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KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN

Regular Meeting of Sewing.
The Woman's Benevolent Association of Danville will hold its second regular meeting today in its rooms in the Thomas Beaver Free Library Building for the purpose of sewing for the poor.

The repairs on the first story of the Library building will not interfere with the success of the meeting, which will be held on the third floor, where the apartments will be comfortably heated. The session will begin at 9 o'clock and will last all day. It is very much hoped that there will be a full attendance, as there are the usual number of poor families in town whose earning capacity through old age or illness is very much reduced or wholly cut off. In all such cases the necessities are rendered doubly urgent by the very cold weather prevailing. The society is anxious to get a little ahead with work, making clothing and bedding to meet present demand and to have a small stock on hand so as to be able to respond immediately when a case is reported, where real want and suffering exist.

FLED FROM FIRE IN NIGHT CLOTHES

More than a score of persons experiencing dramatic escapes from perishing flames that caused a thirty thousand dollar loss at Shamokin at an early hour Saturday morning. The entire fire department was called into service and battled valiantly for over four hours before gaining control of the blaze.

Aroused from her slumber about 3 o'clock by stifling smoke that filled her bedroom, Gertrude Kulp, a dining room girl at Kulp's Inn, a three-story hotel conducted by Clayton Kulp, a brother of Monro H. Kulp, discovered the building to be on fire. Rushing out onto the fire escape in her night clothing she gave the alarm. A young man named Kramer heard her screams, ran to the corner turned in an alarm and returned to her assistance.

Before the department arrived on the scene the entire building seemed to be a mass of seething flames. The house was filled with guests playing at the vaudeville theatre and all barely escaped with their lives, being forced to flee in their night clothes, leaving their wearing apparel and valuables behind.

Bruce Miller, who occupied a room on the third floor, especially had a thrilling experience. Finding all avenues of escape cut off he tore the bed clothing into strips and made a rope of them. Tying one end to the bed post he managed to reach the ground a few seconds before the floor of his room gave away.

E. B. Kemper, who conducts a tailoring shop in the same building, with his wife and nine children also barely escaped being burned to death. Several of the children were overcome by the smoke and had to be carried from the building by the firemen.

The fire was supposed to have started from an overheated stove in Kemper's tailoring shop. The hotel building was owned by Attorney J. Q. Adams, whose loss is estimated at \$10,000. Insurance covers about one-half the loss. Kemper figures his loss at \$8,000 with scarcely any insurance. Kulp's loss will reach almost \$4,000, with some insurance. Valuables and personal effects lost by the guests placed the total loss at a figure estimated to be \$30,000.

No Flag Over State Capitol.

Why does not the flag of the nation fly over the new capitol at Harrisburg? It has been the practice from time immemorial for the flag to fly whenever the Legislature is in session, but there has been never a flag floating in the breeze at the present extra session, and there is cause for wonder.

At the regular meeting of Camp No. 16, P. O. S. of A., of Harrisburg, held on Monday evening the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, many lovers of the old flag have noticed with regret and pain that the new capitol building appears to be without any evidence of a place or a staff to fly the flag of our country.

"Whereas, Prior to the destruction of the old capitol building the Pennsylvania General Assembly never held a session without the flag flying above the building they occupied.

"Resolved, by Washington camp, No. 16, P. O. S. of A., that we call the attention of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate to the fact that thus far the sessions of the Legislature have been held without 'Old Glory' flying above their heads in the present building."

To Improve Catawissa Branch.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company are shaping for a number of important improvements along the Catawissa branch the coming summer. Paramount among the improvements contemplated will be the possible abandonment of Ryan's tunnel and the extension of Alta siding north of Lofly for a distance of 700 feet. With this plan in view a corps of surveyors are engaged at Ryan's tunnel. The plan as far as can be ascertained is to make a new road bed for a distance around the side of Ryan's mountain, which will reduce the curve of the road and permit of the abandonment of the tunnel. The plan has been under consideration for some time and judging from present indications it will soon be brought to a successful issue. The extension of Alta siding will shortly be commenced. It is being done on account of the increased traffic on this part of the system.

Priest Gives Courtship Code.

Father Bernett Sunday laid down the following rules in regard to courtship for the young people of St. Nicholas' German Catholic church, Wilkes-Barre:

Street flirtations are not looked upon with favor.

