formality has to be completed with—how many troublesome details have to be inquired into and on the whole how much more work is entailed upon physicians and undertakers by the new law.

In cases involving diphtheria and other infectious diseases burial has to take place in thirty-six hours after death and there can be no funeral. In yesterday's instance the little victim who passed away at 1 a. m., was buried about 4 p. m., interment taking place in Fairview cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Pannebaker Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pannebaker entertained the following persons, Friday evening, at an old time dance given in honor of their nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joll, of South Fork, Cambria county. Music was furnished by Deloitte and Hendricks. At midnight refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feaster, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joll, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hilker, Misses Minnie Roberts, Howard Curry, Edna Stahl, Marjorie and Bessie Shale, Hattie Brown, Emily Lewis, Wilda Pannebaker, Margaret and Eloise Curry, Elizabeth Bennett, Florence Hilker, Wilda Joll, Messrs. Leo Burns, Robert and William Simington, Francis Bowers, Samuel Shado, Clarence E. Leidy, Frank Crossler, Albert and Oliver Billmeyer, William B. Stahl, Walter Reichard, Herbert and John Hendricks, Francis and Roy Feaster, Charles and Benjamin Tanner, Edward Leslie, John Curry, Charles Bennett, Stanley Hilker.

The Catawissa Bridge.

If the contractors prophecy rightly pedestrians will be able to walk across the river bridge at Catawissa by February 1st.

Yesterday all the material arrived for the first of the two spans that remain to be built, while with the exception of one car load all the iron work is on hand for the second span. In two weeks' time the contractors expect to complete the first span and with anything like moderate weather they expect to have the bridge passable by the middle of the winter.

Every good resolution that you adhere to will add strength to your good character.

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY