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GUARDSMEN GET NEW UNIFORMS

The members of Company F, 12th regiment, N. G. P., as well as guardsmen in general are delighted over the news that an order has been issued from guard headquarters announcing that the several organizations of the guard will be furnished with the United States standard Khaki uniform consisting of blouse and breeches. The issue will be made prior to the summer encampment and special forms will be issued for the requisition.

The old duck or fibre-dyed service uniform may have filled the want at the time of its adoption, but the guardsmen became very tired of it and have been clamoring loudly for a change. What has been especially wanted is a new summer uniform. The old suits in use are hot and dirty; no air can get through them. As a guardsman said, "they don't fit and can't be made to fit. You can wash the color out, but not the dirt." While unbearable in warm weather the duck material is uncomfortable in cold weather.

The national forces are fully equipped with the standard Khaki uniforms. The State troops now come in for the service uniforms as fast as they can be supplied. As the military administration of Pennsylvania has never heretofore been slow in getting what it wanted it is quite certain that our State will be among the first to receive its allotment of much desired clothing.

A Rush for the Carriership.

Evidently a large proportion of the population in this country are of the opinion that a position under Uncle Sam is the one thing needful to soften down the harsh realities of life and make all burdens rest easier. This is well illustrated in our own town by the rush for the carriership on r. f. d. route No. 2 made vacant by the resignation of H. H. Stettler. For this position in all there are some thirty applicants.

An odd feature of the case is that the applicants are all employed and are willing to step down and out from the positions they are holding and enter upon the carriership. It is probably not so much an increase of remuneration that appeals to these men as it is the permanency of the position. The eagerness with which such a large number of men seek the carriership—men who evidently have given the matter full consideration—would seem to disprove that the position carries with it conditions that are burdensome, or in short that the position of r. f. d. carrier does not pay.

The examination will take place on next Saturday a week. According to indications the class will be one of the largest ever examined. Only one carrier is needed, but a certain number of good average will be placed on the list of eligibles to fill any vacancies that may occur within a specified limit.

Garfield Literary Society.

The Garfield literary society held its regular meeting in the high school room Friday afternoon. The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo—Misses Mary Jenkins, Mary Pinnigan and Nan Connelly.

Recitation—"Nature's Orchestra," Miss Alice West.

Reading—"Old Aes," Miss Mary Gramm.

Oration—"Growth of a Nation," Miss Laura Mann.

Piano Solo—Beaver Hollibaugh.

Debate—"Resolved, That the Orange and Purple is a detriment to the high school and should be discontinued."

The affirmative, Harold McClure and Miss Katherine Kenner; the negative, Miss Florence Zeisler and William Breitenbach. The judges, Miss Ethel Chesnut, Jesse Tannehill and Miss Lydia Woods decided in favor of affirmative side.

Essay—"Unsuccessful Capers of a Halloween Party," Miss Ada Langer.

Declaration—"Mark Anthony's Speech," Mr. Stanley Morris.

Song by the society.

For Uniform Fish Law.

The legislative commission to cooperate with fish commissioners of other states will hold a conference with a similar commission of the State of Maryland at Annapolis today. This Pennsylvania commission exists under a joint resolution of March 1, 1905, and was created in order that uniform legislation might be arranged with New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Canada, Ohio, etc., in order that fish in boundary waters might be given equal treatment by the several States and the Dominion of Canada.

The similar commission in Maryland recently invited the Pennsylvania commission, through Secretary Haisson, to meet in Annapolis today and the meeting will be held. Numerous matters in connection with the lower reaches of the Susquehanna will be taken up and Commissioner Meahan says that the meeting is very likely to produce very important results.

Order for 1200 Cars.

The Bloomsburg plant of the A. C. & F. Company has received an order for 1200 cars from Argentine Republic government. The cars are to be gondolas, flat, box and cattle, all with steel underframes. The capacity of the department that makes these types of cars is 100 per month; so that this order alone will keep the department at work for a year. Another department is filling an order for 1700 dump cars.

DANVILLE LOSES TO WILKES-BARRE

A big audience was present at the armory Saturday evening and saw the Wilkes-Barre team defeat Danville by a score of 53 to 39. With the exception of parts of the first half the contest was listless and uninteresting.

The Wilkes-Barre team came to Danville with but four men. Warren Johnson, of the locals, played forward for the visitors, and with the exception of Good, center, put up the best game for Wilkes-Barre, scoring 10 goals from the field. It was an off night for the Danville tossers, and it would have been difficult for any one not acquainted with the members of the team to have recognized in them Saturday the same men who did such fine work recently against the Indians and U. of P.