No courtship should be longer than six months, if at the end of that time the young man does not propose then it is time to dismiss him, as there are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught.

In receiving male company girls should make the hours between 8 and 10 o'clock p. m. and calls should be received only once a week.

Purchased by James J. Dailey.

The property of Lydia E. Gross, Gulick's Addition, was sold at sheriff's sale at the court house, Saturday morning, the purchaser being James J. Dailey. The consideration was \$350.

THROWN OUT OF CARRIAGE

A bad driving accident occurred just beyond Mansdale on the Washingtonville road, Sunday, in which Robert Farnsworth, wife and children were thrown out of the carriage sustaining bruises of more or less severity and narrowly escaping injuries of a graver sort.

It happened about 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Mr. Farnsworth with his family consisting of wife and little son and daughter, were driving into Danville to call upon relatives. Driving two spirited horses they were approaching Mansdale from Fenstermacher's corner and had reached a point some three hundred yards west of the Reformed church when the king bolt broke, which caused the front part of the carriage to drop to the ground, throwing all four of the occupants out. The horses, frightened by the accident, gave a spring forward and dragging the front wheels after them ran toward Mansdale.

Mr. Farnsworth and family so unceremoniously dumped by the roadside gathered themselves up and were glad to find that no bones were broken. Mr. Farnsworth sustained some rather bad bruises about his face, while the little boy had a badly contused wound on the month. Each one of the family yesterday were suffering from the effects of the jar and bruises sustained.

The horses were caught near the church and taken back to the scene of the accident. Beyond the loss of the kingbolt the carriage was not badly injured, but the trip to Danville was abandoned for the time being.

Funeral of Mrs. Sechler.

All that was mortal of Mrs. John M. Sechler was consigned to her last resting place in Odd Fellows' cemetery Monday afternoon.

The funeral took place from the Mahoning Presbyterian church and was largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. E. Hutchison, pastor of the Mahoning Presbyterian church, whose remarks constituted a most beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased.

By request Mr. W. R. Miller rendered very beautifully a solo entitled, "When the Mists Have Cleared Away." There was also a very beautiful quartette rendered by W. R. Miller, J. B. McCoy, Misses Sara Vastine and Ella Lyons. The pall bearers were as follows: Howard P. Schultz, James Schultz, Dr. Robbins, David Shultz, Theodore Doster and D. C. Hunt.

The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: Rev. J. D. Cook and family, of Renovo; Mr. and Mrs. Springer, of Georgetown, Del.; J. Morgan Cook, wife and daughter, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Ida McMichael, of Watonsburg, and Mont. Rishel, of Utica, N. Y.

Train Wreckers Sent to Jail.

In default of \$2000 bail Martin Golden and John McAvoy, the two young men who are charged with the serious crime of attempting to wreck the Pennsylvania Flyer, near Nescopeck, last Friday were remanded to the Luzerne county prison. The hearing took place Tuesday before Alderman Pollock at Wilkes-Barre and the evidence against the young men was very convincing.

The most important witness was little Herbert Parker, who together with his 11-year-old brother, was responsible in averting a horrible accident which would have undoubtedly resulted in a large death list. The little fellow is but 12 years of age and resides near Nescopeck, where the attempt was made to wreck the train. He swore that he saw the defendants tamper with the switch and throw it open so that the train which was due in about ten minutes would crash into the blind siding. The evidence was of a damaging character the boy identifying the defendants as the guilty parties.

Peter Golden, a trackwalker, employed by the Pennsylvania railroad, and who was notified by the little Parker boys that the switch had been thrown was called. His testimony was to the effect that he was walking down the track toward Nescopeck and saw the two men accused of the crime proceeding up the railroad towards Wilkes-Barre. When he heard the switch he was notified by the Parker boys that two men had tampered with it and he at once suspected that the men he saw a few minutes before had something to do with the lasterly work. It is understood that detectives of the company have in their possession a number of important facts which will be brought out later in connection with the case.

To File 500 Remonstrances.

