

NOT A FAVORABLE SHOWING

The report printed in the State Medical Journal relating to the health of the State reveals that Montour's showing as to typhoid fever is but compared with other counties.

The article states that during the month of February in the State there were 2,880 cases of typhoid fever reported, of which only 116 were from the rural districts while 2,172 were from cities and boroughs.

It is not reassuring that Montour county should be placed in the same category with Philadelphia, which is considered a hot bed of typhoid fever.

By referring to the report of the local registrar for three months past we find that during March there were five cases of typhoid fever; that during February there were ten cases and during January there were ten cases.

The above report of Health Commissioner Dixon suggests that it might be well to institute an investigation to determine what conditions exist here affecting our water supply that we are ranked next to Philadelphia, a city where typhoid is bred by polluted water.

Enjoyable Birthday Event. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis gave a party on Saturday evening at their home near Maudsloe in honor of their daughter, Essa's seventeenth birthday anniversary.

New Grand Warden. Christian W. Myers, of Lancaster county, county clerk in the auditor general's department, at Harrisburg, has been elected grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by a majority.

No Personal Services. The various superintendents of the Pennsylvania railroad have been notified that in the future they will be compelled to purchase their coal supplies through the general market, the railroad company refusing to sell it to them any longer at reduced rates.

Purchased Another Hotel. Mrs. William Hutzinger and son Robert, former residents of Sunbury, and proprietors of the Broadway House at Milton, have purchased the Hotel Boyce and Avondale Park at Winburne, Clearfield county.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

The disgraceful condition of the river bank, described in these columns yesterday morning, came up before council last night, but no action was taken. In fact the borough fathers did not show very much interest in the matter.

Borough Electrician Jones presented his report for the borough light plant for the month of February, which showed that the plant had run 285 hours and 20 minutes. Lights reported out—arc lights, 6; incandescent, 1. Expense, \$250. Coal consumption, 61 tons, 320 pounds.

A test of D. L. & W. coal was made embracing time from March 15th, until March 19th, 50 hours—which showed a consumption of 23,805 pounds or 476 and one-tenth pounds per hour.

The plant was reported as running in first class condition except for some trouble with the exhaust pipe, on account of which the floor had to be torn out by the water department.

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Mr. Boyer, of the committee of streets and bridges, reported that the posts supporting the grand stairs on Northumberland street in the vicinity of the dug road are yielding very rapidly to decay, and should be replaced with new ones.

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JUDGE EVANS' FIRST COURT

Judge C. O. Evans held his first court in Danville Saturday. Very little business was on hand, but the occasion served to bring the associates and attorneys into court with the new judge—to make all well acquainted and at ease with each other and thereby to pave the way for important business, which will be on hand before long.

During the brief session both Associates Bles and Wagner sat on the bench with Judge Evans. The picture was a new one—the faces of Judge Evans and Associate Wagner appearing instead of Judge R. Little and Associate Dr. Thompson, who occupied the bench only a few months ago, all of which illustrates the uncertainty of life and the rapidity with which changes occur.

Court convened at 9:30 o'clock Saturday. Court Crier William M. Heddens made the proclamation in due and legal form, after which business at the bar under the new judge began.

A venire was issued for the drawing of jurors for the May term of court. Sixty men will be drawn, to meet the requirements of the two homicide cases that are booked for trial—Commonwealth vs. John Sees and Commonwealth vs. Peter Dietrich. Court will begin on the fourth Monday of May.

A deed from George Maier, sheriff, to Lewis Rodenhoffer, in partition, was acknowledged in open court. In realigned lunacy of William F. Hulleben a petition for inquest was granted as prayed for by the court.

Court adjourned to meet on next Thursday, April 12, at 10 o'clock, at which time the matter of receivership for the Danville and Sunbury electric railway will be argued.

Death of Miss Pursell. Miss Martha W. Pursell, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of the third ward, departed this life on Saturday morning. She had been seriously ill for some time and death was by no means unexpected.

Miss Pursell was seventy-one years of age and was nearly a life-long resident of Danville. For many years she lived alone at No. 114 East Center street. For forty years or upwards she was a member of the Grove Presbyterian church. She was a consistent Christian, whose sole desire seemed to be to do good—to assist and relieve the wants of others. She was beloved by the entire community and her memory will be treasured for many years to come.

Death was due to heart trouble. She was seriously ill for about three weeks. She was unable to lie down and much of the time occupied her chair. On Friday evening she was still able to move about the house. Her condition was grave, however. Her sister, Mrs. Margaret Dawson, of St. Mary's, Md., had been summoned and it was feared that the deceased would not survive until her sister's arrival. Mrs. Dawson, however, arrived just in time to be with Miss Pursell in her last moments. Death occurred shortly before 1 o'clock Saturday morning.