The small boys—"the five cent rush"—were a factor in Saturday night's game that can not be overlooked. This gang has always been more or less obstreperous and annoying at the games, but Saturday night they ran things with a high hand. Seated on the balcony at one end of the floor they would strike or kick the ball whenever it came within reaching distance. When Charlie Lunger, the armory janitor, went among them to maintain order, they attacked him and nearly threw him over the edge of the balcony into the floor below.

But the crowning bit of nerve they displayed when they grabbed the ball during the second half, ran onto the floor and started a rough house contest of their own to the elimination of the regular players.

The line-up: Danville, Powell, forward; Waller, forward; Russell, center; Sechler, Hoar, guard; Peters, Barber, guard; Russell, Goals from the field—Good 12, Johnson 10, Hoar 2, Barber 1, Powell 1, Russell 5, Bedea 4, Welliver 2, Peters 2. Goals from fouls—Bedea 3, Barber 3.

Happy Ending of Pretty Romance

The Cherryvale, Kansas, "Journal," of March 9th, contains the following interesting article about the marriage of two young people well known in this section:

"A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ellsworth, on East Fifth street at seven o'clock last night, when Mr. Eugene Hagenbuch, of Cherryvale, was united in the bonds of holy wedlock to Miss L. Gertrude Robbins, of Danville, Pa.

But two or three friends of the groom and the members of the Ellsworth family witnessed the ceremony. Promptly at the hour the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Metcalf. Rev. Vanorden, pastor of the Presbyterian church, then spoke the words that made them man and wife. After the congratulations a fine wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Hagenbuch will reside on East Third street, where the groom has newly finished a cozy cottage for the reception of his bride.

Mr. Hagenbuch and Miss Robbins were betrothed in Pennsylvania, previous to Mr. Hagenbuch's coming west six months ago and the wedding last night was the culmination of a happy romance.

"Mr. Hagenbuch is the manager of the undertaking department of D. C. Ellsworth & Son. Miss Robbins is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins, of Danville R. F. D. No. 1, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Hagenbuch is a native of Milton.

D. L. & W. May Go to Ashland.

According to the Mt. Carmel "Item" it would seem that the D. L. & W. Railroad may possibly have in contemplation the building of a line through the Schuylkill region to Ashland. On this subject the "Item" speaks as follows:

"The corps of surveyors that has been at work between Ashland, Mahanoy City and Tamaqua and is now proceeding through West Penn township is unquestionably surveying a route for a railroad. In fact, the engineers no longer deny this but they will not say by whom they are employed. It is estimated that the survey that has already been made has cost \$10,000.

"The officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad will neither deny or affirm the published report that it has established a tonnage in the Schuylkill region and is planning to extend its line from Stroudsburg to Ashland."

Many think that the work is being done in the interest of the Wahash Railroad, which is trying to get a line through Pennsylvania between Pittsburgh and New York.

Pushing Trolley Extension.

Work on the extension of the Shamokin & Edgewood trolley line is again in progress and will be pushed rapidly to the objective points—Trevorton and Sunbury.

The present contemplated terminus is the Weigh Scales to reach which will mean the building of about one and one-half miles of track from the present terminus at Uniontown. A gang of forty men are engaged grading the route much of which must be made through deep cuts of heavy shell rock. An account of these conditions the road will not be completed before the first of May. Then the construction of the Trevorton branch will be commenced which will take several months to finish.

ROADMASTERS IN DEMAND

The township supervisors, three in number, elected under the Sprout's good road act of April 12, 1905, met on the 5th inst., the first Monday of March, for the purpose of organization, &c., as required by the act. Just as was predicted by many they have no easy time of it in finding suitable persons for road masters.

Associate Judge Frank G. Bee, who was in town Saturday explained some of the difficulties that his own township—Derry—has to contend with and he ventured the opinion that every other township of the county will have the same problem to solve.

The Derry supervisors divided the township roads into four sections requiring four road masters. Of this number up to Saturday only one road master was obtained and the worst art of it was that no one could see where the other three are to come from. Not only in Derry, but in other townships of the county, Judge Bee stated, there is a scarcity of men suitable for the position so situated that they can give their time exclusively or even to any considerable extent to work on the roads. Men in the country generally live on land, which requires about all their time, or they have other business, which they could hardly be induced to relinquish for the position of road master with its remuneration of probably \$1.50 per day.