Declaring that Luzerne county is the worst county in the State for liquor traffic, Rev. W. L. Riley, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, says that he is preparing to file 500 remonstrances in license court. There are 1500 applicants for licenses, 350 being for new places. Rev. Mr. Riley said: "I say without fear of contradiction that with respect to the liquor traffic, Luzerne county is pre-eminently the worst county in the State. This condition will not continue when the Christian sentiment of the community is aroused."

At any rate the insurance investigation has been short, sharp and to the point.

FIRE COMPANY WILL BUILD BARN

James Freeze, Thomas Evans and James Crotty, a committee from the Washington Hose Company, appeared before Council Friday with a very liberal proposition relating to the building of a stable for the use of that fire company. They explained the need of a stable in connection with their hose house in order to keep their horses where they could see them in running to fires. The building they have in view is one of 24 feet x 16 feet, built adjoining the hose house immediately in the rear, the present tower to be removed back to make room for the stable. The fire company proposes to build the stable at its own expense, asking nothing more of council than the mere permission to put up the building.

On motion of Mr. Boyer it was decided that the fire company be granted privilege to build the stables as proposed, under the supervision of the building committee of council.

On motion of Mr. Reifsnnyder it was ordered that the street commissioner be instructed to make repairs on East Front street before Heister Foust's residence, where the drainage is very defective, the result being that the water runs into Mr. Foust's cellar.

Mr. Reifsnnyder reported that the street commissioner had installed the necessary guard rails at the canal culverts at Ferry and Church streets.

In view of the probability of a strike among the coal miners it was the sense of the councilmen that the borough should lay in a heavy stock of coal at the water works. The matter was discussed at length. It was decided that larger quantities of coal be purchased—three car loads from the D. L. & W. railroad and three from the P. & R. company to the end that a stock of coal be acquired to meet future emergencies.

On motion it was ordered that an are light be installed at the lower end of Factory street to light up the exterior of the water works, where darkness now prevails and where more or less stealing of coal, etc., from the borough has been taking place.

Mr. Sweisford called attention to the fact that between passenger trains on Sundays the gateman at the D. L. & W. crossing on Mill street does not seem to be on duty. On Sunday a party, who was accustomed to seeing the gates fall, narrowly escaped being run over by a passing freight train. On motion of Mr. Sweisford the secretary was instructed to write to the D. L. & W. railroad company, notifying it of the narrow escape at the crossing and informing the company that the borough insists upon the watchman being on duty Sundays the same as on any other day.

Treasurer Ellenbogen presented a statement of finances to date, which showed a cash balance on hand of \$561.42.

The following members were present: Vastine, Goester, Reifsnnyder, Fenstermacher, Sweisford, Dietz, Boyer and Magill.

The following bills were approved for payment:

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT.	
Regular employees	\$115.00
Tax on borough bonds	181.20
Auditing borough accounts	2.00
E. W. Peters (Com.)	195.00
Harry B. Patton	30.00
Foster Bros.	16.90
Robert J. Pegg	16.15
Freight and hauling	2.50
Athletic Roofing Co.	38.87
Rumsey Elec. Mfg. Co.	5.70
H. B. Moore	.55
W. L. Gouger	.50
Labor and hauling	45.63

WATER DEPARTMENT.	
Regular employees	\$137.00
Labor on water	12.75
Auditors	2.00
E. W. Peters (Com.)	10.00
John H. Goester	25.63
Joseph Lechner	19.18
Washington Fire Co.	1.85
Tax on water bonds	308.00
Ellis Rank	5.38
D. L. & W. R. R. Co.	215.50
H. B. Moore	4.41
J. P. Patton	3.00

Party Near Washingtonville.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Miller, of near Washingtonville, entertained a party of friends Saturday in honor of their daughter Kathryn's eighth birthday. The day was pleasantly spent with games and music and an excellent dinner was served.

Those present were: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. C. Springer, Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. Robert Farnsworth, Mrs. Emanuel Mouser, Hazel Clark, Stella Ware, Annie Ware, Edna Springer, Hilda Clark, Minnie Tanner, Laura Farnsworth, Mollie Mouser, Florence Tanner, Lizzie Robbins, Edith Miller, Thelma Miller, Mary Springer and Robert Farnsworth, Jr.

Moral Wave at Shamokin.