The deceased is survived by two brothers: William R. Pursell, a well-known resident of Frosty Valley, and John Pursell of Baltimore, Md.

Governor Spares These Trees. The Civic club, composed of the foremost women of Harrisburg, learned recently that it was suggested by Joseph M. Honston, of Philadelphia, architect of the new capitol, that the trees in the park be cut down in order to show off the building to better advantage.

Tuesday afternoon a delegation of the Civic club presented a petition to the governor asking him to prevent the destruction of the trees. The governor said that he took a great interest in preserving old trees, especially those in capitol park, and assured the ladies that he would do everything in his power to prevent the destruction.

Exodus of Reptiles. The Bloomsburg Morning Press opens the snake season with the statement that on the farm of William Hilday along Light Street, R. F. D. No. 1, were killed 25 snakes one day last week. The snakes were out enjoying the sun and when discovered there was about 100 snakes, but only 25 were killed with a gun. A large black snake, and many milk and garter snakes were among those killed.

BOROUGH DEPARTMENT. Regular employees \$116.00. Joseph Lechner .65. James Gibson .50. Standard Elec. Lt. Co. .50. Ramsey Elec. Mfg. Co. 22.46. Samuel Salsburgh .45. D. C. Williams .100. Franklin Boyer .10.41. Standard Gas Co .25. James Riffel .67.88. Curry & Co. 26.81. Joseph Lechner .65. Labor on bridge .47.70. Frank Armes .1.50. George F. Reifmeyer .58.44. J. H. Cole .57.79. B. B. Brown .14.99.

NO SCHOOL ON GOOD FRIDAY

Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, will be invited to preach the baccalaureate sermon this year.

Mr. Pursell called the attention of the school board to the fact that the time has arrived when one of the pulpits orators of town should be selected to preach the sermon to the graduating class, as it is only a matter of courtesy that the speaker should be given abundant time for preparation.

It was the sense of the board that inasmuch as a good many years have elapsed since the baccalaureate sermon was preached in the Trinity Lutheran church the invitation this year should be extended to the pastor of that church, Rev. L. D. Ulrich. On motion of Mr. Burns, therefore, it was decided that Rev. Ulrich be invited to preach the sermon.

On motion of Mr. Haring it was ordered that the schools be closed on Good Friday.

Mr. Fischer found objection to the methods of traveling photographers who take pictures of the public schools and explained how several times have been taken in the first place he declares in not a few instances the pictures are taken on time that belongs to the public schools. Again in some instances by some ill advised action on the part of the pupils the parents feel obligated to take the pictures when they can ill afford to expend the money.

Section 5 of the rules governing teachers, he said, forbids them from wasting any time with agents or canvassers. Mr. Pursell said that from what he could learn in many instances not only did the teachers permit themselves to be interviewed by agents but they permitted the pictures to be taken during school hours and actually assisted to solicit among the pupils.

On motion of Dr. Harpel it was ordered that fifty feet of hose be purchased for each school building of the borough for use in case of fire on the premises.

A proposition to place Red Cross Emergency charts in the public schools of the borough was turned down by the board. Dr. Harpel, on the strength of whose endorsement, the agents expected to introduce the charts, roundly denounced the methods of the agents, declaring that he was not fully quoted.

The following members were present: Adams, Orth, Heiss, VonBlohn, Pursell, Fischer, Haring, Burns, Trumbower, Werkheiser and Harpel.

The following bills were approved for payment: W. G. Brown \$2.00. Standard Gas Co 1.60. Sam'l Mills 5.40. D. Williams 8.12. Ezra Haas 1.00. R. J. Pegg 11.80. U. L. Goryly 2.78. Cambridge Top Supply 6.40. Remington Typewriter Co 7.50. H. R. Moore 1.85. Seth Lorner 6.25.

Baby Mystery. Sunbury has a baby mystery. On Saturday morning two well dressed women, heavily veiled, went to the home of Mrs. Chris Martin, in Sunbury, and asked her if she would take care of a baby three weeks old for a time.

Mrs. Martin did not give them any satisfaction. The next evening, again appeared at the Martin home with a baby and a bundle containing a fine outfit of infant's clothing. The one was tall and wore a light coat, her face was hidden from view by a thick brown veil; her companion was clad in a black dress and wore a black veil.