At the same time, Judge Bee states, the people of the county realize that the State is very much in earnest and that to keep up with the general progress of the times improved methods will have to prevail in road building. Every effort is being conscientiously made, he said, to comply with the Sprout's good road act of April 12, 1905, and he has no doubt notwithstanding trouble in finding road masters that the demand will be met eventually and that all the difficulties incidental to the change of the system will be adjusted.

Instead of repairing the highways as has been customary in the past, by filling up the middle with ground thrown in from the sides of the road, repeating the same process year after year, from now on probably sections of township road each year will be entirely rebuilt employing approved methods of construction. Those who favor this plan believe that the long stretch of bad roads in Derry township extending from the foot of "Danville hill" around through Washingtonville to Strawberry Ridge in this way in a few years time could be much improved and that the additional outlay would be scarcely perceptible.

Valuable Dogs Poisoned.

A dog poisoner is plying his nefarious vocation in Danville. One of the last victims was Bounce, the fine brindle bull dog belonging to George W. Hoke, the liverman, which gave up his life on Mill street yesterday morning.

Bounce was a most intelligent canine and was a general favorite along the street. He had formed quite an attachment to the policeman, newspaper reporters and others seen daily on the street and it was his delight to trot along with these men as they made short trips about town in the performance of their duty.

Yesterday about 11 o'clock the dog made his appearance on Mill street but he was sick. In a short time he was seized with a spasm. He recovered apparently and trotted up the street as far as the Baldy house where he was again seized with convulsions. He later made his way to the Montour House where he died.

Up to the present we have not heard of any one unkind enough to say that Bounce was mad, nor that in his case there was the least symptom of rabies. All who examined the dog seem convinced that he was poisoned.

On Tuesday a valuable bull dog belonging to George Gross, West Market street, died under circumstances that could be explained only on the theory of poison. Other dogs about the first ward have also died mysteriously and on the whole Chief-of-Police Minecroyer feels convinced that a dog poisoner is abroad.

Rev. Stevens Preaching Elder.

Rev. Emory M. Stevens, of Williamsport, will receive the appointment as preaching elder of the Danville district of the Methodist church if the report announced by the Williamsport "News" is true. This is a question which hangs in suspense for some time, and the outcome is anxiously awaited by all members of that denomination.

The Williamsport paper makes the following statement: "The Evening News" has learned from a reliable authority that at the recent cabinet meeting of Bishop Berry and the presiding elder of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference at Harrisburg, it was decided that the Rev. Emory M. Stevens of Williamsport, should take charge of the Danville district as the presiding elder at the coming conference. While this action has been looked for by Mr. Stevens' friends there was enough uncertainty about it to keep all concerned in suspense."

Indiana Horses.

A sale of 40 head of fine Indiana horses will be held Tuesday, March 20, at the Ninth street stables, Bloomsburg. Sale will commence at 1 o'clock. Don't miss this opportunity to secure some of this good stock.

COMMENCEMENT IN COURT HOUSE

The high school commencement this year will be held in the court house on Thursday, May 31st.

Mr. Pursel reported that the high school committee had held a meeting in conjunction with the graduating class for the purpose of selecting a date and a place for holding commencement. Nothing definite, however, was determined upon, although the class was very anxious that a date for commencement at least be fixed, as the class is anxious to arrange details as to getting out invitations, &c. The date favored by the class was the first Thursday of June.

Since the meeting with the class the high school committee met with the county commissioners and determined that the class could have the use of the court house for commencement at the expense beyond what might be required to remunerate the janitor.

Borough Superintendent Gordy explained that the school term this year will terminate on Friday May 25th, which is much earlier than for many years past. He suggested that Thursday following, May 31st, be selected as the date for holding commencement, as June 7th, the first Thursday, would be too long after the closing of the schools.

On motion of Mr. Pursel, therefore it was ordered that commencement be held in the court house on Thursday, May 31st.

Mr. Pursel reported that the tin gutters at two places on the roof of the second ward school building are out of repair and need painting. On motion the matter was referred to the building committee.

Mr. Fischer reported that the janitor of the first ward reports a shortage of No. 2 coal in that building; also that the second ward building has a large surplus of No. 2 coal. On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that a quantity of No. 2 coal be hauled from the second ward to the first ward school building.

Prof. Gordy reported that Prof. Shaw, principal of the third ward schools, had failed to appear Monday morning and that yesterday he received a telegram from Professor Shaw dated at Pittston which stated that he would not be back until Wednesday. Meanwhile the borough superintendent is filling Professor Shaw's place. Professor Gordy was unable to state whether the professor is detained on account of illness or some other cause.