There are people in Shamokin who believe that Shamokin should be better than Shamokin really is, that is morally better. They want to wash the place out, and the people who think she does not need it are the people who do not often wash themselves. A public meeting was held on Sunday afternoon at which steps were taken to set the machinery in motion that will give the town a scouring out and make it cleaner and better in every way. How successful these efforts are going to be the future must tell.

No boy who has the least self respect will smoke cigarettes.

WATER BACK EXPLODES

The freezing weather Tuesday morning brought about an explosion in the water back installed in connection with the cook stove at the residence of Mrs. S. M. Trumbower, East Market street, which not only wrecked the water back but also blew the stove to pieces, broke the kitchen furniture and set the room on fire. It was only by the turning of a hand that Mrs. Trumbower was not caught in the explosion, and badly injured.

Only last fall the stove and the water back, both new, were installed in the comfortable apartment used as a dining room in the Trumbower home. On Monday night the fire went out and Tuesday morning Mrs. Trumbower thinking that the pipes were all right built a fire in the stove and proceeded to prepare breakfast.

Mrs. Trumbower's daughter, Mrs. Foulk, was in Wilkes-Barre and Mrs. Trumbower, herself expected to leave Tuesday morning for a visit to Shamokin. Miss Krum, school teacher, has charge of the Gravel Bank school, just north of town, spent Monday night with Mrs. Trumbower. Breakfast being ready Mrs. Trumbower, intending to call Miss Krum stepped from the apartment containing the water back and stove into the sitting room closing the door after her.

At that very moment there was an explosion that shook the house, the accompanying report being such as could be compared only to the noise produced by the blasting at the Bessemer furnace being dismantled. Indeed, Mrs. Trumbower at first thought it was a blast over at the furnace and she ran to see what was going on. She found a broken dish commingled with the report, which came from the kitchen, however, caused her to investigate.

Opening the door a scene met her eyes that staggered her. The stove was in pieces, the fire was scattered over the floor and the carpet and furniture was burning; the room was a general wreck. Russell Foust, the baker, who lives near was one of the first to respond to Mrs. Trumbower's call for help and succeeded in putting out the fire.

Wholesale damage had been wrought. When the explosion occurred fragments of the water back and of the stove itself raked the room bombarding the ceiling and walls and smashing the chairs. One of the large stove doors was found lying on the top of the sideboard. The sideboard itself, which stood on the opposite side of the room from the stove, was rained, the large glass inserted in the upper part being shattered to fragments. The fine lot of china which the sideboard contained was broken to atoms. One heavy piece of stove plate had struck the wall just beside the door through which Mrs. Trumbower passed the very moment before the explosion, tearing away the plaster and cutting through the lath. Another fragment of the stove struck the ceiling near the same spot, cutting through the paper and making a deep indentation. The breakfast table and all the furniture was covered with soot. The walls and will have to be repapered.

The explosion occurred immediately installed. The former stove and water back lay scattered about the room and these were first removed. The new stove is minus the hot water attachment, as Mrs. Trumbower has concluded that she has had about all the experience with water backs that she wants for the present.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by the sudden freezing up of the pipe which supplied the water back with water.

The explosion proved quite a shock to Mrs. Trumbower. She was dreadfully frightened over her narrow escape, as it is very plain that had she not left the kitchen at the very moment she did she would have been very badly injured, if not killed.

The loss measured in dollars and cents will be considerable, but what Mrs. Trumbower regrets the most is the loss of her china ware, which had a peculiar value to her, nearly all of it being the gifts of friends and rendered doubly dear to her by reason of its association with her early housekeeping and her married life.

No Tin Plates for Normal Boys.

A lively episode at the Bloomsburg State Normal School came to light on Tuesday when a number of students, passing through this city en route to their homes, stated that they had been dismissed because the faculty had decided to furnish them meals on tin plates.

It appears the students were inclined to be unduly frolicsome at meal time, recklessly juggling the china dishes. The breaking of the china subjected the institution to considerable expense and as a preventative the faculty proposed tin utensils. This suggested proposal was and the students planned to declare a strike the instant the tin-plate order went into effect.

Word of the students' revolt reached the faculty. Saturday the leaders of the strike movement were summoned before Principal Welch and summarily dismissed.

In Maryland they propose to make the smoking of cigarettes an offense punishable by law. What is the use of invoking the law to inflict punishment when the cigarettes can be relied on to attend to it if given time?