The first described woman carried a bundle in her arms which she unwrapped, disclosing a tiny infant. Placing the child in the arms of Mrs. Martin she remarked: "I have seen your mother and she told me you would care for this baby. Her name is Margaret Clark. Please take care of her until Friday and then I will call for her."

Giving Mrs. Martin a dollar and a half in cash to buy milk and a bundle of clean clothes for the child the women then quickly hurried away, stating that they just had time to catch the train.

The clothes consisted of a white silk coat and underclothes of excellent material. During their stay both times neither of the women lifted their veils or gave any clues that would aid in learning the identity of the child.

It has since developed that a well known woman from the vicinity of Milton, and a tall, handsome, stylishly dressed young woman with an evanescence, who was introduced as Mrs. Shaffer, stopped for a time at a Sunbury hotel. They left Sunbury Sunday night. The description of the women, it is said, tallies with the two women who left the child at Mrs. Martin's. When the latter appeals to the authorities to have the borough take care of the child, this woman will be subpoenaed to tell what she knows about her friend, Mrs. Shaffer.

Stills for use in passing over some of the street crossings in this town might have a good sale.

A clean city is a sanitary city. Danville should never let up in cleaning.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. George M. Leighow attended a funeral at Philadelphia Saturday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson is visiting relatives at Shamokin.

John Albeck returned Saturday from a visit with friends at Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Mary Fry has returned from a trip to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Frank N. Keefer has returned from Shickling where she was visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. C. Hartman.

The Misses Mary and Margaret Leister of Bloomsburg, spent Saturday in this city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will G. Brown.

John L. Voris, of Pottsgrove, spent Sunday at the home of A. L. Voris, Ferry street.

Miss Sara C. Diserod, teacher of stenography in the Sunbury business college will arrive today for a visit with her father, Casper Diserod, Grand street.

John M. Hinckley left yesterday for a visit with friends at Elkton, Maryland.

Mrs. George Maier and Mrs. Frank G. Peters spent yesterday with relatives at Milton.

E. T. Linard, of Philadelphia, arrived yesterday for a several days' stay at the Montour House.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Angle returned last evening from a trip to New York City.

Mrs. R. Scott Ammerman and son William will leave today for a visit with friends in New York City.

Squire Robert C. Anten, of Liberty township, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Ray L. Golder, of Milton R. F. D. No. 1, was a Danville visitor yesterday.

Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Evans and family will leave today for Harrisburg.

D. F. Ross Laid to Rest. Daniel F. Ross, whose death occurred Wednesday night, was laid to rest in Odd Fellows' cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The funeral was one of the largest that has taken place in this city for some time.

The deceased was a member of Montour Castle No. 186, K. G. E., and a delegation of that lodge comprising some thirty-five members attended the funeral in a body. The pall bearers, all members of the K. G. E., were as follows: Harry G. Miller, Clyde Dyer, John Lee, Lafayette Foust, David Grove and George Barrett. He was also a member of the local lodge, A. A. of I. S. & T. W., a labor organization, which was also represented at the funeral by some fifty members.

The services were conducted by the Rev. N. E. Cleaver, pastor of Trinity M. E. church, who paid a fine tribute to the memory of the deceased. At the grave the burial rites of the Knights of the Golden Eagle were observed.

Seldum have the flowers formed a more beautiful and touching tribute. The casket was more than covered by a profusion of rich and fragrant blooms. There was a large wreath from the local lodge of K. G. E., a pillow from the A. A. of I. S. & T. W., and a large number of beautiful tributes from individual friends.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Miss Kate Baylor, of Catawissa; James Baylor, of Mt. Carmel; Peter Shutt and family of Milton, and James Jones, of Sunbury.

Warm Campaign Promised. Several important county offices will have to be filled at next fall's election comprising that of assemblyman, registrar and recorder, sheriff, associate judge, and jury commissioner. The political campaign especially among the Democrats, promises to be a pretty lively one. Candidates in that party already are bobbing up at the rate of one or more a week.

Hon. R. S. Ammerman, present incumbent, has announced himself as a candidate for assemblyman, while there are no less than three candidates for the office of registrar and recorder with one or more additional ones in sight. Drs. J. Swetsford and P. O. Newbaker announced themselves as candidates for associate judge yesterday.

The Democratic primaries will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, the county-convention taking place on Monday following. The time intervening is not very long considering the amount of work to be accomplished by the candidates. Other announcements, therefore, may be expected to follow during the next few days until all the offices are covered.

So much for the Democrats. The Republicans as usual are in no hurry. As yet no announcements relating to any of the offices are made and one hears little discussion on the subject.

RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL. John E. Campion, the stove moulder, who fell on the pavement on East Market street, March 10th and broke his ankle, has returned from the Mary M. Packer hospital, where he received treatment. The injury is not fully recovered, but he can get along very nicely on crutches. It will be some time before Campion will be able to work.

A California convict has made \$1,000,000 while serving a two year sentence. The man on the inside gets the money usually.

TO COMPLETE STATE HIGHWAY

Colonel William Linn, inspector of the State highway department, has arrived in this city and is snugly domiciled at the Montour house. He brings the good news that not only will the two sections of State highway between Danville and Maudsloe be completed immediately, but also that there are no grounds for fear that the State will withhold aid for the reconstruction of North Mill street, nor that there will be any undue delay in getting the work under way.

On next Monday Fiss & Hartman, who reconstructed the section of highway between the Valley township line and a point near Wise's hotel, will be on the ground to complete their work. Colonel Linn has appeared a few days in advance to inspect the road and determine fully what remains to be done in order to bring the road up to specifications.

Fiss & Hartman were obliged to leave the ground last fall before they had fully completed their work. They had adopted the plan, however, of fully finishing the highway section by which they advanced, so that when winter set in and they were obliged to abandon the work, although they had not applied the finishing touches to the farther end, yet there was a long stretch of the road that was completed and turned over to travel. Unfortunately the finished road developed some weak spots, where the wheels cut through the macadam and before the winter was half over depressions appeared that made it bad for vehicles and seemed out of place on State highway where none but the best of material is supposed to be used and none but the most approved methods of construction employed.

Colonel Linn explains that such defects are likely to occur in macadam under certain conditions and are to be attributed neither to poor material nor to careless work. In the present instance the limestone used happened to be of a sort that lacked cohesive qualities, so that while generally in macadam the tendency of the limestone is to cohere and to become cemented together, developing great resisting qualities, on the Maudsloe road at certain spots it lay like so many loose stones, the result being that under heavy traffic deep ruts soon appeared.

Colonel Linn states that it will require comparatively little work to fix the highway up as good as new. The road may have to be reconstructed at a few spots, but the job will not take long even with the work to finish that could not be completed last fall.

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Colonel Linn regards the reconstruction of North Mill street as an improvement which ought to be pushed through without a bit of delay. It seems to fill the bill completely as one of those propositions that the Sprout act of May 1st, 1905, was designed to cover. He agrees with council that a sewer should be laid on the east side of the street to take care of the residences that abut, but he is firmly of the opinion that nothing less than a sixteen inch pipe should be employed.

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Oddest Test of School Law. The compulsory education law was invoked against Anthony Snyder, a Polish resident of Kingston, Tuesday. Snyder insisted upon sending his four children to a Polish school, where it is alleged, English is not taught. Trust Officer Myer gave repeated warnings to him, and then placed Snyder under arrest. He was arraigned before Magistrate Shafer and fined \$5 and costs.

As to Disinterring Bodies. It may be of importance to persons contemplating the disinterment of bodies that under a State law April 14th will be the last day on which such disinterment may be made. Between April 15th and October 15th bodies may not be disturbed this being a sanitary measure.

WILL RETURN TO PHILIPPINES

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Brinton, a trained nurse of wide reputation, who labored in the government service, and has filled many important positions in private families of wealth and influence, who is now spending a few days in this city among the friends of earlier days is preparing to carry her chosen life labor into altogether a new sphere of activity—that of the missionary field.

On May 2nd Mrs. Brinton will sail from San Francisco for the Philippine islands, where she will take charge of the new Presbyterian mission hospital at Iloilo on the island of Panay. The mission hospital, which was founded through the efforts of Rev. Dr. Hall, a noted missionary on the islands, will fill a long-felt want at Iloilo, as aside from the natives, to whom the hospital will prove a great blessing, there are on the island a large number of foreign residents including those connected with the consular service, traders and others who have emigrated from the States all of whom previously, if they needed hospital treatment, were obliged to journey 850 miles northward to Manila. It was largely through the help received from the foreign residents that Dr. Hall was able to establish the institution. The mission hospital, therefore, while primarily for the natives, will contain rooms for the foreign residents, who will pay for their treatment.

Mrs. Brinton was a nurse in the Philippines for three years under the United States government during the uprising of the natives. In that time she not only became accustomed to the climate and the conditions of life and society there but she also demonstrated her rare ability and tact as a nurse. It was at the request of Dr. Hall, the Missionary on the islands, that the Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest appointed Mrs. Brinton as the chief nurse of the mission hospital, a position which gives her sole charge. Nurses for the institution will have to be supplied by the islands and to Mrs. Brinton will belong the honor of starting the first training school of native girls.