Treasurer Schram presented a statement of finances to date which showed a cash balance on hand of \$2123.88.

Borough Superintendent Gordy presented a report for the last month as follows:

Boys registered during month, 568; girls, 606; total, 1174.

Average attendance of boys during month, 514; girls, 548; total, 1062.

Percentage of attendance by boys during the month, 92; girls, 92; total, 92.

Number of pupils absent during month, 670; number of pupils tardy during month, 287; cases of tardiness by pupils, 404; cases of tardiness by teachers, 1.

Number of pupils who have not attended 75 per cent. of time belonged, 84; number of pupils reported to the truant officer, 54; cases of corporal punishment, 12.

The borough superintendent called attention to a remarkable feature of the report as it related to the third ward grammar school. In this room each of the boys and each of the girls was present every day of the month, earning the remarkable showing of one hundred per cent. attendance.

The truant officer presented a report which revealed that 195 pupils were on the sick list. There were nine cases of truancy. Six pupils were detained at home for want of shoes. Ten notices were sent out.

The following members were present: Adams, Orth, Pursel, Haring, Werkeiser, Trumbower, Heiss, Fischer, VonBlohn, Harpel and Grona.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Standard Gas Co. \$ 2.47

William Miller 2.00

U. L. Gorly 34.96

G. A. Rossmann 26.10

Roberts & Meek 7.45

E. W. Peters 25.00

Surface Will Demonstrate.

State Economic Zoologist H. A. Surface will be present at two San Jose scale demonstrations to be given in Northumberland county next Monday.

Monday morning a demonstration will be given by Prof. Surface at C. B. Witmer's place, in East Sunbury, and Monday afternoon he will demonstrate at William L. Nesbit's at East Lewisburg. It is thought that a number of people from this county will attend the demonstrations. Dr. Graft, Prof. Surface's professional antagonist, will be present at the East Lewisburg demonstration.

Crabill's Fine Work.

Evangelist Crabill, who will be remembered as having recently conducted a most successful series of meetings in the First Baptist church, this city, has just completed a four weeks crusade against sin at Muncy, where 266 conversions were made.

Broke Alley Record.

Tom Moore broke the alley record at Achenbach & Moore's bowling alley last night when he bowled 267. He bowled 8 strikes in succession, 3 spares and 9.

PETITION TO LEGISLATURE

A petition from Danville to the State legislature forwarded over one hundred years ago, and containing among the signatures many well known names has just come to light in a very curious way in the great Newberry Library, of Chicago, a building famous as the repository of more old and valuable records than are to be found in any institution of its kind in the country.

The petition bears the date of 1802 and is of interest as revealing how inadequate the facilities were for transportation at that early day. It was before the days of the canal or railroad, when the country was undeveloped, and there was no other way of getting the products of the prosperous settlements here into the market than by shipping by are down the Susquehanna or by hauling long distances over primitive roads, which meant mountain climbing and the fording of streams.

As will be seen by the petition the river even presented obstacles to transportation and the citizens of Danville were content to pray for improvements many miles down the stream satisfied with the advantage that would indirectly accrue to them if this great common highway were made navigable at all seasons.

The petition was discovered among other old records by Mr. Philip H. Miller, of Chicago, who was looking over a lot of old papers for altogether another purpose. Now it happens that Mr. Miller was a native of Danville; he was at one time attracted by the old petition and he saw of what interest it would be to the present residents of our town. He at once made a transcript of the petition, which he sent to a relative, Mrs. W. H. Andy, this city, together with a full explanation of all the circumstances relating to its discovery. The petition is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met.

The petition of the subscribers herewith sheweth: That at a time when the happy return of peace has by its immediate operation greatly diminished the neat value of our produce we believe it will become a wise and virtuous legislature to turn its attention to the improvement of the roads and rivers so that transportation may be facilitated; which the late liberal prices by prompting industry to a more extensive cultivation of new lands in the interior of the country has very much discovered the necessity of all which leads your petitioners to beg leave to recall your attention to the reports of the commissioners—Reading Howell, William Dean and Frederick Antes in the year 1790 and that of Timothy Matlack, Samuel M'Clay and John Aldum of the same year, 1790, particularly as they respect that part of the Susquehanna river at and near McKee's Falls and that part of north-east Creek's riffles and riffles near Ten Mile run; not because these are the only places worth notice, but because we are assured from full experience that if those places were improved there will scarcely be a time through the whole summer but a boat can carry half a load from Mahoning or Danville to Columbia and so great is the quantity in produce, in wheat and flour exported from Danville that all the boats on that part of the river were employed last season from the opening of the winter till harvest and were insufficient to transport it; and by having these places improved we presume a considerable quantity of produce might be transported through the whole season. We, therefore, pray your honors will be pleased to appropriate the sums mentioned in the above reports to these particular objects, not doubting but as soon as the Governor can command the money persons will be found who will undertake and execute the above improvements much to the advantage of the public as well as to your petitioners. And as duty bound they will ever pray.