A TALK ON FIRE ESCAPES

John K. Robison, of Millintown, Deputy Factory Inspector, was in this city yesterday on official business. Mr. Robison in his present capacity has been coming to Danville for a good many years past. In conversation yesterday he stated that in the matter of fire escapes and in equipment generally Danville provides for the safety and welfare of its citizens better than a good many other towns. Buildings three stories high and over, such as under the law require fire escapes, in Danville, he remarked, are not very numerous, but such as they are, whether hotels, schools, manufactories or other buildings they are satisfactorily equipped with life saving devices.

While on the subject of fire escapes Mr. Robison made an explanation that throws light on a very important point which often puzzled people and led to the suspicion that the law was not in all cases enforced. It is not every hotel or other building, he says, three stories high or higher, that requires a fire escape. A factory inspector, he said, is expected to exercise his judgment and primarily to look after the safety of the inmates. A building, therefore, does not always need fire escapes, no matter how high it built against other structures of less height, provided the roofs of the adjoining buildings afford a safe and easy means of reaching the ground from any part of the tall building.

Mr. Robison's duties do not consist alone of inspecting buildings in relation to danger in case of fire, but he must also see that machinery, where any exists, is properly protected by guard rails and the like; he must also see that all the rules are observed as to boiler inspection.

Mr. Robison yesterday had a kind word to say concerning the proprietor and the management of the silk mill here, which employs children so extensively. Not only is there no evidence of neglect, he said, along any of the lines that provide for safety, but he was much pleased with the oversight maintained and by the generosity of the proprietor. The boys and girls employed, he said, seemed to him like a happy and contented lot, who thoroughly appreciate the various ways in which they have been assisted and befriended by their employer.

Tarring G. Rank is No More.

Tarring Grant Rank, son of Isaac Rank, departed this life yesterday afternoon after a brief illness of typhoid fever.

The deceased was a most highly esteemed young man. He belonged to the United Evangelical church, this city. He was also a member of Camp No. 364, P. O. S. of A. Along with his father he was employed at the Structural Tubing Works.

The deceased was taken ill about January 10th, the symptoms being those of a severe cold. He lingered along without any sign of improvement until a little over a week ago when typhoid fever developed. The attack proved a severe one, death ensuing shortly after noon yesterday.

The deceased was nineteen years of age. He is survived by his parents, a brother, Percy, and a sister, Lucy.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon. Services at the family residence, Foley's Court, will be private. Public services will be held at the United Evangelical church at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made at Mt. Vernon cemetery, Riverside Heights.

Allowed Fight Closes Saloon.

During the trial of a petty assault and battery case from Mt. Carmel before Judge Savidge in court at Sunbury yesterday morning it developed that the fight occurred in the saloon of Mrs. Annie Citacenus. This aroused the ire of the Court and he not only gave the woman a severe reprimand but directed that she close the saloon for ten days. In rebuking her the judge said: had she turned a stream of cold water on the brutes instead of filling them with beer and then standing by and see them pummeled by each other she would have commended her action and seen that she did not suffer, but as it was, she was as bad as they were and if such a thing ever occurred in her place again he would not compel her to close for ten days but would take away her license. Anthony Barosky, the assault and battery defendant, was found guilty by the jury.

Yesterday noon the grand jury completed its labors and was discharged by the Court. They acted on thirty-three bills and ignored eight, returning the remainder as true bills. It also recommended repairs at the county jail and the building of an addition to the court house.

New Phone Line in Columbia.

Another new telephone line was added to the United Company's system on Saturday afternoon. The new line makes a circuit through the country from Shickelany, and connects with the United system at the Benton exchange. It passes through the towns of Cambria, New Columbus, Town Hill, Cherry Hill, Huntington Mills, Watertown and Harveyville, and has about 150 subscribers.

As the first of April approaches the strike clouds gather and the industrial sky looks threatening. It is to be hoped the wiser counsels will prevail in all the mine workers' and operators' meetings and that serious trouble will be averted. But if it must come—will it be a fight to the finish—

WAS REFUSED A NEW TRIAL

Judge C. B. Staples of the 43rd Judicial District, has handed down an opinion refusing a new trial in the case of Commonwealth vs. Francis Woll, which was tried during the November term of court, Judge Staples specially presiding. Woll was found guilty.