Mrs. Brinton enters upon this department of missionary work for life, unless it should occur that health does not hold out. She stated yesterday that she will leave Danville on next Tuesday, stopping at Niagara Falls, after which she will proceed to Chicago, where on the 19th and 20th she will meet the Presbyterian woman's board of the northwest. Her next stopping place will be at Denver where she will remain until the 24th, when she will take long even with the work to finish that could not be completed last fall.

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AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT

Through the courtesy of our former townsmen, John G. Brown, now of Meriden, Conn., a series of interesting experiments have been conducted by M. H. Schram, to illustrate a wonderful discovery, by which pure nickel is produced.

Mr. Brown sent Mr. Schram a quantity of nickel thermit, the invention of Professor Goldschmidt and one of the most wonderful things known; also three small crucibles and the same number of small packages called "ignition powder." Accompanying were full directions for the experiment, which Mr. Brown thought would prove very interesting to Mr. Schram and the group of inquiring minds who are apt to drop into his place of business.

Among other features the experiment produces a heat of 3000 to 3500 degrees without flame or fire, melting nickel in the open air.

One of these experiments was conducted in M. H. Schram's store on Saturday night. The small crucible, less in size than an ink stand, was placed on the floor and into it was poured a small quantity of green powder, known as the nickel thermit. On the top of this was placed a small quantity—less than a thimble full—of the other or ignition powder. A tiny fuse was inserted, which was lighted with a match. In an instant there was a chemical change, a fierce white blaze, the brilliancy and heat of which was such that no eye could stand it. It burned only for a minute, after which in the crucible where the two powders had been placed was found a lump of nickel. Mr. Brown states that in producing nickel for manufacturing purposes they fire large quantities of the nickel thermit in the machine shop where he is employed, revealing that the method is found to be a wholly practical one.

The whole thing of course, is difficult to understand. That the pupils might have the benefit of the experiment on Friday afternoon Mr. Schram took one of the crucibles, a quantity of the nickel thermit and ignition powder to the high school where in the laboratory demonstration was held. The pupils and the faculty were alike much interested and are now conducting investigation along new lines to learn something more about the discovery.

Funeral of Dr. Wintersteen. The funeral of Dr. T. B. Wintersteen was held yesterday afternoon from the late residence, East Market street, interment taking place in Odd Fellows' cemetery. There was a large attendance.

Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., to which the deceased belonged, was present at the obsequies. One hundred and ten strong the members marched from the hall to the family residence in a body. The pall bearers chosen from the lodge were Dr. Jno. Swetsford, William Ellenbogen, D. R. Williams, Charles V. Amerman, J. H. Dietz and Arthur Lewis.

The members of the Montour county medical society were present at the funeral and were further represented by a beautiful floral offering.

The services were conducted by Rev. C. D. Lerch, pastor of the Maudsloe Reformed church, assisted by Rev. John Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist church. Mr. Lerch spoke very beautifully on the life and character of the deceased, while Mr. Sherman made a most appropriate and touching prayer. Mrs. W. R. Pauls, Miss Anna Fry, J. B. McCoy and Sam A. McCoy were the very beautiful selections. "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Jesus is Calling." At the grave the beautiful burial rites of the Odd Fellows were observed.

The following persons from out of town attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wohlheiter, of Mooresburg; Miss Ella Divil, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Billman, of Reading; Mrs. John Heim, of Williamsport; George, Martin, Rhodes and Charles Sandel, of Lewisburg; Mr. and Mrs. John Beck, of Milton; William Christian, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Richard Angel, Miss Lyon, Misses Ellen and Martha Sidler, of Bloomsburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shultz and family, of Maudsloe; Mr. and Mrs. William Hendricks, of Berwick; Mr. Hains, of Valley township; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sidler, Mrs. Jane Sidler, Horace Sidler, of Valley township; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shultz, Mrs. Benfield and Miss Emma Benfield, of West Hemlock township.

In an Acrobatic Engine. "A regular circus stunt" is the way Pennsylvania railroad officials describe the marvelous feat performed by the locomotive drawing the express train between Philadelphia and Pottsville, which plunged down the 16-foot embankment from the Pennsylvania to the bed of the Reading when it struck a land slide near Port Clinton, Monday night.

In its flight down the bank the locomotive turned a complete somersault. For an instant the wheels were high in the air, with Engineer Hoffmeister and Fireman Weismiller at the bottom. Then the big engine completely turned and landed on its wheels.

That the men were not crushed to death seems a miracle from developments in the investigation made Tuesday; but hospital officials say that both men will be out in a few days.