(Signed)

William Montgomery, John Gray, William Whitaker, Henry Best, John Montgomery, Benjamin Houck, James Giles, Robert Gehr, John Donaldson, James Low, James Castertine, Samuel M. Farren, Thomas Woodside, Robert Fairman, J. Brady, John Russell, William Cott, William, Sheriff, Alex. Cott, James A. Larson, John Huntington, Daniel Montgomery, William Montgomery, George McCall, John Boyd, William Cornelson, W. P. Maclay and Daniel Montgomery, of Northumberland.

The above communication, the records show, was read in the Assembly January 28, 1802, and was laid over for further consideration.

Cave in Paared.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has ordered all the occupants of property on Locust Avenue, at Centralia, to vacate as soon as possible as they fear that section of the town which is undermined is seriously threatened. Locust Avenue is the principal business portion of the town and a large amount of money has been invested which it is believed will be lost.

30th Wedding Anniversary.

The thirtieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowe, was celebrated yesterday at their home on East Market street. A number of their friends called during the day and extended their congratulations.

NELSON GETS DECISION

"Batting" Nelson was given the decision on points in the six round bout with Terry McGovern at the National Athletic Club at Philadelphia last night. The big crowd that was present was not at all pleased with the fight, and there was a strong impression that it was "fixed."

The big auditorium was packed to the doors, many from a distance having come to Philadelphia to see the fight. The betting at the ring side was slightly in favor of Nelson.

In the first two rounds the fighting was slow and clinching frequent; McGovern had the best of the argument in these two rounds. Disapproval was expressed by the audience with jeers and hisses.

In the third round the real fighting began, Nelson gaining strength and McGovern becoming weaker. McGovern also seemed to have the best of the third.

In the fourth Nelson came forward strong and during this and the following rounds was easily the master of the ring. McGovern stayed until the end of the sixth.

THE LOCUSTS ARE COMING.

Prof. H. A. Surface, state economic zoologist, is authority for the statement that this is the year for the appearance of the locusts. The locusts are among the most mysterious of nature's productions in the insect line. Every seventeen years these locusts emerge from the earth, screech through the summer, lay their eggs and give up the ghost. The noise they make is anything but pleasant and resembles somewhat the music made by rapidly drawing a cross-cut saw across the edges of a wash boiler.

It is erroneously supposed that the locusts do great damage to fruit trees and shrubbery by eating the buds and leaves. Nobody has as yet been found who will swear that the locusts eat anything. He seems to be so busy rasping out his unearthly sounds that he hasn't time to eat. The only damage the locust does is to bore holes in the limbs of trees and deposit eggs therein. This kills the limbs. When the young get big enough they bore into the ground and keep on boring until they get so deep it takes them seventeen years to get back to the surface.

People in this section of the country need not be alarmed over the prospective appearance of the locusts. The locusts do not do any damage to fruit trees and shrubbery. The life of a locust is brief and full of trouble. He is regarded as a delectable morsel by many kinds of birds and his eggs are sought by the gourmands among the insect tribe.

Less Coal is Consumed.

The boilers recently overhauled at the Water Works and from which five bushels of scale were extracted are now on duty again. The theory that every one-sixteenth of an inch of scale adds ten per cent. to the cost of fuel is well sustained by the experience of the foreman, who states that since the removal of the scale their labor is considerably easier and that they are not obliged to shovel nearly so much coal in a given time.

The second set of boilers were also opened, but they were found in first class condition containing little or no scale. Both boilers are now good for another year of steady service during which time, if the hot water filter system, does what is expected of it, there will be no deposit of scale in the boilers.

The water works and the light plant are now both in first class condition and what is just as gratifying they are in safe and competent hands. The citizens of Danville have faith in municipal ownership as demonstrated by the fact that they have adopted it both in the matter of water and street lighting. No expense in either department has been spared to procure a first class and modern equipment. Both plants are much admired by visitors.