The opinion sets forth: "The defendant, was tried upon an indictment charging him with larceny of fifty pairs of splice plate, the property of the Reading Iron Company, and having received the same in his possession well knowing them to have been stolen.

"Upon the trial of the case it was conceded by the Commonwealth that the charge of larceny could not be sustained, although there was considerable question in the mind of the Court whether the evidence would not have warranted a verdict of guilty of that charge."

The testimony was reviewed in detail. "The defendant voluntarily deposed," the opinion goes on to say, "that he had any control over the stable wherein the junk was found, and that he had not been in the junk business for two years. In this he was contradicted. Guilty knowledge on the part of the defendant may be shown * * * inductively by proving that the defendant bought them very much below their value or denied their being in his possession."

"And now February 5, 1906, for reasons above stated the rule to show cause why a new trial should not be granted is discharged."

C. B. STAPLES, P. J.

The defendant is directed to appear in open court on Tuesday, February 27, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of having sentence passed upon him.

Judge Staples also handed down an opinion and decree of court on application to strike off appeal in the case of Kate E. Rank vs. Annie M. Kaufman, involving an appeal of the justice of the peace.

The court having heard argument on the matter makes the following order or decree:

"And now February 2, 1906, upon hearing and argument and for the reason stated the rule in the above case is discharged. If the plaintiff desires to file a statement it is her privilege to do so."

C. B. STAPLES, P. J.

Delegates Left Last Evening.

The State School Directors' Association will meet at Harrisburg this morning to hold its annual convention, which will continue during today and tomorrow. The Montour County School Directors' Association will be fully represented. W. H. Orth and Jacob Fischer, delegates from the Borough of Danville, and James Shultz, Cooper township; James Pollock, Derry township, and Joseph Winterstein of West Hemlock, representing the school boards of the rural districts, left Danville last evening to attend the convention.

The County Superintendents' convention will be in session at the same time. At the latter meeting Montour county will be ably represented by County Superintendent C. W. Derr, of Washingtonville.

The State convention of school directors has proven very beneficial in the past and both Danville and the rural districts of the county have felt themselves well repaid for the time and money spent by the delegates. The present convention will be no exception. Matters of vital interest to the schools and the cause of education will be discussed by those that have thought deeply on the subject and have had much experience in public affairs.

Among the speakers will be Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, who in early life was a school teacher, and who subsequently has kept closely in touch with educational matters. State Superintendent N. W. Schaeffer will also address the convention and will be one of the principal speakers. M. G. Brumbaugh, one of the shining lights of the State on pedagogy, is on the list of instructors and last but not least is Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., State Commissioner of Health, who will give his views on vaccination as it relates to the schools as well as other mooted subjects pertaining to the public health.

Ice Nearly Closes River.

Yesterday was slightly warmer than on Tuesday, although at an early morning hour mercury at several points hereabout dropped down to the zero point.

The river is very nearly closed with ice. Above the bridge only a narrow channel along the Southern shore remains open and there the heavy ice cakes move very slowly. Obviously it will require only another night of zero weather to close the river from shore to shore. Below town about the big bend the river has the appearance of being practically closed.

Ice on the ponds has attained a thickness of six inches and is considered a good article. W. S. Lawrence today will begin cutting ice on the dam in Mahoning creek just north of Danville. Yesterday he was busy getting things in readiness—installing engine and equipping the ice elevator. John Jacobs' Sons of this city had the list of those who will have their ice houses filled with the product from Mahoning creek.

Air Brakes After July 1st.

After July 1, 1906, there will not be a freight or passenger car run on the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad un-equipped with air brakes.

This order signed by General Superintendent of Transportation Trump, was sent out to the various headquarters along the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday.

The Interstate Commerce Commission requires that only seventy-five per cent of the cars must have air brakes.

Another order from the same source was sent out at the same time to the effect that after January 1, 1907, no cars will be accepted by the Pennsylvania railroad for movement over its lines, which are not suitable to be moved in heavy train service.

This latter order means that next year every car operated by the Pennsylvania railroad must be in first class condition and all inspectors will be cautioned to see that this order is enforced.

A VICTIM OF MENINGITIS

John W. Root, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Root, Grand street, whose critical illness of meningitis was noted in these columns a couple of weeks ago, departed this life Sunday. No sadder death has occurred in Danville in a long while.

The deceased was fourteen years of age, a boy of remarkable promise. He was devoted to his home and to his parents to a degree beyond what is common in this day when there are so many social attractions outside the parental home. He was an only child and as was natural he was beloved and idolized by his parents as only a lovable and dutiful child can be. He was remarkably studious and made rapid progress at school. He was a great reader and excepting his parents books were his only companions. It was this condition of mental activity, natural with the boy, which the physician thinks had a great deal to do with bringing about the distressing and fatal disease of which he died.

The deceased took his bed three weeks ago today, but he had been ill for some days previously. It was a fearful siege of suffering practically hopeless from the start. He breathed his last at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning but had been dying since Friday evening.

John W. Root, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Root, whose death occurred on Sunday morning, was consigned to the grave in Odd Fellows' cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral was largely attended.

Services took place in Trinity Lutheran church at 2 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor. No more impressive funeral has been seen in this city for a long time.

The pall bearers were six cousins of the deceased: Warren Root, Harry DeLanty, Bruce Springer and Clyde, Harry and Walter Swank. The remarks of Rev. Ulrich were very touching, very beautiful and very appropriate, perfectly attuned in all their allusions to the innocent young life just closed and the deep grief of the parents, bereft of their only child.

A quartette consisting of Sam A. McCoy, J. B. McCoy, Miss Margaret Aten and Miss Lucinda Leigh rendered three beautiful selections: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Some Time We Will Understand" and "When the Mists Have Cleared Away."

The casket, of pearl grey, was nearly covered by a profusion of beautiful flowers which represented offerings from the Sunday school, the pupils of public schools and from a large number of individual friends. The Sunday school class to which the deceased belonged accompanied by the teacher Mrs. Evans, was present at the funeral in a body and stood as a guard around the casket. The members of the "A" class of the First Ward grammar school, taught by Miss Musselman, were also present in a body and formed a double line between which the casket was carried from the house to the church.

The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: G. W. DeLanty and wife, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. John Epler of Northumberland; Miss Anna Van Kirk and William Wolfinger, of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Billmeyer and Alexander Mattis, of Pottsgrove.

The State School Directors' Association will meet at Harrisburg this morning to hold its annual convention, which will continue during today and tomorrow. The Montour County School Directors' Association will be fully represented. W. H. Orth and Jacob Fischer, delegates from the Borough of Danville, and James Shultz, Cooper township; James Pollock, Derry township, and Joseph Winterstein of West Hemlock, representing the school boards of the rural districts, left Danville last evening to attend the convention.

The County Superintendents' convention will be in session at the same time. At the latter meeting Montour county will be ably represented by County Superintendent C. W. Derr, of Washingtonville.

The State convention of school directors has proven very beneficial in the past and both Danville and the rural districts of the county have felt themselves well repaid for the time and money spent by the delegates. The present convention will be no exception. Matters of vital interest to the schools and the cause of education will be discussed by those that have thought deeply on the subject and have had much experience in public affairs.

Among the speakers will be Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, who in early life was a school teacher, and who subsequently has kept closely in touch with educational matters. State Superintendent N. W. Schaeffer will also address the convention and will be one of the principal speakers. M. G. Brumbaugh, one of the shining lights of the State on pedagogy, is on the list of instructors and last but not least is Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., State Commissioner of Health, who will give his views on vaccination as it relates to the schools as well as other mooted subjects pertaining to the public health.

After July 1, 1906, there will not be a freight or passenger car run on the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad un-equipped with air brakes.

This order signed by General Superintendent of Transportation Trump, was sent out to the various headquarters along the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday.

The Interstate Commerce Commission requires that only seventy-five per cent of the cars must have air brakes.

Another order from the same source was sent out at the same time to the effect that after January 1, 1907, no cars will be accepted by the Pennsylvania railroad for movement over its lines, which are not suitable to be moved in heavy train service.

This latter order means that next year every car operated by the Pennsylvania railroad must be in first class condition and all inspectors will be cautioned to see that this order is enforced.