Pleasant Party.

A pleasant party was given Tuesday evening at the home of Noah Stump, Liberty township. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Acor, Mr. and Mrs. George Reichard, Mr. and Mrs. William Blue, Mr. and Mrs. William Starner, Mr. and Mrs. David Hine, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stump, Mr. and Mrs. John Long, Mr. and Mrs. William Clewelly, Mrs. Jane Stump, Mrs. Nora Clark, Misses Carrie Long, Wilda Sheets, Thalia Neiss, Lizzie Sheets, Messrs. Thomas Perry, Raymond Acor, Samuel Stump, Walter Reichard, Luther Reichard, Franklin Stump, Harry Clewelly, Paul Clewelly, Peter and William Starner. The evening was spent with music and games. A sumptuous supper was served.

Gibson Pictures in Demand.

The Gibson Pictures that are being given with the Sunday North American are taking Danville by storm. Last Sunday the local dealers could not supply the demand. Next Sunday one of Gibson's greatest pictures, "The Parting Wall," will be in each North American. Be sure to order in advance on account of business.

RIVER COAL NO LONGER A FACTOR

The water commissioners, who during the last miners' strike relied almost entirely upon river coal, realize that in the event of another strike the river article will prove a poor substitute to depend upon. It is the consensus of opinion among those who are in a position to know what they are talking about that the days of river coal are practically over.

Up to the time of probably the last strike it would seem that methods bordering upon the wasteful were practiced at the mines. On the culm banks along the river and the mouth of the creeks were dumped with the coal dirt not only vast quantities of the very smallest sizes of coal but also a proportion of No. 6 and even larger sizes. With each flood, the culm banks were cut down by the water, the coal dirt and coal alike being carried down the river.

Since the last strike, it seems, the coal companies have practiced methods of greater economy and have been much more careful to extract all sizes of coal, no matter how small before placing the culm on the dumps. The evidence of this lies in the fact that during the last couple of years river coal, especially of the larger sizes, has been becoming scarcer and scarcer.

Last season Mr. LeDuc of our town found the river bottom practically bare for miles above and below the bridge and in order to secure any return for labor and investment was obliged to take his coal digger up stream, in the vicinity of Bloomsburg, where little coal had been extracted and where several extensive beds remained that were deposited there on previous years. It is the general opinion that in that section as well as in the river here in the future will be found only widely scattered deposits and these will be made up almost exclusively of coal dirt.

In case of a strike among the anthracite miners the water commissioners do not expect to find river coal either satisfactory or an abundant substitute for the regular graded article shipped from the mines, now in use. They have, however, taken care to have a large supply of good coal on hand.

One of the water commissioners last evening said that in the event of a strike a little coal could be made to go a great way and a plan would be adopted, if necessary, whereby the water works could be kept in operation practically all summer with the supply of coal now on hand.

Live Stock Brings Good Prices.

The public sale on the farm of our townsman, William Vastine, located half a mile below Cameron, took place yesterday and was very largely attended, upwards of a hundred persons from Danville and immediate vicinity being present. Some fifty persons took the 9:15 D. & W. train, which on this occasion was permitted to stop opposite the farm.

Public sales are not nearly so common this season as during the past when there was less profit in farming. Yesterday's sale, therefore, which was a large one, had some of the charms of novelty and a big crowd was the result.

Bidding was quite spirited and as a general thing good prices were secured. Horses sold as high as two hundred dollars, ranging between one hundred and forty dollars and the former figure. Cows sold as high as fifty dollars.

Mr. Vastine, whose home is on West Market street, formerly managed this farm himself. The frequent trips backward and forward over a distance of five miles or so became very wearisome, however, and Mr. Vastine decided to rent out his farm. He will henceforth live retired.

Saturday Was Pay Day.

Saturday was pay day and as a result during the evening increased activity was discernible along all lines of business. The activity was noticeable even at the post office, where wage-earners were crowding around the money order window waiting their turn to send money away in the mail. The fact is stated that there are a good many employed at our mills, whose wives and children reside at Lebanon and other places and that these workmen like dutiful husbands and fathers regularly remit to their families. This has been going on for so long that the attaches of the post office have become accustomed to it and regularly look forward to the evening after pay day as a busy time at the money order window.

The non resident workmen, it is explained, consist principally of those who came here when the Danville Rolling Mill was started up. Horses were not available then and the men have never found a time since when houses of the kind to suit them could be easily obtained.

Game Was Canceled.</